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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

STATEMENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

PUBLIC

STATEMENT showing the LEDGER BALANCES on the VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF
and PAYMENTS during the year ended 30th June, 1899; and the BALANCES

Reference to Statements of Detail.		HEAD OF ACCOUNT.	Credit Balances on 30th June, 1898.		
No.	Page.		£	s.	d.
		Public Account.			
		TRUST FUND—			
6	53	Civil Service Superannuation Account (48 Vic. No. 24) ...	386,911	14	5
7	57	Police Reward Fund	654	2	5
8	61	Police Superannuation Fund	782	1	8
9	69	Trust Moneys Account (20 Vic. No. 11)	216	4	10
10	70	Special Deposits Account	7,579,986	11	5
		Total, Trust Fund	7,968,550	14	9
1	8	CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND	122,211	1	10
2	37	TOWARDS ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, &c., ACCOUNT	154,568	8	3
			£	8,245,330	4 10
		<i>Less—</i>			
3	41	General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Suspense Account) Debit Balance	<i>Dr.</i> 468,974	16	2
4	45	Centennial Park Account (Suspense Account) Debit Balance	<i>Dr.</i> 224,365	19	9
5	49	Advances to General Loan Account Debit Balance ...	<i>Dr.</i> 1,500,000	0	0
					<i>Dr.</i> 2,193,340 15 11
		TOTAL, PUBLIC ACCOUNT	£	6,051,989	8 11
11	73	GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT	1,530,664	0	1
12	103	ADVANCES TO SETTLERS ACCOUNT ACT NO. 1 OF 1899 ...	.....	
13	107	RAILWAY LOAN REDEMPTION FUND ... ..	.....	
14	111	TREASURY BILLS REDEMPTION FUND ... ..	.....	
15	115	NEW SOUTH WALES 1924 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND ...	19,806	10	0
16	119	NEW SOUTH WALES 1925 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND ...	22,225	10	0
17	123	NEW SOUTH WALES 1927 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND ...	6,937	8	8
18	127	NEW SOUTH WALES 1928 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND ...	.....	
19	131	TREASURY NOTES WITHDRAWAL ACCOUNT	109	10	0
20	134	COLONIAL TREASURER'S SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNTS ...	448,188	13	8
		GRAND TOTAL	£	8,079,921	1 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

ACCOUNTS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES, on the 30th June, 1898; the RECEIPTS thereon on 30th June, 1899, as per accompanying Statements of Details.

Receipts in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Total.	Payments in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Credit Balances on 30th June, 1899.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
71,241 18 4	458,153 12 9	129,236 10 8	328,917 2 1
6,643 13 9	7,297 16 2	6,822 11 5	475 4 9
23,930 15 9	24,712 17 5	23,818 19 10	893 17 7
174 6 9	390 11 7	122 5 3	268 6 4
5,367,943 6 4	12,947,929 17 9	4,667,780 9 0	8,280,149 8 9
5,469,934 0 11	13,438,484 15 8	4,827,780 16 2	8,610,703 19 6
9,965,190 16 6	10,087,401 18 4	9,970,878 12 8	116,523 5 8
143,952 5 2	298,520 13 5	220,394 18 3	78,125 15 2
15,579,077 2 7	23,824,407 7 5	15,019,054 7 1	8,805,353 0 4
923 0 7	<i>Dr.</i> 468,051 15 7	.....	<i>Dr.</i> 468,051 15 7
.....	<i>Dr.</i> 224,365 19 9	4,050 17 11	<i>Dr.</i> 228,416 17 8
.....	<i>Dr.</i> 1,500,000 0 0	.....	<i>Dr.</i> 1,500,000 0 0
923 0 7	<i>Dr.</i> 2,192,417 15 4	4,050 17 11	<i>Dr.</i> 2,196,468 13 3
15,580,000 3 2	21,631,989 12 1	15,023,105 5 0	6,608,884 7 1
1,019,330 6 2	2,549,994 6 3	2,471,892 10 2	78,101 16 1
219,400 0 0	219,400 0 0	1,000 0 0	218,400 0 0
75,000 0 0	75,000 0 0	.....	75,000 0 0
150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	.....
6,602 3 4	26,408 13 4	.....	26,408 13 4
7,408 10 0	29,634 0 0	.....	29,634 0 0
6,937 8 8	13,874 17 4	.....	13,874 17 4
7,491 11 4	7,491 11 4	.....	7,491 11 4
.....	109 10 0	109 10 0	.....
230,135 8 11	678,324 2 7	183,548 16 6	494,775 6 1
17,302,305 11 7	25,382,226 12 11	17,829,656 1 8	7,552,570 11 3

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BALANCES ON 30TH JUNE, 1899— <i>continued.</i>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Net Credit Cash Balance brought forward ...	.....	.....	1,853,744 18 1
SECURITIES—			
Treasury Chest—			
Assurance Fund—Real Property Act—			
Debentures £ 58,600 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1 42,490 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14 30,000 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32 25,000 0 0			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 16,000 0 0			
	172,090 0 0		
Government Savings Bank Fund—			
Debentures £165,800 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1 1,000,000 0 0			
New South Wales Four per Cents., 36 Vic. No. 21 ... 403,248 13 2			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 527,600 0 0			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22 1,024,700 0 0			
New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14 20,000 0 0			
New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6 150,000 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6 ... 880,000 0 0			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32 500,000 0 0			
Stock Issued under Advances to Settlers Act of 1899 ... 100,000 0 0			
	4,771,348 13 2		
Civil Service Superannuation Fund 48 Vic. No. 24—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	313,000 0 0		
Municipal Council of Sydney—Sinking Fund—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	31,500 0 0		
University of Sydney—Wm. Roberts' Bequest Trust—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	4,000 0 0		
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	20,000 0 0		
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	20,000 0 0		
Bankruptcy Estates Account—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	7,000 0 0		
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Equity Account—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	172,000 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1...	104,770 0 0		
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Lunacy Account—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9...	41,784 0 0		
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account—			
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales	10,000 0 0		
Volunteer Military Forces Deferred Pay Account—			
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales	3,000 0 0		
Miscellaneous	28,333 0 0		
		5,698,825 13 2	
Total Securities...	.....		5,698,825 13 2
Total Cash and Securities, 30th June, 1899 ...	.....	£	7,552,570 11 3
Ledger Balances on 30th June, 1899, as shown on page 3 ... ..	.....	£	7,552,570 11 3

No. 1.

ACCOUNT CURRENT
OF
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
IN THE
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899,
ON ACCOUNT OF THE
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

No. 1.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT CURRENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

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RECEIPTS.		TOTAL.	DISBURSEMENTS.		AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash Balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th June, 1898	...	122,211 1 10	By Payments in the year ended 30th June, 1899, as per Statement marked B, page 18, viz. :—			
To Receipts in the Year ended 30th June, 1899, as per Statement marked A, page 9	...	9,965,190 16 6	For Services of 1897-8, in adjustment of Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8"		134,223 15 8	
			For Services of 1898-9		9,600,193 14 2	
			Expenditure Suspense Account, 1898-9		62,388 16 11	9,796,806 6 9
			Other Payments			174,072 5 11
						9,970,878 12 8
			By Cash Balance at the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1899			116,523 5 8
TOTAL	...	£10,087,401 18 4	TOTAL		...	£10,087,401 18 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

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A.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS IN THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1899, ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE
FUND.

HEAD OF REVENUE OR RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
TAXATION.						
CUSTOMS:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Spirits	712,198	0	0			
Wine	22,689	5	7			
Ale and Beer	52,778	7	1			
Tobacco and Cigars	278,720	10	9			
Tea	20,004	2	4			
Sugar and Molasses	120,671	7	0			
Coffee and Chicory	72	13	0			
Opium	18,032	13	6			
Rice	453	4	7			
Dried Fruits	53,419	0	2			
Specific Duties†	18,468	10	4			
Bonded Warehouses	6,825	0	2			
Rent of Goods in Queen's Warehouses... ..	21	0	0			
						*1,304,353 14 6
EXCISE:—						
Duty on Beer brewed in the Colony	151,683	4	6			
Duty on Spirits distilled in the Colony... ..	3,671	12	5			
Duty on Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	160,192	2	4			
Tobacco Factory License Fees	1,161	13	4			
						316,708 12 7
STAMP DUTIES						361,887 2 3
LAND TAX						272,027 16 0
INCOME TAX						182,220 10 11
LICENSES:—						
To Wholesale Spirit Dealers	6,750	0	0			
To Auctioneers	4,112	0	3			
To Retail Fermented and Spirituous Liquors	91,347	0	0			
Billiard and Bagatelle Licenses	6,493	0	0			
To Distillers and Rectifiers	104	4	9			
To Hawkers and Pedlars... ..	2,915	7	4			
To Pawnbrokers	580	0	0			
To Retail Colonial Wine, Cider, and Perry	1,907	0	0			
Licenses, Gunpowder Act of 1876	937	0	0			
Licenses to sell Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	2,815	5	0			
All other Licenses	796	10	0			
						121,760 7 4
TOTAL, TAXATION...	£					2,558,958 3 7
LAND REVENUE.						
SALES:—						
Auction Sales	98,092	0	9			
Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Sales	2,202	11	11			
Improved Purchases	1,661	8	9			
Deposits and Improvements on Conditional Purchases	38,129	5	6			
Instalments (inclusive of Interest), Conditional Purchases	886,620	13	0			
Balances on Conditional Purchases	97,820	13	5			
Miscellaneous Purchases	7,004	6	3			
						1,131,530 19 7
Interest on Land Conditionally Purchased						66,275 10 10
LAND REVENUE carried forward ...	£					1,197,806 10 5
Carried forward	£					2,558,958 3 7

* Collected at Sydney	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Collected at Outports, including the Bonds at Morpeth and Maitland				1,101,160	0	0
Inland Customs:—				86,817	9	9
On Importations from Victoria	50,283	11	1			
Do from South Australia	44,228	11	2			
On New South Wales Importations	20,923	5	2			
On Importations from Queensland	940	17	4			
				116,376	4	0
				£1,304,353	14	6

† See detailed statement, page 14.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—continued.

HEAD OF REVENUE OR RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	2,558,958	3	7
LAND REVENUE—continued.						
Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	1,197,806	10	5
PASTORAL OCCUPATION:—						
Pastoral Leases (Runs)	242,218	10	10			
Conditional Leases	158,350	16	4			
Annual Leases	49,049	1	4			
Occupation Licenses	108,031	13	6			
Homestead Leases	51,668	10	8			
Snow Leases	459	8	11			
Inferior Leases	201	13	5			
Scrub Leases	2,383	0	0			
Homestead Selections (Improvements)	3,210	2	9			
Do (Rent)	13,291	19	4			
Settlement Leases... ..	32,376	1	5			
Improvement Leases	9,431	0	9			
Artesian Well Leases	1,047	4	7			
Quit Rents... ..	297	15	7			
				672,016	19	5
MINING OCCUPATION:—						
Mineral Leases	11,952	6	5			
Mineral Licenses	255	5	0			
Leases of Auriferous Lands	18,016	4	3			
Miners' Rights	3,944	7	6			
Business Licenses... ..	1,274	15	0			
Royalty on Minerals	9,821	9	8			
Residential Leases	651	19	5			
Other receipts	509	13	4			
				46,426	0	7
MISCELLANEOUS LAND RECEIPTS:—						
Timber Licenses, &c.	10,816	19	8			
Fees on Transfer of Runs and Leases	1,078	15	0			
Fees on Preparation and Enrolment of Title-deeds	3,011	11	10			
Survey Fees	34,891	18	5			
Rents for Special Objects	21,024	8	8			
All other receipts	14,949	11	1			
				85,773	4	8
TOTAL, LAND REVENUE... ..	£	.....	.....	2,002,022	15	1
RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED.						
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY RECEIPTS:—						
Railway Tolls	3,192,018	4	9			
Miscellaneous	27,355	14	6			
Tramway Tolls	346,755	15	9			
Miscellaneous	2,528	11	5			
				3,568,658	6	5
POST OFFICE:—						
Postage	533,129	13	2			
Electric Telegraph Receipts	159,837	8	0			
Telephone Receipts	56,318	17	0			
Commission on Money Orders	15,214	0	0			
Postal Notes Poundage	10,601	14	0			
				775,101	12	2
MINT RECEIPTS ... ..	.....	.....	.....	13,874	14	6
Fees for Escort and Conveyance of Gold ... ..	.....	.....	.....	769	12	0
PILOTAGE, HARBOUR AND LIGHT RATES, AND FEES:—						
Pilotage	18,676	11	2			
Harbour and Light Rates	25,132	17	8			
Harbour Dues	5,758	11	8			
Marine Board	2,099	11	0			
				51,667	11	6
Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	4,410,071	16	7
Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	4,560,980	18	8

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—continued.

HEAD OF REVENUE OR RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ..	£	4,560,980 18 8
RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED—continued.		
Brought forward... ..	£	4,410,071 16 7
FEES UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACT ... ..	.....	829 3 8
PUBLIC SCHOOL FEES ... ..	.....	75,314 11 8
METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD:—		
Water Rates	184,970 16 2	
Miscellaneous	5,344 8 0	
		190,315 4 2
Sewerage Rates	100,976 0 11	
Miscellaneous	3,068 9 8	
		104,044 10 7
HUNTER DISTRICT WATER RATES ... ..	.....	27,885 3 0
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ... ..	.....	2,884 9 6
FEES OF OFFICE:—		
On Certificates of Naturalization	237 0 0	
Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	32,302 16 0	
Prothonotary of Supreme Court... ..	6,670 0 5	
Registrar of Probates	2,157 14 10	
Master in Equity	3,564 10 2	
Curator of Intestate Estates	2,047 16 6	
In Bankruptcy	4,233 8 3	
Sheriff	1,227 2 4	
District Courts	4,062 12 5	
Courts of Petty Sessions... ..	9,444 0 5	
Shipping Masters	3,466 12 2	
Department of Mines	1,345 10 1	
Dog Fees	15,372 18 0	
Public Officers and Examination Fees	2,260 13 6	
Wardens' Courts	108 8 1	
Copyright Act	62 17 0	
Lunacy Act	240 10 0	
Imported Stock Act	1,190 13 8	
Cattle Export Act	550 5 6	
Crown Solicitor	714 9 6	
Public Instruction Department	152 5 3	
Inspector of Weights and Measures	197 13 7	
Other Fees	4,777 11 11	
		96,387 9 7
TOTAL, RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED £		4,907,732 8 9
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.		
RENTS—EXCLUSIVE OF LAND:—		
Tolls and Ferries	5,886 15 0	
Wharfs, Sheds, Jetties, &c.	13,030 4 2	
Wharfage	27,396 18 7	
Tonnage	15,416 3 5	
Miscellaneous	1,670 11 11	
Government Buildings and Premises	9,970 17 2	
		73,371 10 3
FINES AND FORFEITURES:—		
Sheriff	762 18 3	
Courts of Petty Sessions	11,552 12 3	
Crown's Share of Seizures	594 2 4	
Confiscated and Unclaimed Property	50 11 6	
Other Fines	18 4 0	
		12,978 8 4
COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE WORKS:—		
Repayments	1,236 0 0	
Interest	13,658 16 9	
		14,894 16 9
Carried forward... ..	£	101,244 15 4
Carried forward... ..	£	9,468,713 7 5

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—continued.

HEAD OF REVENUE OR RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward... ..	£			9,468,713	7	5
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS—continued.						
Brought forward... ..	£			101,244	15	4
WATER RIGHTS RECEIPTS				349	0	0
CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS ACT, 1897				6,032	16	1
UNCLASSIFIED RECEIPTS :—						
Sale of Government Property		13,544	11 8			
For the support of Patients in the Lunatic Asylums		16,089	15 5			
Collections by the Government Printer		4,519	18 6			
Store Rent and Carriage of Gunpowder		10,220	16 8			
For work performed by Prisoners in Gaol		1,310	8 2			
Fees on presenting Private Bills to Parliament		227	15 11			
Fees under the Patents Law Amendment Act 51 Vic. No. 3 (Registrar-General)... ..		3,891	0 0			
Interest on Bank Deposits and on other Temporary Invest- ments of Public Moneys		16,413	10 1			
Glebe Island Abattoirs Receipts		9,801	8 2			
For docking vessels		5,640	11 7			
Receipts under Fisheries Act		3,812	19 9			
Repayments to Credit of Votes. (See pages 15 to 17)		11,900	7 6			
Amount of unclaimed Sums at the credit of the following Trust Fund Accounts, transferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act, to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, on the 30th June, 1899, viz. :—						
Sundry Accounts, 1897		1,308	16 5			
Seamen's Wages to 1897 inclusive		130	1 11			
Deposits on Tenders, 1897		1,027	2 0			
Do do Leasing Public Watering Places, 1897		30	2 0			
Deposits under the Mining on Private Lands Act, 1897		125	17 9			
Do do Mining Act, 1897		349	18 10			
Do on Applications for Scrub Leases, 1897		717	14 11			
Poundage, 1894		191	10 8			
Revenue Suspense Account, 1896		17	12 9			
Do do 1897		601	9 1			
Survey Fees, Mining Act, 1897		170	12 0			
Transfer from Trust Fund, Government Savings Bank Account, the estimated amount of Departmental Expenses for the year 1898-9, pursuant to clause 15 of Savings Bank Act, 1870		8,500	0 0			
Government Savings Bank Profit and Loss Account		18,000	0 0			
Seed Wheat		1,029	4 8			
Influx of Chinese Restriction Act		400	0 0			
Registration of Aliens		33	7 6			
Unexpended balance of annual grant to Sydney Branch of Royal Mint, for the year 1898—repaid		857	8 8			
Use of Diamond Drills and Water Augers		1,148	8 9			
Government Labour Bureau		132	6 4			
Amount received for dredging at private wharfs, &c.		755	0 0			
Contributions towards the Support of Children, &c., in the In- dustrial Schools and Charitable Institutions of the Colony		1,921	17 7			
Towards support of British Prisoners and Lunatics to 31 Dec., 1898		93	2 2			
Fees for watering Live Stock		2,513	18 1			
Rent of Public Watering Places		4,929	14 11			
Technical Education		3,244	12 5			
Hurlstone Training School		145	0 0			
Treasury Notes Withdrawal Account		97	10 0			
Carried forward... ..	£	145,845	12 10			
Carried forward... ..	£			107,626	11	5
Carried forward... ..	£			9,468,713	7	5

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—*continued.*

HEAD OF REVENUE OR RECEIPT.	AMOUNT.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward... ..	£	9,468,713	7 5
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS—<i>continued.</i>				
Brought forward ...	£	107,626	11 5
UNCLASSIFIED RECEIPTS—<i>continued.</i>				
Brought forward... ..	£	145,845	12	10
Commission on Imperial Pensions		565	2	4
Contribution under section 140 of Bankruptcy Act of 1898 ...		346	14	10
Contribution under section 119 of Lunacy Act of 1898 ...		677	0	3
Interest on Bankruptcy Estates Fund		251	6	9
Costs recovered in various actions		1,309	3	6
Unclaimed Balances, section 137, subsection 2, Lunacy Act of 1898		173	2	10
Do in Lunacy... ..		23	16	0
Do Prothonotary and Divorce		211	11	3
Unclaimed Money, Dead Letter Office		32	9	1
Unclaimed Poundages		168	7	10
Amounts forfeited for non-fulfilment of Contracts		1,138	8	0
Sale of Overtime Goods and Samples		149	10	0
Exchange on Letters of Credit		751	5	1
Fees for testing Cement		505	12	6
Value of Materials issued by the Government Stores Department		5,243	0	5
Tide-waiters Services, Repacks, &c.		113	10	3
Bankruptcy Advertising Account		100	0	0
Transfer from General Loans—Cost of Meat Market, Pyrmont, &c.		7,961	0	0
Transfer from Maintenance and Erection of Public School Buildings, being surplus at the credit of the Public Instruction Endowment Account on 2nd December, 1897		8,615	4	0
Other Miscellaneous Receipts		3,662	19	9
			177,844	17 6
TOTAL, GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	£		285,471	8 11
TOTAL, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS	£		9,754,184	16 4
ADVANCES REPAYED—				
Advances to Public Accountants in 1897–8 to cash Stamps received as Revenue			180	0 3
Do do 1898–9 do do ...			1,346	10 6
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1896–7			509	16 9
Do do 1897–8			136,542	1 2
Do do 1898–9			2,266	15 0
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1897–8			9,073	11 4
Do do 1898–9			9,405	15 8
Payments in anticipation of Loan Votes, 1898–9			36,757	16 6
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24, 1897–8			10,601	8 6
Do do do 1898–9			171	6 7
Centennial Park Account (Items 313 of 1895–6 and 324 of 1896–7)			4,050	17 11
Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association (Supplementary Estimates, 1895)... ..			100	0 0
TOTAL	£		211,006	0 2
GRAND TOTAL	£		9,965,190	16 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

DETAIL STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC DUTIES.

										£	s.	d.
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	4	2
Candles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,514	5	8
Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,917	17	4
Cocoa and Chocolate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324	8	9
Fruits (boiled, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	17	2
Fruit (bottled)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	8	10
Glucose (liquid and syrup)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	832	17	1
Glucose (solid)	417	2	0
Jams and Jellies	3,888	10	6
Preserves	2,273	19	11
Wax and Stearine	86	18	11
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Total	£18,468	10	4
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SCHEDULE of REPAYMENTS to the CREDIT of VOTES during the YEAR ended 30th June, 1899, on account of Previous Years, which have not been carried to account in reduction of payments during that year.

PARTICULARS.	1884.	1889.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.									
Parliamentary Library—Contingencies	1 0 0
CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.									
Botanic Gardens	0 6 8
Charitable Institutions—Contingencies	3 16 9
Expenses in connection with Federal Election Vote	6 17 11
Do do Convention	753 12 8
Hospitals for Insane generally—Salaries	1 1 1
Do do Contingencies...	1 16 5
Master-in-Lunacy—Salaries	1 10 7
Medical Adviser—Contingencies...	6 11 6
Police—Salaries	16 0 2
Do Contingencies	7 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	286 18 0	571 5 2
Torpedo Defence	0 5 11
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.									
Advertising...	81 14 2
Board of Health—Contingencies...	144 13 6
Customs—Contingencies	31 15 3
Exchange on Remittances	1 3 0
Gratuities to Officers whose services have been dispensed with	186 19 4	80 0 0
Land and Income Tax	100 14 4
Mercantile Explosives—Contingencies	0 12 6
Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	8 17 0	.....
Stores and Stationery—Contingencies	0 4 3
Treasury—Contingencies	0 0 6
Water Rates, Government Buildings	6 18 1	.....
RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.									
Railway Working Expenses	2 9 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 7 10	3,181 19 11
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.									
Attorney-General—Contingencies	31 19 8
Carried forward	£ 2 9 9	7 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 0 3	5,019 1 11

SCHEDULE OF REPAYMENTS, &c.—continued.

PARTICULARS.	1884.	1889.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	£ 2 9 9	7 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 0 3	5,019 1 11
LANDS DEPARTMENT.									
Fencing Public Cemeteries	2 17 0	21 13 2
Improving Public Parks	25 0 0	25 0 0	16 17 2	8 18 9	.....	21 13 8
Improvement, &c., Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria	0 7 6
Lands Department—Salaries	2 2 3
Land Agents, Appraisers, and others—Contingencies	31 8 10
Land Appeal Court—Contingencies	0 2 9
Legal Expenses	174 0 10	250 0 0	1 1 0
Survey of Lands—Contingencies...	60 18 2
Trigonometrical Surveys	0 4 10
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.									
Adams v. Young—Privy Council Appeal	50 0 0
Dredge Service	6 16 0
Hunter District Water Supply Board—Contingencies...	621 6 6
Main Roads inside Municipalities	1 11 3
Minor Roads	42 4 6
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Contingencies..	12 10 0	12 15 6	26 6 11	157 15 0	471 3 1
Public Works Establishment—Salaries	4 9 5
Do do Contingencies	31 11 11	.....	.....
Repairs and Renewals of Bridges	72 18 2	165 17 0	234 17 7
Repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by late rains	9 15 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Repairs, Public Buildings...	0 5 10
Salaries, Equipment Allowance, &c., Roads and Bridges	10 0 0	20 11 10
Do do Government Architect	0 15 0
Do do Water Conservation	0 1 6
Sewerage Construction	0 2 8
Unclassified Roads...	0 6 0	103 0 0	1,136 8 3
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.									
Coroners—Contingencies	2 10 0	37 2 0
District Courts do	8 6 0
Prisons do	121 13 10
Petty Sessions do	5 4 11
Probate and Intestate Estates—Contingencies	10 0 0
Sheriff—Contingencies	0 9 9
Carried forward	£ 2 9 9	7 13 6	.....	34 15 10	37 10 0	29 12 8	314 2 7	1,191 19 3	7,932 4 0

SCHEDULE OF REPAYMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

PARTICULARS.	1884.	1889.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	£ 2 9 9	7 13 6	.....	34 15 10	37 10 0	29 12 8	314 2 7	1,191 19 3	7,932 4 0
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.									
Carpentarian Reformatory—Contingencies	1 6 1
Labour and Industry	0 2 11	5 2 2	26 6 5	6 8 8	10 12 7	140 7 10	516 9 5
National Art Gallery	8 2 6
N.SS. "Sobraon"—Contingencies	0 2 0
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	1 0 1	1 6 8	4 2 5	43 3 8
MINES AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.									
Agriculture—Contingencies	1 8 11
Coal Cargoes—Further Inquiry Commission	6 10 9
Gratuities to Foresters' dispensed with, &c.	36 3 11	.....	.....
Mines Department—Contingencies	1 0 0	0 5 0	0 10 0	1 4 0	6 15 10
Do Prospecting Vote	0 6 9	0 15 0	.....	.....	4 10 6
Pastures and Stock Protection Act	0 5 9
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—Contingencies	0 1 0
Special Prizes to be devoted to Improvement of Agriculture	23 0 0
Vine Diseases Act...	0 10 2
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.									
Post and Telegraph Department—Salaries	19 12 6
Do Contingencies	937 6 7
Conveyance of Mails	1 13 4
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
Interest and Extinction Railway Loan 31 Vic. No. 11...	500 0 0
Parliamentary Electorates Election Act 56 Vic. No. 35	16 0 6
Revenue Refunded...	27 6 0
Totals	£ 2 9 9	7 13 6	0 2 11	39 18 0	65 3 2	38 1 5	362 15 9	1,337 13 6	10,046 9 6

GRAND TOTAL £11,900 7 6

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CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899, AS DETAILED IN THE ANNEXED STATEMENT.

GENERAL HEAD OF SERVICE.	SERVICE OF THE YEAR.		TOTAL.
	In adjustment of Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8.	Of the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SCHEDULES TO IMPERIAL ACT 18 & 19 VICTORIAE, CAP. 54...		28,222 7 10	28,222 7 10
I.—SUPPLEMENTS TO SCHEDULES A AND B		16,422 1 11	16,422 1 11
II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE	18 14 10	30,601 19 9	30,620 14 7
III.—CHIEF SECRETARY	53,945 4 3	821,109 9 8	830,054 13 11
IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.	34,230 0 1	607,371 3 8	641,601 3 9
MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES		194,913 12 3	194,913 12 3
RAILWAYS (INCLUDING TRAMWAYS)	26,666 0 2	1,926,658 7 8	1,953,324 7 10
V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL		45,060 17 7	45,060 17 7
VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS	250 0 0	284,739 19 5	284,989 19 5
VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS	8,567 3 1	869,971 8 3	878,538 11 4
VIII.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE	4,549 18 4	260,898 11 10	265,448 10 2
IX.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY	200 0 0	747,268 10 7	747,468 10 7
X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.....	796 14 11	148,004 16 6	148,801 11 5
XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL		694,861 12 2	694,861 12 2
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE		2,924,088 15 1	2,924,088 15 1
FURTHER EXPENDITURE — EXPENDITURE SUSPENSE ACCOUNT		62,388 16 11	62,388 16 11
TOTAL CHARGES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS, &C..... £	134,223 15 8	9,662,582 11 1	9,796,806 6 9
OTHER PAYMENTS OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.....£			174,072 5 11
GRAND TOTAL			£ 9,970,878 12 8

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Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

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WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899,
OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, &c.

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	(In adjustment of Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1897-8, for payments made during the Financial Year 1897-8.)				
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1897-8.				
	No. II.—Executive and Legislative.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC WORKS.....		18 14 10		18 14 10
	TOTAL, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE..... £		18 14 10		18 14 10
	No. III.—Chief Secretary.				
	ABORIGINES PROTECTION BOARD.....		2,724 19 6		2,724 19 6
	POLICE.....		100 0 0		100 0 0
	LUNACY—HOSPITALS FOR INSANE GENERALLY.....		5,621 18 0		5,621 18 0
	MASTER IN LUNACY.....	12 0 0			12 0 0
	MEDICAL ADVISER.....		267 18 1		267 18 1
	COAST HOSPITAL.....		2,178 19 11		2,178 19 11
	ANALYTICAL BRANCH.....	25 0 0			25 0 0
	MAINTENANCE OF SICK PAUPERS.....			8,770 9 6	8,770 9 6
	CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.....	47 5 10	5,396 2 0		5,443 7 10
	FISHERIES COMMISSION.....	33 11 10			33 11 10
	BOTANIC GARDENS.....		31 9 5		31 9 5
	REORGANISATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.....			1,107 5 4	1,107 5 4
	PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES.....			6,044 9 3	6,044 9 3
	CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES:—				
	Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special grant for relief to the unemployed.....			500 0 0	8,647 10 5
	Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred Institutions for support of Women and Children.....			1,767 0 0	
	Mossgiel Cottage Hospital—Special grant.....			150 0 0	
	Thirlmere Home for Consumptives—Special grant.....			300 0 0	
	Charitable Institutions—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.....			5,930 10 5	
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—				
	Maintenance of Deserted Children, Paupers taken care of for Protection, Expenses of Transmission, Charitable Relief, &c.....			2,309 0 7	17,936 5 2
	Expenses in connection with Royal Commission of Inquiry into Charges against Constable W. E. Queleh.....			83 4 7	
	Expenses in connection with the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the working of the various Public Charities.....			212 9 1	
	Expenses in connection with the Royal Commission of Inquiry, Indigent Blind Women's Home, Strathfield.....			239 15 0	
	New South Wales Zoological Society—Grant towards meeting Expenses of Opening the Zoological Gardens on Sunday.....			500 0 0	
	Expenses incurred in conducting a practical test of the Deep-sea Fisheries of the Colony.....			525 10 10	
	Providing and fixing six tanks in Railway Trucks for conveying water from Jerilderie to Berrigan.....			20 6 0	
	Expenses of the Federal Convention held in Melbourne.....			143 8 5	
	Expenses incurred in connection with the distribution of the Australasian Federal Constitution Bill.....			300 3 11	
	Expenses incurred by the Federal Finance Committee.....			52 0 4	
	Expenses in connection with taking a Vote on the Federal Constitution Bill.....			13,500 6 5	
	Lady Robinson's Beach, Sand-drift—Special grant.....			50 0 0	
	TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY.....£	117 17 8	16,321 6 11	42,505 19 8	58,945 4 3
	Carried forward.....£	117 17 8	16,340 1 9	42,505 19 8	58,963 19 1

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies.			
	(In adjustment of Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1897-8, for payments made during the Financial Year 1897-8)—continued.					
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1897-8—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward..... £	117 17 8	16,310 1 9	42,505 19 8	58,963 19 1	
	Ac. FV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.					
	STORES AND STATIONERY			17,720 11 1	17,720 11 1	
	SHIPPING MASTER	1 13 4			1 13 4	
	LIFE BOATS			74 0 9	74 0 9	
	PUBLIC WHARFS.....		974 16 1		974 16 1	
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—					
	Insurance on properties resumed by the Government, occupied by tenants, &c.			68 0 8	15,458 18 10	
	Contribution towards expenses incurred in forming Meteorological Stations at Mount Kosciusko and Merimbula			436 0 0		
	Legal Expenses, Treasury Department			250 0 0		
	Interest on the uninvested balance at the credit of the Municipal Council of Sydney, Sinking Fund			1 19 9		
	Interest on the daily balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates			1,665 1 3		
	Interest on the daily balance at the credit of the Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account			37 0 11		
	Interest on the daily balance at the credit of the Bankruptey Unclaimed Dividend Fund			1 2 4		
	Refund of Poll Tax imposed on Mrs. F. Ehing, a Chinese resident on her return to Sydney from a visit to China			100 0 0		
	Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of the Colony.....			283 19 0		
	Gratuities to Officers whose services have been dispensed with			838 8 8		
	Gratuity to the widow of the late J. M. Duncan, late Sub-collector of Customs, Corowa			428 3 7		
	Gratuity to Wm. Jifkins, late Staff-Sergeant Volunteer Permanent Staff			250 0 0		
	Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns.....			129 6 8		
	Transmission of Telegraphic Messages			901 13 5		
	Advertising for the Public Service generally.....			264 15 2		
	Expenses in connection with the charter of the schooner "Eastward Ho," sent to the relief of Professor David's Expedition to the Funafuti for the investigation of the formation of the Coral Islands.....			67 5 6		
	Salary of the late W. T. Pinhey, as Secretary, Board of Pharmacy, at the rate of £108 per annum, from 1st to 27th October, 1895.....			7 16 9		
	Pensions to Superannuated Police Officers.....			9,068 3 3		
	Pensions to Inspectors of Stock, Department of Mines			555 8 7		
	Late Sir H. Parkes—Family Grant.....			41 13 4		
	TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE	1 13 4	974 16 1	33,253 10 8		34,230 0 1
	Ac. FV.—Railways and Tramways.					
	Existing Lines—Working Expenses			26,666 0 2	26,666 0 2	
	TOTAL, RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS £			26,666 0 2	26,666 0 2	
	Ac. VE.—Secretary for Lands.					
	Miscellaneous Services—Kuring-gai Chase—Special improvement, maintenance, &c.			250 0 0	250 0 0	
	TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR LANDS			250 0 0	250 0 0	
	Carried forward	119 11 0	17,314 17 10	102,675 10 6	120,109 19 4	

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	(In a justment of Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1897-8, for payments made during the Financial Year 1897-8.)—continued.				
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1897-8—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward..... £	119 11 0	17,314 17 10	102,675 10 6	120,109 19 4
	No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.				
	PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES—Detail surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs			386 15 8	386 15 8
	ROADS AND BRIDGES:—				
	Main Roads outside Municipalities			3 15 4	} 1,598 14 3
	Main Roads and other Works within Municipalities			673 11 8	
	Minor Roads			617 17 9	
	Salaries, Equipment Allowances, Travelling Expenses Rent, Cleaning, &c.			113 12 4	
	Erection, Repairs, and Renewal of Bridges			2 2 8	
	Unclassified Roads and other works			170 7 9	} 72 11 5
	Expenses of Punts and Ferries			17 6 9	
	DREDGE SERVICE—To pay coals, stores, repairs, renewals, &c.			72 11 5	
	GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT:—				
	Court-houses, &c., additions, repairs, &c.			287 0 5	} 562 17 0
	Furniture, &c., public offices generally			275 16 7	
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.—				
	Law Costs, B. C. Simpson, C.E., v. Right Hon. G. H. Reid, P.C., in action to recover for services as professional expert in the M-Sharry Arbitration Case			220 0 0	220 0 0
	Expenses in connection with the Public Works Inquiry Commission—further sum			653 16 0	653 16 0
	Expenses in connection with the Privy Council Appeal, Alexander Adams v. Hon. J. H. Young			50 0 0	50 0 0
	Compensation to Mrs. Brown, widow of the late W. J. Brown, labourer, Harbour and Rivers Department who was accidentally killed at Riley's Hill Quarries, Clarence River, while chaining stones for loading trolleys			50 0 0	50 0 0
	WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD (METROPOLITAN) ..		4,972 8 9		4,972 8 9
	TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS		4,972 8 9	3,594 14 4	8,567 3 1
	No. VIII.—Administration of Justice.				
	JUSTICE	175 0 0			175 0 0
	SHERIFF		1,429 11 6		1,429 11 6
	BANKRUPTCY COURT	5 16 11			5 16 11
	PROBATE AND INTESTATE ESTATES OFFICE		34 0 0		34 0 0
	CORONERS	17 1 5			17 1 5
	PETTY SESSIONS	358 10 4		127 5 3	485 15 7
	PRISONS		2,402 12 11		2,402 12 11
	TOTAL, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	556 8 8	3,993 9 8		4,549 18 4
	No. IX.—Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry.				
	PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES		200 0 0		200 0 0
	TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY ..		200 0 0		200 0 0
	No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.				
	DEPARTMENT OF MINES		50 0 0		50 0 0
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—				
	Broken Hill Pastoral and Agricultural Association— Special Grant			300 0 0	} 746 14 11
	Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society—Special grant			200 0 0	
	Newcastle Miners' Relief Fund—Donation			150 0 0	
	Distribution of Seed to Distressed Farmers, to be repaid by the Farmers			96 14 11	
	TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE		50 0 0	746 14 11	796 14 11
	TOTAL IN ADJUSTMENT OF ADVANCE TO TREASURER, 1897-8	675 19 8	26,530 16 3	107,016 19 9	134,223 15 8

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No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899.				
	Part I.—Schedules.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	SCHEDULE A.....			17,620 0 0	17,620 0 0
	SCHEDULE B:—				
	Pensions to Judges.....			1,050 0 0	} 5,450 0 0
	Pensions to Political Officers.....			900 0 0	
	Pensions to Superannuated Officers (transferred to Civil Service Superannuation Fund).....			3,500 0 0	
	SCHEDULE C:—				
	Church of England.....			2,576 12 0	} 5,152 7 10
	Presbyterian Church.....			552 0 0	
	Wesleyan Methodist Church.....			546 7 5	
	Roman Catholic Church.....			1,477 8 5	
	TOTAL, SCHEDULES A, B, AND C.....£			28,222 7 10	28,222 7 10
	SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULES A AND B.				
	SCHEDULE A—SUPPLEMENT:—				
	Chief Justice.....			1,500 0 0	} 14,084 3 5
	Puisne Judges.....			12,488 3 5	
	Colonial Treasurer.....			96 0 0	
	SCHEDULE B—SUPPLEMENT:—				
1	Pensions to Judges, 46 Vic. No. 19.....			770 0 0	770 0 0
	Do Widows and others.....			325 0 0	} 1,567 18 6
2	Do Military.....			1,242 18 6	
	TOTAL, SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULES A AND B ... £			16,422 1 11	16,422 1 11
	Part II.—Executive and Legislative.				
3	HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.....	1,079 14 2	197 0 2		1,276 14 4
4	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.....	963 0 0	3 17 0		966 17 0
5	LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.....	5,655 10 0	175 14 7		5,831 4 7
6	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.....	9,768 15 5	190 3 9		9,958 19 2
7	LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY.....	2,494 15 0	1,020 16 8		3,515 11 8
8	PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY.....	1,251 15 0	750 1 7		2,001 16 7
9	PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.....	5,563 0 0	362 9 5		5,925 9 5
10	PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.....	900 0 0	225 7 0		1,125 7 0
	TOTAL, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.....£	27,676 9 7	2,925 10 2		30,601 19 9
	Part III.—Chief Secretary.				
11	CHIEF SECRETARY.....	7,187 13 4			7,187 13 4
12	AUDITOR-GENERAL.....	12,841 5 0	1,833 1 11		14,674 6 11
13	VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.....	250 0 0			250 0 0
14	ABORIGINES PROTECTION BOARD.....	75 0 0	11,500 0 0		11,575 0 0
15	POLICE.....	250,619 13 0	66,152 15 8		346,772 8 8
	LUNACY:—				
16	Institutions for the Insane generally.....	50,556 12 2	50,957 13 4		101,544 5 6
17	Lunatic Patients.....			1,943 17 1	1,943 17 1
18	MASTER IN LUNACY.....	2,822 10 9	248 17 3		3,071 8 0
19	MEDICAL BOARD.....	157 10 0	0 10 0		158 0 0
20	THE MEDICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT.....	5,377 19 0	5,973 7 6		11,351 6 6
21	COAST HOSPITAL.....	4,265 16 9	8,835 7 4		13,101 4 1
22	ANALYTICAL BRANCH.....	1,013 3 11	134 5 3		1,147 9 2
23	MAINTENANCE OF SICK PAUPERS.....			14,000 0 0	14,000 0 0
24	GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN.....	3,231 13 4	592 11 0		3,824 4 4
25	REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES UNIONS.....	862 0 0	38 11 7		900 11 7
26	AGENT-GENERAL FOR THE COLONY.....	3,395 0 3	3,802 12 2		7,197 12 5
27	CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS (Government Asylums).....	13,299 10 1	44,215 15 10		57,515 5 11
28	STATE CHILDREN'S RELIEF BRANCH.....		43,831 9 6		43,831 9 6
29	TO RECOVER AMOUNT PAID OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE DURING YEAR 1897-8 IN CONNECTION WITH SECTION 10 OF STATE CHILDREN'S RELIEF ACT OF 1881.....			10,590 19 4	10,590 19 4
30	FISHERIES COMMISSION.....	1,988 0 0	779 6 0		2,767 6 0
31	FIRE BRIGADES.....	656 13 4	341 1 5		997 14 9
32	REORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.....			3,997 4 2	3,997 4 2
33	BOTANIC GARDENS.....	1,200 0 0	5,745 16 6		6,945 16 6
34	NURSERY GARDEN, CAMPBELLTOWN.....	225 0 0	697 4 9		922 4 9
35	GOVERNMENT DOMAINS.....	295 0 0	2,390 0 0		2,685 0 0
36	GARDEN PALACE GROUNDS.....	245 0 0	830 0 0		1,075 0 0
37	CENTENNIAL PARK.....	175 0 0	3,988 4 0		4,163 4 0
38	ELECTORAL OFFICE.....	2,062 1 8			2,062 1 8
	Carried forward.....£	392,802 2 7	252,918 11 0	30,532 0 7	676,252 14 2
	Carried forward.....£	27,676 9 7	2,925 10 2	44,644 9 9	75,246 9 6

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No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.				
		Salaries.	Contingencies.						
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
	Brought forward	27,676	9 7	2,925	10 2	44,644	9 9	75,246	9 6
	Ac. III.—Chief Secretary—continued.								
	Brought forward	392,802	2 7	252,918	11 0	30,532	0 7	676,252	14 2
	CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES:—								
39	Charitable Institutions—Aid, on condition that an equal amount was raised by private annual contributions, and also that the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved Officers, had the right of recommending the admission of Patients					31,995	1 2		
40	Country and Suburban Hospitals, Building Fund—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private subscriptions					715	6 8		
41	Sydney Hospital—Aid, on the usual conditions					4,000	0 0		
42	Sydney Hospital—Grant in aid of the annual cost of the Regent-street Dispensary					700	0 0		
43	Prince Alfred Hospital—Aid, on the usual conditions					4,900	0 0		
44	Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney—Aid, on the usual conditions					1,125	7 8		
45	Infants' Home, Ashfield—Aid, on the usual conditions					500	0 0		
46	Carrington Centennial Hospital—Aid, on the usual conditions					767	9 9		
47	Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private contributions					1,958	8 5		
48	Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private contributions					450	0 0		
49	Sydney Rescue Work Society—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private contributions					500	0 0	64,965	1 10
50	Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred institutions—for support of Women and Children					3,997	16 6		
51	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant towards Out-door Relief					1,000	0 0		
52	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant for Building Fund					2,000	0 0		
53	Salvation Army—Grant in aid					300	0 0		
54	Central Mission—Subsidy £1 for £1 on private subscription					200	0 0		
55	Special grants to Country and Suburban Hospitals					7,988	0 0		
56	Metropolitan Charities Association—Special grant					250	0 0		
57	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant for Out-door Relief					500	0 0		
58	Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special grant for unemployed relief					467	11 8		
59	Mossgiel Cottage Hospital—Special grant for Building purposes (Re-vote)					350	0 0		
60	Newcastle Hospital—Special grant for repairs					350	0 0		
61	Newcastle Hospital—Cost of maintenance of sea-borne destitute patients					300	0 0		
62	Temora Hospital—Special grant					50	0 0		
63	Albury Hospital—Special grant					500	0 0		
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—								
64	Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.					551	19 4		
65	Burial of destitute persons in cases where inquests are not held					697	10 0		
66	Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, charitable relief, &c.					5,995	10 5		
67	Rewards for apprehension of Offenders					225	0 0		
68	Animals Protection Society—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private contributions					190	5 6		
69	New South Wales Zoological Society—Aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private subscriptions					23	2 0		
70	Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island—Expenses in connection with administration of					1,054	1 0	21,028	11 1
71	Municipal rates on Government buildings					10,245	11 8		
72	Wages for gardener and tools, and incidental expenses for East Maitland Gaol Reserve					136	11 10		
73	Expenses in connection with the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London					410	11 9		
74	Hospital for Sick Children—Rent of premises					250	0 0		
75	Completion of contracts and outstanding liabilities in connection with Immigration					147	5 9		
76	Preparation of Statistics containing information respecting the resources and industrial capabilities of the Colony, for publication in the United Kingdom					400	0 0		
77	Freight, insurance, carriage of goods, incidental, unforeseen, and petty expenses, &c., of Department					451	1 10		
78	National Shipwreck Relief Society of New South Wales—Special grant in aid of					250	0 0		
	Carried forward	392,802	2 7	252,918	11 0	116,525	13 6	762,246	7 1
	Carried forward	27,676	9 7	2,925	10 2	44,644	9 9	75,246	9 6

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.				
		Salaries.	Contingencies.						
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
	Brought forward	27,676	9 7	2,925	10 2	44,644	9 9	75,246	9 6
	Ac. III.—Chief Secretary—continued.								
	Brought forward	392,802	2 7	252,918	11 0	116,525	13 6	762,246	7 1
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—continued.								
79	General improvements, National Park					4,000	0 0		
80	Rent of Moorecliff and Victoria Lodge, Miller's Point, in connection with Sydney Hospital					350	0 0		
81	Rent of Government premises occupied by various sub-departments					1,996	3 7		
82	Maintenance, &c., of Telephones					222	1 6		
83	New South Wales Zoological Society—Special grant in aid of					1,000	0 0		
84	Special grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades					3,930	0 0		
86	Wollongong Sand-drift Trust—Special grant for improvements					100	0 0		
87	Lady Robinson's Beach Sand drift Trust—Special grant for improvements					100	0 0		
88	Pension to Constable J. F. Alford, in addition to the pension payable to him from the "Police Superannuation Fund," upon his retirement, through being injured in the execution of his duty					45	12 6		
89	Expenses in connection with and relief to sufferers by floods					57	5 10		
90	Boundary Road, Centennial Park—Cost of construction					273	7 2		
91	Payments to Commissioners for Railways for Railway Claims—Transmission of destitute persons, &c.					2,217	19 11		
92	Board of International Exchanges—Expenses in connection with					99	13 5		
93	Expenses in connection with Federal Conference—further sum					6	14 6		
94	Expenses in connection with Record Reign celebrations					594	8 6		
95	Expenses in connection with the late Federal Election—further sum					6	12 6		
96	Steam service with and among the Pacific Islands					1,200	0 0		
97	Special Grants to Country and Suburban Municipalities, 1896-7, portion of claims not paid during financial year					186	16 2		
98	Improvements, Dawes Point Battery Reserve					0	7 0		
99	Royal Commission on Charities—Expenses in connection with					779	14 3	58,863	2 7
100	Royal Commission, Levien Charges—Expenses in connection with					137	19 4		
101	Expenses incurred in conducting a practical test of the Deep Sea Fisheries of the Colony					864	15 6		
102	Repairs to Obelisk at end of South Head Road, Watson's Bay					10	0 0		
104	Burwood Fire Brigade—Purchase of site for station					1,000	0 0		
105	New South Wales Zoological Society—Grant towards meeting expense of opening Gardens on Sunday					1,000	0 0		
106	Metropolitan Firemen's Association—Grant for Demonstration and Railway Fares					978	7 3		
107	Country and Suburban Municipalities—Special grant (Re-vote)					28,855	4 5		
108	Federal Constitution Bill Referendum—Expenses in connection with					664	9 0		
109	Expenses in connection with Conveyance of Representatives to People's Convention, Bathurst					143	13 5		
110	Governor Philip Statue, Foundations—further sum					105	0 0		
111	Wollongong Friendly Societies' Hall—Grant for purchase of site					250	0 0		
112	Grafton Water Brigade—Special grant					50	0 0		
113	Lismore Water Brigade—Special grant					50	0 0		
114	Additional sum for Religious Attendance to Inmates of Asylums and other Government Institutions					100	0 0		
115	Compensation to Messrs. Turner and Richardson for loss of "Opals," stolen whilst in charge of the Police—further sum					400	0 0		
116	Municipal Rates on Government Land and Buildings in Martin-place, arrears from 1892 to 1897 inclusive					2,232	2 6		
117	Amount due to late Superintendent of Fire Brigades, W. D. Bear, being salary unpaid to date of resignation					243	6 8		
118	Cost of proceedings in Extradition Case—Frank Butler					4,417	17 8		
119	Towards expenses of the Honorable Member for Parramatta, Major Ferris, and the expenses of Dowell O'Reilly, Esq., Candidates for Parramatta, at Election of 27th July, 1893, voided on account of irregularities of officials—£100 each					200	0 0		
	TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY	£	92,802 2 7	252,918 11 0	175,268 16 1	821,109 9 8			
	Brought forward	£	420,478 12 2	255,844 1 2	220,633 5 10	896,355 19 2			

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		Salaries.	Contingencies.						
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
	Brought forward	420,478	12 2	255,844	1 2	220,033	5 10	896,355	19 2
	No. FV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.								
120	TREASURY	19,180	0 10	553	4 9			19,733	5 7
121	STAMP DUTIES	4,230	11 2	118	1 9			4,348	12 11
122	LAND AND INCOME TAX	800	0 0	30,000	0 0			30,800	0 0
123	CUSTOMS	47,867	5 3	5,532	2 9			53,399	8 0
124	GOLD RECEIVERS	69	4 7					69	4 7
125	GOLD AND ESCORT			543	6 8			543	6 8
126	GOVERNMENT PRINTER'S DEPARTMENT					67,606	18 11	67,606	18 11
127	STORES AND STATIONERY	5,066	17 11	86,476	6 4			91,543	4 3
128	MERCANTILE EXPLOSIVES DEPARTMENT	6,511	16 4	2,263	9 2			8,775	5 6
129	BOARD OF HEALTH	10,669	19 11	5,549	12 6			16,219	12 5
130	GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS	4,058	6 0	4,587	13 5			8,645	19 5
131	SHIPPING MASTERS	2,061	3 4	100	12 5			2,161	15 9
	MARINE BOARD OF NEW SOUTH WALES :—								
132	Marine Board, Sydney	5,122	14 0						
133	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	1,634	18 0						
134	Harbour Masters	828	7 5						
135	Colonial Light-houses	6,418	6 8						
136	Sea and River Pilots	13,279	6 2						
137	Boatmen	11,553	19 0						
138	Telegraph Stations	1,121	7 9						
139	Deficiencies in Salaries owing to increased amounts paid 4 Pilots, Newcastle	173	0 0						
140	Australian Coast Light-houses					513	13 0		
141	Miscellaneous					15,545	12 8		
142	Life Boats					589	11 1		
143	PUBLIC WHARVES	3,705	9 10	2,994	5 9			6,699	15 7
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES :—								
144	Postage of Public Departments					31,535	1 2		
145	Advertising for the Public Service					5,926	14 5		
146	Transmission of Telegraphic Messages					17,989	14 8		
147	Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents					1,157	3 1		
148	Insurance, on English Shipments					247	17 3		
149	Management of, and expenses in connection with payment of half-yearly dividends on Inscribed Stock by the Bank of England					10,075	18 11		
150	Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony					18,205	2 5		
151	Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney					427	1 7		
152	Relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports, or from Wrecked Vessels, &c.					52	9 10		
153	In aid of Sailors' Home, Newcastle					350	0 0		
154	In aid of Sailors' Home, Sydney					350	0 0		
155	Interest on Funds in temporary possession of the Govern- ment, belonging to Suitors in Equity and Lunacy Patients					2,785	3 10		
156	Amount paid to Railway Department for conveyance, without charge, of Members of Parliament, Disting- uished Visitors, School Children, and others					18,000	0 0		
157	Interest on the uninvested Funds at the credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account					2,012	15 10		
158	Interest on the balance uninvested at the credit of the Municipal Council of Sydney—Sinking Fund Account					925	11 11		
159	Interest on balance at the credit of the Bankruptcy Un- claimed Dividend Fund					206	5 0		
160	Interest on the uninvested balance at credit of the Bankruptcy Estates Account					41	6 9		
161	Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns					8,956	10 4		
162	Interest on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales					66,480	8 1		
163	Legal Expenses, Treasury Department					489	9 0		
164	Interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account					1,833	2 1		
165	Interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Registrar in Bankruptcy Account					3	7 11		
166	Interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account					690	14 6		
	Carried forward	£ 144,352	14 2	138,718	15 6	281,997	14 3	565,069	3 11
	Carried forward	£ 420,478	12 2	255,844	1 2	220,033	5 10	896,355	19 2

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—<i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward.....	£ 420,478 12 2	255,844 1 2	220,033 5 10	896,355 19 2
	No. 119.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—<i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward.....	£ 144,352 14 2	138,718 15 6	281,997 14 3	565,069 3 11
167	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—<i>continued.</i>				
	Unforeseen expenses—				
	Expenses in connection with Federation.....			274 13 6	} 1,989 3 11
	Gratuity to Widow of Mr. J. J. Hinchy, late Accountant at the Treasury, in consideration of his long and valuable services.....			200 0 0	
	Fees to members of the Public Service Tender Board paid in anticipation of Estimates 1898-9, but not voted thereon.....			136 11 6	
	Income Tax due to British Government by Officers, Agent General's Department			99 5 4	
	Overtime paid to Treasury officers engaged in extra work in connection with Conditional Purchases			90 0 0	
	Salary of Temporary Clerk, Stamp Duties Office			71 8 0	
	Fees to Experts for examining supplies to Public Insti- tutions			70 19 0	
	Legal charges in London			64 7 2	
	Gratuities to Messengers of the Legislative Offices, for extra services during prolonged sittings of Parliament Amount required to meet final Instalment and Interest due to the Government on land purchased at auction for a Ragged School at the Globe			60 0 0	
	Payment for furnishing Press cuttings to the Premier from 1894 to 1899			51 14 9	
	Gratuity to the Widow of late P.M. Hillston			50 0 0	
	Gratuity to the Widow of late W. Johnston, Messenger, Legislative Assembly			50 0 0	
	Gratuity to the Widow of late J. W. Meikle, Treasury, Clerk			50 0 0	
	Gratuity to the late C.P.S. Maclean, under special circumstances			50 0 0	
	Gratuity to late Clerk, Customs and Taxation, on retirement on account of ill-health, stated to have been caused by overwork and draughty room			50 0 0	
	Overtime paid to Officer, Post and Telegraph Depart- ment, for translation of documents relating to Old Age Pensions			39 0 0	
	Increases to salaries of Officers in Agent-General's De- partment, paid in anticipation of the passing of Estimates, but not voted			37 10 0	
	Salary of late Postmaster, &c., Wyalong, during his suspension			33 6 8	
	Cost of Report, &c., upon road formation works, Bulli to Wombeyan Caves			31 10 0	
	Increases to salaries of Officers, Department of Audit, paid in anticipation of passing of Estimates, but not voted			31 5 0	
	Solicitors' costs, respecting the adjustment of boundaries and erection of party-walls adjoining General Post Office property, George-street			27 17 2	
	Cost of entertaining Premiers in connection with their Conference respecting New Guinea			27 10 11	
	Exchange and Stamp Duty on remittances to distressed persons			25 12 1	
	Fees paid to Mr. Fosbery as Member of the Board of Health, in anticipation of the amount being voted by Parliament			25 0 0	
	Grant for services rendered in providing shelter and lodging to poor and homeless men since 1895			25 0 0	
	Fee for inspecting and reporting on certain vessels			24 0 0	
	Hotel and other expenses in Sydney of Engineer-in- Chief, Victorian Railways, engaged in reporting upon route for City Railway			23 1 0	
	Copies of pamphlet of New South Wales for Agent- General			22 0 0	
	Miscellaneous—smaller items			197 11 10	
	Carried forward	£ 144,352 14 2	138,718 15 6	283,986 18 2	567,058 7 10
	Carried forward.....	£ 420,478 12 2	255,844 1 2	220,033 5 10	896,355 19 2

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED					
30th JUNE, 1899—continued.					
	Brought forward.....	£ 420,478 12 2	£ 255,844 1 2	£ 220,033 5 10	£ 896,355 19 2
Ac. FD.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.					
	Brought forward.....	£ 144,352 14 2	£ 138,718 15 6	£ 283,986 18 2	£ 567,058 7 10
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—continued.					
168	Allowance to the Premier.....			500 0 0	} 33,247 6 3
169	Refund of Pilotage, Harbour and Light Rates, and Wharfrage and Tonnage Dues in certain cases.....			146 1 10	
170	Cost of Private Letter-boxes for Public Departments.....			376 17 6	
171	Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales.....			543 12 0	
172	Expenses connected with Rocket Apparatus, Newcastle.....			253 19 0	
173	Gratuities to officers upon retirement through abolition of office.....			5,725 13 7	
174	Adjustments of salaries on revision by Public Service Board.....			14,097 4 7	
175	Increased cost of living allowance to officers stationed in remote districts.....			6,336 16 10	
176	Amount paid to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund for Abatements and Compensation to retired officers, charged to that Fund in 1895-96 and 1896-97.....			902 18 0	
177	Expenses in connection with the Greater Britain Exhibition to be held in 1899.....			1,181 2 11	
178	Contribution towards foundation and maintenance of Meteorological Station, Mount Kosciuszko.....			100 0 0	
179	Contribution to Mr. Wragge's Low-level Observatory at Manly.....			50 0 0	
180	Towards the Establishment of the proposed Eddy Orphanage, being at rate of £1 for £1 on subscriptions collected from the public.....			2,500 0 0	
181	Incidental Expenses connected with payment of Imperial Military and Naval Pensioners in the Colony.....			33 0 0	
182	Towards expenses of Court of Review in Land and Income Tax Assessments.....			500 0 0	
183	Items connected with Defence—				
184	Proportion paid to Government of Western Australia for expenses of maintenance of Garrison, Albany			1,400 0 0	
185	Proportion paid to Government of Queensland for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island.....			2,900 18 3	
186	National Rifle Association of N.S.W.—Grant in aid of.....			1,000 0 0	
187	Northern Rifle Association—Grant in aid of.....			250 0 0	
188	Southern Rifle Association—Grant in aid of.....			250 0 0	
189	Western Rifle Association—Grant in aid of.....			250 0 0	
190	South Coast Rifle Association—Grant in aid of.....			200 0 0	
191	Albion Park Rifle Club—Grant in aid of.....			20 0 0	
192	Mount Kembla Rifle Club—Grant in aid of.....			20 0 0	
193	Passes for Competitors, Rifle Association Meetings.....			424 11 4	
194	Royal Naval House—Special grant in aid of.....			200 0 0	
	Rent of Premises for Secretary to His Excellency the Admiral and Staff, as agreed upon when Naval Station was formed.....			100 0 0	
	TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.....	£ 144,352 14 2	£ 138,718 15 6	£ 324,289 14 0	£ 607,371 3 8
Ac. FD.—Military and Naval Forces.					
196	Military Secretary.....	1,751 13 4	39 14 7		1,791 7 11
197	Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces.....			183,908 3 4	183,908 3 4
Naval Forces—					
198	Naval Brigade.....	4,247 11 1	474 9 6		} 9,214 1 0
199	Volunteer Naval Artillery.....	2,120 5 10	284 15 6		
200	Torpedo Defence.....	974 4 0	757 16 10		
201	Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Naval Forces.....			354 18 3	
	TOTAL, MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES.....	£ 9,093 14 3	£ 1,556 16 5	£ 184,263 1 7	£ 194,913 12 3
	Carried forward.....	£ 573,925 0 7	£ 396,119 13 1	£ 728,596 1 5	£ 1,698,640 15 1

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No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.				
	Brought forward.....	£ 573,925 0 7	396,119 13 1	728,596 1 5	1,698,640 15 1
	No. II.—Railways.				
202	EXISTING LINES—WORKING EXPENSES—				
	Railways .....	.....	.....	1,658,725 13 10	1,926,658 7 8
	Tramways .....	.....	.....	267,932 13 10	
	TOTAL, RAILWAYS .....	£ .....	.....	1,926,658 7 8	1,926,658 7 8
	No. III.—The Attorney-General.				
203	THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL	23,844 11 5	21,216 6 2	.....	45,060 17 7
	TOTAL, ATTORNEY-GENERAL	£ 23,844 11 5	21,216 6 2	.....	45,060 17 7
	No. IV.—Secretary for Lands.				
204-5	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	157,674 18 11	28,282 9 9	.....	185,957 8 8
206	LAND APPEAL COURT .....	.....	1,252 16 4	.....	1,252 16 4
207	CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS .....	.....	531 9 3	.....	531 9 3
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—				
208	Public Cemeteries—Purchase and resumption of sites, fencing, clearing, building, &c....	.....	.....	1,484 5 8	
209	Towards construction of Railway Siding, including cost of resuming land and for drainage, Woronora Cemetery, near Sutherland, for southern suburbs. (Re-vote of 1895) .....	.....	.....	91 0 0	
210	Purchase and resumptions of sites for, and improvement and general maintenance of, Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Bathing-places .....	.....	.....	12,499 19 6	
	Improvement and maintenance of the following Parks and Recreation Grounds:—				
211	Wentworth Park .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
212	Victoria Park .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
213	Parks, North Sydney .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
214	Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks .....	.....	.....	1,000 0 0	
215	Rushcutter Bay Park .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
216	Islands in Port Jackson .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
217	Rodd Island .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
218	Improvement and maintenance of Kuring-gai Chase .....	.....	.....	500 0 0	
219	Improvement and maintenance of the Recreation Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria .....	.....	.....	490 0 0	
220	Legal Expenses .....	.....	.....	2,849 10 7	
221	Compensation in connection with the resumption of land for roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897 .....	.....	.....	3,793 19 6	
223	Thomas Edols and Co. (Limited)—One-half of the amount of compensation awarded by the Parkes Local Land Board for an improvement known as "Trundle Dam," taken by the Government when withdrawing from lease certain land on Burrawang Pastoral Holding. (Re-vote of amount voted in Estimates-in-Chief for 1897-8, unpaid on 30th June, 1898) .....	.....	.....	300 0 0	
224	SURVEY OF LANDS .....	.....	69,479 4 11	.....	69,479 4 11
225	TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY OF THE COLONY .....	.....	3,068 10 11	.....	3,068 10 11
226	SPECIAL SERVICES—LABOUR SETTLEMENTS .....	.....	91 14 1	.....	91 14 1
	TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR LANDS	£ 157,674 18 11	102,706 5 3	24,358 15 3	284,739 19 5
	No. V.—Secretary for Public Works.				
227	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—Establishment	88,808 7 6	.....	.....	88,808 7 6
228	ROADS AND BRIDGES, as per Schedule (see page 34) .....	.....	.....	526,477 3 6	526,477 3 6
229	HARBOURS AND RIVERS AND DREDGE SERVICE, as per Schedule (see page 34) .....	.....	.....	103,819 4 7	109,819 4 7
230	GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, as per Schedule (see page 35) .....	.....	.....	49,800 15 1	49,800 15 1
231	MISCELLANEOUS, as per Schedule (see page 36) .....	.....	.....	9,991 13 4	9,991 13 4
232	METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE	10,533 12 3	64,611 9 5	.....	75,145 1 8
233	HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD	1,594 0 0	8,335 2 7	.....	9,929 2 7
	TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS	£ 100,935 19 9	72,946 12 0	696,088 16 6	869,971 8 3
	Carried forward... ..	£ 856,380 10 8	592,983 16 6	3,375,702 0 10	4,825,071 8 0

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No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued. Brought forward	£ 856,380 10 8	£ 592,988 16 6	£ 3,375,702 0 10	£ 4,825,071 8 0
	Ac. VIII.—Administration of Justice.				
234	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	9,374 12 7	246 18 2	.....	9,601 10 9
235	MASTER IN EQUITY	2,088 0 0	325 8 8	.....	2,413 8 8
236	PROTHONOTARY AND DIVORCE COURT	2,367 13 4	203 8 1	.....	2,571 1 5
237	SHERIFF	12,558 7 9	15,861 9 6	.....	28,419 17 3
238	BANKRUPTCY COURT	2,205 9 8	223 3 2	.....	2,428 12 10
239	PROBATE AND INTERSTATE ESTATES OFFICE	2,261 18 11	570 2 0	.....	2,832 0 11
240	DISTRICT COURTS	2,974 11 3	491 12 0	.....	3,466 3 3
241	CORONERS	1,391 11 0	5,503 13 5	.....	6,895 7 5
242	PETTY SESSIONS	62,392 3 10	13,688 4 7	.....	76,080 8 5
243	PRISONS	67,257 15 4	30,100 10 9	.....	97,358 6 1
244	REGISTRAR GENERAL AND EXAMINER OF PATENTS	20,273 15 0	5,542 17 10	.....	25,816 12 10
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—				
245	Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14 .....	.....	.....	600 0 0	} 3,015 2 0
246	Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates, Newspapers, Law Books, &c. ....	.....	.....	119 18 9	
247	Purchase of 90 bound Copies of the New South Wales Weekly Notes .....	.....	.....	231 0 0	
248	Purchase of 60 Copies of Supreme Court Law Reports .....	.....	.....	252 0 0	
249	Expenses of inquiries under Commission Act, 44 Vic. No. 1, and inquiries under Criminal Law Amendment Act, section 383 .....	.....	.....	74 16 1	
250	Services of a Law Reporter for Bankruptcy and Probate Courts .....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
251	Necropolis—For general maintenance of Cemetery .....	.....	.....	500 0 0	
252	Necropolis—Repairs to roads and formation of new roads .....	.....	.....	558 0 0	
253	Waverley Cemetery - General maintenance .....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
254	Purchase of Copies of Addison and Thomson's "Small Debts Recovery Acts" for supply to Country Courts .....	.....	.....	74 18 6	
255	Gore Hill Cemetery - General improvements .....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
256	Legal Expenses, Justice Department .....	.....	.....	145 12 8	
257	Purchase of Cox's Criminal Cases .....	.....	.....	8 16 0	
	TOTAL, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	£ 185,126 1 8	72,757 8 2	3,015 2 0	260,898 11 10
	Ac. IX.—Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry.				
258	PUBLIC INSTRUCTION .....	.....	.....	686,571 4 0	656,571 4 0
259	NAUTICAL SCHOOL-SHIP "SOBRAON"	2,944 16 5	6,339 0 3	.....	9,283 16 8
260	INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, PARRAMATTA	1,146 16 0	2,416 3 11	.....	3,562 19 11
261	CARPENTERIAN REFORMATORY	1,098 7 8	1,918 9 2	.....	3,016 16 10
262	SHAPESBURY REFORMATORY	258 10 0	323 6 2	.....	581 16 2
263	OBSERVATORY	3,405 0 0	947 19 1	.....	4,352 19 1
264	MUSEUM	2,822 1 1	2,670 3 5	.....	5,492 4 6
265	PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	4,879 15 10	2,643 17 7	.....	7,523 13 5
266	NATIONAL ART GALLERY	827 10 0	3,389 14 8	.....	4,217 4 8
267	LABOUR AND INDUSTRY BRANCH .....	.....	.....	6,849 5 4	6,849 5 4
	GRANTS IN AID OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:—				
	Sydney University—				
268	Additions, Repairs, and Furniture .....	.....	.....	994 4 1	} 15,661 17 11
269	Additional Endowment .....	.....	.....	4,000 0 0	
270	Evening Lectures (including University Extension Lectures and Lectures in Law) .....	.....	.....	2,000 0 0	
271	Matriculation and other Fees for Students of the Training Schools under the Department who attended University Lectures .....	.....	.....	61 19 9	
272	Maintenance of the Art Society of New South Wales .....	.....	.....	400 0 0	
273	Maintenance of the Society of Artists .....	.....	.....	300 0 0	
274	Linnean Society .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
275	Royal Society—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions .....	.....	.....	500 0 0	
277	Instruction to the Blind—Amount in proportion of £2 to every £1 raised by private contributions .....	.....	.....	366 10 6	
278	In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions .....	.....	.....	5,739 6 2	
279	In aid of buildings (Educational Institutions), in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings .....	.....	.....	1,149 17 5	
280	In aid of the "Women's Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," to assist in its work in connection with Public Schools .....	.....	.....	50 0 0	
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—				
281	Amount paid to Department of Lands for survey of School sites .....	.....	.....	154 12 1	154 12 1
	TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY	£ 17,382 17 0	20,648 14 3	709,236 19 4	747,268 10 7
	Carried forward	£ 1,058,889 9 4	656,394 18 11	4,087,954 2 2	5,833,238 10 5

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No. of Appropriation	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.						
	Brought forward.....	£1,058,889 9 4	686,394 18 11	4087,954 2 2	5,833,238 10 5	
No. F.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.						
282	DEPARTMENT OF MINES	33,308 14 10	33,223 4 3	.....	66,531 19 1
284	IMPORTED AND INTRODUCED STOCK	1,108 0 0	9,900 10 0	.....	11,008 10 0
285	REGISTRATION OF BRANDS	364 0 0	199 7 5	.....	563 7 5
286	MANAGEMENT OF POUNDS AND COMMONS.....	92 10 0	254 18 5	.....	347 8 5
287	PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES AND ARTESIAN BORING.....	3,202 2 5	10,460 15 10	.....	13,662 18 3
288	AGRICULTURE	9,961 2 1	19,257 5 8	.....	29,218 7 9
289	SCHOOL OF MINES AND ASSAY WORKS .....	.....	.....	1,930 7 7	1,930 7 7
290	BOARD OF EXPORTS	500 0 0	1,594 13 0	.....	2,094 13 0
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—						
291	Pastures and Stock Protection Act .....	.....	.....	3,790 3 2	} 22,647 5 0
292	Control, &c., Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves .....	.....	.....	463 16 7	
293	Subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies .....	.....	.....	9,5 8 0 3	
294	Subsidising Horticultural Societies .....	.....	.....	250 0 0	
295	Special prizes for improvement of Agriculture .....	.....	.....	823 15 9	
296	Reclamation Sand drift, Newcastle .....	.....	.....	133 12 6	
297	Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries .....	.....	.....	246 17 8	
298	Ambulance Classes .....	.....	.....	102 13 0	
300	Balance of salary due, Government Metallurgist .....	.....	.....	300 0 0	
301	Special grant for relief of sufferers, Dudley Colliery explosion .....	.....	.....	200 0 0	
302	Providing four scholarships, School of Mines .....	.....	.....	110 15 1	
303	Special Grants to Agricultural Societies .....	.....	.....	3,975 0 0	
304	Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association, 10-vote of 1895 .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
305	Vine Diseases Act .....	.....	.....	2,499 11 0	
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE		£43,536 9 4	74,890 14 7	24,577 12 7		148,004 16 6
No. FF.—Postmaster-General.						
306	POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT	302,535 16 3	82,194 6 1	.....	474,730 2 4
	CONVEYANCE OF MAILS .....	.....	.....	202,389 16 0	202,389 16 0
	CABLE SUBSIDIES AND GUARANTEES —					} 17,570 13 10
	British and Australian .....		.....	.....	13,403 5 8
	New Caledonian .....		.....	.....	1,895 17 10
	Tasmanian .....		.....	.....	1,591 10 6
New Zealand .....		.....	.....	679 19 10	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:—						
	Gratuity to widow of G. T. Carroll, late Line Repairer Kempsey .....	.....	.....	171 0 0	171 0 0
TOTAL, POSTMASTER-GENERAL		£392,535 16 3	82,194 6 1	220,131 9 10	694,861 12 2	
Special Appropriations.						
INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT:—						
	Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock .....	.....	.....	2,218,958 2 2	2,218,958 2 2
	Interest on Railway Loan of 1867, 31 Vic. No. 11 .....	.....	.....	5 0 0	5 0 0
	On Treasury Bills Deficiency of 1886 and previous years, 53 Vic. No. 9 .....	.....	.....	43,250 10 4	43,250 10 4
	Treasury Bills, Deficiency Debt to 30th June, 1895, 59 Vic. No. 22 .....	.....	.....	30,741 0 0	30,741 0 0
INTEREST AT 3 PER CENT. ON UNINVESTED FUNDS AT CREDIT OF GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK IN THE TREASURY, 34 Vic. No. 15						
	.....	.....	.....	17,205 14 8	17,205 14 8
REDUCTION OF PUBLIC DEBT:—						
	Railway Loan of 1867, 31 Vic. No. 11 .....	.....	.....	2,400 0 0	2,400 0 0
	Treasury Bills, Deficiency of 1886 and previous years, 53 Vic. No. 9 .....	.....	.....	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0
	Railway Loan, 53 Vic. No. 24 .....	.....	.....	75,000 0 0	75,000 0 0
SINKING FUNDS:—						
	New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14 .....	.....	.....	6,602 3 4	6,602 3 4
	New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6 .....	.....	.....	7,408 10 0	7,408 10 0
	New South Wales 1927 Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32 .....	.....	.....	6,937 8 8	6,937 8 8
	New South Wales 1928 Stock, 61 Vic. No. 43 .....	.....	.....	7,491 11 4	7,491 11 4
Carried forward		£.....	2,566,000 0 6	2,566,000 0 6	
Carried forward		£1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,6 3 4	7,676,104 19 1	

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No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward.....	1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,663 4 7	6,676,104 19 1
	Special Appropriations—continued.				
	Brought forward.....	£		2,566,000 0 6	2,566,000 0 6
	DRAWBACKS AND REFUND OF DUTIES:—				
	TAXATION:—				
	Customs			11,327 18 6	} 12,946 18 8
	Excise			1,619 0 2	
	REVENUE AND RECEIPTS RETURNED:—				
	TAXATION:—				
	Stamp Duties (includes Value of Stamps received by Departments in lieu of cash)			1,574 5 5	} 31,523 14 7
	Land Tax			18,126 18 5	
	Income Tax			10,948 8 0	
	Licenses:—				
	To Auctioneers			516 13 11	}
	To Retail Fermented and Spirituous Liquors			33 18 10	
	Other			23 10 0	
	LAND REVENUE:—				
	Sales.....			12,966 7 3	} 56,475 4 7
	Pastoral Occupation:—				
	Pastoral Leases, Runs			6,405 18 6	
	Conditional Leases.....			2,296 11 10	
	Annual Leases.....			4,674 5 2	
	Occupation Licenses			9,149 5 0	
	Homestead Leases			711 5 10	
	Inferior Leases			11 0 0	
	Scrub Leases			2 3 1	
	Homestead Selections (Improvements and Rent)			1,386 13 4	
	Settlement Leases			4,129 0 7	
	Improvement Leases			573 11 6	
	Artesian Well Leases			12 1 9	
	Mining Occupation:—				
	Mineral Leases			333 15 6	
	Leases of Auriferous Lands			1,043 10 0	
	Business Licenses			1 10 0	
	Residential Leases.....			162 2 11	
	Other Receipts			43 0 0	
	Miscellaneous Land Receipts:—				
	Timber Licenses, &c.....			4 7 6	
	Fees on Transfer of Runs and Leases			25 18 0	
	Fees on Preparation and Enrolment of Title Deeds.....			42 16 6	
	Survey Fees			9,760 16 4	
	Rents for Special Objects—Special Leases			1,784 1 9	
	All other Receipts.....			954 17 3	
	RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED:—				
	Railways and Tramways:—				
	Railway Tolls for traffic beyond the border of New South Wales, paid to the Governments of Victoria and Queensland.....			3,172 14 10	} 74,298 5 11
	Steam Freight collected at various Railway Stations... Rebates on Goods to and from various Railway Stations and Sydney			3,768 5 3	
	Proportion of Fares due for the conveyance of passengers on the Toronto Tram Line			44,535 2 0	
	Proportion of Fares to Lady Robinson's Beach.....			168 13 0	
	Commission on Sale of Steamer Tickets—Hawkesbury River			907 3 0	
	Customs Duties recharged			712 5 9	
	Discount off Season Tickets.....			298 11 6	
	Wharfage, Pyrmont			930 2 8	
	Other Railway Receipts Refunded.....			204 10 0	
	Post Office:—			469 3 2	
	Postage (includes Value of Stamps received by Departments in lieu of cash)			16,951 1 11	
	Electric Telegraph Receipts.....			1,766 5 4	
	Telephone Receipts			41 7 10	
	Postal Notes, Poundage.....			372 19 8	
	Carried forward.....	£		2,741,244 4 3	2,741,244 4 3
	Carried forward.....	£ 1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,663 4 7	6,676,104 19 1

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	£ 1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,663 4 7	6,676,104 19 1
	Special Appropriations—continued.				
	Brought forward	£	2,741,244 4 3	2,741,244 4 3
	REVENUE AND RECEIPTS—continued.				
	RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED:—				
	Pilotage, Harbour, and Light Rates, and Fees:—				
	Pilotage			16 1 9	}
	Harbour and Light Rates			82 15 4	
	Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board			174 1 2	
	Hunter District Water Rates			48 10 5	
	Agricultural Colleges			0 12 0	
	Fees of Office:—				}
	Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents			157 12 2	
	Prothonotary of Supreme Court			564 18 4	
	Registrar of Probates			565 11 7	
	Curator of Intestate Estates			29 17 7	
	In Bankruptcy			8 14 5	
	Sheriff			9 15 0	
	Courts of Petty Sessions			14 0 3	
	Department of Mines			22 0 0	
	Dog Fees			0 2 6	
	Public Officers and Examination Fees			40 13 9	
	Wardens' Courts			1 3 6	
	Imported Stock Act			4 3 10	
	Crown Solicitor			2 2 0	
	Public Instruction Department			2 0 0	
	Other Fees			0 9 0	
	GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:—				}
	Rents (exclusive of Land):—				
	Tolls and Ferries			4 10 0	
	Wharfage			39 12 1	
	Tonnage			25 3 3	
	Fines and Forfeitures:—				
	Courts of Petty Sessions			135 19 2	
	Other Fines			105 0 0	
	Church and School Lands Act of 1897			52 5 0	
	Unclassified Receipts:—				
	Sale of Government Property			105 0 0	
	For the support of Patients in Lunatic Asylums			30 19 11	
	Collections by Government Printer			0 17 6	
	Fees on presenting Private Bills to Parliament			95 13 9	
	Fees under the Patents Law Amendment Act, 51 Vic. No. 3 (Registrar-General)			31 0 0	
	For Docking Vessels, Fitzroy Dock, &c.			0 15 7	
	Receipts under Fisheries Act			286 15 0	
	Repayment to Credit of Votes			270 7 7	
	Amount of unclaimed Sums at credit of following Trust Fund Accounts transferred in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act, to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz. :—				
	Sundry Accounts			257 2 5	
	Seamen's Wages			7 14 8	
	Unclaimed Moneys			152 16 7	
	Deposits under Mining on Private Lands Act ... Do Act			9 5 0	
	Revenue Suspense Account			96 10 6	
	Influx of Chinese Restriction Act			475 15 10	
	Amount received for Dredging at Private Wharves, &c.			100 0 0	
	Contributions towards the support of Children, &c.			1 17 6	
	Fees for testing Cement			20 1 8	
	Amounts forfeited for non-fulfilment of Contracts ...			82 0 0	
	Other Miscellaneous			749 11 9	
				613 19 2	
	Carried forward	£	2,746,770 2 9	2,746,770 2 9
	Carried forward	£ 1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,663 4 7	6,676,104 19 1

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—*continued.*

No. of Appropriation.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	ESTABLISHMENTS.		OTHER SERVICES.	TOTAL PAYMENTS.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899— <i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward	£ 1,499,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	4,332,663 4 7	6,676,104 19 1
	Special Appropriations—<i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward .....	£ .....	.....	2,746,770 2 9	2,746,770 2 9
	CHARGES ON COLLECTIONS—				
	Repairs, &c., to property resumed by the Government			502 14 2	502 14 2
	ENDOWMENT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, 14 VIC. NO. 31			5,000 0 0	5,000 0 0
	ENDOWMENT AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, 17 VIC. NO. 2			1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0
	ENDOWMENT OF THE SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL			1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
	ENDOWMENT AFFILIATED COLLEGES, 18 VIC. NO. 37			1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
	ENDOWMENT WOMEN'S COLLEGE, 53 VIC. NO. 10			500 0 0	500 0 0
	ENDOWMENT UNDER FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 47 VIC. NO. 3			8,389 8 4	8,389 8 4
	ENDOWMENT UNDER MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 61 VIC. NO. 23			18,105 5 5	18,105 5 5
	PRELIMINARY EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, 61 VIC. NO. 23			46 9 9	46 9 9
	SYDNEY BRANCH, ROYAL MINT, 28 VIC. NO. 3			15,000 0 0	15,000 0 0
	PENSIONS UNDER SUPERANNUATION ACT REPEAL ACT OF 1873, 36 VIC. NO. 29			2,506 3 4	2,506 3 4
	PENSIONS UNDER DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ACT, 46 VIC. NO. 16			2,937 10 0	2,937 10 0
	JUDGES UNDER DISTRICT COURTS ACT, 45 VIC. NO. 16			10,500 0 0	10,500 0 0
	COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS, 42 VIC. NO. 19			375 0 0	375 0 0
	PROPORTION PAYABLE BY NEW SOUTH WALES UNDER "AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL FORCE ACT OF 1887," 51 VIC. NO. 22			37,812 0 0	37,812 0 0
	METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD, 43 VIC. NO. 32, AND 51 VIC. NO. 28 (ELECTION EXPENSES)			32 16 10	32 16 10
	HUNTER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD, 55 VIC. NO. 27 (ELECTION EXPENSES)			17 5 0	17 5 0
	RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS, 51 VIC. NO. 35, AND 52 VIC. NO. 5			5,500 0 0	5,500 0 0
	EXPENSES OF PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES, 45 VIC. NO. 5			71 6 6	71 6 6
	REMUNERATION TO PARLIAMENTARY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, 61 VIC. NO. 6			1,782 16 0	1,782 16 0
	ALLOWANCES TO PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES, 53 VIC. NO. 12			30,409 12 9	30,409 12 9
	PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORATES AND ELECTIONS ACT, 56 VIC. NO. 38			21,371 0 3	21,371 0 3
	LAND APPEAL COURT, 55 VIC. NO. 26			4,000 0 0	4,000 0 0
	AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION CONVENTION EXPENSES, 59 VIC. NO. 24			1,396 18 2	1,396 18 2
	PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, 59 VIC. NO. 25			3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0
	LATE SIR HENRY PARKES FAMILY GRANT, 60 VIC. NO. 3			208 6 8	208 6 8
	COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN UNDER PROVISIONS OF ACT, 44 VIC. NO. 16			3,853 19 2	3,853 19 2
	TOTAL, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	£ .....	.....	2,924,088 15 1	2,924,088 15 1
	FURTHER EXPENDITURE:—				
	Expenditure Suspense Account—				
	Land and Income Tax			2,745 9 8	} 62,388 16 11
	Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony			2,314 12 7	
	Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines Working Expenses			57,328 14 8	
	TOTAL FURTHER EXPENDITURE .....	£ .....	.....	62,388 16 11	62,388 16 11
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE SERVICES OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1899	£ 1,469,961 14 11	843,479 19 7	7,319,140 16 7	9,662,582 11 1
	TRANSFER IN ADJUSTMENT OF VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER, 1897-8"			£134,223 15 8	
	OTHER PAYMENTS:—				
195	Advance to Treasurer			100,000 0 0	
283	Prevention of Scab in Sheep			23,373 2 10	
	Advances to Public Accountants to cash Stamps received as Revenue			1,385 0 0	
	State Children's Relief Act, 44 VIC. NO. 24			12,556 6 7	
	<i>In anticipation of and Chargeable to Loan Votes:—</i>				
	Railway Construction Branch—				
	Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway, &c.			1,000 0 0	
	Metropolitan Board Water Supply and Sewerage—				
	Western Suburbs Sewerage, &c.			30,000 15 7	
	North Sydney Sewerage, &c.			4,165 19 2	
	Sewage Farms—Under-draining, &c.			251 4 2	
	Mines and Agriculture—				
	For promotion of Agriculture, &c.			1,339 17 7	
	TOTAL, OTHER PAYMENTS .....	£ .....	.....	174,072 5 11	

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

PARTICULARS of Expenditure in the year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of item 228 of 1898-9, "Roads and Bridges," as per Schedule A. (See page 28.)

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
SCHEDULE A.		
Department of Public Works.		
Roads and Bridges, &c.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Main Roads—Schedule A 1	65,952 19 4	
Other Roads and Works within Municipalities—Schedule A 2 ...	14,787 0 4	
Minor Roads—Schedule A 3	312,474 3 8	
Erection, Repair, and Renewals of Bridges, &c.	46,115 15 9	
Unclassified Roads and other Works	47,902 10 7	
Incidental and Contingent Works and Services	12,610 11 1	
Expenses of Punts and Ferries	26,634 2 9	
Salaries, Equipment Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Rents ..	.....
Total, Schedule A	£	526,477 3 6

PARTICULARS of Expenditure in the year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of item 229, "Harbours and Rivers," Schedule B. (See page 28.)

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
SCHEDULE B.		
Department of Public Works.		
Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Erection, Repairs, Renewals, Maintenance, and Incidental Expenses in connection with Wharfs, Jetties, Bridges, Lighthouses, Buildings, and other Public Works	14,217 8 8	
Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys	1,017 16 1	
Towards Expenses connected with or arising out of employment of Tugs on Special Service	506 16 1	
Providing and fixing Tide-gauges on Coast of New South Wales...	117 8 2	
Dock Establishment—Contingencies	6,863 9 8	
Maintenance—Electric Light, Cockatoo Island	442 5 11	
Maintenance—Newcastle Harbour Works	3,264 18 7	
Maintenance—Wollongong Harbour Works	451 6 5	
Maintenance—Kiama Harbour and Pier Head Works	771 15 7	
Maintenance—Shea's Creek and Cook's River Works	353 14 5	
Maintenance—Repair and Dredging Shellharbour Breakwater ...	207 13 3	
Maintenance—Roadways and Footpaths, Circular Quay	156 8 11	
Removal of Rocks near junction of South Arm, Clarence River...	221 14 4	
Works and Repairs Naval Ordnance Department, Spectacle Island	336 9 6	
Dredge Service, as per Schedule B 1	79,024 10 5	
Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidentals, and Contingencies... ..	1,865 8 7	
Total, Schedule B	£	109,819 4 7

PARTICULARS of Expenditure in the year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of item 230 of 1898-9, "Architect," Schedule C. (See page 28.)

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
SCHEDULE C.		
Department of Public Works.		
Government Architect.		
Public Buildings generally	9,817 1 0	
Gaols	3,654 11 10	
Hard-labour Gaols	4,467 9 9	
Court-houses generally	5,623 15 9	
Police Buildings and Lock-ups generally	4,332 5 5	
Post and Telegraph Offices	3,943 0 6	
Country Lands Offices, and Land Office, Sydney	210 11 5	
Institutions for Insane	2,112 14 10	
Benevolent Asylums	831 15 8	
Coast Hospital, Little Bay	560 13 3	
Lighting Government Street and Park Lamps, Sydney, Attendance Gas and Ventilation at Parliamentary Buildings, Electric Lighting and Heating of Public Offices generally	1,497 4 4	
Gaols—Electric Lighting and Maintenance—Darlinghurst, Parra- matta, Goulburn, Bathurst, Young, and East Maitland	395 15 4	
Public Offices—Working Lifts	803 16 8	
Vice Regal Houses	1,551 2 2	
Admiralty House	103 19 9	
Centennial Park—Buildings, Improvements, and Painting Railings, &c.	1,788 0 4	
Botanical Gardens—Buildings and Improvements	8 7 3	
Parliamentary Buildings—Improvements, Repairs, and Furniture	624 18 11	
Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidental and Unforeseen Expenses, and Contingencies	7,473 10 11	
Total, Schedule C ... ..	..... £	49,800 15 1

PARTICULARS of Expenditure in the year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of item 231 of 1898-9, "Miscellaneous," Schedule D. (See page 28.)

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
SCHEDULE D.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Department of Public Works.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Salaries, Equipment Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Surveys, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidentals, and Contingencies—		
Railway and Tramway Construction	987 11 4	
Country Towns Water Supply	630 6 6	
Water Conservation... ..	1,187 3 8	
Sewerage Construction	3,723 11 8	
Gratuities—		
To Richard Tierney, Roads Maintenance Man—Retired through ill-health	180 0 0	
To James Gallagher, Roads Maintenance Man—Retired through old age	97 0 0	
Compensation to Mrs. W. J. Brown, Widow of the late W. J. Brown, who was accidentally killed in Government Quarry, Riley's Hill, Richmond River £100 <i>Less</i> amount paid on account from Treasurer's Advance Account 50	50 0 0	
Compensation to Mrs. P. O'Neill, Widow of the late Patrick O'Neill, Inspector, Darling River, who met his death by drowning	100 0 0	
Compensation to Mrs. G. Law, Widow of the late George Law, labourer, Woolloomooloo Bay Improvements, who died from injuries received	100 0 0	
Compensation to Mrs. A. J. Spencer, Widow of the late Arthur John Spencer, engine fitter, Fitzroy Dock, who died from injuries received	100 0 0	
Compensation to Mrs. R. G. Johnston, Widow of the late R. G. Johnston, engineer, Dredge Service, who died from injuries received	100 0 0	
Brown v. Young—Verdict, Interest, and Costs (<i>re</i> accident on Bergalia Creek Bridge)	2,335 13 5	
Adams v. Young—Expenses incurred in Privy Council Appeal ...	195 18 11	
Waller v. Young—Expenses incurred in Privy Council Appeal...	204 7 10	
Total, Schedule D ... ..	..... £	9,991 13 4

No. 2.

TOWARDS THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, &c.

(61 VICTORIA No. 20).

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

No.

TOWARDS THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF
(61 VICTORIA,
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN

Dr.

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 30th June, 1898—		
Investments—		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1	12,490 0 0	
New South Wales Four Per Cents., 36 Vic. No. 21	106,781 19 3	
	119,271 19 3	
Cash	35,296 9 0	
		154,568 8 3
To Proceeds of Sale of Funded Stock... ..	119,271 19 3	
To Premium on Funded Stock sold	17,017 5 10	
To Interest on Funded Stock	7,663 0 1	
		143,952 5 2
TOTAL	£	298,520 13 5

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

2.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, &c., ACCOUNT.

No. 20.)

THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Advances to the Under Secretary for Public Instruction	92,500 0 0	
Old Claims paid, viz. :—		
Refund of Deposits	7 15 0	
		92,507 15 0
By Funded Stock sold ... ..	.....	119,271 19 3
By Transfer to Miscellaneous Receipts, Consolidated Revenue Fund, surplus receipts to 20th December, 1897, derived from Church and School Lands, included in the late Public Instruction Endow- ment Account ... ..	.....	8,615 4 0
		£ 220,394 18 3
By Balance on 30 June, 1899—		
Cash ... ..	.....	78,125 15 2
TOTAL	£	298,520 13 5

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 3.

GENERAL POST OFFICE
NEW STREET RESUMPTION ACCOUNT

(53 VICTORIA, No. 13).

(SUSPENSE ACCOUNT).

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1899.

General Post Office—New

(53 VICTORIA

(SUSPENSE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN

Dr.

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
To RECEIPTS:—	£	s.	d.
Ground rent of portion of Martin Place occupied by Railway Department...	500	0	0
Ground rent of portion of Martin Place occupied by General Post Office Department	346	10	7
To Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, proportion of cost of forming lane	76	10	0
Total Receipts			
	£	923	0 7
To BALANCE on 30th June, 1899		468,051	15 7
TOTAL	£	468,974	16 2

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

3.

Street Resumption Account.

No. 13.)

ACCOUNT.)

THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Cr

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
By BALANCE on 30th June, 1898	468,974	16	2
TOTAL	468,974	16	2

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 4.

CENTENNIAL PARK ACCOUNT

(51 VICTORIA No. 9).

(SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.)

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

No.
Centennial Park

(51 VICTORIA,

(SUSPENSE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN

Dr.

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
/			
To BALANCE ON 30th June, 1899	228,416	17	8
TOTAL	£ 228,416	17	8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

4.
Account.

No. 9.)

ACCOUNT.)

THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.
By BALANCE on 30th June, 1898	£ s. d. 224,365 19 9
By Additional Expenditure on account of Centennial Park— Improvements under the following items, viz. :—	
Item No. 313 of 1895-6	£ s. d. 847 4 4
Item No. 324 of 1896-7	3,203 13 7
	4,050 17 11
Total	£ 228,416 17 8

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer

No. 5.

ADVANCES TO GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

ADVANCES AND REPAYMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Dr.

ADVANCES TO
ACCOUNT CURRENT of ADVANCES and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 30th June, 1899	1,500,000	0	0
TOTAL	£ 1,500,000	0	0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

5.

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

REPAYMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
By Balance, 30th June, 1898	£	s.	d.
	1,500,000	0	0
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TOTAL	£	1,500,000	0 0

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 6.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT.
(48 VICTORIA, No. 24.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPER

(48 Vic.

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND

Dr.

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, 30th June, 1898—		
Investment—New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ...	338,000 0 0	
Cash	48,911 14 5	
		386,911 14 5
To deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, during the year ended 30th June, 1899... ..	26,242 4 6	
To transfer from Schedule B, amount provided for Pensions to Superannuated Officers, for the year ended 30th June, 1899	3,500 0 0	
To interest on investment. New South Wales Treasury Bills, 1st January to 31st December, 1898	13,520 0 0	
To interest on Uninvested Funds, 1st January to 31st December, 1898	2,012 15 10	
To transfer from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet abatements which should have been deducted from Pensions paid to officers whose services have been dispensed with from the following Departments, viz.:—		
Executive and Legislative	181 0 0	
Attorney-General	5 0 0	
Public Works	116 18 0	
Justice	64 0 0	
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry... ..	600 0 0	
		46,241 18 4
To proceeds of sale of New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	.....	25,000 0 0
TOTAL	£	458,153 12 9

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

6.

ANNUATION ACCOUNT.

No. 21.)

DISBURSEMENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By pensions authorised under Schedule B	3,499 16 3	
By pensions authorised under Civil Service Act of 1884	93,057 2 3	
		96,556 18 6
By gratuities granted under sections 43 and 49	157 4 6	
By gratuities granted under section 49	732 12 8	
By gratuities granted under section 51	580 0 0	
		1,469 17 2
By Miscellaneous—		
Refunds of contributions under section 62 of Public Service Act of 1895	6,196 7 11	
Refund of improper deductions	8 19 10	
Transfer to Consolidated Revenue Fund to cover amount of deductions charged in error to Votes of 1897-8	2 12 3	
Transfer to Consolidated Revenue Fund to amount of deduction charged in error to a Vote of 1898-9	1 15 0	
		6,209 15 0
Total payments	£	104,236 10 8
By Sale of New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	25,000 0 0
By Balance, 30th June, 1899—		
Investment—New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ...	313,000 0 0	
Cash	15,917 2 1	
		328,917 2 1
TOTAL	£	458,153 12 9

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.
Treasurer.

No. 7.

POLICE REWARD FUND.

(16 VICTORIA No. 33, AND 25 VICTORIA No. 16.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

No.

POLICE RE

(16 VICTORIA No. 33,

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSE

Dr.

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.
To BALANCE, 30TH JUNE, 1898:--			
Cash.....	654	2	5
To AMOUNT OF FINES, &c., RECEIVED IN YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899	6,643	13	9
TOTAL	£ 7,297	16	2

The Treasury, New South Wales.
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

7.

WARD FUND.

AND 25 VICTORIA No. 16.)

MENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

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NAMES.	PERIOD FOR WHICH DRAWN.		AMOUNT DRAWN.	TOTAL.	
	From	To			
BY PENSIONS PAID :—					
Margaret Beatty, widow of late Sergeant James Beatty	1 April, 1898.	31 Mar., 1899	£ s. d. 75 0 0	£ s. d. 549 15 11	
Louisa Codrington, widow of late Trooper Codrington, of the Western Gold Escort	"	"	18 5 0		
Mary Callaghan, widow of late Constable John Callaghan	"	"	50 0 0		
Mary Jane Donaldson, widow of the late Senior-constable Richard Donaldson	"	"	50 0 0		
Annie Foy, widow of late Constable John Foy, of the Tabulam Police	"	"	30 0 0		
Bridget Grundy, widow of the late Constable Wm. F Grundy	21 Mar., 1898.	"	41 4 5		
Julia Ledgerwood, widow of late Constable William Ledgerwood, of the Newcastle Police	1 April, 1898	"	40 0 0		
Georgina Mitchell, widow of late Constable John Mitchell	"	"	50 0 0		
Caroline Barbara Murrow, widow of late Senior-constable Henry Murrow	"	"	100 0 0		
Clara L McGuffie, widow of the late Sergeant John McGuffie	"	"	60 0 0		
Elizabeth Nelson, widow of late Constable Samuel Nelson	"	"	15 0 0		
Elizabeth F Pearce, widow of the late Constable Wm Henry Pearce	14 Dec, 1898	"	20 6 6		
BY GRATUITIES PAID :—					
Anne Oxley, widow of the late Senior-sergeant J. H. Oxley			315 0 0		1,113 0 0
Eliza F. Carvell, widow of the late Constable Wm George Carvell			157 10 0		
Margaret Foley, widow of the late Constable John Foley			225 0 0		
Clara King, widow of the late Constable Thomas King			240 0 0		
Annie Madden, widow of the late Constable Michael J Madden			63 0 0		
B. S. Murphy, widow of the late Constable Robert Murphy			112 10 0		
BY MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS :—					
Gratuities for assisting the Police			113 15 0	259 15 6	
Transferred to Consolidated Revenue Fund—amounts credited in error to this Fund			8 9 6		
Refund of fines			81 11 0		
Funeral expenses of deceased constables			56 0 0		
TOTAL PAYMENTS			£	1,922 11 5	
BY TRANSFER TO POLICE SUPERANNUATION FUND				4,900 0 0	
BY BALANCE, 30TH JUNE, 1899 :—					
Cash				475 4 9	
TOTAL			£	7,297 16 2	

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 8.

POLICE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

(16 VICTORIA No. 33, AND 25 VICTORIA No. 16.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Dr. ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSE,

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	TOTAL.
	£ s d.
To BALANCE, 30TH JUNE, 1898—	
Cash in Treasury	782 1 8
To AMOUNT OF DEDUCTIONS from the SALARIES of the POLICE FORCE, paid into the Treasury in year ended 30th June, 1899	8,326 5 9
To TRANSFERS from the POLICE REWARD FUND	4,900 0 0
To ADVANCE ON ACCOUNT OF PENSIONS PAYABLE, made from Treasurer's Advance Account pending proper provision for same	10,704 10 0
Carried forward	£ 24,712 17 5

8.

ANNUATION FUND.

AND 25 VICTORIA No. 16.)

MENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

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NAMES.	PERIOD FOR WHICH DRAWN.		AMOUNT DRAWN.	TOTAL.
	From	To		
BY PENSIONS PAID—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Superintendent Edward M. Battye ...	1 April, 1898	12 July, 1898	141 6 1	
Superintendent John D. Brown ...	"	31 Mar., 1899	337 10 0	
Superintendent James Garland ...	"	"	300 0 0	
Superintendent John D. Meares ...	"	"	470 0 0	
Inspector Robert Anderson ...	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector James Stephenson... ..	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector Charles Thorpe	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector Thomas Thompson	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector Alexander Mackay	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector Alexander Atwill	"	"	325 0 0	
Inspector Edmund Lawless	1 Feb., 1899	"	51 4 3	
Sub-Inspector Miles Burns	1 April, 1898	"	250 0 0	
Sub-Inspector John Carroll	"	"	250 0 0	
Sub-Inspector John J. Fitzpatrick ...	"	"	191 12 6	
Sub-Inspector Samuel D. Johnston ...	"	"	187 10 0	
Sub-Inspector Thomas Grieve	"	"	191 12 6	
Sub-Inspector William Long	"	"	250 0 0	
Sub-Inspector Richard Musgrove ...	"	27 Feb., 1899	174 16 6	
Sub-Inspector Wm. M'Cormack	"	31 Mar., 1899	191 12 6	
Sub-Inspector Stephen Steele	"	"	187 10 0	
Acting Sub-Inspector Thomas H. Webb	"	"	127 15 0	
Senior Sergeant Hugh Abercrombie...	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Robert Bell... ..	1 Feb., 1899	"	30 19 6	
Senior Sergeant John Buckley	1 April, 1898	"	86 13 9	
Senior Sergeant John Church	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant David Cowan	27 May, 1898	"	162 4 6	
Senior Sergeant John L. Dale	1 April, 1898	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant John P. Ewing	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Jeremiah Frewin ...	"	"	63 17 6	
Senior Sergeant Wm. Garrick	1 Feb., 1899	"	28 17 6	
Senior Sergeant John Harmer	1 April, 1898	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant John Healey	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Bartholomew Higgins	1 Feb., 1899	"	30 19 6	
Senior Sergeant John Kenny	1 April, 1898	"	142 19 2	
Senior Sergeant William Lawler	"	"	142 19 2	
Senior Sergeant William Lee	"	"	142 19 2	
Senior Sergeant Thomas M'Namara...	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Robert Megarvy ...	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Joseph Parker	"	"	191 12 6	
Senior Sergeant Robert W. Thomson	"	"	191 12 6	
Sergeant Bennett Bennett	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant John J. Buckley	1 Feb., 1899	"	27 5 9	
Sergeant James Brennan	1 April, 1898	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Michael Carroll	27 May, 1898	"	140 16 3	
Sergeant Gordon Dawson	1 April, 1899	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant John Dawson	"	"	106 9 2	
Sergeant John Flaherty	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Lewis Griffiths	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Edward Grennan	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Thomas Goldrick	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant John Hurley	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant James Harper	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Myles Higgins	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant William Morrow	"	"	126 4 7	
Sergeant Thomas Mulqueeny	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Alexander Miller	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Henry M. Stapylton	"	"	126 4 7	
Sergeant William Sutton	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant George Thompson	"	"	168 16 3	
Sergeant Henry Tubman	"	"	106 9 2	
Sergeant David Walker	1 Feb., 1899	"	27 5 9	
Sergeant Stephen Woods	"	"	27 5 9	
Senior Constable John Aggett	1 April, 1898	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable John Benton	"	"	101 17 11	
Senior Constable Henry Bassmann ...	"	"	109 10 0	
Carried forward	£	11,410 0 6	

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	TOTAL.
Brought forward	£ 24,712 17 5
Carried forward	24,712 17 5

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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NAMES.	PERIOD FOR WHICH DRAWN.		AMOUNT DRAWN.	TOTAL.
	From	To		
Brought forward ...	£	£ s. d. 11,410 0 6	£ s. d.
BY PENSIONS PAID— <i>continued.</i>				
Senior Constable Arthur Berckelman	1 April, 1898	31 Mar., 1899	109 10 0	
Senior Constable Edward Broomfield.	"	"	68 8 9	
Senior Constable James Brennan	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James Campbell	"	"	73 0 0	
Senior Constable George F. Davis	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable John Dobbs	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Edward Dowling	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Henry Finlay	"	"	68 8 9	
Senior Constable Andrew Gall	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Robert Gracey	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James Hassard	"	"	109 10 0	
Senior Constable Daniel Hogan	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James Johnston	"	"	109 10 0	
Senior Constable Robert Kennedy	"	"	91 5 0	
Senior Constable Charles Lane	"	"	60 16 8	
Senior Constable John Loughlin	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Michael Loughnane	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable William Martin	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable John Mara...	"	"	109 10 0	
Senior Constable Donald Miller	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Edward W. Mitchell	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James M'Hale	"	"	60 16 8	
Senior Constable John M'Neely	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable John M'Kenzie	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable John M'Elligott	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James M'Carthy	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James Noonan	"	"	136 17 6	
Senior Constable John O'Connor	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Daniel O'Sullivan...	"	"	109 10 0	
Senior Constable John O'Brien	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Charles Pearson	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Patrick Ryan	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable James Shearer	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable Patrick Smyth	"	29 Dec., 1898	109 4 0	
Senior Constable Charles Walmsley	"	31 Mar., 1899	68 8 9	
Senior Constable Lewis F. Ward	"	"	109 10 0	
Senior Constable H. L. Williams	"	"	146 0 0	
Senior Constable George Young	"	"	146 0 0	
Constable John F. Alford	"	"	91 5 0	
Constable James Arthur	"	"	95 16 3	
Constable Joseph Boyan	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable James Brassington	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable William Board	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable James C. Beer	"	8 Mar., 1899	64 2 6	
Constable Robert R. Casey	"	31 Mar., 1898	136 17 6	
Constable Patrick Cain	"	"	54 15 0	
Constable John Caban	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable Thomas Coonan	"	"	79 1 8	
Constable John Colleton	"	"	85 3 4	
Chief Constable John Davis	"	"	50 0 0	
Constable James Delaney	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable James Dillon	"	"	91 5 0	
Constable George Dearden	"	"	88 4 2	
Constable Patrick Duffy	"	"	127 15 0	
Constable George Egar	"	"	54 15 0	
Constable Jno. Farry	"	5 May, 1898	8 3 4	
Constable Michael H. Fox	"	31 Mar., 1899	136 17 6	
Constable Garret Fitzgerald	"	"	95 16 3	
Constable Thomas Franklin	"	"	91 5 0	
Constable Michael Gallagher	1 Feb., 1899	"	22 2 6	
Constable John Goddard	1 April, 1898	"	127 15 0	
Constable Thomas A. Harricks	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable Thomas Harris	"	"	136 17 6	
Constable John Henery	"	"	95 16 3	
Constable James Johnston	"	"	101 17 11	
Carried forward ...	£	18,819 3 3	

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.					TOTAL.		
					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	£	24,712	17	5
TOTAL					£	24,712	17 5

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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NAMES.	PERIOD FOR WHICH DRAWN.		AMOUNT DRAWN.	TOTAL.	
	From	To			
Brought forward ...	£	£ s. d. 18,819 3 3	£ s. d.
BY PENSIONS PAID—<i>continued.</i>					
Constable Robert Jones ...	1 April, 1898	31 Mar., 1899	91 5 0		
Constable Myles King ...	6 Mar., 1898	6 Mar., 1899	68 8 9		
Constable John Lawler ...	1 April, 1898	31 Mar., 1899	101 17 11		
Constable Thomas Lyons ...	"	"	63 17 6		
Constable George Lesmond ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable Edwin C. Lewis ...	"	"	68 8 9		
Constable Richard Lisson ...	"	"	127 15 0		
Constable Peter Malone ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable Henry Margetts ...	"	"	101 17 11		
Constable Robert Mayne ...	"	"	79 1 8		
Constable John Micklegun ...	"	"	97 6 8		
Constable Patrick Moran ...	"	"	127 15 0		
Constable Michael Moran ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable John Moloney ...	"	"	101 17 11		
Constable Robert Murphy ...	"	22 May, 1898	9 15 0		
Constable Charles Murphy ...	"	31 Mar., 1899	136 17 6		
Constable James McMahan ...	"	"	101 17 11		
Constable John M'Coy ...	"	"	91 5 0		
Constable Thomas Naghten ...	"	"	101 17 11		
Constable Patrick Nicholson ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable John Nevin ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable William F. Osborn ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable George Payne ...	"	"	63 17 6		
Constable Alexander Pirie ...	"	"	101 17 11		
Constable Oliver Rea ...	"	"	36 10 0		
Constable James Roberts ...	"	"	54 15 0		
Constable John Robson ...	27 May, 1898	"	115 17 6		
Constable James Rutledge ...	1 April, 1898	"	136 17 6		
Constable Carl Schroder ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable Henry A. Slater ...	"	"	75 0 0		
Constable James Smith ...	"	"	54 15 0		
Constable Roger Sparkes ...	"	"	136 17 6		
Constable Ernest Stüve ...	"	"	127 15 0		
Constable Donald Sutherland ...	"	"	127 15 0		
Constable Wm. H. Souter ...	"	2 July, 1898	21 14 0		
Constable Robert Stapleton ...	"	31 Mar., 1899	136 17 6		
Constable Philip Sweeney ...	1 July, 1896	4 Aug., 1896	13 2 6		
Constable James Thompson ...	1 April, 1898	31 Mar., 1898	54 15 0		
Constable George Turner ...	"	15 July, 1898	29 11 10		
Constable John White ...	"	31 Mar., 1899	101 17 11		
Constable Robert Williamson ...	1 Jan., 1898	31 Mar., 1898	23 5 0		
					22,661 12 10
BY AMOUNTS PAID AS GRATUITIES on leaving the Police Force:—					
Senior Constable Robert Clarke ...			117 18 0		
Constable James C. Beer ...			168 15 0		
Constable Michael Connors ...			207 18 0		
Constable James Draper ...			222 18 0		
Constable Norman McL. Gilchrist ...			22 18 0		
Constable Percy Harrison ...			200 8 0		
Constable Dudley J. Stephens ...			131 18 0		
Constable James D. Walker ...			50 8 0		
					1,123 1 0
BY MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS:—					
Medical Fees ...			27 6 0		
Funeral Expenses ...			7 0 0		
					34 6 0
Total Payments ...				£	23,818 19 10
BY BALANCE, 30th June, 1899:—					
Cash in Treasury ...					893 17 7
TOTAL ...				£	24,712 17 5

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

TRUST MONEYS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT of TRUST MONEYS deposited in the TREASURY, and of the RE-ISSUES therefrom, in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

OFFICER DEPOSITING.	BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1898.	DEPOSITS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.	TOTAL.	RE-ISSUES IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.	BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1899.
Official Assignees in Insolvency—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
W. H. Palmer	236 4 10	137 5 9	343 10 7	91 15 3	251 15 4
L. T. Lloyd ... ..	.....	30 10 0	30 10 0	30 10 0	.....
N. F. Giblin	10 0 0	6 11 0	16 11 0	.....	16 11 0
TOTALS	£ 216 4 10	174 6 9	390 11 7	122 5 3	268 6 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 10.

SPECIAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT of SPECIAL DEPOSITS and of the RE-ISSUES therefrom, in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1898.			DEPOSITS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.			TOTAL.	RE-ISSUES IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.			BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1899.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9	166,211	0	4	54,428	17	6	220,639	17	10	44,100	19	1	176,538	18	9
Bankruptcy Estates Account, 51 Vic. No. 19	8,000	0	0	.....			8,000	0	0	.....			8,000	0	0
Bankruptcy Suitors Fund, 51 Vic. No. 19	620	9	2	206	5	0	826	14	2	.....			826	14	2
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund, 51 Vic. No. 19	6,891	5	7	321	18	11	7,213	4	6	31	19	10	7,181	4	8
Country Towns Water Supply Works Repayment—Loan Trust Account	1,520	7	4	530	5	10	2,050	13	2	.....			2,050	13	2
Government Savings Bank Account	4,729,697	9	7	3,466,212	13	10	8,195,910	3	5	3,087,746	11	9	5,108,163	11	8
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board Store Advance Account	1,000	0	0	.....			1,000	0	0	.....			1,000	0	0
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Deferred Payments Account	213	12	5	240	13	0	454	5	5	273	2	6	181	2	11
Carried forward	£ 4,914,154	4	5	3,521,940	14	1	8,436,094	18	6	3,132,152	13	2	5,303,942	5	4

STATEMENT of SPECIAL DEPOSITS and of the RE-ISSUES therefrom—*continued.*

ACCOUNTS:	BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1898.			DEPOSITS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.			TOTAL.	RE-ISSUES IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.			BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1899.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Brought forward	£ 4,914,154	4	5	3,521,940	14	1	8,436,094	18	6	3,132,152	13	2	5,303,942	5	4
Immigration Remittances	55	10	0	52	0	0	107	10	0	6	0	0	101	10	0
Imperial Pensions Account ... ..	.....			19,241	15	5	19,241	15	5	18,920	12	3	321	3	2
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund, 50 Vic. No. 13	28,759	5	1	28,285	11	11	57,044	17	0	25,000	0	0	32,044	17	0
Municipal Council of Sydney—															
Moore-street Improvement Loan Sinking Fund ... ..	.....			118	15	0	118	15	0	.....			118	15	0
Town Hall Loan Sinking Fund ... ..	.....			1,267	0	2	1,267	0	2	.....			1,267	0	2
Public Markets Loan Sinking Fund ... ..	.....			100	19	5	100	19	5	.....			100	19	5
Streets Loan Sinking Fund ... ..	.....			2,379	14	10	2,379	14	10	.....			2,379	14	10
Cattle Saleyards Loan Sinking Fund ... ..	.....			482	7	10	482	7	10	.....			482	7	10
Newcastle Borough Council, Water Debentures Sinking Fund	3,788	2	1	.....			3,788	2	1	.....			3,788	2	1
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)	20,000	0	0	.....			20,000	0	0	.....			20,000	0	0
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)	20,000	0	0	.....			20,000	0	0	.....			20,000	0	0
Poundage	1,558	11	11	421	9	0	1,980	0	11	596	17	2	1,383	3	9
Public Schools Property Fund	1,297	4	2	220	8	0	1,517	12	2	.....			1,517	12	2
Public Service Assurance Account ... ..	.....			25	6	7	25	6	7	0	15	9	24	10	10
Public Works Security Deposits Account	11,634	12	5	41,042	13	10	52,677	6	3	42,884	11	3	9,792	15	0
Railway Store Account	208,405	11	0	526,686	14	0	735,092	5	0	477,332	5	8	257,759	19	4
Railway Construction Store Account	71,035	18	9	85,595	6	0	156,631	4	9	77,997	10	9	78,633	14	0
Revenue Suspense Account	10,068	6	9	542,191	7	3	552,259	14	0	540,364	19	10	11,894	14	2
Seamen's Wages	337	11	5	622	2	11	959	14	4	823	15	7	135	18	9
Sheep Account	973	5	1	18,045	5	0	19,018	10	1	18,510	15	6	507	14	7
Savings Bank of New South Wales—Deposit Account	2,165,000	0	0	250,000	0	0	2,415,000	0	0	.....			2,415,000	0	0
Sewerage Contractors' Advance Account	2,934	7	2	2,476	5	9	5,410	12	11	4,456	1	3	954	11	8
Store Advance Account, Harbours and Rivers	1,553	14	0	8,185	2	8	9,738	16	8	9,223	14	6	515	2	2
Services of other Departments Advance Account—Harbours and Rivers Department... ..	129	16	10	.....			129	16	10	129	16	10	.....	
Survey Fees under the Mining Act	768	13	6	2,493	4	2	3,261	17	8	1,792	16	0	1,469	1	8
Testamentary and Trust Fund ... ..	.....			126	14	9	126	14	9	.....			126	14	9
Tender Board Deposit Trust Account ... ..	.....			15,944	1	3	15,944	1	3	13,394	14	3	2,549	7	0
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9 ... ..	.....			170,172	12	5	170,172	12	5	170,172	12	5	.....	
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account	14,923	14	7	22,983	0	2	37,906	14	9	24,277	3	1	13,629	11	8
Volunteer Military Forces Deferred Payment Account	5,476	12	9	2,161	17	3	7,638	10	0	3,426	7	0	4,212	3	0
Water Supply and Sewerage Board Store Advance Account	13,312	12	0	16,595	15	4	29,908	7	4	17,768	11	9	12,139	15	7
Sundry Deposits Account	83,818	17	6	88,085	1	4	171,903	18	10	88,547	15	0	83,356	3	10
TOTALS... ..	£ 7,579,986	11	5	5,367,943	6	4	12,947,929	17	9	4,667,780	9	0	8,280,149	8	9

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 11.

THE GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

THE GENERAL

Dr.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance on 30th June, 1898				1,530,664	0	1
To Repayments to Credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—						
44 VICTORIA No. 28.						
Railways—						
Murrumburrah to Blayney, 108 miles	24	18	5			
Harbours and Rivers Navigation—						
Towards completing Darling Harbour Wharf and extension of Railway to deep waters of Port Jackson	1,501	16	3			
Towards Harbour Works, Lake Macquarie	227	1	7			
48 VICTORIA No. 26.						
Harbours and Rivers Branch—						
Lake Macquarie Harbour Works... ..	5	6	9			
Railway Branch—						
Orange to Molong, <i>via</i> Borenore, 21 miles	92	5	3			
Borenore to Forbes, <i>via</i> Cudal, 60 miles... ..						
52 VICTORIA No. 17.						
Fortifications—						
Cost of Warlike Stores, new Submarine Mining and Electric Light Stores, Boats, &c.	15	1	4			
Harbours and Rivers Branch—						
Woolloomooloo Bay Improvements	42	12	5			
Towards improving the navigation of the Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers	1,210	0	0			
Carried forward	£	3,119	2 0	1,530,664	0	1

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... .. .	£ 3,119 2 0	£ 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to Credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
53 VICTORIA No. 23. Sewerage Branch— Western Suburbs— Main Scheme	1,158 12 3	
54 VICTORIA No. 33. Clarence River Improvements	1,500 0 0	
Carried forward	£ 5,777 14 3	£ 1,530,664 0 1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.		AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward...		£			101,383	10	11
53 VICTORIA No. 23.							
Railways—							
Meat Market at Pymont...		7,951	0	0			
Erection of new Workshops, Eveleigh, including resumption of Land—further sum...		9	6	4			
Harbours and Rivers Branch—					7,970	6	4
White Bay Reclamation...		5	1	3			
Removal of Argyle Reefs, South Arm, Clarence River...		1	6	8			
Colonial Architect's Branch—					6	7	11
University—Completion of Lodges, Gates, Laboratory, &c.		1,752	9	0			
University—Chemical and Mineralogical Department—Towards erection of, an equal amount to be paid from the Challis Bequest...		35	4	9			
Roads and Bridges Branch—					1,787	13	9
Road from Main Southern Road, near Bowral, to the Wombeyan Caves...					7,174	14	3
Sewerage Branch—							
Manly Sewerage, 53 Vic. No. 7...		9,941	7	6			
Western Suburbs—							
Main Scheme, 53 Vic. No. 15...		116,023	15	2			
Randwick Drainage—further sum...		27	11	8			
54 VICTORIA No. 33.					125,992	14	4
Railways—							
Completion of duplication of Illawarra Line to Waterfall; North Coast Line—Teralba to Adamstown; Main Southern Line—Granville to Picton, and continuation of same towards Goulburn; also duplication of line, Ryde to Hornsby...					1,293	18	3
Tramways—							
Additional Rolling Stock, and to meet Expenses of Experiments in connection with Electric Trams...					8,075	13	5
Railway Construction Branch—							
To complete the Railway from Sydney to Wollongong and Kiama...					238	3	9
Harbours and Rivers Branch—							
Clarence River Improvements—towards, 54 Vic. No. 13...		1,500	0	0			
Light House, Point Perpendicular, Jervis Bay—Erection of...		8,842	1	8			
Government Architect's Branch—					10,342	1	8
For the erection and completion of Gaols, Court-houses, and Lock-ups—							
Towards completion of the following buildings, viz.:—Court- house and Public Offices, Bourke; Court-house, Hay; Grafton Gaol; St. Albans Court-house and Lock-up; and New Central Police Court, Sydney...		3,968	15	9			
Towards the Erection of the undermentioned buildings, viz.:— Macksville Court-house, &c.; Nowra Court-house; Greta Court-house (site for); Redfern Court-house and site; West Maitland Court-house and site; Watch-house, Clarence-street, Sydney; Michelago Court-house; Court- house, Dubbo (land for); Lock-ups at Sofala, Penrith, South Grafton, Tinonee, Minmi, Regent-street (Sydney), Rockdale, Kogarah, Singleton (and site), Brushgrove, Tamworth, Kelso, Rylstone (site for), and Broadwater...		197	3	6			
Roads and Bridges—					4,165	19	3
Bridges Branch—							
For Erection of Bridges at the undermentioned sites:— Bullock Island; Johnston's Creek; Castlereagh River, at Mundooran; Wilson's River, at Ballingarra, road Roland's Plains to Ballingarra; Wilson's River, at Telegraph Point; Morton's Creek, road Beechwood to Ennis; McIntyre River, at Inverell; Ollera, Modern, and Limestone Creeks, road Guyra to Tingha; George's River, at Liverpool; Stone-quarry Creek, at Picton; Cunningham's, near Bom- bala; Paroo River, at Wanaaring; Hunter River, at Jerry's Plains; approach Bridge and Embankment, Boggabri Bridge, Coldstream River; approaches to Redbournebury Bridge...					5,000	0	0
Carried forward...		£			273,431	3	10

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... .. .	£ 5,777 14 8	1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to Credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
54 VICTORIA No. 33— <i>continued.</i>		
Water Supply and Sewerage—		
Construction of New Sewers, Ventilating Shafts, &c., Sydney and Suburbs	49 10 4	
Reticulation of Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Schedule A of Act 54 Vic. No. 17)	0 17 5	
55 VICTORIA No. 35.		
Roads and Bridges Branch—		
Swanhill Bridge—Moiety of cost	4,031 11 11	
56 VICTORIA No. 24.		
Public Watering Places, &c.—		
For construction of Public Watering Places, Appliances, Cottages, Fencing, &c., for Artesian Boring upon Stock Routes, and Expenditure incidental thereto	300 0 0	
Carried forward... .. .	£ 10,159 13 11	1,530,664 0 1

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... £	273,431 3 10
54 VICTORIA No. 33—<i>continued.</i>		
Sewerage Branch—		
Extension of Waverley and Woollahra to Randwick—further sum	4,583 0 1	
Storm-water Sewers—		
3. Ashfield Branch—Long Cove Creek Storm-water Channel...	450 2 10	
Double Bay Creek Channel, from main Bondi Sewer to Double Bay	365 8 9	
Cottage Creek, Newcastle—Storm-water Sewer (59 Vic. No. 2)	646 19 8	
Wallsend Storm-water Channel, to its junction with Ironbark Creek	373 0 2	
		6,418 11 6
Water Supply and Sewerage—		
Construction of New Sewers, Ventilating Shafts, &c., Sydney and Suburbs	2,515 11 4	
Reticulation of Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Schedule A of Act 54 Vic. No. 17)	45 0 4	
		2,560 11 8
Military Works Branch—		
Magazines at Newington	773 15 2	
Military Magazines at Goat Island	69 9 10	
		843 5 0
Technical Education—		
Technical Colleges and Technological Museums at Bathurst, Broken Hill, Maitland West, and Newcastle—Erection of ... .. . . .	.....	83 12 11
Water Conservation and Irrigation—For Surveys, Gauging of Rivers, and Construction of various Works in connection with Water Conservation, and distribution for Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining Industries, and for domestic use, and for the Resumption of land in connection therewith		
	.....	5,957 16 9
55 VICTORIA No. 35.		
Military Works—		
Emplacements for Quick Firing and Machine Guns ... .. . . .	.....	60 18 8
Government Architect's Branch—		
Treasury, New Strong Room—Erection of (60 Vic. No. 11) ... .. . . .	.....	356 4 2
Roads and Bridges—		
Swanhill Bridge—Moiety of cost ... .. . . .	.....	31 11 11
Sewerage Branch—		
Storm-water Sewers—		
Rookwood Necropolis Drainage—further sum	1,402 12 10	
Randwick Storm-water Drainage (towards), east and west sides	1,133 4 1	
Johnstone's Creek Storm-water Sewers (57 Vic. No. 33)	5,269 11 5	
Beattie-street to White Bay, Balmain	168 12 7	
Storm-water Sewer—White Creek (towards)	2,205 11 3	
		10,179 12 2
56 VICTORIA No. 24.		
Military and Defence Works—		
For erection of, and completion of Fortifications, and for Military Works generally ... .. . . .	.....	393 17 9
Harbours and Rivers Branch—		
Reclamation of Careening Cove and Neutral Bay, North Shore, including construction of necessary sea-walls and purchase of land—further sum ... .. . . .	.....	23 8 6
Sewerage Branch—		
Euston Park, Balmain, Storm-water Channel ... .. . . .	.....	399 15 1
Public Watering Places, &c.—		
For construction of Public Watering Places, Appliances, Cottages, Fencing, &c., for Artesian Boring upon Stock Routes, and Expenditure incidental thereto	300 0 0
Carried forward £	301,040 9 11

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... ..	£ 10,159 13 11	£ 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
57 VICTORIA No. 17. Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board— To provide for Additional Reticulation and other Works ...	11 6 7	
58 VICTORIA No. 14. Railway Construction Branch— Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum ...	51 6 10	
Harbours and Rivers Branch— Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum ...	41 10 2	
Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum ...	1,475 0 0	
Centennial Park Reservoir ...	176 15 3	
Carried forward	£ 11,915 12 9	£ 1,530,664 0 1

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	£			301,040	9	11
57 VICTORIA No. 17.						
Railway Construction Branch—						
Towards the Construction of Tramways generally—further sum				7	17	1
Harbours and Rivers Branch—						
Wharf at White Bay				238	1	6
Hunter District Water Supply and Sowerage Board—						
To provide for Additional Reticulation and other Works				3,240	19	8
Sewerage—						
Bay-street Overflow Sewer	5,551	18	6			
Sea-slopes, Bondi and Waverley, draining into Bondi Sewer (first section)	6,354	4	4			
				11,906	2	10
Water Conservation Branch—						
Water Supplies for Towns, &c., not incorporated				3	17	11
58 VICTORIA, No. 14.						
Railway Construction Branch—						
Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum—54 Vic. No. 14	5	13	9			
Milson's Point Extension—further sum—54 Victoria No. 21	15	0	0			
				20	13	9
Harbours and Rivers Branch—						
Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum	1,306	12	3			
Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum—52 Vic. No. 19	481	6	5			
Wharf on Eastern side of Woolloomooloo Bay	16	4	0			
Flood Relief Works, Richmond River, <i>via</i> Evans River	31	12	0			
Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum	1,475	0	0			
Centennial Park Reservoir—58 Victoria No. 12	6,745	17	9			
				10,056	12	5
Government Architect—						
Mint—Renewal of Machinery and Buildings	70	0	0			
Treasury Strong Room—Erection—further sum—60 Vic. No. 11	1,000	0	0			
				1,070	0	0
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—						
Liverpool Water Supply—Extension	74	17	2			
Richmond Water Supply	66	16	0			
				141	13	2
Sewerage—						
Storm-water Sewer, Brickfield Creek, Parramatta	42	7	11			
Storm-water Sewer, North Sydney—						
Careening Cove	724	4	8			
Euroka Creek	2	2	0			
Resumption of Land, North Sydney	350	10	4			
				1,119	4	11
Military and Defence Works—						
Defence Works, Armaments, &c.... .. .	1,871	12	10			
Defence Works generally	826	8	6			
				2,698	1	4
Government Architect—						
Gaol—						
Wilcannia Gaol—Additions	142	14	11			
Court-houses—						
West Maitland Court-house—Erection—further sum	871	13	8			
Erection of and Additions to Post and Telegraph Offices at Adamstown, Homebush, Annandale, Camperdown, Ennongonia, Glen Innes, Minmi, Moree, Parramatta North, Parramatta, North Sydney, Robertson, Wagga Wagga, and at minor towns	40	6	7			
Erection of and Additions to Police Buildings, &c., at Broadwater, Kogarah, Ferramont, Murrumburrah, Penrith, Rylstone, Sofala, Berry, Darlinghurst, Pambula, Surry Hills, Tilpa, Tumut, Alexandria, Coonamble, Crookwell, Daysdale, Forbes, Geroogery, Jindera, Kyamba, Maclean, Marrickville, Marsden, Moruya, Mount Drysdale, Trundle, Tweed River Heads, Yandarloo, Cumnoock, Mathoura	1,004	5	0			
				2,059	0	2
Carried forward	£			333,602	14	8

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... .. . £	£ s. d. 11,915 12 9	£ s. d. 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
59 VICTORIA No. 6.		
To promote Settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895—		
Towards meeting Cost of Clearing and otherwise Improving of Lands for Settlement purposes, and Expenses incidental thereto	936 7 6	
Railway Construction Branch—		
Construction of Tramways generally	297 18 4	
Parkes to Condobolin Railway	17 19 0	
Harbours and Rivers Branch—		
Richmond River Improvements—further sum	2,500 0 0	
Towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities, Port of Newcastle	7,504 15 6	
Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c., Cook's River	180 8 6	
Trial Bay Harbour Improvements	1,004 10 0	
Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage—		
Country Towns Water Supply generally	625 0 0	
Water Conservation and Irrigation, Artesian Boring, and Public Watering Places—		
Construction of Works in connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drainage, for Artesian Boring on Stock Routes and Crown Land, for construction of Public Watering Places and Appliances, and Expenditure inci- dental thereto... .. .	2,112 4 11	
Carried forward £	27,094 16 6	1,530,664 0 1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—continued.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward...	£			333,602	14	8
59 VICTORIA No. 5.						
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1896, viz. :—						
In July—						
Railways and Public Works, 29 Victoria No. 23				500	0	0
59 VICTORIA No. 6.						
Railways—						
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances—further sum				684	14	1
Tramways—						
Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes To promote Settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895—				10	8	2
Towards meeting the Cost of Clearing and otherwise Improving of Lands for Settlement purposes, and Expenses incidental thereto				22,349	15	9
Railway Construction Branch—						
Construction of Tramways generally	6,537	4	0			
Berrigan to Jerilderie Railway, 59 Vic. No. 1	2,429	18	3			
Parkes to Condobolin Railway, 59 Vic. No. 4	2,539	18	3			
Land Resumptions for authorised Railways	997	18	10			
Land Claims on old Railway Lines	420	3	6			
Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum—54 Vic. No. 27	53	8	0			
Harbours and Rivers Branch—				12,978	10	10
Richmond River Improvements—further sum—54 Vic. No. 9... .. .	2,500	0	0			
Nambucca River Improvements	1,256	4	11			
Towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities, Port of Newcastle, 59 Vic. No. 8	24,635	6	0			
Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c., Cook's River	2,787	10	10			
Trial Bay Harbour Improvements	2,318	16	6			
Towards improving Entrance to Camden Haven	19	5	8			
Government Architect—				33,517	3	11
Supreme Court, Sydney—Additions	309	9	6			
Treasury Buildings—Additions—further sum—60 Vic. No. 11	8,490	3	10			
Mines Department—Erection of Offices... .. .	11	1	5			
Museum—Additions, &c.	87	12	7			
Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage—				8,898	7	4
Country Towns Water Supply generally	725	0	0			
Country Towns Sewerage	217	3	8			
Department of Mines—				942	3	8
Metallurgical Works and Appliances, and Expenditure incidental thereto	739	18	0			
Agricultural Branch—						
Agricultural College and Experimental Farms and Stations... .. .	39	13	9			
Water Conservation and Irrigation, Artesian Boring and Public Watering Places—						
Construction of Works in connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drainage, for Artesian Boring on Stock Routes and Crown Land, for the construction of Public Watering Places and Appliances, and Expenditure incidental thereto	22,239	16	9			
Harbours and Rivers Branch—				23,019	8	6
New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour	84	9	6			
Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke	878	9	1			
Dock at the Richmond River	93	0	7			
Government Architect—				1,055	19	2
Court-houses—Erection—Peak Hill and Bowral	154	18	9			
Lock-ups—Erection and Sites—Dubbo, Burwood, Junee, Wee Waa, and Surry Hills	800	0	0			
Police Stations—Erection—Wyalong, Ford's Bridge, and Pallamallawa	90	12	11			
				1,045	11	8
Carried forward	£			488,604	17	9

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward	£ 27,094 16 6	£ 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz.:—		
59 VICTORIA No. 6— <i>continued.</i>		
Roads and Bridges—		
Bridge, Murray River at Albury	7 16 2	
Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction	6 15 0	
New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River	62 7 0	
Department of Mines—		
Forest Branch—		
For Thinning-out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves ...	110 18 0	
60 VICTORIA No. 32.		
Harbours and Rivers—		
Towards North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle	99 17 9	
Darling Harbour Wharf—Extension of Railway to Port Jackson, Purchase of Land	0 10 0	
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, providing for discharge of Flood-waters	3 3 1	
Carried forward... ..	£ 27,386 3 6	£ 1,530,664 0 1

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward... £				438,604	17	9
59 VICTORIA No. 6—<i>continued.</i>						
Roads and Bridges—						
Bridges (3) Warrambools on Road Walgett towards Brewarrina, &c., Fall's Creek, Ellenborough River, Marra Creek, near Butterbone, Gobarralong, Murrumbidgee River, Fish River at O'Connell, Bogan River at Monkey, Namoi River at Walgett, Giant's Creek, Murray River, at Albury (Moiety), Turon River at Wallaby Rocks, Cuttaburra Creek (3), Road Bourke to Wanaaring, Molonglo River at Foxlow, Adelong Creek at Moore's Crossing, Colombo Creek, Nunnock Creek, Tantawongle River, Cooradigbee Creek, Tenterfield Creek, Tenterfield, Narran River at Angledool or Yerambah, Page's River near Blandford Station, Marra Creek at Hermitage, Bogan River at Buddabadah	3,344	19	9			
North Bourke Bridge—Approaches	209	10	10			
Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c.	2,878	0	1			
New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River	191	16	4			
Department of Mines—				6,624	7	0
Compensation for cancellation of Sale or Lease of Land in terms of section 45, Land Act of 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889				125	0	0
Forest Branch—						
For Thianing-out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves				43	10	6
60 VICTORIA No. 32.						
Military—						
For Defence Purposes generally, including Electric and Search Lights and Submarine Mines	6,145	14	9			
For Purchase of 1,000 Magazine Rifles and Equipment	2,884	5	9			
Railways—				9,030	0	6
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum	22	6	9			
Additions to Rolling Stock	19,155	3	1			
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and other purposes, including Safety Appliances	544	9	0			
Government Tramways—				19,721	18	10
For Conversion of the existing Tram lines to and Electric System, and to provide additional Rolling Stock in connection therewith				70,043	8	3
Department of Lands—						
For Hay Irrigation Works				30	13	1
Bridges—						
Stonequarry Creek, in Picton	1,739	7	1			
Dunmore, Paterson River	6,990	16	8			
Kempsey, Macleay River	12,080	0	8			
Tweed River, at Murwillumbah	1,224	16	8			
Harbours and Rivers—				22,035	1	1
Hastings River Improvements	7,847	0	5			
Towards North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle	10,621	0	3			
Improvement of the Navigation of Macleay River	15	18	0			
Darling Harbour Wharf—Extension of Railway to Port Jackson, Purchase of Land	98,553	5	5			
Duplicate Main from Prospect to Potts' Hill (in conjunction with present Canal and Pipe-line, including land compensation), 61 Vic. No. 36	64,830	15	9			
Long Cove Reclamation and Wharfage	360	5	10			
Dredge Dock, Clarence River	1,515	13	6			
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, providing for discharge of Flood-waters, 60 Vic. No. 43	12,312	17	8			
Government Architect—				196,056	16	10
Court-houses—Erections—Additions, &c.—Wyndham and Bourke (further sums), Parkes, West Maitland, Redfern, White Cliffs, Taree, and Hillston	2,492	11	11			
Berrima Gaol—Erection of Governor's Quarters, &c.	84	12	9			
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—Additional Buildings, 58 Vic. No. 7	110	1	0			
Carried forward... .. . £	2,687	5	8	762,315	13	10

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PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... .. . £	£ s. d. 27,386 3 6	£ s. d. 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Notes, viz. :—		
60 VICTORIA No. 32— <i>continued.</i>		
Customs House—Alterations	2 12 3	
Post Office, Randwick	9 0 0	
Tramways Construction— Electric Tramway from Circular Quay to Redfern Railway Station, and also along Harris-street to the intersection of John-street	14,778 3 11	
Railway Construction— Nevertire to Warren Railway	56 1 11	
Tamworth to Manilla Railway	355 1 8	
Berrigan to Finley Railway	3,670 9 4	
Railway Trial Surveys	50 0 0	
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— <i>Water—</i> Improvements, &c., to Supply Canal above Prospect Reservoir	0 6 11	
Carried forward... .. . £	46,307 19 6	1,530,664 0 1

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... .. . £	£ s. d. 2,687 5 8	£ s. d. 762,315 13 10
60 VICTORIA No. 32—<i>continued.</i>		
Government Architect—<i>continued.</i>		
Hospitals—Additions, &c.—Parramatta, Newcastle, and Rydalmere	681 18 0	
Lock-ups—Erection, &c.—Wentworth, Hill End, Tinonee, Forbes, and Quirindi... .. .	2,646 6 11	
Health Board Offices—further sum	12 0 0	
Local Land Board and Survey Offices, East Maitland, Dubbo, and Hay—Completion—further sum	129 4 6	
Land Board and Survey Office, Bourke—Erection	2,282 1 3	
Newcastle Boatmen's Quarters	140 4 0	
Customs House—Alterations	2,280 4 11	
Public Works and Colonial Secretary's Buildings—Leading-in Lines, &c., Electric Lighting Plant, and Steam or Hot Water Plant	2,538 14 8	
Police Stations and Quarters—Erection, &c.—Eden, Albury, Lismore, Gladstone, Tibooburra, Currabubula, and Milparinka	2,168 1 11	
Post Offices—Erections, Additions, &c.—Lismore, Alexandria, Peak Hill, Summer Hill, Murwillumbah, Carrington, Randwick, Arncliffe, and South Broken Hill	2,092 15 1	
General Post Office—Additions	2,158 5 1	
Offices of the Inspector-General of Police and Controller-General of Prisons	23 11 5	
		19,840 13 5
Sewerage Construction—		
South Willoughby and Outfall Works, and Land Resumption	6,520 15 4	
Mossman's and Outfall Works	7,935 10 1	
Double Bay Low Level	1,522 16 11	
Storm-water Sewer, Newcastle District, Pasturage Reserve Drainage Extension	134 0 9	
Branch Drains—New Lambton, Lambton, Adamstown, and Hamilton	5,902 9 2	
Northern Slopes, North Sydney	178 6 2	
Providing new Sewers, and for elevating Sewage into Main Bondi Outfall Sewer, at Woolloomooloo	4,024 10 11	
Branch Sewer draining parts of Randwick and Waverley	7,174 6 4	
Sewerage in Low Level Zone at Rushcutter's Bay	692 14 9	
Construction of Drain across Reclamation to connect Main Drain, Long Cove	280 18 5	
		34,366 8 10
Tramways Construction—		
Electric Tramway from Circular Quay to Redfern Railway Station, and also along Harris-street to the intersection of John-street, 60 Vic. No. 10 ... .. .	.....	93,939 18 10
Railway Construction—		
Nevertire to Warren Railway, 60 Victoria No. 8	7,777 5 9	
Tamworth to Manilla Railway, 60 Victoria No. 31	39,238 11 9	
Jerilderie to Berrigan Railway, 59 Vic. No. 1	2,045 1 9	
Berrigan to Finley Railway, 60 Victoria No. 26	15,018 8 0	
Railway Trial Surveys	4,158 1 8	
		68,237 8 11
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		
<i>Water—</i>		
General Reticulation and other works in connection with Water Supply within the County of Cumberland	6 11 10	
Manufacture and Erection of Steel Storage Tanks at Wahroonga, Pymble, and Hornsby, for Districts along Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway Line, and Duplicate Engine at Chatswood	1,511 3 8	
Erection of Buildings for Caretakers, &c., of Depôts and Water Stations, Additions to Engine-house, Crown-street	1,528 2 9	
Improvements, &c., to Supply Canal above Prospect Reservoir	1,591 12 2	
Duplicate Trunk Main, Chatswood to North Sydney (to recoup advance from Revenue)	26 1 3	
		4,663 11 8
Carried forward £	983,363 15 6

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward... £	£ s. d. 46,307 19 6	£ s. d. 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
60 VICTORIA No. 32— <i>continued</i> .		
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		
<i>Sewerage</i> —		
Reticulation in Waverley, Paddington, Randwick, Waterloo, and North Sydney	9,280 9 9	
Mines—		
Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms—further sum...	139 8 6	
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—		
Construction of Works in connection with Artesian Boring and Water Supplies on Stock Routes and Crown Lands; for the construction of Public Watering Places and Appliances and Expenditure incidental thereto...	20 0 0	
Department of Lands—		
Towards Clearing or otherwise Improving Crown Lands ...	6 11 6	
Roads—		
Relaying Wood-blocks in King-street, Newtown, from Bligh- street to the Railway Bridge	700 0 0	
Carried forward £	56,451 9 3	1,530,664 0 1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	£	983,363 15 6
60 VICTORIA No. 32—<i>continued.</i>		
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		
<i>Sewerage—</i>		
Extension of Reticulation in the City	332 8 11	
Reticulation in Waverley, Paddington, Randwick, Waterloo, and North Sydney	27,411 4 7	
Darling Harbour Low-level Works	454 18 0	
Circular Quay Low-level Works	155 10 10	
		28,354 2 4
<i>Miscellaneous Services—</i>		
For Erection of Country Technical Colleges and Technological Museums	1,340 4 0	
For Additions to Technical College, Sydney	74 15 0	
		1,414 19 0
<i>Mines—</i>		
To provide Water Supplies for Mining Townships, &c.—further sum	1,293 2 3	
For Metallurgical and Assay Works, School of Mines, and to promote the development of the Mining Industry	425 0 8	
Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms—further sum	5,366 16 8	
		7,084 19 7
<i>Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—</i>		
Construction of Works in connection with Artesian Boring and Water Supplies on Stock Routes and Crown Lands; for the Construction of Public Watering Places, and appliances and expenditure incidental thereto ... .. .	.....	25,673 7 4
<i>Department of Lands—</i>		
Towards Clearing or otherwise Improving Crown Lands ... .. .	.....	4,451 15 4
<i>Roads—</i>		
Relaying Wood-blocks in King-street, Newtown, from Bligh-street to the Railway Bridge... .. .	.....	5,000 15 9
<i>Bridges—</i>		
For Erection of Bridges at the undermentioned sites—Wollondilly River, at Rossi's Crossing; Wollomombi River, Armidale to Kempsey; Byron Creek Road, Possum Shoot to Brooklet; Deep Creek, Moonie to Congarini; Bargo River, Main South Road; Biree River, Molten Plains to Brewarrina; Culgoa River, at Weilmoringle; Deep Creek, Bega to Nimitybelle; Wilson's Creek, Lyttleton to Bembooka; Bega River, at Bega Main South Coast Road; Duck Creek, at Canonbar, Canonbar to Pine Ridge; Narromine; Broadwater Creek, Broadwater Creek to Lawrence; Westbrook Bridge, Camden to Oaks; Cowal, at Trangie; Coalbaggie Creek, Dubbo, Coonamble to Collie; Warren Creek, Coonamble to Tunderbrine Creek; Hunter River, at Morpeth; Rocky Creek, Grebert's to Solferino; Fortis Creek, Grebert's to Solferino; Carrigatel Creek, Forbes to Marsden and Wyalong, including land compensation; Lagoon Creek, Kempsey to foot of Jeogla Mountain; Lower Creek, Armidale, near 59 mile; Wheency Creek, at Blaxland's Ridge; Cox's River, at Junction, Main West Road; Bow Bridge, Main South Coast Road; Weean Creek, Inverell to Strathbogie; Gil Gil Creek, at Wilboa; Billabong, at Cape; Billabong Creek to Urana; Camden Haven, at Kendall; Tuross Estuary, Trunkatabella Bridge, Main South Coast Road; Twelve-mile Creek, Pilliga to Walgett; Burren Creek Walgett, <i>via</i> Burren, to Narrabri; Nepean River, at Harvey's Crossing (further sum); Molonglo River, at Burbong, Goulburn to Cooma; Queanbeyan River, at Queanbeyan; Seven Hills, No. 1 near Station; Seven Hills, No. 2 near Station; Swamp, Blacktown Road, Blacktown to Windsor Road; Bluff River, Glen Innes to Tenterfield; Sandy Creek, Tenterfield to Ballina; Bokhara Road, Walgett to Brenda; and Whitton, over Lagoon	15,925 19 9
Carried forward	£	1,071,269 14 7

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward...	£	56,454	9 3	1,530,664	0	1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—						
61 VICTORIA No. 43.						
Railways—						
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum ...		603	2 1			
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances		34	13 0			
Tramways—						
Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes		250	0 0			
Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for other purposes		1,813	5 0			
Harbours and Rivers—						
Richmond River Improvements—further sum		2	1 8			
Clarence River Improvements—further sum		0	17 9			
Carried forward	£	59,191	8 9	1,530,664	0	1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward... £		1,071,269	14 7
60 VICTORIA No. 32—<i>continued.</i>				
Harbours and Rivers—				
New Wharf, Circular Quay, late A.S.N. Company's Wharf ...	332	7 6		
Towards fitting Steam-steering Gear on Tugs, and Electric Light on Dredges and "Thetis"	70	5 5		
Wharf and Crane at Bourke	3,825	3 8		
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars	6,056	17 6		
			10,284	14 1
Government Architect—				
Court-houses—Erections, Additions, &c.—Cudal; Pambula; Glen Innes; Delegate Court and Watch House; Lismore; Tiboburra—Purchase of Building; Gilgandra Court-room and Offices; Hillston; Peak Hill Court and Watch House—additional sum; West Kempsey—further sum; Albury; Darlinghurst; Water Police Court; Buckley's Crossing Court and Watch House; Armidale; Court Houses generally	1,627	2 9		
Governor Phillip's Statue—Foundation, &c.	717	6 8		
Purchase of Site for Court-house and Lock-up at Burwood ...	7	1 0		
Lock-ups—Erections, Additions, &c.—Cobar, Coolah, Gunnedah, and Rockley	1,446	10 0		
Police Stations and Quarters—Additions, &c.—Enngonia, Tamworth, Broken Hill, Taree, Forbes, Jindera, Nowendoc, Ungarie, Gloucester, Mungindi, Narrabri, Coolah; Police Buildings generally, and Lock-ups	3,024	14 10		
			6,822	15 3
Sewerage Construction—				
Necropolis—Drainage ... .. .	.....		812	3 5
Mines—				
Resumption of Accommodation House, &c., at Jenolan Caves, and to provide improved buildings ... .. .	.....		500	0 0
61 VICTORIA No. 43.				
Railways—				
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum ...	62,265	8 4		
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances	64,877	5 4		
			127,142	13 8
Tramways—				
Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes	6,496	14 3		
Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for other purposes	2,912	5 10		
			9,409	0 1
Wollongong Harbour Works—				
Cost of Works taken over by the Government—further sum ...	.....		3	9 8
Bridges—				
Pymont, 61 Vic. No. 19	5,060	0 2		
Glebe Island, 61 Vic. No. 45	25,787	10 11		
			30,847	11 1
Harbours and Rivers—				
Lighthouse and Quarters, Cape Byron	110	0 2		
Nambucca River Improvements—further sum	2,190	2 2		
Richmond River Improvements—further sum, 54 Vic. No. 9 ...	29,422	0 2		
Cape Hawke—Improvements to Entrance—further sum ...	167	18 5		
Manning River Improvements—further sum	10,465	13 9		
Clarence River Improvements—further sum, 54 Vic. No. 13 ...	21,923	9 1		
Bellinger River Improvements—further sum	3,888	0 9		
Macleay River Improvements—further sum	3,543	12 6		
Camden Haven Improvements—further sum	4,690	17 8		
Tweed River Improvements—further sum	846	8 3		
Improvement of the Apsley River	570	0 0		
Horse Ferry Dock and Landing at Dawes' Point, with Roadway thereto—Subject to the North Shore Council constructing a suitable dock, &c., at Blue's Point, North Shore ...	230	17 5		
Carried forward £	78,049	0 4	1,257,092	1 10

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward... .. .	£	78,049	0 4	1,257,092	1 10	
61 VICTORIA No. 43— <i>continued.</i>						
Harbours and Rivers— <i>continued.</i>						
Dock for Dredges, Tweed River		993	18 2			
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of New Wing—Electric Light, &c.		127	9 8			
Landing Silt and forming Ground		7,487	9 4			
Providing extra Mooring Accommodation for loaded ships.						
Newcastle Harbour		1,459	12 4			
Deepening of Eastern Channel, Sydney Harbour		3,858	3 3			
Completion of Sea Wall, Rushcutters' Bay, and Reclamation— further sum			1 0 10			
Wharf Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay, including Cargo Sheds, east side		10,106	8 6			
New Jetty, Circular Quay, west side		9,240	11 4			
Glebe Island—Levelling, &c.		593	8 3			
Country Towns—Water Supply, generally		41,955	4 6			
Services of other Departments' Advance Account, to provide for Works and Services, carried out for other branches of the Service; and also for repairs to British and Foreign Men- of-war Ships. The value to be replaced from time to time, as the cost of such Works or Services is ascertained—the whole amount to be held available until adjusted		5,000	0 0			
Government Architect—				158,872	6 6	
<i>Public Buildings Generally—Erections, Additions, Alterations, &c.—</i>						
Court-houses—Bowraville; Adaminaby; Coramba; Parkes; Glen Innes; Broken Hill; Kew; Wyalong; Gulgong;		9,360	14 3			
Court-houses generally		1,263	12 2			
Lock-ups—Port Macquarie; Burwood; Lock-ups generally ...						
Police Stations—Darlinghurst; Manilla; Wardell; Balranald; Woolongong; Whitton; Moonbi; Dalmorton; Tuena; Narromine; Eugonia; Captain's Flat; Police Stations generally		8,238	8 11			
Prison for Females—Erection		11	1 5			
Parramatta Gaol—Additions, &c.		9,439	17 9			
Darlinghurst Gaol—Additions, &c.		3,000	0 0			
Kenmore Hospital for Insane, including Fittings, &c.—further sum, 58 Vic. No. 7		19,000	5 10			
Parramatta Hospital for Insane—Additions, Fittings, &c. ...		120	0 0			
Rydalmere Hospital for Insane—Additions, Fittings, &c. ...		2,000	0 0			
Post and Telegraph Offices—Broken Hill (South); Taree; Wyalong (West); Manilla; Dulwich Hill; Lismore; Newcastle (West); Wentworth; Newcastle; Post and Telegraph Offices generally; Purchase of Sites, Post and Telegraph Offices		7,452	3 11			
General Post Office—Mansard Roof, &c.		21,083	17 10			
Art Gallery—Additions—further sum		2,490	0 0			
Lands Office—Strong-room		781	18 2			
Board of Health New Offices, including Fittings, &c.—further sum		867	9 9			
Australian Museum—Additions, &c.		203	8 4			
Government Printing Office—Additions, Electric Light, Fit- tings, &c.		2,277	12 6			
Government House—Renewal of Building, &c.		1,189	17 1			
Botanic Gardens—Improvements		3,286	1 11			
Sydney Hospital—further sum		40	0 0			
Little Bay Hospital—New Nurses' Quarters, &c.		4,300	0 0			
Land Board and District Survey Offices, Tamworth—Erection.		396	1 3			
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—New Offices		3,895	2 6			
Sewerage Construction—				100,697	13 7	
Willoughby and Chatswood Sewerage		3,090	13 11			
Rookwood Asylum—Sewerage		1,868	17 4			
White's Creek Storm-water Channel—further sum		624	0 4			
Jenolan Caves—Drainage Works in connection with Govern- ment Buildings		117	6 5			
				5,700	18 0	
Carried forward	£		1,522,362	19 11	

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward £	£ s. d. 60,402 14 6	£ s. d. 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to Credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—		
61 VICTORIA No. 43— <i>continued</i> .		
Railway Construction—		
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—further sum	53 11 8	
Berrigan to Finley Railway—further sum	1 0 0	
Moree to Inverell Railway	7 1 8	
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		
General Reticulation and Improvements to Water Supply to districts of Canterbury, Surry Hills, Redfern, Botany Road, Rookwood, Glebe ; also Trunk Main from Centennial Park Reservoir to the Western and North-western Suburbs	518 5 2	
Additions, Upper Canal Banks, above Prospect, and other Minor Works	48 3 1	
Raising Puddle Wall of Prospect Embankment, and works connected therewith	0 7 10	
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally	4,214 1 9	
Carried forward £	65,245 5 8	1,530,664 0 1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... .. .	£	1,522,362 19 11
61 VICTORIA No. 43— <i>continued.</i>		
Railway Construction—		
Extension of Railway into Rookwood Cemetery—further sum...	0 7 6	
Trial Surveys	7,000 0 0	
Tramway Construction generally... .. .	14,370 17 2	
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—further sum	53 11 8	
Berrigan to Finley Railway—further sum, 60 Vic. No. 26 ...	2,726 0 0	
Moree to Inverell Railway, 61 Vic. No. 12	82,737 10 6	
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		106,888 6 10
General Reticulation and Improvements to Water Supply to Districts of Canterbury, Surry Hills, Redfern, Botany Road, Rookwood, Glebe; also Trunk Main from Centennial Park Reservoir to the Western and North-western Suburbs	56,803 18 11	
Additions, Upper Canal Banks, above Prospect, and other minor works	5,125 11 6	
Raising Puddle Wall of Prospect Embankment, and works connected therewith	2,310 7 11	
Extension of Water Supply—Districts of Camden and Narellan	494 17 8	
Extension of Water Supply, District of Carlingford	1 1 5	
Public Instruction—		64,735 17 5
For Public School Buildings and Sites ... .. .	.....	5,000 0 0
Jenolan Caves—		
For Resumption of Accommodation House, and to provide Improved Buildings—further sum ... .. .	.....	1,764 14 9
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally .....	.....	34,130 6 4
Police—		
To provide a Steam Launch for the use of the Water Police ...	.....	1,650 0 0
Military—		
To provide Drill Halls and Buildings, with equipment in connection with Defence Works, Volunteers, and others ...	5,275 3 2	
Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for Reserve Stock ...	28,300 0 0	
Mercantile Explosives Branch—		33,575 3 2
Purchase of a Steam Launch for Towage purposes ... .. .	.....	699 17 4
Board of Health—		
Instruments and Fittings for new Bacteriological Laboratories	.....	1,142 1 7
Marine Board—		
Conversion of Steamer "Ajax" into Pilot Boat for Newcastle...	.....	165 4 9
Bridges—		
Bridge, Cockburn River, road Tamworth to Nundle; Albury-street, Murrumburrah, within Municipality; Urana Creek, road Deniliquin to Urana; Emu Creek, road Booral to Bulladelah; George's Creek, road Kempsey to Jeogla Mountain; Rocky Creek, road Coast Road to Perrett's; Cockle Creek, road Cockle Creek to Teralba; Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley (further sum); Taylor's Creek No. 2, road Deniliquin <i>via</i> Aratula to Tocumwal; Bong Bong Creek, road South Grafton to Moonee; Tumut River, road Tumut <i>via</i> Brungle to Gundagai; Saucy Creek, road Bombala to Mahratta to Craigie; Stony Creek, at Coila, Main South Coast road; Willandra Creek Approaches, road Booligal to Ivanhoe; Burrangong Creek, road Caragabel to Clifton; Wheeney Creek, road Bell's Line to Putty, G.N. Road; Bridges (3), Deep Creek and Jackson's Waterholes, road Narrandera to Buckinbong; Bridge, Oakey Creek, road Tamworth to Barraba; over Burton's Creek, road Pambula to New Buildings; over Jones' Creek at Gundagai, road Gundagai to Wantabadgery; over Cudgegong River at Rylstone; over Jandra Creek, road Bourke to Louth; over Mehi River, at Moree; over Chandler River; over Bywash, at Paroo River, at Wanaaring, road Bourke to Wanaaring; Plumbago Creek, road Ballina to Tenterfield; over Burrill Creek, road Burrill Creek to Kimbriki, Moruya; over Hunter River, at Glendon, road Waddell Orchard to Singleton Road; over Paterson River, at Hinton, road Hinton to Phenix Park	21,023 12 11
Carried forward... .. .	£	1,793,138 5 0

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward...	£	65,245	5 8	1,530,664	0 1	
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :—						
61 VICTORIA No. 43— <i>continued.</i>						
Harbours and Rivers—						
Self-propelled Sand-pump Dredge—further sum		16	17 1			
Government Architect—						
Biloela Gaol		10	0 0			
Registrar-General's Offices—Electric Light		0	1 0			
Mines Department—						
For Erection of Agricultural Colleges, and to provide a Recreation Reserve in lieu of Land taken for Experimental Farm purposes		14	19 4			
Repayment of Loans—						
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1898—						
In July, Railways and Public Works, 31 Vic. No. 27		500	0 0			
62 VICTORIA, No. 36.						
Railways—						
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum		6	16 0			
Carried forward...	£	65,793	19 1	1,530,664	0 1	

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward... .. .						
				1,793,138	5	0
61 VICTORIA No. 43—<i>continued.</i>						
Punts and Launches—						
New Steam Ferry Punt for Grafton, Clarence River; New Hand Ferry Punt (including approaches), Coraki, Richmond River (Adams-street); New Steam Launch for the Clarence River Ferry Service; New Steam Launch for the Hunter River Ferry Service				1,236	0	0
Harbour and Rivers—						
Shallow-draft Steamer for Dredge Service	1,457	13	5			
Self-propelled Sand-pump Dredge—further sum	5,016	17	1			
Improvements, George's River	998	0	0			
Wharf, Balranald—Raising; Wharf at Newport, Pittwater (foot of Queen's Parade)	553	19	2			
				8,026	9	8
Government Architect—						
<i>Public Buildings Generally—Erection, Additions, Alterations, Fittings, &c.—</i>						
Court-houses—Coolamon, Bingera, Oberon, Tamworth, Hay, Mudgee, Bathurst, Goodooga, Grafton, Delegate, Darlinghurst, Redfern (Fittings, &c.), Armidale, Hill End, Gulgong, Warren; Court-houses generally	6,048	2	1			
Lock-ups—Narrabri (West), Roselle (Balmain), Wyalong, Deniliquin (South); Lock-ups generally	1,692	14	0			
Gaols—Forbes, Moree, Parramatta, Bathurst, Biloela. Installation of Electric Light in the principal Gaols of the Colony, viz.:—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, and Young; Gaols generally	8,428	16	9			
Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	750	0	0			
Police Stations—Collie, Wauchope, Koorawatha, Girilambone, Broke, Batlow, Cessnock, Warroo, Booligal, Peat's Ferry, Ellenborough, Mulwala, Bourke, Goolagong, Gunning, Linton (Woods Reef, &c.), Bobadah (Overflow Mines), Albion Park, Bega, Broken Hill, Gresford, Bingera; Police Stations generally	7,832	1	9			
Post and Telegraph Offices—Howlong, Nowra, Jerilderie, Boggabri, Junee, Bathurst, Carrington—further sum; Post and Telegraph Offices generally	3,130	11	3			
Benevolent Asylums—Rookwood, Newington, and Liverpool	3,974	4	5			
Custom Houses—Sydney and Broken Bay	331	0	0			
Hawkesbury Agricultural College—Irrigation Works	2	4	6			
Registrar-General's Offices—Electric Light	468	1	11			
Little Bay Hospital—Fittings, &c.	35	16	11			
				32,693	13	7
Mines Department—						
For Erection of Agricultural Colleges, and to provide a Recreation Reserve, in lieu of Land taken for Experimental Farm purposes	3,014	19	4			
Jenolan Caves—To provide Fittings, &c., for improved Buildings	122	1	10			
Repayment of Loans—						
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1898—						
In July, Railways and Public Works, 31 Vic. No. 27				177,700	0	0
62 VICTORIA, No. 36.						
Railways—						
Towards the Duplication of portion of existing Railway Lines, and Works in connection therewith... ..	43	0	8			
Towards Improvements in Grades and Curves—further sum	15,949	16	9			
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances	32,739	7	5			
				48,732	4	10
Tramways—						
Additions to Workshops and Buildings and for other purposes, including Duplication of part of existing lines	154	12	8			
Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for other purposes	3,634	3	6			
				3,788	16	2
Carried forward				2,068,452	10	5

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward	£ 65,793 19 1	£ 1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz. :— 62 VICTORIA, No. 36— <i>continued</i> .		
 Harbours and Rivers—		
Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommodation —further sum... .. .	0 6 2	
 Railway and Tramway Construction—		
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—Costs, McSharry v. Com- missioners for Railways—further sum	305 14 3	
Trial Surveys	0 0 9	
 Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		
<i>Water Supply</i> —		
Improvements to Trunk Mains, Reticulation Works, Improve- ments to existing Reservoirs, strengthening Upper Canal Banks, and minor works	0 12 9	
 Administration of Justice—		
Trial Bay—Harbour Improvements	1 7 5	
Postmaster-General—		
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally	1,185 14 0	
Carried forward	£ 67,287 14 5	1,530,664 0 1

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	£			2,068,452	10	5
62 VICTORIA, No. 36— <i>continued.</i>						
Military—						
To complete Defences and Works necessary on the coast, including cost of resuming land	1,780	7	6			
Towards the Establishment of a Small Arms Ammunition Factory in New South Wales	7	16	0			
Harbours and Rivers—				1,788	3	6
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of Quarters	3,409	5	9			
Camden Haven River Improvements	3,003	17	4			
Landing-Silt from Dredges, including Special Dredging and Forming Ground	7,760	5	11			
Port Kembla Improvements, 62 Vic. No. 34	391	3	3			
Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommodation—further sum	4,192	5	7			
Naval Station Works, Garden Island—further sum	301	19	3			
George's River Improvements	296	5	5			
Railway and Tramway Construction—				19,355	2	6
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—Costs, McSharry v. Commissioners for Railways—further sum	1,590	8	8			
Nevertire to Warren Railway—further sum—60 Vic. No. 8	4,187	4	8			
The Rock to Green's Gonyah (Lockhart) Railway—62 Vic. No. 40	1	3	9			
Byrock to Brewarrina Railway, 62 Vic. No. 42	762	2	11			
Trial Surveys	3,362	6	10			
Government Architect—				9,903	6	10
Government Printing Office—Additions, &c.	790	16	8			
General Post Office—Additions—further sum	7,121	1	9			
Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices generally	52	1	8			
Gaols—Erection and Additions—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Bathurst, Berrima, East Maitland, Gaols generally	1,053	14	2			
Sewerage Construction—				9,017	14	3
Double Bay Low Level Sewerage—further sum	1,678	13	3			
Brennan-street, Easton Park, and Wallsend Storm-water Channels	360	8	10			
Quarantine Station Sewerage and Water Supply	39	11	8			
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—				2,078	13	9
Water Supply—						
Improvements to Trunk Mains, Reticulation Works, Improvements to existing Reservoirs, strengthening Upper Canal Banks, and minor works				3,877	12	7
Sewerage—						
Western Suburbs, including Balmain, completion of Reticulation Works, and ventilation and minor works, gravitation and low level	89,358	17	2			
Northern Suburbs (including Willoughby, Mosman, and Neutral Bay Division)	10,828	7	8			
Eastern Suburbs (including Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington)	1,503	16	3			
Sewage Farms—Distributing Carriers, under-draining Railway Buildings	2,610	6	11			
Administration of Justice—				104,301	8	0
Trial Bay—Harbour Improvements				1,925	11	7
Postmaster-General—						
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, generally				34,455	12	1
Bridges—						
Tumut River, at Oddy's; Nepean River, at Camden; Merrowie Creek, at Bellingerambil; Killawarra, Manning River; Cooma Creek; Clarence River, at Tabulam; Little River; Kempsey, Macleay River (further sum); Myall Creek; Flood Channel, Bogan River; Dingo Creek, at Cameron's Crossing; Manilla River, at Upper Manilla; Jugiong Creek; Cuttagree Creek; Talbragar River; Condie's Creek; Haslam's Creek; Dignam's Creek; Bottle Creek; Billabong Creek, at Garryowen; Croppa Creek; Lachlan River, at Condoblin; Yass River, at Gundaroo; Orara River, at Sharp's Crossing; St. Mary's Crossing, Allyn River; Reedy Creek, at Warialda; Tarlo River; Run of Waters Creek; Muddy Creek, West Botany; Rosedale, Murrumbidgee River; Billabong Creek; Bridges generally				1,054	10	10
Carried forward	£			2,256,210	6	4

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	67,287 14 5	1,530,664 0 1
To Repayments to credit of the undermentioned Votes, viz.:—		
62 VICTORIA, No. 36— <i>continued</i> .		
Harbours and Rivers—		
Sea-wall, Snail's Bay	5 6 4	
Public Watering Places, Artesian Wells, &c.—		
Boring for Artesian Water and Minerals for Public Watering Places generally, and expenses incidental thereto... .. .	15 14 0	
To Repayment to credit of Votes upon which there has been no expenditure during the year:—		
46 VICTORIA, No. 23—		
Harbours and Rivers Branch—		
Lake Macquarie Heads Improvements	140 0 0	
48 VICTORIA, No. 26—		
Railway Branch—Light Lines—		
Nyngan to Cobar, 82 miles	27 12 0	
54 VICTORIA, No. 33—		
Government Architect's Branch—		
For purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph offices	105 0 0	
59 VICTORIA, No. 6—		
Roads and Bridges and Sewerage—		
Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board—		
Duplicate Rising Main, Walka to Buttai	3 7 0	
60 VICTORIA, No. 32—		
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—		
Extension of Water Mains, and constructing a Reservoir to supply the Sulphide Corporation, Cockle Creek	0 0 8	
To proceeds of sale of Stock in the Colony:—		67,584 14 5
Under Act 59 Victoria, No. 6 (New South Wales Funded Stock)...	279 19 0	
Under Act 60 Victoria, No. 32 (New South Wales Funded Stock)...	951,465 12 9	
		951,745 11 9
TOTAL	£	2,549,994 6 3

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Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

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Accountant.

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward	£	£ s. d. 2,256,210 6 4
62 VICTORIA, No. 36—<i>continued.</i>		
Harbours and Rivers—		
Sea-walls, Manly—rebuilding	1,250 7 11	
Fitzroy Dock—Extension and Appliances	1,011 0 0	
Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works	36 0 0	
Sea-wall, Snail's Bay	983 7 11	
Bourke Wharf and Crane—further sum	533 8 8	
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, and providing for discharge of Flood Waters—further sum, 60 Vic. No. 43 ..	755 12 4	
Government Architect—		4,569 16 10
Bourke Land Board and Survey Offices—further sum	500 0 0	
Royal Mint—Additions and Fittings—further sum	1,249 0 4	
Government House, Sydney—Rebuilding	1,283 8 4	
Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Additions and Water Supply	497 8 6	
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions—Bourke, Wallsend, Jerilderie, Hillgrove, Nowra, Wyalong West, Bathurst, Minor Towns; Post Offices generally; Turret Clocks for Post Offices, Newtown, Broken Hill, Lismore, and North Sydney, on condition that the respective Municipal Councils provide one-third of total cost... .. .	1,808 14 3	
Police Stations—Erections and Additions—Gosford, Parkes, Currabubula, Glen Innes, Goolagong, Wollongong, Broke, Collie, Gilgandra, Girilambone, Tumbarumba, Ellenborough, Bathurst, Wardell, Frederickton, Tuena, Chatsworth Island, Koorawatha, Waroo, Balranald, Kempsey, Mt. McDonald, Finley, Merriwa, West Maitland, Canowindra, Wagga Wagga, Camden Haven, Police Stations generally	1,174 0 4	
Gaols—Erections and Additions—Young; Mudgee; Electric Light Installations in Gaols, Darlinghurst, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, and Parramatta (further sum); Gaols generally	1,846 4 2	
Agriculture—		8,358 15 11
For the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges and Experimental Farms ... .. .	.....	4,443 19 7
Public Watering Places, Artesian Wells, &c.—		
Boring for Artesian Water and Minerals, for Public Watering Places generally, and Expenses incidental thereto... .. .	.....	6,809 11 6
REPAYMENT OF LOANS.		
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1899, in January—		
Railways and Public Works—32 Vic., No. 13 ... .. .	.....	191,500 0 0
GRAND TOTAL	£	2,471,892 10 2
By Balance on 30th June, 1899 ... .. .	.....	78,101 16 1
TOTAL	£	2,549,994 6 3

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 12.

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS ACCOUNT.

(ACT No. 1 OF 1899.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

ADVANCES TO

(ACT No. 1

Dr.

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
To proceeds of Stocks sold under Act No. 1 of 1899	<p style="text-align: right;">£ s. d.</p> <p>219,400 0 0</p>
TOTAL	<p>£ 219,400 0 0</p>

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

12.
SETTLERS ACCOUNT.

OF 1899.)

DISBURSEMENTS IN THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.
	£ s. d.
By Advances made to the Advances to Settlers Board for the purposes of Sec. 9 of the Advances to Settlers Act of 1899... ..	1,000 0 0
„ Balance, 30th June, 1899	218,400 0 0
TOTAL	219,400 0 0

No. 13.

RAILWAY LOAN REDEMPTION FUND.

(53 VIC. No. 24.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

RAILWAY LOAN

(53 Vic.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in terms of Section 1 of the Act 53 Vic. No. 24. (Eighth Instalment.)	75,000	0	0
TOTAL... ..	75,000	0	0

The Treasury, New South Wales.
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

13.

REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 24.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
/			
By Balance, 30th June, 1899	75,000	0	0
TOTAL	£ 75,000	0	0

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 14.

TREASURY BILLS REDEMPTION FUND.

(53 VIC. No. 9.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

TREASURY BILLS

(53 Vic.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying off Treasury Bills issued under Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889, and in terms of section 6 of that Act (53 Vic. No. 9). (Ninth Instalment)	150,000	0	0
TOTAL... ..	£	150,000	0 0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

14.
REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 9.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
By Redemption of Treasury Bills, Nos. 9, 10, and 11, held on behalf of the Government			
Savings Bank	150,000	0	0
TOTAL... ..	£ 150,000	0	0

No. 15.

NEW SOUTH WALES 1924 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

(58 Vic. No. 14.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

No.
NEW SOUTH WALES 1924
 (58 Vic.)

Dr. ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and DIS-

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
To Balance, 30th June, 1898	£ s. d. 19,806 10 0
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in terms of section 2 of the Act 58 Vic. No. 14 (Fourth Instalment)	6,602 3 4
TOTAL	£ 26,408 13 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
 Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
 Accountant.

15.
STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 14.)

BURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
/			
By Balance, 30 June, 1899	£	26,408	13 4
TOTAL	£	26,408	13 4

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 16.

NEW SOUTH WALES 1925 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

(59 VIC. No. 6.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

NEW SOUTH WALES 1925

(59 VIC.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
To Balance on 30th June, 1898	£ s. d. 22,225 10 0
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in terms of section 2 of the Act 59 Vic. No. 6 (Fourth Instalment)	7,408 10 0
TOTAL... .. .	29,634 0 0

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Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

16.

STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 6.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
/			
By Balance, 30th June, 1899...	£	29,634	0 0
TOTAL...	£	29,634	0 0

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 17.

NEW SOUTH WALES 1927 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.
(60 VIC. No. 32.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
To Balance, 30th June, 1898	£ 6,937 s. 8 d. 8
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in terms of section 2 of the Act 60 Vic. No. 32 (Second Instalment)	6,937 8 8
TOTAL	£ 13,874 17 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

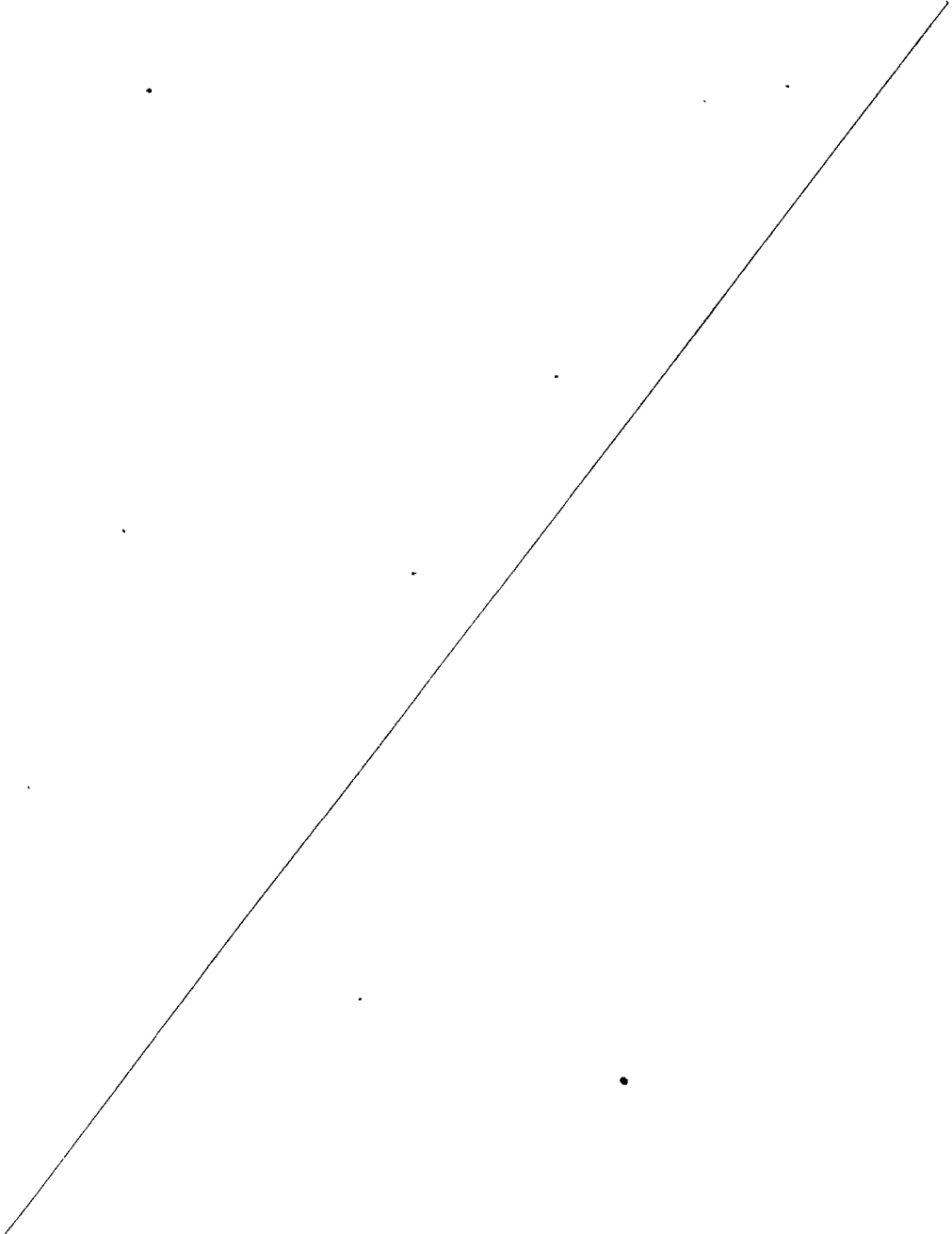
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STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 32.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
			
By Balance, 30th June, 1899	£	13,874	17 4
TOTAL	£	13,874	17 4

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 18.

NEW SOUTH WALES 1928 STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

(61 VIC. No. 43.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Dr.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	
	£	s. d.
To Transfer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in terms of section 2 of the Act 61 Vic.		
No. 43 (First Instalment)	7,491	11 4
TOTAL	£	7,491 11 4

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Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

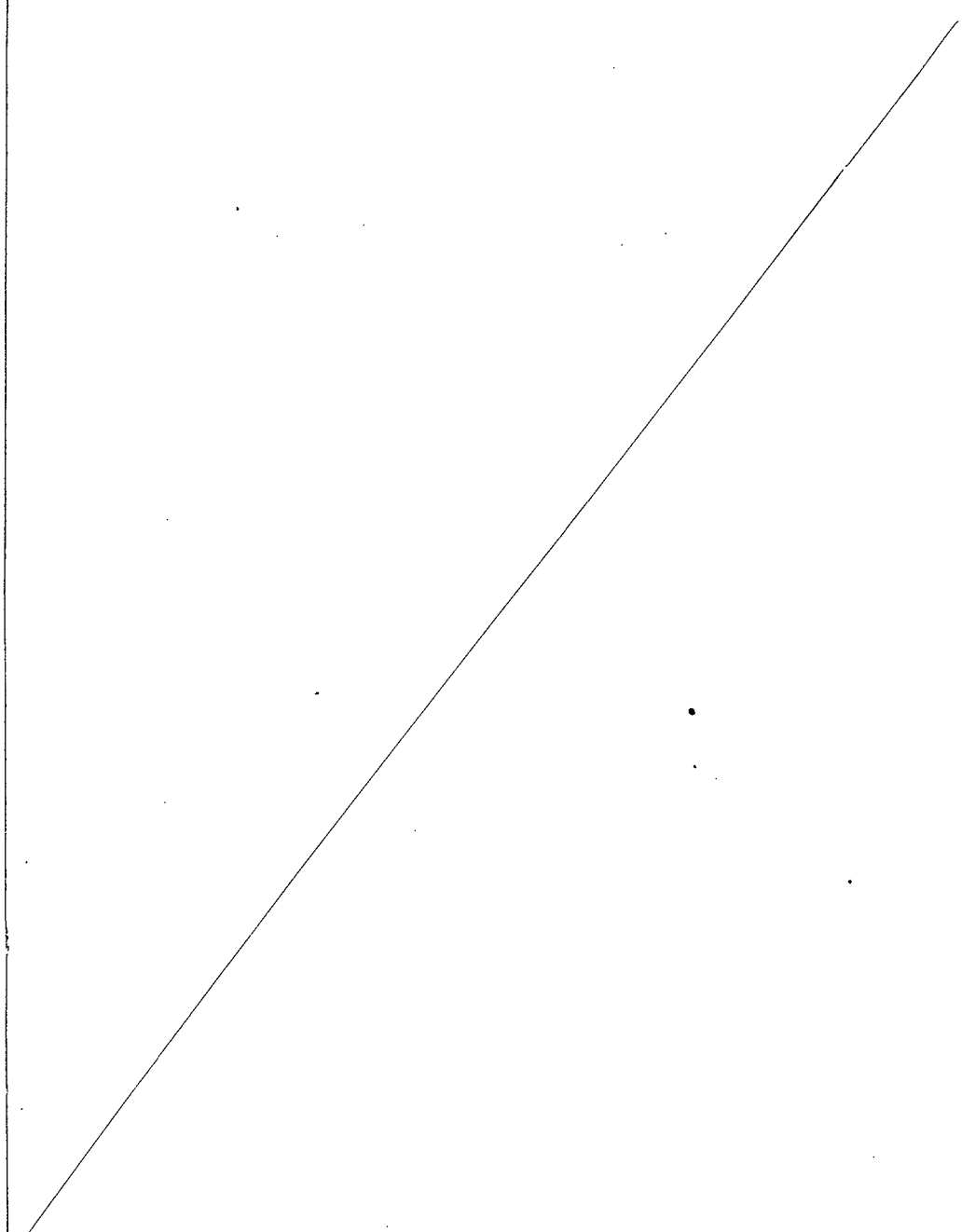
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STOCK REDEMPTION FUND.

No. 43.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
			
By Balance, 30th June, 1899	£	7,491	11 4
TOTAL	£	7,491	11 4

No. 19.

TREASURY NOTES WITHDRAWAL ACCOUNT.

(56 VIC. No. 17.)

ACCOUNT CURRENT

OF

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

IN THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

TREASURY NOTES

(56 VIC.

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ACCOUNT CURRENT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS OF RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
To Balance, 30th June, 1898	<p>£ s. d.</p> <p>109 10 0</p>
TOTAL	109 10 0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

19.

WITHDRAWAL ACCOUNT.

No. 17.)

DISBURSEMENTS in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
By Treasury Notes withdrawn from circulation, and cancelled in terms of the 9th Section of the Act 56 Vic. No. 17	12	0	0
„ Transfer to Consolidated Revenue Fund, Miscellaneous Receipts, the balance at credit of this account not applied for to retire notes within the prescribed period of six years, per Section 7 of the Current Account Depositors Act of 1893	97	10	0
TOTAL	£	109	10 0

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 20.

COLONIAL TREASURER'S SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNTS.

STATEMENT of DEPOSITS and of the RE-ISSUES therefrom, in the Year ended 30th June, 1899.

ACCOUNTS.	BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1898.		DEPOSITS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.		TOTAL.		RE-ISSUES IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.		BALANCES ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1899.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Equity Account	332,793	18 4	131,983	6 1	464,777	4 5	117,202	6 1	347,574	18 4
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Lunacy Account	67,997	13 4	42,457	8 11	110,455	2 3	33,181	11 10	77,273	10 5
Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account	21,634	17 0	38,419	5 1	60,054	2 1	20,632	10 10	39,421	11 3
Colonial Treasurer's Registrar in Bankruptcy Account	28	11 2	730	15 7	759	6 9	739	6 9	20	0 0
Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account	23,937	0 0	6,423	19 7	30,360	19 7	2,441	5 1	27,919	14 6
Colonial Treasurer's Prothonotary Account	1,796	13 10	10,120	13 8	11,917	7 6	9,351	15 11	2,565	11 7
Totals	£ 448,188	13 8	230,135	8 11	678,324	2 7	183,548	16 6	494,775	6 1

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Sydney, 30th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

C.

SERVICES PROVIDED FOR BY LOANS.

ABSTRACT of Expenditure for Public Works and other Services provided for by Loan Acts, from the commencement of the Loans Account to 30th June, 1899.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Railways				39,091,701	5	11*
Tramways				2,135,169	9	3
Telegraphs				1,043,406	9	3
Immigration				569,930	0	0†
Water Supply, Sydney				2,701,145	16	1
Water Supply, County of Cumberland				885,152	9	10
Water Supply, Hunter District				40,856	13	3
Water Supply, Country Towns				842,820	19	3
Sewerage, Sydney				2,767,487	17	6
Sewerage, Country Towns				20,404	7	3
Sewerage and Water Supply, Sydney				676,793	7	5
Water Supply and Sewerage—Stores Advance Account				36,000	0	0
Compensation to Sydney Municipal Council for lands resumed under the Water Supply Act, 17 Vic. No. 35				43,261	14	6
Conservation of Water, Artesian Boring, &c.				617,401	16	10
Harbours and Rivers Navigation Improvements:—						
Wharfage Accommodation, Sydney	1,395,766	4	9			
Wharfs and Appliances	312,664	17	11			
Improvements, &c., Harbours and Rivers	1,268,566	17	8			
Breakwaters	343,207	9	4			
Lighthouses	106,441	13	7			
Harbour of Refuge, Trial Bay	85,309	13	3			
Dock Accommodation	323,911	12	8			
Dredges and Punts	401,092	9	6			
Reclamation Works	456,043	15	10			
Pilot Steamers	27,929	1	7			
				4,720,933	16	1
Public Buildings				1,785,021	10	2
Public Buildings and Works for Educational and Scientific Purposes				846,949	2	9
Reformatories, Hospitals, and Benevolent Asylums				150,747	12	2
Public Works and Improvements				287,362	18	7
Towards Purchase of Sites, and Erection of Buildings for Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices				23,370	15	6
Government Resumption of Land				438,505	9	4
Roads and Bridges				1,155,908	16	7
Fortifications and Military Works				1,324,461	1	5
Compensation for cancellation of sale or lease of land, in terms of section 45, Land Act, 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889				4,882	12	0
Repayments by Loans:—						
Loans repaid under various Acts				7,395,530	0	0
Public Works, Queensland, prior to separation from New South Wales, on 10th December, 1859:—						
Harbours and Rivers	1,837	18	2			
Public Works and Buildings	33,203	10	4			
Roads and Bridges	14,814	0	0			
				49,855	8	6
TOTAL	£			69,655,061	9	5

* The expenditure for Railways includes £175,838 13s. 1d., contributed in 1877 by the Consolidated Revenue Fund to make good the amount short realised by the negotiation of the Railway Loan Act under 36 Vic. No. 17. † Inclusive of £375,500 6s. 2d. for a Debenture Debt due by the Territorial Revenue for Immigration Service at 23rd November, 1855, the date of the proclamation of the new Constitution.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

D.

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

TO

30TH JUNE, 1899.

GENERAL LOAN

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GENERAL ACCOUNT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS.	TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.
To PAYMENTS made to 30th June, 1899, under Loan Appropriations, on Account of Railways, Telegraphs, Public Works, and other Services, as per Abstract of Expenditure, page 135	69,655,061	9	5
To TREASURY BILLS issued under the Act 55 Victoria No. 7, paid off	3,996,000	0	0
To PAYMENTS from amount recovered from the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company...	1,513	0	0
To Credit Balance, General Loan Account, 30th June, 1899	78,101	16	1
TOTAL	£ 73,730,676	5	6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE to 30th JUNE, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By PROCEEDS of DEBENTURES, Funded and Inscribed Stock, issued for Public Works and other Services provided for by Loans to 30th June, 1899, to the amount of £75,808,345 13s. 8d., as shown by Public Debt Statement, page 144	72,965,928 17 11	
By PROCEEDS of TREASURY BILLS, issued under the Act 55 Victoria No. 7, to extent of £4,000,000, for Public Works and Services, as shown on Public Debt Statement, page 144	3,983,077 1 9	
		76,949,005 19 8
<i>Less—</i>		
Amounts of Proceeds included in Public Debt Statement, but not credited to either Old Loans or General Loan Account, viz. :—		
Immigration £724,733 3 1		
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 2,502,884 0 0		
Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22 1,174,700 0 0		
Municipal Council of the City of Sydney—		
Waterworks 85,000 0 0		
Municipal Council of the City of Sydney—		
Sewerage Works 126,000 0 0		
Municipal Council, Darlington—Sewerage Works 5,000 0 0		
Municipal Council, Redfern—Sewerage Works 27,532 11 10		
Newcastle Borough Council—Water Supply Works 16,000 6 0		
Balmain Municipal Council—Sewerage Works 2,500 0 0		
Ashfield Municipal Council—Sewerage Works 9,700 0 0		
North Sydney Borough Council—Sewerage Works 4,400 0 0		
Advances to Settlers Act of 1899 219,400 0 0		
	4,897,849 14 11	
Act 16 Victoria No. 39—		
Amount over-raised on issue of £200,000, and paid over to Sydney Railway Company ... £7,365 3 4		
Less Amount short-raised on issue of £17,500 provided from Consolidated Revenue ... 929 0 0		
	6,436 3 4	
Amounts over-raised and credited to Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz. :—		
Act 35 Victoria No. 5 £444 19 6		
Act 36 Victoria No. 2 15,833 10 9		
Act 41 Victoria No. 7 25,116 18 9		
	41,395 9 0	
		4,945,681 7 3
NET PROCEEDS credited to General Loan Account	£72,003,324 12 5	
By AMOUNT TRANSFERRED from the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, in terms of Act 41 Victoria No. 8, to make good the amount short-raised in negotiation of Debentures authorised to be issued under Act 36 Victoria No. 17. (Issue, £1,901,500; net proceeds, £1,725,661 6s. 11d.)		175,838 13 1
By AMOUNT RECOVERED from the MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited), to make good damage by fire to Hawkesbury Agricultural College Buildings, Richmond... ..		1,513 0 0
By AMOUNT ADVANCED from CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, pending the realisation of loans authorised		1,500,000 0 0
By AMOUNT ADVANCED by CURATOR OF INTTESTATE ESTATES pending realisation of Loans authorised		50,000 0 0
TOTAL £		73,730,676 5 6

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

APPENDIX TO GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT showing the result of Sales of Funded and Inscribed Stock from 30th June, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.

Particulars.	Year of Maturity.	Amount of Principal.	Nominal Rate of Interest.	Date from which interest accrues.	Average per cent. at which sold.	Gross Amount raised.	Discount allowed on Prepayment of Instalments.	Accrued Interest to date of Instalment credited to Revenue.	Charges for Negotiation.					Net Amount Raised.	Interest on Overdue Instalments credited to Revenue.
									Brokerage.	Bank Commission.	Stamp Duty.	Postage and Petty Expenses.	Total.		
		£	%		£	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£
Funded and Inscribed Stock negotiated in the Colony by the Treasury.															
Funded Stock—															
Act 59 Vic. No. 61912		279/19/0	3	{ 1 July, 1898 to 31 Aug., 1898 }	100	279 19 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	279 19 0	Nil.
Act 60 Vic. No. 321912		952,715/12/9	3	{ 1 July, 1898 to 30 June, 1899 }	100	952,715 12 9	.....	.....	1,250 0 0	...	...	.....	1,250 0 0	951,465 12 9	Nil.
Inscribed Stock—															
Advances to Settlers Act of 1899	1919	220,050	3	{ 1 April, 1899 to 31 May, 1899 }	100	220,050 0 0	.....	.....	650 0 0	...	...	.....	650 0 0	219,400 0 0	Nil.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

STATEMENT

OF THE

PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY

OF

NEW SOUTH WALES,

ON

30TH JUNE, 1899.

STATEMENT OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC DEBT OF

YEAR RAISED.	SERVICES.	AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE RAISED.		AMOUNT OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK, SOLD.		NET AMOUNT RAISED.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	DEBENTURES.							
1842-55	Immigration	} <i>Govt. Gazettes,</i> 1842 to 1855.	705,200	0 0	705,200	0 0	724,733	3 1
1853-5	Loans to the Sydney Railway Company...		16 Vic., No. 39	217,500	0 0	217,500	0 0	223,936	3 4
1854-9	Sydney Sewerage	17 Vic., No. 34	200,000	0 0	209,030	0 0	200,970	18 3
1854-8	Sydney Water Supply	17 Vic., No. 35	200,000	0 0	208,400	0 0	200,808	15 3
1855-67	Public Works	18 Vic., No. 35	178,750	0 0	144,000	0 0	134,615	10 6
1855-7	Railways	18 Vic., No. 40	624,733	18 8	666,800	0 0	628,541	15 5
1856-61	Public Works	19 Vic., Nos. 38 & 40.	445,323	0 0	410,500	0 0	394,624	14 0
1856-8	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	20 Vic., No. 1	73,776	0 0	73,700	0 0	70,276	16 11
1856	Railways	20 Vic., No. 1	200,000	0 0	203,000	0 0	199,997	10 0
1857	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	20 Vic., No. 16	130,400	0 0	132,300	0 0	130,311	0 0
1858-9	Public Works	20 Vic., No. 33	107,517	18 11	112,000	0 0	106,938	12 6
1858-9	Railways	20 Vic., No. 34	300,000	0 0	299,000	0 0	293,647	7 7
1859-61	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	22 Vic., Nos. 5 & 26.	145,000	0 0	145,700	0 0	143,924	15 3
1859-61	Railways and Public Works	22 Vic., No. 22	758,500	0 0	760,700	0 0	751,575	2 5
1862	Public Works	22 Vic., No. 26	11,600	0 0	5,000	0 0	4,925	5 0
1860-2	To pay off Railway Debentures	23 Vic., No. 5	365,000	0 0	365,000	0 0	359,081	13 7
1862	Public Works and to pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	23 Vic., No. 10	348,223	0 0	348,200	0 0	338,511	0 7
1861-2	Railways and Public Works	24 Vic., No. 24	113,535	0 0	113,900	0 0	112,209	11 6
1861	Voluntary and Assisted Immigration	24 Vic., No. 26	55,000	0 0	55,500	0 0	54,945	16 0
1862-6	Railways, Immigration, and Public Works	25 Vic., No. 19	1,782,370	14 6	1,782,300	0 0	1,684,855	7 11
1867	Railways and Public Works	26 Vic., No. 14	161,832	0 0	162,000	0 0	696,146	2 5
1867	Railways and Public Works	27 Vic., No. 14	670,025	12 7	670,000	0 0		
1866	To pay off Debentures	29 Vic., No. 5	300,000	0 0	300,000	0 0	266,433	17 2
1867	Railways, Public Works, and Immigration	29 Vic., No. 9	219,450	0 0	219,400	0 0	192,377	0 0
1868	Railways and other purposes	29 Vic., No. 23	758,000	0 0	758,000	0 0	712,115	16 1
1867	Railways and other purposes	30 Vic., No. 23	65,850	0 0	65,000	0 0	61,573	0 0
1869	Railways	31 Vic., No. 11	1,000,000	0 0	1,000,000	0 0	984,503	13 10
1868-9	Railways and other purposes	31 Vic., No. 27	177,407	0 0	177,400	0 0	177,934	0 0
1869-70	Railways and other purposes	32 Vic., No. 13	197,885	0 0	197,800	0 0	195,244	6 9
1871	Railways, to pay off Debentures, and other purposes.	34 Vic., No. 2	407,151	13 7	407,100	0 0	399,660	1 6
1871	To make good the loss sustained in the negotiation of the Debentures of previous Loans.	Under various Acts.	.....		450,000	0 0	437,899	0 6
			10,920,830	18 3	11,365,830	0 0	10,872,367	17 4
1871	Railways and other purposes	35 Vic., No. 5	374,980	0 0	374,900	0 0	375,424	19 6
1872	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	36 Vic., No. 2	406,863	7 3	406,800	0 0	422,696	18 0
1875-6	Railways	36 Vic., No. 17	1,901,500	0 0	1,901,500	0 0	\$1,725,661	6 11
	Carried forward ... ..	.....	13,604,174	5 6	14,049,030	0 0	13,396,151	1 9

* Overdue bonds unrepresented. † This amount was included in a sum of £7,365 3s. 4d. paid over to the Sydney Railway Company, being the which was supplied for the service from the Consolidated Revenue. ‡ Credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. § The amount short-raised b Loan of £332,000 floated in September, 1894, under

THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

AMOUNT OVER-RAISED.		AMOUNT NOT RAISED.		PARTICULARS OF THE SEVERAL ISSUES OF DEBENTURES.				ANNUAL INTEREST ON TOTAL LOAN OUTSTANDING FOR EACH SERVICE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	AMOUNT OF EACH ISSUE SOLD.	PAID OFF.	OUTSTANDING.	DUE DATES.	RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM.	£ s. d.
19,533	3 1	.....		705,200 0 0	705,200	.....	.....
16,436	3 4	.....		217,500 0 0	217,500	.....	.....
The issue of Debentures under various Loan Acts, in 1870, to the extent of £450,000, has adjusted the amounts short and over, raised under these Acts.				25,900 0 0	25,900	.....	.....
				97,500 0 0	97,500	.....	.....
				6,730 0 0	6,680	50 0 0	*1882		
				24,000 0 0	24,000	.....	.....
				54,900 0 0	54,900	.....	.....
				29,000 0 0	29,000	.....	.....
				50,700 0 0	50,700	.....	.....
				36,700 0 0	36,700	.....	.....
				31,000 0 0	31,000	.....	.....
				61,000 0 0	61,000	.....	.....
				21,000 0 0	21,000	.....	.....
				12,800 0 0	12,800	.....	.....
				70,200 0 0	70,200	.....	.....
				40,000 0 0	40,000	.....	.....
				291,800 0 0	291,800	.....	.....
				139,000 0 0	139,000	.....	.....
				100,000 0 0	100,000	.....	.....
				133,300 0 0	133,300	.....	.....
				2,700 0 0	.....	2,700 0 0	Permanent	5 per cent.	135 0 0
				46,200 0 0	46,200	.....	.....
				150,000 0 0	150,000	.....	.....
				70,800 0 0	70,600	200 0 0	*1882		
				136,800 0 0	136,800	.....	.....
				6,700 0 0	6,700	.....	.....
				70,500 0 0	70,500	.....	.....
				3,200 0 0	3,200	.....	.....
				203,000 0 0	203,000	.....	.....
				132,300 0 0	132,300	.....	.....
				100,000 0 0	100,000	.....	.....
				10,000 0 0	10,000	.....	.....
				2,000 0 0	2,000	.....	.....
				175,000 0 0	175,000	.....	.....
				90,000 0 0	90,000	.....	.....
				34,000 0 0	34,000	.....	.....
				145,000 0 0	145,000	.....	.....
700 0 0	700	.....	.....				
400,000 0 0	400,000	.....	.....				
312,000 0 0	312,000	.....	.....				
25,000 0 0	25,000	.....	.....				
23,700 0 0	23,700	.....	.....				
5,000 0 0	5,000	.....	.....				
365,600 0 0	365,400	200 0 0	*1 Jan., 1890...						
348,200 0 0	348,200	.....	.....				
113,900 0 0	113,900	.....	.....				
55,500 0 0	55,500	.....	.....				
1,782,300 0 0	1,782,300	.....	.....				
162,000 0 0	162,000	.....	.....				
670,000 0 0	669,800	200 0 0	1 Jan., 1895...						
300,000 0 0	300,000	.....	.....				
219,400 0 0	219,300	100 0 0	*1 Jan., 1896...						
758,000 0 0	757,300	700 0 0	*1 July, 1896...						
65,800 0 0	65,800	.....	.....				
1,000,000 0 0	1,000,000	.....	.....				
177,400 0 0	177,400	.....	.....				
197,800 0 0	191,600	6,200 0 0	1 Jan., 1899...	5 per cent.	20,355 0 0				
407,100 0 0	.....	407,100 0 0	1 July, 1900...	5 ,,	22,500 0 0				
.....	.....	450,000 0 0	.....	450,000 0 0	1 July, 1900... 5 ,, 22,500 0 0				
25,969	6 5	.....		11,365,830 0 0	10,498,380	867,450 0 0			42,990 0 0
144	19 6	.....		374,900 0 0	.....	374,900 0 0	1 July, 1901...	5 per cent.	18,745 0 0
15,833	10 9	.....		406,800 0 0	7,500	399,300 0 0	1 July, 1902...	5 ,,	19,965 0 0
.....	.....	.....		1,901,500 0 0	.....	1,000,000 0 0	1 July, 1903...	4 ,,	40,000 0 0
.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	901,500 0 0	1 July, 1905...	4 ,,	36,060 0 0
42,247	16 8	.....		14,049,030 0 0	10,505,880	3,543,150 0 0			157,760 0 0

premium gained on two issues of £50,000 and £150,000 under the Act 16 Vic. No. 39. The third loan of £17,500 was issued at a discount of £920 under this Act, viz., £175,838 13s. 1d., has been made good from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. a £25,000 repaid by Government of Victoria, Act 57 Victoria No. 17, to meet these Debentures. c Debentures to extent of £600 paid off to be distributed.

STATEMENT—

YEAR RAISED.	SERVICES.	AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT AUTHORISED TO BE RAISED.	AMOUNT OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK, SOLD.	NET AMOUNT RAISED.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	.....	13,604,174 5 6	14,049,030 0 0	13,396,151 1 9
1873-6	FUNDED STOCK (a). Public Works and repayment of Loans (New South Wales Four per cents.)	36 Vic., No. 21	509,780 0 0	530,189 9 2	509,780 0 0
1876-88	DEBENTURES. Railways and other purposes ...	39 Vic., No. 18	235,690 0 0	224,900 0 0	221,045 0 0
1879	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	38 Vic., No. 2 40 Vic., No. 12 41 Vic., No. 4	3,249,552 0 0	3,249,500 0 0	3,178,374 1 5
1881-3	{ Railways and other purposes ... { Railways and other purposes ...	41 Vic., No. 7 43 Vic., No. 11	1,120,000 0 0 7,352,763 0 0	+1,120,000 0 0 +7,352,700 0 0	1,145,116 18 9 7,302,099 18 11
1883	INSCRIBED STOCK. Railways and other purposes ...	44 Vic., No. 12	1,262,000 0 0	1,262,000 0 0	1,244,685 17 6
1883-5	Railways and other purposes ...	44 Vic., No. 28	7,102,000 0 0	7,102,000 0 0	6,486,883 8 6
1885	Railways and other purposes ...	45 Vic., No. 22	1,000,000 0 0	1,000,000 0 0	894,886 19 3
1885	Railways and other purposes ...	46 Vic., No. 23	2,000,000 0 0	2,000,000 0 0	1,789,773 18 6
1885-9	Railways and other purposes ...	48 Vic., No. 26	14,388,303 0 0	12,322,700 0 0	11,811,175 19 8
1895-8	Railways and other purposes ...	50 Vic., No. 29	3,115,393 0 0	{ 1,122,000 0 0 { 1,500,000 0 0	1,067,753 9 4 1,479,745 16 6
1889	To pay off Debentures ...	52 Vic., No. 16	1,390,600 0 0	1,390,600 0 0	1,389,813 3 8
1895	Railways and other purposes ...	52 Vic., No. 17 56 Vic., No. 1	3,641,305 0 0	{ 1,100,000 0 0 { 323,691 10 0	1,046,257 12 8 323,691 10 0
1895	Railways and other purposes ...	53 Vic., No. 23 56 Vic., No. 1	5,089,896 0 0	{ 1,144,000 0 0 { 15,000 0 0	1,088,107 18 11 15,000 0 0
1891-3	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	54 Vic., No. 33	7,021,757 0 0	7,021,757 0 0	6,649,285 12 7
1893	Railways and other purposes ...	55 Vic., No. 35 56 Vic., No. 1	1,190,276 0 1	{ 472,443 0 0 { 699,778 10 0	461,208 4 1 699,778 10 0
1894	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	56 Vic., No. 24 56 Vic., No. 1	879,806 0 0	879,800 0 0	879,800 0 0
1894	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	56 Vic., No. 1 57 Vic., No. 17	1,460,650 0 0	{ 631,080 0 0 { 832,000 0 0	631,080 0 0 829,550 16 2
1895	Railways and other purposes ...	58 Vic., No. 14	1,062,012 0 0	{ 863,947 0 0 { 198,065 0 0	863,776 0 0 197,650 12 6
1895	Repayment of Loans ...	59 Vic., No. 5	977,400 0 0	753,400 0 0	602,454 3 5
1895-98	Railways and other purposes ...	59 Vic., No. 6	1,555,200 0 0	{ 222,255 0 0 { 1,332,945 0 0	222,135 7 6 1,332,470 0 0
1898	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	60 Vic., No. 32	2,271,376 0 0	1,035,730 4 6	1,034,230 4 6
	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	61 Vic., No. 43	2,024,752 0 0	.....	.....
	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	62 Vic., No. 36	2,233,537 0 0	.....	.....
	Totals of Loans authorized ...	.....	£85,738,227 5 7	71,632,111 13 8	68,792,812 6 1
1899	Advances to Settlers—Loans ...	62 Vic., No. 1	500,000 0 0	220,050 0 0	219,400 0 0
1889-90	Treasury Bills (Deficiency of 1886 and previous years).	53 Vic., No. 9	2,600,000 0 0	2,502,884 0 0	2,502,884 0 0
1892	Treasury Bills ...	55 Vic., No. 7	4,000,000 0 0	{ 3,250,000 0 0 { 750,000 0 0	3,233,077 1 9 750,000 0 0
1896	Treasury Bills (Deficiency to June, 1895)	59 Vic., No. 22	1,174,700 0 0	1,174,700 0 0	1,174,700 0 0
1888	Municipal Council of the City of Sydney Waterworks.	.....	785,000 0 0	85,000 0 0	85,000 0 0
1889	Municipal Council of the City of Sydney Sewerage Works.	.....	7126,000 0 0	126,000 0 0	126,000 0 0
1890	Municipal Council, Darlington, Sewerage Works.	.....	75,000 0 0	5,000 0 0	5,000 0 0
1890	Municipal Council, Redfern, Sewerage Works.	.....	730,000 0 0	30,000 0 0	27,532 11 10
1893	Newcastle Borough Council, Water Supply Works.	.....	716,000 0 0	16,000 0 0	16,000 0 0
1894	North Sydney Sewerage Works ...	.....	74,400 0 0	4,400 0 0	4,400 0 0
1894	Balmain Municipal Council, Sewerage Works.	.....	72,500 0 0	72,500 0 0	2,500 0 0
1888	Ashfield Municipal Council— Sewerage Works.....	.....	793,700 0 0	3,700 0 0	3,700 0 0
1890	Sewerage Works.....	.....	71,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
1890	Sewerage Works.....	.....	74,500 0 0	4,500 0 0	4,500 0 0
	TOTALS ...	.....	£94,291,527 5 7	79,808,345 13 8	76,949,005 19 8

* Credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. † Of these sums, £2,050,000 were issued in Debentures. The £2,000,000 loan of 1882 was issued availed of to the extent of £1,186,300 only. a Debentures not issued. Inscribed in Treasury Books as Funded Stock. b £4,500,000, Inscribed Stock, balance of loan (£472,443) is issued under Act 55 Vic. No. 35. c Includes £494,200 Conversion Stock, as follows:—19 Vic., Nos. 33 and 40, £100; 22 Vic., £200,000 Conversion Stock sold during 1893 and 1894, realising £189,600. d Issued to cover Consolidated Revenue deficiency of 1886 and previous years. payments of £150,000, fresh bills to extent of £1,752,884 were then issued for a further period of five years, maturing 1st January, 1900, at 3 and 4 per cent. The respective re-issues were £1,304,384 at 3 per cent., £288,500 at 4 per cent. e Issued on account of authorizations by the various Acts. f £4,270,850 from Consolidated Revenue Fund, £7,779,430 by renewals under Loan Acts, and £3,996,000 Treasury Bills paid off from General Act of 1889. g Taken over by Government with Water Supply Works under Act 55 Victoria No. 27, Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage over by Newcastle Borough Council and credited to Trust Fund in 1893. h Loan of £332,000, issued September, 1894, to meet Debentures under out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund of £6,602 3s. 4d. i Mortgage held by Australian ment with Stormwater Sewer in Beattie-street, Balmain, under Act 57 Vic., No. 12, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894. NOTE.—The amount of Stock sold under the Funded Stock Act of 1892, 56 Vic. No. 1, was £2,549,350. The premium, amounting to £7,533 4s. 6d. The net proceeds were distributed to the purposes of the following Acts, viz. :—52 Vic. No. 17, £323,691 10s.;

continued.

		PARTICULARS OF THE SEVERAL ISSUES OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK.						
AMOUNT OVER-RAISED.	AMOUNT NOT RAISED.	AMOUNT OF EACH ISSUE SOLD.	PAID OFF.	OUTSTANDING.	DUE DATES.	RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM.	ANNUAL INTEREST ON TOTAL LOAN OUTSTANDING FOR EACH SERVICE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
42,247 16 8	.....	14,049,030 0 0	10,505,880	3,543,150 0 0	.....	.....	157,760 0 0
.....	.....	530,189 9 2	.....	530,189 9 2	Interminable...	4 per cent.	21,207 11 7
.....	14,645 0 0	224,900 0 0	.....	224,900 0 0	1 July, 1906...	4 "	8,996 0 0
.....	71,177 18 7	3,249,500 0 0	.....	3,249,500 0 0	1908 & 1909...	4 "	129,980 0 0
*25,116 18 9	.....	1,120,000 0 0	.....	2,863,700 0 0	1 July, 1910...	4 "	114,548 0 0
.....	50,668 1 1	7,352,700 0 0	.....	5,609,000 0 0	1 July, 1933...	4 "	224,360 0 0
.....	17,314 2 6	1,262,000 0 0	.....	1,262,000 0 0	1 July, 1933...	4 "	50,480 0 0
.....	615,116 11 6	7,102,000 0 0	.....	315,300 0 0	1 July, 1933...	4 "	12,612 0 0
.....	105,113 0 9	1,000,000 0 0	.....	6,786,700 0 0	1 Oct., 1924...	3½ "	237,534 10 0
.....	210,226 1 6	2,000,000 0 0	.....	1,000,000 0 0	1 Oct., 1924...	3½ "	35,000 0 0
.....	2,577,127 0 4	6,713,300 0 0	.....	2,000,000 0 0	1 Oct., 1924...	3½ "	70,000 0 0
.....	567,893 14 2	3,500,000 0 0	.....	6,713,300 0 0	1 Oct., 1924	} 3½ "	234,965 10 0
.....	786 16 4	2,109,400 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918		122,500 0 0
.....	2,271,355 17 4	1,122,600 0 0	.....	2,109,400 0 0	1 Sept., 1918	} 3 "	73,829 0 0
.....	3,986,788 1 1	1,500,000 0 0	.....	1,122,600 0 0	1 Oct., 1935...		78,678 0 0
.....	372,471 7 5	1,390,600 0 0	.....	1,390,600 0 0	1 Sept., 1918...	3½ "	48,671 0 0
.....	29,289 6 0	1,100,000 0 0	.....	1,390,600 0 0	1 Oct., 1935...	3 "	33,000 0 0
.....	6 0 0	323,691 10 0	.....	1,100,000 0 0	1912	4 "	12,947 13 2
.....	19 3 10	1,144,000 0 0	.....	323,691 10 0	1 Oct., 1935...	3 "	34,320 0 0
.....	1,171 0 0	15,000 0 0	.....	1,144,000 0 0	1912	4 "	600 0 0
.....	374,945 16 7	494,200 0 0	.....	15,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918...	3½ "	174,797 0 0
.....	119 12 6	4,500,000 0 0	.....	4,994,200 0 0	1 July, 1933...	4 "	100,000 0 0
.....	475 0 0	2,027,557 0 0	.....	2,500,000 0 0	1912	4 "	27,991 2 10
.....	1,237,095 15 6	472,443 0 0	.....	699,778 10 0	1912	4 "	35,192 0 0
.....	2,024,752 0 0	699,778 10 0	.....	879,800 0 0	1912	4 "	25,243 4 0
.....	2,233,537 0 0	631,080 0 0	.....	832,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918...	3½ "	29,120 0 0
67,364 15 5	16,762,508 14 6	832,000 0 0	.....	832,000 0 0	1912	3 "	25,918 8 2
.....	280,600 0 0	863,947 0 0	.....	863,947 0 0	31 Dec., 1924...	3 "	5,941 19 0
.....	.....	198,065 0 0	.....	198,065 0 0	1 Oct., 1935...	3 "	19,002 0 0
.....	.....	633,400 0 0	.....	633,400 0 0	30 June, 1925...	3 "	6,667 13 0
.....	.....	222,255 0 0	.....	222,255 0 0	1912	3 "	39,988 7 0
.....	.....	1,332,945 0 0	.....	1,332,945 0 0	1912	3 "	31,071 18 1
.....	.....	1,035,730 4 6	.....	1,035,730 4 6	.....	.....	.....
.....	
67,364 15 5	17,043,108 14 6	71,632,111 13 8	10,505,880	61,126,231 13 8	.....	.....	2,222,922 16 10
.....	280,600 0 0	220,050 0 0	.....	220,050 0 0	1919	3 per cent.	6,601 10 0
.....	.....	2,502,884 0 0	1,350,000	1,152,884 0 0	1 Jan., 1900	3 "	22,931 10 4
.....	.....	3,250,000 0 0	3,996,000	4,000 0 0	1 Jan., 1896...	4 "	15,540 0 0
.....	.....	750,000 0 0	.....	.....	1 Oct., 1896...	.....	.....
.....	.....	1,174,700 0 0	150,000	1,024,700 0 0	1 March, 1901...	3 per cent.	30,741 0 0
.....	.....	85,000 0 0	5,000	80,000 0 0	Various years.	4, 5, & 6 per cent.	4,000 0 0
.....	.....	126,000 0 0	26,000	100,000 0 0	"	5 and 6 per cent.	5,620 0 0
.....	.....	5,000 0 0	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	30,000 0 0	.....	30,000 0 0	1 July, 1912...	4 per cent.	1,200 0 0
.....	.....	16,000 0 0	.....	16,000 0 0	1 Dec., 1901...	5 "	800 0 0
.....	.....	4,400 0 0	4,400	.....	1 Jan., 1897...	.....	.....
.....	.....	2,500 0 0	2,500	.....	30 Sept., 1898..	.....	.....
.....	.....	3,700 0 0	.....	3,700 0 0	1 Oct., 1903...	4½ "	166 10 0
.....	.....	1,500 0 0	1,500	.....	1 July, 1895...	.....	.....
.....	.....	4,500 0 0	.....	4,500 0 0	1 Aug., 1900...	5½ "	247 10 0
67,364 15 5	17,043,108 14 6	79,808,345 13 8	16,046,280	63,762,065 13 8	.....	.....	2,310,770 17 2

in Debentures also, but they were subsequently authorized to be exchanged for Inscribed Stock at the option of the holders—a privilege which was issued in September, 1891; £494,200, Conversion Stock, issued May, 1891; and £2,027,557, being portion of loan of £2,500,000, floated October, 1893. The No. 22, £2,000; 24 Vic., No. 24, £10,700; and 24 Vic., No. 26, £2,200—matured 1st July, 1891; 25 Vic., No. 19, £279,200—matured 1st January, 1892; and First issue, of £2,502,884 at 4 per cent. for five years matured on 1st January, 1895, but bills to extent of £750,000 having been retired by annual per cent., the latter rate being allowed only on bills representing Trust Funds, the relative Statutes to which provided for investment at not less than Loan Acts. f Taken over by Government with Sewerage and Water Works under Act 43 Victoria, No. 32, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of Loan Account. g Taken over by Government with Sewerage Works under Act 53 Vic., No. 16, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act of 1892. h Loan of £2,500,000 under these Acts conjointly floated in London in October, 1893. i Sinking Fund, £3,788 2s. 1d., handed Acts 26 Vic. No. 14 and 27 Vic. No. 14 matured on 1st January, 1895. m Including provision for Services to extent of £198,065; to be eventually paid Mutual Provident Society from the Balmain Municipal Council. Interest payable by Government from 1st July, 1894. o Taken over by Govern- p Loan of £4,000,000 raised in London in October, 1895. q Ashfield Municipal Council, Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government. £9,896 14s. was, after deducting expenses for commission on sales, viz., £2,363 9s. 6d., transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz., 53 Vic. No. 23 £15,000 55 Vic. No. 35, £699,778 10s.; 56 Vic. No. 24, £879,800; 55 Vic. No. 17, £631,080.

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PUBLIC DEBT.

SYNOPSIS OF DUE DATES OF OUTSTANDING DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK.			
Authority under which issued.	Year when due.	Amount.	Total.
		£	£ s. d.
23 Vic., No. 5...	1890	.....	200 0 0
27 Vic., No. 14	1895	.....	200 0 0
29 Vic., No. 9...	1895-6	100	800 0 0
29 Vic., No. 23	1896-7	700	
32 Vic., No. 13	1898-9	.....	6,200 0 0
34 Vic., No. 2...	1900-1	407,100	857,100 0 0
Under various Acts		450,000	
35 Vic., No. 5...	1901-2	374,900	420,900 0 0
City of Sydney Waterworks		5,000	
City of Sydney Sewerage Works		25,000	
Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Works		16,000	
36 Vic., No. 2...	1902-3	399,300	459,000 0 0
City of Sydney Waterworks		25,000	
City of Sydney Sewerage Works		34,700	
17 Vic., No. 34	Interminable or payable at the option of the Government in 1882 or afterwards	.....	50 0 0
19 Vic., Nos. 38 & 40		.....	200 0 0
18 Vic., No. 40	Permanent	.....	2,700 0 0
36 Vic., No. 21 (New South Wales 4 per cents)	Interminable (Funded Stock)	.....	530,189 9 2
36 Vic., No. 17	1903-4	.....	1,000,000 0 0
City of Sydney Waterworks...	1904-5	20,000	58,000 0 0
City of Sydney Sewerage Works		38,000	
" " " "	1905-6	.....	2,300 0 0
36 Vic., No. 17	1905-6	.....	901,500 0 0
39 Vic., No. 18	1906-7	.....	224,900 0 0
38 Vic., No. 2...	1908-9	1,450,000	3,249,500 0 0
40 Vic., No. 12		1,799,500	
41 Vic., No. 4...	1910-11	.....	2,050,000 0 0
41 Vic., No. 7...		.....
43 Vic., No. 11	1903-4	3,700	8,200 0 0
Ashfield Municipal Council, Sewerage		4,500	
Municipal Council, Redfern, Sewerage	1912-13	.....	30,000 0 0
City of Sydney Waterworks...	1912-13	.....	30,000 0 0
41 Vic., No. 7...	1910-11	813,700	2,000,000 0 0
43 Vic., No. 11		1,186,300	
41 Vic., No. 7...	1933-4	.....	3,000,000 0 0
43 Vic., No. 11		.....
43 Vic., No. 11	1933-4	1,422,700	3,000,000 0 0
44 Vic., No. 12		1,262,000	
44 Vic., No. 28		315,300	
44 Vic., No. 28	1924-5	.....	5,500,000 0 0
44 Vic., No. 28		1,286,700	
45 Vic., No. 22	1924-5	1,000,000	5,500,000 0 0
46 Vic., No. 23		2,000,000	
48 Vic., No. 26		1,213,300	
48 Vic., No. 26	1924-5	.....	5,500,000 0 0
48 Vic., No. 26		.....
48 Vic., No. 26	1918-19	.....	3,500,000 0 0
48 Vic., No. 26		.....
52 Vic., No. 16	1918-19	2,109,400	3,500,000 0 0
54 Vic., No. 33		1,390,600	
54 Vic., No. 33	1918-19	.....	4,994,200 0 0
55 Vic., No. 35		.....
50 Vic., No. 28	1933-4	2,027,557	2,500,000 0 0
52 Vic., No. 17		472,443	
53 Vic., No. 23		2,622,600	
59 Vic., No. 5...	1935-6	1,100,000	5,500,000 0 0
57 Vic., No. 17		1,144,000	
58 Vic., No. 14	1918-19	633,400	832,000 0 0
59 Vic., No. 6...		.....
56 Vic., No. 1 (New South Wales Funded Stock)		.....
60 Vic., No. 32	1912	863,947	1,062,012 0 0
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic., No. 9 (Deficiency)	1924-5	198,065	1,555,200 0 0
" 55 Vic., No. 7	1925	222,255	
" 59 Vic., No. 22	1912	1,332,945	2,549,350 0 0
Advances to Settlers—Loan Act of 1899	1912	.....
	1912	.....	1,035,730 4 6
	Annual Payments of £150,000	.....	1,152,884 0 0
	1896	.....	4,000 0 0
	1901	.....	1,024,700 0 0
	1919	.....	220,050 0 0
	Total	... £	63,762,065 13 8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

Public Debt.

STATEMENT showing the DUE DATES, &c., of OUTSTANDING DEBENTURES, FUNDED and INSCRIBED STOCK, and TREASURY BILLS, on 30th June, 1899.

YEAR.	DEBENTURES.	INSCRIBED AND FUNDED STOCK.	TREASURY BILLS.	TOTAL.	ANNUAL INTEREST.	
					RATE.	AMOUNT.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1890 ...	200 ^a	.....	.....	200 0 0	5 ½ cent.	.....
1895 ...	200 ^a	.....	.....	200 0 0	"	.....
1895-6 ...	100 ^a	.....	.....	100 0 0	"	.....
1896-7 ...	700 ^a	.....	.....	700 0 0	"	.....
1898-9 ...	6,200	.....	.....	6,200 0 0	"	.....
1900-1 ...	857,100	.....	.....	857,100 0 0	"	42,855 0 0
	4,500 ^b	.....	.....	4,500 0 0	5 ½ cent.	247 10 0
	374,900	.....	.....	374,900 0 0	5 ½ cent.	18,745 0 0
1901-2 ...	5,000	.....	.....	5,000 0 0	6 ½ cent.	300 0 0
	25,000	.....	.....	25,000 0 0	"	1,500 0 0
	16,000	.....	.....	16,000 0 0	5 ½ cent.	800 0 0
	399,300	.....	.....	399,300 0 0	"	19,965 0 0
1902-3 ...	25,000	.....	.....	25,000 0 0	6 ½ cent.	1,500 0 0
	34,700	.....	.....	34,700 0 0	"	2,082 0 0
1903-4 ...	1,000,000	.....	.....	1,000,000 0 0	4 ½ cent.	40,000 0 0
	3,700 ^b	.....	.....	3,700 0 0	4 ½ cent.	166 10 0
1904-5 ...	20,000	.....	.....	20,000 0 0	5 ½ cent.	1,000 0 0
	38,000	.....	.....	38,000 0 0	"	1,900 0 0
	2,300	.....	.....	2,300 0 0	6 ½ cent.	138 0 0
1905-6 ...	901,500	.....	.....	901,500 0 0	4 ½ cent.	36,060 0 0
1906-7 ...	224,900	.....	.....	224,900 0 0	"	8,996 0 0
1908-9 ...	1,450,000	.....	.....	1,450,000 0 0	"	129,980 0 0
1909-10 ...	1,799,500	.....	.....	1,799,500 0 0	"	144,548 0 0
1910-11 ...	2,050,000	.....	.....	2,050,000 0 0	"	166,250 0 0
	813,700	.....	.....	813,700 0 0	"	66,103 0 0
1912-13 ...	30,000	.....	.....	30,000 0 0	"	1,200 0 0
	30,000	.....	.....	30,000 0 0	"	1,200 0 0
1912 ...	.....	3,232,622 4 6	.....	3,232,622 4 6	3 ½ cent.	96,978 13 3
1912 (New South Wales Funded Stock)	.....	2,549,350 0 0	.....	2,549,350 0 0	4 ½ cent.	101,974 0 0
	.....	3,500,000 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	3 ½ cent.	122,500 0 0
1918-19 ...	.....	3,500,000 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	"	122,500 0 0
	.....	4,994,200 0 0	.....	4,994,200 0 0	"	174,797 0 0
	.....	832,000 0 0	.....	832,000 0 0	"	29,120 0 0
	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
1924-5 ...	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
	.....	198,065 0 0	.....	198,065 0 0	3 ½ cent.	5,941 19 0
1925 ...	.....	222,255 0 0	.....	222,255 0 0	"	6,667 13 0
	.....	1,186,300 0 0	.....	1,186,300 0 0	4 ½ cent.	47,452 0 0
1933-4 ...	.....	3,000,000 0 0	.....	3,000,000 0 0	"	120,000 0 0
	.....	3,000,000 0 0	.....	3,000,000 0 0	"	120,000 0 0
	.....	2,500,000 0 0	.....	2,500,000 0 0	"	100,000 0 0
1935-6 ...	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	3 ½ cent.	165,000 0 0
Interminable, being un-presented balance of Debentures payable off in 1882 ...	250	.....	.....	250 0 0	.....	.....
New South Wales 4 per cents. ...	.....	530,189 9 2	.....	530,189 9 2	4 ½ cent.	21,207 11 7
Permanent ...	2,700	.....	.....	2,700 0 0	5 ½ cent.	135 0 0
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 (annual payments of £150,000)	.....	.....	1,152,884	1,152,884 0 0	3 ½ cent.	22,931 10 4
	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 ½ cent.	15,540 0 0
Treasury Bills, 55 Vic. No. 7 (1896)	.....	.....	4,000 ^a	4,000 0 0	.....	.....
Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22	.....	.....	1,024,700	1,024,700 0 0	3 ½ cent.	30,741 0 0
Advances to Settlers ...	.....	220,050 0 0	.....	220,050 0 0	"	6,601 10 0
Total amount outstanding, 30th June, 1899 £	10,115,450	51,465,031 13 8	2,181,584	63,762,065 13 8	.....	2,310,770 17 2

* City of Sydney Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government.

† Municipal Council Redfern Sewerage Works taken over by the Government.

α Overdue debentures not yet presented.

† City of Sydney Waterworks Debentures taken over by the Government.

‡ Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Debentures taken over by the Government.

δ Asfield Municipal Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

PUBLIC DEBT.

STATEMENT showing Distribution of Interest on Public Debt on 30th June, 1899.

Description of Stock.	Amount of Stock.	6 per cent.	5½ per cent.	5 per cent.	4½ per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	3 per cent.	Total Interest.
		£ s. d.	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	
Debentures	£ 7,650 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	} 423,318 0 0
	1,708,000 0 0	.....	.....	85,400	.....	.....	.....	.....
	92,000 0 0	5,520	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	8,299,600 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	331,984 0 0	.....	.....
	4,500 0 0	.....	247/10/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3,700 0 0	.....	.....	.....	166/10/-	.....	.....	.....
	£ 10,115,450 0 0								
Inscribed Stock in London	£ 29,326,200 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,026,417	.....	} 1,578,869 0 0
	9,686,300 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	387,452 0 0	.....	.....
	5,500,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165,000 0 0	
	£ 44,512,500 0 0								
New South Wales Funded Stock ...	£ 2,549,350 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	101,974 0 0	.....	.....	} 198,952 13 3
	3,232,622 4 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96,978 13 3	
	£ 5,781,972 4 6								
New South Wales 4 per cents. ...	£ 530,189 9 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,207 11 7	.....	.....	21,207 11 7
New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14	£ 198,065 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,941 19 0	5,941 19 0
New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6	£ 222,255 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,667 13 0	6,667 13 0
Treasury Bills (Deficiency of 1886 and previous years), 53 Vic. No. 9 ...	£ 761,384 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,931 10 4	} 38,471 10 4
	388,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,540 0 0	.....	.....
	£ 1,152,884 0 0								
Treasury Bills, 55 Vic. No. 7 ...	£ 4,000 0 0*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Bills (Deficiency 30 June, 1895), 59 Vic. No. 22	£ 1,024,700 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,741 0 0	30,741 0 0
Advances to Settlers, Inscribed Stock ...	£ 220,050 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,601 10 0	6,601 10 0
TOTALS	£ 63,762,065 13 8	5,520	247/10/-	85,400	166/10/-	858,157 11 7	1,026,417	334,862 5 7	2,310,770 17 2

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The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 30th September, 1899.

* Matured.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT, 1898-9.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR-GENERAL,

BEING ON

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENTS OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, AND OTHER MONEYS, FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1898, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

(Under Audit Act, 1898, No. 5.)

1. THE Treasurer's Abstracts of his Receipts and Disbursements for the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, were received on 30th October, 1899, and were returned to the Treasury for such corrections as the prescribed audit showed to be requisite on the 27th December following, and were finally received back on the 6th April, 1900, with such corrections and amendments as were concurred with by the Treasurer, and I have now the honor to submit to the Legislative Assembly my Report thereon, as directed by section 45 of the "Audit Act, 1898."

2. The suggestions for improving the Annual Statements which were reported last year as having been made to, but not adopted by, the late Treasurer were renewed in letter of 27th December last above referred to, and, although the proposed alterations could not be conveniently made in the present Statements, it is understood that the present Treasurer will cause his own Accounts for the now current financial year to be prepared in the amended form suggested.

3. The improvements in question are, however, introduced into the following Report and Appendices:—

They consist of—1. A reclassification of the items making up the Consolidated Revenue Fund; 2. A rearrangement of the Loan Service Disbursements under classes; 3. A consolidation of the General Loan Fund operations under one Account.

THE

THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT.

4. The condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at the 30th June, 1899, shows an improvement over its condition at 30th June, 1898, to the amount of £141,184 6s. 6d.—that is to say that the—

Debit Balance at 30th June, 1898, having
been... .. £2,898,713 14 1

while the

Debit Balance at 30th June, 1899, stood at ... 2,757,529 7 7

The Cash operations of the year show a net
balance in its favour of £141,184 6 6

The improvement shown in the Accounts of 1897–8 over the year 1896–7 having been £158,060 8s. 10d., the present result shows that the Revenue Receipts for 1898–9 were insufficient to meet the instalment due for the redemption of the old Treasury Deficiency Bills by a sum of £8,815 13s. 6d., which, consequently, has increased the Cash Overdraft from £571,129 14s. 1d. at 30th June, 1898, to £579,945 7s. 7d. at the 30th June, 1899, and may accordingly be stated thus:—

	£	s.	d.
Cash Overdraft	579,945	7	7
Outstanding Treasury Deficiency Bills—			
53 Victoria No. 9	1,152,884	0	0
59 Victoria No. 22	1,024,700	0	0

*Net Deficiency Balance at 30th June, 1899... £2,757,529 7 7

5. It must be distinctly understood that the figures here given, as well as the similar ones given in last Report, refer to the “Revenue” as a *Cash Account only*; that is to say, they represent the result of cash operations only as recorded year by year in the Public Accounts, and, as on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, quite distinct from the Trust Funds or the General Loan Fund transactions.

6. The mention of outstanding Treasury Deficiency Bills as *forming part of the Deficiency Balance* does not in any way alter the fact that the “Account” on which that Deficiency Balance has arisen is an Account of the “Revenue” pure and simple.

7. The adverse Balance may be regarded from two opposite standpoints, and may be described in the one case as having been occasioned by “a failure in anticipated Income,” or, in the other case, by “Obligations created and met in excess of anticipated Income.” In either case, however, the “Revenue” has become indebted for the amount of its adverse Balance to some source whence it drew the money to meet the obligations created and met in excess of its own resources to date of Balance.

8. In the course of the extensive criticism which my last Report has evoked, it has been argued that the adverse balance stated therein should not have included the amounts of the outstanding Treasury Deficiency Bills on the plea that the Acts of Parliament

* Net Deficiency as above	£2,757,529	7	7
Net Payments in London during 1898–9, not brought to account during Financial Year	201,646	5	0
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899 (exclusive of £11,618 17s. 8d., payments by Bank of New South Wales—not brought to account)	£2,959,175	12	7

Parliament authorising the issue of those Bills covered and *thereby paid off*, at any rate temporarily, so much of the Revenue Debit Balance in declaring that “the proceeds of the Bills” were to be carried to and *form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund*. Whencesoever those funds were to come they could only be of the nature of proceeds of Bills discounted payable at a future date. As it happens, all the Bills were placed with, or virtually discounted by, Trust Funds in the hands of the Treasury. It is obvious, therefore, that Parliament could never have meant that the Trust Moneys thus obtained were to be made into “Revenue” or, even if the Bills had been sold to the Public and cash received for them, the proceeds *being repayable*, could not possibly be converted into so much “Revenue”—the money could only be legitimately accounted for as borrowed money, until replaced by *Revenue free from obligation*.

9. It is remarkable that so much surprise was expressed at the statement of the position of the Revenue Account in my last Report, as if that position had been one of quite recent attainment and had not previously been drawn attention to. It is also remarkable how diverse have been the views expressed as to the significance of the figures, while those figures themselves have not been challenged as incorrect in any particular. The adverse balance stated in last Report on the Revenue Account as £2,898,713 14s. 1d., and now in the present one as reduced to £2,757,529 7s. 7d., is nothing more nor less than the result of a series of balances carefully ascertained at the close of each financial year and reported to Parliament in my Annual Reports on the Treasurer’s Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony, as directed by the Audit Act.

10. It seems to be, therefore, of some importance that those annual results should be collocated so as to afford a bird’s eye view of the progressive condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and, it may be, to assist in harmonising the opposite conclusions which have been entertained and expressed as to their significance. Commencing with the year 1883, to correspond in dates with a statement by the late Colonial Treasurer in No. 5 of his Financial Papers, dated 16th August, 1899, I have prepared a—

Statement showing position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect to its Obligations at the close of each financial year, and its means of meeting the same from the close of the year 1883 to 30th June, 1899, as reported to the Legislative Assembly in the Annual Reports of the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts for those years respectively, in accordance with the Audit Act.

That statement (marked A, *vide* pages 190-1) shows the following information :—

1. Amount of Financial Balance in reference to outstanding Obligations at the close of each year.
2. Amount of Obligations under Statutory Appropriations outstanding at the close of each year.
3. Balances of Obligations at the close of each financial year.
4. Balances of Obligations which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act of 1870, and Act No. 5, 1898.
5. Net amount of Payments in London prior to the close of the financial year, but not included in the Treasury Accounts for that year.
6. Amount of Treasury Deficiency Bills current at the close of the financial year, as per annual Statements.
7. Treasury Ledger Balances at the close of the financial year, as per annual Statements.
8. Balances of Temporary Issues recoverable but outstanding at the close of each financial year.

Together with references to the Annual Reports, whence the information has been collected.

In

11. In further illustration of the progress of the Deficiency Balance from its first occurrence at 31st December, 1886, to the 30th June, 1899, a second Statement (marked B, *vide* pages 192–3) shows :—

1st. The distribution of the gross Receipts placed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Revenue Proper" and "Temporary Advances Repaid," from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting credits for Treasury Deficiency Bills.

2nd. The distribution of the gross Payments made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Payments Proper" and "Temporary Advances," from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting sums charged for the Redemption of Treasury Deficiency Bills.

That Statement shows that the Debit Balance of £2,757,529 7s. 7d., at 30th June, 1899, consisted of :—

Excess of Payments Proper over Revenue			
Proper	£1,860,757	11	3
Excess of Temporary Issues over Temporary Recoveries	896,771	16	4
	<hr/>		
Total	£2,757,529	7	7

12. The succeeding Statements C and D show how the Amounts of each of those divisions have been arrived at, *viz.* (*vide* pages 194 and 195) :—

Statement C shows the annual position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of Temporary Advances made therefrom, and of Re-credits on their account, as per separate Statement, and exclusive of sums borrowed upon Treasury Deficiency Bills, from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899.

Statement D shows the annual position of the Account of Temporary Advances made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive of the Payments and Re-credits on account of the Centennial Park and Martin Place, as accounted for in the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements.

Another Statement, marked E, page 196, supplies particulars of the Temporary Issues outstanding at the 31st December, 1883, and also at 30th June, 1899.

13. It is proper to remark, however, that while it is technically necessary to account for the transactions described as Temporary Issues or Advances, as if they were Recoverable Assets, they are only such, for the most part, with reference to the year in which they occur, inasmuch as they are, except some comparatively small amounts recovered in cash, adjusted by their being charged as Expenditure under Appropriations of the Revenue for the following years.

14. But that is not the case with respect to the payments for the Centennial Park under the Act 51 Victoria No. 9, and for the formation of Martin Place under the Act 53 Victoria No. 13, which the Treasury have classified as "Suspense Accounts." *Strictly speaking, the Acts quoted do not justify the expenses under them being accounted for as Temporary transactions, or otherwise than Final Payments chargeable within the year in which they occur, directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, out of which they are authorised to be made, without any condition as to their being replaced by specific sums which might thereafter accrue to the Revenue in connection with them. It is true enough that both Acts provide for the sale of certain land not required for the purpose for which those Acts were passed, and provide that the proceeds should be credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund ;*

but,

but, however it may be assumed to have been the intention of Parliament that such Expenditure was to be dependent upon and reducible by such proceeds, no such intention is expressed in either Act.

15. The net expenditure for those two Services (up to 30th June, 1899—£696,468 13s. 3d.) has undoubtedly assisted in the creation of the adverse balance, and as the costs of those Services respectively are admitted to be legally chargeable against the Revenue, nothing is to be gained by keeping or stating them as separate debit accounts, and thus by their exclusion creating a balance to the credit of the Revenue in another part of the Account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. On the contrary, the process adopted exhibits an unscientific system of bookkeeping. In striking a Financial Balance it may be legitimate enough to take credit for the expected value of an asset, such as the estimated value of the land referred to above, as a set off against a general Debit Balance; but under the provisions of the Special Acts referred to, there is no direction to treat the expenditure authorised by them as distinct Accounts separate from the General Current Account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

16. By whatever process the Balance on the Revenue Account may be struck at the close of the Financial Year, it is of primary importance that the precise significance of that Balance should be thoroughly understood at what date soever it may be struck. As a matter of fact, the Balance shown in the Revenue Account in the published Annual Statements thereof has never been anything more than the balance between the Receipts and Payments within the year, including balance brought forward from the previous year, without reference to Statutory Liabilities, and therefore whatever the balance was it constituted only one of the factors to a complete account of the condition of the Revenue.

17. Those Annual Balances have never as yet been made up as Profit and Loss Balances, nor has any Balance on the Credit side of the Account ever yet been free from liability so as to allow of its being reckoned as absolutely free money for application to public uses under Parliamentary Appropriation, or towards the reduction of taxes, or the reduction of the Public Debt or Deficiency. If, on the other hand, the Balance appears on the Debit side of the Account the amount of it becomes, as a matter of course, a primary charge on the growing produce of the Revenue in the following Financial Year.

18. Now the intention and aim of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 was so to adjust the Appropriations of the Revenue as that they should apply only to payments estimated to be actually required to be made within and up to the close of a Financial Year—the 30th June—leaving any Cash Balance that might remain to be dealt with as a free sum in the arrangement of the Finance Accounts for the next Financial Year.

19. The Cash Balance at 30th June in any year is consequently the keynote to determine the condition of the Revenue and its relation to the Appropriation thereof. The amounts Appropriated for any year being limited to the Cash Payments to be made during that year, and the Revenue collected or credited in cash during any year being (for account purposes only) deemed to be the income for that year, the cash difference is substantially a Profit and Loss Balance, or, in other words, forms the "Cash Basis" of the system on which it was designed by the Audit Act
Amendment

Amendment Act of 1895 that the Public Revenue and its Appropriation to the Public Service should be accounted for. The Balance at the 30th June of any year should, therefore, be both a Cash and a Financial Balance, about the amount of which there should be no dispute.

20. Unfortunately, however, while the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 established the new principle on which the Annual Appropriation *out of* the Revenue was to proceed, it was only made to apply to such Appropriations for future financial years, commencing with the first day of July, 1895, without in any way recognising and providing for the fact that the Appropriation Act of 1895 did not expire until the 30th June, 1896—that the Appropriation Act of 1894 did not expire until 31st December, 1895—that there were Appropriations even of 1891, 1892, and 1893 then still alive—and that the Statutory Special Appropriations did not and could not lapse at the expiry of a financial year if not operated upon before that date. Those omissions have added to the confusion in regard to the true condition of the Public Accounts of 1895–6, and subsequently, which it was the expressed design of the Act quoted to remove. If the date of its commencement had been made, as events have proved it should have been more properly the 1st July, 1896, instead of 1st July, 1895, a large amount of trouble and misunderstanding would have been avoided. In regard to the mode of accounting for the permanent statutory obligations, special attention is requested to the remarks on the subject contained in paragraphs 15 and 16 of my Report on the Accounts of 1895–6.

21. In illustration of the foregoing remarks, a statement is appended showing that, at the 30th June, 1895, the date on which all past liabilities were supposed to have lapsed under the operation of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, there were Statutory Appropriations undischarged to the amount of £1,895,337 12s. 10d., and subsequently increased by £723 18s. 5d., balances restored, to £1,896,061 11s. 3d., the Revenue Account having been at the same date overdrawn to the amount of £834,403 3s. 9d., according to the Treasurer's Account. The Statement marked F shows how those liabilities have been disposed of. (Page 197.)

22. If the Revenue Accounts were in a healthy condition there should always be a sufficient Cash Balance at 30th June to cover the then unpaid accrued interest on the outstanding Public Debt, and any other unpaid Statutory Obligations due at the same date. Thus, at the 30th June, 1899, there should have been cash in hand to cover the outstanding Special Appropriations shown on page 190 to have been at that date £595,226 19s. 0d. Any sum beyond such a Reserved Balance would be free money, available for Annual Appropriation by Parliament, and a properly-constituted Appropriation Account would always show how the Revenue Account stood in relation to the demands upon it by the aggregate Appropriations under Statute. Taking for example the gross Revenue Receipts for 1898–9 at £9,753,775 0s. 5d., and deducting therefrom the refunds and charges on collections during the year, there results a net sum of £9,572,911 19s. 11d. subject to Appropriation by Statute, and to the annual charge of £150,000 for the redemption of Treasury Deficiency Bills. The Appropriations by Statute for the Services of the year 1898–9, together with £150,000 already mentioned, having amounted to £10,302,449 13s. 5d., there is a *prima facie* excess of Appropriations over Income of £729,537 13s. 6d.; but, allowing for the surrenders of unrequired Balances at 30th June under the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, and allowing for the residue of fixed Appropriations which could not come within the year's payments on the cash
basis

basis system, and which, consequently, become a primary charge on the Income of the following year on the same system, there is really a small balance to the good on the year's "Revenue Appropriation Account," as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
To Net Revenue Receipts during the Financial			
Year 1898-9	9,572,911	19	11
„ Surrender of Appropriations unexpended			
at 30th June, 1899	153,985	11	0
„ To Balance of Fixed Statutory Appropria-			
tions, payable in the year 1899-1900 ...	595,226	19	0
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	£10,322,124	9	11
	<hr/>		
	£	s.	d.
By Fixed Statutory Charges for the year			
1898-9	3,264,464	17	9
„ Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the			
Deficiency Debt (Treasury Bills Acts) ...	150,000	0	0
„ Annual Appropriation Act for 1898-9			
(No. 35 of 1898)	6,887,984	15	8
„ Balance credit, 30th June, 1899	19,674	16	6
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	£10,322,124	9	11

23. As that balance includes a sum of £7,961 transferred from the General Loan Fund under a Loan Service Appropriation of 1889, on account of a Revenue Service of 1886 and previous years, that sum is accounted for further on as a credit to the Revenue Deficiency Account. But the whole balance, being shown above to be practically a "profit" on the year's income (as a single year's account), without any authority or liability to expend it, virtually reduces the Deficiency Debt, and in fact does reduce the debit cash balance which existed at the 30th June of the previous year on a similarly-framed account for the year 1897-8.

24. It may be useful here to show how, for a few previous years, the account of the Revenue Proper has been affected by the Statutory Appropriations out of it under a "Revenue Appropriation (a Profit and Loss) Account." Commencing with the year 1894, the first complete year prior to the change in the period of the Financial Year, and to the change in the conditions of the Annual Appropriations out of the Revenue, a series of Balance Sheets have been prepared, and are exhibited in the accompanying Statement marked G, pages 198-201.

25. An inspection of that statement will show that the year 1894 commenced with a debit balance of £72,378 9s. 7d., irrespective of the amount spent to the same date for purposes outside of the ordinary Appropriation Account to the extent of £818,895 6s. 4d. (*vide* Statement D), and that the year 1894 closed with a debit balance of £54,322 15s. 11d. Each of the following years also shows a debit result, the balance at 30th June, 1899, having reached a sum of £707,873 11s. 3d. If to that result be added the balance of Temporary Issues at the same date, £896,771 16s. 4d., the aggregate amount of Revenue Issues in excess of Income was £1,604,645 7s. 7d. The cash overdraft, as shown by the Treasury, having been £579,945 7s. 7d.

(*vide*

(*vide* Statement A, Column 7.), the difference represents the amount of the Treasury Deficiency Bills of 1895—£1,024,700. To reach that result, however, £600,000 of the new Deficiency Bills were applied to the redemption of a like amount of the Deficiency Bills of 1889. The amount outstanding of those Bills at 31st December, 1894, was £1,752,884, and at 30th June, 1899, £1,152,884, the Revenue having been charged each year with the actual payment of £150,000, and through the deficiency of Income for the purpose the four years charge, £600,000 in all, forms part of the Debit Balance of £707,873 11s. 3d. on the Appropriation Account at 30th June, 1899.

26. The Debit Balance of £72,378 9s. 7d., with which Statement G opens, is arrived at in this way: The Treasury Debit Balance at 31st December, 1893, was £911,028 4s. 7d., but was in excess to the amount of £19,754 8s. 8d., which had been improperly transferred to the Trust Fund Account, as explained in Report for 1893. From the debit thus reduced to £891,273 15s. 11d. there is subtracted the sum spent to that date for outside purposes, £818,895 6s. 4d., leaving an absolute excess of £72,378 9s. 7d.

27. The sum of £19,754 8s. 8d., quoted in preceding paragraph, is the balance of sums charged as paid from Revenue in 1893; but really transferred to the Trust Fund Account for after operations. It was consequently disallowed as for 1893, but was corrected in 1894, by £2,642 17s. 5d.; in 1895 by £1 11s. 11d.; in 1895-6 by £15,750 11s. 7d.; and finally in 1896-7 by £1,359 7s. 9d.

28. The propriety of crediting the Revenue Account in 1895 with a sum of £341,319 9s. 2d. for accrued interest recovered from the General Loan Account has also been challenged and discussed from different standpoints. As to the amount itself (the correctness of which has not been called in question), it is simply one of the deductions made from the sums received in terms of the accepted tenders for loans called for by the Government as part of the costs of negotiation. Being due to the Revenue, it should not have been credited to the General Loan Fund; or, at all events, since it was so credited, probably as a matter of convenience, it should have been immediately thereafter transferred to the credit of the Revenue Account. The effect of the delay in making such transfer has been that the General Loan Fund has had the benefit of the credit of that considerable sum and used it for ordinary expenditure on loan services, while the Revenue, being largely in debt, was deprived of it.

29. The transfer having restored to the Revenue Account what it had been deprived of in previous years, the amount, instead of being treated as a part of the ordinary Income of 1895, should properly have been "*specifically*" devoted to a reduction of the Deficiency to which the want of the credit of that considerable sum had contributed. Indirectly, that would appear to have been done by the limitation of the amount of the new Treasury Deficiency Bills of 1895-6, to the extent of the transfer, £341,319 9s. 2d.

30. Coming now to the Revenue transactions of the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, attention is requested in the first place to the amended classification of the Revenue and Receipts (already referred to), according to which the following Current Account has been prepared in continuation of the similar account shown in the Report for the year 1897-8:—

Dr.

Financial Year ended

		Details on	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Revenue Proper credited during Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899:—											
Taxation:—											
Customs	...	Page 219	1,305,097	6	10						
Excise	...		316,708	12	7						
Stamp Duties	...		361,887	2	3						
Land Tax	...		272,027	16	0						
Income Tax	...		182,220	10	11						
Licenses	...		121,760	7	4						
Gross Taxation	...		2,559,701	15	11						
Less Refunds	...		44,470	13	3						
Net Taxation	...					2,515,231	2	8			
Land Revenue:—											
Alienation...	...	Pages 219-20	1,197,806	10	5						
Pastoral Occupation	...		672,016	19	5						
Mining Occupation	...		47,879	18	9						
Miscellaneous Land Receipts	...		91,806	0	9						
Gross Land Revenue	...		2,009,509	9	4						
Less Refunds	...		56,436	12	1						
Net Land Revenue	...					1,953,072	17	3			
Receipts for Services rendered:—											
Railway and Tramway Receipts	...	Pages 220-21	3,568,658	6	5						
Post Office, Electric Telegraphs, &c.	...		775,101	12	2						
Harbours and Rivers Navigation	...		51,667	11	6						
Public Instruction Department	...		78,856	9	4						
Water Supply	...		218,200	7	2						
Sewerage and Drainage	...		104,044	10	7						
Administration of Justice	...		82,889	15	4						
Other	...	53,855	1	0							
Gross Receipts for Services rendered	...		4,933,273	13	6						
Less Refunds	...		76,086	14	0						
Net Receipts for Services rendered	...					4,857,186	19	6			
General Miscellaneous Receipts:—											
Rents, exclusive of Land	...	Pages 221-3	73,371	10	3						
Interest on Public Moneys, Repayments, &c.	...		32,310	18	8						
Unclaimed Moneys	...		5,330	16	10						
Contributions towards expenses incurred by Government, &c....	...		94,047	10	3						
Miscellaneous Receipts	...		25,510	9	6						
Over-payments under Appropriations of previous years recovered	...		12,757	16	2						
Gross General Miscellaneous Receipts	...			243,329	1	8					
Less Refunds	...		3,869	1	2						
Net General Miscellaneous Receipts	...					239,460	0	6			
Total Net Revenue Proper	...								9,564,950	19	11
To Other Receipts (<i>Revenue Advance Account</i>):—											
Repayments of Advances on account of year 1896-7 and 1897-8	...	Page 217							157,006	18	0
Grand Total Net Revenue and Receipts	...								9,721,957	17	11
To Balance at credit of Current Revenue Account, 30 June, 1898 (Report, 1897-8, Page 153)	...								62,363	13	7
TOTAL	...								£ 9,784,321	11	6
<i>Supplementary</i>											
To Towards Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings, and outstanding claims under the repealed Act 44 No. 19, Act 61 Vic. No. 20:—											
Premium on Securities sold	...								†17,017	5	10
Interest	„								†7,663	0	1
											24,680
											5
											11
„ Balance at credit of Account, 1st July, 1898	...								{ £150,487	8	3
									{ †4,081	0	0
											154,568
											8
											3
TOTAL	...										£179,248
											14
											2

* Exclusive of Revenue Refunded during

† These sums being considered to be due to the Revenue, as explained in paragraph 29

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

30th June, 1899.

Cr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenditure Proper—										
Expenditure under Special Appropriations:—										
Schedules A, B, and C, and Supplements Page 206										
Funded Debt „ 206										
Unfunded Debt:—										
Treasury Bills (53 Vic. No. 9) (<i>transferred to "Deficiency Account" 1895 and previous years, see next page</i>) „ 206										
Interest on „ 206										
Other Special Appropriations:—										
Interest on Uninvested Funds at Credit of Government Savings Bank „ 206										
Endowments „ 206-7										
Salaries, Allowances, &c. „ 207										
Miscellaneous „ 207										
Total Special Appropriations										
Expenditure under Annual Appropriations:—										
Supplement to Schedule B Page 207										
Executive and Legislative „ 207										
Chief Secretary... .. „ 208-9										
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—										
Departments generally „ 210-11										
Railways and Tramways „ 211										
Attorney-General „ 211										
Secretary for Lands „ 211										
Secretary for Public Works „ 212										
Administration of Justice „ 212										
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry „ 212-3										
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture „ 213										
Postmaster-General „ 213										
Total Annual Appropriations										
Expenditure under Supplementary Appropriations:—										
Executive and Legislative „ 214										
Chief Secretary... .. „ 214										
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—										
Departments generally „ 214-5										
Railways and Tramways „ 215										
Secretary for Lands „ 215										
Secretary for Public Works „ 215										
Administration of Justice „ 215										
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry „ 216										
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture „ 216										
Total Supplementary Appropriations										
Total Expenditure Proper										
By Other Payments (Revenue Advance Account)—Balance of										
Advances made during 1898-9 outstanding 30th June, 1899 „ 217										
Credit Balance on 30th June, 1899:—										
Excess Disbursements during 1898-9 Dr. 17,699 14 1										
Balance at Credit of Current Revenue Account brought forward on 1st July, 1899 Cr. 62,363 13 7										
TOTAL										

Revenue Account.

By Expenditure under Clause 14, Act 61 Vic. No. 20:—										
Ordinary Payments Page 39										
Old Claims contracted under 44 Vic. No. 19:—										
Refunds of Deposits... .. „ 39										
Transfer of Surplus Credit at credit of Account on 2nd December, 1897 „ 39										
„ Credit Balance on 30th June, 1899										
TOTAL... ..										

It thus appears that the net Receipts were £9,721,957 17s. 11d., and the Payments £9,739,657 12s., creating an excess balance of Payments within the year of £17,699 14s. 1d. Deducting that excess from the credit balance of £62,363 13s. 7d. shown in the corresponding account for 1897-S there results still a credit balance of £44,663 19s. 6d.

31. While, however, the Revenue Account as a whole exhibits a deficiency, it must be obvious that any actual credit that may appear to arise upon a portion of the whole account can only be a nominal one, for account purposes, and can only be reckoned as a set-off against debits existing elsewhere in the same account. It does not, therefore, consist of free money available for disposal otherwise, and cannot, therefore, be legitimately carried forward under that character. As previously remarked (Paragraph 16) it is essential that quotations of balances be always made with reference to the facts which constitute them.

DEFICIENCY REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1898-9.

32. The remainder of the Revenue Account, hitherto stated separately, to show the progress of the Deficiency Account, is continued hereunder :—

Dr.		<i>Deficiency Account for 1895 (June) and previous years.</i>				Cr.	
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To RECEIPTS credited during the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of :—					By Balance of Deficiency Account, 30th June, 1898, brought forward ... Page 154 (1897-S Report)	2,961,077	7 8
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place)..... Page 217		923	0	7			
Transfer from General Loan Fund (Loan Act, 53 Vic. No. 23)—Cost of Meat Markets, Pymont, &c. Page 223		7,961	0	0			
Instalment of Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years, transferred from "Current Revenue Account," 1893-9 ... Page 159		150,000	0	0			
Gross Deficiency, 30th June, 1899.							
	{ Treasury Bills outstanding :—				158,884	0	7
	£ s. d. £ s. d.						
	53 Vic. No. 9 1,152,884 0 0						
	59 Vic. No. 22 1,024,700 0 0						
	————— 2,177,584 0 0				2,802,193	7	1
	Overdraft 624,609 7 1						
	(See "Analysis of Cash Balances," page 180)				£ 2,961,077	7	8
						£ 2,961,077	7 8

The "Gross" Deficiency, that is, the Accumulated Deficiency if no allowance be made for the Balance shown as at the credit of the Current Account, £44,663 19s. 6d., was £2,802,193 7s. 1d. The last-mentioned amount includes outstanding issues to the amount of £679,558 1s. 8d. (Appendix A, page 217), which may be recovered in future years, or be converted into *final* payments. During the year under review the Gross Deficiency was reduced by £158,884 0s. 7d.

Consolidated Revenue Statement, 1898-9.

33. For the sake of comparison with previous years it is desirable on this occasion to continue the Consolidated Statement of the gross Receipts and Disbursements from 1886 to 1899, showing the progressive condition of the deficiency as a cash account only. For a more minute analysis of these figures reference is requested to Statements A to G (pages 190-201). The information contained in those statements may not improbably render the continuance of this form of return unnecessary in future.

State

State of Deficiency from Year of first Deficiency, to 30th June, 1899.

Year.	RECEIPTS, including "Temporary Advances Repaid" (exclusive of proceeds of Treasury Bills).	DISBURSEMENTS, including Temporary "Advances Made" (exclusive of payments in redemption of Treasury Bills).
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dr. Balance on the 31st December, 1886 (year of the first debit balance of the existing deficiency)	.....	1,286,581 9 4
Twelve months ended 31st December, 1887	3,653,913 8 2	9,576,942 8 5
" " " " 1888	9,583,700 4 3	9,072,834 12 9
" " " " 1889	9,350,346 17 7	9,531,693 7 0
" " " " 1890	9,957,411 0 11	10,046,975 0 0
" " " " 1891	10,184,875 5 3	10,801,437 1 4
" " " " 1892	10,903,380 4 9	10,883,803 17 9
" " " " 1893	10,280,526 18 6	10,538,073 18 9
" " " " 1894	9,905,712 8 3	9,847,066 1 3
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	5,259,419 6 9	5,094,085 2 3
Twelve months ended 30th June, 1896	9,378,807 19 8	9,801,935 2 11
" " " " 1897	9,468,334 11 7	9,581,804 6 10
" " " " 1898	9,747,679 11 1	9,589,619 2 3
" " " " 1899	9,961,678 3 3	9,820,493 16 9
	£ 122,665,816 0 0	
Net Deficiency, 30th June, 1899		
Treasury Bills Outstanding:—	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
53 Vic. No. 9	1,152,884 0 0	
59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700 0 0	
	2,177,584 0 0	
Overdraft "Deficiency Account," as per page 160	Dr. 624,609 7 1	2,757,529 7 7
Overdraft "Credit Balance "Current Revenue Account," as per Statement, page 159	Cr. 44,663 19 6	*579,945 7 7
	(See "Analysis of Cash Balances," page 180).	
Total	£ 125,423,345 7 7	125,423,345 7 7

* Reconciliation of £579,945 7s. 7d. with Treasury Statement, pages 3 and 8—

	£ s. d.
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	Dr. 228,416 17 8
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	Dr. 463,051 15 7
	£696,468 13 3
Revenue balance as per Treasury Statement	116,523 5 8
Overdraft, as above	<u>£579,945 7 7</u>

The "Net" Deficiency, £2,757,529 7s. 7d., includes unadjusted issues to the amount of £896,771 16s. 4d. (for details of which see Supplement to Appendix A, page 217), which fall to be adjusted in future years by cash or by transfer to the Appropriation Account.

34. From the foregoing Accounts Current and the explanations preliminary thereto, it may be seen that *before the Balance Surplus of Receipts over Disbursements* (£44,663 19s. 6d.) can be reckoned as an absolutely free Cash Credit Balance on the Current Revenue Account as a whole, and exclusive of the liability to meet the Treasury Deficiency Bills (£2,177,584) there requires to be provided a sum equal to it and the net Cash overdraft as well, shown above to be £579,945 7s. 7d., or together £624,609 7s. 1d. If the Outstanding Issues referred to previously, which may be said to have occasioned the immediate Cash Overdraft, were adjusted, the Revenue Account *as a whole* would then be in Credit, but only to the extent to which such adjustment might be *effected by cash*. Any improvement of the balance that might thus occur would still, of course, be subject to the liability of £2,177,584 on account of the Treasury Deficiency Bills, which, by the Treasury Bills Acts, will take about fifteen years to discharge at the rate of £150,000 per annum.

Further information as to the actual condition of the Revenue Account will be found under the "Analysis of Balances," pages 180 to 184.

SPECIAL

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REVENUE ACCOUNT, CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS ACT,
1897, 61 VICTORIA, No. 20.

35. Exception was taken in last year's Report to a credit of £4,081 as Premium and Interest on the realisation of Debentures to the amount of £56,000 for Expenditure on Public School Buildings, under section 14 of the Act 61 Victoria No. 20, as an improvident and incorrect transaction. During the year 1898-9 Funded Stock to the amount of £119,271 19s. 3d. was also taken credit for with a premium of £17,017 5s. 10d., which, together with certain interest upon it, and other securities, to the amount of £7,663 0s. 1d., has been passed to the credit of the Public School Buildings Account, 61 Victoria No. 20. All the three entries mentioned, making in all a sum of £28,761 5s. 11d., if legitimate at all, of which there is very considerable doubt, were certainly not credits to be expended upon Public School Buildings, but being received, rightly or wrongly, subsequently to the 2nd December, 1897, should have been carried directly to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, whence the amount cannot be drawn, except it be made the subject of a distinct Vote of Parliament.

36. This matter was gone into very fully in paragraphs 19 to 32 of my Report for the year 1897-8, and has occasioned a considerable amount of correspondence. The Treasury claim an opinion—obtained from Mr. Attorney-General Want—as justifying their action in enlarging the balance at the credit of the Public Instruction Endowment Account beyond the amount as it stood at the 2nd December, 1897, £202,499 18s. 11d., and which was the sum, and the only sum, dealt with by Parliament in passing the Act in question, while I hold most distinctly that of that sum only £193,871 19s. 3d. was pledged for expenditure on Public School Buildings. The opinion referred to, together with two letters addressed by me to the Treasury, under date 22nd May and 3rd August, 1899, on the subject of Mr. Want's opinion and the disputed balance, to which no replies have been received, are given in Appendix P.

37. Special attention is requested to the fact that the Funded Stock above quoted includes £106,781 19s. 3d., issued originally at 4 per cent., and *interminable*. The transfer of that Stock to the Government Savings Bank on the same terms is considered to have involved an unnecessary extra annual charge on the Revenue, as pointed out in last year's Report.

The balance shown by the Treasury on this account as £78,125 15s. 2d. at 30th June, 1899, should be reduced to £49,364 9s. 3d., and the balance be written off to Revenue. The amount of Payments made since the 30th June, 1899, is £30,000.

IRREGULAR CHARGE TO A VOTE.

38. On examination of the charges paid under Vote 55, "Special Grants to Country and Suburban Hospitals," there was found a payment of £300, a grant to the Soup Kitchen and City Night Refuge towards the expense of a separate building for extending the benefits of the Institution to poor women and children. The payment clearly ranked more properly under Vote 50 as having been provided for aid to women and children. The more correct course, however, was to have obtained a specific vote for the grant. Efforts were made to get Vote 55 relieved of this erroneous charge before the close of the year, but without effect. The payment had, therefore, to be disallowed, but it has since been transferred to the Treasurer's Advance Account, and will in due course appear in the next Estimates.

THE LIABILITIES OF THE REVENUE.

39. The total Liabilities of the Revenue for the year 1898-9 under statute, Special and Annual, are exhibited in full detail as usual in Appendix A and its Supplements, together with the discharge thereof by actual Disbursements and by Surrender of Balances under the Audit Act, 1898, or by writing off portions of the Special Appropriations which were no longer required.

40. The following is a summary statement of the result of the year's operations, showing the Balances of the Special Appropriations which could not be applied during the year, and are necessarily carried forward as first charges on the financial year commencing 1st July, 1899, and as referred to elsewhere in this Report :—

Service.	Amounts Authorised.	Amounts Disbursed.	Balances Surrendered or written off.	Special Appropriations carried forward as primary charges of year 1899-1900.
I. AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE UNDER SPECIAL STATUTES (<i>Primary Charges</i>).				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount brought forward from 1897-8 (see page 160 of that year's Report) £629,208 11 8				
Supplementary Appropriations *8,846 13 9	638,055 5 5	452,258 10 1.	+32,469 14 9	153,327 0 7
Schedules A, B, and C, and Supplements	44,212 17 6	42,221 6 6	542 7 5	1,449 3 7
Funded Debt:—				
Reduction of	103,439 13 4	103,439 13 4	.....	.....
Interest on	2,211,477 15 5	1,792,838 8 5	.....	418,639 7 0
Unfunded Debt:—				
Reduction of	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	.....	.....
Interest on	71,462 10 4	52,226 15 2	.....	19,235 15 2
Other Special Appropriations ...	195,816 15 9	192,907 16 5	333 6 8	2,575 12 8
Total Special Statutes £	3,414,464 17 9	2,785,892 9 11	33,345 8 10	595,226 19 0
II. AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE UNDER ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ACT DURING 1898-9.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Annual Appropriation for the Financial Year 1898-9 ...	6,753,761 0 0	6,633,120 17 10	120,640 2 2	} Nil.
Supplementary Appropriation, towards adjustment of Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8 ...	134,223 15 8	134,223 15 8	.....
Total Annual and Supplementary Appropriations £	6,887,984 15 8	6,767,344 13 6	120,640 2 2	
GRAND TOTAL (as per Appendix A, page 216) ...	10,302,449 13 5	9,553,237 3 5	153,985 11 0	595,226 19 0

		£ s. d.
* {	Supplementary Appropriations of 1897-8 :—	
	Accrued interest, Loan, 50 Vic. No. 28	5,114 8 6
	Appropriations in connection with Public School Buildings Account, 61 Vic. No. 20	3,732 5 3
	Total	£8,846 13 9
	† Includes Appropriations, 1894 and previous years, written off	£30,316 16 11

OTHER RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (REVENUE ADVANCE ACCOUNT)—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

41. The sums shown at the foot of the Current Revenue Account on previous pages 158-9 as "Other Receipts" and "Other Payments," represent Advances and other Issues which, for one reason or another, are treated as temporary transactions only, some of which become finally parts of the Revenue Account Proper by transfer

transfer to Expenditure under Appropriation by Statute or by recredit as Cash. The total of such temporary transactions outstanding at 30th June, 1898, was £868,281 6s. 4d. The Balance of similar operations up to 30th June, 1899, and outstanding at that date, was £896,771 16s. 4d.—an increase on the year of £28,490 10s. 0d. Full details of those figures can be seen in the Supplement to Appendix A at page 217.

The Outstanding Balance at 30th June, 1899, was made up of—

	£	s.	d.
Disbursements on account of the Centennial Park, 51 Victoria No. 9	228,416	17	8
General Post Office — New Street Resumption Account, 53 Victoria No. 13 (Formation of Martin-place)	468,051	15	7
Treasurer's Advance, 1893 ... £13,000 0 0			
Do 1897-8 ... 882 14 6			
Do 1898-9 ... 97,733 5 0			
Miscellaneous items	26,298	6	8
Expenditure Suspense Account	62,388	16	11
	<hr/>		
Total Temporary Transactions outstanding 30th June, 1899—page 217	£896,771	16	4

EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS—INDEMNITY ACT.

42. The amount just quoted as "Expenditure Suspense Account," £62,388 16s. 11d. together with the Expenditure in excess of Parliamentary Appropriation to which attention was drawn in last Report, has now been included in the "Treasury Indemnity Act, 1899." The same Act includes similar unauthorised payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the period from the 1st to the 23rd September, 1899, pending the passing of the Supply Act No. 5, 1899, for the month of September. Those payments amounted to £302,075 3s. 8d., but they properly belong to the Accounts of the present Financial Year. The total unauthorised Payments from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, for which the Indemnity Act was passed, amounted to £1,278,940 10s. 7d. as fully set forth in the Act itself; but items making up the sum of £62,388 16s. 11d. require to be cleared by an Appropriating Vote.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

43. The Treasurer's Advance Vote for 1898-9 of £100,000 was employed during the year in making payments to the extent of £168,022 12s. 6d., but by transfers of portions of those payments to Votes available for such adjustment and by recredits in cash, the net sum outstanding to be adjusted at 30th June, 1899, was reduced to £97,733 5s. Adding to this the still unadjusted Advance of £13,000 in 1893 to the Municipal Council of Penrith and a sum of £882 14s. 6d., advanced in 1897-8 for
Harbour

Harbour Improvements at Moruya, the whole amount issued under the Treasurer's Advance Votes of 1893, 1897-8, and 1898-9, which required to be adjusted at 30th June, 1899, was £111,615 19s. 6d. Full details showing how that sum is arrived at are given in Appendix C, pages 224-30.

It should be added here that the excess issue of the Vote for 1897-8, viz., £37,424 15s. 8d., which formed part of the unauthorised expenditure for that year, has been included in the Indemnity Act of 1899, referred to elsewhere.

44. So far as known, no progress has been made towards the settlement of the advance of £13,000 to the Municipal Council of Penrith, to which special attention was directed in paragraph 48 of last Report.

45. It is satisfactory to note that the special terms of the Advance Vote for 1898-9 transferring the whole Vote *in globo* to a Trust Fund Account have been omitted in the now current Vote for 1899-1900, thus preserving the operations upon it within the limits of the Revenue Account, as successfully contended for in 1894, and since carried out with most satisfactory results.

THE TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS.

46. The Trust Funds Accounts for the past year, excepting the Pension Accounts, show an expansion in both receipts and payments, closing with a gross credit balance of £9,257,888 7s. 7d., an increase of £792,070 0s. 6d., principally owing to the augmented balances at the credit of the Government Savings Bank—£378,466 2s. 1d., and of the Savings Bank of New South Wales—£250,000, in all £628,466 2s. 1d.

47. The following statement is an aggregate of the details shown at pages 3 and 70-71 of the Treasurer's Accounts, excluding, as usual, transfer entries for both receipts and payments, which, as adjustments only, form no proper part of either, to the amount of £523,688 15s. 6d :—

GENERAL AND SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.—1ST JULY, 1898, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

DR.				CR.									
To Balance, 30 June, 1898 :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Payments during 1898-9 :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Trust Funds	7,968,550	14	9				General Trust Funds	4,304,092	0	8			
Special „	497,267	12	4				Special „	183,658	6	6			
				8,465,818	7	1					4,487,750	7	2
To Receipts during 1893-9 :—							By Balance, 30 June, 1899 :—						
General Trust Funds	4,946,245	5	5				General Trust Funds	8,610,703	19	6			
Special „	333,575	2	3				Special „	647,184	8	1			
				5,279,820	7	8					9,257,888	7	7
Total	£13,745,633	14	9				Total	£13,745,638	14	9			

48. The aggregate Balance Credit of £9,257,888 7s. 7d. is distributed in the following table to the several Accounts interested, showing at the same time the proportions of each Trust which are invested in Treasury Securities, and the proportions in Cash which, while uninvested, are credited with interest from time to time by the Treasury, and the Balances which bear no interest.

AMOUNTS

AMOUNTS INVESTED AND UNINVESTED ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Account.	AMOUNT INVESTED in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.			UNINVESTED BALANCE (used in Advances and Public Account).			Total Amount of Trust Funds on 30 June, 1899.	
	Rate % per annum.	£	s. d.	Rate % per annum.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<i>General Trust Funds.</i>								
Special Funds :—								
Civil Service Superannuation Account	4	313,000	0 0	4	15,917	2 1	.....	328,917 2 1
Police Superannuation Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	925 7 7	925 7 7
Police Reward Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	443 14 9	443 14 9
Trust Moneys Account (Official Assignees in Insolvency) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268 6 4	268 6 4
Special Deposits Account :—								
Government Savings Bank Account	3 and 4	4,771,348	13 2	3	336,814	18 6	.....	5,108,163 11 8
Savings Bank of N.S. Wales Deposit Accounts .....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,415,000	0 0	.....	2,415,000 0 0
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act	3 and 4	172,090	0 0	.....	.....	.....	4,448 18 9	176,538 18 9
Advances from Loans :—								
Store Accounts :—								
Railway Store Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	257,759 19 4	257,759 19 4
Railway Construction Store Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78,633 14 0	78,633 14 0
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—								
Store Advance Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,139 15 7	12,139 15 7
Sewerage Contractors Advance Acct. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	954 11 8	954 11 8
Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—								
Store Advance Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0
Country Towns Water Supply Works—Re- payment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,050 13 2	2,050 13 2
Advances from Revenue :—								
Harbours and Rivers Store Advance Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	515 2 2	515 2 2
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewer- age—Deferred Pay Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	181 2 11	181 2 11
Sinking Funds :—								
Municipal Council of Sydney, 50 Vic. No. 13	4	31,500	0 0	4	544	17 0	.....	32,044 17 0
Other :—								
Moore-street Improvements Loan Sinking Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	3	118	15 0	.....	118 15 0
Town Hall Loan Sinking Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,267	0 2	.....	1,267 0 2
Public Markets Loan Sinking Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	3	100	19 5	.....	100 19 5
Streets " " .....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,379	14 10	.....	2,379 14 10
Cattle Sale-yards " " .....	.....	.....	.....	3	482	7 10	.....	482 7 10
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debent- ures Fund.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,788 2 1	3,788 2 1
Trustee Companies :—								
Perpetual Trustee Company (Ltd.)	4	20,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000 0 0
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Ltd.).....	4	20,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000 0 0
Testamentary and Trust Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 14 9	126 14 9
Public Works Security Deposits Account.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,792 15 0	9,792 15 0
Tender Board Deposit Trust Account .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,549 7 0	2,549 7 0
Military :—								
Volunteer Military Forces—Clothing Acct.	2½ & 3	10,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	3,629 11 8	13,629 11 8
" " Deferred Pay Account	2½	3,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,212 3 0	4,212 3 0
Carried forward.....	.....	£ 5,340,998	13 2	.....	2,772,625	14 10	380,419 19 9	8,493,984 7 9

AMOUNTS Invested and Uninvested on 30th June, 1899—continued.

Account.	AMOUNT INVESTED in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.			UNINVESTED BALANCE (used in Advances and Public Account).			Total Amount of Trust Funds on 30 June, 1899.
	Rate % per annum.	£ s. d.	Rate % per annum.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>General Trust Funds—continued.</i>							
Special Deposits Account—continued.							
Brought forward.....	...	£ 5,340,938 13 2		2,772,625 14 10	380,419 19 9		8,493,984 7 9
Revenue Suspense Account.....	...	.....	...	.....	11,894 14 2		11,894 14 2
Bankruptcy Estates Account	3	7,000 0 0	3	1,000 0 0	.....		8,000 0 0
„ Unclaimed Dividend Fund .....	...	.....	3	7,181 4 8	.....		7,181 4 8
„ Suitors' Fund .....	...	.....	...	.....	826 14 2		826 14 2
Other Special Deposits Account.....	...	.....	3	24 10 10	5,441 11 1		5,466 1 11
Sundry Deposits :—							
Treasury Guarantee Fund .....	...	.....	...	.....	10,448 12 5		10,448 12 5
Sydney University—William Roberts	4	4,000 0 0	...	.....	.....		4,000 0 0
Unclaimed Moneys .....	...	.....	...	.....	2,387 4 0		2,387 4 0
Other and Sundry Small Accounts .....	...	.....	...	.....	38,182 0 5		38,182 0 5
Sundry Persons' Securities :—							
Penrith Municipal Council Debentures...	5	13,000 0 0	...	.....	.....		13,000 0 0
Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation	2½	10,000 0 0	...	.....	.....		10,000 0 0
Wollongong Harbour Trust	3 and 4	5,303 0 0	...	.....	.....		5,303 0 0
Max Wurcher	3	30 0 0	...	.....	.....		30 0 0
Totals .....	...	£ 5,380,271 13 2	...	2,780,831 10 4	449,600 16 0		8,610,703 19 6
				£3,230,432 6 4			
<i>Special Trust Funds.</i>							
Colonial Treasurer's :—							
Master-in-Equity Account	3 & 4	276,770 0 0	3	70,804 18 4	.....		347,574 18 4
Master-in-Lunacy „	3	41,784 0 0	3	35,489 10 5	.....		77,273 10 5
Curator of Intestate Estates Account .....	...	.....	3	39,421 11 3	.....		39,421 11 3
Registrar in Bankruptcy „ .....	...	.....	3	20 0 0	.....		20 0 0
„ of Probates „ .....	...	.....	3	27,919 14 6	.....		27,919 14 6
Prothonotary „ .....	...	.....	...	.....	2,565 11 7		2,565 11 7
Sinking Funds :—							
New South Wales 1924 Stock...58 Vic. No. 14 .....	...	.....	...	.....	26,408 13 4		26,408 13 4
„ 1925 „ ...59 Vic. No. 6 .....	...	.....	...	.....	29,634 0 0		29,634 0 0
„ 1927 „ ...60 Vic. No. 32 .....	...	.....	...	.....	13,874 17 4		13,874 17 4
„ 1928 „ ...61 Vic. No. 43 .....	...	.....	...	.....	7,491 11 4		7,491 11 4
Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24 .....	...	.....	...	.....	75,000 0 0		75,000 0 0
Totals .....	...	£ 318,554 0 0	...	173,655 14 6	154,974 13 7		647,184 8 1
				£328,630 8 1			
<i>Summary.</i>							
General Trust Funds .....	...	5,380,271 13 2	...	2,780,831 10 4	449,600 16 0		8,610,703 19 6
Special „ „ .....	...	318,554 0 0	...	173,655 14 6	154,974 13 7		647,184 8 1
GRAND TOTAL .....	...	£ 5,698,825 13 2	...	2,954,487 4 10	604,575 9 7		9,257,888 7 7
				£3,559,062 14 5			

THE CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT.

50. The chief feature of the Civil Service Superannuation Account is the steady reduction in the Balance at its credit, a further fall of £57,994 12s. 4d. having occurred during the year. The credit Balance at 30th June, 1899, stood at £328,917 2s. 1d., of which £313,000 remained invested in Treasury Bills at 4 per cent. interest, Bills for £25,000 having been transferred to the Sinking Fund of the Municipal Council of Sydney.

51. The gross Income shows a small decrease of £622 12s., and the gross Disbursements were also less by £5,914 16s. 6d. on the operations of the year; but the main cause of the loss of funds is to be found in the serious difference between the annual charge for Pensions and the Income available to meet it.

52. The Pension Roll, as it stood at 30th June, 1899, amounted to £90,604 2s. 10d., while the Income for the year was only £46,241 18s. 4d. New pensions to the amount of £5,673 6s. 10d. were added to the Roll, while lapsed pensions were struck off to the amount of £6,900 17s. 5d., the difference showing an annual rate reduction of £1,227 10s. 7d. in favour of the Fund. Full particulars of those rates are given in *Appendix M*, pages 262-4.

The annual charge upon the Schedule B Fund of the Constitution Act (£3,500) remained at £3,499 18s. 4d.

POLICE PENSIONS.

53. The aggregate Police Pension Funds—that is to say, the Police Superannuation Fund and the Police Reward Fund combined—were reported last year as in debt to the Treasurer's Advance Account for £9,068 3s. 3d. The transactions of the new year, 1898-9, exhibit a further deficiency of income to meet the charges for Police Pensions and Gratuities paid to 30th June, 1899, involving further aid through the Treasurer's Advance Account to the amount of £10,704 10s. Both those advances, making £19,772 13s. 3d., have now been covered by grants from the Consolidated Revenue Fund *without conditions of repayment*. The balances, respectively, of the two above-named Police Funds, to the aggregate amount of £1,369 2s. 4d., can therefore be correctly classed as cash balances at their credit on the close of the year; but they were insufficient to equal outstanding claims, as may be seen from the following statement:—

54. The annual charge for authorised Police Pensions, as at the 30th June, 1899, was £23,460 5s. 10d.—a small net increase of £296 5s. 5d. over the amount charged for the previous year, there having been thirteen new pensions granted for £2,136 in all, while eleven pensions lapsed to the amount of £1,839 14s. 7d. (*Vide Appendix M*, pages 263-4.)

55. The aggregate income of the two funds for the year 1898-9 was £14,969 19s. 6d., a decrease compared with the previous year of £311 7s. 2d. The payments for the same year 1898-9 aggregated £25,741 11s. 3d., showing by comparison with those of the previous year a decrease of £804 17s. 3d., the cash operations of the year therefore improved the combined funds by £493 10s. 1d. The accrued income being say at the rate of £15,000, and the Pension Roll of Payments being say £23,460, an annual addition of £8,460 is required to balance the annual liability for pensions without any allowance being made for liabilities on account of gratuities.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES GENERALLY.

56. The following abstract shows the total expenditure for Pensions within the past year to have been £135,958 1s. 1d. The Consolidated Revenue Fund provided £30,394 0s. 1d. of that sum under special and annual appropriations for the purpose, and the remainder £105,564 1s. was contributed by the members of the Civil Service and by the Police Pension Funds. For the same period the payments for gratuities aggregated £16,664 3s. 11d.—£12,958 5s. 9d. from the Revenue and £3,705 18s. 2d. from the Civil Service and the Police Pension Funds.

Pensions (<i>Actual Payments during 1898-9.</i>)			£	s.	d.
Under the Constitution Act :—					
Schedule B :—					
Pensions to (Supreme Court) Judges			1,050	0	0
„ Political Officers			900	0	0
„ Superannuated Officers — £3,500 transferred annually <i>in globo</i> to Civil Service Superannuation Fund					
Under Supplement to Schedule B :—					
Pensions to (Supreme Court) Judges, 46 Victoria No. 15			770	0	0
Annual Appropriations :—					
Pensions to Widows of Pilots			325	0	0
„ Military Officers			1,242	18	6
Under the Constitution Act :—					
Schedule C—Stipends to Clergy (26 Vic. No. 19)...			5,152	7	10
Under Special Acts :—					
District Court Judges Salaries and Pensions Act ...			2,937	10	0
Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873			2,506	3	4
Sir Henry Parkes Family Grant { Special Act ...			208	6	8
{ Treasurer's Advance ...			375	0	0
Annual Appropriation :—					
Pension to Constable Alford			45	12	6
Treasurer's Advance :—					
Inspectors of Stock			676	15	0
Out of Accumulated Funds, &c. (Contributions from Officers, &c.) :—					
Civil Service Superannuation Account	{ Under Schedule B	3,499	16	3	
	{ Under 1884 Act ...	93,057	2	3	
Police Superannuation Fund	{ Accumulated Funds	11,957	2	10	
	{ Treasurer's Advance	10,704	10	0	
Police Reward Fund		549	15	11	
Total... { Paid from Consolidated Revenue Fund		£30,394	0	1	
{ „ Accumulated Funds ...		£105,564	1	0	
		£135,958	1	1	

Gratuities to Officers and Officers' Relations, page 265.

From Consolidated Revenue Fund :—					
Annual Appropriation Act, 1897-8 :—					
General Vote			5,725	13	7
Special Votes			4,382	12	2
Railways and Tramways			2,695	0	0
From Treasurer's Advance Account			155	0	0
From Accumulated Funds :—					
Civil Service Superannuation Fund			1,469	17	2
Police Superannuation Fund			1,123	1	0
Police Reward Fund			1,113	0	0
Total... { Paid from Consolidated Revenue Fund		£12,958	5	9	
{ „ Accumulated Funds ...		£3,705	18	2	
		£16,664	3	11	
GRAND TOTAL			£152,622	5	0

The *Annual Rate of charge for all Pensions* authorised to 30th June, 1899, was £132,804 7s. 2d. and as detailed in *Appendix M*, page 262.

THE GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

57. The form of the Statement of the Treasurer's General Loan Account, being the same as that adopted for the year 1897-8, is, of course, open to the same objections as those stated in my last Report, and the Statement cannot therefore be accepted. An amended abstract of the Loans Receipts and Disbursements, including a reclassification of the Services, has accordingly been prepared as a substitute for that submitted by the Treasury for audit, and will be found as Appendix D, page 231. That Statement shows the transactions free from re-credits and transfers, which only serve to confuse results and mar the usefulness of the account for public information. The figures in the following Account Current of the General Loan Fund for 1898-9 are an abstract of the totals shown in the detailed statement Appendix D, pages 231 to 243.

58. The additions to the funds available for Loan Services have been confined to the proceeds of the sales of Funded Stock in the Colony to the amount of £952,995 11s. 9d., bearing interest at 3 per cent. Deducting £1,250 for brokers' commission, the net amount realised was £951,745 11s. 9d. The ordinary Disbursements directly under Loan Service Votes amounted to £2,401,833 18s. 10d., showing a debit balance on the year of £1,450,088 7s. 1d. At the close of the year 1897-8 there was a credit balance of "Over Issues and Repayments" to the amount of £70,813 1s. 6d., of which there was applied during 1898-9, £7,099 4s. 4d., and written off to the General Account, £23,058 0s. 8d., leaving a balance of £40,655 16s. 6d., which, added to the balance available on 30th June, 1899, of the recredits of 1898-9, £167 0s. 5d., leaves a balance still open for Expenditure, apart from the ordinary Votes Account, of £40,822 16s. 11d. Nearly the whole of that balance arises from Loan Appropriations for Railway Services, which have long ago been completed, and ought to be written off as Liabilities. This course has been several times urged to be taken, but hitherto without effect.

59. The question of Liabilities in respect of the General Loan Services requires to be definitely settled with regard to both the raising and accounting for moneys borrowed for the purpose of defraying the cost of large works while the ordinary Revenue Income is insufficient. There is no limit fixed to the life of a Loan Appropriation as in the case of Revenue Votes, nor are there any limits as to how and when an authority to borrow shall be exercised. Nor is any provision made for dealing with balances of Loans or of Loan Appropriations. The authorities for borrowing and the authorities for appropriating moneys borrowed might be separated with great advantage. Attention is again most respectfully invited to this matter as dealt with in my Report on the Accounts for 1895-6, paragraphs 58 and 59.

60. The following Account Current shows in abstract the transactions in the General Loan Fund during the Financial Year, 1898-9, closing with a net debit balance of £1,421,898 3s. 11d:—

GENERAL

GENERAL LOAN FUND—

Dr.

Financial Year ended

RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	£	s. d.
	£	s. d.
To CREDIT BALANCE ON 30th June, 1898 ... { Bank Balance (<i>less unrepresented cheques</i>) ... Cr. 1,530,664 0 1 <i>Less Advances from General Trust Funds during 1895</i> (page 168) ... Dr. 1,500,000 0 0		30,664 0 1
To RECEIPTS:—		
Stock sold in New South Wales:—	£	s. d.
New South Wales Funded Stock Act, 59 Vic., No. 6... 279 19 0		
" " " 60 Vic., No. 32.. 952,715 12 9		
	952,995 11 9	
<i>Less Brokerage paid on account of sales of Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32</i> ... 1,250 0 0		
	951,745 11 9	
Appropriated to the following:—		
Works and Services:—	£	s. d.
Railways and Tramways ... 336,229 4 0		
Electric Telegraphs and Telephones ... 32,497 11 0		
Harbours and Rivers Navigation ... 106,475 18 4		
Roads and Bridges ... 25,387 2 3		
Sewerage and Drainage Works ... 102,206 18 5		
Water Supply ... 185,608 17 1		
Public Works and Buildings ... 75,894 16 8		
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works ... 25,813 5 3		
Buildings for Public Instruction ... 4,633 4 2		
Department of Mines and Agriculture ... 12,087 12 2		
" Lands ... 13,948 10 1		
	920,822 19 5	
Repayment of Loans ... 30,922 12 4		
	£951,745 11 9	
„ RE-CREDITS (<i>Cash or Transfers</i>):—		
Written off:—		
Moiety of Cost of Swan Hill Bridge—Repaid by Victoria ... 4,000 0 0		
Amounts written off ... 458 7 0		
Ordinary Re-credits ... 63,126 7 5		
	67,584 14 5	
		1,019,330 6 2
„ Debit Balance, 30th June, 1899 { Bank Balance (<i>less unrepresented cheques</i>) ... Cr. 78,101 16 1 <i>Less Advances from General Trust Funds during 1895</i> (page 168) ... Dr. 1,500,000 0 0		1,421,898 3 11
(See Analysis of Balances, page 180).		
TOTAL	£	2,471,892 10 2

* Advances from General Loan

	£	s. d.
To Balance at Credit of “Loan Store Accounts” at 30th June, 1898 ... { Appendix D, } 296,688 8 11		
„ Value of Stores sold or distributed to Services during the year ended 30th June, 1899 ... { page 244. } 631,337 15 0		
TOTAL	£	928,026 3 11

* Notwithstanding that the Advances are here shown as subordinate Accounts of the General Loan Account, the Five Accounts, which are

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

30th June, 1899.

Cr.

DISBURSEMENTS.		AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
<i>Loan Account.</i>			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BY ORDINARY (<i>true</i>) DISBURSEMENTS :—			
Works and Services :—	Details on—		
Railways and Tramways	Page 231	£589,156 4 10	
Electric Telegraphs and Telephones	" 232	68,186 2 8	
Harbours and Rivers Navigation	" 232-3	379,840 5 2	
Roads and Bridges... ..	" 233-4	115,119 14 6	
Sewerage and Drainage Works	" 234-5	327,528 4 8	
Water Supply	" 235	248,431 17 3	
Public Works and Buildings	" 236-9	192,282 5 1	
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works	" 239	53,653 15 7	
Buildings for Public Instruction	" 240	10,739 19 7	
Department of Mines and Agriculture	" 240	16,390 1 3	
" Lands	" 240	25,889 5 2	
Miscellaneous	" 240	5,416 3 1	
		2,027,633 18 10	
Repayment of Loans	" 240	369,200 0 0	
		2,396,833 18 10	
Total Account Proper			
LOAN ADVANCE ACCOUNT :—			
Services of other Departments, &c.	" 240	5,000 0 0	
		5,000 0 0	
Total Ordinary (<i>true</i>) Disbursements			
			2,401,833 18 10
,, DISBURSEMENTS FROM RE-CREDITS (<i>Cash or Transfers</i>) :—			
Over Issues Loan Votes (formerly Trust Account)	" 241-2	6,229 0 10	
Balance available of Credits of 1897-8	" 242	870 3 6	
On account of 1898-9		62,959 7 0	
			70,058 11 4
TOTAL			
		£	2,471,892 10 2

Account for Purchase of Stores.

By Purchase of Stores and other disbursements connected therewith during year ended 30th June, 1899	Appendix D, page 244.	£	s. d.
,, Credit Balance at 30th June, 1899		577,538	3 4
		350,488	0 7
TOTAL		£	928,026 3 11

embodied in this statement, and which are enumerated in Appendix D, page 244 form part of the General Trust Funds, as stated by the Treasurer

61. The state of the Advances of Loan Moneys for the Purchase of Stores, although still shown in the Treasurer's Accounts as Trust Fund Accounts, is again introduced into the foregoing account as an important adjunct to it in framing a complete statement, so far as possible, of the whole transactions with Loan Moneys.

62. On the subject of Advances from the General Loan Account, it should be remarked here that among the Disbursements there are included some floating Advances, made chiefly to the Public Works Department, of which £27,225 were repaid in cash after the accounts were closed, and of which a further sum of £26,000 still remained unadjusted, the time for adjustment having been extended to 30th June, 1900. The effect of that arrangement is that the Disbursements, to the extent of the Advances referred to as unadjusted on 30th June, 1899, appear as final payments against the votes out of which the advances have been made. A considerable proportion of those advances are required for the immediate payment of wages, the distribution of which to specific services cannot be arrived at in time to fully adjust them by the close of the year.

63. To meet the difficulty the following suggestion was made to the Treasurer by letter of 26th June last—"That provision be made at the end of the Loan Service Estimates for a standing open sum to facilitate the payment of wages and other current charges for the service of works payable out of borrowed moneys," and that the terms of vote might be the following:—"To provide for the issue of floating advances to meet the immediate payment of current wages and other expenses on account of Public Works and Services, *within amounts authorised by Loan Acts*, pending distribution to specific Loan Service appropriations, and to be annually accounted for in connection with the General Loan Fund Account—say, £50,000." Further, "That the proposed provision be applicable only to votes already passed up to date of advances, and should not therefore, if adopted, be included in any amount that may be authorised to be borrowed for Services." That proposal was subsequently approved of by the Colonial Treasurer, but no action in that direction appears in the last Loan Appropriation Act. The proposed advance would be operated on similar lines to those of the Treasurer's Advance Vote, but with the important difference that its use would be strictly limited to services actually voted, for which the officers receiving advances out of it would be held responsible.

64. For want of such an open advance moneys issued and charged directly to a Loan Service Vote as an advance to be accounted for are frequently used for Expenditure that on adjustment is found to be chargeable to one or more Heads of Account other than that to which the advance was charged in the first instance. Under the existing practice the irregularities referred to are in many cases practically unavoidable, but the correction of them involves a large number of transfers which often occasion a good deal of inquiry prior to their being finally allowed to stand as arranged by the Departments concerned. It not infrequently happens that some of the Payments belong to the Revenue Account, and, while the Store Accounts above referred to are continued to be operated as Trust Accounts, many transfers of charges have to be made to and from those accounts. It may easily, therefore, be understood that by means of the proposed general floating Advance the above irregularities and inconveniences would, to a large extent, be avoided.

The Wages and Time Sheets are the principal source of difficulty in allotting the charges to their proper Heads of Expenditure; but the ascertained charges, on analysis of the wages paid from a general advance, would be at once transferred from it and rest under their appropriate Heads of Account, and the Advance Fund would be relieved thereby for further similar uses.

65. The Public Debt created under the Loan Acts (Funded) by the issue of Debentures, Inscribed Stock, or Funded Stock, for application to public works and services chargeable to the General Loan Fund has been varied during the year to the extent of a net addition of £575,595 11s. 9d., as shown below:—

Balance of Funded Debt at 30th June, 1898, page 172, 1897-8			
Report... ..	£60,777,186	1	11
Further amount of Stock sold in the Colony, viz. :—			
New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Victoria No. 6, at 3 per cent. (1912)		279	19 0
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Victoria No. 32, at 3 per cent. (1912)	952,715	12	9
	£61,730,181	13	8
<i>Less paid off or ceased to be chargeable with interest—</i>			
Debentures issued in 1868-9 at 5 per cent. under 31 Victoria No. 27 (interest ceased 1st July, 1898)	£ 177,200	s. 0	d. 0
Debentures issued in 1869-70 at 5 per cent. under 32 Victoria No. 13 (interest ceased 1st January, 1899)... ..	197,700	0	0
Balmain Municipal Council Debt for Sewerage Works taken over by the Government, bearing 6 per cent. interest to 30th September, 1898	2,500	0	0
	377,400	0	0
Total* Funded Debt on 30th June, 1899, for Loan Services <small>(See also Appendix N, pages 208-9.)</small>	£61,352,781	13	8

* *Funded and Unfunded Debt.*

Public Debt (Funded and Unfunded), as per Treasurer's Statement, page 145...	£63,762,065	13	8
<i>Deduct—</i>			
Funded Debt :—			
Advances to Settlers' Act, No. 1, 1899	£ 220,050	s. 0	d. 0
Matured Debentures	7,650	0	0
Unfunded Debt :—			
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9—Deficiency of Revenue, 1886 and previous years	1,152,884	0	0
Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22—Deficiency of Revenue to June, 1895	1,024,700	0	0
,, 55 Vic. No. 7—Loan Service (matured)	4,000	0	0
	2,409,284	0	0
Funded Debt on 30th June, 1899, as above	£61,352,781	13	8

66. The following statement shows the distribution at 30th June, 1899, of the Public Debt, as incurred for Loan Services, in terms of the several Loan Acts, and the actual amounts of interest on the Public Debt (so created) payable during the year

year 1898-9. The annual progressive condition of the Public Debt, and of the interest charge thereupon from its commencement in 1853 may be seen in Reports for the year 1895-6 and for the following financial years :—

Class of Services for which the Public Debt has been incurred.	Distribution of the Public (<i>Funded</i>) Debt, 30th June, 1899.			Interest Charge on the Public (<i>Funded</i>) Debt during the year 1898-9.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Railways and Tramways	44,555,793	4	6	1,620,873	13	3
Electric Telegraphs	858,431	10	0	31,150	17	4
Immigration	363,095	0	0	13,040	15	4
Harbours and Rivers Navigation	3,644,854	9	2	126,143	2	0
Roads and Bridges	947,904	10	0	33,414	9	2
Sewerage and Drainage Works	2,906,500	10	0	103,919	13	5
Water Supply	4,569,796	10	0	160,024	2	3
Works and Buildings	1,794,168	10	0	61,330	13	3
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works	925,411	0	0	33,425	9	3
Buildings for Public Instruction	477,513	10	0	15,596	12	4
Miscellaneous—Lands	177,567	0	0	5,193	13	9
Mines and Agriculture	93,241	0	0	2,589	14	0
Queensland, prior to 10th December, 1859	38,505	0	0	1,686	17	11
TOTALS	£ 61,352,781	13	8	2,203,689	18	3

67. The total annual *rate* of interest *payable* from 1st July, 1899, was £2,245,396 16s. 6d., irrespective of actual date of payment. The various rates of interest from 3 to 6 per cent., and the Amounts and Services for which the several rates are payable, as well as the dates at which the outstanding balances of the several Loans mature for redemption, are distributed in Appendix N, pages 268-9.

68. The total net disbursements for Loan Services from the commencement of the Account in 1853, to 30th June, 1899, were for the following classes of Service :—

Head of Service.	Expenditure, 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.			Expenditure prior to 1st July, 1898.			Total to 30th June, 1899.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Railways and Tramways	589,156	4	10	40,698,425	19	4	41,287,582	4	2
Electric Telegraphs and Telephones	63,186	2	8	980,150	10	1	1,043,336	12	9
Immigration ... ..	.....	.....	.....	194,429	13	10	194,429	13	10
Harbours and Rivers Navigation	379,840	5	2	4,547,738	16	4	4,927,579	1	6
Roads and Bridges	115,119	14	6	1,044,446	10	0	1,159,566	4	6
Sewerage and Drainage Works	327,528	4	8	2,940,026	6	1	3,267,554	10	9
Water Supply	248,431	17	3	5,164,539	2	10	5,412,971	0	1
Works and Buildings	192,282	5	1	1,968,177	12	8	2,160,459	17	9
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works	53,653	15	7	1,276,152	17	6	1,329,806	13	1
Buildings for Public Instruction	10,739	19	7	811,637	11	11	822,377	11	6
Department of Mines and Agriculture	16,390	1	3	139,204	9	3	155,594	10	6
Department of Lands	25,889	5	2	106,342	11	9	132,231	16	11
Miscellaneous	5,416	3	1	55	6	10	5,471	9	11
Public Works, Queensland, prior to 10th December, 1859 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	49,855	8	6	49,855	8	6
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICES ..	2,027,633	18	10	59,921,182	16	11	61,948,816	15	9
Repayment and Renewal of Loans ..	369,200	0	0	7,401,830	6	2	7,771,030	6	2
Total Account Proper	2,396,833	18	10	67,323,013	3	1	69,719,847	1	11
Loan Advance Account	5,000	0	0	.....	.....	.....	5,000	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	£ 2,401,833	18	10	67,323,013	3	1	69,724,847	1	11

69. The Liabilities under Appropriations of Loans raised or not raised stood, at the 30th June, 1899, as follow:—

Amount brought forward from 30th June, 1898 (page 174, 1897-8 Report) ...	£13,742,651	15	8	
Additional Appropriations by Loan Act, 62 Victoria, No. 36 ...	2,233,537	0	0	
Balance of Appropriation restored ...	3,614	8	7	
				£15,979,833 4 3
<i>Less:—</i>				
Disbursements, as detailed on pages 231-40	£2,401,833	18	10	
Balances written off ...	65,643	12	1	
				2,467,477 10 11
Balance unapplied on 30th June, 1899 ...				£13,512,355 13 4

. The above balance is distributed over the following classes of Services as follows:—

Railways and Tramways ...	£10,445,280	6	6
Electric Telegraphs ...	17,156	11	4
Harbours and Rivers Navigation ...	376,554	5	6
Roads and Bridges ...	343,672	12	7
Sewerage and Drainage Works ...	933,411	2	3
Water Supply ...	503,422	18	2
Works and Buildings (Government Architect) ...	558,135	0	11
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works	113,486	13	4
Buildings for Public Instruction purposes	100,524	2	8
Miscellaneous Services—			
Department of Mines and Agriculture	74,922	10	11
Department of Lands...	24,760	19	1
Other Services ...	13,628	10	1
	£13,504,955	13	4
Repayment of Loans ...	7,400	0	0
Total as above ...	£13,512,355	13	4

LOAN CASH BALANCES AND WARRANTS.

70. The question as to the Unauthorised Payments for Loan Services without the Warrant of the Governor, to which attention has been directed in recent Reports, has so far been disposed of by Clause 3 of the "Loan Account (Transfer) Act, 1899," which grants an indemnity to the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and all persons concerned in the matter. The unwarranted payments in question extended over the period from August, 1897, to December, 1899, and amounted to the large sum of £3,820,071 19s. 2d.

71. The provision of Clause 2 of the same Act, as the words stand, have the effect of sanctioning the certificates of legal availability and applicability for any sums which have been authorised for expenditure by Parliament without any limiting

limiting proviso that such certificates must be based upon the General Loan Account being supplied with cash to meet such certificates in one or other of the ways specified in Clause 1.

72. Under the operation of Clause 2, accordingly, I have felt reluctantly obliged to certify to numerous instruments, and which have thus, under the Governor's signature, become Warrants to draw upon an account which had already a large debit balance upon it. The Governor's Warrants being substantially cheques against the General Loan Fund, some arrangement is necessary to obviate the anomaly of the Governor being asked to sign Warrants for issue of Loan Moneys in the absence of funds to meet them. This is all the more important as the terms of the Loan Acts provide for issues only under appropriations of moneys actually raised by loans, or, under the provision of clause 1 of the "Loan Account (Transfer) Act, 1899," by moneys temporarily lodged to the credit of the accounts drawn against, pending the actual raising of loans under the Authority of Loan Service Acts.

LOAN ADVANCES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR WATER SUPPLY WORKS, COUNTRY TOWNS.

73. In Appendix L, page 261, will be found a statement of the transactions to 30th June, 1899, under the "Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act of 1880," and "Amended Act of 1894," in continuation of a similar statement appended to last year's Report. No new advance had been made, and the amount of the Principal outstanding and repayable by Municipalities was £407,414 3s. 1d.—a slight decrease on the year. An adjustment is still required of the Orange Waterworks Account to the amount of £541 11s. 4d., as explained in former Reports.

74. Attention is again invited to the importance of amending the Act 57 Vic. No. 19, which omits provision for the disposal of the instalments repaid by Municipalities of Advances made to them under that Act. The amount, as yet, is small, but being a repayment of loan money, there appears no reason why the Act should have directed it to be credited to a Trust Account.

SPECIAL LOAN ACCOUNT—TEMPORARY ADVANCES TO SETTLERS.

75. Towards the relief of settlers in necessitous circumstances and financially embarrassed owing to prolonged droughts, an Act was passed in April, 1899, authorising the raising of a Loan by the sale of Inscribed Stock to the amount of five hundred thousand pounds, to be applied only in making temporary advances to relieve such settlers under special conditions prescribed by the Act, and in accordance with regulations to be made by the Governor and be carried out by a Board of Management.

76. The interest on the Loan was to be limited to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and the Loan itself to be redeemable after twenty years. The Treasury offered 3 per cent. only, and at that rate placed Stock to the amount of £220,050 at par, but at an expense of £650 for brokerage, the proceeds being credited as £219,400. Of those proceeds, an advance of £1,000 was made to the Board, but by the 30th June advances to settlers, in terms of the Act, had been made by the Board of Management to the amount of £415 only. As this new account practically belongs to the new Financial Year 1899–1900, the actual results of the now current operations of the "Advances to Settlers Act, 1899," will fall to be noted in next Report.

THE LONDON ACCOUNTS.

77. The transactions in London, so far as they have been brought into the Treasurer's Accounts and adjusted in Sydney, are all embodied in those Accounts under their respective Funds and Services, as detailed in Appendix E, pages 245-51.

The total Receipts and Disbursements in London during the period from 1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899, inclusive, were on account of the following Funds :—

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Consolidated Revenue Fund ...	£13,171 13 10	£2,091,895 17 6
General Trust Fund ...	4,047 0 4	192,259 19 5
General Loan Fund ...	22 11 7	347,364 3 6

Totals from 1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899...	£17,241 5 9	£2,631,520 0 5
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78. To bring the London transactions even with the date of the Sydney Accounts, there have to be added to the above the operations during May and June, and also remanets from March and April, 1899, which had not been adjusted in Sydney on closing the year's accounts to 30th June, 1899; the amounts are given hereunder :—

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Consolidated Revenue Fund ...	£3,195 17 10	£204,842 2 10
General Trust Fund ...	325 14 0	46,342 10 6
General Loan Fund ...	.....	9,344 17 0
	£3,521 11 10	£260,529 10 4

79. The Cash Balance in London, as quoted by the Treasurer on page 4 of his Abstracts, was £1,132,380 7s. 5d., but as at 30th June in London, according to the accounts of the Bank of England and of the London and Westminster Bank, and the Statement of Remittances in transit, the amount was £875,372 8s. 11d., the difference, £257,007 18s. 6d., representing the outstanding balance of accounts to be locally adjusted as above stated.

80. It is very much to be desired that some arrangement should be adopted whereby the transactions in London up to the close of the Financial Year should be embodied in the Sydney Accounts at the same date. With the facilities which now exist for immediate communication with London there should be no insuperable obstacle to the accomplishment of such a desirable result.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC ACCOUNT—STATE OF THE BALANCES.

81. The main divisions of the General Public Account, viz. :—The Consolidated Revenue Fund, Current and Deficiency Accounts; the Trust Funds, General and Special; and the General Loan Fund,—having been already dealt with separately, it now remains to show the relationship of those Funds to the General Cash Balance at the credit of the Treasury, in Sydney and London, on the 30th June, 1899, and especially the relationship in which the Securities representing investments of Trust Funds stand to the gross balances stated to be at the credit of those Funds. This is of some importance, as the "Credit balances on the 30th June, 1899," £7,552,570 11s. 3d., as given in the Treasurer's General Summary prefacing the details

details of his Receipts and Disbursements at page 3, are apt to be read as Cash Balances, being in the General Summary apparently the result of Cash Receipts and Payments, while the fact is that more than three-fourths of their amounts exist in the shape of securities at the Credit of the Trusts and at the Debit of the Government.

ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES.

82. The results of an Analysis of the Treasury Ledger Balances will be found in the following four tabular statements:—

- (1) Ledger Balance of each Account on 30th June, 1899.
- (2) Cash " " " " as per Ledger.
- (3) Bank " " " " "
- (4) Cash " " " " as adjusted.

The "Ledger Balances" making up the total balance on the "General Public Account"—that is to say, the credit balance of the aggregated balances of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the General Trust Funds, the General Loan Fund, Advances to Settlers Loan Account, and the Special Trust Funds—on the 30th June, 1899, amounted to £7,552,570 11s. 3d., according to the subjoined statement, which comprises the data whereupon the Treasury figures may be reconciled with the Bank Balances:—

Statement (1).

Account.	Details on—	Ledger Balances, 30 June, 1898.	ADD Receipts during 1898-9.	Total.	DEDUCT Disbursements during 1898-9.	LEDGER BALANCES, 30 June, 1899.
Public Account:—	Page—					
Consolidated Revenue Fund:—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Deficiency Account.....	160	Dr. 633,493 7 8	*8,884 0 7	Dr. 624,609 7 1	Nil.	Dr. 624,609 7 1
Account Current.....	158-9	Cr. 62,363 13 7	9,721,957 17 11	9,784,321 11 6	9,739,657 12 0	Cr. 44,663 19 6
Total.....		Dr. 571,129 14 1	9,730,841 18 6	9,159,712 4 5	9,739,657 12 0	Dr. 579,945 7 7
Towards erection and maintenance of Public School buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20	158-9	Cr. 154,563 8 3	24,680 5 11	179,248 14 2	101,122 19 0	Cr. 78,125 15 2†
General Trust Funds.....	165	Cr. 7,968,550 14 9	4,946,245 5 5	12,914,796 0 2	4,304,092 0 8	Cr. 8,610,703 19 6†
General Loan Fund.....	172-3	Cr. 30,664 0 1	1,019,330 6 2	1,049,994 6 3	2,471,892 10 2	Dr. 1,421,898 3 11†
Advances to Settlers (Loan Acc.)	178	.....	219,400 0 0	219,400 0 0	1,000 0 0	Cr. 218,400 0 0
Special Trust Funds.....	165	Cr. 497,267 12 4	333,575 2 3	830,842 14 7	183,658 6 6	Cr. 647,184 8 1
Grand Total.....		.....Cr. £8,079,921 1 4	16,274,072 18 3	Cr. 24,353,993 19 7	16,801,423 8 4	Cr. 7,552,570 11 3

* Exclusive of £150,000, instalment towards redemption of Treasury Bills, which have no place in this Statement.

† As explained elsewhere, this balance should be reduced by £28,761 5s. 11d.

‡ To harmonise with the Bank Balance of the General Loan Account, the £1,500,000 advanced from General Trust Funds during 1895 will be, in the subsequent Statements, added to the £1,421,898 3s. 11d., shown above, and the General Trust Funds Balance, £8,610,703 19s. 6d., reduced to a like extent.

83. The aggregate Balance is composed of Cash and Securities, the face value of the latter being fully three times that of the cash portion. Excepting Securities and fixed deposits to the value of £41,333, the Securities represent Government Stocks, Debentures, and Treasury Bills, issued to provide money for Loan Services and Revenue Deficiencies, and sold to the Trusts in the General and Special Trust Funds Accounts. As these Trust Funds are placed under the care of the Government, and in the custody of the Colonial Treasurer, for the benefit of various agencies, they are *not* properly *Credits* in the general acceptance of the term, but represent so many *Liabilities* against the Government.

84. Those *Liabilities*, so far as they are represented by Government Securities for moneys borrowed from the Trust Funds, appear naturally in their place as a part of the General Public Debt of the Colony. The Colonial Treasurer, as Administrator

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or Trustee of the Trust Funds and the Custodian of the Securities, is entitled, of course, to take credit in his accounts as such Trustee for the amount of Securities which he holds for the moneys he has lent to the Government; but the Public Account, as such, is not also entitled to take credit for those Securities against its liabilities for the Public Debt, inasmuch as the money for which the Securities in question were issued had been expended on the Services for which it was borrowed, and would have to be replaced if required for the purposes of the Trusts in emergencies.

85. When it is seen, from following Statement, that the amount of Trust Funds investments has reached the large sum of £5,698,825 13s. 2d., of which £41,333 represent "Miscellaneous Securities other than Government," and £5,657,492 13s. 2d. represent Government Securities, all of which, except the former amount (£41,333) has been expended in connection with Loan Services and Revenue Deficiencies, and yet appear as a part of the Credit Balances in the Public Accounts, *it becomes an important question* whether the General Trust Funds Account should not be shown as a *distinct branch* of the "Public Account" as kept in the Banks, *in the same form as the General Loan Fund Account is now shown*, but always reckoned, nevertheless, as directed by the Audit Act, as the one "Public Account."

86. The Ledger Cash Balance and the Face Value of the Securities on 30th June, 1899, of each Account were as follow:—

Statement (2).

Account.	Balances, 30th June, 1899. (As per statement No. 1 preceding page.)	DEDUCT Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.	CASH BALANCES, 30th June, 1899.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		Details on—
Public Account:—					
Consolidated Revenue Fund:—					
Deficiency Account					
Account Current	Dr. 579,945 7 7	Nil.	Dr. 579,945 7 7		Page 161
Towards Erection and Maintenance Public School Buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20	Cr. 78,125 15 2	Nil.	Cr. 78,125 15 2		" 159
General Trust Funds	Cr. 7,110,703 19 6	5,380,271 13 2	Cr. 1,730,432 6 4		" 163
General Loan Fund	Cr. 78,101 16 1	Nil.	Cr. 78,101 16 1		" 172
Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account No. 1, 1899	Cr. 218,400 0 0	Nil.	Cr. 218,400 0 0		" 105
Special Trust Funds	Cr. 647,184 8 1	318,554 0 0	Cr. 328,630 8 1		" 168
Balance, 30th June, 1899	£ 7,552,570 11 3	5,698,825 13 2	1,853,744 18 1		
<i>Less:—</i>					
Special Trust Funds Balance—not subject to Warrant		328,630 8 1			" 163
Balance of Payments in London, March and April, 1899—not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899		731 1 11			" 251
Net Payments in London during May and June, 1899—not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899		425 11 6			" 251
		255,851 5 1	585,633 6 7		" 245- 249
Cash Credit Balance , in Sydney and London, 30th June, 1899, available for Ordinary Operations			1,268,106 11 6		

* As explained elsewhere, this amount should be reduced by a transfer of £28,761 5s. 11d. to the Current Revenue Account.

† See note marked (†) on previous page.

87. It will be seen from the foregoing statement that after the face value of the Securities had been eliminated from the Ledger Balances, £7,552,570 11s. 3d., there remained a cash or Working Balance of £1,853,744 18s. 1d. This amount includes the Special Trust Funds which are not subject to issue under warrant, more particularly the Supreme Court Moneys which are not under the control of the Government. In addition to this amount further deductions on account of payments in London are necessary,

necessary, in all a total of £585,638 6s. 7d., thus reducing the available balance to £1,268,106 11s. 6d., which amount represents the whole current balance at the close of the year, available to be carried forward, for the ordinary operations of the succeeding year.

88. The Sydney banking business is transacted by the Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.), and the City Bank of Sydney; and the "London" business by the London and Westminster Bank and the Bank of England. The operations of the last-mentioned Bank are confined to the Inscription and Negotiation of Loans and the management of half-yearly dividends of Inscribed Stock, while the London and Westminster Bank transacts the ordinary London business in connection with the Public Service of the Colony.

89. The following statement (3) shows the Localities and Institutions where the money was lodged. The amount lodged in Sydney Banks and Treasury was £392,734 2s. 7d., and in London Banks £875,372 8s. 11d. :—

Bank Balances—Statement (3).

SYDNEY—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances, 30th June, 1899 (<i>less unrepresented cheques</i>):—										
Bank of New South Wales.....	Public Account				Dr.	103,531	6	4		
"	"	General Loan Fund	Cr.	78,101	16	1				
"		Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account	Cr.	218,400	0	0				
					Cr.	296,501	16	1		
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney (Ltd.)—					Cr.	192,967	9	9		
		Public Account	Cr.	95,267	16	1				
City Bank of Sydney.....	"	"	Cr.	7,498	16	9				
"	"	Fixed Deposit	"	"	Cr.	75,600	0	0		
Cash in hands of Receiver	"	"	Cr.	22,000	0	0				
					Cr.	199,766	12	10		
TOTAL, SYDNEY									Cr.	392,734 2 7
LONDON—										
Bank Balance, 30th June, 1899 (<i>amount of unrepresented cheques not known</i>):—										
Bank of England—Inscribed Stock Account	.....				Cr.	9,645	13	8		
London and Westminster—										
On Bank Books	.....	Public Account	Cr.	213,266	13	2				
In transit from Sydney to Bank	"	"	Cr.	652,460	2	1				
					Cr.	865,726	15	3		
TOTAL, LONDON, page 245.....									Cr.	875,372 8 11
Cash Credit Balance, 30th June, 1899, as in Statement No. 2.....					£	1,268,106	11	6		

90. As there are no means provided in the Bank Accounts, as supplied daily in Sydney and monthly from London, for distinctly allocating the transactions disclosed therein, or for allocating the Bank Balances struck at any date to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Trust Funds respectively, the information can only be obtained by an Analysis of the Accounts themselves.

The following Statement shows the relative position of each Account to the Total Cash Balance.

Balances

*Balances of Accounts of the several Funds in relation to the
Actual Cash Balance—£1,268,106 11s. 6d.
Statement (4).*

SYDNEY—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Public Account—Branch in Sydney :—										
Consolidated Revenue Fund										
Towards Erection and Maintenance Public										
School Buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20 ...	Cr.	96,232	6	6						
General Trust Funds										
Credit May and June, 1899, Payments in										
London on account of Loan Services ...		9,344	17	0						
Debit Balance Consolidated Revenue Fund	Dr.	781,591	12	7						
Credit " Towards Erection and Maintenance, &c.	Cr.	78,125	15	2						
" " General Trust Funds	Cr.	809,043	0	11	} Cr.	105,577	3	6		
General Loan Fund—										
Bank Balance (less unrepresented cheques)	Cr.	78,101	16	1						
Debit May and June Payments in London										
from Public Account on account of Loan										
Services, and not adjusted in Sydney till										
after 30th June, 1899.....		9,314	17	0						
Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account, Act No. 1, 1899					Cr.	68,756	19	1		
					Cr.	218,400	0	0		
TOTAL, SYDNEY									Cr.	392,734 2 7
LONDON—										
Public Account—Branch in London :—										
Consolidated Revenue Fund					Nil.					
General Trust Funds					Cr.	875,372	8	11		
TOTAL, LONDON									Cr.	875,372 8 11
Cash Credit Balance, 30th June, 1899, as in Statements (2) and (3) ...									£1,268,106 11 6	

Summary of the foregoing Analyses.

91. To sum up the information contained in the four preceding Statements, it will be seen that, bringing the whole of the amounts of the several Funds, including transactions in London for the months of May and June, 1899, up to 30th June, 1899, the result is an aggregated Cash Credit Balance on that date of £1,268,106 11s. 6d., distributed, in the first instance, to the following Funds, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
At Credit in Sydney :—						
General Trust Funds	105,577	3	6			
General Loan Fund	68,756	19	1			
Advances to Settlers (Special Loan						
Account)	218,400	0	0			
				392,734	2	7
At Credit in London :—						
General Trust Funds				875,372	8	11
				1,268,106	11	6
Total Cash in hand in Sydney and London, 30th June, 1899						
And lodged in the following Banks, and at the Treasury, in—						
Sydney—						
Bank of New South Wales	192,967	9	9			
Commercial Banking Company						
of Sydney (Limited)	95,267	16	1			
City Bank of Sydney	82,498	16	9			
At the Treasury, Sydney	22,000	0	0			
				392,734	2	7
London—						
Bank of England	9,645	13	8			
London and Westminster Bank						
(including amounts in						
transit)	865,726	15	3			
				875,372	8	11
Total Cash in hand in Sydney and London, 30th June, 1899... ..						
				£1,268,106	11	6

THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATE AT 30TH JUNE, 1899.

92. The Consolidated Revenue Fund having been shown above, at previous page, as overdrawn, no portion of the above distribution can be assigned to it; but to complete the account the London Transactions to 30th June, 1899, not adjusted in Sydney till after that date, in respect to the Revenue Account, have to be added:—

Cash overdraft at Sydney, 30th June, 1899, page 161	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				*579,945	7	7
Payments in London in March and April, not adjusted in Sydney until August, 1899	1,156	13	5			
Net payments in May and June, adjusted in August, 1899... ..	200,489	11	7			
	<hr/>			201,646	5	0
Actual Cash overdraft, 30th June, 1899				*781,591	12	7
Treasury Deficiency Bills current 30th June, 1899,—						
Deficiency, 1886 and previous years, 53 Vic. No. 9	1,152,884	0	0			
Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, 59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700	0	0	2,177,584	0	0
	<hr/>					
Net Deficiency, 30th June, 1899				*£2,959,175	12	7

The previous history of this result is carried back to the 31st December, 1883, and is given in Statement A referred to in an earlier portion of this report.

93. As already remarked in a previous paragraph (85), it would greatly facilitate the explanation of the Balances, as well as improve the form of the Statements of the Public Accounts as a whole, were the cash transactions in connection with the General Trust Fund *shown in a distinct Bank Account*, and thus exhibit a more definite relation than they do at present to the "Public Account" as kept at the Banks, and a more definite relation to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account.

THE RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY ACCOUNTS.

94. The total collections for Railway and Tramway Tolls and Miscellaneous Receipts in connection therewith as credited during the Financial Year, 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899, amounted to £3,568,658 6s. 5d., against which there is a set-off by refunds of £55,166 11s. 2d., as detailed on page 31. The net Receipts were, therefore, £3,513,491 15s. 3d.

95. The Expenditure out of Revenue as brought to account within the same period, for Working and all other expenses chargeable to the Railways and Tramways Account, reached the sum of £2,035,982 16s. 8d. (*vide* page 270). The net balance on the year's operations shows then a credit in cash of £1,477,508 18s. 7d. The interest upon the money borrowed and expended for the service of the Railways and Tramways during the same period is computed at £1,491,616 5s. 2d. on the principle explained in former Reports. The general results of the Income and Expenditure for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1899, and also the total results from the commencement in 1850 to that date are shown in *Appendix O*, page 270. During

* Exclusive of Payments by the Bank of New South Wales, to the amount of £11,618 17s. 8d., on account of Revenue Services—not brought to account on 30th June, 1899.

During the year the Expenditure out of borrowed moneys was £589,156 4s. 10d., making a total so expended from the commencement in 1850 to 30th June, 1899, of £41,287,582 4s. 2d.

At the same date there were Unredeemed Securities for moneys borrowed to the amount of £44,555,793 4s. 6d., bearing an annual interest charge from the 1st July, 1899, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of £1,641,686 0s. 1d., or an average rate of 3·684 per cent. (*vide Appendix N*, pages 268–70).

LOCAL INSPECTION OF RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY STATION ACCOUNTS.

96. The Inspectors of the Railway and Tramway Station Accounts attached to this Department again report most favourably of the general condition of the Station Accounts throughout the Service during the past year. The number of Stations and offices requiring attention was 353, an increase of 13 over that of the past year, and the inspection of the whole of them was accomplished by the 30th June last. This is the first occasion, it is believed, on which such a satisfactory result has been obtained, the nearest approach to it having occurred in 1889, when, at the close of that year, there remained only three stations uninspected.

It is, further, a very gratifying circumstance that in no case was it found necessary to prosecute for default or to dismiss an officer in connection with the collection of the Railway Receipts, and out of the whole number of inspections it was only found necessary to report thirteen cases to the Railway Commissioners as more or less unsatisfactory.

97. The following Statement exhibits the "Earnings Account" of the Railways and Tramways combined, as verified by the Inspecting Staff:—

Balance Statement Railway and Tramway Earnings for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

<i>Dr.</i> To Net outstandings, 30th June, 1898	£50,863	6	0	
" " Miscellaneous...	7	13	7	
				£50,870 19 7
" Gross earnings for the year ...	£3,576,015	0	3½	
<i>Less</i> —Special Credits and Refunds of Excess payments ...	82,185	7	7½	
				3,493,829 12 8
				<u>£3,544,700 12 3</u>
<i>Cr.</i> By Cash remittances to Public Account after adjusting over-remittances...	£3,327,581	12	6	
" Accounts for Services paid by Public Departments through the Treasury	156,985	10	9	
" Transfers from Suspense Account, &c., of items wrongly credited	39	0	9	
" Adjusting entry to clear disallow- ance of proposed refund ...	329	13	4	
" Outstanding and uncollected Accounts (exclusive of £54,890 10s. 5s. unsold Tram Tickets)...	59,764	14	11	
				<u>£3,544,700 12 3</u>

98. The expansion of the traffic, and the constantly varying circumstances of time and place always and unavoidably create exigencies which have to be promptly met without strict regard to the existing rates of tolls as authorised by law. *Appendix J* contains a list of cases where the formal authority of the Governor and Executive Council was anticipated, but subsequently given.

99. In consequence of the prolonged drought in many parts, there has for some time past been a very large amount of exceptional traffic in the conveyance of live stock to and fro in search of grass and water. In such cases special rates and concessions have had to be made, and the actual transactions have occasioned a considerable amount of careful check against undue advantage being taken of the wise and considerate assistance rendered by the Railway Commissioners to the stockholders in their efforts to preserve their flocks and herds.

100. Special attention was also given by the Inspectors to the working of concessions under Regulations to school pupils to agricultural and other shows, to the issue of special tickets to representatives of the Press and others, and to the collections on the Tramway lines.

101. In all cases of special or ordinary investigation into their Accounts the Railway Commissioners and their officers have co-operated most cordially with this Department in giving prompt attention to all matters brought under their notice, which, more or less, influence the Railway Revenue or affect the charges for working expenses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

102. The usual Certificates of Discharge have been issued to the Treasurer under clause 35 of the "Audit Act, 1898." The amounts disallowed are shown in *Appendix I*, page 257. A large proportion of the disallowances in respect of irregularities in the Revenue Accounts have been dealt with by the Indemnity Act No. 48 of 1899, and as regards the irregular payments on account of Loan Services, a like indemnity has been passed under clause 3 of the Act No. 47 of 1899.

103. The Mint Bullion Accounts and the Accounts of the Government Savings Bank have been examined, and certified to agree with the books and vouchers representing the same.

104. The following special Statements, not otherwise referred to above, are also appended for information, viz. :—

Statement of Advances to Public Officers and others awaiting adjustment. (*Appendix F*, page 252.)

Statement of Surcharges raised and recovered upon the Revenue and Expenditure Accounts. (*Appendix G*, pages 253-5.)

Statement of Authorities granted by the Governor and Executive Council in relief of Public Accountants under sections 37 and 38 of the "Audit Act, 1898." (*Appendix H*, page 256.)

Statement of Authorities given by the Governor and Executive Council under the 23rd section of the "Audit Act, 1898," applying Unexpended Balances of Votes to other Services. (*Appendix A*, page 218.)

Statement of the Registration of Brands Account, 30 Victoria No. 12. (*Appendix K*, page 260.)

105. The foregoing observations and explanatory tables, together with the information afforded by the Appendices, afford, it is believed, a correct analysis of the facts and figures and their relations respectively to the several divisions of the
Public

Public Account, after the usual exhaustive Audit of the Abstracts of the Treasurer's Receipts and Disbursements within the year ended 30th June, 1899, subject, however, to any corrections that may arise upon the adjustment of outstanding advances and upon queries not yet fully answered.

106. The Statements C and D (pages 135 and 138-9), together with the detailed Statements of the Public Debt (pages 142-148), being, however, outside the requirements of the 29th clause of the "Audit Act, 1898," do not come under the examination and report required by the 43rd, and their contents rest, therefore, on the responsibility of the Treasurer.

DEPARTMENTAL.

107. The out-door inspection of the Accounts of the Collectors and Disbursers of the Public Revenue and Receipts, inaugurated in connection with this Department in 1897, has been carried out during the past year with as much advantage as may have been expected under the drawback of the continued absence of the Senior Inspector, on duty at the Government Asylums as Acting Director thereof.

108. The Ministerial and Metropolitan and Suburban Sub-departments have all been inspected and their Accounts thoroughly examined, including the Quarterly Statutory Inspections of the Accounts of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Curator of Intestate Estates, and the Official Assignees. Those examinations numbered 87. The inspections of the country office accounts of the Crown Lands Agents, Clerks of Petty Sessions, Mining Registrars, Sub-Collectors of Customs, and others numbered 622.

109. Very few cases of irregularities had to be reported, but one very serious case of default was discovered in the accounts of the Land Agent at Bombala, to the amount at least of £1,029 14s. 10d., for which he was prosecuted and sentenced to one year and nine months' imprisonment.

110. At the request of the Chairman of the Metropolitan Pastures and Stock Protection Board, preferred through the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, a special investigation was made into the Board's accounts. The examination of those accounts disclosed misappropriations to the amount of £810 1s. 3d., extending back over a period of fourteen years, and was a dead loss to the Board.

111. The effect of those out-door inspections has doubtless to some extent been favourable to a better condition of the accounts of Accounting Officers generally, but the full benefit expected from the system, as in connection with this Department, has not been realised, for want of certain amendments required to the Audit Act to carry it out. For that and other reasons the Inspecting Staff, transferred from the Treasury to this Department in 1897, has recently been retransferred to the Treasury.

PERSONAL.

112. In concluding this Report I most respectfully invite the attention of the Legislative Assembly to a matter of personal interest to myself, although it is not wholly so. I refer to the manner in which the Salary attached to my office, as Auditor-General, was dealt with in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1893, whereby that salary was reduced from £1,000 to £920 per annum.

113. The facts are these: When a reduction was determined to be made in the rates of Salaries for the year 1893, the rule adopted in the preparation of the Estimates laid before Parliament for that year was to deduct 10 per cent. from all *Voted* Salaries of higher rate than £200 per annum.

114. By the operation of the Civil Service Act of 1884, the Statutory Salary under Schedule A to the Constitution Act, viz., £900 per annum, had been augmented by annual increments of £30 to the amount of £60 per annum, when those increments ceased by their repeal in 1886, but in 1891 a full addition of £100 was made by Vote, and so continued for 1892.

115. The Estimates for 1893 reduced that addition of £100 (to the Statutory Salary) to £20 only. Whether this was done by accident or design I am not aware, but in either case it was an obvious departure from the general rule patent throughout those Estimates for 1893 as compared with the passed Estimates for 1892.

116. The salary provided by Schedule A to the Constitution Act for the Auditor-General of the Colony could not be legally touched, as with the other salaries included in the same Schedule it is a distinct reservation to the Crown, and except by an amendment of or a violation of the Constitution it could not be diminished; but the action of the Government, or, perhaps, it may be more correct to say the action of the framers of the Estimates for 1893, practically reduced the statutory salary by £80 per annum, as it could never have been contemplated to apply the 10 per cent. rate to more than the amount of the augmentation which was provided by the Civil Service Act of 1884 and the subsequent Vote of Parliament for 1891 up to £100, that being the only portion of the salary rate which was subject to annual review by the Committee of Supply. Even allowing that the voted portion of the salary (£100) was made an exception, and included as subject to the 10 per cent. *pro rata*, no more than £10 per annum should have been levied upon it.

117. I consider, therefore, that I have been wronged to the extent of £80 per annum, and that I have a fair claim to have the requisite amount placed upon the Estimates to make good the loss which, as shown above, I have suffered in my annual salary since the year 1892.

118. In connection with this subject it may not be deemed out of place to point out that the rate of salary given to the Auditor-General for the Colonies of Queensland, South Australia, and New Zealand is fixed for each at £1,000 per annum, and the Colony of Victoria has three Commissioners of Audit at £1,000 per annum each, while the Public Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Colony are very much in excess of either of the colonies named. Moreover, when the rate of £900 per annum was assigned to the office so long ago as the year 1855 the Revenue and Expenditure proper only reached in all less than £2,300,000, while for the year 1898-9 the Revenue and Expenditure reached upwards of £20,000,000, besides other Receipts and Payments to an additional amount of more than £15,000,000—fifteen times as much—while the salary remains as it was forty-five years ago—at £900. Even that rate is subject to a tax of £36 per annum for the Superannuation Fund since the year 1884.

EDWARD A. RENNIE,

Auditor-General.

Department of Audit,
31st May, 1900.

STATEMENTS A TO G.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS

OF THE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL BALANCES

OF THE

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND,

FROM

31 DECEMBER, 1883, TO 30 JUNE, 1899.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT showing position of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND in respect to
CLOSE OF THE YEAR 1883 TO 30th JUNE, 1899, as reported to the Legislative
Public Accounts for those years respectively,

REFERENCE to the Auditor-General's ANNUAL REPORT upon the Public Accounts.	Amount of FINANCIAL BALANCE in reference to OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS at the close of each year.			Amount of OBLIGATIONS under Statutory Appropriations OUTSTANDING at the close of each year.			Balances of OBLIGATIONS at the close of each Financial Year.				
	(1.)			(2.)			(3.)				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1883 Page 107, &c.	Cr.	2,784,910	9	8	2,575,387	10	6	Cr.	209,522	19	2
1884 ,, 111, &c.	„	1,488,665	8	0	2,317,108	18	11	Dr.	828,443	10	11
1885 ,, 105, &c.	„	512,293	9	7	2,066,123	9	0	„	1,553,829	19	5
1886 ,, 113, &c.	Dr.	1,286,581	9	4	1,928,972	6	4	„	3,215,553	15	8
1887 ,, 121, &c.	„	2,179,580	9	7	1,769,015	9	11	„	3,948,595	19	6
1888 ,, 117, &c.	„	1,668,714	18	1	1,604,061	6	11	„	3,272,776	5	0
1889 ,, 127, &c.	„	1,850,061	7	6	1,770,309	3	5	„	3,620,370	10	11
1890 ,, 119, &c.	„	1,939,625	6	7	1,644,370	1	11	„	3,583,995	8	6
1891 ,, 131, &c.	„	2,556,187	2	8	1,078,469	15	0	„	3,634,656	17	8
1892 ,, 143, &c.	„	2,536,610	15	8	1,840,639	5	6	„	4,377,250	1	2
1893 ,, 151, &c.	„	2,794,157	15	11	1,738,469	9	3	„	4,532,627	5	2
1894 ,, 153, &c.	„	2,735,511	8	11	2,121,728	0	8	„	4,857,239	9	7
1895, 30th June ,, 145, &c.	„	2,570,177	4	5	1,895,337	12	10	„	4,465,514	17	3
1895-6 ,, 149, &c.	„	2,993,304	7	8	702,383	10	0	„	3,695,687	17	8
1896-7 ,, 134, &c.	„	3,056,774	2	11	694,054	2	8	„	3,750,828	5	7
1897-8 ,, 148, &c.	„	2,898,713	14	1	629,208	11	8	„	3,527,922	5	9
1898-9 ,,	„	2,757,529	7	7	595,226	19	0	„	3,352,756	6	7

NOTE 1.—The figures stated above for the years 1883 to 1891 are exclusive of the transactions under the Old Loans Account, the balance are reducible by the following sums, viz.:—1893, £19,754 8s. 8d.; 1894, £17,111 11s. 3d.; 1895, £1,709 19s. 4d.;

* Includes the Debit Balance on

** Include the Debit Balances on the Accounts of the Centennial

Department of Audit,
8th January, 1900.

A.

its obligations at the close of each Financial Year, and its means of meeting the same from the Assembly in the ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL upon the in accordance with the Audit Act.

Balances of OBLIGATIONS which LAPSED under the 17th clause of the Audit Act of 1870, and Act No. 5, 1898. (4.)	NET Amount of PAYMENTS IN LONDON prior to the close of the Financial Year, but not included in the Treasury Accounts for that year. (5.)	Amount of TREASURY DEFICIENCY BILLS current at the close of the Financial Year as per Annual Statements. (6.)	TREASURY LEDGER BALANCES at the close of the Financial Year as per Annual Statements. (7.)	Balances of TEMPORARY ISSUES RECOVERABLE but outstanding at the close of each Financial Year. (8.)
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
.....	.....	.....	Cr. 2,511,016 5 10	273,894 3 10
48,212 6 5	.....	.....	„ 1,229,337 16 1	259,327 11 11
272,188 10 4	189,986 19 11	.....	„ 2,900 3 0	509,393 6 7
674,759 6 6	158,217 15 3	.....	Dr. 1,286,581 9 4	313,180 19 8
267,384 12 6	158,949 7 5	.....	„ *2,179,580 9 7	590,526 7 6
328,812 0 6	152,732 19 10	.....	„ *1,668,714 18 1	301,541 4 4
385,032 18 2	148,728 3 2	1,907,100 0 0	Cr. *57,038 12 6	354,794 8 10
357,818 1 2	177,188 9 2	2,373,884 0 0	„ **434,258 13 5	535,864 17 1
183,393 19 4	177,800 8 6	2,223,884 0 0	Dr. **332,303 2 8	870,776 14 2
138,589 14 11	467,376 4 9	2,052,884 0 0	„ **483,726 15 8	973,881 17 1
329,034 6 9	206,924 2 3	1,902,884 0 0	„ **911,028 4 7	818,895 6 4
522,509 3 11	218,881 17 2	1,752,884 0 0	„ **999,739 0 2	928,304 13 0
6,625 6 3	210,667 5 10	1,752,884 0 0	„ **834,403 3 9	782,463 4 1
484,019 16 1	201,401 2 1	{ Old 1,602,884 0 0 } { New 1,174,700 0 0 }	„ **217,079 15 5	757,709 6 0
18,651 17 5	238,701 11 9	{ Old 1,452,884 0 0 } { New 1,024,700 0 0 }	„ **579,190 2 11	792,029 10 7
5,297 12 9	199,876 8 11	{ Old 1,302,884 0 0 } { New 1,024,700 0 0 }	„ **571,129 14 1	868,281 6 4
24,493 15 1	201,646 5 0	{ Old 1,152,884 0 0 } { New 1,024,700 0 0 }	„ **579,945 7 7	896,771 16 4
£2,757,529 7 7 (as per first column)				

of which was transferred to the General Loan Account in 1891. NOTE 2.—The Debit Balances in column 7 for the years 1893 to 1895-6 1895-6, £1,359 7s. 9d.—the first amount having been disallowed as paid in error to the Trust Fund in 1893.

the Account, Centennial Park.

Park and General Post Office Resumption (Martin Place).

STATEMENT

STATEMENT showing the Distribution of the GROSS RECEIPTS placed to the credit of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Revenue Proper" and "Temporary Advances Repaid" from the Year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting Credits for Treasury Deficiency Bills.

Year.	REVENUE PROPER.			TEMPORARY ADVANCES (Repaid).			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1887	8,580,253	6	8	103,690	1	6	8,683,943	8	2
1888	8,885,994	12	0	697,705	12	3	9,583,700	4	3
1889	9,064,561	15	8	285,785	1	11	9,350,346	17	7
1890	9,494,584	5	8	462,826	15	3	9,957,411	0	11
1891	10,036,185	10	2	148,689	15	1	10,184,875	5	3
1892	10,489,594	11	8	413,785	13	1	10,903,380	4	9
1893	9,706,734	5	11	573,792	12	7	10,280,526	18	6
1894	9,507,928	4	10	397,784	3	5	9,905,712	8	3
1895 (30th June)	4,943,847	8	10	315,571	17	11	5,259,419	6	9
1895-6	9,254,337	16	2	124,470	3	6	9,378,807	19	8
1896-7	9,286,841	15	3	181,492	16	4	9,468,334	11	7
1897-8	9,482,095	19	7	265,583	11	6	9,747,679	11	1
	£ 108,732,959	12	5	3,971,178	4	4	112,704,137	16	9
<i>Dr.</i> Balance, 30th June, 1898 ...	2,030,432	7	9	868,281	6	4	2,898,713	14	1
Total to 30th June, 1898	£ 110,763,392	0	2	4,839,459	10	8	115,602,851	10	10
Receipts during 1898-9 ...	9,753,775	0	5	207,903	2	10	9,961,678	3	3
Total Receipts to 30th June, 1899...	£ 118,486,734	12	10	4,179,081	7	2	122,665,816	0	0
<i>Dr.</i> Balance, 30th June, 1899 ...	1,860,757	11	3	896,771	16	4	2,757,529	7	7
Total to 30 June, 1899	£ 120,347,492	4	1	5,075,853	3	6	125,423,345	7	7

Department of Audit,
8th January, 1900.

B.

STATEMENT showing the Distribution of the GROSS PAYMENTS made out of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Payments Proper" and "Temporary Advances" from the Year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting sums charged for the Redemption of Treasury Deficiency Bills.

Year.	PAYMENTS PROPER.			TEMPORARY ADVANCES (Made).			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1887	9,195,906	19	1	381,035	9	4	9,576,942	8	5
1888	8,664,114	3	8	408,720	9	1	9,072,834	12	9
1889	9,192,655	0	7	339,038	6	5	9,531,693	7	0
1890	9,403,077	16	6	643,897	3	6	10,046,975	0	0
1891	10,317,835	9	2	483,601	12	2	10,801,437	1	4
1892	10,366,913	1	9	516,890	16	0	10,883,803	17	9
1893	10,119,267	16	11	418,806	1	10	10,538,073	18	9
1894	9,339,872	11	2	507,193	10	1	9,847,066	1	3
1895 (30th June)	4,924,354	13	3	169,730	9	0	5,094,085	2	3
1895-6	9,702,218	17	6	99,716	5	5	9,801,935	2	11
1896-7	9,315,991	5	11	215,813	0	11	9,531,804	6	10
1897-8	9,247,783	15	0	341,835	7	3	9,589,619	2	3
	£ 109,789,991	10	6	4,526,278	11	0	114,316,270	1	6
<i>Dr.</i> Balance, 31st Dec., 1886 ...	973,400	9	8	313,180	19	8	1,286,581	9	4
Total to 30th June, 1898	£ 110,763,392	0	2	4,839,459	10	8	115,602,851	10	10
Payments during 1898-9 ...	9,584,100	3	11	236,393	12	10	9,820,493	16	9
Total Payments to 30th June, 1899 ...	£ 119,374,091	14	5	4,762,672	3	10	124,136,763	18	3
Total to 30th June, 1899	£ 120,347,492	4	1	5,075,853	3	6	125,423,345	7	7

STATEMENT C.

STATEMENT showing the Annual position of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND Account, EXCLUSIVE OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE THEREFROM, and of Re-credits on their account as per separate Statement, and EXCLUSIVE OF sums borrowed upon TREASURY DEFICIENCY BILLS, from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899.

Year.	REVENUE PROPER.	PAYMENTS PROPER.	BALANCES.		NET CURRENT BALANCE. Dr.
			Dr.	Cr.	
	£	£	£	£	£
31 December,					
1886	Dr. Balance.	973,400 9 8	973,400 9 8	.....	973,400 9 8
1887	8,580,253 6 8	9,195,906 19 1	615,653 12 5	.....	1,589,054 2 1
1888	8,885,994 12 0	8,664,114 3 8	.....	221,880 8 4	1,367,173 13 9
1889	9,064,561 15 8	9,192,655 0 7	128,093 4 11	.....	1,495,266 18 8
1890	9,494,584 5 8	9,403,077 16 6	.....	91,506 9 2	1,403,760 9 6
1891	10,036,185 10 2	10,317,835 9 2	281,649 19 0	.....	1,685,410 8 6
1892	10,489,594 11 8	10,366,913 1 9	.....	122,681 9 11	1,562,728 18 7
1893	9,706,734 5 11	10,119,267 16 11	412,533 11 0	.....	1,975,262 9 7
1894	9,507,928 4 10	9,339,872 11 2	.....	168,055 13 8	1,807,206 15 11
30 June,					
1895	4,943,847 8 10	4,924,354 13 3	.....	19,492 15 7	1,787,714 0 4
1895-6 ...	9,254,337 16 2	9,702,218 17 6	447,881 1 4	.....	2,235,595 1 8
1896-7 ...	9,286,841 15 3	9,315,991 5 11	29,149 10 8	.....	2,264,744 12 4
1897-8 ...	9,482,095 19 7	9,247,783 15 0	.....	234,312 4 7	2,030,432 7 9
1898-9 ...	9,753,775 0 5	9,584,100 3 11	.....	169,674 16 6	1,860,757 11 3
30 June, 1899 £	118,486,734 12 10	120,347,492 4 1	2,888,361 9 0	1,027,603 17 9	*1,860,757 11 3

* { Debit Balance, Revenue Account Proper ...
 " " " Advance Account...
 Deficiency, 30 June, 1899, as shown on

Department of Audit,
 8th January, 1900.

STATEMENT D.

STATEMENT showing the Annual position of the Account of TEMPORARY ADVANCES made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, INCLUSIVE OF the Payments and Recredits on account of the CENTENNIAL PARK and MARTIN PLACE as accounted for in the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements.

Year.	TEMPORARY ADVANCES. (Repaid.)	TEMPORARY ADVANCES. (Made.)	BALANCES.		NET CURRENT BALANCE. Dr.
			Dr.	Cr.	
31 December.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1886	Dr. Balance.	313,180 19 8	313,180 19 8	.....	313,180 19 8
1887	103,690 1 6	381,035 9 4	277,345 7 10	.....	590,526 7 6
1888	697,705 12 3	408,720 9 1	.....	288,985 3 2	301,541 4 4
1889	285,785 1 11	339,038 6 5	53,253 4 6	.....	354,794 8 10
1890	462,826 15 3	643,897 3 6	181,070 8 3	.....	535,864 17 1
1891	148,689 15 1	483,601 12 2	334,911 17 1	.....	870,776 14 2
1892	413,785 13 1	516,890 16 0	103,105 2 11	.....	973,881 17 1
1893	573,792 12 7	418,806 1 10	.....	154,986 10 9	818,895 6 4
1894	397,784 3 5	507,193 10 1	109,409 6 8	.....	928,304 13 0
(30 June) 1895	315,571 17 11	169,730 9 0	.....	145,841 8 11	782,463 4 1
1895-6	124,470 3 6	99,716 5 5	.....	24,753 18 1	757,709 6 0
1896-7	181,492 16 4	215,813 0 11	34,320 4 7	.....	792,029 10 7
1897-8	265,583 11 6	341,835 7 3	76,251 15 9	.....	868,281 6 4
1898-9	207,903 2 10	236,393 12 10	28,490 10 0	.....	896,771 16 4
30 June, 1899 £	4,179,081 7 2	5,075,853 3 6	1,511,338 17 3	614,567 0 11	*896,771 16 4

..... £1,860,757 11 3
 896,771 16 4
 Statement A, first column..... £2,757,529 7 7

STATEMENT E.

STATEMENT showing the particulars of the Payments made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and accounted for as UNADJUSTED ADVANCES, as they are stated in foregoing Return to have stood at 31st DECEMBER, 1883 (£273,894 3s. 10d.), and at 30th JUNE, 1899 (£896,771 16s. 4d.)

Temporary Advances Outstanding, 31st December, 1883.			
	£	s	d
Treasurer's Advance, 1882	100,000	0	0
1883	150,000	0	0
Advance to Contractors, 1881 (paid in 1883)	2,000	0	0
1883	3,000	0	0
Department of Harbours and Rivers, 1883	2,975	0	0
in anticipation of Loan Appropriations, 1883	15,919	3	10
Total, Temporary Advances Outstanding, 31st December, 1883 (fully adjusted since)	£	273,894	3 10

Temporary Advances Outstanding, 30th June, 1899.			
	£	s	d
Issues included in the REVENUE DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT to 30th June, 1895, for —			
Treasurer's Advance, 1893	13,000	0	0
Centennial Park Account	199,405	2	10
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account	467,152	18	10
		679,558	1 8

Issues included in the CURRENT REVENUE ACCOUNT for:—			
	£	s	d
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9:—			
Issues in 1895-6	24,960	16	11
1896-7	4,050	17	11
		29,011	14 10
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place), 53 Vic No. 14:—			
Issues in 1895-6	695	18	8
1896-7	25	2	2
1897-8	177	15	11
		898	16 9
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8	882	14	6
1898-9	97,733	5	0
		98,615	19 6
Advances to Public Officers to Cash Stamps, 1898-9		38	9 6
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1898-9		13,874	17 2
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24, 1898-9		12,385	0 0
Expenditure—Suspense Account, 1898-9		62,388	16 11
		217,213	14 8
Total, Temporary Advances Outstanding, 30th June, 1899		679,558	1 8
(Repayable to Revenue Deficiency Account			
(,, Current Revenue Account		217,213	14 8
		£896,771	16 4

NOTE.—Of the foregoing amount (£896,771 16s. 4d) there have been adjusted to 8th January the following sums, viz:—

	£	s	d
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8	882	14	6
1898-9	97,733	5	0
		98,615	19 6
Advances to Public Officers to Cash Stamps, 1898-9		38	9 6
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1898-9		6,500	0 0
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24, 1898-9		12,385	0 0
Total Adjusted to present date		£117,589	9 0

8th January, 1900.

STATEMENT F.

STATEMENT showing the amount of the Undischarged Liabilities of the Consolidated Revenue Fund under Statutory and Annual Appropriations at the 30th June, 1895, and in what manner they have since been dealt with.

Nature of Liability.	Undischarged Liabilities under Appropriations at 30th June, 1895.	Amounts Paid during 1895-6.	Amounts Surrendered or Written Off during 1895-6.	Balances Open for Expenditure at 30th June, 1896.	Amounts Paid or Surrendered during 1896-7.	Amounts Paid during 1897-8.	Amounts Paid and Written Off during 1898-9.	Balance Outstanding 30th June, 1899.
Balances of Annual Appropriations for 1894 and previous years still alive at 30th June, 1895, and open for operations up to 31st December, 1895	£ s. d. 645,648 4 1	£ s. d. 286,782 11 4	£ s. d. 357,015 8 6	£ s. d. 1,850 4 3	£ s. d. P. 360 0 0 S. 1,490 4 3	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances of Appropriations for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895 (including £66 13s. 4d. restored balance of 1893), and open for operation up to 30th June, 1896 ...	566,263 4 4	435,023 7 3	126,134 2 3	5,105 14 10	P. 2,009 13 6 S. 3,096 1 4	.....	.....	.....
Balances of Special Statutory Appropriations undischarged for 1894 and previous years without limitation as to periods of open obligation	138,443 3 5	1,107 1 8	603 14 10	136,732 6 11	P. 111 0 0	P. 64,734 10 0 *W30,316 16 11	P. 125 0 0 } 41,445 0 0	41,445 0 0
Balances of Special Statutory Appropriations for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895 (including £657 5s. 1d. restored balances for 1891, 1892, and 1893), with unlimited obligations as to time of discharge	545,706 19 5	529,891 18 5	266 10 6	15,548 10 6	P. 33 10 6	.....	.....	15,515 0 0
Totals... ..	£ 1,896,061 11 3	1,252,804 18 8	484,019 16 1	159,236 16 6	7,100 9 7	64,734 10 0	30,441 16 11	+56,960 0 0

* This sum was found to have been over-computed on account of a portion of the Interest on the Public Debt for the year 1889—a whole year's interest having been taken inadvertently into account instead of a half-year only. † These are open balances of the provision made for the redemption of the Railway Loan under 31 Vic. No. 11 and available for replacement to the Railway Loan Redemption Fund as explained elsewhere.

STATEMENT G.

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REVENUE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

		1894.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1894. 1 January to 31 December.	To Gross Revenue Receipts during the Financial year 1894	9,507,928	4 10		
	<i>Less</i> Refunds and Charges on Collections ...	158,491	13 6		
				9,349,436	11 4
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations unexpended at 31st December, 1894 ...			522,509	3 11
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward			2,121,728	0 8
				11,993,673	15 11
1894. 31 December.	„ Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income			54,322	15 11
				£	12,047,996 11 10
Half-year—1895.					
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1895. 1 January to 30 June.	To Gross Revenue Receipts During the Financial Half-year, ended 30th June, 1895 ...	4,943,847	8 10		
	<i>Less</i> Refunds and Charges on Collections ...	80,054	4 3		
				4,863,793	4 7
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations unexpended at 30th June, 1895 ...			6,625	6 3
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward			1,895,337	12 10
				6,765,756	3 8
1895. 30 June.	„ Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income			34,830	0 4
				£	6,800,586 4 0
1895-6.					
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1895. 1 July, 1895 to 30 June, 1896.	To Gross Revenue Receipts during the Financial year ended 30th June, 1896	9,254,337	16 2		
	<i>Less</i> Refunds and Charges on Collections ...	177,874	14 2		
				9,076,463	2 0
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations unexpended at 30th June, 1896 ...			826,131	7 8
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward			702,383	10 0
				10,604,977	19 8
1896. 30 June.	„ Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income			632,711	1 8
				£	11,237,689 1 4

STATEMENT G.

1st January, 1894, to 30th June, 1899.

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		1894.	£	s.	d.
1893. 31 December.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations, brought forward		72,378	9	7
" 1894. 1 January to 31 December.	„ Undischarged Appropriations, brought forward		1,738,469	9	3
	„ Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury Bills Act)		150,000	0	0
	„ Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations		10,087,148	13	0
			£	12,047,996	11 10
		Half-year—1895.	£	s.	d.
1895. 1 January.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations, brought forward		54,322	15	11
" 1895. 1 January to 30 June.	„ Undischarged Appropriations, brought forward... ..		2,121,728	0	8
	„ Balances of Appropriations written off, but restored to meet Deferred Claims		1,036	14	6
	„ Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations		4,623,498	12	11
	„ Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury Bills Act) ... ..		.....
			£	6,800,586	4 0
		1895-6.	£	s.	d.
1895. 1 July.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations brought forward		34,830	0	4
" 1895. 1 July to 30 June, 1896.	„ Undischarged Appropriations brought forward		1,895,337	12	10
	„ Balances of Appropriations written off, but restored to meet Deferred Claims		723	18	5
	„ Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury Bills Acts)		150,000	0	0
	„ Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations		9,156,797	9	9
			£	11,237,689	1 4

STATEMENT G—continued.

Dr.		REVENUE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT,					
1896-7.							
1 July, 1896, to 30 June, 1897.	To gross Revenue Receipts during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1897	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		9,286,841	15	3			
	Less Refunds and Charges on Collections	179,791	12	4			
					9,107,050	2	11
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations Unexpended at 30th June, 1897				179,165	14	11
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward				694,054	2	8
					9,980,270	0	6
1897. 30 June.	„ Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income				811,860	12	4
					£	10,792,130	12 10
1897-8.							
1 July, 1897, to 30 June, 1898.	To Gross Revenue Receipts during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1898	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		9,482,095	19	7			
	Less Refunds and Charges on Collections	177,843	1	6			
					9,304,252	18	1
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations unexpended at 30th June, 1898				120,107	19	3
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward				629,208	11	8
					10,053,569	9	0
1898. 30 June.	„ Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income				727,548	7	9
					£	£10,781,117	16 9
1898-9.							
1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899.	To Gross Revenue Receipts during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		9,753,775	0	5			
	Less Refunds and Charges on Collections	180,863	0	6			
					9,572,911	19	11
	„ Surrenders of Appropriations unexpended at 30th June, 1899				153,985	11	0
	„ Balances of Undischarged Appropriations carried forward				595,226	19	0
					10,322,124	9	11
1899. 30 June.	To Balance—Excess of Appropriations over Income... ..				*707,873	11	3
					£	11,029,998	1 2

* For reconciliation of £707,873 11s. 3d. with Debit Balance of Revenue, £579,945 7s. 7d., see paragraph 25, pages 156-7.

STATEMENT G—*continued.*

1st January, 1894, to 30th June, 1899.

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		1896-7.	
		£	s. d.
1896.	1 July.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations brought forward	632,711 1 8
”	”	” Undischarged Appropriations brought forward	702,383 10 0
1 July	to	” Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury	150,000 0 0
30 June, 1897.		Bills Acts)	
		” Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations	9,307,036 1 2
		£	10,792,130 12 10
		1897-8.	
		£	s. d.
1897.	1 July.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations brought forward	511,860 12 4
”	”	” Undischarged Appropriations brought forward	694,054 2 8
1 July	to	” Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury	150,000 0 0
30 June, 1898.		Bills Acts)	
		” Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations	9,125,203 1 9
		£	10,781,117 16 9
		1898-9.	
		£	s. d.
1898.	1 July.	By Balance—Excess of Appropriations brought forward	727,548 7 9
”	”	” Undischarged Appropriations brought forward	629,208 11 8
”	”	” Supplementary Appropriations	8,846 13 9
1 July	to	” Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt. (Treasury	150,000 0 0
30 June, 1899.		Bills Acts)	
		” Annual and Fixed Statutory Appropriations	9,514,394 8 0
		£	11,029,998 1 2

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

SPECIFICATION of STATUTORY LIABILITIES of the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND CURRENT DURING 1898-9. Amount Liquidated during 1898-9, and the Liabilities to be carried forward to year 1899-1900.

Appropriations Current, 1898-9.									
Item.	1897-8 and previous years.			1898-9.			Total.		
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
Schedules A, B, and C, and Supplements ...	Page 206	Authority. Various ...	£ 1,441	s. d. 5 7	£ 44,212	s. d. 17 6	£ 45,654	s. d. 3 1	
Debt:—									
Funded	206	"	612,088	11 3	2,314,917	8 9	2,927,006	0 0	
Unfunded	206	"	21,844	15 2	71,462	10 4	93,307	5 6	
Treasury Bills Redemption	206	53 Vic. No. 9			150,000	0 0	150,000	0 0	
Other Special Appropriations	206-7	Various ...	2,680	13 5	193,816	15 9	198,497	9 2	
									£ 3,414,464 17 9
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
Annual Appropriation Act of 1898-9—		Authority.							
Ordinary Appropriations		" Act No. 35 of 1898"	6,877,273	0 0					
Supplementary Appropriations		"	134,223	15 8					
Total Gross Annual Appropriations							7,011,496	15 8	
Less Temporary Advances—									
Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9			100,000	0 0					
Prevention of Scab in Sheep			23,512	0 0					
							123,512	0 0	
									6,887,984 15 8
									£ 10,302,449 13 5
Distribution of Appropriations, 1898-9.									
	Details on page—	Expended during 1898-9.	Surrendered.			Total.			
FROM SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
Schedules A, B, C, and Supplements	Page 206	£ 43,076	s. d. 11 3	£ 1,128	s. d. 8 3	£ 44,204	s. d. 19 6		
Debt:—									
Funded	" 206	2,324,802	15 6	30,316	16 11	2,355,119	12 5		
Unfunded	" 206	73,991	10 4			73,991	10 4		
Treasury Bills Redemption	" 206	150,000	0 0			150,000	0 0		
Other Special Appropriations	" 206-7	194,021	12 10	1,900	3 8	195,921	16 6		
Total Special Appropriations	" ..	£ 2,785,892	9 11	33,345	8 10	2,819,237	18 9		
FROM ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
Ordinary Appropriations.									
Supplement to Schedule B	Page 207	1,567	18 6	15	1 6	1,583	0 0		
Executive and Legislative	" 207	30,601	19 9	677	0 3	31,279	0 0		
Chief Secretary	" 203-9	821,109	9 8	20,522	10 4	842,002	0 0		
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—									
Departments generally	" 210-11	802,284	15 11	17,690	4 1	819,975	0 0		
Railways and Tramways	" 211	1,926,658	7 8	95	12 4	1,926,754	0 0		
Attorney-General	" 211	45,060	17 7	1,793	2 5	46,854	0 0		
Secretary for Lands	" 211	284,739	19 5	13,826	0 7	298,566	0 0		
Secretary for Public Works	" 212	869,971	8 3	24,648	11 9	894,620	0 0		
Administration of Justice	" 212	260,893	11 10	5,012	8 2	265,911	0 0		
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry	" 213	747,268	10 7	9,524	9 5	756,793	0 0		
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	" 213	148,097	6 6	10,848	13 6	158,946	0 0		
Postmaster-General	" 213	694,861	12 2	15,616	7 10	710,478	0 0		
Total Annual Appropriations	" ..	£ 6,633,120	17 10	120,640	2 2	6,753,761	0 0		
Supplementary Appropriations.									
Executive and Legislative	Page 214		18 14 10				18 14 10		
Chief Secretary	" 214	58,945	4 3			58,945	4 3		
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—									
Departments generally	" 214-5	34,230	0 1			34,230	0 1		
Railways and Tramways	" 215	26,666	0 2			26,666	0 2		
Secretary for Lands	" 215	250	0 0			250	0 0		
Secretary for Public Works	" 215	8,567	3 1			8,567	3 1		
Administration of Justice	" 216	4,549	18 4			4,549	18 4		
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry	" 216	200	0 0			200	0 0		
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	" 216	796	14 11			796	14 11		
Total Supplementary Appropriations	" 216	134,223	15 8			134,223	15 8		
Grand Total	" ..	£ 9,553,237	3 5	153,985	11 0				£ 9,707,222 14 5
Balance of Special Appropriations carried forward as primary charges on the Account of 1899-1900... £ 595,226 19 0									

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A.

Statement I.

PUBLIC DEBT—LIABILITIES "PROPER" OF 1898-9.

AMOUNT liquidated during 1898-9, and Liabilities carried forward to year 1899-1900.

Item.	Authority.	Per cent.	Appropriation.	How disposed of—			
				Expended or applied during 1898-9.	Balance of Appropriation carried forward to year 1899-1900.		
FUNDED DEBT.							
(Debentures, Funded and Inscribed Stock.)							
Reduction.							
DEBENTURES :—							
Sinking Funds :—							
(paid into Special Trust Funds)							
Public Debt for Railways	53 Vic. No. 24 .....	...	£ 75,000 0 0	£ 75,000 0 0	.....	
Redemption of 1924 Stock	58 Vic. No. 14 .....	...	6,602 3 4	6,602 3 4	.....	
Do 1925 Stock	59 Vic. No. 6 .....	...	7,408 10 0	7,408 10 0	.....	
Do 1927 Stock	60 Vic. No. 32 .....	...	6,937 8 8	6,937 8 8	.....	
Do 1928 Stock	61 Vic. No. 43 .....	...	7,491 11 4	7,491 11 4	.....	
DEBENTURES :—							
Interest.							
£1,831,700, from 1 July, 1898, to 31 December, 1898	Various	5	45,792 10 0	} 1,792,838 8 5	} 418,639 7 0		
£1,634,000, " 1 January, 1899, to 30 June, 1899...	"	5	40,850 0 0				
£8,239,600, " 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899	"	4	329,584 0 0				
Taken over from Municipal Councils :—							
Water Supply Service :—							
Municipal Council of Sydney :—							
£30,000, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899...	.....	6	1,800 0 0			
£20,000, " " " " .....	.....	5	1,000 0 0			
£30,000, " " " " .....	.....	4	1,200 0 0			
Municipal Council of Newcastle :—							
£16,000, from 1 June, 1898, to 31 May, 1899...	.....	5	800 0 0			
Sewerage Service :—							
Municipal Council of Sydney :—							
£62,000, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899...	.....	6	3,720 0 0			
£38,000, " " " " .....	.....	5	1,900 0 0			
Municipal Council of Redfern :—							
£30,000, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899...	.....	4	1,200 0 0			
Municipal Council of Balmain :—							
£2,500, from 1 April, 1898, to 30 Sept., 1898..	.....	6	75 0 0			
Municipal Council of Ashfield :—							
£3,700, from 1 April, 1898, to 31 March, 1899	.....	4½	166 10 0			
£4,500, " 1 Feb., 1898, to 31 Jan., 1899 ...	.....	5½	247 10 0			
FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK :—							
Funded Stock raised in the Colony :—							
£530,189 9s. 2d., from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899	36 Vic. No. 21	4	21,207 10 8	} 1,792,838 8 5	} 418,639 7 0		
£2,549,350, from 10 Feb., 1898, to 9 Feb., 1899 ...	56 Vic. No. 1	4	101,974 0 0				
£1,332,945 " " " "	59 Vic. No. 6	3	38,789 6 4				
£863,947 " " " "	58 Vic. No. 14	3	25,918 8 2				
£1,035,730 4s. 6d. " " " "	60 Vic. No. 32	3	3,774 8 3				
Inscribed Stock raised in the Colony :—							
£198,065 from 10th Feb., 1898, to 9th Feb., 1899...	58 Vic. No. 14	3	5,941 19 0				
£222,255 " " " "	59 Vic. No. 6	3	6,667 13 0				
£220,050	Act. 1 of 1899	3	.....			
Inscribed Stock raised in London :—							
£9,686,300, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899 ...	Various	4	387,452 0 0				
£12,826,200, from 1 March, 1898, to 28 Feb., 1899...	"	3½	448,917 0 0				
£16,500,000, from 1 April, 1898, to 31 March, 1899	"	3½	577,500 0 0				
£4,000,000, " " " "	"	3	120,000 0 0				
£1,500,000, " " " "	50 Vic. No. 28	3	45,000 0 0				
Total Funded Debt.....	£	2,314,917 8 9	1,896,278 1 9	418,639 7 0			
UNFUNDED DEBT.							
(Treasury Bills Deficiency of Revenue purchased by Trust Funds in Treasury).							
TREASURY BILLS :—							
Reduction.							
Deficiency of 1886 and previous years.....	53 Vic. No. 9 | .....	|	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	.....	
Interest.							
First Deficiency (1886 and previous years)—							
£388,500, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899	53 Vic. No. 9	4	15,540 0 0	} 21,485 15 2	} 19,235 15 2		
£150,000, from 1 July, 1898, to 31 Dec., 1898	" "	3	2,250 0 0				
£764,384, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899	" "	3	22,931 10 4				
Second Deficiency (to 30 June, 1895)—							
£1,024,700, from 1 March, 1898, to 28 Feb., 1899...	59 Vic. No. 22	3	30,741 0 0	30,741 0 0	.....	
Total Unfunded Debt.....	£	221,462 10 4	202,226 15 2	19,235 15 2			
Liabilities proper of 1898-9 as per above statement ...	£	2,536,379 19 1	2,098,504 16 11	437,875 2 2			
SUPPLEMENTARY.							
Liabilities proper of 1898-9 (as per above statement)			£2,536,379 19 1	2,098,504 16 11	437,875 2 2		
" brought forward of previous years (as per page 206).....			633,983 6 5	450,289 8 11	153,327 0 7		
Total Current Liabilities of 1898-9 (as per page 206).....	£	3,170,313 5 6	2,548,794 5 10	591,202 2 9			
£3,139,966 8 7							
Written off... 30,316 16 11							
£3,170,313 5 6							

NOTE.—In several instances the interest liability shown is not on the whole amount of principal as the principal includes amounts on which interest is not payable till the next financial year.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2.

APPROPRIATIONS—1898-9.

Head of Service.	Authority.	Appropriations—		How disposed of—					
		Brought forward from previous years.	Of the year 1898-9.	Expended during 1898-9.	Surrendered.	Balance carried forward to year 1899-1900.			
Special Appropriations.									
SCHEDULES A, B, AND C, AND SUPPLEMENTS.									
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Schedule A and Supplement:—									
His Excellency the Governor	Imp. Act, 18 & 19 Vic., Cap. 54.		7,000 0 0		7,000 0 0				
The Chief Justice.....	do do		3,500 0 0		3,500 0 0				
The Puisne Judges	20 Vic. 5, 23 Vic. No. 7, & 50 Vic. No. 35.		15,600 0 0		15,488 3 5		111 16 7		
The Colonial Secretary.....	Imp. Act, 18 & 19 Vic., Cap. 54, & 20 Vic. No. 18.		180 0 0		2,000 0 0		1,820 0 0		180 0 0
The Colonial Treasurer	do do		404 0 0		1,500 0 0		1,096 0 0		404 0 0
The Attorney-General	Imp. Act, 18 & 19 Vic., Cap. 54.				1,500 0 0				
The Auditor-General	do do				900 0 0				
The Governor's Private Secretary..	Imp. Act, 18 & 19 Vic., Cap. 54.				400 0 0				
Schedule B and Supplement:—									
Pensions to Judges	do do		151 13 4		1,820 0 0				151 13 4
Do Political Officers ...	46 Vic. No. 15.		225 0 0		900 0 0				225 0 0
Do Superannuated Officers	Imp. Act, 18 & 19 Vic., Cap. 54.				3,500 0 0				
Schedule C:—									
Church of England	do do		236 15 3		2,840 17 6		2,576 12 0		229 7 2
Roman Catholic Church	do do		147 17 0		1,600 0 0		1,477 8 5		137 1 11
Presbyterian Church	do do		46 0 0		552 0 0		552 0 0		46 0 0
Wesleyan Methodist Church	do do		50 0 0		600 0 0		546 7 5		66 2 7
Total, Schedules and Supplements	£	1,441 5 7	44,212 17 6	43,076 11 3	1,128 8 3	1,449 3 7			
		£45,654 3 1		£45,654 3 1					
FUNDED DEBT.									
Reduction of:—									
Public Debt for Railways.....	53 Vic. No. 24		75,000 0 0		75,000 0 0				
New South Wales, 1924 Stock ...	58 Vic. No. 14		6,602 3 4		6,602 3 4				
Do 1925 do	59 Vic. No. 6		7,408 10 0		7,408 10 0				
Do 1927 do	60 Vic. No. 32		6,937 8 8		6,937 8 8				
Do 1928 do	61 Vic. No. 43		7,491 11 4		7,491 11 4				
Million Loan (Railway Loan of 1867).	31 Vic. No. 11	152,400 0 0			2,400 0 0				150,000 0 0*
Interest on:—									
Debentures, Inscribed and Funded Stock.	Various	{ 451,115 17 6 } { 15,114 8 6 } { 3,453 5 3 }	2,211,477 15 5	2,218,958 2 2	+30,316 16 11	421,886 7 7			
Million Loan (Railway Loan of 1867).	31 Vic. No. 11	5 0 0			5 0 0				
UNFUNDED DEBT.									
Reduction of:—									
Treasury Bills—Deficiency of 1886 and previous years.	53 Vic. No. 9		150,000 0 0		150,000 0 0				
Interest on:—									
Treasury Bills	do do	{ 21,485 15 2 } { 279 0 0 }	40,721 10 4	43,250 10 4		19,235 15 2			
Do	59 Vic. No. 22		30,741 0 0		30,741 0 0				
Do	55 Vic. No. 7		80 0 0						80 0 0
Total Debt—Reduction and Interest ...	£	633,933 6 5	2,536,379 19 1	2,548,794 5 10	30,316 16 11	591,202 2 9			
		£3,170,313 5 6		£3,170,313 5 6					
OTHER SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.									
General Trust Funds:—									
Interest on Uninvested Funds at Credit of the Government Savings Bank.	34 Vic. No. 15		17,205 14 8		17,205 14 8				
Endowments:—									
Educational Institutions:—									
University of Sydney	14 Vic. No. 31		5,000 0 0		5,000 0 0				
Sydney Grammar School.....	Private Act, 2 Dec., 1854.		1,500 0 0		1,500 0 0				
Affiliated Colleges	18 Vic. No. 37	83 6 8	1,500 0 0		1,500 0 0				83 6 8
Women's College	53 Vic. No. 10	41 13 4	500 0 0		500 0 0				41 13 4
Australian Museum	17 Vic. No. 2		1,000 0 0		1,000 0 0				
Carried forward	£	125 0 0	26,705 14 8	26,705 14 8		125 0 0			

* Appropriation reserved for payment of annual instalments of £150,000, payable on account of Public Debt, Railways, 53 Vic. No. 24. See paragraph, No. 33 of 1897-8 Report.

† Appropriations of 1894 and previous years written off £ s. d. 30,316 16 11
‡ Supplementary Appropriation Loan, 50 Vic. No. 25 5,114 8 6
§ Supplementary Appropriations in connection with Public School Account 61 Vic. No. 20 3,732 5 3

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Head of Service.	Authority.	Appropriations—		How disposed of—					
		Brought forward from previous years.	Of the year 1897-8.	Expended during 1897-8.	Surrendered.	Balance carried forward to year 1899-1900.			
Special Appropriations—continued.									
OTHER SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—continued.									
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward...		125	0 0	26,705	14 8	26,705	14 8		125 0 0
Fire Brigades.....	47 Vic. No. 3			8,389	8 4	8,389	8 4		
Municipalities and Preliminary Expenses.	31 Vic. No. 12			18,151	15 2	18,151	15 2		
Salaries, Allowances, Pensions, &c.—									
Parliamentary—									
Representatives Allowances.....	53 Vic. No. 12	600	13 5	30,868	19 8	30,409	12 9	242	6 9
Witnesses expenses	45 Vic. No. 5			71	6 6	71	6 6		
Public Works Committee.....	53 Vic. No. 11			1,782	16 0	1,782	16 0		
Electoral:—									
Federal Convention Expenses ...	59 Vic. No. 24			1,396	18 2	1,396	18 2		
Electoral and Elections Act—	56 Vic. No. 38			21,371	0 3	21,371	0 3		
Expenses.									
Boards, Commissions, &c.—									
Public Service Board—Salaries..	59 Vic. No. 25			3,000	0 0	3,000	0 0		
Metropolitan Board of Water	43 Vic. No. 32								
Supply, &c.—Election Expenses }	51 Vic. No. 28			32	16 10	32	16 10		
Hunter District Board of Water	55 Vic. No. 27			17	5 0	17	5 0		
Supply, &c. {									
Railway Commissioners—	51 Vic. No. 35								
Salaries	52 Vic. No. 5	891	2 7	6,000	0 0	5,500	0 0	891	2 7
President and Members, Land	55 Vic. No. 26			4,000	0 0	4,000	0 0		
Appeal Court.									
Fees to Commissioners of Cus-	42 Vic. No. 19	425	0 0	600	0 0	375	0 0	300	0 0
tom.									
Salaries and Pensions to District	22 Vic. No. 18								
Court Judges. }	46 Vic. No. 16	187	10 0	13,500	0 0	13,437	10 0		250 0 0
Pensions—Super'n. Act Repeal Act	36 Vic. No. 29	326	7 5	2,762	16 0	2,506	3 4	0	1 0
Parkes Family Grant	60 Vic. No. 3	125	0 0	500	0 0	208	6 8	*416	13 4
Australasian Naval Forces Act	51 Vic. No. 22			37,812	0 0	37,812	0 0		
Sydney Branch Royal Mint	28 Vic. No. 3			15,000	0 0	15,000	0 0		
Compensation for Land taken up	44 Vic. No. 15			3,853	19 2	3,853	19 2		
under provisions of Act.									
Total, Other Special Appropriations.....	£	2,680	13 5	195,816	15 9	194,021	12 10	1,900	3 8
		£198,497	9 2			£198,497	9 2		
Grand Total, Special Appropriations	£	638,055	5 5	2,776,409	12 4	2,785,892	9 11	33,345	8 10
		3,414,464	17 9			3,414,464	17 9		

* Paid from Treasurer's Advance, pending appointment of a new Trustee.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—		
			Expended during 1898-9.	Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.	
Annual Appropriations.					
Act "No. 35 of 1898."					
SCHEDULES.					
1	Schedule B, Supplement (Pensions to Widows)	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
2	Do do (Military Pensions)	325	0 0	325	0 0
		1,258	0 0	1,242	18 6
	Total, Schedules	£	1,583 0 0	1,567	18 6
					15 1 6
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.					
3	His Excellency the Governor	1,381	0 0	1,276	14 4
4	Executive Council	973	0 0	966	17 0
5	Legislative Council	5,832	0 0	5,831	4 7
6	Legislative Assembly	*10,138	0 0	9,958	19 2
7	Legislative Council and Assembly	*3,520	0 0	3,515	11 8
8	Parliamentary Library	2,013	0 0	2,001	16 7
9	Parliamentary Reporting Staff.....	6,172	0 0	5,925	9 5
10	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	1,250	0 0	1,125	7 0
	Total, Executive and Legislative	£	31,279 0 0	30,601	19 9
					677 0 3

* Appropriations varied under 23rd section of Audit Act 1898. See Statement 4, page 218.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—	
			Expended during 1898-9.	Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.
Annual Appropriations—continued.				
Act "No. 35 of 1898."				
CHIEF SECRETARY.				
11	Chief Secretary	£ 7,346 0 0	£ 7,187 13 4	£ 158 6 8
13	Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
26	Agent-General for the Colony	8,100 0 0	7,197 12 5	902 7 7
12	Auditor-General	15,365 0 0	14,674 6 11	690 13 1
15	Police	346,987 0 0	346,772 8 8	214 11 4
88	Pension to Constable J. F. Alford (in addition to Pension payable from Police Superannuation Fund).....	46 0 0	45 12 6	0 7 6
67	Rewards for Apprehension of Offenders.....	225 0 0	225 0 0	.....
118	Cost of proceedings in Extradition Case—Frank Butler	4,418 0 0	4,417 17 8	0 2 4
24	Government Statistician	4,136 0 0	3,824 4 4	311 15 8
25	Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions	907 0 0	900 11 7	6 8 5
Election and Federation Expenses :—				
38	Electoral Office	2,347 0 0	2,062 1 8	284 18 4
119	Parramatta Election—Election voided on account of irregularities of Officials—Expenses	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....
108	Federal Constitution Bill Referendum—Expenses	674 0 0	664 9 0	9 11 0
95	Late Federal Election—Expenses	20 0 0	6 12 6	13 7 6
93	Federal Conference—further sum	15 0 0	6 14 6	8 5 6
109	Representatives of People's Convention, Bathurst—Expenses.....	144 0 0	143 13 5	0 6 7
32	Reorganisation of Public Service	4,000 0 0	3,997 4 2	2 15 10
Parks, Recreation Reserves, &c. :—				
33	Botanic Gardens	*6,982 0 0	6,945 16 6	36 3 6
36	Garden Palace Grounds.....	*1,075 0 0	1,075 0 0	.....
35	Government Domains.....	2,685 0 0	2,685 0 0	.....
37	Centennial Park	4,176 0 0	4,163 4 0	12 16 0
90	Boundary Road, Centennial Park—cost of construction	300 0 0	273 7 2	26 12 10
79	National Park—General Improvements	4,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	.....
34	Campbelltown Nursery Garden	925 0 0	922 4 9	2 15 3
72	East Maitland Gaol Reserve—Gardener's Wages, &c.	138 0 0	136 11 10	1 8 2
Educational Institutions :—				
73	Expenses in connection with Exhibit of this Colony at Imperial Institute, London	700 0 0	410 11 9	289 8 3
76	Preparation of Statistics containing information respecting the resources and Industrial capabilities of the Colony for publication in the United Kingdom	400 0 0	400 0 0	.....
92	Board of International Exchange—Expenses	100 0 0	99 13 5	0 6 7
69	New South Wales Zoological Society—aid on usual conditions	200 0 0	23 2 0	176 18 0
83	Do do Special grant	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....
105	Do do Grant towards meeting Expenses of opening Gardens on Sundays	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....
85	Revising List of Australian Fishes	200 0 0	.....	200 0 0
Hospitals, Medicine, &c. :—				
20	Medical Adviser to the Government	12,350 0 0	11,351 6 6	998 13 6
22	Analytical Branch	1,348 0 0	1,147 9 2	200 10 10
19	Medical Board	185 0 0	158 0 0	27 0 0
Lunacy :—				
18	Master-in-Lunacy	3,125 0 0	3,071 8 0	53 12 0
16	Institutions for the Insane generally	103,108 0 0	101,544 5 6	1,563 14 6
17	Lunatic Patients.....	2,350 0 0	1,343 17 1	406 2 11
21	Coast Hospital.....	13,631 0 0	13,101 4 1	529 15 11
41	Sydney Hospital—Aid on usual Conditions	4,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	.....
42	Do Grant in aid of Regent-street Dispensary	700 0 0	700 0 0	.....
80	Do Rent of Moorcliff and Victoria Lodge, Miller's Point.....	350 0 0	350 0 0	.....
43	Prince Alfred Hospital—Aid on usual Conditions.....	4,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	.....
44	Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney—Aid on usual Conditions	1,200 0 0	1,125 7 8	74 12 4
74	Do do Rent of Premises	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
46	Carrington Centennial Hospital—Aid on usual Conditions	1,000 0 0	767 9 9	232 10 3
63	Albury Hospital—Special Grant	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....
59	Mossgiel Cottage Hospital	350 0 0	350 0 0	.....
60	Newcastle Hospital—Special Grant for Repairs	350 0 0	350 0 0	.....
61	Do do Cost of Maintenance of Sea-borne Destitute Patients	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....
62	Temora Hospital—Special Grant.....	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....
40	Country and Suburban Hospitals Building Fund—Aid on usual Conditions	800 0 0	715 6 8	84 13 4
55	Country and Suburban Hospitals—Special Grant.....	8,000 0 0	7,988 0 0	12 0 0
23	Maintenance of Sick Paupers	14,000 0 0	14,000 0 0	.....
Charitable Institutions and Charitable Aid :—				
27	Charitable Institutions (Government Asylums).....	60,286 0 0	57,515 5 11	2,770 14 1
114	Additional Sum for Religious Attendance of Inmates of Asylums and other Government Institutions.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....
28	State Children's Relief Branch	43,950 0 0	43,831 9 6	118 10 6
29	Do do Act of 1881, section 10. To recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during 1897-8	10,633 0 0	10,590 19 4	42 0 8
39	Charitable Institutions—Aid on usual Conditions.....	32,000 0 0	31,995 1 2	4 18 10
65	Burial of Destitute Persons	700 0 0	697 10 0	2 10 0
Carried forward		£ 738,677 0 0	728,204 14 5	10,472 5 7

*Appropriations varied under 23rd section of Audit Act, 1898. See Statement 4, page 218.

† £300 disallowed, see explanation, page 162.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—					
			Expended during 1898-9.			Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.		
Annual Appropriations—continued.								
Act "No. 35 of 1898."								
CHIEF SECRETARY—continued.								
	Brought forward	£ 738,677 s. 0 d. 0	£ 728,204 s. 14 d. 5	£ 10,472 s. 5 d. 7				
	Hospitals, Medicine, &c.—continued.							
66	Maintenance of Deserted Children, Paupers taken charge of for protection, &c.	6,000 0 0	5,995 10 5	4 9 7				
91	Payments to Commissioners for Railways for Railway Claims for transmission of Destitute Persons, &c.	2,250 0 0	2,217 19 11	32 0 1				
	Benevolent and Kindred Societies:—							
14	Aborigines Protection Board.....	11,575 0 0	11,575 0 0	.....			
56	Metropolitan Charities Association—Special Grant.....	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....			
47	Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—Aid on usual Conditions	3,000 0 0	1,958 8 5	1,041 11 7				
58	Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—Special Grant for Unemployed Relief.....	1,000 0 0	467 11 8	532 8 4				
50	Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred Institutions for support of Women and Children.....	4,000 0 0	3,997 16 6	2 3 6				
51	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special Grant towards Outdoor Relief.....	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....			
52	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special Grant for Building Purposes	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	.....			
57	Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special Grant towards Outdoor Relief.....	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....			
49	Sydney Rescue Work Society—Aid on usual Conditions.....	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....			
48	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions—Aid on usual Conditions	450 0 0	450 0 0	.....			
53	Salvation Army—Grant in aid of	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....			
54	Central Mission—Aid on usual Conditions	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....			
45	Infants' Home, Ashfield—Aid on usual Conditions	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....			
78	National Shipwreck Relief Society of New South Wales—Special Grant	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....			
89	Relief of Sufferers by Floods	300 0 0	50 5 10	249 14 2				
68	Animals Protection Society—Aid on usual Conditions.....	250 0 0	190 5 6	59 14 6				
	Commissions:—							
99	Royal Commission on Charities	1,000 0 0	779 14 3	220 5 9				
100	" Levien Charges	150 0 0	137 19 4	12 0 8				
30	Fisheries Commission.....	2,928 0 0	2,767 6 0	160 14 0				
	Island Administration:—							
70	Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island—Expenses in connection with administration of	1,100 0 0	1,054 1 0	45 19 0				
96	For Steam Service with and among Pacific Islands	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0	.....			
	Fire Brigades, &c.:—							
31	Fire Brigades	1,276 0 0	997 14 9	278 5 3				
117	Amount due to Superintendent Bear	244 0 0	243 6 8	0 13 4				
103	Towards erection of Fire Station, Chatswood, on condition balance of cost being provided for by Fire Brigade Board.....	150 0 0	.....	150 0 0			
104	Burwood Fire Brigade—Purchase of site for Station	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....			
84	Country and Suburban Fire Brigades—Special Grant.....	4,000 0 0	3,930 0 0	70 0 0				
106	Metropolitan Fireman's Association—Grant for Demonstration and Railway Fares.....	1,000 0 0	978 7 3	21 12 9				
112	Grafton Water Brigade—Special Grant	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....			
113	Lismore " "	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....			
	Trusts:—							
87	Lady Robinson's Beach Sand-drift Trust—Special Grant for Improvements.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....			
86	Wollongong Sand-drift Trust—Special Grant for Improvements	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....			
	Municipal, &c.:—							
107	Country and Suburban Municipalities—Special Grant (Revote)	32,500 0 0	28,855 4 5	3,644 15 7				
97	" " " 1896-7. Por- tion of claims not paid during financial year	356 0 0	186 16 2	169 3 10				
98	Improvements—Dawcs Point, Battery Reserve.....	25 0 0	0 7 0	24 13 0				
102	Repairs to Obelisk at end of South Head Road, Watson's Bay	10 0 0	10 0 0	.....			
71	To pay Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	12,000 0 0	10,245 11 8	1,754 8 4				
116	Municipal Rates on Government Land and Buildings in Martin Place, arrears 1892-1897 inclusive	3,755 0 0	2,232 2 6	1,522 17 6				
	Departmental:—							
64	Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.	700 0 0	551 19 4	148 0 8				
77	Freight Insurance, Carriage of Goods, &c.....	500 0 0	451 1 10	48 18 2				
82	Maintenance, &c., of Telephones	250 0 0	222 1 6	27 18 6				
75	To complete Contracts and Outstanding Liabilities in connection with Immigration	300 0 0	147 5 9	152 14 3				
81	To meet Rent of Government Premises occupied by various Sub-Departments	2,000 0 0	1,996 3 7	3 16 5				
	Miscellaneous:—							
110	Governor Phillip's Statue Foundations—further sum	106 0 0	105 10 0	0 10 0				
115	Compensation to Messrs. Turner and Richardson for loss of Opals, stolen whilst in charge of Police—further sum	400 0 0	400 0 0	.....			
101	Expenses incurred in conducting a practical test of Deep-sea Fisheries of Colony	890 0 0	864 15 6	25 4 6				
94	Expenses in connection with Record Reign Celebrations	610 0 0	594 8 6	15 11 6				
111	Wollongong Friendly Societies' Hall—Grant for Purchase of Site.....	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....			
	Total, Chief Secretary.....	£ 842,002 0 0	821,109 9 8	20,892 10 4				

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—			
			Expended, during 1898-9.		Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.	
Annual Appropriations—continued.						
Act "No. 35 of 1898."						
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE :—						
Departments generally :—						
120	Treasury	£ 19,869 0 0	£ 19,733 5 7	£ 135 14 5		
127	Stores and Stationery	91,853 0 0	91,543 4 3	309 15 9		
126	Government Printer's Department	71,423 0 0	67,606 18 11	3,816 1 1		
Taxation :—						
123	Customs	54,087 0 0	53,399 8 0	687 12 0		
169	To meet claims for Refund of Pilotage, Harbour, and Light Rates, Wharfage and Tonnage Dues in certain cases	*200 0 0	146 1 10	53 18 2		
122	Land and Income Tax	30,800 0 0	30,800 0 0			
182	Towards expenses of Court of Review in Land and Income Tax Assessment	500 0 0	500 0 0			
121	Stamp Duties	4,511 0 0	4,348 12 11	162 7 1		
Marine Board of New South Wales :—						
132	Marine Board, Sydney	*5,148 0 0	5,122 14 0	25 6 0		
133	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	*1,635 0 0	1,634 18 0	0 2 0		
139	Deficiencies in Salaries owing to increased amount paid to four Pilots, Newcastle	173 0 0	173 0 0			
134	Harbour-masters	*829 0 0	828 7 5	0 12 7		
135	Colonial Light-houses	*6,419 0 0	6,418 6 8	0 13 4		
136	Sea and River Pilots	*13,280 0 0	13,279 6 2	0 13 10		
137	Boatmen	*11,568 0 0	11,553 19 0	14 1 0		
138	Telegraph Stations	*1,122 0 0	1,121 7 9	0 12 3		
142	Lifeboats	600 0 0	589 11 1	10 8 11		
172	Rocket Apparatus, Newcastle	300 0 0	253 19 0	46 1 0		
140	Australian Coast Light-houses	800 0 0	513 13 0	286 7 0		
141	Miscellaneous	*15,782 0 0	15,545 12 8	236 7 4		
131	Shipping Masters	2,222 0 0	2,161 15 9	60 4 3		
143	Public Wharfs	6,798 0 0	6,699 15 7	98 4 5		
128	Mercantile Explosives Department	8,970 0 0	8,775 5 6	194 14 6		
129	Board of Health	20,428 0 0	16,219 12 5	4,208 7 7		
130	Glebe Island Abattoirs	9,402 0 0	8,645 19 5	756 0 7		
125	Gold and Escort	550 0 0	543 6 8	6 13 4		
124	Gold Receivers	80 0 0	69 4 7	10 15 5		
Public Account :—						
150	Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	* 18,205 2 5	18,205 2 5			
147	Commission on payments in England by Government Financial Agents	* 1,160 0 0	1,157 3 1	2 16 11		
Public Debt Expenses :—						
149	Management of, &c., Inscribed Stock—Bank of England	* 19,075 18 11	19,075 18 11			
151	Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures, in Sydney	* 427 1 7	427 1 7			
General Trust Funds :—						
Interest on Daily Credit of "Uninvested Balances" :—						
157	Civil Service Superannuation Account	* 2,013 15 10	2,012 15 10	1 0 0		
162	Savings Bank of New South Wales—Special Deposit Account	* 66,480 8 1	66,480 8 1			
158	Municipal Council, Sydney—Sinking Fund Account	*926 0 0	925 11 11	0 8 1		
159	Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund	210 0 0	206 5 0	3 15 0		
160	Do Estates Account	42 0 0	41 6 9	0 13 3		
Special Trust Funds :—						
Interest on Daily Credit of "Uninvested Balances" :—						
Colonial Treasurer's						
155	Master in Equity and Master in Lunacy Accounts	* 2,786 0 0	2,785 3 10	0 16 2		
166	Registrar of Probates Account	700 0 0	690 14 6	9 5 6		
164	Curator of Intestate Estates Account	* 1,834 0 0	1,833 2 1	0 17 11		
165	Registrar in Bankruptcy Account	10 0 0	3 7 11	6 12 1		
Public Departments :—						
145	Advertising for Public Service	6,000 0 0	5,926 14 5	73 5 7		
168	Allowance to Premier	500 0 0	500 0 0			
163	Legal Expenses Treasury	500 0 0	489 9 0	10 11 0		
144	Postage	* 31,535 1 2	31,535 1 2			
170	Private Letter Boxes	450 0 0	376 17 6	73 2 6		
146	Telegraphic Messages	18,000 0 0	17,989 14 8	10 5 4		
161	Sewerage and Water Rates—Public Buildings—Sydney and Country Towns	9,000 0 0	8,956 10 4	43 9 8		
148	Insurance, &c., on English Shipments	*350 0 0	247 17 3	102 2 9		
174	Adjustment of Salaries on Revision by Public Service Board	15,000 0 0	14,097 4 7	902 15 5		
175	Increased cost of living allowance to officers stationed in remote districts	6,500 0 0	6,336 16 10	163 3 2		
176	Amount due to Civil Service Superannuation Fund for abatement and compensation to retired officers	903 0 0	902 18 0	0 2 0		
173	Gratuities to Officers on retirement through abolition of Office	* 6,260 0 0	5,725 13 7	534 6 5		
167	Unforeseen Expenses (to be hereafter accounted for)	2,000 0 0	1,989 3 11	10 16 1		
Miscellaneous—						
156	Railway free passes to Members of Parliament, Distinguished Visitors, School Children, and others	18,000 0 0	18,000 0 0			
Charitable Allowances :—						
154	Sailors' Home, Sydney	350 0 0	350 0 0			
153	Do Newcastle	350 0 0	350 0 0			
152	Relief and Conveyance of Distressed Seamen	*55 0 0	52 9 10	2 10 2		
180	Towards the establishment of the proposed Eddy Orphanage	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0			
	Carried forward	£ 611,472 8 0	598,397 19 2	13,074 8 10		

* Appropriations varied under 23rd section of Audit Act 1898. See Statement 4, page 218.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—	
			Expended during 1898-9.	Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.
Annual Appropriations—continued.				
Act "No. 35 of 1898."				
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—continued.				
	Brought forward	£ 611,472 8 0	£ 598,397 19 2	£ 13,074 8 10
	Miscellaneous—continued.			
179	Contribution to Mr. Wragge's Low Level Observatory at Manly	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....
178	Contribution towards foundation and maintenance of Meteorological Station at Mount Kosciusko	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....
171	Compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales	*543 12 0	543 12 0	.....
177	Expenses in connection with Greater Britain's Exhibition to be held in 1899	4,000 0 0	1,181 2 11	2,818 17 1
	Military and Naval Forces:—			
	Defence:—			
196	Military Secretary	2,080 0 0	1,791 7 11	288 12 1
197	Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	184,710 0 0	183,908 3 4	801 16 8
	Naval Forces:—			
198	Naval Brigade	4,734 0 0	4,722 0 7	11 19 5
199	Volunteer Naval Artillery	2,466 0 0	2,405 1 4	60 18 8
200	Torpedo Defence	1,745 0 0	1,732 0 10	12 19 2
201	Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Naval Forces	450 0 0	354 18 3	95 1 9
	Federal Defence:—			
183	Proportion payable to Government of Western Australia—Maintenance of Albany Garrison	1,400 0 0	1,400 0 0	.....
184	Proportion payable to Government of Queensland—Maintenance of Thursday Island Garrison	*2,901 0 0	2,900 18 3	0 1 9
	Grants in aid of Rifle Clubs and Associations:—			
190	Albion Park Rifle Club	20 0 0	20 0 0	.....
189	South Coast Rifle Association	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
185	National Rifle Association of New South Wales	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....
186	Northern Rifle Association	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
187	Southern do	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
188	Western do	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
191	Mt. Kembla Rifle Club	20 0 0	20 0 0	.....
192	Passes for Competitors, Rifle Association Meetings	750 0 0	424 11 4	325 8 8
181	Incidental Expenses—Payment of Imperial Military and Naval Pensions in Colony	33 0 0	33 0 0	.....
193	Royal Naval House	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....
194	Rent of Premises for Secretary to His Excellency the Admiral and Staff	300 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0
	Total, Departments generally, and Military and Naval Forces	£ 819,975 0 0	£ 802,284 15 11	£ 17,690 4 1
	Railways and Tramways:—			
202	Existing Lines—Working Expenses	1,926,754 0 0	1,926,658 7 8	95 12 4
	Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	£ 2,746,729 0 0	£ 2,728,943 3 7	£ 17,785 16 5
	ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—			
203	Attorney-General	£ 46,854 0 0	£ 45,060 17 7	£ 1,793 2 5
	Total, Attorney-General	£ 46,854 0 0	£ 45,060 17 7	£ 1,793 2 5
	SECRETARY FOR LANDS:—			
204	Department of Lands	160,511 0 0	157,674 18 11	2,836 1 1
205	Contingencies	*33,400 0 0	28,282 9 9	5,117 10 3
206	Land Appeal Courts	1,400 0 0	1,252 16 4	147 3 8
220	Legal Expenses	*3,750 0 0	2,849 10 7	900 9 5
	Surveys:—			
224	Survey of Lands—Contingencies	*71,380 0 0	69,479 4 11	1,900 15 1
225	Trigonometrical Survey—Contingencies	3,110 0 0	3,068 10 11	41 9 1
222	Alignment Posts for Towns	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0
207	Church and School Lands—Contingencies	715 0 0	531 9 3	183 10 9
226	Special Services—Labour Settlements	100 0 0	91 14 1	8 5 11
	Public Parks, Recreation Reserves—Resumption and Maintenance:—			
210	Purchase and Resumption of Sites for, and Improvement and Maintenance of the Recreation Reserves and Bathing Places	12,500 0 0	12,499 19 6	0 0 6
218	Kuring-gai Chase	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....
217	Rodd Island	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....
216	Islands in Port Jackson	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
215	Rushcutter's Bay Park	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
214	Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....
213	Parks, North Sydney	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
212	Victoria Park	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
211	Wentworth Park	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
219	Recreation Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria	500 0 0	490 0 0	10 0 0
	Compensation for Lands, &c.:—			
221	Resumption of Land for Roads under the Public Roads Act, 1897	4,000 0 0	3,793 19 6	206 0 6
223	Thomas Edols & Co. (Limited)—One half of the amount of compensation awarded by Parkes Local Land Board for an Improvement known as "Trundle Dam," &c.	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....
209	Construction of Railway Siding, Resumption of Land and Drainage, Woronora Cemetery	2,500 0 0	91 0 0	2,409 0 0
208	Public Cemeteries—Purchase and Resumption of Sites, Fencing, &c.	1,500 0 0	1,484 5 8	15 14 4
	Total, Secretary for Lands	£ 298,566 0 0	£ 284,739 19 5	£ 13,826 0 7

* Appropriations varied under 23rd section of Audit Act, 1898. See Statement 4, page 218.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—			
			Expended during 1898-9.		Balance surrendered, 30th June, 1899.	
Annual Appropriations—continued.						
Act "No. 35 of 1898."						
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—						
227	Department of Public Works	88,832 0 0	88,808 7 6	23 12 6		
228	Roads and Bridges	550,000 0 0	526,477 3 6	23,522 16 6		
229	Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service	110,000 0 0	109,819 4 7	180 15 5		
230	Architect	50,000 0 0	49,800 15 1	199 4 11		
231	Miscellaneous	10,000 0 0	9,991 13 4	8 6 8		
Boards:—						
232	Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	75,818 0 0	75,145 1 8	672 18 4		
233	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	9,970 0 0	9,929 2 7	40 17 5		
	Total, Secretary for Public Works	£ 894,620 0 0	869,971 8 3	24,648 11 9		
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:—						
234	Department of Justice	10,027 0 0	9,601 10 9	425 9 3		
244	Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	26,858 0 0	25,816 12 10	1,041 7 2		
243	Prisons	98,125 0 0	97,358 6 1	766 13 11		
241	Coroners	7,373 0 0	6,895 7 5	477 12 7		
242	Petty Sessions	76,768 0 0	76,080 8 5	687 11 7		
240	District Courts	3,654 0 0	3,466 3 3	187 16 9		
Supreme Court:—						
239	Probate and Intestate Estates Offices	2,920 0 0	2,832 0 11	87 19 1		
235	Master in Equity	2,488 0 0	2,413 8 8	74 11 4		
236	Prothonotary and Divorce Court	2,890 0 0	2,571 1 5	318 18 7		
238	Bankruptcy Court	2,525 0 0	2,428 12 10	96 7 2		
237	Sheriff	29,122 0 0	28,419 17 3	702 2 9		
250	Law Reporter for Bankruptcy and Probate Courts	150 0 0	150 0 0	.....	
Departmental and Legal Expenses:—						
245	Allowance to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14	600 0 0	600 0 0	.....	
249	Expenses of Inquiries under Commission, Act 44 Vic. No. 1, and Criminal Law Amendment Act, section 383	150 0 0	74 16 1	75 3 11		
257	Purchase of Cox's Criminal Cases	75 0 0	8 16 0	66 4 0		
248	„ Sixty Copies of Supreme Court Law Reports	252 0 0	252 0 0	.....	
247	„ Ninety bound Copies of New South Wales Weekly Notes	231 0 0	231 0 0	.....	
246	„ Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates, Newspapers, Law Books, &c.	120 0 0	119 18 9	0 1 3		
254	„ Copies of Addison's and Thompson's "Small Debts Recovery Act"	75 0 0	74 18 6	0 1 6		
256	Legal Expenses	150 0 0	145 12 8	4 7 4		
Cemeteries:—						
251	Necropolis—General Maintenance	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	
252	„ Repairs to Roads and formation of New Roads	558 0 0	558 0 0	.....	
253	Waverley—General Maintenance	150 0 0	150 0 0	.....	
255	Gore Hill—Improvements	150 0 0	150 0 0	.....	
	Total, Administration of Justice	£ 265,911 0 0	260,898 11 10	5,012 8 2		
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY:—						
258	Public Instruction	686,624 0 0	686,571 4 0	52 16 0		
267	Labour and Industry Branch	12,481 0 0	6,849 5 4	5,631 14 8		
Educational Institutions:—						
263	Observatory	4,507 0 0	4,352 19 1	154 0 11		
264	Museum	6,021 0 0	5,492 4 6	528 15 6		
265	Public Library of New South Wales	7,545 0 0	7,523 13 5	21 6 7		
266	National Art Gallery	4,386 0 0	4,217 4 8	168 15 4		
272	Art Society of New South Wales	400 0 0	400 0 0	.....	
273	Society of Artists	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....	
274	Linnean Society	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	
276	Royal Geographical Society of Australasia—Aid on usual conditions	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	
275	Royal Society—Aid on usual conditions	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	
Sydney University:—						
269	Additional Endowment	4,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	.....	
270	To provide for establishment of Evening Lectures (including University Extension Lectures and Lectures in Law)	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	.....	
271	Matriculation and other fees for students of the Training Schools under the Department	200 0 0	61 19 9	138 0 3		
268	Additions, repairs, and furniture	1,000 0 0	994 4 1	5 15 11		
277	Instruction to the Blind—£2 to every £1 raised by private contributions	500 0 0	366 10 6	133 9 6		
278	Aid to Educational Institutions—£1 to every £2 raised by private contributions	6,000 0 0	5,739 6 2	260 13 10		
	Carried forward	£ 736,664 0 0	729,468 11 6	7,195 8 6		

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—	
			Expended during 1897-8.	Balance surrendered.
Annual Appropriations—continued.				
Act "No. 35 of 1898."				
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY—continued.				
	Brought forward	£ 736,664 0 0	£ 729,468 11 6	£ 7,195 8 6
279	Aid of Buildings (Educational Institutions)—£1 to every £2 raised and expended on new and additional buildings	2,000 0 0	1,149 17 5	850 2 7
280	Aid of Women's Branch of Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....
	Industrial Schools—			
259	Nautical School Ship "Sobraon"	10,092 0 0	9,283 16 8	808 3 4
261	Carpenterian Reformatory	3,309 0 0	3,016 16 10	292 3 2
260	Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta	3,602 0 0	3,562 19 11	39 0 1
262	Shaftesbury Reformatory	776 0 0	581 16 2	194 3 10
281	Amount due to Department of Lands for Survey of School Sites	300 0 0	154 12 1	145 7 11
	Total, Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry...£	756,793 0 0	747,268 10 7	9,524 9 5
SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE:—				
282	Department of Mines.....	*69,500 0 0	66,531 19 1	2,968 0 11
288	Agriculture	*31,546 0 0	29,218 7 9	2,327 12 3
295	Special Prizes to be devoted to the Improvement of Agriculture	1,000 0 0	823 15 9	176 4 3
305	Vine Diseases Act—Expenses in connection with the eradication of Phylloxera, &c.	*2,500 0 0	2,499 11 0	0 9 0
287	Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring	14,218 0 0	13,662 18 3	555 1 9
	Mines:—			
289	School of Mines and Assay Works	*2,000 0 0	1,930 7 7	69 12 5
300	Balance of Salary due to Government Metallurgist	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....
302	Providing Four Scholarships—School of Mines	400 0 0	110 15 1	289 4 11
297	Cost of administering Act for regulating Coal-mines and Collieries awarded in Prizes for Agricultural, &c., Objects	*450 0 0	296 17 8	153 2 4
301	Special Grant for Relief of Sufferers in Dudley Colliery Explosion...	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....
298	Ambulance Classes.....	250 0 0	102 13 0	147 7 0
	Live Stock:—			
284	Imported and Introduced Stock	*11,127 0 0	11,008 10 0	118 10 0
291	Pastures and Stock Protection Act	5,000 0 0	3,790 3 2	1,209 16 10
285	Registration of Brands	870 0 0	563 7 5	306 12 7
286	Management of Pounds and Commons	685 0 0	439 18 5	245 1 7
292	Control, Marking, Fencing, and Improving Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves, &c.....	1,000 0 0	463 16 7	536 3 5
299	Eradication of Prickly-pear on Water, Camping, and Travelling Stock Reserves.....	1,000 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0
	Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies:—			
293	For Subsidising Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies receiving annual subscriptions (from 50 Members) amounting to not less than £50, the Subsidy not to exceed 10s. for every £1 awarded in Prizes for Agricultural, &c., Objects	10,000 0 0	9,598 0 3	401 19 9
304	Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association. Re-vote of 1895 (half-year) to cover amount paid in 1896-7	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....
303	Agricultural Societies—Special Grant.....	4,000 0 0	3,975 0 0	25 0 0
294	Subsidies to Horticultural Societies	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....
290	Board of Exports	2,250 0 0	2,094 13 0	155 7 0
296	Expenses in connection with the Reclamation of Sand-drift, Newcastle	300 0 0	136 12 6	163 7 6
	Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture...£	158,946 0 0	148,097 6 6	10,848 13 6
	POSTMASTER-GENERAL:—			
	Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	480,409 0 0	474,730 2 4	5,678 17 8
	Conveyance of Mails	212,050 0 0	202,389 16 0	9,660 4 0
	Cable Subsidies and Guarantees:—			
	British and Australian Cable Subsidy	13,404 0 0	13,403 5 8	0 14 4
	Tasmanian Cable Subsidy	1,705 0 0	1,591 10 6	113 9 6
	Tasmanian Cable Subsidy—Reduced Rates.....	59 0 0	.....	59 0 0
	New Zealand Cable—Reduced Rates	680 0 0	679 19 10	0 0 2
	New Caledonian Cable Guarantee	2,000 0 0	1,395 17 10	104 2 2
	Miscellaneous Services:—			
	Gratuity to Widow of G. T. Carrol, late Line Repairer, Kempsey, whose death was caused by exposure to inclement weather whilst in the performance of his duties	171 0 0	171 0 0	.....
	Total, Postmaster-General	710,478 0 0	694,861 12 2	15,616 7 10
	TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9.....£	6,753,761 0 0	6,633,120 17 10	120,640 2 2

* Appropriations varied under 23rd section of Audit Act, 1898. See Statement 4, page 218.

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Head of Service.	Appropriations	Expended during 1898-9.
Supplementary Appropriations of 1898-9.		
(Part adjustment of Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8.)		
Act "No. 35 of 1898."		
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE —		
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Contingencies—Incidental Expenses	£ s. d. 18 14 10	£ s. d. 18 14 10
Total, Executive and Legislative	£ 18 14 10	18 14 10
CHIEF SECRETARY :—		
Police—Contingencies—Extra Gratuities to Detectives Roche and McHattie and Constable Conroy for services rendered in connection with arrest of Butler, &c.....	100 0 0	100 0 0
*Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces —		
Expenses, Easter Encampment, Rookwood	5,518 0 3	5,518 0 3
Cost of passage of an officer to India, to fill vacancy caused by appointment of Colonel French as Commandant, New South Wales Forces	76 9 0	76 9 0
Warlike Stores (further sum)	450 0 0	450 0 0
Election and Federation Expenses —		
Expenses, Federal Finance Committee	52 0 4	52 0 4
Expenses, Federal Convention in Melbourne	143 8 5	143 8 5
Expenses in connection with taking a vote on the Federal Constitution Bill	13,500 6 5	13,500 6 5
Expenses in connection with distribution of the Australasian Federal Constitution Bill	300 3 11	300 3 11
Re-organisation of the Public Service	1,107 5 4	1,107 5 4
Parks, Recreation Reserves, Botanic Gardens—Contingencies	31 9 5	31 9 5
Hospitals, Medicine, &c :—		
Medical Adviser—Contingencies—Fees to Medical Practitioners, Vaccination, &c.	267 18 1	267 18 1
Analytical Branch—Salaries	25 0 0	25 0 0
Lunacy :—		
Master in Lunacy—Salaries	12 0 0	12 0 0
Hospitals for Insane generally	5,621 18 0	5,621 18 0
Const Hospital—Contingencies—Maintenance of Patients	2,178 19 11	2,178 19 11
Charitable Institutions and Charitable Aid —		
Maintenance of Sick Paupers	8,770 9 6	8,770 9 6
Mossiel Cottage Hospital—Special Grant	150 0 0	150 0 0
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	47 5 10	47 5 10
Charitable Institutions—Contingencies	5,396 2 0	5,396 2 0
Charitable Institutions—Aid on usual conditions	5,930 10 5	5,930 10 5
Maintenance Deserted Children, &c.....	2,309 0 7	2,309 0 7
Benevolent and kindred Societies :—		
Aborigines' Protection Board—Aid for Maintenance of old and infirm Aborigines	2,724 19 6	2,724 19 6
Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred institutions, for support of Women and Children	1,767 0 0	1,767 0 0
Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special Grant for relief to Unemployed	500 0 0	500 0 0
Thirlmere Home for Consumptives—Special Grant	300 0 0	300 0 0
Commissions —		
Royal Commission of Inquiry into Charges made against Constable W. E. Quelch	83 4 7	83 4 7
Royal Commission to investigate the working of the various Public Charities	212 9 1	212 9 1
Royal Commission, Indigent Blind Women's Home, Strathfield	239 15 0	239 15 0
Fisheries Commission—Salaries	33 11 10	33 11 10
Deep Sea Fisheries—Test	525 10 10	525 10 10
Educational Institutions—New South Wales Zoological Society—Grant, Compensation for Sunday opening	500 0 0	500 0 0
Trusts—Lady Robinson's Beach Sand-drift—Special Grant	50 0 0	50 0 0
Providing and fixing six Tanks in Railway Trucks for conveying Water from Jerilderie to Berrigan	20 6 0	20 6 0
Total, Chief Secretary	£ 58,945 4 3	58,945 4 3
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE :—		
Stores and Stationery	17,720 11 1	17,720 11 1
Marine Board of New South Wales :—Life-boats—Gratuities to Coxswain and Crew of Life-boat, &c.	74 0 9	74 0 9
Shipping Master—Salaries	1 13 4	1 13 4
Public Wharfs—Contingencies	974 16 1	974 16 1
Public Account —		
General Trust Funds —		
Interest on Daily Credit of "Uninvested Balances"—		
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund	1 19 9	1 19 9
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund	1 2 4	1 2 4
Special Trust Funds —		
Interest on Daily Credit of "Uninvested Balances"—		
Colonial Treasurer's—		
Curator of Intestate Estates	1,665 1 3	1,665 1 3
Registrar of Probates	37 0 11	37 0 11
Public Departments —		
Advertising for Public Service	264 15 2	264 15 2
Legal Expenses—Treasury Department	250 0 0	250 0 0
Telegraphic Messages	901 13 5	901 13 5
Water and Sewerage Rates—Public Buildings—Sydney and Country Towns	129 6 8	129 6 8
Insurance on Properties Resumed by the Government, occupied by Tenants	68 0 8	68 0 8
Carried forward	£ 22,090 1 5	22,090 1 5

* Administration transferred to Colonial Treasurer's Department during 1898-9

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—*continued.**Statement 2—continued.*APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—*continued.*

Head of Service.	Appropriations.	Expended during 1898-9.
Supplementary Appropriations of 1898-9—<i>continued.</i> (Part adjustment of Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8.) Act "No. 35 of 1898."		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—<i>continued.</i>—		
Brought forward	£ 22,090 1 5	22,090 1 5
Miscellaneous:—		
Salary of W. T. Pinhey as Secretary, Board of Pharmacy	7 16 9	7 16 9
To meet Pensions—Inspectors of Stock, Department of Mines	555 8 7	555 8 7
To meet Pensions—Superannuated Police Officers	9,068 3 3	9,068 3 3
Gratuities to Officers whose services have been dispensed with	898 8 8	898 8 8
Gratuity to Widow of late J. M. Duncan, late Sub-Collector of Customs, Corowa	428 3 7	428 3 7
Gratuity to Wm. Jiffkins, late Staff Sergeant, Volunteer Permanent Staff	250 0 0	250 0 0
Contribution towards Expenses incurred in forming Meteorological Station at Mt. Kosciusko and Merimbula	436 0 0	436 0 0
Compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales	286 19 0	286 19 0
Chartering of steamer "Eastward Ho," sent to relief of Professor David's Funafuti Expedition	67 5 6	67 5 6
Late Sir Henry Parkes' family Grant	41 13 4	41 13 4
Refund of Poll Tax imposed to Mrs. F. Ehing	100 0 0	100 0 0
Total, Departments generally	£ 34,230 0 1	34,230 0 1
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS:—		
General Establishment—Salaries and Wages	26,666 0 2	26,666 0 2
Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	£ 60,896 0 3	60,896 0 3
SECRETARY FOR LANDS:—		
Public Parks, &c.—Kuring-gai Chase—Special Grant	250 0 0	250 0 0
Total, Secretary for Lands	£ 250 0 0	250 0 0
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—		
Roads and Bridges—		
Main Roads and Other Works within Municipalities	673 11 8	673 11 8
Main Roads outside Municipalities	3 15 4	3 15 4
Unclassified Roads and Other Works	170 7 9	170 7 9
Minor Roads	617 17 9	617 17 9
Erection, Repairs, and Renewals of Bridges	2 2 8	2 2 8
Salaries, Equipment Allowances, &c.	113 12 4	113 12 4
Expenses of Punts and Forries	17 6 9	17 6 9
Dredge Service—To pay Coals, &c.	72 11 5	72 11 5
Architect—		
Court-houses, &c.	287 0 5	287 0 5
Furniture, &c.	275 16 7	275 16 7
Miscellaneous—		
Public Works Inquiry Commission—further sum	653 16 0	653 16 0
Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs	386 15 8	386 15 8
Law Costs—B. C. Simpson, C.E., and Right Hon. G. H. Reid, P.C.	220 0 0	220 0 0
Privy Council Appeal—Alex. Adams v. Hon. J. H. Young	50 0 0	50 0 0
Compensation to Mrs. Brown, Widow of W. J. Brown, labourer, Harbours and Rivers Department—Accidentally killed	50 0 0	50 0 0
Boards—		
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Repairs to Masonry Dam	1,580 18 6	1,580 18 6
" " Contingencies—Wages of Junior Clerks, Draftsmen, &c.	3,391 10 3	3,391 10 3
Total, Secretary for Public Works	£ 8,567 3 1	8,567 3 1
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:—		
Supreme Court—		
Sheriff—Contingencies	1,429 11 6	1,429 11 6
Bankruptcy Court—Salaries	5 16 11	5 16 11
Probate and Intestate Estates Office—Contingencies	34 0 0	34 0 0
Coroners—Salaries	17 1 5	17 1 5
Petty Sessions—		
Relieving Police Magistrate	106 5 0	106 5 0
Relieving Clerk of Petty Sessions	68 15 0	68 15 0
Allowance to Police acting as Clerks of Petty Sessions	76 2 2	76 2 2
Clerk of Petty Sessions, Murrumburrah	131 5 0	131 5 0
Junior Clerk, C.P.S. Office, Narrandera	38 12 3	38 12 3
Junior Clerk, C.P.S. Office, Wagga Wagga	11 18 10	11 18 10
Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gundagai	69 7 1	69 7 1
Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Blayney	31 5 0	31 5 0
Petty Sessions—Contingencies	127 5 3	127 5 3
Prisons—Contingencies	2,402 12 11	2,402 12 11
Total, Administration of Justice	£ 4,549 18 4	4,549 18 4

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 2—continued.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9—continued.

Head of Service.	Appropriations.	Expended during 1898-9.
Supplementary Appropriations of 1898-9—continued. (Part Adjustment of Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8.) Act "No. 35 of 1898."		
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY:—		
Public Library of New South Wales.....	£ s. d. 200 0 0	£ s. d. 200 0 0
Total, Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	£ 200 0 0	£ 200 0 0
SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE —		
Mines—Contingencies	50 0 0	50 0 0
Newcastle Miners' Relief Fund	150 0 0	150 0 0
Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies:—		
Broken Hill P. and A. Society—Special grant	300 0 0	300 0 0
Clarence P. and A. Society—Special grant	200 0 0	200 0 0
Distribution of Seed to Distressed Farmers	96 14 11	96 14 11
Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	£ 796 14 11	£ 796 14 11
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9	£ 134,223 15 8	£ 134,223 15 8

Summary (Page 206 to page 217).

Department, &c.	Page.	Appropriations.	How disposed of—		
			Expended during 1898-9.	Surrendered.	Balance to be carried forward to year 1899-1900.
Special Appropriations.					
Schedules A, B, and C and Supplements	206	£ s. d. 45,654 3 1	£ s. d. 43,076 11 3	£ s. d. 1,128 8 3	£ s. d. 1,449 3 7
Debt:—					
Funded	206	2,927,006 0 0	2,324,802 15 6	30,316 16 11	571,886 7 7
Unfunded	206	93,307 5 6	73,991 10 4	.....	19,315 15 2
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9, Redemption ..	206	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0	.....	.....
Other Special Appropriations:—					
General Trust Funds—Interest on Uninvested Funds at credit of Government Savings Bank ..	206	17,205 14 8	17,205 14 8	.....	.....
Endowments	206-7	36,166 3 6	36,041 3 6	.....	125 0 0
Salaries, Allowances, Pensions, &c.....	207	88,459 11 10	84,108 15 6	1,900 3 8	2,450 12 8
Miscellaneous	207	56,665 19 2	56,665 19 2	.....	.....
Total, Special Appropriations	207 £	3,414,464 17 9	2,785,892 9 11	33,345 8 10	595,226 19 0
Annual Appropriations.—"Act No. 35 of 1898."					
Supplement to Schedule B	207	1,583 0 0	1,567 18 6	15 1 6	.....
Executive and Legislative	207	31,279 0 0	30,601 19 9	677 0 3	.....
Chief Secretary	208-9	842,002 0 0	821,109 9 8	20,892 10 4	.....
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—					
Departments generally	210-11	819,975 0 0	802,284 15 11	17,690 4 1	.....
Railways and Tramways	211	1,926,754 0 0	1,926,658 7 8	95 12 4	.....
Attorney-General	211	46,854 0 0	45,060 17 7	1,793 2 5	Nil.
Secretary for Lands	211	298,566 0 0	284,739 19 5	13,826 0 7	.....
Secretary for Public Works	212	894,620 0 0	869,971 8 3	24,648 11 9	.....
Administration of Justice	212	265,911 0 0	260,898 11 10	5,012 8 2	.....
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	212-13	756,793 0 0	747,268 10 7	9,524 9 5	.....
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	213	158,946 0 0	148,097 6 6	10,848 13 6	.....
Postmaster-General	213	710,478 0 0	694,861 12 2	15,616 7 10	.....
Total, Annual Appropriations	213 £	6,753,761 0 0	6,633,120 17 10	120,640 2 2	.....
Supplementary Appropriations.—"Act No. 35 of 1898."					
Executive and Legislative	214	18 14 10	18 14 10	.....	.....
Chief Secretary	214	58,945 4 3	58,945 4 3	.....	.....
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—					
Departments generally	214-5	34,230 0 1	34,230 0 1	.....	.....
Railways and Tramways	215	26,666 0 2	26,666 0 2	.....	.....
Secretary for Lands	215	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Secretary for Public Works	215	8,567 3 1	8,567 3 1	.....	.....
Administration of Justice	215	4,549 18 4	4,549 18 4	.....	.....
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	216	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....	.....
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	216	796 14 11	796 14 11	.....	.....
Total, Supplementary Appropriations	216 £	134,223 15 8	134,223 15 8	.....	.....
Total, Special, Annual, and Supplementary ..	£	10,302,449 13 5	9,553,237 3 5	153,935 11 0	595,226 19 0
Revenue Advance Account (<i>Other Payments</i>)—					
Amount Outstanding on account of 1898-9 on 30th June, 1899	217	.....	186,420 8 7	.....	.....
Total, as per "Current Revenue Account" 1898-9 ..	159	.....	£ 9,739,657 12 0	.....	.....
Supplementary Revenue Account.					
Payments under Act 61 Vic. No. 20, Clause 14,—					
Towards Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings	159	92,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Discharge of outstanding claims under Public Instruction Endowment Account, 44 Vic. No. 19...	159	8,622 19 0	.....	.....	.....
			101,122 19 0	.....	.....

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A—continued.

Statement 3.

REVENUE ADVANCE ACCOUNT—ADVANCES AND ISSUES OUTSTANDING 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Item.	Outstanding 30th June, 1898.	Adjusted during 1898-9.	Outstanding 30th June, 1899.
DEFICIENCY REVENUE ACCOUNT (page 160).			
1895 (to 30th June) and previous years.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer's Advance, 1893	13,000 0 0	.....	13,000 0 0
Suspense Accounts:—			
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	468,075 19 5	923 0 7	467,152 18 10
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	199,405 2 10	.....	199,405 2 10
Total, 1895 and previous years	£ 680,481 2 3	923 0 7 (See "Deficiency Account," page 160.)	679,558 1 8
CURRENT REVENUE ACCOUNT (page 158).			
1895-6.			
Suspense Accounts:—			
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	695 18 8	.....	695 18 8
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	24,960 16 11	.....	24,960 16 11
Total, 1895-6	£ 25,656 15 7	.....	25,656 15 7
1896-7.			
Treasurer's Advance, 1896-7	509 16 9	509 16 9	.....
Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association—Special Grant	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....
Suspense Accounts:—			
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	25 2 2	.....	25 2 2
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	4,050 17 11	.....	4,050 17 11
Total, 1896-7	£ 4,685 16 10	609 16 9	4,076 0 1
1897-8.			
Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8	137,424 15 8	136,542 1 2	882 14 6
Advances to Public Officers to cash stamps	180 0 3	180 0 3	.....
Prevention of Scab in Sheep	9,073 11 4	9,073 11 4	.....
State Children's Relief Act of 1881	10,601 8 6	10,601 8 6	.....
Suspense Account:—			
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	177 15 11	.....	177 15 11
Total, 1897-8	£ 157,457 11 8	156,397 1 3	1,060 10 5
Total for 1895-6, 1896-7, and 1897-8	£ 187,800 4 1	157,006 18 0 (See "Current Revenue Account," page 158.)	30,793 6 1
1898-9.			
Treasurer's Advance, 1898-9	100,000 0 0	2,266 15 0	97,733 5 0
Advances to Public Officers to cash stamps	1,410 0 0	1,371 10 6	38 9 6
Prevention of Scab in Sheep	23,280 12 10	9,405 15 8	13,874 17 2
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24	12,556 6 7	171 6 7	12,385 0 0
Expenditure, Suspense Account (to be adjusted)	62,388 16 11	.....	62,388 16 11
Temporary Payments on Account of Loan Services:—			
In anticipation of, and chargeable to, Loan Votes:—			
Railways:—			
Cootamundra to Gundagai	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....
Public Works and Services:—			
Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage:—			
Western Suburb Sewerage, &c.	30,000 15 7	30,000 15 7	.....
North Sydney Sewerage, &c.	4,165 19 2	4,165 19 2	.....
Sewage Farms, Under Draining, &c.	251 4 2	251 4 2	.....
Mines and Agriculture:—			
For promotion of Agriculture, &c.	1,339 17 7	1,339 17 7	.....
Total, 1898-9	£ 236,393 12 10	49,973 4 3	186,420 8 7 (See "Current Revenue Account," page 159.)
SUMMARY.			
Advances outstanding 30th June, 1898:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
On account of 1895 and previous years	680,481 2 3	.....	.....
" 1895-6	25,656 15 7	.....	.....
" 1896-7	4,685 16 10	.....	.....
" 1897-8	157,457 11 8	.....	.....
Advances made during 1898-9 .....	.....	868,281 6 4	.....
Total .....	.....	236,393 12 10	.....
Deduct amounts adjusted during 1898-9—			
On account of 1895 and previous years .....	.....	923 0 7	.....
" 1895-6 .....	.....	Nil.	.....
" 1896-7 .....	.....	609 16 9	.....
" 1897-8 .....	.....	156,397 1 3	.....
" 1898-9 .....	.....	49,973 4 3	.....
Total .....	.....	£ 207,903 2 10	.....
OUTSTANDING ON 30th JUNE, 1899—(Amounts to be repaid		£ s. d.	
to Consolidated Revenue Fund by subsequent Appropriations	{	Payable to Deficiency Account	679,558 1 8
from that Fund, and from Other Sources	}	" Current Revenue Account 217,213 14 8	896,771 16 4
			(See "Statement," pages 163-4.)

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX A.

Statement 4.

STATEMENT OF TRANSFERS DURING 1898-9 OF APPROPRIATION BY MINUTES OF THE GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE 23RD SECTION OF "AUDIT ACT, 1898."

Number of Executive Minute authorising Transfer.	APPROPRIATION TRANSFERRED.					
	£	s.	d.	No.		
1899-18	Transfer of	100	0	0	from item 6, Legislative Assembly.	to item 7, Legislative Council and Assembly.
" 21	"	30	0	0	" 36, Garden Palace Grounds,	" 33, Botanic Gardens.
" 25	"	330	0	0	" 132, Marine Board, Sydney,	"
" "	"	37	0	0	" 133, Local Marine Board, Newcastle,	"
" "	"	104	0	0	" 134, Harbour Masters,	" 141, Marine Board Miscellaneous.
" "	"	14	0	0	" 135, Colonial Lighthouses,	"
" "	"	40	0	0	" 136, Sea and River Pilots,	"
" "	"	24	0	0	" 137, Boatmen,	"
" "	"	46	0	0	" 138, Telegraph Stations,	"
" 24	"	464	18	10	" 144, Postage,	" 149, Management of and Expenses Half-yearly Dividend on Inscribed Stock by Bank of England, £20 18s. 11d.
" 10	"	200	0	0	" 147, Commission on Payments in England by Government Agents,	" 150, Exchange on Remittances, £357 2s. 5d.
" 27	"	340	0	0	" 147, Commission on Payments in England by Government Agents,	" 151, Commission on payment of Debentures, &c., £27 1s. 7s.
" "	"	45	0	0	" 152, Relief and Conveyance distressed Seamen,	" 157, Interest on uninvested Funds at credit of Civil Service Superannuation Fund, £13 15s. 10d.
" "	"	214	0	0	" 155, Interest on Funds--Sutors in Equity and Lunacy Patients,	" 162, Interest on Deposits, Savings Bank of New South Wales, £2 8s. 1d.
" "	"	144	0	0	" 158, Interest on Balance uninvested at the credit of Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund,	" 171, Compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales, £43 12s.
" "	"	666	0	0	" 164, Interest on Daily Credit Balance—Curator of Intestate Estates Account,	" 148, Insurance, &c., on English Shipments.
" "	"	300	0	0	" 169, Refund of Pilotage and Harbour Light Rates,	"
" "	"	740	0	0	" 173, Gratuities to Officers upon retirement,	" 150, Exchange on Remittances.
" "	"	399	0	0	" 184, Proportion payable for maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island,	"
" 44	"	1,250	0	0	" 205, Lands Department—Contingencies,	" 220, Legal Expenses.
" 25	"	5,000	0	0	" " " " " "	" 224, Survey of Lands—Contingencies.
" "	"	1,210	0	0	" " " " " "	" 284, Imported and Introduced Stock.
" 22	"	1,500	0	0	" " " " " "	" 288, Agriculture.
" 13	"	500	0	0	" " " " " "	" 289, School of Mines and Assay Works.
" 4	"	250	0	0	" 282, Department of Mines—	" 297, Administration of the Act for the Regulation of Coal Mines Collieries.
" 20	"	500	0	0	" " " " " "	" 305, Vine Diseases Act.

REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS AS ABOVE VARIED.

Item No.	APPROPRIATIONS REDUCED.	£	s.	d.	Item No.	APPROPRIATIONS INCREASED.	£	s.	d.
6	Legislative Assembly	10,138	0	0	7	Legislative Council and Assembly	3,520	0	0
36	Garden Palace Grounds	1,075	0	0	33	Botanic Gardens	6,982	0	0
132	Marine Board, Sydney	5,148	0	0					
133	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	1,335	0	0					
134	Harbour Masters	829	0	0					
135	Colonial Lighthouses	6,419	0	0	141	Marine Board—Miscellaneous	15,782	0	0
136	Sea and River Pilots	13,280	0	0					
137	Boatmen	11,568	0	0					
138	Telegraph Stations	1,122	0	0					
144	Postage	31,535	1	2					
147	Commission on Payments in England	£1,500	0	0*	149	Management of, and expenses—dividends on Inscribed Stock by Bank of England	19,075	18	11
152	Relief and Conveyance Distressed Seamen	†1,160	0	0	150	Exchange on Remittances	15,357	2	5*
155	Interest on Funds—Sutors in Equity and Lunacy Patients	2,786	0	0	151	Commission on Payment of Debentures, &c.	427	1	7
158	Interest on Balance uninvested—Municipal Council of Sydney, Sinking Fund	926	0	0	157	Interest on Funds at Credit of Civil Service Superannuation Account	2,013	15	10
164	Interest on Daily Credit Balance—Curator of Intestate Estates Account	1,834	0	0	162	Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of N. S. Wales	66,480	8	1
169	Refund of Pilotage and Harbour and Light Rates	200	0	0	171	Compilation of Historical Records of N.S.W.	543	12	0
173	Gratuities to Officers upon Retirement	6,260	0	0	148	Insurance on English Shipments	350	0	0
184	Proportion payable for maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island	2,901	0	0					
205	Department of Lands—Contingencies	33,400	0	0	150	Exchange on Remittances	†18,205	2	5
282	Department of Mines—Contingencies	69,500	0	0					
					220	Legal Expenses	3,750	0	0
					224	Survey of Lands—Contingencies	71,330	0	0
					284	Imported and Introduced Stock	11,127	0	0
					288	Agriculture	31,546	0	0
					289	School of Mines and Assay Works	2,000	0	0
					297	Administration of the Act for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries	450	0	0
					305	Vine Diseases Act, &c.	2,500	0	0

* Further alteration of appropriation below.

† Final adjustment of appropriation.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899, ON
ACCOUNT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	Amount.	Total.
TAXATION.		
Customs :—		
Specific Duties :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Spirits	712,198 0 0	
Wines.....	22,639 5 7	
Ale and Beer.....	52,778 7 1	
Tobacco and Cigars	278,720 10 9	
Tea.....	20,004 2 4	
Sugar and Molasses	120,671 7 0	
Coffee and Chicory	72 13 0	
Opium	18,032 13 6	
Rice	453 4 7	
Dried Fruits.....	53,419 0 2	
Candles	5,514 5 8	
Confectionery	4,917 17 4	
Jams and Jellies	3,888 10 6	
Preserves	2,273 19 11	
Glucose (Liquid and solid)	1,249 19 1	
Other Specific Duties	623 17 10	
Miscellaneous Collections :—		1,297,507 14 4
Bonded Warehouses.....	6,825 0 2	
Rent of Goods in Queen's Warehouses.....	21 0 0	
Crown's share of Seizures	594 2 4	
Sale of Overtime Goods and Samples	149 10 0	
Excise :—		7,589 12 6
Duty on Beer brewed in the Colony	151,683 4 6	
Do Spirits distilled in the Colony	3,671 12 5	
Do Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes.....	160,192 2 4	
Tobacco Factory License Fees	1,161 13 4	
Stamp Duties		316,708 12 7
Land Tax.....		361,887 2 3
Income Tax.....		272,027 16 0
Licenses :—		182,220 10 11
To Retail Fermented and Spirituous Liquors	94,347 0 0	
To Wholesale Spirit Dealers and Brewers	6,750 0 0	
To Distillers and Rectifiers	104 4 9	
To Retail Colonial Wine, Cider, and Perry	1,907 0 0	
Billiard and Bagatelle Licenses to Publicans	6,496 0 0	
To Auctioneers	4,112 0 3	
To Hawkers and Pedlars.....	2,915 7 4	
To Pawnbrokers	580 0 0	
Licenses to sell Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	2,815 5 0	
Do under Gunpowder Act of 1876	937 0 0	
All other Licenses	796 10 0	
		121,760 7 4
TOTAL TAXATION	£	2,559,701 15 11
LAND REVENUE.		
Alienation :—		
Auction and Special Sales :—		
Auction Sales	98,092 0 9	
Improved Purchases.....	1,661 8 9	
Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Sales	2,202 11 11	
Miscellaneous Purchases	7,004 6 3	
Conditional Purchases :—		
Deposits and Improvements, 1889 Act	38,129 5 6	
Instalments and Interest, 1875, 1884, and 1889 Acts	886,620 13 0	
Interest, Act of 1861	66,275 10 10	
Balances, 1861, 1875, 1884, and 1889 Acts	97,820 13 5	
Pastoral Occupation :—		1,197,806 10 5
Pastoral Leases—Runs	242,218 10 10	
Occupation Licenses.....	108,031 13 6	
Conditional Leases	158,350 16 4	
Annual Leases	49,049 1 4	
Homestead Leases	51,668 10 8	
Snow Leases	459 8 11	
Inferior Leases	201 13 5	
Scrub Leases.....	2,383 0 0	
Homestead Selections—Rents	13,291 19 4	
Do Improvements.....	3,210 2 9	
Settlement Leases.....	32,376 1 5	
Improvement Leases	9,431 0 9	
Artesian Well Leases	1,047 4 7	
Quit Rents	297 15 7	
		672,016 19 5
Carried forward	£	1,869,823 9 10
Carried forward	£	2,559,701 15 11

APPENDIX B—continued.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS for the year ended 30th June, 1899—continued.

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	Amount.	Total.
Brought forward	£	£ s. d. 2,559,701 15 11
LAND REVENUE—continued.		
Brought forward	£	1,869,823 9 10
Mining Occupation :—		
Mineral Leases	11,952 6 5	
Do Licenses	255 5 0	
Leases of Auriferous Lands	18,016 4 3	
Miners' Rights	3,944 7 6	
Business Licenses	1,274 15 0	
Royalty on Minerals	9,821 9 8	
Residential Leases	651 19 5	
Fees, Department of Mines	1,345 10 1	
Do Wardens' Courts	108 8 1	
Other Receipts	509 13 4	
Miscellaneous Land Receipts :—		
Timber Licenses, &c.	10,816 19 8	
Fees on Transfer of Runs and Leases	1,078 15 0	
Do Preparation and Enrolment of Title Deeds	3,011 11 10	
Survey Fees	34,891 18 5	
Rents for Special Objects (Special Leases)	21,024 8 8	
Church and School Lands Act of 1897	6,032 16 1	
Other Receipts	14,949 11 1	
		47,879 18 9
		91,806 0 9
TOTAL LAND REVENUE .....	.....	2,009,509 9 4
RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED.		
Railway and Tramway Receipts :—		
Railway Tolls	3,192,018 4 9	
Miscellaneous	27,355 14 6	
Tramway Tolls	346,755 15 9	
Miscellaneous	2,528 11 5	
		3,568,658 6 5
Post Office, &c. :—		
Postage	533,129 13 2	
Electric Telegraph Receipts	159,837 8 0	
Telephone Receipts	56,318 17 0	
Commission on Money Orders	15,214 0 0	
Postal Notes Poundage	10,601 14 0	
		775,101 12 2
Receipt and Coinage of Gold :—		
Mint Collections	13,874 14 6	
Escort and Conveyance of Gold	769 12 0	
		14,644 6 6
Harbours and Rivers Navigation :—		
Pilotage	18,676 11 2	
Harbour and Light Rates	25,132 17 8	
Do Dues	5,758 11 8	
Marine Board	2,093 11 0	
		51,667 11 6
Services in connection with Live Stock :—		
Fees for Watering Live Stock, &c.	2,513 18 1	
Rent for Public Watering Places	4,929 14 11	
Fees under Registration of Brands Act	829 3 8	
Do Imported Stock Act	1,190 13 8	
Do Cattle Export Act	550 5 6	
		10,013 15 10
Public Instruction Department :—		
Departmental Fees	152 5 3	
Public School Fees	75,314 11 8	
Technical Education	3,244 12 5	
Hurlstone Training School	145 0 0	
		78,856 9 4
Water Supply :—		
Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board :—		
Sydney and Suburban Water Rates	184,970 16 2	
Miscellaneous	5,344 8 0	
Hunter District Water Rates	27,885 3 0	
		218,200 7 2
Sewerage and Drainage :—		
Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board :—		
Sydney and Suburban Sewerage and Drainage Rates	100,976 0 11	
Miscellaneous	3,668 9 8	
		104,044 10 7
Carried forward	£	4,821,186 19 6
Carried forward	£	4,569,211 5 3

APPENDIX B—continued.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS for the year ended 30th June, 1899—continued.

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	Amount.	Total.
Brought forward	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	.....	4,569,211 5 3
RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED—continued.		
Brought forward	£	4,821,186 19 6
Administration of Justice :—		
Crown Solicitor.....	714 9 6	
Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	32,302 16 0	
Fees under Patent Law Amendment Act.....	3,891 0 0	
Master in Equity	3,564 10 2	
Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.....	6,670 0 5	
Sheriff (Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures)	1,990 0 7	
Registrar in Bankruptcy.....	4,233 8 3	
Curator of Intestate Estates	2,047 16 6	
Registrar of Probates	2,157 14 10	
District Courts.....	4,062 12 5	
Courts of Petty Sessions—Fees	9,444 0 5	
Do do —Fines and Forfeitures	11,552 12 3	
Lunacy Act	240 10 0	
Other Fines	18 4 0	
		82,889 15 4
Mines and Agriculture, Department of :—		
Agricultural Colleges		2,884 9 6
Miscellaneous Services :—		
Public Officers and Examination Fees	2,260 13 6	
Fees collected by Shipping Masters	3,466 12 2	
Do on Issue of Certificates of Naturalization	237 0 0	
Do Inspector of Weights and Measures.....	197 13 7	
Fees for Registration of Dogs	15,372 18 0	
Other Fees.....	4,777 11 11	
		26,312 9 2
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED	£	4,933,273 13 6
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.		
Rents (exclusive of Land) :—		
Tolls and Ferries	5,886 15 0	
Wharfs, Sheds, Jetties, &c.....	13,030 4 2	
Wharfage	27,396 18 7	
Tonnage.....	15,416 3 5	
Miscellaneous	1,670 11 11	
Government Buildings and Premises.....	9,970 17 2	
		73,371 10 3
Interest on Public Moneys, Repayments, &c. :—		
Interest (Advance under Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act).....	13,658 16 9	
Do on Bank Deposits, and other Temporary Investments of Public Moneys...	16,413 10 1	
Do Bankruptcy Estates Fund	251 6 9	
Exchange on Letters of Credit	751 5 1	
Repayment of Principal, under Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Act...	1,236 0 0	
		32,310 18 8
Unclaimed Moneys, &c. :—		
Transfer to Consolidated Revenue Fund, under the 12th section of Audit Act, 1898 :—		
Sundry Accounts, to 30th June, 1897	1,308 16 5	
Deposits on Tenders, to 30th June, 1897	1,027 2 0	
Do do Leasing Public Watering Places to 30th June, 1897.....	30 2 0	
Do under the Mining Act to 30th June, 1897.....	349 18 10	
Seamen's Wages to 1897 (inclusive)	130 1 11	
Deposits under the Mining on Private Lands Act, to 30th June, 1897	125 17 9	
Poundage, 1894 and previous years	359 18 6	
Deposits on Applications for Scrub Leases to 30th June, 1897.....	717 14 11	
Revenue Suspense Account to 30th June, 1896	17 12 9	
Do do to do 1897	601 9 1	
Survey Fees, Mining Act, to 30th June, 1897.....	170 12 0	
Unclaimed Balances—Lunacy, Prothonotary, and Divorce Courts	408 10 1	
Confiscated and Unclaimed Property	50 11 6	
Unclaimed Money—Dead Letter Office	32 9 1	
		5,330 16 10
Carried forward	£	111,013 5 9
Carried forward	£	9,502,484 18 9

APPENDIX B—*continued.*STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS for the year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	£	9,502,484 18 9
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS—<i>continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	111,013 5 9
Contributions towards Expenses incurred by the Government in the undermentioned Departments :—		
Chief Secretary :—		
Support of Patients in Lunatic Asylums	16,039 15 5	
Do Children, &c., in the Industrial Schools and Charitable Institutions of the Colony	1,921 17 7	
Maintenance of British Prisoners and Lunatics to 31st December, 1898	93 2 2	
Contribution under Section 119 of Lunacy Act of 1898	677 0 3	
Copyright Act	62 17 0	
Receipts under Fisheries Act	3,812 19 9	
		22,657 12 2
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade :—		
Collections—Government Printer	4,519 18 6	
Store Rent, and Carriage of Gunpowder	10,220 16 8	
Glebe Island Abattoirs—Receipts	9,801 8 2	
Commission on Imperial Pensions	565 2 4	
Influx of Chinese Restriction Act	400 0 0	
Registration of Aliens	33 7 6	
Value of Material issued by the Government Stores Department	5,243 0 5	
Customs Officers superintending Repacks and Night-watches	113 10 3	
		30,897 3 10
Secretary for Public Works :—		
For Docking Vessels—Sutherland, Fitzroy Dock, &c.	5,640 11 7	
For Cost of Dredging at Private Wharfs	755 0 0	
For Testing Cement	505 12 6	
Forfeiture for non-fulfilment of Contracts	1,138 8 0	
Water Rights Receipts	349 0 0	
		8,388 12 1
Administration of Justice :—		
For work performed by Prisoners in Gaols	1,310 8 2	
Contribution under Section 140 of Bankruptcy Act of 1898	346 14 10	
Balance of Advertising Account not required—Bankruptcy	100 0 0	
		1,757 3 0
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry :—		
Refund of Railway and Steamer Fares, Government Labour Bureau	132 6 4	
		132 6 4
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture :—		
For use of Diamond Drills and Water Augers	1,148 8 9	
Sale of Seed Wheat to Farmers	1,029 4 8	
		2,177 13 5
Postmaster-General :—		
Transfer from Trust Fund, Government Savings Bank Account, and Estimated amount of Departmental Expenses for the year 1898-9, pursuant to Clause 15 of the Savings Bank Act of 1870	8,500 0 0	
Transfer from Government Savings Bank Profit and Loss Account	18,000 0 0	
		26,500 0 0
Miscellaneous Departments :—		
Costs recovered in various actions	1,309 3 6	
Fees on Presenting Private Bills to Parliament	227 15 11	
		1,536 19 5
Miscellaneous Receipts :—		
Sale of Government Property	13,514 11 8	
Transfer from Maintenance and Erection of Public School Buildings Account, being surplus at the credit of the Public Instruction Endowment Account on 2nd December, 1897	8,615 4 0	
Transfer from Treasury Notes Withdrawal Account the balance at credit of that Account not applied for to retire Notes within the period of six years, as prescribed by Section 7 of the Current Account Deposits Act of 1893	97 10 0	
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	3,253 3 10	
		25,510 9 6
Carried forward	£	230,571 5 6
Carried forward	£	9,502,484 18 9

APPENDIX B—*continued.*STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS for the year ended 30th June, 1899—*continued.*

Head of Revenue or Receipt.	Amount.	Total.
Brought forward	£ s. d. £	£ s. d. 9,502,484 18 9
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS—<i>continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	230,571 5 6
Over-payments under Appropriations of previous years recovered :— On account of Miscellaneous Appropriations, as per detailed Statement on pages 15-17	11,900 7 6	
Refund by the Imperial Government of Mint Endowment in excess of requirement of 1898	857 8 8	
		12,757 16 2
TOTAL, GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.....	£	243,329 1 8
GROSS REVENUE PROPER	£	9,745,814 0 5
<i>Less :—</i>		
Refunds of Taxation	44,470 13 3	
Land Revenue.....	56,436 12 1	
Receipts for Services Rendered	76,086 14 0	
General Miscellaneous Receipts	3,869 1 2	
		180,863 0 6
NET REVENUE PROPER (See CURRENT REVENUE ACCOUNT, page 158).....	£	9,564,950 19 11
<i>Revenue Advance Account.</i>		
<i>(Other Receipts.)</i>		
Repayment of Advances on Account of years 1896-7 and 1897-8 (see Statement, page 217).....	£	157,006 18 0
GRAND TOTAL (CURRENT REVENUE ACCOUNT, see Statement, page 158)	£	9,721,957 17 11
DEFICIENCY REVENUE ACCOUNT.		
Transfer from General Loan Fund (Loan Act, 53 Vic. No. 23)—Cost of Meat Markets, Pymont, &c. £		7,961 0 0
Repayment of Advances—General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place) ... £		923 0 7
<i>(See Deficiency Revenue Account, page 160).</i>		8,884 0 7
<i>Supplementary Revenue Account.</i>		
Towards Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings, and outstanding claims under repealed Act 44 Vic., No. 19, and 61 Vic., No. 20 :—		
Premium on Securities sold	*17,017 5 10	
Interest	*7,663 0 1	
		24,680 5 11
Balance at Credit of Account, 1st July, 1898	{ 150,487 8 3 *4,081 0 0 }	154,568 8 3
Total (see Current Revenue Account, page 158).....	£	179,248 14 2

* See footnote (†), Current Revenue Account, page 158.

GROSS AND NET REVENUE AND RECEIPTS (PROPER) 1898-9.

Classification.	Gross Revenue and Receipts.	Refunds.	Net Revenue and Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	2,559,701 15 11	44,470 13 3	2,515,231 2 8
Land Revenue.....	2,009,509 9 4	56,436 12 1	1,953,072 17 3
Receipts for Services Rendered.....	4,933,273 13 6	76,086 14 0	4,857,186 19 6
General Miscellaneous Receipts	243,329 1 8	3,869 1 2	239,460 0 6
Total	£ 9,745,814 0 5	180,863 0 6	9,564,950 19 11
		Transferred to Deficiency Revenue Account	7,961 0 0
Total Net Revenue Proper 1898-9			9,572,911 19 11

APPENDIX C.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

Adjustments during 1898-9, and Items awaiting Adjustment on 30th June, 1899.

Head of Service.	Outstanding on 30th June, 1898.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1893.				
Advance to be recovered— Penrith Municipal Council Loan	£ s. d. 13,000 0 0	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 13,000 0 0
Total, Treasurer's Advance Account, 1893	13,000 0 0	.....	.....	13,000 0 0
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1896-7.				
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS :— Roads and Bridges—Bridge, Murray River, Swan Hill ..	509 16 9	.....	509 16 9	.....
Total, Treasurer's Advance Account, 1896-7	509 16 9	.....	509 16 9	.....
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8.				
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE :— Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works— Contingencies	18 14 10	18 14 10	.....	.....
CHIEF SECRETARY :— *Defence— Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	1,893 6 10	1,893 6 10	.....	.....
Grant to late Staff-Sergeant Jifkins	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Easter Encampment, &c.	4,074 13 5	4,074 13 5	.....	.....
Cost of passage of an Officer to India to take the place of Colonel French, appointed Commandant of the Military Forces, N.S.W.	76 9 0	76 9 0	.....	.....
Electoral— Reimbursements of expenses incurred Australasian Federation Enabling Act, 1895.....	143 8 5	143 8 5	.....	.....
Australasian Federal Convention Expenses.....	300 3 11	300 3 11	.....	.....
Federal Constitution Bill Expenses	13,941 16 7	13,500 6 5	441 10 2	.....
Federal Finance Committee, &c.	52 0 4	52 0 4	.....	.....
Reorganization Public Service	1,107 5 4	1,107 5 4	.....	.....
Parks, Recreation Reserves, &c.— Botanic Gardens—Contingencies	31 9 5	31 9 5	.....	.....
Educational Institutions— New South Wales Zoological Society, &c.	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	.....
Hospitals, Medicine, &c.— Medical Adviser to the Government	267 18 1	267 18 1	.....	.....
Lunacy— Master-in-Lunacy—Salaries	12 0 0	12 0 0	.....	.....
Hospitals for Insane generally	5,621 18 0	5,621 18 0	.....	.....
Coast Hospital—Contingencies	2,178 19 11	2,178 19 11	.....	.....
Mossgiel Cottage Hospital	150 0 0	150 0 0	.....	.....
Maintenance of sick Paupers	8,770 9 6	8,770 9 6	.....	.....
Charitable Institutions, &c., &c.— Charitable Institutions—Salaries	47 5 10	47 5 10	.....	.....
" " (Government Asylums)	5,399 12 10	5,396 2 0	3 10 10	.....
" " Grants in aid	5,930 10 5	5,930 10 5	.....	.....
" " Maintenance of Deserted Chil- dren, &c.	2,309 0 7	2,309 0 7	.....	.....
Benevolent and Kindred Societies— Aborigines Protection Board	2,724 19 6	2,724 19 6	.....	.....
Benevolent Society, N.S.W.—Outdoor Relief, Un- employed	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	.....
" " " Support of Women and Children	1,767 0 0	1,767 0 0	.....	.....
Thirlmere Home for Consumptives—Special grant	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....	.....
Commissions— Royal Commission, Blind Institution, Strathfield, In- quiry	239 15 0	239 15 0	.....	.....
" " Public Charities.....	213 14 10	212 9 1	1 5 9	.....
" " Public Works Inquiry	653 16 0	653 16 0	.....	.....
Fisheries Commission—Salaries	33 11 10	33 11 10	.....	.....
Trusts :— Lady Robinson's Beach Sand-drift Trust.....	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....
Miscellaneous— Expenses Hon. Dr. Corney, Council of Fiji, in charter- ing steamer, &c.	67 5 6	67 5 6	.....	.....
Expenses conducting Practical Test of Deep-sea Fisheries of the Colony	525 10 10	525 10 10	.....	.....
Total, Chief Secretary.....	60,134 1 11	59,687 15 2	445 6 9	.....

* Administration transferred to Colonial Treasurer's Department during 1898-9.

APPENDIX C—continued.
TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.
Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Outstanding on 30th June, 1898.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8—continued.				
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Departments Generally—				
Stores and Stationery	17,722 14 5	17,720 11 1	2 3 4	.....
Customs—				
Gratuity to Representative of late J. M. Duncan, late Sub-collector at Corowa	428 3 7	428 3 7	.....	.....
Marine Board of New South Wales—				
Life Boats.....	74 0 9	74 0 9	.....	.....
Shipping Master—Salaries.....	1 13 4	1 13 4	.....	.....
Public Wharfs—				
Rebate on Wharfage—A. McArthur & Co.....	948 16 4	948 16 4	.....	.....
Public Account—				
General Trust Funds—				
Interest on Daily Cr. "Uninvested Balances"—				
Municipal Council, Sydney—Sinking Fund	1 19 9	1 19 9	.....	.....
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund ..	1 2 4	1 2 4	.....	.....
Special Trust Funds—				
Interest on Daily Cr. "Uninvested Balances"—				
Curator of Intestate Estates Account	1,665 1 3	1,665 1 3	.....	.....
Registrar of Probates Account	37 0 11	37 0 11	.....	.....
Public Departments—				
Advertising, Public Service	264 15 2	264 15 2	.....	.....
Transmission of Telegraphic Messages.....	901 13 5	901 13 5	.....	.....
Water and Sewerage Rates—Public Buildings ..	129 6 8	129 6 8	.....	.....
Gratuities to Officers dispensed with.....	898 8 8	898 8 8	.....	.....
Insurance on Properties resumed by Government, and occupied by tenants.....	68 0 8	68 0 8	.....	.....
Miscellaneous—				
Fees, &c., Drafting Banking Act, 1896	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales	286 19 0	286 19 0	.....	.....
Police Superannuation Account	9,068 3 3	9,068 3 3	.....	.....
Board of Pharmacy.....	7 16 9	7 16 9	.....	.....
Government Analyst—Salaries	25 0 0	25 0 0	.....	.....
Advance, Treasury Paymaster	900 0 0	.....	900 0 0	.....
F. Ehing—Poll-tax on Chinese.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Gibbs, Bright, & Co.—Allowance of 20 per cent. on tonnage "Thessalus".....	25 19 9	25 19 9	.....	.....
Inspectors of Live Stock—Pensions	555 8 7	555 8 7	.....	.....
Allowance to Widow and Children of late Sir H. Parkes	41 13 4	41 13 4	.....	.....
60 Vic. No. 3				
Railways and Tramways—Railway Working Expenses.....	26,666 0 2	26,666 0 2	.....	.....
Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade...	61,069 18 1	60,167 14 9	902 3 4	.....
ATTORNEY-GENERAL:—				
Advance to Crown Solicitor	267 7 5	.....	267 7 5	.....
Total, Attorney-General.....	267 7 5	.....	267 7 5	.....
SECRETARY FOR LANDS:—				
Public Parks and Recreation Reserves—Improvements and maintenance, &c.—				
Kuring-gai Chase—Improvements	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Total, Secretary for Lands.....	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—				
Roads and Bridges—				
Repairs and Renewals of Bridges.....	2 2 8	2 2 8	.....	.....
Funts and Ferries	17 6 9	17 6 9	.....	.....
Main Roads within Municipalities	673 11 8	673 11 8	.....	.....
" " outside "	3 15 4	3 15 4	.....	.....
Unclassified Roads	170 7 9	170 7 9	.....	.....
Roads—Salaries and Equipments, &c.	113 12 4	113 12 4	.....	.....
Minor Roads under Department	617 17 9	617 17 9	.....	.....
Harbours and Rivers—				
Moruya River Improvements.....	882 14 6	.....	.....	882 14 6
Dredge Service.....	72 11 5	72 11 5	.....	.....
Architect—				
Furniture, Public Offices	275 16 7	275 16 7	.....	.....
Repairs to Court-houses	287 0 5	287 0 5	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Items—				
Detailed Surveys of Cities, Towns, &c.....	386 15 8	386 15 8	.....	.....
Providing and fixing Tanks, Jerilderie to Berrigan Railway	20 6 0	20 6 0	.....	.....
Appeal to Privy Council—Adams v. Young	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....
Case—Simpson v. Reid—Railways	220 0 0	220 0 0	.....	.....
Compensation—Widow of late W. J. Brown	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage...	3,391 10 3	3,391 10 3	.....	.....
Total, Secretary for Public Works	7,235 9 1	6,352 14 7	.....	882 14 6

APPENDIX C—continued.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.

Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Outstanding on 30th June, 1898.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8—continued.				
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Department of Justice—Salaries	175 0 0	175 0 0	.....	.....
Prisons—Contingencies	2,402 12 11	2,402 12 11	.....	.....
Coroners—Salaries	17 1 5	17 1 5	.....	.....
Petty Sessions—Salaries	358 10 4	358 10 4	.....	.....
” Contingencies	127 5 3	127 5 3	.....	.....
Supreme Court—				
Bankruptcy—Salaries	5 16 11	5 16 11	.....	.....
Sheriff—Contingencies	1,429 11 6	1,429 11 6	.....	.....
Probate and Intestate Estates—Contingencies	34 0 0	34 0 0	.....	.....
Departmental and Legal Expenses—				
Inquiry under 44 Vic. No. 1 into charge against Senior- Constable Quelch	83 4 7	83 4 7	.....	.....
Gratuities, &c.—Arrest of “Butler”	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Total, Administration of Justice	4,733 2 11	4,733 2 11	.....	.....
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY:—				
Educational Institutions—				
Observatory—				
Mount Kosciusko and Merimbula Meteorological Stations, &c.	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Mount Kosciusko Observatory—Maintenance of... H. C. L. Anderson (International Conference)	336 0 0	336 0 0	.....	.....
200 0 0	200 0 0	.....	.....
Total, Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry...	636 0 0	636 0 0	.....	.....
SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE:—				
Mines—Contingencies	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....
Distribution of Seed-wheat to Distressed Farmers, Act No. 1 of 1897	96 14 11	96 14 11	.....	.....
Agricultural, H., and P. Societies—				
Broken Hill P. and A. Association—Special grant.....	300 0 0	300 0 0	.....	.....
Clarence River ”	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....	.....
Newcastle Miners' Relief Fund.....	150 0 0	150 0 0	.....	.....
Repairs to Cataract Dam	1,580 18 6	1,580 18 6	.....	.....
Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.....	2,377 13 5	2,377 13 5	.....	.....
MISCELLANEOUS ADVANCES:—				
Trinity House Pensions	4 8 0	.....	4 8 0	.....
Government of:—				
Hong Kong	124 10 2	.....	124 10 2	.....
Mauritius	549 6 6	.....	549 6 6	.....
Sierra Leone.....	24 3 4	.....	24 3 4	.....
Total, Miscellaneous Advances	702 8 0	.....	702 8 0	.....
TOTAL TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1897-8 ...£	137,424 15 8	134,223 15 8	2,318 5 6	882 14 6
Head of Service.	Payments from Advance, 1898-9.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9.				
SCHEDULES:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Schedule B, Supplement, Pensions to Widows	12 10 0	.....	.....	12 10 0
Total, Schedules	12 10 0	.....	.....	12 10 0
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE:—				
Legislative Council and Assembly	111 12 10	.....	.....	111 12 10
Total, Executive and Legislative	111 12 10	.....	.....	111 12 10
CHIEF SECRETARY:—				
Agent-General for Colony—Salaries	115 0 0	37 10 0	.....	77 10 0
Police—Salaries	19 4 5	19 4 5	.....	.....
Reorganisation of Public Service	1,571 8 7	.....	0 9 0	1,570 19 7
Carried forward	1,705 13 0	56 14 5	0 9 0	1,648 9 7

APPENDIX C—continued.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.

Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Payments from Advance, 1898-9.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9—continued.				
CHIEF SECRETARY (continued) :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward.....	1,705 13 0	56 14 5	0 9 0	1,648 9 7
Electoral, &c.—				
Federal Constitution Bill—Expenses	414 9 0	414 9 0	.....	.....
Addressing Wrappers, re-issue of Amendment, Australian Federal Enabling Bill	303 4 10	.....	.....	303 4 10
Expenses, Federal Constitution Referendum	18,023 16 10	.....	400 0 7	17,623 16 3
W. P. Cullen—Professional Retainer during sitting Conference of Premiers at Melbourne	109 4 0	.....	.....	109 4 0
T. Hughes—Travelling expenses	16 16 0	.....	.....	16 16 0
Gratuity to C. Walker—Extra labours, Federal Election, &c.	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Parkes Recreation Reserves, &c.—				
Botanic Gardens—Salaries.....	30 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0
Garden Palace Grounds—Contingencies	49 12 10	.....	.....	49 12 10
Government Domains.....	2 0 4	.....	.....	2 0 4
Centennial Park	297 13 2	.....	.....	297 13 2
Hospitals, Medicine, &c.—				
Analytical Branch—Salaries	28 16 4	12 10 0	.....	16 6 4
Lunacy—				
Master in Lunacy—Salaries	35 8 4	35 8 4	.....	.....
Hospital for Insane, Callan Park—Salaries.....	16 0 8	7 10 6	.....	8 10 2
Coast Hospital—Salaries	22 15 5	22 15 5	.....	.....
Contingencies	1,000 9 5	.....	.....	1,000 9 5
Mossiel Cottage Hospital—Special grant	350 0 0	350 0 0	.....	.....
Temora Hospital—Special grant	50 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....
Maintenance of Sick Paupers in Hospitals	1,030 3 1	.....	.....	1,030 3 1
Charitable Institutions and Charitable Aid—				
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	78 15 2	78 15 2	.....	.....
Maintenance of Destitute Persons	2,989 11 8	.....	11 3 4	2,978 8 4
Benevolent and other Kindred Societies—				
Aborigines Protection Board.....	799 0 4	.....	.....	799 0 4
Metropolitan Charities Association—Special grant	775 0 0	250 0 0	.....	525 0 0
Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special relief to unemployed	500 0 0	467 11 8	32 8 4	.....
Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	.....
Sydney Rescue Work Society—Special grant	300 0 0	.....	.....	300 0 0
City Night Refuge and Reformatory—Special grant	50 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0
Commissions—				
Royal Commission, Coal Cargoes	10 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0
“ “ Further inquiry	52 15 8	.....	.....	52 15 8
“ “ Hastings-Macleay Election	351 12 4	.....	.....	351 12 4
“ “ Public Charities	553 13 10	553 13 10	.....	.....
“ “ Charges re R. H. Levien, M.P.	163 0 0	137 19 4	25 0 8	.....
Fisheries Commission.....	38 12 2	.....	.....	38 12 2
Island Administration—				
Norfolk Island.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Steam Service with and among Pacific Islands	150 0 0	.....	150 0 0	.....
Fire Brigades, &c.—				
New Lambton Fire Brigade	30 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0
Waterloo Volunteer Fire Brigade.....	50 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0
Rookwood Volunteer Fire Brigade	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Metropolitan Firemens' Association Grant.....	500 0 0	500 0 0	.....	.....
East Maitland Water Brigade—Special grant	30 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0
Morpeth Water Brigade “ “	30 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0
Municipal, &c.—				
Country and Suburban Municipalities—Special grant.....	29,110 18 7	28,855 4 5	.....	255 14 2
Miscellaneous—				
Immigration Restriction Act Salaries	25 0 0	.....	.....	25 0 0
Deep Sea Trawling Experiments	1 7 6	.....	1 7 6	.....
Travelling expenses, J. C. Neild, &c.	350 0 0	.....	.....	350 0 0
Unemployed Advisory Board	50 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0
Reception of His Excellency the Governor, Earl Beauchamp	192 0 0	.....	.....	192 0 0
Wages, Messrs. Herbert and Wells, Coral Boring Expedition, Funafuti	40 14 0	.....	.....	40 14 0
Total, Chief Secretary.....	61,658 4 6	32,642 12 1	620 9 5	28,395 3 0

APPENDIX C—continued.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.

Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Payments from Advance, 1898-9.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9—continued.				
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Departments generally—				
Treasury Furniture.....	12 7 11	12 7 11	.....	.....
Stores and Stationery—Salaries	112 5 11	112 5 11	.....	.....
" " Contingencies	10,403 3 11	306 0 0	.....	10,097 3 11
" Public Service Tender Board—Fees.....	136 11 6	136 11 6	.....	.....
Board of Health—Salaries	144 17 10	.....	.....	144 17 10
Glebe Island Abattoirs—Salaries	287 10 0	.....	.....	287 10 0
Taxation—Furniture	147 5 11	.....	.....	147 5 11
Customs—Salaries	88 0 0	88 0 0	.....	.....
Customs—Contingencies	299 12 6	299 12 6	.....	.....
Refund of Overpayment of Tonnage Rates.....	38 19 10	38 19 10	.....	.....
Land and Income Tax	4,161 16 5	.....	116 15 1	4,045 1 4
Public Wharfs—				
Rebate on Wharfage—A. McArthur and Co.....	833 11 6	833 11 6	.....	.....
Insurance on Buildings	38 3 8	38 3 8	.....	.....
Marine Board of New South Wales—				
Sea and River Pilots—Salaries	173 0 0	173 0 0	.....	.....
Public Account—				
Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	357 2 5	357 2 5	.....	.....
Interest on Special Deposits—Savings Bank of New				
South Wales	2 8 1	2 8 1	.....	.....
Public Debt Expenses—				
Management, &c., Inscribed Stock—Bank of				
England	20 18 11	20 18 11	.....	.....
Commission on Payment of Debentures and				
Interest on Debentures in Sydney	27 1 7	27 1 7	.....	.....
General Trust Funds—				
Interest on Daily Credit of Uninvested Balance—				
Civil Service Superannuation Account.....	13 15 10	13 15 10	.....	.....
Public Departments—				
Advance to Paymaster, Treasury	900 0 0	.....	.....	900 0 0
Legal Expenses	20 7 0	20 7 0	.....	.....
Miscellaneous—				
Historical Records of New South Wales.....	43 12 0	43 12 0	.....	.....
Maintenance, Mount Kosciusko Observation	450 0 0	100 0 0	.....	350 0 0
Expenses, Preparation Hand-book, Spontaneous Com-				
bustion of Coal	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
G. D. Buchanan, Observer, Glebe, Manly, and Redfern.				
Greater Britain Exhibition Commission	25 0 0	25 0 0	.....	.....
Anthropological Society of Australasia—Special grant.				
.....	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0	.....	.....
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Refund of Contributions to Civil Service Superannuation				
Account, &c.....	676 15 0	.....	.....	676 15 0
Police Superannuation Account	1,179 2 11	.....	.....	1,179 2 11
Advances to Widow and children, Late Sir Henry Parkes				
"Costa Rica Packet" Case	16,816 1 0	.....	6,111 11 0	10,704 10 0
.....	375 0 0	.....	.....	375 0 0
.....	4 9 0	4 9 0	.....	.....
Defence :—				
Military Secretary—Salaries	54 0 7	.....	.....	54 0 7
Federal Defence :—				
Expenses, Maintenance Garrison at Albany	556 5 5	.....	.....	556 5 5
Grants in aid of Rifle Clubs and Associations :—				
Clearing Scrub, Rifle Range	46 1 7	.....	.....	46 1 7
National Guard Band Allowance	50 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0
Clothing Australian Horse.....	625 0 0	.....	.....	625 0 0
Volunteer Camps of Instruction	1,254 17 7	.....	.....	1,254 17 7
Cost, Installation of Major-General French's Defence				
Scheme	80 16 3	.....	.....	80 16 3
Passage from Colombo—Captain J. C. Knight	35 12 6	35 12 6	.....	.....
Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade ...	42,891 14 7	4,889 0 2	6,228 6 1	31,774 8 4
ATTORNEY-GENERAL :—				
Attorney-General—Salaries	363 10 0	.....	.....	363 10 0
Crown Solicitor's Advance.....	1,200 0 0	.....	1,058 4 8	141 15 4
Total, Attorney-General.....	1,563 10 0	.....	1,058 4 8	505 5 4
SECRETARY FOR LANDS :—				
Department of Lands—Salaries.....	62 18 1	.....	.....	62 18 1
Public Parks, Recreation Reserves, &c. :—				
Kuring-ai Chase—Improvements	1,000 0 0	250 0 0	.....	750 0 0
Compensation for Lands, &c. :—				
Public Parks and Recreation Reserves.....	132 18 11	.....	.....	132 18 11
Improvement on Land, Gilgunnia.....	178 5 10	.....	.....	178 5 10
Improvement and withdrawal, Land, Gilgunnia...	267 3 2	.....	.....	267 3 2
R. J. Harnett, jun., and J. L. Ballantyne—Land				
Resumption, Mosman's Bay	1,630 0 0	.....	.....	1,630 0 0
R. B. Taylor—Land Resumption, Tuggerah Lakes				
.....	20 17 2	.....	.....	20 17 2
Total, Secretary for Lands.....	3,292 3 2	250 0 0	.....	3,042 3 2

APPENDIX C—continued.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.

Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Payments from Advance, 1898-9.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes.	Re-credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9—continued.				
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Roads and Bridges:—				
Main Roads within Municipalities	1,826 14 11	.....	.....	1,826 14 11
Harbours and Rivers:—				
Bellinger River, Improvements	707 17 7	.....	.....	707 17 7
Moruya " "	4,798 2 1	.....	.....	4,798 2 1
Macleay " "	5,608 15 3	.....	.....	5,608 15 3
Manly Sea Wall	456 5 6	456 5 6	.....	.....
Architect:—				
Government House—Electric Light	666 16 8	.....	.....	666 16 8
Royal Mint—Additions	958 16 4	958 16 4	.....	.....
Murrurundi Court-house—Repairs	81 7 1	81 7 1	.....	.....
Port Macquarie " "	23 10 0	23 10 0	.....	.....
Forbes " "	28 10 0	28 10 0	.....	.....
Armidale " —Additions	11 0 0	11 0 0	.....	.....
Dubbo " —Repairs	13 0 0	13 0 0	.....	.....
Parliamentary Buildings "	44 13 4	44 13 4	.....	.....
Painting Railings, Public Parks	9,069 13 3	.....	15 11 2	9,054 2 1
" Centennial Park	2,784 17 3	1,100 0 0	1 4 0	1,683 13 3
Jenolan Caves Accommodation House—Erection	1,438 2 11	.....	.....	1,438 2 11
Governor Phillip's Statue	105 10 0	105 10 0	.....	.....
Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme, &c.	12,534 10 10	12,534 10 10	.....	.....
Double Bay Low Level Sewerage	539 3 5	539 3 5	.....	.....
Miscellaneous:—				
Case—Simpson v. Reid—Railways	31 17 6	31 17 6	.....	.....
" Brown v. Young—Costs and Interest	578 11 11	578 11 11	.....	.....
" McSharry v. Railway Commissioners—Law Costs	523 15 2	500 0 0	23 15 2	.....
" Waller v. Young—Verdict and Costs	1,300 0 0	150 0 0	.....	1,150 0 0
Adam v. Young—Privy Council Appeal	164 14 7	164 14 7	.....	.....
Compensation to J. Jackson—Loss of Position	80 0 0	.....	.....	80 0 0
Gratuity to Widow, late H. Bastian	75 0 0	.....	.....	75 0 0
Total, Secretary for Public Works	44,451 5 7	17,321 10 6	40 10 4	27,089 4 9
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE:—				
Department of Justice—Salaries	291 13 4	291 13 4	.....	.....
Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents—Salaries	202 5 6	142 0 8	.....	60 4 10
Prisons—Salaries	8 6 8	8 6 8	.....	.....
Petty Sessions—Salaries	291 5 10	205 19 5	.....	85 6 5
District Courts "	28 12 7	.....	.....	28 12 7
Supreme Court—				
Probate and Intestate Estates—Salaries	37 10 0	37 10 0	.....	.....
Prothonotary—Salaries	141 13 3	.....	.....	141 13 3
Departmental and Legal Expenses—				
Allowance to Inspectors and Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act	107 12 4	.....	.....	107 12 4
Cemeteries—				
Necropolis—Maintenance of Naval Section	5 10 0	.....	.....	5 10 0
Total, Administration of Justice	1,114 9 6	685 10 1	.....	428 19 5
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY:—				
Educational Institutions—				
Kindergarten Union—New South Wales—Special grant	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Total, Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE:—				
Agriculture—Salaries	106 17 1	106 17 1	.....	.....
Distribution of Seed Wheat to Distressed Farmers	2,926 8 7	.....	.....	2,926 8 7
Public Watering Places—Contingencies	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Live Stock—				
Imported and Introduced Stock—Contingencies	7,180 16 7	5,010 7 6	9 4 5	2,161 4 8
Miscellaneous—				
J. M. Conroy—Refund part Rent lodged for Leases (M. P. L. Act), Gundagai	25 0 0	.....	.....	25 0 0
South Burwood Lodge, Dudley—Subsidy	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Colliery Employees' Federation Accident Fund— Subsidy	100 0 0	100 0 0	.....	.....
Total, Secretary for Mines, &c.	10,539 2 3	5,417 4 7	9 4 5	5,112 13 3

APPENDIX C—continued.
TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT—continued.
Adjustments during 1898-9, &c.

Head of Service.	Payments from Advance, 1898-9.	Adjusted during 1898-9.		Outstanding on 30th June, 1899.
		Transferred to Votes	Re credited in Cash.	
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9—continued.				
POSTMASTER-GENERAL—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Purchase of Land with Buildings for Post Office, Murwillumbah	400 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	400 0 0
Total, Postmaster-General	400 0 0	.....	.....	400 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS ADVANCES.—				
Trinity House—Pensions	17 12 0	.. ..	12 2 0	5 10 0
Government of—				
Mauritius	1,256 3 2	.. ..	728 8 0	527 15 2
Straits Settlement	34 2 0	.. ..	22 14 8	11 7 4
British Guiana	282 17 11	.. ..	183 0 11	99 17 0
Sierra Leone	58 0 0	.. ..	33 16 8	24 3 4
Hong Kong	239 5 0	.. ..	146 12 11	92 12 1
Total, Miscellaneous Advances	1,888 0 1	.. ..	1,126 15 2	761 4 11
TOTAL, TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1898-9	163,022 12 6	61,205 17 5	9,083 10 1	97,733 5 0

Summary.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1893:—	Outstanding on 30th June, 1898			
Advance to be recovered	13,000 0 0	.....	.....	13,000 0 0
TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1896-7 —				
Secretary for Public Works	509 16 9	.. ..	509 16 9	.....
TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1897-8 —				
Executive and Legislative	18 14 10	18 14 10	.....	.....
Chief Secretary	60,134 1 11	59,687 15 2	446 6 9	.....
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	61,061 18 1	60,167 14 9	902 3 4	.....
Attorney-General	267 7 5	.....	267 7 5	.....
Secretary for Lands	250 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....
Secretary for Public Works	7,235 9 1	6,332 14 7	.....	882 14 6
Administration of Justice	4,733 2 11	4,733 2 11	.....	.....
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry	636 0 0	636 0 0	.....	.....
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	2,377 13 5	2,377 13 5	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Advances —				
Advances on account of Imperial and Colonial Govern- ments	702 8 0	.....	702 8 0	.....
Total, Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8 ..	137,424 15 8	134,223 15 8	2,318 5 6	882 14 6
TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT, 1898-9:—	Payments during 1898-9			
Schedules	12 10 0	.....	.....	12 10 0
Executive and Legislative	111 12 10	.....	.....	111 12 10
Chief Secretary	61,658 4 6	52,642 12 1	620 9 5	23,395 3 0
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	42,891 14 7	4,889 0 2	6,228 6 1	31,774 8 4
Attorney-General	1,563 10 0	.....	1,658 4 8	505 5 4
Secretary for Lands	3,292 3 2	250 0 0	.....	3,042 3 2
Secretary for Public Works	44,451 5 7	17,321 10 6	40 10 4	27,089 4 9
Administration of Justice	1,114 9 6	685 10 1	.....	428 19 5
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	10,539 2 3	5,417 4 7	9 4 5	5,112 13 3
Postmaster-General	400 0 0	.....	.....	400 0 0
Miscellaneous Advances —				
Advances on account of Imperial and Colonial Govern- ments	1,888 0 1	.....	1,126 15 2	761 4 11
Total, Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9 ..	163,022 12 6	61,205 17 5	9,083 10 1	97,733 5 0
AMOUNT AWAITING ADJUSTMENT, 30TH JUNE, 1899.....				£111,615 19 6

APPENDIX D.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES and REPAYMENT OF LOANS during the year ended 30TH JUNE, 1899, as classified in the Loan Service Appropriation Acts.

Service.	Amount.	Total.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments.</i>		
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
43 Vic. No. 11 :— Goulburn to Wagga Wagga		137 4 3
44 Vic. No. 28 :— Murrumburrah to Blayney		3,953 10 10
48 Vic. No. 26 :— City Extension	767 1 4	
Inverell to Glen Innes	1 0 0	
South Grafton to Glen Innes	29 19 10	
Grafton to the Tweed River, &c. 54 Vic. Nos. 10 and 33	34 16 0	
Orange to Molong	143 0 1	
Narrabri to Moree	17,967 10 0	
		18,943 7 3
52 Vic. No. 17 :— Homebush to Waratah		759 19 10
53 Vic. No. 23 :— Meat Market at Pymont	7,961 0 0	
Erection, New Workshops, Eveleigh, &c.	9 6 4	
		7,970 6 4
54 Vic. No. 33 :— Tramway, Additional Rolling Stock, &c.	8,075 13 5	
To complete the Railway from Sydney to Wollongong and Kiama	238 3 9	
		8,313 17 2
57 Vic. No. 17 :— Construction of Tramways generally		7 17 1
58 Vic. No. 14 :— Milson's Point Extension—further sum		15 0 0
59 Vic. No. 6 :— Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, &c.	679 2 10	
Tramways—Additions to Workshops, &c.	10 8 2	
Construction of Tramways generally	6,239 5 8	
Berrigan to Jerilderie	2,343 13 10	
Parkes to Condobolin	2,521 19 3	
Land Resumption for authorised Railways	997 18 10	
Land Claims on old Railway Lines	420 3 6	
Marrickville to the Burwood Road—further sum	53 8 0	
		13,266 0 1
60 Vic. No. 32 :— Improvements, Grades and Curves—further sum	22 6 9	
Additions to Rolling Stock	19,155 3 1	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, &c.	544 9 0	
Conversion of existing Tram Lines to an Electric System, &c. 60 Vic. No. 22	70,043 8 3	
Electric Tramway from Circular Quay, &c. 60 Vic. No. 10	79,161 14 11	
Nevertire to Warren	7,721 3 10	
Tamworth to Manilla	38,883 10 1	
Jerilderie to Berrigan	2,045 1 9	
Berrigan to Finley	11,347 18 8	
Railway Trial Surveys	4,108 1 8	
		233,032 18 0
61 Vic. No. 43 :— Improvements, Grades and Curves—further sum	61,659 6 3	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, &c.	64,842 12 4	
Tramways—Additions to Workshops, &c.	6,246 14 3	
„ Additions to Lines and Rolling Stock, &c.	1,069 0 10	
Extension of Railway, Rookwood Cemetery—further sum	0 7 6	
Railway Trial Surveys	7,000 0 0	
Tramway Construction generally	14,370 17 2	
Berrigan to Finley—further sum	2,725 0 0	
Moree to Inverell	82,730 8 10	
		240,644 7 2
62 Vic. No. 36 :— Duplication portion existing Railway Lines, &c.	43 0 8	
Improvements, Grades and Curves—further sum	15,943 0 9	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, &c.	32,739 7 5	
Tramways—Additions to Workshops, &c.	154 12 8	
„ Additions to Lines, &c.	3,634 3 6	
Cootamundra to Gundagai—Costs, McSharry v. Railway Commissioners—further sum	1,284 14 5	
Nevertire to Warren—further sum	4,187 4 8	
The Rock to Green's Gonyah	1 3 9	
Byrock to Brewarrina	762 2 11	
Trial Surveys	3,362 6 1	
		62,111 16 10
Total, Railways and Tramways		589,156 4 10
Carried forward	£	589,156 4 10

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30 June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	589,156 4 10
ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.		
61 Vic. No. 43 :— Construction and Extension Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally	29,916 4 7
62 Vic. No. 36 :— Construction and Extension Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally	33,269 18 1
Total, Electric Telegraphs and Telephones	63,186 2 8
HARBOURS AND RIVERS.		
44 Vic. No. 28 :— Towards completing Darling Harbour Wharf, &c.	40,159 3 8
45 Vic. No. 22 :— Towards completing Darling Harbour Wharf, &c.	335 8 4
52 Vic. No. 17 :— Circular Quay—Improvements..... 52 Vic. No. 20 Woolloomooloo Bay—Improvements	9,066 11 2 4,266 7 0	21,572 6 5
Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers—Improvements	8,239 8 3	
53 Vic. No. 23 :— Removal Argyle Reefs, South Arm, Clarence River	1 6 8
54 Vic. No. 33 :— Lighthouse, Point Perpendicular, Jervis Bay—Erection of	8,842 1 8
56 Vic. No. 24 :— Reclamation of Careening Cove and Neutral Bay, North Shore, &c.	23 8 6
57 Vic. No. 17 :— Wharf at White Bay	238 1 6
58 Vic. No. 14 :— Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum 52 Vic. No. 19 Wharf on Eastern Side of Woolloomooloo Bay	250 10 0 16 4 0	298 6 0
Flood Relief Works, Richmond River, <i>vid</i> Evan's River	31 12 0	
59 Vic. No. 6 :— Nambucca River—Improvements	1,256 4 11	23,383 9 1
Towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities—Port of Newcastle, 59 Vic. No. 8	17,130 10 6	
Reclamation and Dredging	2,607 2 4	
Trial Bay Harbour Works	1,314 6 6	
Towards improving Entrance to Camden Haven	19 5 8	
New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour	84 9 6	
Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke	878 9 1	
Dock at Richmond River	93 0 7	
60 Vic. No. 32 :— Hastings River—Improvements	7,847 0 5	
Towards North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle	10,521 2 6	
Improvement of the Navigation of Macleay River	15 18 0	
Darling Harbour Wharf, &c.	98,552 15 5	
Long Cove Reclamation and Wharfage	360 5 10	
Dredge Dock, Clarence River	1,515 13 6	
Improvements Cook's River, near Temp, &c. 60 Vic. No. 43	12,309 14 7	
New Wharf, Circular Quay, &c.	332 7 6	
Towards fitting Steam-steering Gear on Tugs, &c.	70 5 5	
Wharf and Crane at Bourke	3,825 3 8	
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars	6,056 17 6	
61 Vic. No. 43 :— Wollongong Harbour Works—cost of works, &c.	3 9 8	141,407 4 4
Lighthouse and Quarters, Cape Byron	110 0 2	
Nambucca River Improvements—further sum	2,190 2 2	
Richmond River Improvements—further sum 54 Vic. No. 9	29,419 18 6	
Cape Hawke Improvements to Entrance—further sum	167 18 5	
Manning River Improvements—further sum	10,465 13 9	
Clarence River Improvements—further sum	21,922 11 4	
Bellinger River Improvements—further sum	3,888 0 9	
Macleay River Improvements—further sum	3,543 12 6	
Camden Haven Improvements—further sum	4,690 17 8	
Tweed River Improvements—further sum	846 8 3	
Improvement of the Apsley River	570 0 0	
Horse Ferry Dock and Landing at Dawes' Point, &c.	230 17 5	
Dock for Dredges, Tweed River	993 18 2	
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of New Wing, &c.	127 9 8	
Landing Silt and forming ground	7,361 4 8	
Carried forward.....£	.....		236,260 16 2
Carried forward.....£	652,342 7 6

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	652,342 7 6
HARBOURS AND RIVERS—continued.		
Brought forward	£	236,260 16 2
61 Vic. No. 43—continued:—		
Providing extra mooring accommodation for loaded ships, Newcastle Harbour.....	1,456 15 7	
Deepening of Eastern Channel, Sydney Harbour	3,857 6 6	
Completion of Sea-wall Rushcutter's Bay, and Reclamation—further sum	1 0 10	
Wharf Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay, &c.	10,106 8 6	
New Jetty, Circular Quay, West side	9,240 1 4	
Glebe Island—Levelling, &c.	593 8 3	
Conversion "Ajax" into Pilot boat Newcastle	165 4 9	
Shallow draft steamer for Dredge Service.....	1,457 13 5	
Self-propelled Sand Pump Dredge—further sum	5,000 0 0	
Improvements, George's River	998 0 0	
Raising Wharf at Newport.....	558 19 2	
		119,962 1 5
62 Vic. No. 35:—		
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of Quarters	3,409 5 9	
Camden Haven—Improvements	3,003 17 4	
Landing Silt from Dredges, &c.	7,760 5 11	
Port Kembla—Improvements, 62 Vic. No. 34	391 3 3	
Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra mooring accommodation—further sum	4,191 19 5	
George's River—Improvements	296 5 5	
Sea Walls, Manly—Rebuilding	1,250 7 11	
Fitzroy Dock—Extension and appliances	1,011 0 0	
Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works	36 0 0	
Sea Walls, Snails' Bay.....	978 1 7	
Bourke Wharf and Crane—further sum	533 8 8	
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, &c., 60 Vic. No. 43	755 12 4	
		23,617 7 7
Total, Harbours and Rivers.....		379,849 5 2
ROADS AND BRIDGES.		
53 Vic. No. 23:—		
Road from Main Southern Road near Bowral to the Wombeyan Caves		7,174 14 3
54 Vic. No. 33:—		
Bridge, Bullock Island		5,000 0 0
59 Vic. No. 6:—		
Murray River, at Albury.....	3,167 2 8	
Page's River, near Blandford Station.....	157 0 11	
	3,324 3 7	
North Bourke Bridge—Approaches	209 10 10	
Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c.	2,871 5 1	
New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River	129 9 4	
		6,534 8 10
60 Vic. No. 32:—		
Stonequarry Creek in Picton	1,739 7 1	
Dunmore, Paterson River	6,990 16 8	
Kempsey, Macleay River	12,080 0 8	
Tweed River, at Murwillumbah	1,224 16 8	
Relaying wood blocks in King-street, Newtown, &c.	4,300 15 9	
Bridges:—		
Carrigatell Creek, Forbes to Marsden and Wyalong	560 0 0	
Bokhara Road, Walgett to Brenda	338 18 0	
Weean Creek, Inverell to Strathbogic	19 19 3	
Lower Creek, Armidale, near 59 mile	765 15 9	
Bega River, at Bega, Main South Coast Road.....	3,108 9 3	
Bargo River, Main South Road	31 0 0	
Hunter River, at Morpeth	950 6 5	
Lagoon Creek, Kempsey, to foot of Jeogla Mountain.....	607 1 1	
Byron Creek, Road Possum Shoot to Brooklet	105 4 11	
Bluff River, Glen Innes, to Tenterfield	274 15 9	
Wollomombi River, Armidale to Kempsey	593 17 2	
Rockey Creek, Grebert's to Solferino	138 18 11	
Camden Haven, at Kendall	1,048 18 1	
Fortis Creek, Grebert's to Solferino	198 19 5	
Deep Creek, Bega, to Nimitybelle.....	436 8 5	
Cox's River, at Junction, Main Western Road	884 13 9	
Queanbeyan River, at Queanbeyan	3,108 4 9	
Wollondilly River, at Rossi's Crossing	2,241 3 5	
Cowal, at Trangie.....	500 5 5	
	15,912 19 9	
		42,243 16 7
Carried forward.....	£	60,957 19 8
Carried forward.....	£	1,032,182 12 8

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>						
Brought forward	£			1,032,182	12	8
ROADS AND BRIDGES—continued.						
Brought forward	£			60,957	19	8
61 Vic. No. 43:—						
Bridge, Pyrmont	61 Vic. No. 19	5,060	0 2			
Bridge, Glebe Island	61 Vic. No. 45	25,787	10 11			
Bridges—						
Taylor's Creek (No. 2), Road Deniliquin, <i>via</i> Aratula, to Tocumwall.....		349	11 11			
Bong Bong Creek, Road South Grafton to Moonee		491	3 0			
Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley—further sum		2	13 0			
Paterson River at Hinton, Road Hinton to Phoenix Park.....		12	3 0			
Willandra Creek Approaches, Road Booligal to Ivanhoe		775	11 6			
Byewash, Paroo River, at Wanaaring, Road Bourke at Wanaaring		2,305	19 5			
Cockle Creek, Road Cockle Creek to Teralba		1,157	2 4			
Wheaney Creek, Road Bell's Line to Putty G.N. Road		279	3 7			
George's Creek, Road Kempsey to Jcogla Mountain		739	7 7			
Oakey Creek, Road Tamworth to Barraba		485	0 0			
Saucy Creek, Road Bombala to Mahratta to Craigie		978	8 2			
Plumbago Creek, Road Ballina to Tenterfield.....		672	13 9			
Bridges (3)—Deep Creek and Jackson's Waterholes, Road Narrandera to Buckingbong						
		461	9 7			
Stoney Creek, at Coila, Main South Coast Road.....		644	15 3			
Hunter River, at Glendon, Waddell Orchard to Singleton Road		1,878	18 7			
Burrill Creek, Road Burrill Creek to Kimbriki, Moruya		822	19 10			
Albury-street, Murrumburrah, within Municipality		1,267	8 1			
Burton's Creek, Road Pambula to New Buildings		421	14 11			
Chandler River.....		867	14 0			
Mehi River, at Moree		2,154	3 4			
Tumut River, Road Tumut, <i>via</i> Brungle, to Gundagai		1,189	3 1			
Rocky Creek, Road Coast Road to Perrett's		506	12 0			
Jones' Creek, at Gundagai, Road Gundagai to Wantabadgery		124	10 1			
Urana Creek, Road Deniliquin to Urana		753	5 5			
Jandra Creek, Road Bouike to Louth		458	1 11			
Cudgegong River, at Rylstone		863	8 3			
Burrangong Creek, Road Caragabel to Clifton		280	11 4			
		21,023	12 11			
New Steam Ferry, Grafton, Clarence River, &c.....		1,236	0 0			
62 Vic. No. 36:—				53,107	4	0
Bridges—						
Cuttagree Creek		482	12 8			
Cooma Creek.....		496	3 8			
Dingo Creek, at Cameron's Crossing		0	14 6			
Billabong Creek, at Conargo		72	10 0			
Nepean River, at Camden		2	10 0			
				1,054	10	10
Total, Roads and Bridges	£			115,119	14	6
SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.						
52 Vic. No. 17:—						
Pyrmont Branch				3,943	10	9
53 Vic. No. 23:—						
Manly Sewerage	53 Vic. No. 7	9,941	7 6			
Western Suburbs, Main Scheme	53 Vic. No. 15	114,865	2 11			
Randwick Drainage—further sum.....		27	11 8			
54 Vic. No. 33:—				124,834	2	1
Extension of Waverley and Woollahra to Randwick—further sum.....		4,583	0 1			
Stormwater Sewers—						
3 Ashfield Branch—Long Cove Creek Stormwater Channel.....		450	2 10			
Double Bay Creek Channel from Main Bondi Sewer to Double Bay		365	8 9			
Cottage Creek, Newcastle Stormwater Sewer	59 Vic. No. 2	646	19 8			
Wallsend Stormwater Channel to its junction with Ironbark Creek		373	0 2			
Construction New Sewers, Ventilating-shafts, &c., Sydney and Suburbs.....		2,456	1 0			
Reticulation of Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Schedule A, of Act 54 Vic. No. 17)		44	2 11			
55 Vic. No. 35:—				8,928	15	5
Stormwater Sewers:—						
Rookwood Necropolis—Drainage—further sum		1,402	12 10			
Randwick Stormwater Drainage (towards)—east and west sides		799	17 3			
Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Sewers	57 Vic. No. 33	5,269	11 5			
Beattie-street to White Bay, Balmain		168	12 7			
Stormwater Sewer, White Creek—towards		2,205	11 3			
56 Vic. No. 24:—				9,846	5	4
Euston Park, Balmain Stormwater Channel				399	15	1
57 Vic. No. 17:—						
Bay-street Overflow Sewer		5,551	18 6			
Sea Slopes, Bondi and Waverley, Draining into Bondi Sewer (first section)		6,354	4 4			
				11,906	2	10
Carried forward	£			159,858	11	6
Carried forward	£			1,147,302	7	2

APPENDIX D—*continued.*

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—*continued.*

	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	1,147,302 7 2
SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE— <i>continued.</i>		
Brought forward .....	.....	159,858 11 6
58 Vic. No. 14 :— Stormwater Sewers :— Brickfield Creek, Parramatta	42 7 11	
Careening Cove	724 4 8	
Euroka Creek	2 2 0	
Resumption of Land, North Sydney	350 10 4	
59 Vic. No. 6 :— Country Towns Sewerage .....	.....	1,119 4 11
60 Vic. No. 32 :— South Willoughby and Outfall Works and Land Resumption	6,520 15 4	
Mosman's and Outfall Works	7,935 10 1	
Double Bay Low-level	1,522 16 11	
Stormwater Sewer, Newcastle District, Pasturage Reserve Drainage Extension	134 0 9	
Branch Drains, New Lambton, Lambton, &c.	5,902 9 2	
Northern Slopes, North Sydney	178 6 2	
Providing new Sewers, &c.	4,024 10 11	
Branch Sewer draining parts of Randwick and Waverley	7,174 6 4	
Sewerage in Low-level Zone at Rushcutters Bay	692 14 9	
Construction of Drain across Reclamation to connect Main Drain, Long Cove	280 18 5	
Extension of Reticulation in the City	332 8 11	
Reticulation in Waverley, Paddington, &c.	18,130 14 10	
Darling Harbour Low-level Works	454 18 0	
Circular Quay Low-level Works	155 10 10	
Necropolis—Drainage	812 3 5	
61 Vic. No. 43 :— Willoughby and Chatswood—Sewerage	3,690 13 11	
Rookwood Asylum Sewerage	1,868 17 4	
White's Creek Stormwater Channel—further sum	624 0 4	
Jenolan Caves—Drainage Works in connection with Government Buildings	117 6 5	
62 Vic. No. 36 :— Double Bay Low-level Sewerage—further sum	1,678 13 3	
Brennan-street, Eastern Park, and Wallsend Stormwater Channels	360 8 10	
Quarantine Station—Sewerage and Water Supply	39 11 8	
Western Suburbs (including Palmatin)—Completion of Reticulation Works, &c.	89,358 17 2	
Northern Suburbs (including Willoughby, Mosman, and Neutral Bay Division)	10,828 7 8	
Eastern Suburbs (including Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington) ...	1,503 16 3	
Sewage Farms, Distributing Carriers, Under-draining Railway Buildings	2,610 6 11	
Total, Sewerage and Drainage	£	54,252 4 10
WATER SUPPLY.		
54 Vic. No. 33 :— Water Conservation and Irrigation—For Surveys, &c. ....	.....	5,957 16 9
57 Vic. No. 17 :— Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—To provide for Additional Reticulation and other works	3,229 13 1	
Water Supplies for Towns, &c., not incorporated	1 2 11	
58 Vic. No. 14 :— Centennial Park Reservoir	6,569 2 6	
Liverpool Water Supply—Extension	74 17 2	
Richmond do	66 16 0	
59 Vic. No. 6 :— Country Towns Water Supply generally	100 0 0	
Water Conservation and Irrigation, Artesian Boring and Public Watering Places— Construction of Works, &c.	20,127 11 10	
60 Vic. No. 32. Duplicate Main from Prospect to Pott's Hill	64,830 15 9	
General Reticulation and other works, in connection with Water Supply, within the County of Cumberland	6 11 10	
Manufacture and Erection of Steel Storage Tanks at Wahroonga, &c.	1,511 3 8	
Erection of Buildings for Caretakers, &c.	1,528 2 9	
Improvements, &c., to Supply Canal above Prospect Reservoir	1,591 5 3	
Duplicate Trunk Main, Chatswood to North Sydney, &c.	26 1 3	
To provide Water Supplies for Mining Townships, &c.—further sum	1,293 2 3	
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—Construction of Works, &c.	25,653 7 4	
61 Vic. No. 43. Country Towns Water Supply generally	41,024 8 3	
General Reticulation and Improvements to Districts of Canterbury, &c.	56,285 13 9	
Additions—Upper Canal Banks, above Prospect, and other minor works	5,077 8 5	
Raising Puddle Wall of Prospect Embankment, and works connected therewith ...	2,310 0 1	
Extension of Water Supply—Districts of Camden and Narellan	494 17 8	
Do do District of Carlingford	1 1 5	
62 Vic. No. 36 :— Improvements to Trunk Mains, Reticulation Works, &c.	3,876 19 10	
Boring for Artesian Water and Minerals for Public Watering Places generally, and Expenses incidental thereto	6,798 17 6	
Total, Water Supply .....	.....	10,670 17 4
Carried forward	£	£248,431 17 3
		1,723,262 9 1

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>		
Brought forward	£	1,723,262 9 1
PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.		
50 Vic. No. 28 :— Bathurst Gaol—Completion of the	97 9 3
52 Vic. No. 17 :— Completion of the Lands Office	150 12 0
54 Vic. No. 33 :— Court-house and Public Offices, Bourke	3,968 15 9	4,165 19 3
Singleton Lock-up	197 3 6	
55 Vic. No. 35. Treasury New Strong-room—Erection of.....60 Vic. No. 11	356 4 2
58 Vic. No. 14 :— Mint—Renewal of Machinery and Buildings	70 0 0	9,793 8 3
Treasury Strong-room—Erection—further sum.....60 Vic. No. 11	1,000 0 0	
Wilcannia Gaol—Additions	142 14 11	
West Maitland Court-house—Erection—further sum	871 13 8	
Erection of, and Additions to, Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta North	40 6 7	
Erection of, and Additions to, Police Buildings, &c. :— Marrickville..... £30 5 6	.....
Marsden	65 0 0	
Tilpa.....	870 7 6	
Trundle	38 12 0	
.....	1,004 5 0	
59 Vic. No. 6 :— Supreme Court, Sydney—Additions	251 11 4	
Treasury Buildings—Additions—further sum	8,490 3 10	
Mines Department—Erection of Offices	11 1 5	
Court-house—Erection—Peak Hill	154 18 9	
Lock-ups—Erection and Sites :— Dubbo	£400 0 0	
Burwood	400 0 0	
.....	800 0 0	
Police Stations—Erection—Ford's Bridge	90 12 11	
60 Vic. No. 32 :— Court-houses—Erections, Additions, &c. :— Wyndham	£686 19 3	
Bourke	1,805 12 8	
.....	2,492 11 11	
Berrima Gaol—Erection of Governor's Quarters	84 12 9	
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—Additional Buildings.....58 Vic. No. 7	110 1 0	
Hospitals—Additions, &c. :— Rydalmere..... £472 8 0	.....
Newcastle	209 10 0	
.....	681 18 0	
Lock-ups—Erection, &c. :— Tinonee	£615 9 5	
Quirindi.....	314 6 9	
Forbes	343 2 6	
Wentworth	1,373 8 3	
.....	2,646 6 11	
Health Board Offices—further sum	12 0 0	
Local Land Board and Survey Offices—Completion, further sum— East Maitland	88 14 6	
Dubbo	40 10 0	
.....	129 4 6	
Land Board and Survey Office, Bourke—Erection.....	2,282 1 3	
Newcastle Boatmen's Quarters	140 4 0	
Customs House—Alterations	2,277 12 8	
Public Works and Colonial Secretary's Buildings, &c.	2,538 14 8	
Police Stations and Quarters—Erection, &c. :— Currabubula	£164 1 1	
Albury	103 14 3	
Gladstone	764 16 1	
Tibooburra.....	350 15 0	
Milparinka.....	778 19 8	
Lismore	5 15 10	
.....	2,168 1 11	
Post Offices—Erections, Additions, &c. :— Alexandria..... £620 9 7	.....
Lismore	935 14 0	
Randwick	102 2 10	
Peak Hill	417 17 0	
Summer Hill.....	7 11 8	
.....	2,083 15 1	
Carried forward.....£	17,647 4 8	17,697 13 1
Carried forward.....£	1,723,262 9 1

APPENDIX D—*continued.*Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—*continued.*

<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1,723,262	9	1
PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—<i>continued.</i>						
Brought forward	17,647	4	8	17,697	13	1
60 Vic. No. 32— <i>continued.</i>						
General Post Office—Additions	2,158	5	1			
Offices of the Inspector-General of Police, &c.	23	11	5			
Court Houses—Erection, Additions, &c. :—						
Water Police Court	£285	19	6			
Gilgandra	226	11	4			
Lismore	23	15	0			
Armidale	1,053	13	9			
Generally—						
Wagga	36	15	0			
Walbundrie	0	8	2			
				1,627	2	9
Governor Phillip's Statue—Foundations, &c.				717	6	8
Purchase of Site for Court-house and Lock-up at Burwood				7	1	0
Lock-ups—Erections, Additions, &c. :—						
Coolah	£970	7	4			
Gunnedah	466	2	8			
Rockley	10	0	0			
				1,446	10	0
Police Stations and Quarters—Additions, &c. :—						
Enngonia	£1,060	2	6			
Mungindi	986	17	0			
Broken Hill	764	12	8			
Tamworth	140	10	7			
Ungarie	56	15	0			
Generally—						
Narrandera	15	17	1			
				3,024	14	10
61 Vic. No. 43.						26,651 16 5
Public Buildings Generally—Additions, &c. :—						
Court-houses :—						
Adaminaby	£1,766	0	0			
Wyalong	1,340	0	0			
Glen Innes	959	9	8			
Coramba	758	0	4			
Bowraville	1,625	17	8			
Kew	1,680	0	9			
Broken Hill	1,231	5	10			
				9,360	14	3
Lock-ups :—						
Port Macquarie	£1,106	13	6			
East Maitland	156	18	8			
				1,263	12	2
Police Stations :—						
Manilla	£1,196	19	5			
Narromine	821	17	3			
Moonbi	838	14	0			
Captain's Flat	1,390	0	0			
Balranald	1,086	5	6			
Darlinghurst	1,429	0	0			
Dalmorton	383	13	1			
Wardell	795	9	8			
Wollongong	283	0	0			
Whitton	13	10	0			
				8,238	8	11
Prison for Females				11	1	5
Parramatta Gaol				9,439	17	9
Darlinghurst Gaol				3,000	0	0
Kenmore Hospital for Insane	58 Vic. No. 7			19,000	5	10
Parramatta Hospital for Insane				120	0	0
Rydalmere Hospital for Insane				2,000	0	0
Post and Telegraph Offices :—						
Lismore	£526	9	6			
Manilla	1,064	1	0			
Dulwich Hill	202	2	11			
Newcastle, West	1,360	7	7			
Taree	895	17	6			
Wentworth	550	0	0			
General :—						
Captain's Flat	411	17	0			
Camden	378	11	10			
Delegate	10	0	0			
Narrandera	1	12	0			
Major's Creek	545	0	0			
Collareendabri	700	0	0			
Drake	282	12	3			
Mossgiel	339	5	3			
Trangie	55	0	6			
				7,322	17	4
Carried forward	£					44,349 9 6
Carried forward	£					1,723,262 9 1

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward ... .. .	...	..	1,723,262	9 1
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>				
PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—continued.				
Brought forward ... .. .	...	..	41,349	9 6
61 Vic No. 43—continued —				
Public Buildings Generally—Additions, &c.—continued				
General Post Office—Mansard Roof, &c	21,033	16 6		
Lands Office Strong-room	781	13 2		
Board of Health—New Offices, &c.—further sum	867	9 9		
Government Printing Office	2,277	12 6		
Government House—Renewal of Buildings, &c	1,189	17 1		
Botanic Gardens—Improvements	3,286	1 11		
Little Bay Hospital—New Nurses' Quarters	4,300	0 0		
Hospital Sydney—further sum	40	0 0		
Land Board and District Survey Offices, Tamworth	396	1 3		
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—New Offices	3,895	2 6		
Court-houses:—				
Oberon	£376	15 9		
Gulgong	1,237	10 0		
Goobonga	220	17 9		
Bathurst	392	14 6		
Delegate	427	17 8		
Brigera	887	15 2		
Hay	48	0 6		
Mudgee	515	8 3		
Grafton	558	0 11		
Tamworth	881	18 7		
Generally —				
Singleton	61	3 0		
Lock-ups —				
Deniquin, South	£325	14 4		
Wyalong	648	10 8		
Rozeile	693	1 10		
General —				
Gunnedah	5	7 2		
Gaols —				
Moree	£265	10 6		
Goulburn	2,110	12 8		
Bathurst	2,631	16 5		
Maitland, East	1,191	17 9		
Biloela	1,872	19 10		
Forbes	333	19 5		
Parramatta	10	0 0		
Generally:—				
Berrima	2	0 2		
Hospital, Insane—Gladesville			8,418	16 9
Police Stations:—			750	0 0
Wauchope	£1	14 6		
Gunning	405	0 0		
Bobadah	228	17 0		
Gresford	351	7 0		
Battow	660	10 0		
Cessnock	693	15 0		
Grilambone	536	7 10		
Bcoligal	880	15 9		
Warroo	577	17 6		
Bega	539	8 0		
Collie	594	18 3		
Peat's Ferry	767	6 10		
Broke	504	19 1		
Googalong	1,089	5 0		
Post and Telegraph Offices:—				
Carrington	£8	0 3		
Junee	366	5 4		
Bathurst	1,298	4 0		
Jemilderie	386	3 8		
Boggabri	24	0 0		
Nowra	1,047	18 0		
Benevolent Asylums —				
Rookwood	£3,182	13 7		
Newington	791	10 10		
Custom Houses —				
Sydney	£197	19 6		
Broken Bay	133	0 6		
Registrar General's Office			331	0 0
Little Bay Hospital—Fittings, &c.			463	0 11
			85	16 11
			180,556	5 5
Carried forward	£		174,905	14 11
Carried forward	£		1,723,262	9 1

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c.—continued.

	Amount.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>				
Brought forward .. .. .	£	.....	1,723,262	9 1
PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—continued.				
Brought forward .. .. .	£	.....	174,905	14 11
62 Vic. No. 36 :—				
Public Buildings Generally, Additions, &c.—continued.				
Government Printing Office—Additions		790 16 8		
General Post Office—Additions—further sum		7,121 1 9		
Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices generally		52 1 8		
Gaols—Erections and Additions :—				
Bathurst	£151	1 6		
Darlinghurst	345	0 0		
Parramatta	165	0 0		
General :—				
Moree	113	9 6		
Goulburn	239	8 4		
Forbes	39	14 10		
		1,053 14 2		
Bourke Land Board and Survey Offices—further sum		500 0 0		
Royal Mint—Additions and fittings—further sum		1,249 0 4		
Government House, Sydney—Rebuilding		1,283 8 4		
Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Additions and Water Supply		497 8 6		
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions :—				
Nowra	£187	2 0		
General :—				
Whitton	591	10 0		
Barrington	478	10 0		
Mossgiel	10	9 9		
Lismore	176	2 6		
Drake	375	0 0		
		1,808 14 3		
Police Stations—Erections and Additions :—				
Tumbarumba	1,029	11 9		
Mt. McDonald	5	13 7		
Gosford	138	15 0		
		1,174 0 4		
Gaols—Erections and Additions :—				
Goulburn	105	5 6		
Bathurst	102	19 8		
Parramatta	1,617	3 0		
East Maitland	20	16 0		
		1,846 4 2		
			17,376	10 2
Total, Public Works and Buildings .. .. .	£	.....	£192,282	5 1
FORTIFICATIONS.—MILITARY AND NAVAL WORKS.				
52 Vic. No. 17 :—				
Cost of Warlike Stores, new Submarine Mining, Electric Light, &c. .. .. .		.....	4,091	2 1
54 Vic. No. 33 :—				
Magazines at Newington		773 15 2		
Military Magazines at Goat Island		69 9 10		
			843	5 0
55 Vic. No. 35 :—				
Emplacements for Quick-firing and Machine Guns .. .. .		.....	60	18 8
58 Vic. No. 14 :—				
Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum		1,265 2 1		
Defence Works, Armaments, &c.		1,871 12 10		
Defence Works Generally		826 8 6		
			3,963	3 5
60 Vic. No. 32 :—				
For Defence Purposes Generally, &c.		6,145 14 9		
For Purchase of 1,000 Magazine Rifles and Equipment		2,884 5 9		
			9,030	0 6
61 Vic. No. 43 :—				
To provide Drill Halls and Buildings, &c.		5,275 3 2		
Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for Reserve Stock		28,300 0 0		
			33,575	3 2
62 Vic. No. 36 :—				
To complete Defences and Works necessary on the Coast, &c.		1,780 7 6		
Towards the Establishment of a Small Arms Ammunition Factory in New South Wales		7 16 0		
Naval Station Works, Garden Island—further sum		301 19 3		
			2,090	2 9
Total Fortifications—Military and Naval Works .. .. .	£	.....	£53,653	15 7
Carried forward .. .. .	£	.....	1,939,193	9 9

APPENDIX D—continued.

Abstract Statement of DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOAN SERVICES—year ended 30th June, 1899, &c—continued

<i>Account Proper—Ordinary Payments—continued.</i>		Amount	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward .....		.....	1,969,198 9 9
BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.			
53 Vic. No. 23 —	University—Completion of Lodges, Gates, Laboratory, &c.	1,425 2 0	
	Chemical and Mineralogical Department, &c.	35 4 9	
54 Vic. No. 33 —	Technical Colleges and Technological Museum—Bathurst .....	.....	1 460 6 9
59 Vic. No. 6 —	Museum—Additions, &c. ....	.....	83 12 11
60 Vic. No. 32 —	For Erection of Country Technical Colleges and Technological Museums	1,340 4 0	
	For Additions to Technical College, Sydney	74 15 0	
61 Vic. No. 43 —	Art Gallery—Additions—further sum	2,490 0 0	1,414 19 0
	Australian Museum—Additions, &c.	203 8 4	
	For Public School Buildings and Sites... ..	5,000 0 0	
			7,693 8 4
	Total, Buildings for Public Instruction .....	.....	£10,739 19 7
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND AGRICULTURE			
59 Vic. No. 6 —	Metallurgical Works and Appliances, and Expenditure incidental thereto ..	739 18 0	
	Agricultural College and Experimental Farms and Stations	39 13 0	
	Compensation for Cancellation of Sale or Lease of Land, in terms of Section 45, Land Act of 1884, and Section 2 of Mining Act of 1889	125 0 0	
60 Vic. No. 32 —	For Metallurgical and Assay Works, School of Mines, &c.	425 0 8	904 11 9
	Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms—further sum... ..	5,227 8 2	
	Resumption of Accommodation House, &c, at Jenolan Caves, &c.	500 0 0	
61 Vic. No. 43 —	Jenolan Caves—For Resumption of Accommodation House, and to provide Improved Buildings— further sum	1,764 14 9	6,152 8 10
	Hawkesbury Agricultural College—Irrigation Works	2 4 6	
	For Erection of Agricultural Colleges, &c.	3,000 0 0	
	Jenolan Caves—To provide Fittings, &c, for Improved Buildings	122 1 10	
62 Vic. No. 36 —	For the Promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges, and Experimental Farms .....	.....	4,889 1 1
		.....	4,443 19 7
	Total, Department of Mines and Agriculture .....	.....	£16,390 1 3
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.			
59 Vic. No. 6 —	To promote settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, &c. ....	.....	21,413 8 3
60 Vic. No. 32 —	For Hay Irrigation Works	30 13 1	
	Towards Clearing or otherwise Improving Crown Lands	4,445 3 10	
		.....	4,475 16 11
	Total, Department of Lands .....	.....	£25,889 5 2
MISCELLANEOUS.			
61 Vic. No. 43 —	POLICE —		
	To provide a Steam Launch for the use of the Water Police	1,650 0 0	
	MERCHANTILE EXPLOSIVES BRANCH —		
	Purchase of a Steam Launch for Towing purposes	699 17 4	
	BOARD OF HEALTH —		
	Instruments and Fittings for new Bacteriological Laboratories	1,142 1 7	
62 Vic. No. 36 —	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE —		
	Jinal Bay—Harbour Improvements .....	.....	£3,491 18 11
		.....	1,924 4 2
	Total, Miscellaneous .....	.....	5,416 3 1
	TOTAL, WORKS AND SERVICES .....	.....	£2,027,633 18 10
REPAYMENT OF LOANS			
59 Vic. No. 5 —	Railways and Public Works .....	.....	500 0 0
61 Vic. No. 43 —	Railways and Public Works .....	.....	177,200 0 0
62 Vic. No. 26 —	Railways and Public Works .....	.....	191,500 0 0
	TOTAL REPAYMENT OF LOANS .....	.....	369,200 0 0
	TOTAL ACCOUNT PROPER 1898–9 .....	.....	£2,396,833 18 10
Loan Advance Account.			
61 Vic. No. 43 —	Services of other Departments Advance Account, to provide for Works and Services carried out for other Branches of the Service; and also for repairs to British and Foreign Men-of-War Ships, &c.—the whole amount to be held available until adjusted .....	.....	5,000 0 0
	Ordinary (True Expenditure .....	.....	£2,401,833 18 10

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX D.

RE-CREDITS to General Loan Fund Account and ISSUES therefrom during 1898-9.

Particulars of Service.		Balances awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1898.	Issues during 1898-9.	Balances written off to 30th June, 1899.	Balances awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1899.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Balances of Over-issues.</i>					
(Transferred from Trust Fund Account, 1st July, 1897.)					
<i>Statement 1.</i>					
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.					
38 Vic. No. 2	Enlarging Machine shop, Sydney Station	30 14 10	30 14 10	.....	.....
40 Vic. No. 12	Line, from a point near Junee to Narrandera	3,066 13 4	.....	3,066 13 4	.....
" "	Orange to Wellington	16 14 3	.....	16 14 3	.....
41 Vic. No. 4	To complete Construction of Line, Murrurundi to Tamworth	1,961 4 7	.....	1,961 4 7	.....
43 Vic. No. 11	From Dubbo to vicinity of Bourke	419 4 4	303 12 10	115 11 6	.....
" "	" Gunnedah to a point opposite Narrabri	2,323 11 6	.....	2,323 11 6	.....
" "	" Narrandera to Hay	3,121 10 4	.....	3,121 10 4	.....
" "	" Wallerawang to Mudgee	429 5 11	.....	429 5 11	.....
44 Vic. No. 28	" Albury to the River Murray	945 8 10	33 6 8	912 2 2	.....
" "	" Narrandera to Jerilderie	2,534 15 0	595 4 1	1,939 10 11	.....
" "	" Wagga Wagga to Albury	2,163 14 10	.....	2,163 14 10	.....
" "	" Murrumburrah to Blayney	1,715 4 4	1,715 4 4	.....	.....
" "	" Goulburn to Cooma	3,771 11 7	50 7 8	3,721 3 11	.....
48 Vic. No. 26	" Tenterfield to the Queensland Border	882 4 6	.....	.....	882 4 6
" "	" Orange to near Forbes, <i>via</i> Molong (54 Vic. No. 5 and 33)	129 13 9	129 13 9	.....	.....
" "	" Kiama to Jervis Bay..... 54 Vic. No. 4 and 33	47 10 10	21 15 0	.....	25 15 10
50 Vic. No. 28	" Wallerawang to Mudgee	521 8 0	.....	521 8 0	.....
" "	" Albury to the River Murray	716 15 0	.....	716 15 0	.....
52 Vic. No. 17	North Shore Railway, &c.	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0	.....
53 Vic. No. 23	Reconstruction and Improvement of Rolling-stock and Permanent-way	758 1 8	.....	.....	758 1 8
" "	Wood-paving portion of Tramway Lines	1,018 17 9	.....	.....	1,018 17 9
54 Vic. No. 33	Rolling-stock necessary for Equipment of New Lines, &c	31 12 5	.....	31 12 5	.....
" "	Completion of Duplication of Illawarra Line to Waterfall, &c.	33,333 9 9	1,293 18 3	.....	32,089 11 6
" "	From Marrickville to Burwood Road ... 54 Vic. No. 27	59 10 8	.....	59 10 8	.....
55 Vic. No. 35	Culcairn to Corowa	1,376 19 6	.....	.....	1,376 19 6
" "	Nyngan to Cobarr	783 8 10	.....	.....	783 8 10
56 Vic. No. 24	North Shore Railway	8 13 3	.....	8 13 3	.....
58 Vic. No. 14	Marrickville to Burwood Road	166 18 5	.....	166 18 5	.....
59 Vic. No. 6	Additions to Railway Lines, Buildings, &c.	5 11 3	.....	.....	.....
	£	62,445 9 3	4,179 8 8	21,331 1 0	36,934 19 7
HARBOURS AND RIVERS.					
46 Vic. No. 23	Dredging Plant for Richmond and other Northern Rivers	7 10 5	.....	7 10 5	.....
48 Vic. No. 26	Towards Construction of Lighthouse, Kiama	2 1 6	.....	2 1 6	.....
53 Vic. No. 23	New Dock, Cockatoo Island	53 15 4	.....	53 15 4	.....
" "	White Bay Reclamation	5 1 3	5 1 3	.....	.....
" "	Dredger and Plant for service at Nambucca River	4 17 8	.....	4 17 8	.....
" "	Improvement of Navigation, Hawkesbury River	27 15 0	.....	.....	27 15 0
54 Vic. No. 33	Reclamation of Careening Cove and Neutral Bay, &c.	150 0 0	.....	150 0 0	.....
" "	Appliances for Reclaiming Land by Sand Pump Dredges	13 0 0	.....	13 0 0	.....
55 Vic. No. 35	Newcastle Harbour Improvements 52 Vic. No. 19	3 5 0	.....	3 5 0	.....
	£	267 6 2	5 1 3	234 9 11	27 15 0
ROADS AND BRIDGES.					
40 Vic. No. 12	Bridge over Darling River at Bourke	3 12 3	.....	3 12 3	.....
53 Vic. No. 23	Bridge over Hunter River at Aberdeen	3 10 0	.....	3 10 0	.....
54 Vic. No. 33	Wood-paving, Cook's River Road	26 2 0	.....	26 2 0	.....
55 Vic. No. 35	Moiety of Cost of Widening Corowa Bridge, &c.	149 19 7	.....	149 19 7	.....
56 Vic. No. 24	Iron Bridge over Darling River at Wilcannia	3 13 0	.....	3 13 0	.....
" "	Iron Bridge over Lachlan River at Forbes	1 10 0	.....	1 10 0	.....
59 Vic. No. 6	Bridge, Page's River, near Blandford Station (<i>re</i> credit on account, Nunnock Creek)	13 0 0	13 0 0	.....	.....
60 Vic. No. 32	Bridge, Cowal at Trangie (<i>re</i> credit on account, Seven Hills No. 1)	13 0 0	13 0 0	.....	.....
	£	214 6 10	26 0 0	188 6 10	.....
	Carried forward	£ 62,927 2 3	4,210 9 11	21,753 17 9	36,962 14 7

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX D—*continued.*RE-CREDITS to General Loan Fund Account and Issues therefrom during 1898-9—*continued.*

Particulars of Service.		Balances awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1898.	Issues during 1898-9.	Balances written off to 30th June, 1899.	Balances awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1899.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Balances of Over-issues—continued.</i>					
<i>(Transferred from Trust Fund Account, 1st July, 1897.)</i>					
<i>Statement 1—continued.</i>					
Brought forward		£ 62,927 2 3	4,210 9 11	21,753 17 9	36,962 14 7
SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.					
55 Vic. No. 35	Neutral Bay Storm-water Channel	1 14 6	.....	.....	1 14 6
" "	Randwick Storm-water, Drainage, &c.	333 6 10	333 6 10	.....	.....
		£ 335 1 4	333 6 10	.....	1 14 6
WATER SUPPLY.					
43 Vic. No. 11	Sydney Water Supply	2 2 0	.....	2 2 0	.....
52 Vic. No. 17	For laying a second pipe between Pott's Hill and Crown-street	336 8 10	.....	.....	336 8 10
57 Vic. No. 17	Water Supplies for Towns, &c., not Incorporated	2 15 0	2 15 0	.....	.....
		£ 341 5 10	2 15 0	2 2 0	336 8 10
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.					
52 Vic. No. 17	Additional Works, General Post Office.....	0 3 4	.....	0 3 4	.....
58 Vic. No. 14	Colonial Secretary's Office—Additional Floor	6 15 6	.....	6 15 6	.....
59 Vic. No. 6	Supreme Court, Sydney—Additions	35 1 2	35 1 2	.....	.....
		£ 42 0 0	35 1 2	6 18 10	.....
FORTIFICATIONS—MILITARY AND NAVAL WORKS.					
52 Vic. No. 17	Cost of Warlike Materials ordered from England in 1885, &c	3,835 7 8	926 3 2	.....	2,909 4 6
55 Vic. No. 35	Gun-pit, at Henry's Heights	76 6 7	.....	.....	76 6 7
56 Vic. No. 24	Erection and Completion of Fortifications and for Military Works generally ..	500 17 10	393 17 9	.....	107 0 1
		£ 4,412 12 1	1,320 0 11	.....	3,032 11 2
BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.					
53 Vic. No. 23	University—Completion of Lodges, Gates, &c.	327 7 0	327 7 0	.....	.....
TOTAL, STATEMENT 1.....		£ 68,385 8 6	6,229 0 10	21,762 18 7	40,393 9 1

Disposal of Balance of Re-credits of 1897-8 during 1898-9.

Particulars of Service.	Balance awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1898.	Issues during 1898-9.	Balance written off to 30th June, 1899.	Balance awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Railways and Tramways	380 4 6	205 7 1	.....	174 17 5
Harbours and Rivers	1,936 11 2	641 19 5	1,284 11 9	.....
Sewerage and Drainage	0 10 4	.....	0 10 4	.....
Water Supply	1 9 7	.....	.....	1 9 7
Works and Buildings	22 18 3	22 17 0	.....	0 1 3
Fortifications	85 19 2	.....	.....	85 19 2
TOTAL	£ 2,427 13 0	870 3 6	1,285 2 1	262 7 5

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX D—continued.

RE-CREDITS to General Loan Fund Account and Issues therefrom during 1898-9—continued.

Particulars of Service.	Balances awaiting disposal on 30th June, 1899.		
	Re-credits of 1897-8.	Re-credits of 1898-9.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>Balance of Ordinary Re-credits awaiting disposal, 30th June, 1899.</i>			
<i>Statement No. 2.</i>			
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.			
48 Vic. No. 26 ... Nyngan to Cobar	54 Vic. No. 2	27 12 0	
55 Vic. No. 35 ... Culcairn to Corowa	54 Vic. No. 3	11 5 5	
56 Vic. No. 24 ... Nyngan to Cobar	54 Vic. No. 2	95 4 11	
58 Vic. No. 14 ... Cootamundra to Temora.....	54 Vic. No. 14	4 14 1	
		63 13 0	
		174 17 5	
		78 18 10	
WATER SUPPLY.			
60 Vic. No. 32 ... Extension of Water Mains and Reservoir, &c., Cockle Creek		1 9 7	
		0 0 8	
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.			
53 Vic. No. 23 ... New Houses of Parliament—Towards erection of.....		0 1 3	
61 Vic. No. 43 ... Broken Hill Post Office.....		20 13 5	
		0 1 3	
		20 13 5	
FORTIFICATIONS.			
56 Vic. No. 24 ... Erection and Completion of Fortifications—Military Works generally		85 19 2	
		
LANDS.			
59 Vic. No. 6 ... For Thinning-out and otherwise Improving Forest Reserves		67 7 6	
		
TOTAL, STATEMENT 2	£	262 7 5	
		167 0 5	
<i>Summary.</i>			
LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1898-9.			
	ORDINARY (True) EXPENDITURE which appeared for first time in the General Loan Fund.	Expenditure from balances of Loan Advances, &c., Repaid, which Advances had been treated in previous years as final payments.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Works and Services:—			
Railways and Tramways	page 231 589,156 4 10	26,835 18 0	615,992 2 10
Electric Telegraphs and Telephones	232 63,186 2 8	5,399 15 9	68,585 18 5
Harbours and Rivers	232-3 379,840 5 2	16,372 19 8	396,213 4 10
Roads and Bridges	233-4 115,119 14 6	834 10 1	115,954 4 7
Sewerage and Drainage	234-5 327,528 4 8	10,822 16 7	338,351 1 3
Water Supply	235 248,431 17 3	6,237 7 9	254,669 5 0
Public Works and Buildings.....	236-9 192,282 5 1	208 19 4	192,491 4 5
Fortifications—Military and Naval Works.....	239 53,653 15 7	1,376 12 5	55,030 8 0
Buildings for Public Instruction	240 10,739 19 7	327 7 0	11,067 6 7
Department of Mines and Agriculture.....	240 16,390 1 3	154 7 10	16,544 9 1
" " Lands	240 25,889 5 2	986 9 6	26,875 14 8
Miscellaneous	240 5,416 3 1	1 7 5	5,417 10 6
TOTAL WORKS AND SERVICES	240 2,027,633 18 10	60,558 11 4	2,097,192 10 2
Repayment of Loans.....	240 369,200 0 0	500 0 0	369,700 0 0
TOTAL ACCOUNT PROPER.....	£ 2,396,833 18 10	70,058 11 4	2,466,892 10 2
<i>Loan Advance Account.</i>			
Services of other Departments Advance Account, &c.	page 240 5,000 0 0		
Ordinary (True) Expenditure.....	£ 2,401,833 18 10		

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX D—continued.

Statement 3.

ABSTRACT of the Accounts for the Purchase and Distribution of Stores (Loan Services), showing the CAPITAL PROVIDED BY LOAN APPROPRIATIONS, the OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR, and the BALANCE AT 30TH JUNE, 1899, available for the Services of 1899–1900.

(The Five Accounts enumerated in this Table form part of the General Trust Funds as stated by Treasurer.)

(See also page 166).

Description of Loan Advance Account.	Original Advances.		Cash Balance, 30 June, 1898.	Re-credits, 1898-9.	Total Credits.	Re-advances, 1898-9.	CASH BALANCE, 30 June, 1899.	Invoice Value of Stores on hand or in course of recovery from Departments.
	Authority.	Total.						
Railway (Commissioners') Store Account	36 Vic.No. 2 43 Vic.No.11	£ 600,000 0 0	£ 208,421 17 1	£ 526,670 7 11	£ 735,092 5 0	£ 477,332 5 8	£ 257,759 19 4	£ 342,240 0 8
Railway Construction Store Account	54 Vic.No.33	200,000 0 0	71,019 12 8	85,595 6 0	156,614 18 8	77,981 4 8	78,633 14 0	121,366 6 0
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :— Store Advance Account ...	54 Vic.No.33	35,000 0 0	13,312 12 0	16,595 15 4	29,908 7 4	17,768 11 9	12,139 15 7	22,860 4 5
Sewerage Contractors' Advance Account	54 Vic.No.33	5,000 0 0	2,934 7 2	2,476 5 9	5,410 12 11	4,456 1 3	954 11 8	4,045 8 4
Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :— Store Advance Account ...	59 Vic.No. 6	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0	.....
Totals	£	841,000 0 0	296,688 8 11	631,337 15 0	928,026 3 11	577,538 3 4	350,488 0 7	490,511 19 5
							£841,000 0 0	

APPENDIX E.
LONDON ACCOUNT.

ABSTRACTS of Transactions in London as shown in the Accounts of the Bank of England and the London and Westminster Bank in connection with the "Public Account" of New South Wales.

Dr.		Amount.		Disbursements.		Cr.	
Receipts.							
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.							
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF N.S.W., 1ST MAY, 1898, TO 30TH APRIL, 1899.							
To Balance, 1st May, 1898.....	Details on—	£	s. d.	By Payments on account of:—	Details on—	£	s. d.
„ Receipts on account of:—	.....	37,321	10 2	Consolidated Revenue Fund ...	Page 247-8	1,597,944	18 11
Consolidated Revenue Fund...	Page 246	5,010	12 0	Loans to Money Market .....	.....	280,000	0 0
Loans to Money Market repaid .....	.....	1,150,000	0 0	Transfers to London and Westminster Bank.....	.....	480,000	0 0
Transfers from London and Westminster Bank.....	.....	1,166,958	10 0	Balance, 30th April, 1899.....	.....	1,345	13 3
		£	2,359,290 12 2			£	2,359,290 12 2
THE LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK.							
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF N.S.W., 1ST MAY, 1898, TO 30TH APRIL, 1899.							
To Balance, 1st May, 1898.....	Details on—	£	s. d.	By Payments on account of:—	Details on—	£	s. d.
„ Receipts on account of:—	.....	143,937	13 6	Consolidated Revenue Fund.....	Page 247-9	493,950	18 7
Consolidated Revenue Fund...	Page 246	8,161	1 10	General Trust Funds.....	Page 249	192,259	19 5
General Trust Funds	Page 246	4,047	0 4	General Loan Fund	Page 250	347,364	3 6
General Loan Fund	Page 246	23	11 7			1,033,575	1 6
Remittances from Colony.....	.....	1,492,939	16 4	Amounts awaiting adjustment in Sydney on 30th June, 1899....	Page 250	1,156	13 5
Transfers from Special Deposit Account .....	.....	1,180,000	0 0	Transfers to Special Deposit Account .....	.....	980,000	0 0
Transfers from Bank of England .....	.....	480,000	0 0	" " Bank of England .....	.....	1,166,958	10 0
		£	3,309,108 3 7	Balance, 30th April, 1899 .....	.....	127,417	18 8
						£	3,309,108 3 7

LONDON BALANCE AS ESTABLISHED "IN SYDNEY" ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.
(As shown on page 4 of Treasurer's Statement for the year 1898-9.)

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance, 30th April, 1899—Bank of England	1,345	13 3		
Balance, 30th April, 1899—London and Westminster Bank	127,417	18 8		
			128,763	11 11
Remittances "in transit" from Sydney—(not brought to account in London till after 30 April, 1899):—				
Amounts remitted from Sydney to London between 14th February and 14th June, 1899			*1,002,460	2 1
Payments in London not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899:—				
Payments on account Consolidated Revenue Fund—Adjusted 22nd August, 1899	731	1 11		
Do	425	11 6		
			1,156	13 5
"London Balance" as shown in Treasurer's Statement, page 4			£1,132,380	7 5

LONDON BALANCE AS ESTABLISHED "IN LONDON" ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance as shown above (and in Treasurer's Statement, page 4)	1,132,380	7 5		
Less—Payments in London not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899.....	1,156	13 5		
Payments in London, May and June, 1899:—				
Bank of England	193,726	0 0		
London and Westminster Bank	65,646	16 11		
			1,131,223	14 0
Less—Receipts in London, May and June, 1899:—				
Bank of England	26	0 5		
London and Westminster Bank	3,495	11 5		
			259,372	16 11
			3,521	11 10
			255,851	5 1
"Actual Cash" Balance, London Account, 30th June, 1899.....			£875,372	8 11

Reconciliation.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank Balance, 30th June, 1899:—				
Bank of England	9,645	13 8		
London and Westminster Bank	213,266	13 2		
			222,912	6 10
Remittances "in transit" from Sydney (not brought to account in London till after 30th June, 1899):—				
Remitted from Sydney, 4th April; adjusted in London, 1st July, 1899.....	75,000	0 0		
Do do 11th do do do 17th do do	50,000	0 0		
Do do 18th do do do 26th do do	25,000	0 0		
Do do 25th do do do 31st do do	80,000	0 0		
Do do 2nd May do do 8th Aug., do	80,000	0 0		
Do do 9th do do do 14th do do	80,000	0 0		
Do do 20th do do do 29th do do	80,000	0 0		
Do do 30th do do do 5th Sept., do	80,000	0 0		
Do do 6th June do do 12th do do	100,000	0 0		
Do do 14th do do do 25th July, do	2,460	2 1		
			652,460	2 1
"Actual Cash" Balance, London Account, 30th June, 1899 (See "Analysis of Balances," page 182).....			£875,372	8 11

*Remittances in transit from Sydney. Not brought to account in London till after 30th April, 1899.	Amount.		Date of Remittance from Sydney.	Adjusted in London.	Amount.		Date of Remittance from Sydney.	Adjusted in London.
	£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
75,000 0 0			14th Feb., 1899	23rd May, 1899	25,000 0 0		11th April, 1899	23rd June, 1899
75,000 0 0			21st " "	29th " "	50,000 0 0		11th " "	17th July, "
75,000 0 0			28th " "	7th June, "	25,000 0 0		18th " "	26th " "
25,000 0 0			7th March, "	13th " "	80,000 0 0		25th " "	31st " "
75,000 0 0			28th " "	23rd " "	80,000 0 0		2nd May, "	8th Aug., "
75,000 0 0			4th April "	1st July "	80,000 0 0		9th " "	14th " "
					Amount according to Sydney Accounts, made up to 30th June, 1899.....	£1,002,460	2 1	

APPENDIX E—continued.

LONDON ACCOUNT—continued.

RECEIPTS.

Head of Service.	Bank.	Receipts in London during Period—	
		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899—Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.	1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after year 1898-9.
Consolidated Revenue Fund.			
Advances Repaid:—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8—Refund of Pensions outstanding of other Governments	London and Westminster..	702 8 0	.....
Treasurer's Advance, 1898-9—Refund of Pensions outstanding of other Governments	do	132 9 6	474 18 7
Repayment to Credit of Votes:—			
Vine Diseases Act, 1897-8	do ..	0 10 2	.....
Transmission of Telegraphic Messages, 1898-9	do ..	12 5 8	.....
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, 1898-9	do ..	.....	0 7 3
Miscellaneous Receipts:—			
Interest on Bank Deposits	do ..	7,292 0 6	2,693 17 11
Do do	Bank of England	4,930 6 4	.....
Fractions of Interest, New South Wales Stock	do	50 5 8	26 0 5
Entrance Fee to Hawkesbury Agricultural College	London and Westminster..	21 8 0	.....
Income Tax	do ..	.....	0 13 8
Total, Consolidated Revenue Fund .....	.....	£ 13,171 13 10	3,195 17 10
General Trust Funds.			
Railway Store Account	London and Westminster..	321 11 9	325 14 0
Railway Construction Store Account	do ..	0 9 8	.....
Railway Store Advance Account	do ..	502 5 8	.....
Civil Service Superannuation Account	do ..	74 1 6	.....
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1898-9 —			
Miscellaneous Advance:—			
Repayment of Pensions on behalf of other Governments	do ..	990 19 8	.....
Mercantile Marine Pensions	do ..	3 6 0	.....
Sundry Accounts:—			
Board of Exports	do ..	25 12 7	.....
J. A. Williams—Steerage Passage to England	do ..	25 0 0	.....
University of Sydney—Bequest	do ..	2,086 14 0	.....
Immigration Remittance—Passage from England, W. J. Crane, wife, and child	do ..	15 0 0	.....
M. Henri Rosseau's donation for distribution to poor natives in Australia	do ..	1 19 6	.....
Total, General Trust Funds .....	.....	£ 4,047 0 4	325 14 0
General Loan Fund.			
Repayment to Credit of Votes:—			
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge, 61 Vic. No. 43	London and Westminster..	12 10 0	.....
Loan Votes—Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms...	do ..	10 1 7	.....
Total, General Loan Account .....	.....	£ 22 11 7	Nil.
Total Receipts brought to account in Sydney .....	.....	£ 17,241 5 9	3,521 11 10
Total, as below .....	.....	£20,762 17 7	
Reconciliation.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BANK OF ENGLAND—Receipts on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund		5,010 12 0	26 0 5
LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK—Receipts on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund		8,161 1 10	3,169 17 5
Do do do General Trust Funds		4,047 0 4	325 14 0
Do do do General Loan Fund		22 11 7	.....
		17,241 5 9	3,521 11 10
Total, as above		£20,762 17 7	

APPENDIX E—continued.

LONDON ACCOUNT—continued.

PAYMENTS.

Item No.	Head of Service.	Bank.	Payments in London during period 1st May, 1897, to 30th April, 1898— Transferred to Sydney Account during 1898-9.	
PAYMENTS IN LONDON DURING, 1897-8, ADJUSTED IN SYDNEY DURING 1898-9.				
Consolidated Revenue Fund.				
Schedule B.—Supplement		London and Westminster..	£	s. d.
			12	10 0
TOTAL, SCHEDULES		£	12	10 0
CHIEF SECRETARY. Agent-General—Contingencies		London and Westminster..	637	10 0
TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY		£	637	10 0
TOTAL, CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND		£	650	0 0
Total payments in London during 1897-8, adjusted during 1898-9 (as per page 228 of Annual Report, 1897-8) ...		£	650	0 0
PAYMENTS IN LONDON DURING 1898-9 ADJUSTED IN SYDNEY DURING 1898-9 AND 1899-1900.				
			Payments in London during Period—	
Head of Service.	Bank.		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899— Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.	1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after year 1898-9.
Consolidated Revenue Fund.				
Special Appropriations.				
Schedule B, Supplement :—		Item No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Pensions to Political Officers	Imperial Act.	London and Westminster..	900 0 0	150 0 0
Public Debt :—				
Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock		Bank of England.....	1,578,869 0 0	194,249 10 0
Do do do		London and Westminster..	405,270 10 0	12 0 0
Interest and Extinction Million Loan	31 Vic. No. 11	do	2,405 0 0	.....
Pensions under Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873 ...		do	180 0 0	.....
Proportion payable by New South Wales, in terms of Naval Forces Act of 1887		do	37,812 0 0	.....
TOTAL, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS		£	2,025,436 10 0	194,411 10 0
Annual Appropriations.				
SCHEDULES.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Schedule B, Supplement—Pensions to Widows		London and Westminster..	1 50 0 0	.....
Do do Military Pensions		do	2 80 0 0	13 6 8
TOTAL, SCHEDULES		£	130 0 0	13 6 8
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.				
Parliamentary Library		London and Westminster..	8 60 0 9	.....
TOTAL, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE		£	60 0 9	.....
CHIEF SECRETARY.				
Agent-General for Colony—Salaries.....		London and Westminster..	26 6,560 2 5	997 16 8
Auditor-General		do	12 2 11 5	.....
Parks, Recreation Reserves, &c. :—				
Botanic Gardens—Contingencies		do	33 151 9 1	21 1 0
Nursery Gardens, Campbelltown		do	34 9 6 4	.....
Garden Palace Grounds.....		do	36 6 10 0	.....
Police—Contingencies.....		do	15 4 2 4	.....
Educational Institutions :—				
Exhibits of Colony at Imperial Institute, London...		do	73 410 11 9	.....
Departmental :—				
Maintenance of Telephones		do	82 20 0 0	21 5 0
Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.		do	64 143 7 1	42 4 7
Freight, Insurance, Carriage of Goods, &c.		do	77 13 2 10	19 19 0
Miscellaneous :—				
Board of International Exchange.....		do .....	.....	1 10 6
Expenses in Connection with Immigration		do	75 64 8 9	26 12 6
Do do Extradition of Butler.		do	118 4,417 17 8	.....
TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY		£	11,803 9 8	1,130 9 3

APPENDIX E—*continued.*
LONDON ACCOUNT—*continued.*
PAYMENTS—*continued.*

Head of Service.	Bank.	Payments in London during Period—				
		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899— Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.		1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after year 1898-9.		
Annual Appropriations—<i>continued.</i>						
		Item No.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.						
Treasury—Contingencies	London and Westminster..	120	44	12 8	1	11 1
Stores and Stationery	do	127	2,281	14 8	911	19 11
Board of Health	do	129	40	9 3	6	2 0
Customs	do	123	222	17 0	36	14 6
Land and Income Tax	do	122	287	14 2	.....	.....
Public Accounts :—						
Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	do	150	775	0 1	367	3 8
Commission on Payments in England by Government Financial Agents	do	147	1,157	3 1	547	6 9
Management of, &c., Inscribed Stock	Bank of England.....	149	19,075	18 11	.....	.....
Public Departments :—						
Advertising for Public Service	London and Westminster..	145	78	8 0	.....	.....
Postage of Public Departments.....	do	144	252	8 5	31	2 1
Telegraphic Messages	do	146	811	16 4	213	18 11
Legal Expenses—Treasury Department	do	163	236	9 2	4	4 0
Insurance on English Shipments	do	148	247	17 3	11	2 1
Unforeseen Expenses	do	167	249	2 10	.....	.....
To defray expenses Greater Britain Exhibition	do	177	625	0 0	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Items :—						
Compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales	do	171	543	12 0	108	8 0
Defence—Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces.....	do	197	8,384	19 6	450	11 0
Total, Departments generally .....	.....	... £	35,315	3 4	2,690	4 0
Railways and Tramways :—						
Existing Lines—Working expenses	London and Westminster	202	191	9 10	8	2 11
TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE .....	.....	... £	35,506	13 2	2,698	6 11
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.						
Contingencies	London and Westminster	203	6	8 8	.....	.....
TOTAL, ATTORNEY-GENERAL.....	.....	... £	6	8 8	.....	.....
SECRETARY FOR LANDS.						
Surveys—Survey of Lands—Contingencies	London and Westminster...	224	78	17 0	.....	.....
Legal Expenses.....	do	220	738	6 10	286	2 1
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR LANDS .....	.....	... £	817	3 10	286	2 1
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.						
Public Works—Establishment	London and Westminster..	227	.....	.....	14	0 0
Public Works and Services :—						
Roads and Bridges	do	228	186	18 0	0	13 6
Harbours and Rivers—Dredge Service, Dock Establishment	do	229	1,776	13 4	9	13 2
Miscellaneous	do	231	167	12 1	8	17 2
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS .....	.....	... £	2,131	3 5	33	3 10
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.						
Department of Justice	London and Westminster...	234	14	0 0	.....	.....
Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	do	244	1	10 0	1	11 0
Prisons	do	213	8	3 6	.....	.....
Supreme Court :—						
Prothonotary	do	233	.....	.....	192	0 0
TOTAL, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE .....	.....	... £	23	13 6	193	11 0

APPENDIX E—continued.

LONDON ACCOUNT—continued.

PAYMENTS—continued.

Head of Service.	Bank.	Payments in London during Period—						
		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899—Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.		1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after year 1898-9.				
Annual Appropriations—continued.								
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.								
Public Instruction	London and Westminster	} 258	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Do —Technical Education	do		74	19	8	0	11	6
Educational Institutions:— Public Library of New South Wales	do	265	350	2	2	4	6	11
TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND INDUSTRY		£	425	1	10	9	0	6
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND AGRICULTURE.								
Department of Mines	London and Westminster	282	224	6	3	10	17	2
Agriculture	do	288	238	19	3	14	5	7
Administration of Vine Diseases Act	do	305	137	19	11			
Special Prizes to be devoted to Improvement in Agriculture	do	295	89	3	7			
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring	do	287	0	10	0			
School of Mines and Assay Works	do	289	31	4	6			
Administration of Act regulating Coal-mines and Collieries	do	297	23	10	8			
Board of Exports	do	290	26	5	6			
TOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND AGRICULTURE		£	771	19	8	25	2	9
POSTMASTER-GENERAL.								
Post and Electric Telegraph Department:— Cable Subsidies	London and Westminster	} 306	13,406	8	8	3,350	16	5
Contingencies	do		65	4	10			
TOTAL, POSTMASTER-GENERAL		£	13,471	13	6	3,350	16	5
IN anticipation of Loan Votes:—								
Agriculture	London and Westminster		1,311	19	6			
Self-propelled Sand-pump Dredge	do					1,534	0	0
TOTAL, IN ANTICIPATION OF LOAN VOTES		£	1,311	19	6	1,534	0	0
TOTAL, ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS		£	66,459	7	6	9,273	19	5
TOTAL SPECIAL AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS		£	2,091,895	17	6	203,685	9	5
General Trust Funds.								
Civil Service Superannuation Account	London and Westminster		3,115	2	4	485	9	8
Police Superannuation Fund	do		471	17	11	20	16	10
Railway Store Account	do		93,545	6	8	21,393	17	3
Railway Construction Store Account	do		56,781	17	2	17,869	16	1
Water and Sewerage Board Store Advance Account	do		785	7	11			
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account	do		650	0	0			
Hawkesbury Agricultural Farm Account	do		27	17	3			
Sundry Deposits:— Money Orders due in London	do		34,672	0	7	6,121	1	8
Australian Museum	do		117	10	7	44	19	0
University of London	do		6	0	0	5	0	0
Newcastle Borough Council—Loan Interest Account	do		800	0	0	400	0	0
Redfern Municipal do do	do		1,200	0	0			
Late J. S. Mitchell's Bequest Fund	do		9	9	0	1	2	0
Butler v. Betz	do						8	0
Treasurer's Advance Account:— Agent-General—Salaries	do		77	10	0			
Total, General Trust Funds		£	192,259	19	5	46,342	10	6

APPENDIX E—continued.

LONDON ACCOUNT—continued.

PAYMENTS—continued.

Head of Service.	Bank.	Payments in London during Period—	
		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899—Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.	1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after the year 1898-9.
General Loan Fund.			
Works and Services—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Extension Darling Harbour Wharf .....44 Vic. No. 28	London and Westminster..	1,357 13 2	.....
Cost of Warlike Materials, &c. ....52 Vic. No. 17	do	925 3 2	.....
Cost of Warlike Stores, &c.....52 Vic. No. 17	do	5,441 2 1	0 11 7
Western Suburbs Sewerage Scheme (Main Scheme).....53 Vic. No. 23	do	13 1 0	.....
Defence Works, Armaments, &c. ....58 Vic. No. 14	do	2,120 19 0	.....
Centennial Park Reservoir { 58 Vic. No. 14 } { 58 Vic. No. 12 }	do	268 6 0	.....
Metallurgical and Assay Works, School of Mines ..59 Vic. No. 6	do	432 15 11	.....
Newcastle Harbour Works .....59 Vic. Nos. 6 & 8	do	1,229 8 3	.....
Reclamation and Dredging ..59 Vic. No. 6	do	0 6 0	.....
Purchase of 1,000 Magazine Rifles and Equipment..60 Vic. No. 32	do	2,884 5 9	.....
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars } 60 Vic. No. 32	do	5,988 9 7	.....
Darling Harbour Wharf .....60 Vic. No. 32	do	3,935 17 7	.....
Wharf and Crane at Bourke .....60 Vic. No. 32	do	1,369 12 0	.....
Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms— further sum } 60 Vic. No. 32	do	4,015 8 0	.....
For Defence Purposes generally, including Electric and Search Lights, &c..... } 60 Vic. No. 32	do	939 15 11	.....
Mossman and Outfall Drainage Works.....60 Vic. No. 32	do	418 4 0	.....
Bridge, Kempsey, Macleay River .....60 Vic. No. 32	do	15 13 0	.....
Tamworth to Manilla Railway .....60 Vic. Nos. 32 & 31	do	748 6 2	.....
Bridge, Dunmore, Paterson River.....60 Vic. No. 32	do	29 4 5	.....
Duplicate Main, Prospect to Potts' Hill { 60 Vic. No. 32 } { 61 Vic. No. 36 }	do	754 12 0	.....
Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for Reserve Stock } 61 Vic. No. 43	do	28,300 0 0	.....
Clarence River Improvements—further sum ... { 61 Vic. No. 43 } { 54 Vic. No. 14 }	do	87 12 7	.....
Richmond River Improvements—further sum... { 61 Vic. No. 43 } { 54 Vic. No. 9 }	do	129 18 6	.....
Macleay River Improvements—further sum.....61 Vic. No. 43	do	38 16 0	.....
Country Towns Water Supply .....61 Vic. No. 43	do	78 19 2	.....
Conversion of Steamer "Ajax" into Pilot Boat for Newcastle } 61 Vic. No. 43	do	165 4 9	.....
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars—further sum } 61 Vic. No. 43	do	3,855 1 7	.....
Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms ...61 Vic. No. 43	do	1,172 5 3	.....
Board of Health—Instruments, &c., New Bacteriological Laboratory } 61 Vic. No. 43	do	610 14 1	.....
Construction of Telegraphs generally .....61 Vic. No. 43	do	336 13 10	.....
Landing Silt and forming ground .....61 Vic. No. 43	do	1,775 0 0	.....
Wharf and Crane at Bourke—further sum .....62 Vic. No. 36	do	12 10 0	.....
Promotion of Agriculture .....62 Vic. No. 36	do	3 8 9	.....
Establishment of Small-arms Factory .....62 Vic. No. 36	do	7 16 0	.....
Fitzroy Dock—Establishment and appliances .....62 Vic. No. 36	do	601 0 0	11 14 5
Construction and extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally } 62 Vic. No. 36	do .....	.....	5,232 11 0
TOTAL, WORKS AND SERVICES	£	70,064 3 6	5,244 17 0
Repayment of Loans—			
Debentures issued under Act 31 Vic. No. 27, } 61 Vic. No. 43 matured 1st July, 1893	London and Westminster..	108,000 0 0	.....
Debentures issued under Act 32 Vic. No. 13, } 62 Vic. No. 36 due 1st January, 1899	do	169,300 0 0	4,100 0 0
TOTAL, REPAYMENT OF LOANS	£	277,300 0 0	4,100 0 0
Total, General Loan Account.....	£	347,364 3 6	9,344 17 0

APPENDIX E—*continued.*LONDON ACCOUNT—*continued.*PAYMENTS—*continued.*

Head of Service.	Bank.	Payments in London during Period—	
		1st May, 1898, to 30th April, 1899—Transferred to Sydney Account during year 1898-9.	1st May, 1899, to 30th June, 1899—Not transferred to Sydney Account till after the year 1898-9.
<i>Summary.</i>			
Payments in London, 1897-8, adjusted during 1898-9— “On account of— Consolidated Revenue Fund—Annual Appropriations	London and Westminster..	£ s. d. 650 0 0	£ s. d.
Total, 1897-8 .....	.....	650 0 0	.....
Payments in London, 1898-9, adjusted during 1898-9 and 1899-1900— “On account of Consolidated Revenue Fund— Special Appropriations	Bank of England.....	1,578,869 0 0	194,249 10 0
Do	London and Westminster..	446,567 10 0	162 0 0
Total .....	.....	£ 2,025,436 10 0	194,411 10 0
Annual Appropriations— Schedules	do	130 0 0	13 6 8
Executive and Legislative	do	60 0 9	.....
Chief Secretary	do	11,803 9 8	1,130 9 3
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade— Departments generally.....	Bank of England, £19,075 18s. 11d.; London and Westminster, £16,239 4s. 5d. }	35,315 3 4	2,690 4 0
Railways and Tramways	London and Westminster..	191 9 10	8 2 11
Attorney-General	do	6 8 8	.....
Secretary for Lands	do	817 3 10	286 2 1
Secretary for Public Works	do	2,131 3 5	33 3 10
Administration of Justice	do	23 13 6	193 11 0
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	do	425 1 10	9 0 6
Department of Mines	do	771 19 8	25 2 9
Postmaster-General	do	13,471 13 6	3,350 16 5
In anticipation of Loan Votes	do	1,311 19 6	1,534 0 0
Total	Total	£ 66,459 7 6	9,273 19 5
“On account of Consolidated Revenue Fund—Total.....	Bank of England.....	2,091,695 17 6	203,685 9 5
Do General Trust Funds	London and Westminster..	192,259 19 5	46,342 10 6
Do General Loan Fund	London and Westminster..	347,364 3 6	9,344 17 0
Total, 1898-9 .....	.....	2,631,520 0 5	259,372 16 11
GRAND TOTAL .....	.....	£ 2,632,170 0 5	259,372 16 11
Total, as below .....	.....	£2,891,542 17 4	.....
<i>Reconciliation.</i>			
BANK OF ENGLAND—Payments on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund	£ s. d. 1,597,944 18 11	£ s. d. 194,249 10 0	
LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK— Payments on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund	£ s. d. 493,950 18 7	9,435 19 5	
“ “ General Trust Funds	192,259 19 5	46,342 10 6	
“ “ “ Loan Funds	347,364 3 6	9,344 17 0	
“ awaiting Adjustment in Sydney, 30 June, 1899	1,033,575 1 6 1,156 13 5		
Add— Payments in London during 1897-8 which were brought to Account in Sydney during 1898-9 :— Payments in London, April 7th; adjusted, 22nd July, 1898... Do April 21st; do do	12 10 0 637 10 0		
	650 0 0		
Deduct— Amounts not brought to Account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899— Balance of Payments in London, March, 1899, on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund; adjusted 22nd August, 1899	731 1 11		
Balance of Payments in London, April, 1899, on account of Consolidated Revenue Fund; adjusted 22nd August, 1899	425 11 6		
	1,156 13 5		
GRAND TOTAL	£ 2,632,170 0 5	259,372 16 11	
Total, as above	£2,891,542 17 4		

APPENDIX F.

ADVANCES wholly or in part UNADJUSTED at date of publication of Report.

Year of Advance.	Department Authorising Advance.	Trustees of—	Trustees or Accounting Officers.	Amount.
<i>Advances to Trustees to 30th June, 1898.</i>				
FROM REVENUE.				£ s. d.
1894	Lands	Kuring-gai Chase	Hon. Sir J. P. Abbott, Hon. H. Copeland, T. A. Dibbs, and others.	200 0 0
1895-6	"	Cemetery, Teralba	T. Gordon, A. Rodgers, and J. Hodges	19 8 0
"	"	Sandgate Cemetery, near Wallsend	J. Fletcher, J. Creer, J. Scholey, and others	30 8 0
1896-7	"	Nijong Park, Cooma	G. T. C. Miller, F. Blaxland, C. Solomon, and others	10 0 0
"	"	Central Park, Silvertown	Silvertown Municipal Council	0 3 2
"	"	Recreation Reserve, Dungog	C. G. Smith, J. Abbott, J. Wade, and others	0 17 6
"	"	Yellow Rock Reserve, Springwood	T. R. Lucas, A. J. Shaw, and J. Baxter, junr.	10 0 0
"	"	Recreation Reserve and Show-ground, Bundarra.	L. Stehr, J. Reynolds, A. McGinty, and others	20 0 0
"	"	Park, Carrathool	J. W. Davies, J. Killender, C. Prowse, and others	7 0 0
"	"	Cemetery, Teralba	Y. Bedford, W. Rogers, J. Ryan, and others	18 0 0
1897-8	"	Clark and Shark Island Reserves.	Sir W. P. Manning, Hons. E. Greville and H. Copeland, and others.	3 16 4
"	"	"	"	187 10 0
"	"	Recreation Reserve, " Grabben Gullen.	C. Hewitt, J. " Downey, J. Loughnan, and others	0 5 0
"	"	Recreation Reserve, Binalong	J. Carter, L. J. Dargan, J. H. Gannon, and others	10 0 0
"	"	West Ward Park, Grafton	Grafton Municipal Council	0 14 6
"	"	Boronia Park, Wyalong	C. J. Penprase, W. C. Hunter, J. E. Barnes, and others	0 12 0
"	"	Recreation Reserve, Temora	Temora Municipal Council	3 18 7
"	"	" Thornleigh.	D. Fisher, J. Shields, W. Pollard, and others	50 0 0
"	"	Cemetery, Fifield	C. J. Medcalf, G. T. Collier, and J. H. Smith	30 0 0
"	"	" Murwillumbah	R. C. Ewing, G. C. Halliday, and D. Hartigan	36 0 0
"	"	" Arakoon	G. Robinson, R. L. Parrett, and J. McCabe	40 0 0
"	"	" Katoomba	W. F. Goyder, W. Baird, and L. Duff	1 19 6
"	"	" Wyong	C. Alison, W. J. Chapman, C. Breckenridge, and others	10 0 0
"	"	" Mount Hope	W. Clarke, J. Nicholson, J. Riley, and L. McKenzie	12 0 0
"	"	" Woodsreef	F. G. Tempest, A. R. Saunders, J. Greer, and P. Sinclair.	15 0 0
FROM LOANS.				
1896-7	Lands	" Hay Irrigation " Trust Work	J. Andrew, R. Gibson, J. Newton, and others	4,450 6 9
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	100 0 0
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	2,407 6 4
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	349 17 6
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	201 10 0
1897-8	"	" " " "	" " " "	172 0 6
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	650 0 0
"	"	" " " "	" " " "	351 3 9
<i>Advances to Public Officers and others to 30th June, 1899.</i>				
FROM REVENUE.				£ s. d.
1895-6	Lands	Wilberforce Labour Settlement Board		2 4 3
1897-8	Chief Secretary	Gundagai Municipal Council		709 2 9
1898-9	Lands	Bega Labour Settlement Board		2 10 1
"	Treasury	C. Solomon, Staff Paymaster		48 19 5
"	Public Instruction	Sydney University		35 5 7
"	Lands	Norfolk Island Government		600 0 0
"	Treasury	T. W. Garrett, Curator of Intestate Estates		250 0 0
"	Public Instruction	Society of Artists		50 0 0
"	Justice	G. Miller, Under Secretary for Justice		10 0 0
"	Lands	W. Houston, Under Secretary for Lands		10 0 0
"	Treasury	Shipwreck Relief Society		38 9 6
"	Chief Secretary	J. H. Maiden, Director Botanic Gardens		*25 0 0
* From Trust Fund.				
FROM LOANS.				
1898-9	Public Works	T. R. Steel		26,100 0 0
"	Mines	D. C. McLachlan		30 0 0
"	Chairman of Board	C. J. McMaster, Chairman, Advances to Settlers' Board		1,000 0 0

APPENDIX G.

SURCHARGES RAISED under the 36TH SECTION of the "Audit Act, 1898."

Revenue Recovered during 1898-9.			
<i>In-door Inspection.</i>			
	£	s.	d.
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—			
Error in C.P. balance	1	7	3
" "	3	2	6
" "	0	6	0
	4	15	9
Customs—			
Ports and Stations—			
Bourke	1	6	0
Brewarrina	0	3	11
Deniliquin	0	10	0
Morpeth	0	1	4
Mulwala	0	3	11
Swan Hill	0	2	8
Wentworth	0	1	4
	2	9	2
Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	7	4	11
Brought forward ...			
Secretary for Lands:—			
Error in refunds	7	1	5
" rents	16	19	6
Crown Land Agents—			
Armidale	1	1	3
Bathurst	1	0	0
Tamworth	0	12	0
Taree	0	10	0
Walgett	0	10	0
Warialda	17	14	10
Sundry small recoveries under 10s.—			
Carcoar, 2/6; Gunnedah, 1/11; Inverell, 6/-; Warren, 1/-	0	11	5
Total, Secretary for Lands	46	0	5
Administration of Justice:—			
Clerk of Petty Sessions—			
Brewarrina	1	1	5
Total, Administration of Justice	1	1	5
Postmaster-General:—			
Unclaimed articles	2	13	3
Total, Postmaster-General	2	13	3
TOTAL, IN-DOOR INSPECTION	£57	0	0

Out-door Inspection.

(Includes Case of Default.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Chief Secretary:—				Administration of Justice (<i>continued</i>):—			
Aborigines Mission Station, Cumerooonga	1	1	10	Sundry small recoveries under 10s.—			
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—				Ballina, 4/-; Bega, 7/6; Bellingen, 3/-; Berrima, 2/6;			
Collector of Customs, Sydney	20	19	7	Brewarrina, 3/9; Byron Bay, 6d.; Candelo, 9/-;			
Sub-Collector of Customs, Tweed River	0	2	6	Cassilis, 2/6; Clifton, 8d.; Coolah, 3/6; Copeland,			
Shipping Master, Newcastle	0	4	0	3/6; Coraki, 6d.; Eden, 7/-; East Maitland, 6/10;			
Railways—				Gladstone, 6/-; Gundaroo, 4/-; Guyra, 2/6;			
Live stock traffic—				Helensburgh, 8d.; Hunter's Hill, 2/6; Macksville,			
Pitt, Son, and Badgery's rebate £ s. d.				3/-; Merriwa, 7/-; Moruya, 1/10; Mullumbimby,			
disallowed	329	13	4	7/8; Muswellbrook, 4/-; Narromine, 7/-; Nyngan,			
Undercharges	9	6	10	1/-; Parkes, 5/-; Parramatta, 5/-; Raymond Ter-			
	339	0	2	race, 1/-; Rylstone, 9/-; Scone, 3/-; Taralga, 8d.;			
Undercharges, Goods traffic	31	17	11	Tibooburra, 3/-; Urana, 2/6; Walcha, 2/-; Wel-			
Storage	26	10	11	lington, 5/-; White Cliffs, 3/-; Wollar, 5/-			
Undercharges, Parcels traffic	19	18	2	Secretary for Lands:—			
Miscellaneous	16	2	3	Forester, Moruya	0	10	0
Undercharges, Passenger traffic	9	0	4	Crown Land Agent, Bombala	*1,029	14	10
" H., C., and D. traffic	6	15	4	" Bailiff	0	5	0
Public receipt books	0	8	0	Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	0	5	0
Administration of Justice:—				Secretary for Mines and Agriculture:—			
Clerks of Petty Sessions—				Mining Registrars—			
Balmain	1	15	6	Copeland	0	2	6
Bombala	3	3	7	Coramba	0	5	0
Bourke	2	12	9	Deepwater	0	2	0
Broken Hill	1	0	0	Forbes	0	2	6
Central Police Court	1	1	4	Leadville	0	2	6
Cobargo	0	15	0	Little River	0	5	0
Coonamble	1	4	6	Moruya	0	2	6
Cooperook	1	0	0	Nerriga	0	15	0
Condobolin	0	16	0	Newbridge	0	2	6
Delegate	1	16	5	White Cliffs	3	2	6
Denman	0	18	10	Wilcannia	0	16	0
Gilgandra	0	19	4	Woolgoolga	0	1	3
Goodooga	3	10	4	Moonan Brook	0	1	0
Grafton	0	11	0	Inspectors of Stock—			
Kiama	0	19	2	Chief Inspector	0	6	8
Lawrence	0	11	0	Coonamble	0	7	6
Lismore	1	1	3	Postmaster-General:—			
Mudgee	0	10	10	General Post Office	1	0	0
Picton	1	11	0	Postmaster—			
Quirindi	0	11	0	Moss Vale	0	2	6
Ryde	0	14	2	Braidwood	0	10	0
Sunny Corner	3	15	10	Hillgrove	3	18	11
Tamworth	0	13	6	Total, Ordinary Collection of Revenue	£1,565	17	4
Tea Gardens	1	17	10	Other Moneys (held in Trust):—			
Tenterfield	5	7	10	Mining Registrar, Sunny Corner	1	5	0
Umarra	0	17	8	Total, Other Moneys	1	5	0
Uralla	1	0	0	TOTAL, OUT-DOOR (Case of Default... £1,029 14 10			
Walbundrie	0	11	0	INSPECTION { Ordinary Omissions 537 7 6 } £1,567 2 4			
Warren	1	9	10				
Wyndham	0	13	8				

* Case of Default.

APPENDIX G—continued.

SURCHARGES RAISED, &c.—continued.

Accounting Officer.	Amount of Surcharge.	Recovered and Recredited to Vote or Revenue.	Explained.
EXCESS DISBURSEMENTS RECOVERED BY In-Door Inspection DURING 1898-9.			
Surcharged, 1897-8.			
Chief Secretary :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Director, Botanical Gardens	0 5 8	0 5 8	.....
Secretary for Public Works :—			
Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works	42 12 5	42 12 5	.....
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture :—			
Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	0 4 8	0 4 8	.....
Surcharged, 1898-9.			
Executive and Legislative :—			
Parliamentary Librarian	1 0 0	1 0 0	.....
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	7 14 0	0 14 0	{ 5 0 0 † 2 0 0
Chief Secretary :—			
Principal Under Secretary	38 11 6	26 4 0	12 7 6
" "	1 18 11	*1 18 11	.....
Inspector-General of Police	1 0 0	.....	1 0 0
Director, Botanic Gardens	1 0 6	1 0 6	.....
Hospitals, Medicine, &c.—			
Chief Medical Officer	10 1 10	6 19 1	3 2 9
" "	3 3 0	*3 3 0	.....
Lunacy :—			
Master in Lunacy	1 2 6	.....	1 2 6
Inspector-General of Insane	20 7 6	14 13 3	5 14 3
Charitable Institutions, &c.—			
Acting Director Charitable Institutions	25 7 3	3 12 4	21 14 11
" " " "	† 1 19 6	.....	† 1 19 6
President, State Children's Relief Department	30 18 8	6 3 11	24 14 9
Secretary, Fisheries Commission	1 5 2	.....	1 5 2
Secretary, Public Service Board	1 10 7	0 16 8	0 13 11
Municipal, &c.—			
Municipal Council, Paddington	0 16 0	.....	0 16 0
" " Hunter's Hill	0 2 2	.....	0 2 2
" " Casino	0 1 10	0 1 10	.....
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade :—			
Under Secretary for Finance and Trade	205 12 2	201 14 4	3 17 10
Chief Inspector of Stores	14 5 6	5 18 8	8 6 10
" " " "	9 18 4	*9 18 4	.....
Chairman, Public Service Tender Board	46 5 3	34 10 3	11 15 0
" " " "	6 9 5	*6 9 5	.....
Government Printer	1 9 1	.....	1 9 1
President, Board of Health	0 5 6	0 5 6	.....
Collector of Customs	0 3 1	*0 3 1	.....
Commissioners of Taxation	0 1 10	0 1 10	.....
President, Marine Board	1 8 0	0 1 0	1 7 0
Shipping Master	0 10 0	0 10 0	.....
Superintendent, Mercantile Explosives	0 19 6	0 12 6	0 7 0
Defence—			
Military Secretary	1 4 0	.....	1 4 0
Staff Paymaster	67 15 2	36 3 3	31 11 11
" " " "	0 1 3	*0 1 3	.....
Captain Commanding Naval Forces	3 19 10	0 9 10	3 10 0
Railway Commissioners	44 8 6	25 5 11	19 2 7
Attorney-General :—			
Secretary to Attorney-General	10 9 8	3 4 6	7 5 2
Carried forward	606 9 9	434 19 11	171 9 10

* Recovered during 1899-1900.

† Outstanding at date of publication.

‡ Written off as irrecoverable under the 37th section of the "Audit Act, 1893."

APPENDIX G—*continued.*
SURCHARGES RAISED, &c.—*continued.*

Accounting Officer.	Amount of Surcharge.	Recovered and Recredited to Vote or Revenue.	Explained.
EXCESS DISBURSEMENTS RECOVERED BY In-Door Inspection DURING 1898-9—<i>continued.</i>			
Brought forward	£ s. d. 606 9 9	£ s. d. 434 19 11	£ s. d. 171 9 10
Secretary for Lands:—			
Under Secretary for Lands	12 3 1	6 13 2	5 9 11
Public Parks, Reserves, &c.—	0 1 8	*0 1 8	.....
Trustees, Wentworth Falls Recreation Reserve	0 7 6	0 7 6	.....
" Marrickville Park	0 4 6	0 4 6	.....
" Leura and Katoomba Parks	0 7 6	.....	0 7 6
Secretary for Public Works:—			
Under Secretary for Public Works	87 13 1	21 16 3	65 16 10
" "	0 7 0	*0 7 0	.....
Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works	17 10 11	7 9 2	10 1 9
" "	0 16 4	*0 16 4	.....
" Railway Construction	1 13 8	0 2 8	1 11 0
Government Architect	28 16 4	23 4 9	5 11 7
" "	0 2 6	*0 2 6	.....
Engineer-in-Chief, Sewerage Construction	0 9 8	0 2 8	0 7 0
President, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board	21 5 4	1 2 0	20 3 4
" " " "	34 11 6	*34 11 6	.....
Administration of Justice:—			
Under Secretary for Justice	6 6 4	5 13 6	0 12 10
" "	0 16 0	*0 16 0	.....
Comptroller-General of Prisons	1 8 11	0 7 4	1 1 7
Sheriff	0 18 0	.....	0 18 0
Clerk of the Peace	9 9 6	.....	9 9 6
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry:—			
Under Secretary, Public Instruction	7 0 0	3 16 1	3 3 11
" "	0 10 7	*0 10 7	.....
Trustees, Australian Museum	2 10 0	.....	2 10 0
Superintendent, Nautical School Ship "Sobraon"	7 0 2	7 0 2	.....
Superintendent, Carpenterian Reformatory	1 1 0	1 1 0	.....
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture:—			
Under Secretary for Mines	21 0 3	10 6 1	10 14 2
Postmaster-General:—			
Deputy Postmaster-General	21 18 9	19 11 1	2 7 8
" "	2 0 0	*2 0 0	.....
Miscellaneous:—			
Manager, Commercial Banking Company (Ltd.), Sydney	1 3 0	1 3 0	.....
Total, Indoor Inspection	£ 896 2 10	584 6 5	{ 309 16 5 † 2 0 0
Summary of Surcharges, 1898-9.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Revenue Recovered:—			
Indoor Inspection of Accounts	57 0 0		
Outdoor Inspection of Accounts—			
Ordinary Revenue Collection	£1,565 17 4		
Other Moneys (Trust Accounts)	1 5 0		
Total	1,029 14 10	1,567 2 4	
{ Case of Default	537 7 6		
{ Ordinary Omissions			
Excess Disbursements recovered—			
Indoor Inspection of Accounts		584 6 5	
Total Surcharges Recovered during 1898-9		£2,208 8 9	

* Recovered during 1899-1900.

† Outstanding at date of publication.

APPENDIX H.

AUTHORITIES GRANTED during 1898-9 by THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL under 37th and 38th Sections of the "Audit Act, 1898," FOR THE RELIEF of Public Accountants FROM SURCHARGE, and for the ALLOWANCE OF EXPENDITURE WITHOUT WRITTEN VOUCHERS.

Accounting Officers.	Amount.	Year of Service.	No. of Executive Minute.	Service.	Reason why Vouchers were deficient or Relief from Surcharge was granted.
<i>Receipts.</i>					
RELIEF FROM SURCHARGE.					
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE:—					
	£ s. d.				
Manager of Public Wharfs and Collector...	241 0 9	1890 to 1895-6	98-56	Wharfage	Amount irrecoverable.
" " " "	31 0 6	1897-8 and 1898-9	99-25	Rent of resumed property	" "
" " " "	6 13 0	1895-6 and previous years	99-31	Wharfage, Wollongong	" "
Government Printer.....	1 10 0	1894	99-25	Printing Electoral Rolls.....	Amount too small to incur legal expenditure over.
Railway Commissioners	10 17 11	1897-8	98-56	Charges on parcels	Amount irrecoverable.
SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE:—					
Chief Inspector of Stock	3 8 2	1898-9	99-32	Quarantine charges on a dog.....	Death of dog and absence of owner.
POSTMASTER-GENERAL:—					
Deputy Postmaster-General.....	14 18 4	1897-8	98-52	Post and Telegraph receipts	Robbery at Corowa Post and Telegraph Office.
" "	27 16 10	1898-9	98-58	" " " "	" Cannonbar "
" "	10 9 7	1898-9	99-27	Value of Postal Notes and Postage Stamps.....	Destroyed by fire at One-Tree Post Office.
<i>Disbursements.</i>					
RELIEF FROM SURCHARGE AND ALLOWANCE OF EXPENDITURE WITHOUT WRITTEN VOUCHERS.					
CHIEF SECRETARY:—					
Principal Under Secretary as Chief Returning Officer.	12 5 0	1897-8	99-4	Election of Federal Representative, Petersham	Voucher not obtainable.
" " " "	8 14 0	1898-9	99-16	" Parliamentary " Balmain South..	Vouchers lost in transit.
" " " "	2 2 0	"	"	" " " Northumberland	" "
Acting Director, Government Asylums	0 12 0	"	99-21	Supply of Goods—above contract rate.....	Erroneous impression as to who were the contractors.
The late Director, Government Asylums	1 7 6	"	"	Travelling expenses.....	Amount irrecoverable.
TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE:—					
Railway Commissioners	334 16 8	1898-9	99-22	Travelling and other expenses during Official Visit to England and America.	Vouchers not obtainable.
Commissioner of Stamp Duties, &c.	5 18 0	1897-8	99-9	Duty Stamps supplied to late Postmaster, Louth ..	Surplus in cash refunded to official, who has since left the Colony.
SECRETARY FOR LANDS:—					
Trustees of Recreation Reserve	2 18 0	1897-8	99-4	Improvement of Recreation Reserve, Lawson.....	Acquittance not obtainable, contractor having died.
" Park	1 2 6	1896-7	"	" " Bahrwald Park	Receipt mislaid, and duplicate not obtainable.
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS:—					
Trustees of Road	80 0 0	1895-6	98-52	Improvement of Road, Barrangarry to Zarra Zarra ..	Acquittances not obtainable.
" "	15 0 0	"	"	" " " Calabash Ridge Road towards Chilcott's.	" "
" "	8 18 9	1896-7	99-4	Repairing Port Hacking Punt	" "
POSTMASTER-GENERAL:—					
Deputy Postmaster-General	0 15 0	1898-9	98-56	Stamps issued to Letter-carriers	Amount irrecoverable, officers having left the Department.
"	0 15 0	"	99-13	Value of Postal Note erroneously issued	" " "

APPENDIX I.

Receipts and Payments during 1898-9 WITHHELD from CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE to Colonial Treasurer—
35th Section of "Audit Act, 1898."

Head of Account.	Reason of Certificate being withheld.	Amount.
<i>Receipts.</i>		
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.		
Nil.		
TRUST FUND.		
Railway Store Account	Improper credit	£ s. d. 16 6 1
Total, Trust Funds		£ 16 6 1
GENERAL LOAN FUND.		
Nil.		
<i>Disbursements.</i>		
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.		
Agriculture	Without warrant.....	£ s. d. 1,351 4 0
Boatmen	"	29 11 0
Board of Exports	"	302 0 6
Bankruptcy Court	"	85 5 3
Carpenterian Reformatory	"	103 2 11
Centennial Park	"	166 19 3
Control Travelling Stock, &c., &c.....	"	3 0 0
Coroners	"	147 3 10
Colonial Light-Houses	"	15 13 4
Country and Suburban Hospitals.....	Improper debit	300 0 0
Dredge Service	"	97 16 6
District Court	Without warrant.....	194 14 10
Educational Institutions	"	786 12 5
" Expenditure Suspense Account"	"	948,380 0 0
Fisheries Commission.....	"	19 6 8
Freight, Insurance, Carriage of Goods, &c.....	"	1 18 0
Government Printer	"	183 4 6
Government Domains	"	76 7 7
Garden Palace Grounds.....	"	4 7 1
Government Architect	"	348 19 2
Gratuities on Retirement	"	117 10 3
Harbours and Rivers	"	4,102 4 11
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.....	"	220 15 5
Life-boats.....	"	42 5 6
Legislative Council and Assembly	"	47 19 5
Marine Board Miscellaneous	"	443 2 9
Mercantile Explosives Department	"	27 2 5
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.....	"	21 16 2
Museum	"	451 6 8
Mines Department.....	Improper debit	3,061 0 1
National Art Gallery.....	Without warrant.....	64 1 8
Nursery Gardens, Campbelltown.....	"	4 11 1
Observatory.....	"	277 8 5
Public Library of New South Wales	"	405 2 8
Public Watering Places.....	"	452 15 0
Pastures and Stock Protection Act	"	41 13 7
Public Instruction Department.....	"	60,000 0 0
Probate and Intestate Estate Offices	"	202 4 2
Prisons.....	"	74 12 11
Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	"	18,496 11 10
Carried forward.....		£1,041,151 11 9

APPENDIX I—continued.

Receipts and Payments during 1893-9 WITHHELD from CERTIFICATES of DISCHARGE, &c., &c.—continued.

Head of Account.	Reason of Certificate being withheld.	Amount.
<i>Disbursements—continued.</i>		
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—continued.		£ s. d.
Brought forward		£1,041,151 11 9
Parliamentary Reporting Staff	Without warrant	61 15 2
Relief of Sufferers by Flood	”	3 0 0
Rewards for Apprehension of Offenders	”	5 0 0
Railways and Tramways—Working Expenses	”	63,722 11 1
Subsidies, Agricultural Societies	”	956 19 6
Special Prizes, do	”	20 0 0
Sand-drift, Newcastle	”	9 15 0
Schedule E, Railway Construction	Improper debit	85 0 0
“Sobraon”	”	534 15 4
Scab in Sheep	Without warrant	1,627 4 0
Stores and Stationery	”	1,435 4 11
To meet Adjustment of Salaries	”	9 2 2
Unforeseen Expenses	”	9 2 0
University	”	682 6 6
Vine Diseases Act	”	64 11 6
Total, Consolidated Revenue Fund		£1,110,377 18 11
TRUST FUND.		
Harbours and Rivers Store Advance Account	Without warrant	732 8 10
Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Farm Account	Improper debit	11 18 6
Loan Suspense Account, 60 Vic. No. 32, Sundry Accounts	”	9 2 1
Revenue Suspense Account	Without warrant	95,128 12 9
Railway Construction Store Account	Improper debit	16 6 1
Services other Departments, £5,000	Without warrant	234 10 9
Sheep Account	”	920 9 11
Total, Trust Fund		£ 97,053 8 11
GENERAL LOAN FUND.		
Various Acts	Without warrant	£ 1,980,380 1 2
Total, General Loan Account		£ 1,980,380 1 2
ADVANCES TO SETTLERS' ACT, No. 1, 1899, ACCOUNT.		
Advances to Settlers	Without warrant	£1,000

Summary of Disallowances.

	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
Consolidated Revenue Fund		Nil.
Trust Fund		16 6 1
General Loan Account		Nil.
Total	£	16 6 1
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Consolidated Revenue Fund		1,110,377 18 11
Trust Fund		97,053 8 11
General Loan Account		1,980,380 1 2
Advances to Settlers' Act, No. 1 of 1899, Account		1,000 0 0
Total	£	3,188,811 9 0

APPENDIX J.

RAILWAY RATES LEVIED DURING 1898-9 WITHOUT THE SANCTION OF THE GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY PROVISIONS OF THE RAILWAY ACT, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORISED BY SPECIAL MINUTES.

Item or Class of Merchandise.	Particulars or action taken.	Number and Date of Audit Query.	Number and Date of Executive Council Minute.																																				
Animals	Dairy Cows sent to Stud Farm, Camden—Half Rates on Return Journey, if forwarded at convenience of Department in stock trucks that would otherwise be empty.	4,409, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				
Do	Live Hares, Sydney to Adelaide, for South Australian Coursing Co.—Parcels Rates plus 50 per cent.	3,201, 9 July, 1898	98-40, 23 Aug., 1898																																				
Do	Rabbits (dead), Grongal to Sydney, in Van Loads—1½d. per ton per mile, up to 150 miles, and 1¼d. per ton for each succeeding mile—minimum, 5 tons per truck.	3,235, 25 July, 1898	98-37, 9 Aug., 1898																																				
Bullion	From the Dyke to Newcastle—5s. per four-wheeled truck ...	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				
Butter and Bacon	Byron Bay to Lismore—4s. per ton	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				
Bacon	Nowra to Sydney—12s. per ton, in loads of not less than 4 tons per truck, and provided not less than two trucks are sent each week.	3,250, 26 July, 1898	98-40, 23 Aug., 1898																																				
Fares and Tickets	Annual Season Tickets, Northern Line and Branches, and Southern Line—£55, viz.:—£45 for Northern System, £10 for South Coast Line.	3,610, 18 Oct., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899																																				
Do	Bristol's Circus touring Southern and Western Line—G trucks, 1s. per mile each; bogie cattle waggons, 9d. per mile each; special trains, 10s. per mile. Minimum charge, £20 per day.	3,657, 24 Oct., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899																																				
Do	Delegates to Municipal Association of New South Wales—Return Tickets at half rates.	3,599, 12 Oct., 1898	98-52, 2 Nov., 1898																																				
Do	Fitzgerald's Circus, Jennings to Sydney—By special trains, 12s. 6d. per mile.	3,606, 17 Oct., 1898	98-52, 2 Nov., 1898																																				
Do	Harmston's Circus, Albury to Sydney, via Western Line—By special trains, at 12s. 6d. per mile.	3,606, 17 Oct., 1898	98-52, 2 Nov., 1898																																				
Do	Lady Robinson's Beach Moonlight Excursions— <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1st</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2nd</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1st</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2nd</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Class.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Class.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Class.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Class.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Sydney.....</td> <td>1s.</td> <td>6d.</td> <td>From Sydenham</td> <td>8d.</td> <td>5d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eveleigh ...</td> <td>10d.</td> <td>6d.</td> <td>Tempe ...</td> <td>6d.</td> <td>4d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erskineville</td> <td>9d.</td> <td>6d.</td> <td>Arncliffe..</td> <td>5d.</td> <td>3d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Peters...</td> <td>9d.</td> <td>6d.</td> <td>Rockdale..</td> <td>...</td> <td>3d.</td> </tr> </table>		1st	2nd		1st	2nd		Class.	Class.		Class.	Class.	From Sydney.....	1s.	6d.	From Sydenham	8d.	5d.	Eveleigh ...	10d.	6d.	Tempe ...	6d.	4d.	Erskineville	9d.	6d.	Arncliffe..	5d.	3d.	St. Peters...	9d.	6d.	Rockdale..	...	3d.	3,870, 28 Dec., 1898	99- 3, 17 Jan., 1899
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St. Peters...	9d.	6d.	Rockdale..	...	3d.																																		
Do	Rail and Steamer Combination Tickets—Sydney and Parramatta, 1st Class, 2s., to be equally divided between Railway Department and Steamer and Tramway Company.	3,843, 12 Dec., 1898	99-26, 19 June, 1899																																				
Do	Single Fares, from Sydney to Melbourne, Adelaide, and Broken Hill—By Excursion Trains, two-thirds of the Excursion Fares.	4,069, 7 Feb., 1899	99- 9, 14 Feb., 1899																																				
Do	Special Trains for Circuses—Conveyance from place to place, 12s. 6d. per train per mile. Minimum charge, £20 per day.	3,657, 24 Oct., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899																																				
Do	Sydney to Stawell Park, 1st Class Return, 5s. 7d.; Second Class Return, 3s. 3d.	4,467, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				
Do	Teachers and Scholars, Fort-street School—Sydney to Thirroul—Special Return Fares, Teachers, 3s. 4d. each; Scholars (irrespective of age), 1s. 8d. each.	4,654, 7 June, 1899	99-26, 19 June, 1899																																				
Fibre	Jaddo, and Liquor—B Rates and Conditions	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				
Fish Baskets.....	Hawkers'—Free	3,179, 5 July, 1898	98-40, 23 Aug., 1898																																				
Gas Liquor	Eveleigh to Clyde, in Iron Drums—8s. 11d. per tank of 6 tons. Empty Drums to be returned free.	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899																																				

APPENDIX J—*continued.*RAILWAY RATES LEVIED DURING 1898-9, &c.—*continued.*

Item or Class of Merchandise.	Particulars or action taken.	Number and Date of Audit Query.	Number and Date of Executive Council Minute.
Ice	A Rate. Actual weight when used for cooling beer, Sydney to Newcastle, on condition that truck-loads of not less than 6 tons per four-wheeled truck (beer and ice combined) are carried.	3,250, 26 July, 1898	98-40, 23 Aug., 1898
Kapock, and Bundles of Fancy Baskets.	Double Parcel Rates	3,201, 9 July, 1898	98-40, 23 Aug., 1898
Kerosene Tar	B Class Rate and Conditions	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Machinery	Waggon Wheels (6), Mt. Kembla to Auburn and Auburn to Unanderra—1st Class Rates.	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899
Do	Traction Engine, Granville to Aberdeen—B Class Rates if loaded in one truck.	4,407, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899
Do	Rabbit-poisoning Machines, with shafts—To be classed and charged as Agricultural Implements.	4,375, 17 April, 1899	99-22, 23 May, 1899
Milling Machinery	Mudgee to Sydney—B Class Rates, in 5-ton loads per four-wheeled waggon.	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Millstones	(Old), 4½ tons, Yass to Portland Siding (sent with 1½ tons Milling Machinery)—B Class Rates.	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Oil	Cocconut—In 6-ton loads per four-wheeled waggon, 1st Class Rates.	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Ore	Copper—Condobolin to Darling Harbour, in lots of 25 tons, £1 13s. 6d. per ton.	3,586, 8 Oct., 1898	98-49, 18 Oct., 1898
Pitch	Animal—A Rates and Conditions	3,586, 8 Oct., 1898	98-49, 18 Oct., 1898
Soil	Bulli to St. Leonards—5s. 3d. per ton	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Timber	Sawn, 6 in. x 6 in. and over—Miscellaneous Rates	3,559, 27 Sept., 1898	98-52, 2 Nov., 1898
Wool	Rebate—Wagga Wagga to Albury, for J. Hayes—Reduced from £2 11s. 4d. to £1 10s. per ton.	3,232, 23 July, 1898	98-37, 9 Aug., 1898
Water	Centenary Coal Company's Engine, from Gunnedah—1d. per ton per mile, in addition to 2s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons for the water; to date from 16th August, 1898.	3,853, 15 Dec., 1898	99- 2, 10 Jan., 1899
Do	Eveleigh to Metropolitan Colliery—1s. 6d. per ton for Metropolitan Coal Company. The company to defray cost of fitting tanks on to trucks, and water to be carried at convenience of Department.	4,132, 17 Feb., 1899	99-20, 9 May, 1899
Waxworks Exhibition	Sohier's—Half rates on equipment on return journey	4,409, 19 April, 1899	99-19, 2 May, 1899
Wines	Made in Colony, in up transit—Consignments of not less than 1 ton, for distances of 100 miles and upwards, A Class.	4,194, 4 Mar., 1899	By-law 176, Rate Book, 24 July, 1899.

APPENDIX K.

REGISTRATION OF BRANDS, 30 VIC. NO. 12.

Account Current.

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Receipts.	Amount.	Disbursements.	Amount.
To amount of Collections during the years 1898-9	£ s. d. 829 3 8	By Balance, 30th June, 1898	£ s. d. 16,874 8 6
„ Balance, 30th June, 1899	16,608 12 3	„ Salaries and Contingencies paid under Sec. 22 of Act 30 Vic. No. 12	563 7 5
Total	£17,437 15 11	Total	£17,437 15 11

APPENDIX L.

Transactions to 30TH JUNE, 1899, under "COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACT OF 1880," and "AMENDED ACT OF 1894."

Municipal Council.	Debt, as Gazetted, repayable by instalments extending over 100 years.	Amount of Principal repaid to 30th June, 1899.	Principal owing on 30th June, 1899.	Municipal Council.	Debt, as Gazetted, repayable by instalments extending over 100 years.	Amount of Principal repaid to 30th June, 1899.	Principal owing on 30th June, 1899.
DEBTS GAZETTED, INSTALMENTS PAID, AND BALANCES OUTSTANDING 30TH JUNE, 1899.							
Albury	£ 41,000 0 0	£ 200 9 1	£ 40,799 10 11	Lismore	£ 10,016 4 8	£ 62 6 3	£ 9,953 18 5
Balranald	6,600 0 0	6 19 0	5,993 1 0	Lithgow	12,749 5 11	30 1 3	12,719 4 8
Bathurst	55,000 0 0	268 18 5	54,731 1 7	Manly	37,820 9 7	287 5 9	37,533 3 10
Bourke	18,436 0 0	65 14 6	13,370 5 6	Moama	7,600 11 0	.....	7,600 11 0
Cootamundra	10,886 0 0	53 5 10	10,842 14 2	Nowra	12,592 15 10	29 14 10	12,563 1 0
Deniliquin	18,468 7 2	114 17 6	18,353 9 8	Nyngan	9,000 0 0	21 4 6	8,978 15 6
Dubbo	15,238 3 4	35 19 5	15,202 3 11	Orange	32,688 0 0	203 7 2	32,484 12 10
Forbes	7,958 7 2	49 8 11	7,908 18 3	Wagga Wagga ...	38,500 0 0	239 9 2	38,260 10 10
Goulburn	55,000 0 0	268 18 5	54,731 1 7	Wentworth	4,000 0 0	14 8 10	3,985 11 2
Hay	7,691 4 10	37 11 9	7,653 13 1	Wilcannia	8,380 12 4	41 0 8	8,339 11 8
Jerilderie	5,428 14 5	19 11 11	5,409 2 6	Total	£ 409,464 16 3	2,050 13 2	407,414 3 1

ANNUAL RATE OF INSTALMENTS (Principal and Interest), PRINCIPAL REPAID to "Loan Trust Account," and INTEREST CREDITED to Consolidated Revenue Fund, to 30th June, 1899.

Municipal Council.	Service— Waterworks constructed by—	Annual Rate of Instalments due.	Amount of Annual Instal- ments due to 31 December, 1898.	Payments to 30 June, 1899.		
				Principal repaid to "Loan Trust Account."	Interest credited to Consolidated Revenue Fund.	Total.
Albury	Government	£ 1,482 11 0	£ 5,930 4 0	£ 200 9 1	£ 5,730 14 5	£ 5,931 3 6
Balranald	"	216 19 0	867 16 0	6 19 0	310 0 0	316 19 0
Bathurst	"	1,988 16 0	7,955 4 0	268 18 5	7,686 5 7	7,955 4 0
Bourke	"	485 17 0	2,429 5 0	65 14 6	1,902 16 6	1,968 11 0
Cootamundra	"	394 0 0	1,576 0 0	53 5 10	1,522 14 2	1,576 0 0
Deniliquin	"	667 16 0	3,339 0 0	114 17 6	3,224 2 6	3,339 0 0
Dubbo	"	551 0 0	*1,653 0 0	35 19 5	1,066 0 7	1,102 0 0
Forbes	Municipality	287 15 3	1,438 16 3	49 8 11	1,389 7 4	1,438 16 3
Goulburn	Government	1,988 16 0	7,955 4 0	268 18 5	7,686 5 7	7,955 4 0
Hay	Municipality	278 2 2	1,390 10 10	37 11 9	1,074 16 11	1,112 8 8
Jerilderie	Government	196 6 3	785 5 0	19 11 11	569 6 10	588 18 9
Lismore	"	362 3 6	1,810 17 6	62 6 3	1,748 11 3	1,810 17 6
Lithgow	"	461 0 0	*1,383 0 0	30 1 3	1,191 18 9	1,222 0 0
Manly	"	1,367 11 6	8,205 9 0	287 5 9	7,919 3 3	8,206 9 0
Moama	Municipality	274 16 4	274 16 4	.....	150 0 0	150 0 0
Nowra	Government	455 7 3	*1,366 1 9	29 14 10	880 19 8	910 14 6
Nyngan	"	325 8 9	650 17 6	21 4 6	629 13 0	650 17 6
Orange	"	1,182 0 0	5,910 0 0	†203 7 2	†5,710 12 10	†5,914 0 0
Wagga Wagga	"	1,392 3 0	6,960 15 0	239 9 2	6,721 5 10	6,960 15 0
Wentworth	"	144 13 0	578 12 0	14 8 10	457 1 10	471 10 8
Wilcannia	Municipality	303 1 2	1,212 4 8	41 0 8	1,171 4 0	1,212 4 8
		£ 14,806 3 2	63,672 18 10	2,050 13 2	58,743 0 10	60,793 14 0
Total Payments, as per last column		£ 60,793 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrears of Principal and Interest, 30 June, 1899		£ 2,879 4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Due to 30 June, 1899. † Includes £541 11s. 4d., loss on sale of Fixed Deposit Receipts accepted at "face value." A vote is required to adjust that loss in connection with the Orange Waterworks Account.

APPENDIX M.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES, 1898-9.

‡ Pensions—Summary.

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Account.	Authority.	Payable from.	New Pensions.		Lapsed Pensions.		ANNUAL RATE ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.
			Details on	Annual Rate.	Details on	Annual Rate	
Civil Service Superannuation Account Schedule B (Superannuated Officers)	48 Vic No 24 Constitution Act	Accumulated Funds	Page 263	£ s d 5,673 6 10	Page 264	£ s d 6,900 17 5	£ s d 90,604 2 10
" "—Judges and Political Officers	Constitution Act and 46 Vic No 15	Consolidated Revenue (£3,500 transferred annually to Civil Service Superannuation Account)	..	Nil	..	Nil	3,499 18 4
" "—Supplement—Military and Pilots' Widows	Annually voted Constitution Act	Consolidated Revenue	..	" "	..	" "	2,720 0 0
" "—C—Stipends to Clergy	Annually voted Constitution Act	" "	..	" "	Page 264	" 800 0 0	1,477 7 6
Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873	36 Vic No 29	" "	..	" "	Page 264	" 735 8 4	4,792 17 6
District Court Judges	46 Vic No 16	" "	Page 263	" 750 0 0	Page 264	Nil	2,027 7 8
Police Superannuation Fund	16 Vic No 33 and 25 Vic No 16	Part from Accumulated Funds and Balance paid temporarily from Consolidated Revenue	Page 263	2,028 0 0	Page 264	1,859 14 7	22,864 0 10
Police Reward Fund	" "	Consolidated Revenue	Page 263	108 0 0	..	Nil	596 5 0
Pension to Constable J. F. Alford	Annually voted	Consolidated Revenue—Treasurer's Advance Account	..	" "	..	" "	*45 12 6
Inspectors of Stock—Pensions Account	" "	Consolidated Revenue	..	" "	..	" "	676 15 0
Sir Henry Parkes Family Grant	60 Vic No 3	Consolidated Revenue	..	" "	..	" "	500 0 0
Totals			£ Page 263	8,559 6 10	Page 264	10,276 0 4	132,804 7 2

PRINTED LIST OF PENSIONERS, 30 JUNE, 1899.

Civil Service Superannuation Account Schedule B—Superannuated Officers	Last not in print. See Estimates 1898-9, page 8	Superannuation Act Repeal Act of District Court Judges.	Last not in print.
" "—Judges and Political Officers	" " " 8	Police Superannuation Account	Treasurer's Statement, 1898-9, pages 63-67
" "—Supplement—Military and Pilots' Widows	" " " 9	Police Reward Fund	Treasurer's Statement, 1898-9, page 59
" "—C—Stipends to Clergy	Last not in print	Inspectors of Stock—Pension Account	Last not in print.

* In addition to £45 12s 6d, Constable J. F. Alford receives annually £91 5s from Police Superannuation Fund

New Pensions granted during 1898-9.

Name	Position, &c	Pension.	Date Pension commenced
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT.			
Addison, G. W. F.	Stipendiary Magistrate ..	£ s. d. 435 2 0	1 April, 1899.
Boardman, B. D.	Workmistress, Public School ..	22 13 0	8 April, 1898.
Bailey, R. R.	Police Magistrate, Cootamundra ..	129 19 0	1 April, 1898.
Brettell, H. C.	Public Instruction ..	48 17 0	1 January, 1899.
Baynard, W.	Bookbinder, Government Printing Office ..	37 15 0	1 January, 1899.
Baxter, J. W.	Public Instruction ..	37 17 0	1 January, 1899.
Crawford, A.	District Superintendent, Railways ..	325 5 0	1 August, 1898.
Cavillon, J.	Platform Inspector, Railways ..	70 11 0	1 September, 1898.
Coonan, M.	Gaoler, Tamworth ..	148 10 0	1 June, 1899.
Donohue, T.	Railway Department ..	42 17 0	1 January, 1899.
Davidson, F.	Station-master, Lue ..	72 17 0	22 March, 1899.
Deering, J. W.	District Surveyor, Goulburn ..	287 8 0	1 July, 1896.
Doig, J.	Warder, Mantland Gaol ..	*1 10 0	25 May, 1897.
Farquhar, G.	Station master, Railways ..	229 12 0	1 July, 1898.
Foley, T. J.	" Temora ..	115 13 0	1 August, 1898.
Ferris, G. T.	" West Mantland ..	185 0 0	1 February, 1899.
Grant, E. H.	Public School Teacher ..	84 2 0	1 July, 1898.
Gale, S. J.	" " ..	80 5 0	1 July, 1898.
Howard, M.	Storekeeper, &c, Parramatta Gaol ..	71 6 0	14 June, 1898.
Hall, R. T.	Light-keeper, Macquarie Light ..	129 9 0	1 July, 1898.
Howden, W.	Senior Warder, Darlinghurst Gaol ..	*62 10 0	13 December, 1897.
Henry, W. E.	Police Magistrate, Lismore ..	196 13 0	20 January, 1899.
Hutchings, E.	Blacksmith, Dredge Service ..	85 17 0	1 May, 1899.
Hayes, W. J. H.	Telegraph Operator, Cowra ..	14 14 0	1 February, 1899.
Harris, H.	Gaoler, Deniliquin ..	*9 6 0	1 January, 1897.
Keirnan, T.	Governor, Bermia Gaol ..	205 4 0	29 July, 1898.
Knox, J.	Clerk, Railways ..	55 11 0	11 September, 1898.
Kennedy, M.	Public School Teacher ..	42 14 0	11 October, 1898.
King, W.	Inspector, Railways ..	124 7 0	1 January, 1899.
Low H.	Larding-waiter, Customs ..	*94 9 0	6 May, 1897.
Moses, G.	Clerk, Parcels Office, Railways ..	42 19 0	2 June, 1898.
Melrose, J. W.	Surveyor, Existing Lines, Railways ..	125 7 0	1 September, 1898.
McKean, G.	Warder, Mercantile Explosives ..	32 11 0	6 September, 1898.
Carried forward ..		£ 3,598 10 0	

* First payments of 1897-8 made during 1898-9.

APPENDIX M—*continued.*PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—*continued.**New Pensions granted during 1898-9—continued.*

Name.	Position, &c.	Pension.	Date Pension commenced.	
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT—<i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward	£ 3,598 10 0		
McNabb, J.	Station-master, Rydal	155 2 0	1 November, 1898.	
Moxham, G.	" Wallerawang	166 12 0	1 December, 1898.	
Manning, F. N.	Inspector-General of Insane	428 15 0	13 February, 1898.	
McDonnell, J.	Public School Teacher	58 6 0	1 January, 1899.	
McCutcheon, J. W.	"	40 17 0	1 January, 1899.	
Marsh, F.	Police Magistrate, Wellington	144 18 10	1 February, 1899.	
McLean, D.	Gaoler, Tamworth	*12 16 0	1 January, 1897.	
Noble, W.	Public Instruction	57 7 0	1 January, 1899.	
Osborn, F. S.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee	137 0 0	26 June, 1898.	
Phelan, P.	Gaoler, Hay	96 6 0	15 April, 1899.	
Stace, G. H.	Governor, Bathurst Gaol	238 3 0	1 September, 1898.	
Searson, J.	Messenger, District Court	41 12 0	1 November, 1898.	
Todd, R.	Public Instruction	49 6 0	11 October, 1898.	
Wrightson, G. D.	Engine-driver, Railways	*72 14 0	26 December, 1897.	
Wilkinson, A.	Public School Teacher	34 5 0	25 April, 1898.	
Wood, M. B.	Caretaker, Land Board, Wagga	36 1 0	1 June, 1898.	
Williams, W. J.	Porter, Railways	35 12 0	8 February, 1898.	
Webb, W.	Public School Teacher	70 6 0	1 April, 1899.	
Waterman, J. C.	"	71 7 0	1 February, 1898.	
Ward, T.	Station-master, Muswellbrook	127 11 0	1 May, 1899.	
	Total	£ 5,673 6 10		
PENSIONS TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES. Act 46 Vic. No. 16.				
Name.	Title.	Annual Rate.	Date of commencement.	
Forbes, G. D.	District Court Judge	£ 750 0 0	1 July, 1898.	
POLICE SUPERANNUATION FUND.				
Name.	Title.	Rate per diem.	Annual Rate.	Date of commencement.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Bell, Robert	Senior-sergeant	0 10 6	191 12 6	1 February, 1899.
Buckley, J. J.	Sergeant	0 9 3	168 16 3	1 February, 1899.
Cowan, D.	Senior-sergeant	0 10 6	*191 12 6	27 May, 1898.
Carroll, M.	2nd Class Constable	0 9 3	**168 16 3	27 May, 1898.
Garrick, Wm.	Senior-sergeant	0 10 6	191 12 6	1 February, 1899.
Gallagher, M.	1st Class Constable	0 7 6	136 17 6	1 February, 1899.
Higgins, B.	Senior-sergeant	0 10 6	191 12 6	1 February, 1899.
Lawless, E.	Inspector		312 10 0	1 February, 1899.
Robson, J.	1st Class Constable	0 7 6	**136 17 6	27 May, 1898.
Woods, S.	Sergeant	0 9 3	168 16 3	1 February, 1899.
Walker, D.	"	0 9 3	168 16 3	1 February, 1899.
	Total	£	2,028 0 0	
POLICE REWARD FUND.				
Name.	Title.	Annual Rate.	Date of commencement.	
Grundy, Bridget	Widow of Constable W. F. Grundy	£ 40 0 0	21 March, 1898.	
Pearce, Elizabeth F.	" W. H. Pearce	63 0 0	14 December, 1893.	
	Total	£ 108 0 0		
Grand Total—New Pensions during 1898-9		£3,559 6s. 10d.		

* First payments of 1897-8, made during 1898-9.

** Notification of death not received till 1898-9.

APPENDIX M—continued.
PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—continued.
Lapsed Pensions during 1898-9.

Name	Position, &c	Pension	Date of Commencement	Date of Cessation	
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT.					
		£ s. d.			
Brabstone, M	Overseer, Stores, Railways	78 13 0	1 July, 1889	24 May, 1899	
Booty, E. W.	Messenger, Bankruptcy Court	76 1 0	1 January, 1892	29 March, 1899	
Bennett, H.	Town Assistant, Tramways	66 7 0	1 July, 1894	3 September, 1898	
Bateson, W. J.	Public School Teacher	143 9 0	1 June, 1896	17 February, 1899.	
Brown, J.	Boatman, Marine Board...	44 12 0	1 May, 1898	8 January, 1899	
Carlisle, T.	Railway Department	165 15 0	1 September, 1887	15 February, 1899	
Cathels, M.	Public School Teacher	47 12 0	1 November, 1895	21 September, 1898.	
Doran, J. G.	Mechanical Engineer, Works	144 13 0	1 July, 1892	10 June, 1899	
Dennis, C. H. M.	Matron Superintendent, Charities	178 13 0	1 January, 1895	16 January, 1899.	
Ellis, J. W.	Chief Draftsman, Lands	384 8 0	1 July, 1887	1 January, 1899.	
Everett, G.	Gaoler, Hay	**101 18 7	1 January, 1896	23 May, 1898	
Frappell, R.	Clerk of Petty Sessions	129 6 0	25 July, 1896	1 August 1898	
Fitzpatrick, T.	Warder, Prisons	**48 14 0	1 September, 1892	8 March, 1898	
Goggin, J. F.	Draftsman, Lands	189 7 0	1 July, 1887	22 August, 1898	
Garden, J.	Chief Examiner, Public Instruction	471 17 0	1 October, 1889	28 April, 1899.	
Green, J.	Clerk, Public Instruction	114 7 0	1 July, 1896	24 September, 1898.	
Howarth, S.	Issuer, Stores, Railways	67 13 4	1 July, 1889	15 March, 1899	
Hall, R. T.	Light keeper, Macquarie Light	129 9 0	1 July, 1898	14 January, 1899.	
Keon, G. P.	Police Magistrate, Eden	378 0 0	1 January, 1889	20 June, 1899.	
Kopsch, G. A.	Electric Telegraph Department	296 5 0	1 January, 1895	9 August, 1898	
Kelly, J.	Warder, Darlinghurst Gaol	44 4 0	1 March, 1886	16 April, 1899	
Lewis, M. W.	Clerk, Architect's Department	400 0 0	1 July, 1891	7 January, 1899.	
Leon, S. I.	Clerk, Postal Department	97 14 0	17 October, 1893	10 November, 1898	
McDougall, J.	Master, Tug "Athena"	65 12 0	1 January, 1896	26 July, 1898	
Maunsell, G.	Police Magistrate, Wollongong	253 12 0	31 December, 1896	24 September, 1898.	
May, W.	Light keeper, Hornby Light	101 1 0	1 May, 1898	7 June, 1899	
Nicolson, W. G.	Boatman, Marine Board	37 19 0	1 May, 1898	24 August, 1898.	
Neale, T. H.	Police Magistrate, Lithgow	131 8 0	16 July, 1896	27 October, 1898	
Ord, C. R.	Clerk, Public Works	59 7 4	1 April, 1896	16 September, 1898	
O'Brien, J.	Warder, Darlinghurst Gaol	**52 11 0	1 May, 1896	15 May, 1898.	
Pike, J. G.	Travelling Inspector, Railways	103 5 0	1 April, 1892	1 September, 1898	
Rankin, T.	Gaoler, Wagga Wagga	131 7 0	1 December, 1895	30 November, 1898.	
Richards, T.	Government Printer	480 2 0	1 November, 1886	31 August, 1898.	
Read, Sir J. C.	Governor, Darlinghurst Gaol	372 4 5	1 January, 1889	2 March, 1899.	
Solomon, M.	Boatman, Board of Health	53 7 0	12 July, 1894	2 May, 1899	
Shaw, W. E.	Postmaster, Raymond Terrace	84 7 0	18 January, 1887	8 August, 1898.	
Sangster, J.	Lands Department	255 18 9	1 July, 1887	1 March, 1899.	
Sharkey, J.	Photo, Litho. Printer	181 14 0	1 August, 1896	15 November, 1898.	
Thompson, L. G.	Secretary, Fisheries Commission	270 2 0	1 July, 1896	17 January, 1899	
Williamson, T.	Harbours and Rivers	56 15 0	1 July, 1887	25 November, 1898.	
Watson, D.	Ordnance Department	27 6 0	1 August, 1888	15 June, 1899.	
Willis, J. A. C.	Survey Department	324 1 0	1 September, 1887	14 September, 1898.	
	Total	£ 6,900 17 5			
SCHEDULE C.—STIPENDS TO CLERGY.					
Name	Denomination	Annual Stipend	Date of Commencement	Date of Cessation	
		£ s. d.			
Child, C.	Church of Eng'and, Petersham	200 0 0	1 February, 1853	20 August, 1898.	
King, G.	" Enfield	200 0 0	15 February, 1863	24 March, 1899	
Selwyn, A. E.	" Newcastle	100 0 0	1 January, 1853	27 June, 1899	
Somerville, J.	Wesleyan, Manning River	150 0 0	1 January, 1862	22 January, 1899.	
Flanagan, M.	Roman Catholic, Kiama	150 0 0	1 July, 1860	6 August, 1898	
	Total	£ 800 0 0			
REPEAL ACT OF 1873.					
Name	Position, &c	Pension	Date Pension commenced	Date of Cessation	
		£ s. d.			
Humbly, J. R.	Clerk, Audit Office	123 15 0	16 June, 1865	24 May, 1899	
Jones, T.	Sheriff's Bailiff, Bathurst	75 0 0	1 June, 1866	4 February, 1899.	
Mann, G. K.	Engineer-in-Chief, Cockatoo Island	536 13 4	1 April, 1870	1 January, 1899.	
	Total	£ 735 8 4			
POLICE SUPERANNUATION FUND.					
Name	Title	Daily Rate	Annual Rate	Date of Commencement	Date of Cessation
		s. d.	£ s. d.		
Battye, E.	Superintendent		500 0 0	1 April, 1873	12 July, 1898
Brown, J. D.	"		337 10 0	1 January, 1891	30 June, 1899
Beer, Jas. C.	1st Class Constable	3 9	68 8 9	9 March, 1893	8 March, 1899
Casey, R. R.	"	7 6	136 17 6	3 January, 1896	5 May, 1899
Musgrove, R.	Sub Inspector	10 6	191 12 6	4 April, 1891	27 February, 1899
McCoy, J.	1st Class Constable	5 0	91 5 0	3 January, 1896	7 April 1899
Murphy, Robt	Constable	3 9	**63 8 9	1 January, 1838	22 May, 1898
Souter, W. H.	"	4 8	85 3 4	17 November, 1892	2 July, 1898
Smyth, P.	Senior constable	8 0	146 0 0	4 June, 1897	27 December, 1898
Thompson, R.	Sergeant	6 2	**112 10 10	1 July, 1897	14 April, 1898
Turner, Geo.	1st Class Constable	5 7	101 17 11	1 August, 1892	15 July, 1898
	Total		£ 1,839 14 7		
Grand Total—Lapsed Pensions during 1898-9				£10,276 0s. 4d.	

APPENDIX M—continued.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—continued.

*Gratuities, 1898-9—Summary.

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Account.	Authority.	Paid from—	Details on Page.	AMOUNT PAID DURING 1898-9.
Civil Service Superannuation Account	48 Vic. No. 24, secs. 43, 49, and 51.	Accumulated Funds	Page 265	£ s. d. 1,469 17 2
Police Superannuation Fund	16 Vic. No. 33 and 25 Vic. No. 16.	Accumulated Funds.....	Page 265	1,123 1 0
Police Reward Fund.....			Page 265	1,113 0 0
Annual Appropriations:—				
Special Votes	Public Service Act, 59 Vic. No. 25; sections 11, 56, 60, and 69, &c., Appropriation Act, 35 Vic. of 1898.	Consolidated Revenue, £5,725 13 7	Pages 266-7.	} 10,263 5 9
General Votes		" " £4,382 12 2		
Treasurer's Advance Account		Treasurer's Advance, £155 0 0		
Railways and Tramways:—				
Staff	Appropriation Act, 35 of 1898, and Railway Act.	Consolidated Revenue { 2,170 0 0 } 525 0 0	Page 267	2,695 0 0
Relatives of Employees				
Total.....				£ 16,664 3 11

Gratuities paid during 1898-9.

Name.	Position, &c.	Section.	Amount.
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT.			
			£ s. d.
Peary, T.	Fitter, Loco. Branch, Railways	43 & 49	157 4 6
Barnes, L. M.	Widow, J. W. Barnes, Lands	49	297 18 4
Boyce, C.	Boatman, Customs, Newcastle	49	88 13 4
Colgan, P.	Guard, Railways	49	171 1 0
Hattersley, H. T.	Clerk, "	49	175 0 0
Brown, A.	Widow, J. C. R. Brown, Inspector, Customs.....	51	162 10 0
Burton, M. A.	" M. E. Burton, Court-keeper, Yass	51	40 0 0
Fletcher, E.	" E. Fletcher, Shipping Office	51	75 0 0
Hancox, L.	" S. D. Hancox, Inspector, Railways	51	152 10 0
McCann, M. A.	" C. F. McCann, Operator "	51	70 0 0
Hackett, M. C.	" J. Hackett, "	51	80 0 0
Total {	Section 43 and 49	£157 4 6	} £ 1,469 17 2
"	" 49	732 12 8	
"	" 51	580 0 0	
POLICE SUPERANNUATION FUND.			
Name.	Position.		Amount.
			£ s. d.
Beer, James C.	1st-Class Constable.....		168 15 0
Clarke, R.	Senior-constable		117 18 0
Connors, Michael	Constable		207 18 0
Draper, James	1st-Class Constable.....		222 18 0
Gilchrist, N. McL.	Constable		22 18 0
Harrison, Percy	1st-Class Constable.....		200 8 0
Stephens, Dudley J.	Constable		131 18 0
Walker, James D.	"		50 8 0
Total			£ 1,123 1 0
POLICE REWARD FUND.			
Name.	Position.		Amount.
			£ s. d.
Carvell, Eliza F.	Widow of Constable Wm. Geo. Carvell		157 10 0
Foley, Margaret	" " John Foley		225 0 0
King, Clara	" " Henry King.....		240 0 0
Madden, Annie	" " M. J. Madden		63 0 0
Murphy, B. S.	" " Robert Murphy		112 10 0
Oxley, Annie	" Senior-sergeant J. H. Oxley		315 0 0
Total			£ 1,113 0 0

APPENDIX M—*continued.*PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—*continued.**Gratuities paid during 1898-9—continued.*

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT OF 1895.			
Name.	Position, &c.	Section.	Amount.
Broomfield, C.	Caretaker, South Sydney Morgue	11	£ s. d. 60 15 5
Icey, T. R.	Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island	11	52 6 2
Mooney, C.	Telegraph Construction Overseer	11	105 14 0
Abberton, L.	Public School Teacher	56	150 2 10
Becby, F. A.	Mistress, Infants' School, Granville	56	117 7 5
Brown, J. McD.	Public School Teacher	56	125 12 11
Crawford, W.	Record Attendant, Registrar-General's	56	53 19 11
Crosby, J. D.	Public School Teacher	56	414 4 1
Costello, T.	Letter-carrier, Postal Department	56	103 19 10
Craig, J.	Messenger, Lands Department	56	38 9 2
Davies, Capt. T. A.	Police Magistrate, Kempsey	56	512 2 9
Gambell, W. H.	Public School Teacher	56	150 17 8
Honniball, D. McN.	Postal Assistant, Exchange	56	102 19 2
Hanna, T. H.	Line-repairer, Postal Department	56	113 12 10
Klause, C. E.	Machinist, Government Printing Office	56	58 10 9
O'Connor, D.	Clerk, Probate and Intestate Estates Office	56	21 16 2
Pitt, C. J.	Inspector of Schools	56	675 1 0
Redstone, J. R.	Post and Telegraph Master, Dalmorton	56	22 16 0
Reardon, F. J.	Indoor Messenger, Postal Department	56	127 13 4
Schey, C. M.	Sorter, Post Office, Goulburn	56	18 11 3
Tierney, T.	Warder, Parramatta Gaol	56	168 15 9
Unwin, H. A.	Chief Clerk, Military Secretary's	56	324 0 8
Brophy, P.	Locker, Customs	60	281 12 7
Hunt, E.	Workmistress, Public School, Ryde	60	52 18 9
Jenkins, J.	Gaoler, Forbes	60	151 12 4
McAlister, H. T.	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Newtown	60	29 17 7
Perkins, J.	Public School Teacher	60	176 15 2
Sullivan, M.	Sewing-mistress, Public School	60	73 0 10
Harkess, J.	Cleaner, Customs	69	21 2 7
Whitnall, G.	Light-keeper, Crowdy Head	69	243 2 2
Bruce, A. E.	Junior Telegraph Operator		11 16 10
Berry, G.	Engineer, Government Printing Office		85 8 1
Chandler, C.	Gardener-in-charge, Admiralty House		40 0 0
Corbett, J. H.	Surveyor, Sewerage Construction		68 1 0
Downey, W.	Warder, Prisons Department		168 3 11
Duff, E. J.	Telegraph Messenger, Deepwater		5 6 8
Green, W.	Labourer, Botanic Gardens		80 0 0
Horne, C. G.	Superintendent, Trial Bay Prison		208 7 6
Manton, J. A.	Inspector of Fisheries		23 19 2
Mitchell, D.	Warder, Maitland Gaol		155 12 10
Powell, J.	Paper Ruler, Government Printing Office		34 6 6
Quigley, J.	Labourer, Domain		80 0 0
Wiburd, W.	Mail Guard, Postal Department		173 4 2
Wheeler, J. W.	Assistant Sales Clerk, Printing Office		41 15 10
	Section 11	218 15 7	} £ 5,725 13 7
	" 56	3,300 13 6	
	" 60	765 17 3	
	" 69	264 4 9	
	" not defined	1,176 2 6	
Total			

APPENDIX M—continued.
PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—continued
Gratuities paid during 1898-9—continued.

PAID FROM SPECIAL VOTTS, CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.			
Name.	Position, &c	Amount	
Bastian, Rebecca	Widow of H Bastian, Master, Dredge Service	£	s. d.
Brown, Marjory	" W. J. Brown, Labourer, Public Works	75	0 0
Carroll, M. A.	" G. T. Carroll, Line Repairer, Postal Department	50	0 0
Gallagher, James	Maintenance Man (Roads), Public Works	171	0 0
Huntington, H. W. H.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Maclean	97	0 0
Hinchey, M.	Widow of J. J. Hinchey, Accountant, Treasury	50	0 0
Johnston, A. F.	" R. G. Johnston, Engineer, Dredge Service	200	0 0
Johnston, S.	" W. Johnston, Messenger, Legislative Assembly	100	0 0
Jackson, John	Roads Maintenance Man, Public Works	50	0 0
Law, M. C.	Widow of G. Law, Woolloomooloo Bay Improvements, Public Works	80	0 0
Maloney, Marv	" Police Pensioner	100	0 0
Meikle, M.	" J. Meikle, Clerk, Treasury	108	0 0
O'Neill, Julia	" Patrick O'Neill, Inspector, Public Works	50	0 0
Rogerson, F. E. E.	" W. C. Rogerson, Police Magistrate, Hill-ston	100	0 0
Samuel, Sir Saul	Agent General	50	0 0
Small, A. W.	Temporary Clerk, Taxation Department	2,364	12 2
Spencer, Mary J.	Widow of A. J. Spencer, Engine-fitter, Fitzroy Dock	50	0 0
Terney, Richard	Road Maintenance Man, Public Works	100	0 0
Thompson, H.	Widow of Police Pensioner	180	0 0
Vaughan, P. L.	Ex-Senior-sergeant	190	0 0
Wilhamson, Mary	Widow of Police Pensioner	240	0 0
		132	0 0
Total		£	4,537 12 2
APPROPRIATION ACT AND RAILWAY ACT			
Name	Position	Branch	Amount
Baker, Isaac	Fettler	Permanent Way	£ s. d.
Betts, William	Ganger	"	50 0 0
Bevan, John	Conductor	Traffic, Tramways	50 0 0
Bonner, William	Ganger	Permanent Way	30 0 0
Bowen, Michael	Fettler	"	50 0 0
Bryson, Alexander	Driver	"	30 0 0
Carroll, John	Fireman	Locomotive	50 0 0
Chambers, George	Night Watchman	"	50 0 0
Cole, Charles	Fettler	Permanent Way	50 0 0
Colley, Benjamin	"	"	50 0 0
Coyle, Andrew	Ganger	"	30 0 0
Crummy, George	Labourer	"	50 0 0
Dearman, Nathaniel	Car-cleaner	Traffic, Tramways	20 0 0
Dubois, Louis	Boilermaker's Helper	Locomotive	30 0 0
Donovan, Michael	Fettler	Permanent Way	20 0 0
Francis, John	Fuelman	Locomotive	50 0 0
Gangee, George	Foreman	Traffic, Tramways	50 0 0
Grimes, Thomas	Boilermaker's Helper	Locomotive	50 0 0
Hayler, Frederick	Ganger	Permanent Way	20 0 0
Hopkins, Abraham	Labourer	"	50 0 0
Hourigan, Michael	"	" Tramways	100 0 0
Howard, James	"	"	20 0 0
Howe, John	"	"	20 0 0
Inglis, Wm.	Watchman	"	30 0 0
James, Samuel	Pointsman	Locomotive	20 0 0
Jameson, J.	Ganger	Traffic, Tramways	50 0 0
Kelly, John	Fettler	Permanent Way	30 0 0
Kerrigan, James	"	"	20 0 0
Kilduff, Wm.	"	"	50 0 0
Knight, Wm.	"	"	50 0 0
Meehan, Michael	"	"	30 0 0
Millar, Andrew	Conductor	Traffic, Tramways	50 0 0
Moran, Adolphus	Fettler	"	30 0 0
Mulholland, Michael	"	Permanent Way	20 0 0
Murray, T. G.	Gatekeeper	"	20 0 0
McAllister, William	Car cleaner	Traffic	20 0 0
McFadzean, T.	Fireman	Car-cleaner, Tramways	20 0 0
McGill, Patrick	Fettler	Locomotive	50 0 0
Osmond, Charles	Messenger	Permanent Way	50 0 0
Paskins, John	Carpenter	"	50 0 0
Pollock, Robert	Fettler	Interlocking	100 0 0
Shelds, John	Labourer	Permanent Way	30 0 0
Smith, Thomas	Ganger	Locomotive	50 0 0
Stace, Henry	Flagman	Permanent Way	50 0 0
Turner, Sidney E.	Messenger	"	50 0 0
Walmsley, Robert	Ganger	"	100 0 0
Waters, Patrick	Fettler	"	50 0 0
Watson, John	Ganger	"	50 0 0
Wilson, Francis	Fettler	"	20 0 0
Wood, Alfred	Signalman	Traffic	50 0 0
Worboys, Thomas	Fettler	Permanent Way	50 0 0
Total Gratuities to Staff		£	2,170 0 0
Total Gratuities to Relatives of Employees		£	525 0 0
			£2,695 0 0
Grand Total of Gratuities paid during 1898-9, £16,644 3s. 11d.			

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PUBLIC (FUNDED) DEBT of the Colony of New South Wales as it stood at the 30th JUNE, 1899, showing the SERVICE on account of rates and amounts of INTEREST as payable from the

Due dates.	Railways and Tramways.	Electric Telegraphs.	Immigration.	Harbours and Rivers Navigation.	Roads and Bridges.	Sewerage Works.
AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL TO						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1900	279,000	5,100	.....	71,900	2,500	.....
Tailings, 1900 ...	318,729	12,104	22,819	29,771	12,416	8,033
1900 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500
1901	300,060	1,000	.....	13,353	18,496	.....
1901 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,000
1902	182,150	50,094	.....	52,798	34,976	14,079
1902 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,700
1903	1,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1903 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,700
1904 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38,000
1905	901,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1905 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,300
1906	71,567	93,027	.....	34,352	10,687	.....
1908	1,264,780	10,709	.....	94,722	52,993	15,003
1909	1,454,853	12,491	.....	110,514	62,611	17,497
1910	2,351,127	.....	.....	.....	.....	94,861
1912	1,173,666	68,933 10/-	.....	347,024	95,035 10/-	178,784 10/-
1912	1,106,643 4/6	57,473	.....	580,618	48,888	187,038
1918	9,528,538	152,582	234,304	513,696	175,211	771,025
1924	14,830,579	100,000	.....	839,820	60,121	109,332
1924 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	6,500	.....	.....
1925 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	24,000	96,555	.....
1933	6,846,703	133,057	.....	318,930	62,860	864,938
1935	2,895,010	104,430	53,970	435,670	153,397	503,918
Interminable ...	48,188	57,431	52,002	171,186 9/2	61,158	33,801
Permanent ...	2,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals, Principal...£	44,555,793 4/6	858,431 10/-	363,095	3,644,854 9/2	947,904 10/-	2,906,500 10/-
Annual interest...£	1,641,686 0/1	32,138 6/-	13,040 15/5	130,236 18/9	34,435 0/1	106,875 13/10
AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL TO						
Bearing interest—						
at 6 per cent. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62,000
„ 5½ „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500
„ 5 „ ...	1,082,639	68,298	22,819	167,822	68,388	60,103
„ 4½ „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,700
„ 4 „ ...	15,112,384	375,648 10/-	52,002	1,076,728 9/2	345,344 10/-	1,204,884 10/-
„ 3½ „ ...	24,359,117	252,582	234,304	1,353,516	235,332	880,357
„ 3 „ ...	4,001,653 4/6	161,903	53,970	1,046,788	298,840	690,956
Total, Principal...£	44,555,793 4/6	858,431 10/-	363,095	3,644,854 9/2	947,904 10/-	2,906,500 10/-

* Reconciliation with total amount of Public Debt, as stated by

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which it has been INCURRED, the DATES at which the Securities representing the debt fall due for REDEMPTION, and the ANNUAL 1st July, 1899, under the RESPECTIVE HEADS OF SERVICE.

Water Supply.	Works and Buildings.	Fortifications—Military and Naval Works.	Buildings for Public Instruction.	Miscellaneous.	Queensland prior to 10th December, 1859.	Rate of Interest per cent. per annum.	Grand Totals.
EACH HEAD OF SERVICE.							
£	£	£	£	£	£		£
.....	48,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	407,100
6,316	19,982	5,651	11,641	.....	2,538	5	450,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5½	4,500
16,000	11,997	29,994	.....	.....	.....	5	390,900
5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	30,000
7,317	27,195	10,119	.....	.....	20,581	5	399,300
25,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	59,700
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,000,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½	3,700
20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	58,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	901,500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	2,300
.....	10,496	4,771	.....	.....	.....	4	224,900
399	61,394	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,500,000
16,501	74,153	880	.....	.....	.....	4	1,749,500
257,712	.....	160,000	.....	.....	.....	4	2,863,700
432,620 10/-	167,471 10/-	115,899	24,915 10/-	5,000	.....	4	2,609,350
767,974	284,285	24,897	34,099	140,707	.....	3	3,232,622 4/6
693,817	367,067	162,430	201,734	11,922	13,874	3½	12,826,200
374,664	73,505	83,985	27,994	.....	.....	3½	16,500,000
.....	98,135	48,430	.....	45,000	.....	3	198,065
.....	41,700	.....	.....	60,000	.....	3	222,255
1,162,110	167,441	53,855	68,227	8,179	.....	4	9,686,300
766,789	289,217	187,184	108,903	.....	1,512	3	5,500,000
17,577	51,530	37,316	.....	.....	.....	4	530,189 9/2
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,700
4,569,796 10/-	1,794,168 10/-	925,411	477,513 10/-	270,808	38,505	...	*61,352,781 13/8
163,198 3/-	62,936 8/5	33,636 17/10	16,906 5/7	8,619 9/7	1,686 17/11	...	2,245,396 16/6

EACH RATE OF INTEREST.

30,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	92,000
49,633	107,774	45,764	11,641	.....	23,119	5½	4,500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1,708,000
1,886,919 10/-	532,485 10/-	372,721	93,142 10/-	13,179	.....	4½	3,700
1,068,481	440,572	246,415	229,728	11,922	13,874	4	21,065,439 9/2
1,534,763	713,337	260,511	143,002	245,707	1,512	3½	29,326,200
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	9,152,942 4/6
4,569,796 10/-	1,794,168 10/-	925,411	477,513 10/-	270,808	38,505	...	*61,352,781 13/8

APPENDIX O.

PROGRESSIVE EXPENDITURE and INCOME on account of the RAILWAYS and TRAMWAYS of the Colony of New South Wales, from 1850 to 30TH JUNE, 1899, INCLUSIVE, based as closely as possible on the Annual Statements of the Public Accounts for those years respectively.

Head of Information.	Totals, 1850 to 30th June, 1898.	Results, 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.	Totals, 1850 to 30th June, 1899.
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Income	56,852,701 19 9	3,513,491 15 3	60,366,193 15 0
Expenditure out of the Public Revenue	36,673,989 8 1	2,035,982 16 8	38,709,972 4 9
<i>Net Balance, Cr.</i>	20,178,712 11 8	1,477,508 18 7	21,676,221 10 3
Interest paid on moneys borrowed and expended	28,009,599 10 5	1,491,616 5 2	29,501,215 15 7
<i>Net Balance, Dr.</i>	7,830,886 18 9	14,107 6 7	7,844,994 5 4
GENERAL LOAN FUND.			
Expenditure out of moneys borrowed	40,698,425 19 4	589,156 4 10	41,287,582 4 2

SUPPLEMENT TO APPENDIX O.

PAYMENTS made from the Public Revenue of the Colony of New South Wales, from 1850 to 30TH JUNE, 1899, INCLUSIVE, on account of RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS, EXCLUSIVE of payments made out of BORROWED MONEY for Construction and other purposes.

Head of Information.	Total Payments, 1850 to 30th June, 1898.	Payments from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899.	Total Payments, 1850 to 30th June, 1899.
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Establishment	247,895 4 2	5,500 0 0	253,395 4 2
Working Expenses (including compensation for accidents).....	34,600,294 9 10	1,938,020 0 6	36,538,314 10 4
Railway tickets and material for Tramway tickets	10,292 15 7	919 1 7	11,211 17 2
Printing Railway and Tramway Tickets	24,146 14 0	912 9 6	25,059 3 6
General Printing	169,667 11 4	9,930 11 2	179,598 2 6
Stationery and Stores	39,481 12 2	1,372 5 1	40,853 17 3
Retiring Expenses	79,183 3 7	2,170 0 0	81,353 3 7
Works in progress (including valuation of land)	362,241 8 6	.....	362,241 8 6
Alterations, Additions, and other Works paid from Revenue	588,091 19 9	.....	588,091 19 9
Special Review Audit of Traffic Receipts	27,694 9 2	2,158 8 10	29,852 18 0
Instalments of £75,000 towards the redemption of £1,000,000, voted and expended under the Loan Act, 53 Vict. No. 23.	525,000 0 0	75,000 0 0	600,000 0 0
Total Payments from Revenue to 30th June, 1899	£ 36,673,989 8 1	2,035,982 16 8	38,709,972 4 9

APPENDIX P.

CORRESPONDENCE *re* the treatment of the Balance at the Credit of "The Public Instruction Endowment Account" on the 2nd December, 1897, under the provisions of the 14th Clause of the Act 61 Victoria No. 20.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 22 May, 1899.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th ultimo, furnishing at my request a copy of an opinion given, under date 3rd January, by Mr. Attorney-General Want, and also of the case submitted for that opinion by your Department respecting the "capital" or investment portion of the late "Public Instruction Endowment Account."

In view of the constitution of the Public Instruction Endowment Account by the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880, 44 Victoria, No. 19, and of the very specific instructions conveyed therein as to the sources of income by which that special Trust Account created by the Act was to be constituted and fed, and as to what was to be done with the income, it appears to me that the opinion of Mr. Attorney-General Want is somewhat obscure and difficult of interpretation as a working direction.

While the opinion acknowledges that the Trust created under 44 Victoria, No. 19, terminated at 2nd December, 1897, it goes on to say that the interest on the investments belongs to the Trust and must be credited thereto. If that be so, then, so far as the interest is concerned, the Trust did not terminate at 2nd December, 1897, and the interest must be dealt with in terms of that Trust, which distinctly apply to *income* only.

The declared purpose of the Act of 1880 was that after the 31st December, 1882, the whole income derivable from the Clergy and School Lands and Orphan School Estates should be dedicated as a perpetual endowment in aid of public instruction; and the sixth clause of that Act enacts that "the whole income derived from the unsold lands (whether from leases or by way of rent, or from investments or otherwise howsoever), *as well as* the whole income derived from any investments of the proceeds of sales or leases of said lands *made before* the passing of this Act or *hereafter to be made* shall be paid to the Colonial Treasurer and be carried to the credit of an account to be called the Public Instruction Endowment Account, and shall be applied in aid of the public schools of the Colony, and in support of the State System of Public Instruction, and for no other purpose whatsoever."

It appears clear, therefore, that the Public Instruction Endowment Account was to be composed of income only; but the Treasury on opening that account in 1883, imported into it the capital arising from the sales of land, invested and uninvested, to the amount of £193,870 11s. 2d., and that sum, with a trifling difference, still formed part of the balance at 2nd December, 1897, as proceeds of land sold and invested at interest.

The annual interest thus derived from 1883 to 30th June, 1897, has been scrupulously paid over to the Consolidated Revenue Fund for public instruction purposes. If the Trust, so far as the interest on the investments is concerned, still survives the Act of 1897, as would seem to be implied by the Attorney-General's opinion, that interest must undoubtedly be paid over to the Consolidated Revenue Fund as before, but it cannot at the same time be treated as a portion of the money balance at 2nd December, 1897, and applied as directed under the first portion of Clause 14 of the Act of 1897, but being receivable or received after that date, must be carried by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in terms of the second portion of the Clause 14 quoted—the capital representing land.

But to collect the interest from the revenue to pay it back to the revenue is obviously on the face of it an absurd procedure whether the capital which produces it be held as still in trust, or becomes the property of the revenue, as I firmly hold it does, but *at face value only*, beyond which there is no authority to apply any sums to Public School Buildings under the Act of 1897.

The opinion further states that "the debentures (including presumably Treasury Bills and Funded Stock) will have to be looked upon as an investment not capable of immediate realisation; but when the time of realisation arrives the money obtained should be credited to the funds of the Trust." The Trust having terminated at 2nd December, 1897, with a capital of £193,871 19s. 3d., represented by securities redeemable by the revenue at that amount only, the realisation referred to can only mean the conversion of that amount into cash to make good the book balance stated as at the credit of the Public Instruction Endowment Account on 2nd December, 1897, the balance, namely, which is directed to be applied towards the erection and maintenance of Public School Buildings.

That balance cannot be increased by any subsequent credit whether by interest or so-called premiums or realisations of securities, or by any other receipt, as no other funds can be applied (or in other words appropriated) as specified in the first portion of clause 14 of the Act of 1897. The cash portion of that balance has been shown in another communication to have been £8,627 19s. 8d., payable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in terms of the Act 44 Victoria, No. 19, or as an outstanding claim at 2nd December, 1897. The remainder, £193,871 19s. 3d., represents the face value of the sums uninvested or then awaiting investment at the year 1883 (with an addition of £90 in 1893 by change of investments).

The whole amount invested represents the accumulated cash received from the year 1861 for the *sale only* of the Church and School Lands, under an authority of the Governor and Executive Council, given in 1861, and it is therefore held to represent the lands sold; whatever income might arise from those investments is considered to be the same as if derived from lands unsold, and so to come within the terms, "The whole of the moneys to be derived from the Church and School Lands, whether accrued due before or after the 2nd December, 1897, should be paid to the Colonial Treasurer, to be by him carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

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APPENDIX P—*continued.*

In view of the foregoing statements, I cannot concur in considering the sums credited since the 2nd December, 1897, as premiums or interest, to be correct credits at all, because they are credited as additions to the money balance of £202,499 18s. 11d., with the intention, apparently, of expending those credits on Public School Buildings, for which I can see no Parliamentary sanction. Nor can I even concur in the propriety of the credits referred to being derived from securities which by the avowed purpose of the Act of 1897 to abolish the Trusts created by the Act of 1888, became the property of the revenue for the face value of which only the revenue was responsible while held by the abolished "Public Instruction Endowment Account," and which value only could that account if it had continued alive claim from the revenue on maturity.

The credits referred to are the sums of £4,081, and of £4,000 charged the Government Savings Bank for transfers to it of Government Debentures and Funded Stock, and the several interest credits to the amount in all of £7,663 0s. 1d., made up as follow:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest, 4 per cent., 36 Vic. No. 21—						
1st October to 31st December, 1897	1,067	16	5	
1st January, 1898, to 31st March, 1899	4,939	2	1	
				6,006	18	6
Interest on Treasury Bills, 55 Vic. No. 9—						
1st July, 1897, to 12th January, 1898		297	6	10
Interest on Debentures—						
1st July to 31st December, 1897		1,137	0	0
Interest on Funded Stock, 16 Vic. No. 1—						
10th February to 21st September, 1898		221	14	9
				<u>£7,663</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

If these interest credits are to be maintained as credits to the revenue simply, it must not be overlooked that the same amount is charged as expenditure from the revenue to create the credits, and if with the intention of appropriating the same, whether with or without Parliamentary authority, the procedure is even a more anomalous one than in the preceding case.

I have, therefore, the honor to recommend to and strongly urge upon the favourable consideration of the Colonial Treasurer, *in the interests of the revenue*, that the sums of £4,081 and £4,000 be returned to the Government Savings Bank, and the Debentures and Funded Stock to which those charges refer be endorsed by the Treasurer as bearing interest at 3 per cent. only from date of transfer to the Bank. There can be no reasonable objection to such a course, and it certainly would not create a "dangerous" precedent, as it is one that is continually exemplified in monetary arrangements. I recommend, further, for reasons already given, that the credits for interest be cancelled, as involving absurd cross entries.

In conclusion, I hope and trust that the Colonial Treasurer will see his way to direct that the alterations above suggested be carried out before the termination of the present financial year. Were it not for the strong convictions I have that it is the right course, I should not certainly have again troubled the Colonial Treasurer on the subject.

I have, &c.,

E. A. RENNIE,
Auditor-General.

The Auditor-General to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 3 August, 1899.

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, respecting a difference in a balance stated by me in my letter of 28th June as at credit of the account "Towards the Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings," and a balance quoted as at credit of the said account in the Treasury books (but unaudited), I have the honor to refer you to my letter of 22nd May last, and to Paragraphs 19 to 32 of my report on the Treasurer's Accounts for the year 1897-8, which fully explain the reasons for the figures I have quoted, and which figures I also communicated to the Public Instruction Department on the 28th June last.

If it be the desire of the Government to apply the difference between the two balances to the purpose above referred to, it will be necessary either to amend the Act 61 Victoria, No. 20, or to obtain a Vote to apply the credits extra to the sum of £193,871 19s. 3d., received since 2nd December, 1897, to the Erection and Maintenance of Public School buildings. Without the clear sanction of Parliament I can recognise no larger sum than that shown as the money balance at credit on 2nd December, 1897, as available for issue under clause 14 of the Act 61 Victoria, No. 20.

I have, &c.,

E. A. RENNIE,
Auditor-General.

APPENDIX P—*continued.*

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Auditor-General.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 4 April, 1899.

Referring to your letters of 13th February and 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to hand you, enclosed, copy of the opinion of the Honorable the Attorney-General, dated 5th January, 1899, together with the case submitted by this Department in connection with two transfers made on the 16th February to the account "Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings." I may explain that the original papers are still required in this Department.

I have, &c.,

F. KIRKPATRICK,
Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Subject :—Investments held by the late Public Instruction Endowment Account.

The Treasury (Account Branch), Sydney, 1 December, 1898.

REFERRING to the opinion of Mr. Attorney-General Want of the 19th March last, sought in Treasury accountant's memorandum of previous 24th February,—“As to the disposal of premiums on debentures, the property of the late Public Instruction Endowment Account, sold or realised,” which opinion was to the effect, “that the premiums obtained, &c., &c., belong to the account, and cannot be paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.” The opinion of the Attorney-General might now be obtained in view of the foregoing, on the following points, viz. :—

- (1.) What should be the legal treatment of the interest, when accrued, on the investments held on behalf of the Trust erected under the Church and School Lands Act of 1897 (*i.e.*), for the “Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings, &c.,” *vide* Section 14 (*i.e.*), while still unsold?
- (2.) Did the said investments become, to all intents and purposes, dead on 2nd December, 1897, as stated by the Auditor-General in his letter of 28th June last, and, therefore, not capable of accruing interest, and, consequently, unsaleable?
- (3.) Would it be legal to cancel or discharge such securities issued by the New South Wales Government as from the 2nd December, 1897, and before the expiration of the currency for which they were issued, and before the discharge on maturity of others of the same series, as desired by the Auditor-General.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Submitted.—F.K., 1/12/98. Approved.—G.H.R. The Crown Solicitor.—F.K., 1/12/98.

Subject :—Disposal of premium on sale of Debentures, the property of the Public Instruction Endowment Account (now closed).

Sir,

Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, 5 January, 1899.

I have the honor to return herewith the papers relating to the above matter, forwarded to me from your Department on the 1st day of December, 1898, and to state that I have submitted them to Mr. Attorney-General Want, a copy of whose opinion thereon will be found herewith.

I have, &c.,

GEO. COLQUHOUN,
Crown Solicitor.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Copy Opinion of The Honorable The Attorney-General.

3 January, 1899.

At the time of the termination of the Trust created under the Church and School Lands certain of the funds were invested in Government debentures, and the question has now arisen as to the correct method of treating these debentures and the interest arising thereunder.

In my opinion, the interest belongs to the Trust, and must be credited thereto. With regard to the debentures, they will have to be looked upon as an investment not capable of immediate realisation; but when the time of realisation arrives the money obtained should be credited to the funds of the Trust.

J. H. WANT,
Attorney-General.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(INTERIM REPORT BY MESSRS. T. A. DIBBS, J. RUSSELL FRENCH, AND F. N. YARWOOD, THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO INQUIRE INTO THE.)

Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 26 June, 1900.

To the Honorable Sir WILLIAM LYNE, K.C.M.G., M.P.,
Premier and Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales,—

Sir,

8 June, 1900.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, having appointed us a Committee to inquire into the Public Accounts and to report upon the state of the Finances of the Colony of New South Wales, we have the honor to inform you that, from the 2nd April (the date of our appointment) to the 8th June, 1900, the present date, we have held thirty-one meetings, and each Member of the Committee has given long and careful consideration to the various points involved. We have gone thoroughly into the matter with which we are dealing at the moment, and have taken lengthy evidence in respect thereto.

It appeared to us at a very early stage of our inquiry that it would be necessary, in dealing with the results arrived at, to divide our conclusions into three divisions: the

First:—Being an answer to the question, which is of considerable public interest, of whether the late Administration submitted the Accounts year by year to the public so as to show *bona-fide* results, *i.e.*, by placing a fair year's expenditure against a full year's income; and also whether the balance at the credit of the "Consolidated Revenue Fund Account," on the 30th June, 1899, *viz.*, £116,523 5s. 8d., represented a fair and true statement of an actual surplus of revenue over expenditure for the preceding four years during which the so-called "Cash" system had been in vogue;

Second:—The answers to the questions submitted to the Committee; and

Third:—The larger question of whether the arrangements hitherto in vogue, with regard to the methods of treating our Finances generally, and Loan Expenditure, are such as can be considered sound and likely to be permanently satisfactory to this Colony.

We have been unable up to the present to complete our Inquiry, which involves a large amount of investigation, but we have the honor, at this juncture, to submit a Preliminary Report which deals with the first branch of the Inquiry as detailed above.

In the first place, taking the Finances from the 1st July, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899 (the completed period during which the Cash system has been in vogue), and going through the figures "year by year," accepting the Accounts as they are published by the Treasury, which we must of necessity do, and further leaving out altogether the debatable portion as regards the division between the amount charged to "Loan Expenditure" and the ordinary and usual expenses of carrying on the

Government of the Colony, we find that the appearance of a surplus at the end of the first year (30th June, 1896) was produced to some extent by changing the date of the financial year from January-December to July-June, whereby the inclusion of a considerable amount of the Annual Expenditure proper to the Accounts of 1895-6 was avoided. Some of the items we refer to are as under, viz. :—

Treasury Bills Redemption	£75,000	} Approximate.
Railway Debentures Redemption, 53 Vic. No. 24	37,500	
Naval Expenses, say	13,000	
Interest on various Trust Accounts, and other items... ..	103,000	
Total... ..	£228,500	

And in addition to the above, the principle of treating part of the expenditure on services paid in 1895-6 as liabilities of previous years was not one which should have been adopted if it was intended (which we think ought to have been the case) to have shown a true and actual twelve months' Expenses against a twelve months' Revenue.

It is next to impossible without unduly prolonging the Inquiry, and would produce practically no different result in the end, for us to give an absolutely exact figure for the actual Expenses of the year 1895-6; but allowing for the elimination of cross entries, in order to simplify the Accounts (their appearance in the transactions of any of the years under review being now unnecessary), it seems to us that while the full year's Revenue collected was put to the Credit of 1895-6, the Expenditure charged against the same was relieved to such an extent as to produce an alleged Surplus of about £333,000 on the 30th June, 1896, whereas it is our unanimous opinion that, had the year 1895-6 been charged with a full ordinary twelve months' Expenditure, there would have been a considerable Deficiency. We unanimously estimate the same at :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Not less than	550,000	0	0			
The year 1896-7, in spite of the retrenchment carried through in that year by the Public Service Board, showed a Deficiency, according to the Treasurer's own figures, after eliminating cross entries as before, since they do not affect the ultimate result, of ...	204,159	5	1			
The year 1897-8 showed a Surplus of ...				19,416	1	0
The year 1898-9 showed a Deficiency of ...	2,789	4	11			
	£756,948	10	0			
<i>Less</i>	19,416	1	0			
Leaving for the four years a <i>Net Deficiency of</i>	£737,532	9	0			

The above figures are based on those of the Treasury itself, and are without taking into consideration the fact that on the Expenditure side the full payments in redemption of old Liabilities, which it appears to us should have been made during that period according to Law (31 Vic. No. 11), have been omitted to be charged to the extent of £68,292 10s.; while several small amounts have been put to the Credit of "Revenue" which ought rightly to have been considered as received in reduction of Liabilities prior to the 30th June, 1895, when the change in system took place.

During the whole of this branch of our Inquiry we have invariably, where we could conscientiously do so, given the Administration of that time the benefit of any doubt in connection with any matters which have arisen; but we cannot help coming to the conclusion that the Accounts for 1895-6 should have been submitted in such a manner as would have enabled the public to form a correct judgment of the effect of the change of system on that year's Accounts. We recognise that the Accounts as they were submitted, after the change of system to what has been termed

termed the "Cash" basis, conformed to the programme sanctioned by Parliament and embodied in the "Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895," and the "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act" of the same year. The Accounts, as so made up, brought out a Surplus; but, from a business point of view, we cannot see that any such Surplus really accrued to the period, but the contrary as we have shown, and we think this should have been clearly set forth at the time the Accounts were submitted. In other words, the result of our inquiry shows that, under all the circumstances of the case, the issue of Treasury Bills to the net amount of £1,024,700, as covering Liabilities of previous years and representing an ascertained Deficiency at the 30th June, 1895, was unnecessary, and had the effect of considerably and unduly lessening the Expenditure charged to the next ensuing year, and was, therefore, in our opinion, misleading, inasmuch as thereby the subsequent real condition of the Finances was not made apparent.

We append to this Report statements showing the figures of the Revenue for the four years referred to, and also the Expenditure as charged during the same periods, which speak for themselves, while we attach also a statement of the Expenditure in detail tabulated form, as disclosed by the Treasury arrangement of the figures, for the years:—

	£	s.	d.
1895-6 as	8,924,803	19	8
1896-7 ,,	9,491,644	2	1
1897-8 ,,	9,462,676	8	3
1898-9 ,,	9,756,974	1	3

An examination of which should assist in conveying to the mind of everyone the conclusion with regard to the representation of the alleged Expenditure for the year 1895-6, upon which we comment above. So much for the years of the so-called "Cash" system.

But, in addition, we give below figures from which it may be seen what, in our opinion, has been really the Deficiency of Revenue as compared with Expenditure and Redemptions during the period of four and a half years (1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899) during which the Finances of the Colony were absolutely under the control of the late Administration, and again dealing with the situation in a spirit of liberality to the Treasurer of that time where any possible doubt arose, we find:—

	£	s.	d.
1st.—That the Debit Balance of the "Consolidated Revenue Fund" at 1st January, 1895, viz... ..	464,715	0	0
requires to be reduced by certain large items relating to previous periods, which cannot, in our opinion, be considered other than received in reduction of the above amount	339,625	2	10
Leaving a Net Inherited Debit Balance in relation to 1894 and preceding years of	£125,089	17	2
2nd.—Adjusting the subsequent figures as nearly as possible upon a business and sound financial basis (which would be that every year should bear its own proper burden), we find that the:—			
<i>Half-year</i> to the 30th June, 1895, resulted in a Deficit of	243,439	2	2
<i>Four years' period</i> , as shown on page 7 of this Report	737,532	9	0
While the amount within that period, referred to on page 8, as short charged for Redemptions (31 Vic. No. 11) in the Accounts, is as stated... ..	68,292	10	0
Making a <i>Total Deficit</i> for the four and a half years of	£1,049,264	1	2

These figures are, of course, inclusive of the amounts devoted to Redemption and Sinking Funds during the period.

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In arriving at this result, your Committee have carefully considered whether any of the Expenditure charged in the above could be fairly treated as a Liability of preceding years, and, after fully ventilating the matter, and making careful comparisons with previous years, and with subsequent ones, have unanimously decided that the above is a fair and just statement of the result for the period mentioned, and these figures are arrived at after absolutely eliminating from the Expenditure such items as those relating to the "Post Office" and "Centennial Park" Suspense Accounts, with which we will deal fully when answering the questions submitted to us.

We have endeavoured, as far as possible, to submit a statement upon this occasion without any side issues whatever which can possibly be debatable, and have also eliminated for the present the very pertinent questions that will arise in our General Report, which we will submit later on, as to whether financially this Colony is justified in including in its Revenue all money received from Land Sales and Conditional Purchases on the one side, while, on the other side, there has been charged under the "30-Year Loan System" items for small works, to some extent unproductive of Revenue. We find the Expenditure under this heading, as shown by the Treasury, is in :—

					£
Half year 1895	16,310
Year 1895-6	166,475
„ 1896-7	145,755
„ 1897-8	144,054
„ 1898-9	185,078
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Total...	£657,672
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In the same Report we purpose dealing with the General Financial position of the Colony, and will then answer the questions submitted to us, and also make recommendations to the best of our ability with regard to what it will be advisable to do in order to place the Finance of the Colony upon a satisfactory administrative basis; but as this will involve a large amount of technical detail, we take this early opportunity of submitting to you a Report upon the investigations which we have made upon what we have deemed the first portion of our Inquiry.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

T. A. DIBBS
(Chairman).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH.

F. N. YARWOOD.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

APPENDICES TO INTERIM REPORT,

8TH JUNE, 1900.

TABULATED STATEMENT showing Expenditure for the Four Years ending:—

	30/6/96.			30/6/97.			30/6/98.			30/6/99.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Services, Nos.—												
1. Judge and Church and Supplementary	45,749	9	10	47,140	17	9	46,077	4	4	44,656	19	9
2. Legislative.....	29,644	4	9	31,173	0	4	30,757	18	5	30,713	12	7
3. Chief Secretary	910,903	18	3	1,028,832	17	10	1,008,070	17	5	849,227	5	10
4. Treasury	544,471	10	2	666,497	0	9	609,936	15	9	636,075	10	0
Railways	1,763,174	6	1	1,827,150	5	9	1,865,775	14	6	1,926,658	7	8
Military										197,024	8	3
5. Attorney-General	37,208	10	11	42,087	17	0	45,410	6	4	45,424	7	7
6. Lands	291,317	14	8	294,944	6	4	283,306	8	11	287,761	5	5
7. Works	702,011	0	9	840,891	4	1	850,402	15	3	892,414	3	7
8. Justice	265,134	12	1	247,846	2	4	261,498	9	7	261,327	11	3
9. Education.....	748,319	7	4	719,560	3	3	719,147	0	4	747,368	10	7
10. Mines	134,310	9	11	139,097	14	3	131,846	8	11	153,117	9	9
11. Postmaster	702,370	3	11	706,144	1	5	701,053	17	1	695,261	12	2
	6,174,615	8	8	6,501,365	11	1	6,553,313	16	10	6,757,031	4	5
Accountants' Stamps										38	9	6
State Children										12,385	0	0
Other Payments through Treasurer's Advance ..										1,041	15	4
Rebates	177,874	14	2	179,791	12	4	177,843	1	6	181,272	16	5
Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank	2,263,472	19	9	2,272,524	13	3	2,260,088	18	6	2,310,155	7	2
Endowments	40,317	15	0	43,589	3	9	38,099	3	8	36,041	3	6
Judges	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0
Mint	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Pensions.....	5,511	0	3	5,357	6	2	5,012	15	0	5,443	13	4
Parliamentary Expenses	58,164	12	6	44,423	5	8	55,152	1	2	55,031	13	8
Railway Commissioners	6,000	0	0	5,750	0	0	5,308	17	5	5,500	0	0
Land Appeal Court	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0
Naval Expenses	24,860	0	0	37,989	0	0	37,820	0	0	37,812	0	0
Sundries	941	4	2	1,267	16	6	674	8	2	633	8	6
Superannuation Repeal							357	14	0			
Land Compensation.....										3,853	19	2
Public Service Board	1,365	11	10	2,840	0	0	3,160	0	0	3,000	0	0
Expenditure, Suspense.....										62,388	16	11
	8,782,623	6	4	9,214,398	8	9	9,166,330	16	3	9,501,129	7	11
Redemptions and Sinking Funds—												
Treasury Bills	75,000	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	0
Railway, 31 Vict. No. 11 (including Interest)	15,670	0	0	38,235	0	0	50,397	10	0	2,405	0	0
Railway, 53 Vict. No. 24.....	37,500	0	0	75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0
1924 Stock Sinking Fund	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4
1925 " "	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0
1927 " "							6,937	8	8	6,937	8	8
1928 " "										7,491	11	4
	£ 8,924,803	19	8	9,491,644	2	1	9,462,676	8	3	9,756,974	1	3

These three years are affected to the extent of about £300,000 by Public Service Board Savings.

T. A. DIBBS,
Chairman.
J. RUSSELL FRENCH.
F. N. YARWOOD.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1896, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Taxation	2,566,115 13 11	Services, Nos.—	
Services rendered	4,354,789 12 6	1. Judge and Church	29,351 1 7
Miscellaneous Receipts	315,297 10 3	Supplementary	16,398 8 3
Land Revenue and Sales	2,018,134 19 6	2. Legislative	29,644 4 9
		3. Chief Secretary	910,903 18 3
		4. Treasury	544,471 10 2
		Railways	1,763,174 6 1
		5. Attorney General	37,208 10 11
		6. Lands	291,317 14 8
		7. Works	702,011 0 9
		8. Justice	265,134 12 1
		9. Education	748,319 7 4
		10. Mines	134,310 9 11
		11. Postmaster	702,370 3 11
			6,174,615 8 8
		Rebates	177,874 14 2
		Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank	2,263,472 19 9
		Endowments	40,317 15 0
		Judges	10,500 0 0
		Mint	15,000 0 0
		Pensions	5,511 0 3
		Parliamentary Expenses, &c.	58,164 12 6
		Railway Commissioners	6,000 0 0
		Land Appeal Court	4,000 0 0
		Naval Expenses	24,860 0 0
		Sundries	2,306 16 0
			8,782,623 6 4
		Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—	
		Treasury Bills	75,000 0 0
		Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including Interest)	15,670 0 0
		Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	37,500 0 0
		1924 Stock Sinking Fund	6,602 3 4
		1925 " "	7,408 10 0
		<i>Vide note below</i>	8,924,808 19 8
		Surplus	329,533 16 6
	£ 9,254,337 16 2		£ 9,254,337 16 2

NOTE.—The above expenditure (£8,924,808 19s. 8d.) is the amount shown by the Treasury Accounts to be the expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1896, but it will be seen on reference to the Committee's Report that we do not accept these figures as representing a full ordinary twelve months' expenditure.

T. A. DIBBS,
Chairman.
J. RUSSELL FRENCH.
F. N. YARWOOD.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1897; under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS:			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Taxation	2,458,074	8 6	Services Nos.—		
Services rendered	4,599,706	16 1	1. Judge and Church	47,140	17 9
Miscellaneous receipts	276,329	16 4	2. Legislative.....	31,173	0 4
Land Revenue and Sales	1,953,373	16 1	3. Chief Secretary.....	1,028,832	17 10
			4. Treasury	666,497	0 9
			Railways	1,827,150	5 9
	9,287,484	17 0	5. Attorney-General.....	42,087	17 0
			6. Lands.....	294,944	6 4
Deficit	204,159	5 1	7. Works	840,891	4 1
			8. Justice	247,846	2 4
			9. Education	719,560	3 3
			10. Mines.....	139,097	14 3
			11. Postmaster.....	706,144	1 5
				6,591,365	11 1
			Rebates	179,791	12 4
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,272,524	13 3
			Endowments.....	43,589	3 9
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,357	6 2
			Parliamentary Expenses.....	44,423	5 8
			Railway Commissioners	5,750	0 0
			Land Appeal Court	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,989	0 0
			Sundries	4,107	16 6
				9,214,398	8 9
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vict. No. 11 (including Interest)	38,235	0 0
			Railway, 53 Vict. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
	£ 9,491,644	2 1		£ 9,491,644	2 1

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F. N. YARWOOD.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1898, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Taxation	2,570,487	17 10	Services Nos.—		
Services rendered	4,633,192	15 6	1. Judge and Church	46,077	4 4
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	255,305	11 10	2. Legislative.....	30,757	18 5
			3. Chief Secretary.....	1,008,070	17 5
			4. Treasury	609,936	15 9
	7,458,986	5 2	Railways	1,865,775	14 6
Land Revenue and Sales	2,023,106	4 1	5. Attorney-General.....	45,440	6 4
			6. Lands.....	283,306	8 11
			7. Works	850,402	15 3
			8. Justice	261,498	9 7
			9. Education	719,147	0 4
			10. Mines.....	131,846	8 11
			11. Postmaster	701,053	17 1
				6,553,313	16 10
			Rebates.....	177,843	1 6
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,260,088	18 6
			Endowments	38,099	3 8
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,012	15 0
			Parliamentary Expenses.....	55,152	1 2
			Railway Commissioners	5,308	17 5
			Land Appeal Court.....	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,820	0 0
			Sundries	3,834	8 2
			Superannuation Repeal	357	14 0
				9,166,330	16 3
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including interest)	50,397	10 0
			Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
			1927 „	6,937	8 8
				9,462,676	8 3
			Surplus	19,416	1 0
	£	9,482,092 9 3		£	9,482,092 9 3

T. A. DIBBS,
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F. N. YARWOOD.

APPENDICES TO INTERIM REPORT.

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RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1899, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Taxation	2,558,958	3 7	Services, Nos.—		
Services rendered	4,907,732	8 9	1. Judge and Church	44,656	19 9
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	285,471	8 11	2. Legislative.....	30,713	12 7
	7,752,162	1 3	3. Chief Secretary	849,227	5 10
Land Revenue and Sales	2,002,022	15 1	4. Treasury	636,075	10 0
	9,754,184	16 4	Military	197,024	8 3
Deficit	2,789	4 11	Railways	1,926,658	7 8
			5. Attorney-General.....	45,424	7 7
			6. Lands.....	287,761	5 5
			7. Works	882,414	3 7
			8. Justice	261,327	11 3
			9. Education	747,368	10 7
			10. Mines	153,117	9 9
			11. Postmaster	695,261	12 2
				6,757,031	4 5
			Accountants' Stamps	38	9 6
			State Children	12,385	0 0
			Other Payments through Treasurer's Advance	1,041	15 4
				6,770,496	9 3
			Rebates.....	181,272	16 5
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,310,155	7 2
			Endowments	36,041	3 6
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,443	13 4
			Parliamentary Expenses	55,031	13 8
			Railway Commissioners	5,500	0 0
			Land Appeal Court.....	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,812	0 0
			Sundries	633	8 6
			Land Compensation	3,853	19 2
			Public Service Board	3,000	0 0
			Expenditure Suspense	62,388	16 11
				9,501,129	7 11
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including interest)	2,405	0 0
			Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock.....	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
			1927 „	6,937	8 8
			1928 „	7,491	11 4
	£	9,756,974 1 3		£	9,756,974 1 3

T. A. DIBBS,
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F. N. YARWOOD.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

INTO THE

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS;

TOGETHER WITH THE

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE, APPENDICES, &c.

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EXECUTIVE MINUTE.

Committee of Inquiry into the Public Accounts.

2nd April, 1900.

It having been decided by the Cabinet that it is desirable in the public interest that a full inquiry and investigation should be made concerning the Public Accounts in order that a final determination may be arrived at as to the financial position of the Colony, and that a Committee should be appointed to inquire as aforesaid, I recommend to His Excellency the Governor that the following gentlemen be appointed as members of that Committee, namely :—

Thomas Allwright Dibbs, Esquire,
 John Russell French, Esquire,
 Frank Nelson Yarwood, Esquire,

and that while inviting them to exercise every latitude in the scope of the inquiry, the Committee be asked to give in their report, replies to the following questions, and to furnish the information sought under the various heads, to which their attention is particularly directed, namely :—

1. The amount of Revenue properly so-called, exclusive of such receipts as proceeds of Treasury Bills and transfers from the General Loan Account, received during the four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899.
2. The amount expended from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period.
3. The difference between the Revenue properly so-called and the Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period.
4. The amount of the expenditure charged to the two special Suspense Accounts, and the amount of the receipts credited to these Accounts, during the same period.
5. The difference between the Revenue properly so-called and the Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, exclusive of the two Special Suspense Accounts.
6. The amount of Extraordinary Receipts taken into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, such as the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills and the accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account.
7. The amount of that part of the Cash Debit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on the 31st December, 1894, which was partly extinguished in the first half-year of 1895 by the excess of receipts over expenditure, resulting from the transfer of accrued interest from the General Loan Account, and partly by the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills.
8. The net amount of the extraordinary receipts available for and utilised in meeting expenditure chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account during the period of four and a half years referred to, after deducting that portion of the cash overdraft which was extinguished as above.
9. The amount of the total deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account (Treasury Bills outstanding and cash debit balance) on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts.

10. Whether the amount of accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account belonged to the period prior to the end of the year 1894, and whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894?
11. If so, to what amount would this transfer of accrued interest properly reduce the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts?
12. Whether the law provides for the reduction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account by the annual redemption of Treasury Bills to the amount of £150,000? And, by operation of the statute, what should have been the amount of the deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts?
13. The actual amount of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts.
14. The increase in the deficiency thus created, or the reduction effected, during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, after providing for the reduction of the 1894 deficiency by the operation of the Statute, and by the transfer of accrued interest.
15. Whether the net proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills, £1,024,700, were not in effect used in meeting a deficiency in revenue as compared with the expenditure during the period of four and a half years referred to, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, leaving a credit balance on the "Account Current" existing on the 30th June, 1899?
16. Whether, in changing the system of accounts, it was provided that certain expenditure should be met from the current Consolidated Revenue, and that the unexpended votes of previous years should be spent, and the payments met from the proceeds of the issue of Treasury Bills referred to?
17. Whether, if the unexpended votes were so used, a more equitable plan would not have been to have allowed them to lapse in changing the system of keeping the public accounts, seeing that it was provided that thereafter all unexpended votes should so lapse?
18. Whether the course pursued did not have the effect of reducing the expenditure chargeable to the first year of the new system below the ordinary expenditure of the Colony, and so yielding a credit balance on the new account on the 30th June, 1896?
19. The amount of the credit balance on the 30th June, 1896, and the amount to which it had been reduced by the 30th June, 1899.
20. The amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the causes of this reduction in the expenditure. The amount charged to the proceeds of Treasury Bills in 1895-6.
21. Whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the vote in 1893 on account of Roads, Endowment to Boroughs, District Councils, and Shires under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half-year of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6, on the plea that the savings had been improperly made? And whether an examination of the annual expenditure on roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected in the amount charged to the year 1895-6 as compared with previous years?
22. Whether during the first half-year of 1895 the amount of accrued interest previously referred to was transferred from the General Loan Account, reducing the cash debit balance on the 31st December, 1894 (exclusive of suspense Accounts)? The debit balance on 30th June, 1895, which was extinguished by the proceeds of Treasury Bills. And of these proceeds, expended after the change in the system of keeping the public accounts was made, what sum was utilised in meeting claims on account of 1894 and previous years, and what sum in meeting those of the first half-year of 1895?

23. Whether the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current under the new system was relieved in the year 1895-6 by only charging it with one half-year's redemption of Treasury Bills in aid of Revenue, and of Railway Debentures?
24. Whether the act of applying £150,000 from the Sinking Fund established under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, towards meeting Railway Debentures matured under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, will not have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund at a later period to provide the amount relieved in the year 1897-8?
25. The amount by which the Consolidated Revenue has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of short-dated Loans, and in other ways, expenditure ordinarily provided from revenue? Whether the system of repayments established in connection with these loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years and whether it should not be discontinued?
26. Whether a deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account was not created during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, and if so, the amount of such deficiency:—
 - (a) Inclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.
 - (b) Exclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.
 - (c) As increased by amount taken from Sinking Fund to meet Debentures falling upon Revenue.
 - (d) As further increased by expenditure ordinarily defrayed from Consolidated Revenue, and provided from short-dated Loans, and in other ways.
27. The amount of the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund "Account Current" on the 30th June, 1896; 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898; and 30th June 1899.
28. Whether these balances represented cash in the Bank, and if so, which of them?
29. The actual condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the dates specified above, as disclosed by the Bank Balances.
30. In the event of a discrepancy between the Ledger Balances and the Bank Balances, to what was this due; and whether the system under which such differences are possible may be correctly described as a "cash basis" system?
31. Whether it is correct to hand over large interest payments to the Bank of England in the month of June, and bring them to account on the 1st July following? Whether the Commissioners would recommend the London payments in May and June to be included within the financial year during which they actually are made; and whether the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up?
32. Whether the present system of keeping the Public Accounts is a good one; and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the method of keeping the Accounts, or in their presentation, so that these may be more easily comprehended by the Public?
33. Whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from Trust Funds to the General Loan Account as alleged by the Auditor-General?
34. Whether the present system of dealing with Trust Funds, and of utilising the balances as working balances in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account should be altered; if so, what changes would the Commissioners recommend?
35. Whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's certificate? Whether, in connection with these payments an Expenditure Suspense Account was opened; the effect of that Account?

36. The amount borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to the 30th June, 1899, and to date?
37. The conditions under which these deposits were placed with the Treasury?
38. Whether any of these advances have been covered by Securities?
39. The purpose for which this money was obtained from the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales.
40. Whether from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from Loan Funds without the Certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were therefore illegal.
41. The Balances of the various Accounts when the present Government assumed office.

I further recommend that instructions be given to all public officers to answer any questions which the said Committee may put to them, and to produce all statements, books, and documents which may be of service to them.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

The Executive Council advise that the gentlemen herein named be appointed the Members of the Committee of Inquiry into the Public Accounts.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 15, 3/4/1900. Confirmed, 6/4/1900. Approved.—B., 3/4/1900.

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

INTERIM REPORT.

To the Honorable Sir WILLIAM LYNE, K.C.M.G., M.P.,
Premier and Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales,—

Sir,

8 June, 1900.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, having appointed us a Committee to inquire into the Public Accounts and to report upon the state of the Finances of the Colony of New South Wales, we have the honor to inform you that, from the 2nd April (the date of our appointment) to the 8th June, 1900, the present date, we have held thirty-one meetings, and each Member of the Committee has given long and careful consideration to the various points involved. We have gone thoroughly into the matter with which we are dealing at the moment, and have taken lengthy evidence in respect thereto.

It appeared to us at a very early stage of our inquiry that it would be necessary, in dealing with the results arrived at, to divide our conclusions into three divisions: the

First:—Being an answer to the question, which is of considerable public interest, of whether the late Administration submitted the Accounts year by year to the public so as to show *bona-fide* results, *i.e.*, by placing a fair year's expenditure against a full year's income; and also whether the balance at the credit of the "Consolidated Revenue Fund Account," on the 30th June, 1899, viz., £116,523 5s. 8d., represented a fair and true statement of an actual surplus of revenue over expenditure for the preceding four years during which the so-called "Cash" system had been in vogue;

Second:—The answers to the questions submitted to the Committee; and

Third:—The larger question of whether the arrangements hitherto in vogue, with regard to the methods of treating our Finances generally, and Loan Expenditure, are such as can be considered sound and likely to be permanently satisfactory to this Colony.

We have been unable up to the present to complete our Inquiry, which involves a large amount of investigation, but we have the honor, at this juncture, to submit a Preliminary Report which deals with the first branch of the Inquiry as detailed above.

In the first place, taking the Finances from the 1st July, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899 (the completed period during which the Cash system has been in vogue), and going through the figures "year by year," accepting the Accounts as they are published

published by the Treasury, which we must of necessity do, and further leaving out altogether the debatable portion as regards the division between the amount charged to "Loan Expenditure" and the ordinary and usual expenses of carrying on the Government of the Colony, we find that the appearance of a surplus at the end of the first year (30th June, 1896) was produced to some extent by changing the date of the financial year from January-December to July-June, whereby the inclusion of a considerable amount of the Annual Expenditure proper to the Accounts of 1895-6 was avoided. Some of the items we refer to are as under, viz. :—

Treasury Bills Redemption	... ..	£75,000	
Railway Debentures Redemption, 53 Vic. No. 24		37,500	
Naval Expenses, say	... ..	13,000	} Approximate.
Interest on various Trust Accounts, and other items...	... ..	103,000	
Total...	... ..	<u>£228,500</u>	

And in addition to the above, the principle of treating part of the expenditure on services paid in 1895-6 as liabilities of previous years was not one which should have been adopted if it was intended (which we think ought to have been the case) to have shown a true and actual twelve months' Expenses against a twelve months' Revenue.

It is next to impossible without unduly prolonging the Inquiry, and would produce practically no different result in the end, for us to give an absolutely exact figure for the actual Expenses of the year 1895-6; but allowing for the elimination of cross entries, in order to simplify the Accounts (their appearance in the transactions of any of the years under review being now unnecessary), it seems to us that while the full year's Revenue collected was put to the Credit of 1895-6, the Expenditure charged against the same was relieved to such an extent as to produce an alleged Surplus of about £333,000 on the 30th June, 1896, whereas it is our unanimous opinion that, had the year 1895-6 been charged with a full ordinary twelve months' Expenditure, there would have been a considerable Deficiency. We unanimously estimate the same at :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Not less than	550,000	0	0			
The year 1896-7, in spite of the retrenchment carried through in that year by the Public Service Board, showed a Deficiency, according to the Treasurer's own figures, after eliminating cross entries as before, since they do not affect the ultimate result, of	204,159	5	1			
The year 1897-8 showed a Surplus of				19,416	1	0
The year 1898-9 showed a Deficiency of	2,789	4	11			
	<u>£756,948</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>			
<i>Less</i>	19,416	1	0			
Leaving for the four years a <i>Net Deficiency of</i>	<u>£737,532</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>			

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The above figures are based on those of the Treasury itself, and are without taking into consideration the fact that on the Expenditure side the full payments in redemption of old Liabilities, which it appears to us should have been made during that period according to Law (31 Vic. No. 11), have been omitted to be charged to the extent of £68,292 10s.; while several small amounts have been put to the Credit of "Revenue" which ought rightly to have been considered as received in reduction of Liabilities prior to the 30th June, 1895, when the change in system took place.

During the whole of this branch of our Inquiry we have invariably, where we could conscientiously do so, given the Administration of that time the benefit of any doubt in connection with any matters which have arisen; but we cannot help coming to the conclusion that the Accounts for 1895-6 should have been submitted in such a manner as would have enabled the public to form a correct judgment of the effect of the change of system on that year's Accounts. We recognise that the Accounts as they were submitted, after the change of system to what has been termed the "Cash" basis, conformed to the programme sanctioned by Parliament and embodied in the "Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895," and the "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act" of the same year. The Accounts, as so made up, brought out a Surplus; but, from a business point of view, we cannot see that any such Surplus really accrued to the period, but the contrary as we have shown, and we think this should have been clearly set forth at the time the Accounts were submitted. In other words, the result of our inquiry shows that, under all the circumstances of the case, the issue of Treasury Bills to the net amount of £1,024,700, as covering Liabilities of previous years and representing an ascertained Deficiency at the 30th June, 1895, was unnecessary, and had the effect of considerably and unduly lessening the Expenditure charged to the next ensuing year, and was, therefore, in our opinion, misleading, inasmuch as thereby the subsequent real condition of the Finances was not made apparent.

We append to this Report statements showing the figures of the Revenue for the four years referred to, and also the Expenditure as charged during the same periods, which speak for themselves, while we attach also a statement of the Expenditure in detail tabulated form, as disclosed by the Treasury arrangement of the figures, for the years:—

	£	s.	d.
1895-6 as	8,924,803	19	8
1896-7 ,,	9,491,644	2	1
1897-8 ,,	9,462,676	8	3
1898-9 ,,	9,756,974	1	3

An examination of which should assist in conveying to the mind of everyone the conclusion with regard to the representation of the alleged Expenditure for the year 1895-6, upon which we comment above. So much for the years of the so-called "Cash" system.

But, in addition, we give below figures from which it may be seen what, in our opinion, has been really the Deficiency of Revenue as compared with Expenditure and Redemptions during the period of four and a half years (1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899) during which the Finances of the Colony were absolutely

under the control of the late Administration, and again dealing with the situation in a spirit of liberality to the Treasurer of that time where any possible doubt arose, we find :—

	£	s.	d.
1st.—That the Debit Balance of the “Consolidated Revenue Fund” at 1st January, 1895, viz... ..	464,715	0	0
requires to be reduced by certain large items relating to previous periods, which cannot, in our opinion, be considered other than received in reduction of the above amount	339,625	2	10
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Leaving a Net Inherited Debit Balance in relation to 1894 and preceding years of	£125,089	17	2
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2nd.—Adjusting the subsequent figures as nearly as possible upon a business and sound financial basis (which would be that every year should bear its own proper burden), we find that the :—

<i>Half-year</i> to the 30th June, 1895, resulted in a Deficit of	243,439	2	2
<i>Four years' period</i> , as shown on page 7 of this Report	737,532	9	0
While the amount within that period, referred to on page 8, as short charged for Redemptions (31 Vic. No. 11) in the Accounts, is as stated	68,292	10	0
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Making a <i>Total Deficit</i> for the four and a half years of	£1,049,264	1	2

These figures are, of course, inclusive of the amounts devoted to Redemption and Sinking Funds during the period.

In arriving at this result, your Committee have carefully considered whether any of the Expenditure charged in the above could be fairly treated as a Liability of preceding years, and, after fully ventilating the matter, and making careful comparisons with previous years, and with subsequent ones, have unanimously decided that the above is a fair and just statement of the result for the period mentioned, and these figures are arrived at after absolutely eliminating from the Expenditure such items as those relating to the “Post Office” and “Centennial Park” Suspense Accounts, with which we will deal fully when answering the questions submitted to us.

We have endeavoured, as far as possible, to submit a statement upon this occasion without any side issues whatever which can possibly be debatable, and have also eliminated for the present the very pertinent questions that will arise in our General Report, which we will submit later on, as to whether financially this Colony is justified in including in its Revenue all money received from Land Sales and Conditional Purchases on the one side, while, on the other side, there has been charged under the “30-Year Loan System” items for small works, to some extent unproductive

unproductive of Revenue. We find the Expenditure under this heading, as shown by the Treasury, is in :—

				£
Half year 1895	16,310
Year 1895-6	166,475
„ 1896-7	145,755
„ 1897-8	144,054
„ 1898-9	185,078
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Total...	£657,672
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In the same Report we purpose dealing with the General Financial position of the Colony, and will then answer the questions submitted to us, and also make recommendations to the best of our ability with regard to what it will be advisable to do in order to place the Finance of the Colony upon a satisfactory administrative basis ; but as this will involve a large amount of technical detail, we take this early opportunity of submitting to you a Report upon the investigations which we have made upon what we have deemed the first portion of our Inquiry.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

T. A. DIBBS

(Chairman).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH.

F. N. YARWOOD.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

APPENDICES TO INTERIM REPORT,

8TH JUNE, 1900.

TABULATED STATEMENT showing Expenditure for the Four Years ending:—

	30/6/96.			30/6/97.			30/6/98.			30/6/99.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Services, Nos.—												
1. Judge and Church and Supplementary ..	45,719	9	10	47,140	17	9	46,077	4	4	44,656	19	9
2. Legislative	29,644	4	9	31,173	0	4	30,757	18	5	30,713	12	7
3. Chief Secretary	910,938	18	3	1,028,832	17	10	1,008,070	17	5	849,227	5	10
4. Treasury	544,471	10	2	666,497	0	9	603,936	15	9	636,075	10	0
Railways	1,763,174	6	1	1,827,150	5	9	1,855,775	14	6	1,926,658	7	8
Military										197,024	8	3
5. Attorney-General	37,208	10	11	42,087	17	0	45,440	6	4	45,424	7	7
6. Lands	291,317	14	8	294,944	6	4	283,306	8	11	287,761	5	5
7. Works	702,011	0	9	840,891	4	1	850,402	15	3	824,414	3	7
8. Justice	265,134	12	1	247,846	2	4	261,498	9	7	261,327	11	3
9. Education	748,319	7	4	719,560	3	3	719,147	0	4	747,363	10	7
10. Mines	184,310	9	11	139,097	14	3	131,846	8	11	153,117	9	9
11. Postmaster	702,370	3	11	706,144	1	5	701,053	17	1	695,261	12	2
	6,174,615	8	8	6,591,365	11	1	6,553,313	16	10	6,757,031	4	5
Accountants' Stamps										38	9	6
State Children										12,385	0	0
Other Payments through Treasurer's Advance ..										1,041	15	4
Rebates	177,874	14	2	179,791	12	4	177,843	1	6	181,272	16	5
Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank	2,263,472	19	9	2,272,524	13	3	2,260,088	18	6	2,310,155	7	2
Endowments	40,317	15	0	43,589	3	9	38,099	3	8	36,041	3	6
Judges	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0
Mint	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Pensions	5,511	0	3	5,357	6	2	5,012	15	0	5,443	13	4
Parliamentary Expenses	58,164	12	6	44,423	5	8	55,152	1	2	55,031	13	8
Railway Commissioners	6,000	0	0	5,750	0	0	5,308	17	5	5,500	0	0
Land Appeal Court	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0
Naval Expenses	24,860	0	0	37,989	0	0	37,829	0	0	37,812	0	0
Sundries	941	4	2	1,267	16	6	674	8	2	633	8	6
Superannuation Repeal							357	14	0			
Land Compensation										3,853	19	2
Public Service Board	1,365	11	10	2,840	0	0	3,160	0	0	3,000	0	0
Expenditure, Suspense										62,388	16	11
	8,782,623	6	4	9,214,398	8	9	9,166,330	16	3	9,501,129	7	11
Redemptions and Sinking Funds—												
Treasury Bills	75,000	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	0
Railway, 31 Vict. No. 11 (including Interest)	15,670	0	0	38,235	0	0	50,397	10	0	2,405	0	0
Railway, 53 Vict. No. 24	37,500	0	0	75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0
1924 Stock Sinking Fund	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4
1925 " "	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0
1927 " "							6,937	8	8	6,937	8	8
1928 " "										7,491	11	4
	£ 8,924,803	19	8	9,491,644	2	1	9,462,676	8	3	9,756,974	1	3

These three years are affected to the extent of about £300,000 by Public Service Board Savings.

T. A. DIBBS,
Chairman.
J. RUSSELL FRENCH.
F. N. YARWOOD.

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RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1896, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Taxation	2,566,115 13 11	Services, Nos.—	
Services rendered	4,354,789 12 6	1. Judge and Church	29,351 1 7
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	315,297 10 3	Supplementary	16,398 8 3
Land Revenue and Sales	2,018,134 19 6	2. Legislative.....	29,644 4 9
		3. Chief Secretary.....	910,903 18 3
		4. Treasury	544,471 10 2
		Railways	1,763,174 6 1
		5. Attorney General.....	37,208 10 11
		6. Lands	291,317 14 8
		7. Works	702,011 0 9
		8. Justice	265,134 12 1
		9. Education	748,319 7 4
		10. Mines.....	134,310 9 11
		11. Postmaster	702,370 3 11
			6,174,615 8 8
		Rebates	177,874 14 2
		Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank	2,263,472 19 9
		Endowments	40,317 15 0
		Judges	10,500 0 0
		Mint	15,000 0 0
		Pensions	5,511 0 3
		Parliamentary Expenses, &c.	58,164 12 6
		Railway Commissioners	6,000 0 0
		Land Appeal Court.....	4,000 0 0
		Naval Expenses	24,860 0 0
		Sundries	2,306 16 0
			8,782,623 6 4
		Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—	
		Treasury Bills	75,000 0 0
		Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including Interest)	15,670 0 0
		Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	37,500 0 0
		1924 Stock Sinking Fund.....	6,602 3 4
		1925 " "	7,408 10 0
		Vide note below.....	8,924,803 19 8
		Surplus.....	329,533 16 6
	£ 9,254,337 16 2		£ 9,254,337 16 2

NOTE.—The above expenditure (£8,924,803 19s. 8d.) is the amount shown by the Treasury Accounts to be the expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1896, but it will be seen on reference to the Committee's Report that we do not accept these figures as representing a full ordinary twelve months' expenditure.

T. A. DIBBS,
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J. RUSSELL FRENCH.
F. N. YARWOOD.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1897, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Taxation	2,458,074	8 6	Services Nos.—		
Services rendered	4,599,706	16 1	1. Judge and Church	47,140	17 9
Miscellaneous receipts	276,329	16 4	2. Legislative.....	31,173	0 4
Land Revenue and Sales	1,953,373	16 1	3. Chief Secretary.....	1,028,832	17 10
			4. Treasury	666,497	0 9
			Railways	1,827,150	5 9
	9,287,484	17 0	5. Attorney-General.....	42,087	17 0
Deficit	204,159	5 1	6. Lands.....	294,944	6 4
			7. Works	840,891	4 1
			8. Justice	247,846	2 4
			9. Education	719,560	3 3
			10. Mines.....	139,097	14 3
			11. Postmaster.....	706,144	1 5
				6,591,365	11 1
			Rebates.....	179,791	12 4
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,272,524	13 3
			Endowments... ..	43,589	3 9
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,357	6 2
			Parliamentary Expenses.....	44,423	5 8
			Railway Commissioners	5,750	0 0
			Land Appeal Court.....	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,989	0 0
			Sundries	4,107	16 6
				9,214,398	8 9
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vict. No. 11 (including Interest)	38,235	0 0
			Railway, 53 Vict. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
	£ 9,491,644	2 1		£ 9,491,644	2 1

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RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1898, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	Services Nos.—	£	s. d.
Taxation	2,570,487	17 10	1. Judge and Church	46,077	4 4
Services rendered	4,633,192	15 6	2. Legislative.....	30,757	18 5
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	255,305	11 10	3. Chief Secretary.....	1,008,070	17 5
	7,458,986	5 2	4. Treasury	609,936	15 9
			Railways	1,865,775	14 6
Land Revenue and Sales	2,023,106	4 1	5. Attorney-General.....	45,440	6 4
			6. Lands.....	283,306	8 11
			7. Works	850,402	15 3
			8. Justice	261,498	9 7
			9. Education	719,147	0 4
			10. Mines.....	131,846	8 11
			11. Postmaster	701,053	17 1
				6,553,313	16 10
			Rebates.....	177,843	1 6
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,260,088	18 6
			Endowments	38,099	3 8
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,012	15 0
			Parliamentary Expenses.....	55,152	1 2
			Railway Commissioners	5,308	17 5
			Land Appeal Court.....	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,820	0 0
			Sundries	3,834	8 2
			Superannuation Repeal	357	14 0
				9,166,330	16 3
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including interest)	50,397	10 0
			Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
			1927 „	6,937	8 8
				9,462,676	8 3
			Surplus	19,416	1 0
	£	9,482,092 9 3		£	9,482,092 9 3

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RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1899, under So-called "Cash Basis" System.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Taxation	2,558,058	3 7	Services, Nos.—		
Services rendered	4,907,732	8 9	1. Judge and Church	44,656	19 9
Miscellaneous Receipts	285,471	8 11	2. Legislativ	30,713	12 7
			3. Chief Secretary	849,227	5 10
			4. Treasury	636,075	10 0
	7,752,162	1 3	Military	197,024	8 3
Lard Revenue and Sales	2,002,022	15 1	Railways	1,926,658	7 8
			5. Attorney-General	45,424	7 7
	9,754,184	16 4	6. Lands... ..	297,761	5 5
Deficit	2,780	4 11	7. Works	882,414	3 7
			8. Justice	261,327	11 3
			9. Education	747,368	10 7
			10. Mines	153,117	9 9
			11. Postmaster ..	695,261	12 2
				6,757,031	4 5
			Accountants' Stamps	38	9 6
			State Children	12,385	0 0
			Other Payments through Treasurer's Advance	1,041	15 4
				6,770,496	9 3
			Rebates	181,272	16 5
			Interest on Debentures and Savings Bank..	2,310,155	7 2
			Endowments	36,041	3 6
			Judges	10,500	0 0
			Mint	15,000	0 0
			Pensions	5,443	13 4
			Parliamentary Expenses	55,031	13 8
			Railway Commissioners	5,500	0 0
			Land Appeal Court.....	4,000	0 0
			Naval Expenses	37,812	0 0
			Sundries	633	8 6
			Land Compensation	3,853	19 2
			Public Service Board	3,000	0 0
			Expenditure Suspense	62,388	16 11
				9,501,129	7 11
			Redemptions and Sinking Funds, &c.—		
			Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
			Railway, 31 Vic. No. 11 (including interest)	2,405	0 0
			Railway, 53 Vic. No. 24	75,000	0 0
			1924 Stock.....	6,602	3 4
			1925 „	7,408	10 0
			1927 „	6,937	8 8
			1923 „	7,491	11 4
				£ 9,756,974	1 3
				£ 9,756,974	1 3

T. A. DIBBS,
Chairman.
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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

GENERAL REPORT.

To The Honorable SIR WILLIAM LYNE, K.C.M.G., M.P.,
Premier and Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales,—

21 July, 1900.

Sir,

The Third Division of this Inquiry, as defined in our Interim Report under date 8th June last, was foreshadowed to cover an answer to the question of whether the arrangements hitherto in vogue with regard to the methods of treating our Finances generally, and Loan Expenditure in particular, are such as can be considered sound and likely to be permanently satisfactory to the Colony.

To enable a conclusion to be arrived at in this matter, we deal below with the various component parts of the Colony's Accounts which affect the situation. We have carefully considered the different points involved from a business point of view; and although it has been stated in certain quarters that there are two ways of looking at the Public Finances, namely, from both the "Parliamentary" and the "Business" standpoint, we should like to say that, while we can quite understand the difference between the finances of a country lasting in perpetuity and those of a business corporation solely involved in operations for the purpose of paying dividends at stated periods, we have failed to discover any sound reasons for departing from what might be described as ordinary business lines; and seeing that the Government of this Colony is interested in the trading welfare of the community as landlord for a very great portion of the landed estate, railway owner over the whole Colony, and the largest employer of labour, it is, in our opinion, perhaps in the case of New South Wales more than in that of some other countries, absolutely essential that sound business lines should be followed in and common sense characterize the treatment of our Finances. Both the geographical position and the climatic conditions of this Colony demand that every attention should be directed towards lightening the burden imposed upon settlement and enterprise, if we are to be successful in competition in the markets of the world; and every care has therefore to be taken in order to see that the work of development which is carried out with capital borrowed from outside the Colony progresses only concurrently with an increase in both the wealth and the numbers of our population, so that the country may not be overweighted with a burden of debt from which no immediate relief can be obtained.

LAND REVENUE.

Dealing with the land revenue first, we may point out that for many years the Consolidated Revenue Fund was swollen by large direct sales of land. A feeling arose that this course was inadvisable, and auction sales were then very much reduced, but an increase took place in the sales on the deferred payment system, known as Conditional Purchases, and the total receipts under this system from 1883 (the first year in which the large reduction took place in the lands sold by auction) to the 30th June, 1899, amounted to £14,380,765. The whole of this amount has been treated when received as Revenue in the Accounts, although only an annually declining proportion represented interest. We have had figures laid before us, separating the interest from the principal in connection with these particular Accounts, from which it is apparent that a stage has now been reached when a very large proportion of the amount annually received represents payment on account of the Fee-simple.

From the year 1883 to 1899 the Public Accounts show that £4,050,386 has been received on account of other sales of lands, so that a total of £18,431,151 has been received and treated as ordinary Annual Revenue of the Colony during that period. It may be argued that, during part of the time, owing to the increase in population then going on, this was necessary and fair. Of late years, however, not only has the increase in the population by influx from outside sources been very much reduced, as the statistics clearly show (we quote the last fifteen years' figures below as a guide), but a practice has recently been introduced of charging to Loan Expenditure small works and other perishable items which, in earlier years, it was usual to treat as part of the ordinary Annual Expenditure of the Colony, while, in spite of these Land Receipts, for many years past the Consolidated Revenue has been based on lines, in our opinion, insufficient to meet what should have been charged as the Ordinary Annual Expenditure.

The Population figures we deem it necessary to lay before you are as under :—

End of Year.	Population.	Increase by Births over Deaths for Five Years.	Arrivals over Departures for Five Years.
1884	904,980	.....	.....
1889	1,081,820	111,862	64,978
1894	1,244,460	121,646	40,994
1899	1,356,650	107,632	4,558

The above figures show the slow growth of what we may term the adult permanent population of the Colony. Partly on this account, and partly because of the fact that, within a few years, there will be a decline in the income from the alienations under the system of Conditional Purchases (which will probably be very rapid as their maturity approaches), we consider it would be unwise to continue any longer

longer the system of treating Land Sales Proceeds (as they are described in the Accounts) as Revenue. The balances owing on Conditional Purchases are now reduced to some £10,000,000; and while possibly the present course can be continued for some years without, perhaps, under ordinary circumstances, seriously affecting the stability of the Finances—and there can be no doubt that there is a very large amount of valuable land still left in the hands of the Crown in this Colony—we unanimously consider that the time has now arrived, if the policy of retaining the lands in the possession of the State is not to be endangered, when the situation should be faced; and we suggest that, while perhaps the whole of these proceeds cannot at once be devoted to the reduction of the Deficiency Account, referred to later on, nevertheless an increasing proportion should be devoted to this purpose henceforth year by year. We are of opinion that the amount in the current year should not be less than £250,000, exclusive of the appropriation of £150,000 already provided by statute; and, after Federation is accomplished, in the event of an Australian Tariff being introduced which will leave a surplus to this Colony over and above the amount required to meet the ordinary expenses of the services retained by this State (which we think inevitable), no better object can be found to devote it to than the extinction as rapidly as possible of the large deficiency which at present exists in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund. And after this blot upon our financial position has been wiped out, we suggest that any surplus should be devoted to making provision for those items of a depreciating and ephemeral character which have in the past been charged to Loan Expenditure, although not in any sense revenue-producing or productive.

LOAN EXPENDITURE.

We give below figures showing the growth during the past twelve years of the Interest on the Public Debt, viz.:—

1887	...	...	...	...	£1,643,562
1888	...	...	...	...	£1,697,957
1889	...	...	...	...	£1,752,698
1890	...	...	...	..	£1,799,698
1891	...	...	...	...	£1,809,359
1892	...	...	...	...	£1,873,085
1893	...	...	...	...	£1,988,954
1894	...	...	...	...	£2,140,016
1895	...	...	...	...	£2,147,968
1896	...	...	...	...	£2,126,295
1897	...	...	...	...	£2,272,524
1898	...	...	...	...	£2,260,088
1899	...	...	...	...	£2,310,155

And we also give a comparative statement, which has been compiled from the Auditor-General's Reports, giving a dissection of the disbursements on Loan Services,

Services, exclusive of renewals of Loans, at the 31st December, 1890; the 30th June, 1895; and the 30th June, 1899; as under:—

Head of Expenditure.	31st December, 1890.			30th June, 1895.			30th June, 1899.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Railways and Tramways	38,149,638	12	10	39,413,837	19	10	41,287,582	4	2
Electric Telegraphs and Telephones ...	619,876	17	11	829,958	18	1	1,043,336	12	9
Sewerage and Drainage Works	708,223	1	8	2,286,658	5	0	3,267,554	10	9
Water Supply	1,840,443	10	11	4,477,378	8	8	5,412,971	0	1
Harbours and Rivers Navigation	2,053,921	3	11	3,826,986	11	1	4,927,579	1	6
Roads and Bridges	586,526	13	2	888,530	15	3	1,159,566	4	6
Department of Mines and Agriculture...	.....			21,376	2	9	155,594	10	6
Department of Lands ... ..	.....			13,488	16	4	132,231	16	11
Fortifications, Military, and Naval Works	.....			1,208,930	0	8	1,329,806	13	1
Immigration	335,961	4	0	194,429	13	10	194,429	13	10
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....			.....			5,471	9	11
Public Works, Queensland, prior to 10th December, 1859 ... ..	.....			49,855	8	6	49,855	8	6
Works and Buildings ... ..	.....			1,505,102	16	5	2,160,459	17	9
Buildings for Public Instruction ... ..	.....			739,433	18	4	822,377	11	6
Miscellaneous Public Works	*1,756,858	4	9	.....			.....
	£46,051,449	9	2	£55,455,967	14	9	£61,948,816	15	9

* Includes Works and Buildings, Buildings for Public Instruction, and Public Works in Queensland.

After going carefully into the expenditure classified under these various headings, we find that certain items have been included which, in our opinion, it would not be wise to augment, and others against which some Sinking Fund, as we have previously indicated, should be provided as soon as practically possible. It is unnecessary to mention all the items we refer to; the inclusion of such articles as Rifles and Ammunition under the heading of "Fortifications, Military, and Naval Works" is a simple illustration of the departure from business principles that has been exhibited in the past in charging these and similar items to Loan Expenditure.

We are unanimously of opinion that any addition to the permanent debt of the Colony should be very rigorously watched and guarded against, unless the particular work carried out with borrowed moneys is sufficiently revenue-producing from the outset to pay at least the Annual Interest incurred in respect of the cost of construction. We are also of opinion that the so-called "Short-dated Loan" system should be abolished, and that unless a particular work is of such a character as to entitle it to rank with such reproductive Assets as Railways, Tramways, Telegraphs, and Sewerage, it should be paid for out of the Annual Current Revenue.

In making this recommendation we do not lose sight of advantages that have accrued to the Colony in the past through what has been called an "Active Public Works Policy"; but the conditions have now changed, and until there is a considerable increase in our population, so as to take the utmost advantage of what has already been done, we seriously doubt whether to continue on the same lines for any length of time would do more than create a temporary activity to be paid for later on at possibly more than its real commercial value. It is next to impossible to lay down any hard and fast lines in this matter; there can be no question that the strides we have made in the past have been great, and, as a whole, to the advantage of the country, but we certainly have no hesitation in saying that it would be wise to wait until our permanent tax-bearing population again shows more rapid increase before augmenting the burdens that must be borne by those now engaged in the producing and commercial interests of the Colony.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS.

We are strongly of opinion that it is necessary to present the Accounts in such a way as to show at a glance the result of the operations on the Consolidated Revenue Fund during each and every separate year, in order to end the state of uncertainty which has arisen in the public mind in consequence of the disputes which have raged during the last few years; and with this object in view, we recommend that the Accounts be treated in the following manner:—

(1) A Deficiency Account be opened. The deficiency to be established as on the 30th June, 1899. This Account we have made up (see Account No. 2 appended). To that Account we have debited the following:—

Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	...	...	£1,152,884	0	0
Do 59 Vic. No. 11	...	...	1,024,700	0	0
Railway Redemption	...	...	150,000	0	0
Centennial Park Suspense Account...	228,416	17	8
General Post Office Suspense Account	468,051	15	7
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Total	£3,024,052	13	3
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From this amount we have deducted the balance of £116,523 5s. 8d. at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account Current, standing there as the outcome of the issue of the new Treasury Bills, leaving the deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, at £2,907,529 7s. 7d. This is exclusive of the sum of £1,500,000 estimated by the Public Service Board to be necessary to place the Superannuation Fund on a solvent basis. If this sum were raised by the issue of Bills and the amount placed to the credit of the Fund the deficiency would amount to £4,407,529 7s. 7d., exclusive of the liabilities on account of Police Pensions. As indicated further on, we have left the Government free to treat the deficiency on the Superannuation Fund in any way they please.

Against the deficiency of £2,907,529 7s. 7d., which we have established as existing on the 30th June, 1899, land was held at Martin Place and at the Centennial Park, of an estimated value at that date of £180,000 and £50,625 respectively; but, as indicated elsewhere, we are of opinion that the Special Suspense Accounts should

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be closed up on the 30th June, 1899, and the total debit balances carried to the Deficiency Account, and that as the land is sold the proceeds should be placed to the credit of that Account in reduction of the deficiency. A reference to the Deficiency Account, as made up (Account No. 2), will show that we have dealt with the proceeds of the recent sale at Martin-place in this way.

There were also, on the 30th June, 1899, certain advances to be recovered after that date; but we consider it desirable to keep the accounts on a cash basis, and to take into the revenue of a year any sums which may be recovered on account of previous years, and, similarly, to include in the expenditure of the year any payments which will subsequently come back to the Consolidated Revenue. Such advances can never be great in the future, if our recommendations be carried out, and the Trust Funds placed under separate management. Large advances in anticipation of Loan Votes, which are shown to have been made in the past from Consolidated Revenue, were not really made from Revenue, because there was not money at credit to allow of this being done. We are of opinion that advances in anticipation of Loan Votes should be made from the balance at the credit of the General Loan Account, when this account has been placed in credit; and that, when it is desired to secure an advance in anticipation of raising Loan Funds, such advance should be obtained from the Commissioners controlling the Trust Funds.

(2.) The revenue of each year should be charged with the amount of the Statutory redemption of the deficiency debt—£150,000 at present, to be afterwards increased as recommended—and this sum carried to the credit of the Deficiency Account (see Account No. 2 for the year ended 30th June, 1900).

(3.) The accounts of each year should be kept separate; and the surplus or deficiency which may be established on the year's operations, after charging the annual sum in reduction of the deficiency as before explained, should be carried to the Deficiency Account (see Account No. 2 for the year ended 30th June, 1900). No cash balance from a preceding year should be brought forward in the Current Account. We have made up the Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1900, in the form in which we should like to see them presented. (See Account No. 1.)

(4.) Separate banking accounts should be kept for the Account Current and the Deficiency Account, so that the balance with the bankers would always represent the true state of the current account. For interest purposes, the accounts would be taken together by the bankers in the usual way.

(5.) We are of opinion that the expenditure in connection with the despatch of the Military Contingents to South Africa, and with the outbreak of Bubonic Plague, being most exceptional items, and to some extent recoverable, should be removed from the ordinary transactions of the year ended 30th June, 1900, and in making up the accounts for that year we have carried this expenditure to the Deficiency Account (Account No. 2). Any sums received on account of this expenditure should be carried to the credit of the Deficiency Account at the end of each year hereafter; but any further expenditure should be charged to Current Revenue.

(6.) The Special Suspense Accounts having been closed up, any further expenditure in connection with the Martin-place and Centennial Park Lands should be charged to current revenue. The proceeds of the sales of these lands, however, as previously indicated, should be carried to the credit of the Deficiency Account, the deficiency on these transactions being already very large.

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(7.) As elsewhere indicated, we are of opinion that the total disbursements in London up to the 30th June in each year should be cabled out, and the actual cash balance existing at the close of the financial year shown in a subsidiary statement. Lack of data has prevented us from bringing the payments in May and June, 1900, to account in this way. But when the change is made, we think that the extra two months' London payments (including the interest-payment on Inscribed Stock to the Bank of England) should be carried to the debit of the Deficiency Account, so that the year in which the change is made should not be unduly burdened.

(8.) It should be clearly understood that the Deficiency Account as established by us (Account No. 2) should not be increased except by the annual deficiency which may be found to exist on the operations of any year, and with two additional exceptions, namely, first, the two months' London payments referred to, and second, provision for placing the Superannuation Funds on a solvent basis, provided that this matter is dealt with vigorously, and the funds placed on a sound actuarial basis by a single operation. But if the payment of superannuation allowances is to be made an annual charge, then this charge should fall upon current revenue.

(9.) The Deficiency Account (Account No. 2) should be carried on year by year, so that the operations of at least ten years may become visible at a glance, and it should always cover the transactions of a series of years, in order that a comparison may be made without trouble.

(10.) Any legislation which may be found necessary in order to carry out these suggestions should be passed.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TREASURY AND AUDIT OFFICE.

We have had laid before us papers dealing with various matters involving differences of opinion between these departments; and for the final adjustment of these questions and the settlement of any future difficulties that may arise in connection with the arrangement of Accounts or matters relating thereto, we suggest that a Permanent Committee of three should be appointed (one Officer from the Treasury and one from the Audit Office, with an independent Chairman), whose duty should be to inquire into such disputes and to come to a final decision in regard to them, to be binding on the different Officers.

We also strongly recommend that inquiries should be made as to whether such changes cannot be effected in the present Audit arrangements as to enable the work of Audit to be conducted continuously at the Treasury (instead of in a separate office as at present), and to make the Audit, if possible, more businesslike and effective, and much more economical, than it is now. The question of the earlier issue of the Report of the Auditor-General should also receive consideration; so as to be of service, we think it should be issued to the public within, at most, three months of the end of the financial year.

TRUST FUNDS.

In answer to Question No. 34, we deal fully with the Trust Funds. It is only necessary here to say that as the result of our consideration of these Accounts we recommend that the Trust Funds proper—that is to say, Funds of which the Treasurer is by statutory obligation Trustee—should be separated from the others and placed in the hands of a body of Trustees, of whom the Treasurer of the day should be Chairman.

No investments or alterations in dealing with such Funds should be made without the consent of a majority of the Trustees. The Uninvested Cash Balance required for the ordinary working of such Accounts should be dealt with as at present, and drawn upon or added to in the usual manner through the Treasurer, acting as Chairman of the Trust. The Cash Balance of these Accounts should be separated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and placed to the Credit of a separate Account, in the Banks holding the Government Accounts. It would be the duty of the Trustees to make provision towards meeting any call for Cash that might be made upon the separate funds within their jurisdiction; and the permanent investment of all money should be strictly confined to the purchase of Government Stock, either direct from the Treasury or in the open market.

THE QUESTIONS.

In answering the forty-one Questions we deal with other features of the Finances. We have now only to add that we presented an Interim Report in order to clear away the contentious matter involved in our investigations; and on going closely into the Questions submitted to us, we find that the action we then took has practically rendered it unnecessary to give detailed figures in reply to many of the Questions, which involve answers which would only go to build up a similar result to what we have already shown in the Report referred to as a true and fair presentation of the Accounts for the period involved.

Answers to Questions,
Specimen Accounts,
Evidence and Appendix,

are attached hereto.

In conclusion, we desire to place on record our thanks for the assistance given us by our Secretary, Mr. J. R. Martin, whose intimate knowledge of the Accounts was of service to us; and our high appreciation of the care, thought, and earnestness that have been exhibited by all those who have been before us during this investigation. Every assistance has been given us by them, and all questions asked have been freely and thoroughly answered.

We have, the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

T. A. DIBBS
(Chairman).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH.
F. N. YARWOOD.

Answers to the Forty-one Questions submitted.

Question No.	1	} Answers to these Questions are covered by our Interim Report.
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Question No. 4—

The amount of the Expenditure charged to the two Special Suspense Accounts, and the amount of the Receipts credited to these Accounts during the same period?

Answer—

The amount of Expenditure charged to the General Post Office and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts for the period of four and a half years ended 30th June, 1899, was £162,878 16 · 2

The amount of the Receipts credited to these Accounts during the same period was 1,434 3 1

The Expenditure, in excess of Receipts, being... £161,444 13 1

Question No. 24—

Whether the act of applying £150,000 from the Sinking Fund established under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, towards meeting Railway Debentures matured under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, will not have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund at a later period to provide the amount relieved in the year 1897-8?

Answer—

Yes; and in order to clear the Accounts, and thus obtain an intelligible idea of the position and a proper starting-point for the future, we have carried this amount, as on the 30th June, 1899, to the "Deficiency Account" more particularly described in the General Report.

Question No. 25—

The amount by which the Consolidated Revenue has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of Short-dated Loans, and in other ways, Expenditure ordinarily provided from Revenue? Whether the system of repayments established in connection with these Loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years, and whether it should not be discontinued?

Answer—

The amount charged to "Short-dated Loans" is given in our Interim Report. The system of repayments adopted undoubtedly, as the Accounts show, considerably relieved the first few years; and in our General Report we advise the discontinuance of this system, and give our reasons for such recommendation.

Question No. 30—

In the event of a discrepancy between the Ledger Balances and the Bank Balances, to what was this due; and whether the system under which such differences are possible may be correctly described as a "Cash Basis" system?

Answer—

Discrepancies, or rather differences, at all times, between the Ledger and Bank Balances, are caused by the delay in the receipt of London Accounts, and by the Special Suspense Accounts which have hitherto existed. The designation of "Cash Basis" for the system of Accounts is an unfortunate one; as a matter of fact, at no time since the new system was introduced have the Ledger Balance figures, referred to as Cash Balances on the 30th June, been a true indication of the actual position of the Finances.

Question No. 31—

Whether it is correct to hand over large Interest Payments to the Bank of England in the month of June, and bring them to account on the 1st July following? Whether the Commissioners would recommend the London Payments in May and June to be included within the Financial Year during which they are actually made; and whether the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up?

Answer—

It is not technically correct to treat London Payments in the way they have been dealt with, but, after very careful inquiry and consideration, we have come to the conclusion that, owing to the ramifications of the operations of the Government's transactions on "Trust," "Loan," and "Revenue" Accounts in London, it would not be advisable to cable out the details of the payments in May and June. We are unanimously of opinion, however, that such totals should be obtained by cable for a trifling expense at the end of each Financial Year as would enable a clear metallic balance of actual Cash on hand to be shown in a subsidiary statement; and we have recommended in our General Report, if this be done, to charge the extra two months' payments to Deficiency Account.

Question No. 32—

Whether the present system of keeping the Public Accounts is a good one; and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the method of keeping the Accounts, or in their presentation, so that these may be more easily comprehended by the Public?

Answer—

We have inspected the books at the Treasury and, without going thoroughly into them, item by item, we have no hesitation in saying that they appear to be well
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and carefully kept. The system of book-keeping, under all the circumstances, seems to us as simple as it is possible to make it, while meeting all the legal requirements. With regard to the presentation of the Annual Accounts to the public, we have given considerable thought to this matter, and have made some important recommendations in our General Report.

In amplification of those remarks, we suggest that all Refunds and Rebates should, in future, be dissected, and instead of being treated as Expenditure, should be deducted from the Gross Receipts, under each particular heading to which they may belong, so as to show the Net Revenue from all sources in every case where possible.

We further recommend that Railway Receipts as well as Expenditure should be under separate headings in future accounts, as the object should be to show the Receipts for different Services rendered against the payments for the Expenditure on account of the same. At the same time, constant changes in the method of submitting Returns should be avoided; but all alterations necessary should, we think, be adjusted at once, so that the Statements after Federation has been accomplished may be in as permanent a form as possible, and as clear as circumstances will permit. Statutory authority for the form of Accounts should be obtained, so as to prevent future alteration without reference to Parliament.

As regards the "*Centennial Park Suspense Account*," we find, that the Expenditure under this head appears first in 1887:—

In that year the amount paid out was (charged to Ordinary Expenditure)	£20,285	0	0
In the next year there was a further sum spent of... ..	66,784	11	5
charged to Expenditure;			
In 1889	56,913	4	2
1890	26,250	3	10
1891	27,560	17	3
1892	1,617	6	2
1893 ... ..	.....	
Total charged to Ordinary Expenditure	199,411	2	10
In October, 1894, there being a Debit against the Consolidated Revenue Fund, it was split up, and then this amount first appears in the printed Accounts as under "Suspense" heading, and no change took place in the same to June 1895.			
In the year 1895-6 the Debit was increased by ...	24,960	16	11
In 1896-7 there was no change.			
In 1897-8 it was reduced by ... ..	.....	6	0
In 1898-9, an increased further Debit of... ..	4,050	17	11
	228,422	17	8
	6	0	0
Leaving a Net Debit Balance on the Books on the 30th June, 1899, of	£228,416	17	8
Against which it was stated Land Sales would come in reduction.			

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During the course of this examination we have found that, in August, 1896, it was officially stated that 39 acres were then available for sale, of an estimated value of £39,000. On several occasions in 1896 the matter was submitted for consideration, and in December of that year it was calculated that all the land legally available under the Act as it then stood, and remains now (viz., 101½ acres), was worth, at a high average price, £50,625. An alteration in the Act was suggested for the Cabinet's consideration whereby the available land for sale would be increased by a reduction of the park area originally provided for. By this increase to the area it was estimated that the sales would produce in all £137,875. Compared, therefore, with the figures at the Debit of the Account, it is self-evident, even if the increased area suggestion had been adopted (and we are told that no Act has yet been drafted), that there was a known shortage on this Account from the end of 1896-7 of

... ..	£86,496 19 9
And by the end of the year 1898-9, it was increased by	
additional Debits to—	90,541 17 8

We recommend that this Account should be closed up on the 30th June, 1899, and dealt with as indicated in our General Report.

“ *General Post Office New Street Suspense Account* ” appears as a separate Balance in list of Public Accounts at 31st December, 1892. The amount is then shown as under, viz. :—

<i>Payments</i> in 1890...	£159,647 14 8	<i>Receipts</i> ...	£5,811 7 6
„ 1891...	177,730 10 4	„ ...	23 14 2
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	£337,378 5 0		£5,835 1 8
	5,835 1 8		
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<i>Dr. Balance</i> —	£331,543 3 4		

1892	Payments	£87,814 13 6	Receipts	£27,216 0 0	Dr.	£392,141 16 10
1893	„	29,947 3 0	„	102,523 5 3	„	319,565 14 7
1894	„	16,047 2 9	„	.....	„	335,612 17 4
1895 (½-yr.)	„	132,929 1 6	„	.....	„	468,541 18 10
1895-6	„	695 18 8	„	.....	„	469,237 17 6
1896-7	„	25 2 2	„	.....	„	469,262 19 8
1897-8	„	177 15 11	„	465 19 5	„	468,974 16 2
1898-9	„	.....	„	923 0 7	„	468,051 15 7

Against the above Debit Balance of £468,051 15s. 7d., which is the cost without interest, the sum of £79,000 has recently been received from land sold, and it has been shown by expert evidence that the estimated value of the land left is about £100,000. It will thus be seen that, even if the above estimate be realised, there is a loss to be dealt with of £290,000 on this Account alone. This resumption took place under an Act of 1889, and it is quite evident from the above that a loss has been apparent in connection with this Account for many years past.

We recommend that this Account should also be closed up on the 30th June, 1899, as indicated in our General Report.

Question No. 33—

Whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from Trust Funds to the General Loan Account, as alleged by the Auditor-General?

Answer—

Yes.

Question No. 34—

Whether the present system of dealing with Trust Funds and of utilising the Balances as Working Balances in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account should be altered; if so, what changes would the Commissioners recommend?

Answer—

We find, on investigation, that the Accounts published by the Treasury under the head of "Trust Funds" may be divided under three classes, viz. :—

- (1.) Trust Funds proper, *i.e.*, Funds of which the Treasurer is by Statutory obligation Trustee.
- (2.) Moneys deposited or borrowed for the purpose of assisting the General Banking Accounts of the Government, which are principally required for the General Loan Account. Under this head come the Savings Bank of New South Wales Deposits, now aggregating £2,640,000.
- (3.) Departmental Working Accounts including Store Accounts, and Advance Accounts, &c.

The present system of dealing with these Funds appears to require alteration, and it is therefore recommended, as indicated in our General Report, that—

The first of these Divisions, which constitutes the General Trust Funds proper, should be separated from the others, and should retain the heading of "Trust Funds."

The Accounts under this division should be placed in the hands of a body of Trustees, of whom the Treasurer for the time being should be Chairman.

No investments or alterations in dealing with such Funds should be made without the consent of a majority of the Trustees.

The Uninvested Cash Balance required for the ordinary working of such Accounts should be dealt with as at present, and drawn upon or added to in the usual manner through the Treasurer, acting as Chairman of the Trust.

The Cash Balance of these Accounts should be separated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and placed to the Credit of a separate Account, in the Banks holding the Government Accounts, and should, in consideration of the fact that the Treasurer has to pay Interest on the Uninvested Cash, be allowed to be included in the aggregate amount of the General Banking Account, for Interest purposes only, in order that the Treasury may get the full benefit of the arrangement whereby the Government Bankers charge no Interest on any overdrawn individual Account so long as there is a Credit Balance on the aggregate Government Account.

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It would be the duty of the Trustees further to see that ample provision was always made to provide for any call for Cash that might at any time be made upon the separate funds within their jurisdiction; and the permanent investment of all moneys should be strictly confined to the purchase of Government Stock, either direct from the Treasury or in the open market.

The Second and Third Divisions of the above to be described as "*Special Deposit Accounts.*"

With reference to the Amounts forming the Second Division, it is deemed very undesirable that amounts should be held at call or for short periods, and form, on such insecure tenure, an addition to the Public Debt. It is therefore recommended that:—

Statutory provision should be embodied by amendment in the Audit Act to the effect that no sums shall be taken on deposit, or in any like manner, for a longer period than twelve months, and that this class of accommodation should be accepted only from the "Trust Funds" at the Credit of the Trustees, or Government Accounts only, and in all cases, when possible, the Accounts should be squared annually before the 30th June, so as to simplify and avoid extraneous entries in the published Annual Public Accounts.

It is recognised that the state of the Money Market may at times render it undesirable to float a Loan, but it is considered that by allowing a period of twelve months all reasonable provision will be ensured for securing a favourable market.

It is also suggested, with regard to the "Special Deposits" from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, now held by the Government:—

That no further renewals of such Deposits be allowed, but provision made for either discharging them at maturity or exchanging them for Government Stock or Treasury Bills.

We would further remark, with reference to these Deposits, part of which was apparently taken to assist the "General Loan Account" through the medium of book entries, as advances to "General Loan Account"—£1,500,000—that it would be advisable, with a view to getting rid of both these objectionable items, that an authorised loan be floated at the first favourable opportunity. By this means the true financial condition of the "General Loan Account," as well as the liability of the Government, in regard to the Public Debt, would be made apparent.

The Committee think that such matters as the "Roberts' Bequest Trust" should not in any case be accepted, as no obligation to do so exists, and they recommend that Securities should be handed to the Authorities of the University, it being, in their opinion, highly undesirable that the Government Accounts should be burdened with matters which do not belong to Public Finance.

As regards the third class, viz., "Departmental Working Accounts."

"Store" and "Advance" Accounts: These might, as already remarked, be included under the general heading of "Special Deposit Accounts."

Remarks

Remarks on Special Trust Accounts.—These consist of Redemption Funds and Supreme Court Accounts, and each has its separate Banking Account, the whole being included in the General Banking Account for Interest purposes only.

With regard to the Redemption Funds, provision is already made in the several Acts under which they were instituted for the establishment of Trustees, but up to the present the provision has not been taken advantage of.

In the case of the Supreme Court Accounts, they are Working Accounts over which the Treasurer has only a nominal control. There is no reason why they should not remain as they are now under the control of the Courts.

Question No. 35—

Whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from Revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's Certificate? Whether, in connection with these payments, an Expenditure Suspense Account was opened; the effect of that account?

Answer—

We have had evidence that payment of £1,278,940 was made, as stated in the question, and that the amounts were treated under "Expenditure Suspense" heading pending the ordinary Parliamentary authority being obtained. The failure, however, to obtain promptly this authority appears to us to have only been a technical point; at the same time, dealing with Public Funds, as the Treasury are daily, we think that, where it is absolutely necessary to act without full Parliamentary authority, such should be obtained in all cases without delay. We should have liked to have evidence from the late Treasurer of that time on this point; but we invited him to attend on two occasions, and he did not accept the invitation.

Question No. 36—

The amount borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to the 30th June, 1899, and to date?

Answer—

To the 30th June, 1899	...	...	...	...	£2,415,000
„ 2nd May, 1900	...	...	...	...	2,640,000

Question No. 37—

The conditions under which these Deposits were placed with the Treasury?

Answer—

Practically at call, or short notice.

Question No. 38—

Whether any of these Advances have been covered by Securities?

Answer—

No.

Question No. 39—

The purpose for which this money was obtained from the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales?

Answer—

We believe to provide for advances to "Loan Account." We may here add that we do not think these advances should be included in Trust Fund Accounts.

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They cannot in any sense of the word be considered "Trust Funds," nor was it obligatory upon the Treasurer to take them. We may further add that we consider that the Government placed itself in an unfavourable position by borrowing to such an extent on the terms they did, and we cannot understand why the Treasurer of that time (seeing the period over which these advances were obtained) did not insist upon issuing Stock for the amount borrowed, so as to obviate the existing position of liability to be called upon to repay such a large amount at call. It is our unanimous opinion, we may say, that there have been several occasions during the period covered when there would have been no difficulty in selling the Stock at satisfactory prices, and we would strongly urge upon the Government of the day to take such measures as may be necessary to relieve the Colony from its present liability in this particular direction.

Question No. 40--

Whether from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from Loan Funds without the certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were therefore illegal?

Answer--

From the evidence put before us we find that, owing to the Auditor-General taking one view of the matter (subsequently, we may add, confirmed by high legal authority) and the Treasury another, certificates were not issued by the Auditor-General for certain payments totalling a large amount which it was essential at the time should be paid. An Act has since been passed in which the wording has been altered in such a way as to get over this difficulty, but we consider it is very debatable whether it is wise for this Colony, wealthy as it undoubtedly is, to continue spending Loan Funds to any large extent without first obtaining the money for same on such terms as would render it impossible for any one to call upon the Treasurer for repayment thereof on practically very short notice. In fact, it is undoubtedly only following on the lines of sound finance to say that, when the Money Market is not favourable for floating Loans, Expenditure should only be proceeded with very cautiously, as it is quite within the range of possibility that, were the Government forced by circumstances to go either to the London or the Colonial Market at a critical time for any large sum (such as in the present case has been allowed to accumulate without the issue of Scrip therefor), the money could and would possibly be obtained, but the price that might have to be paid for it would seriously affect the financial standing of the Colony's securities for long afterwards.

It is perhaps not out of place here for us to say that, instead of borrowing so largely from the Savings Bank of New South Wales at call, as the Government has done in the past, it would be well to encourage and popularise small local investments in Government Stock. This market is incapable of absorbing millions in this way, but it certainly would be wise, as far as possible, to enlarge the numbers of those living here who are financially specially interested in the politics of the country.

It is our unanimous and unhesitating opinion that, taking money at call other than through the Post Office Savings Bank, or on any other basis than that of the issue of Stock for a more or less lengthy period, should be avoided under almost any and every circumstance.

Question

Question No. 41—

The Balances of the various Accounts when the present Government assumed office?

Answer—

	<i>Dr.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Sydney</i> —						
Consolidated Revenue Fund Account (Exclusive of Public School Moneys.)	1,053,935	11	0	.....	
<i>Sydney and London</i> —						
Trust Funds				3,344,817	13	8
<i>Sydney</i> —						
Public Schools Act, 61 Vic. 20				73,375	11	2
Advances to Settlers Act, No. 1 of 1899				161,422	6	8
* General Loan Account	1,653,244	2	3		
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<i>Net Credit Balance, Sydney and London</i>				£869,435	18	3

* In addition to this sum, the Account owed £50,000 to the Curator of Intestate Estates.

T. A. DIBBS

(Chairman).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH.

F. N. YARWOOD.

No. 1 Account.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

CURRENT ACCOUNT of Ordinary INCOME and EXPENDITURE for year ended 30th June, 1900.

Dr.

Cr.

Income.	Amount.		Total.		Expenditure.	Payments under Parliamentary Authority.		Payments under Treasurer's Advance Vote.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Revenue and Receipts, 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900 :—					By Expenditure on account of Departments :—						
„ Taxation		2,675,993 0 11			Schedules A and C	44,032 15 7		11 14 11		44,044 10 6	
„ Miscellaneous		225,386 9 2			Executive and Legislative	31,641 7 6				31,641 7 6	
„ Services rendered :—					Chief Secretary	1,056,996 12 9		5,100 12 0		1,062,097 4 9	
Generally	1,488,752 4 4				Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade ..	506,753 8 7		26,066 5 5		532,819 14 0	
Railways, &c.	3,640,449 16 3				Railways	2,102,763 19 8				2,102,763 19 8	
„ Land : —					Attorney-General	70,708 5 1		716 3 1		71,424 8 2	
Sales	872,212 16 9				Secretary for Lands	307,090 7 9		659 2 3		307,749 10 0	
Annual Returns	1,301,103 0 9				Secretary for Public Works	911,119 7 2		23,357 4 6		934,476 11 8	
„ Advances repaid on Account of 1899-1900 :—			10,203,897 8 2		Administration of Justice	267,587 14 2		469 7 8		268,057 1 10	
State Children's Relief, 1898-9		12,385 0 0			Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	769,525 7 10		425 7 9		769,950 15 7	
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1899-1900		3,017 8 8			Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	153,403 14 10		676 17 9		154,080 12 7	
Stamp Exchange, 1899-1900		1,400 18 1			Postmaster-General	721,709 12 10		4,858 16 2		726,568 9 0	
„ Advances repaid on Account of 1898-1899 :—			16,803 6 9		Special Appropriations	393,593 19 7				393,593 19 7	
Treasurer's Advance, 1897-8		882 14 6			„ Total paid in accord with Appropriation Act	7,338,926 13 4				7,401,268 4 10	
„ „ 1898-9		16,806 19 8			„ Total paid out of Treasurer's Advance Vote			62,341 11 6			
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1898-9		13,874 17 2			„ Interest on Public Debt, &c. :—						
Stamp Exchange, 1898-9		38 9 6			Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock			2,241,058 4 7			
			31,603 0 10		Interest on Uninvested Funds, temporary possession of Government			27,136 11 8			
			£10,252,303 15 9		Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales			72,100 0 0			
					Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency 1886 and previous years			38,471 10 4			
					Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, and previous years			30,741 0 0			
					„ Payments on account Prevention of Scab in Sheep					2,409,507 6 7	
					„ Payments from Advance Account of 1899-1900, to be recovered					23,486 16 7	
					„ Payments in reduction of Public Debt :—					9,834,262 8 0	
					Sinking Fund	£114,561 6 8				9,825 8 3	
					Treasury Bills Redemption	150,000 0 0					
					„ Payments in connection with sale of Martin-place lands					264,561 6 8	
					„ Surplus on ordinary transactions carried forward					956 14 0	
										142,697 18 10	
										£10,252,303 15 9	
To SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD					By SURPLUS CARRIED TO DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT, No. 2					£10,252,303 15 9	

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No. 2 Account.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

STATEMENT of Deficiency Account.

Dr.				Cr.			
1899.		£	s. d.	1899.		£	s. d.
30 June ..	To Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	1,152,884	0 0	30 June ...	By Balance on Current Account	116,523	5 8
30 ,, ...	,, 59 Vic. No. 11	1,024,700	0 0	30 ,, ...	Deficiency carried forward	2,907,529	7 7
30 ,, ...	Railway Redemption, 53 Vic. No. 24	150,000	0 0		ASSETS IN SUSPENSE.		
30 ,, ...	Centennial Park Suspense Account	228,416	17 8		Land	£230,625.	
30 ,, ...	General Post Office Account	468,051	15 7				
		£ 3,024,052	13 3				£ 3,024,052 13 3
1 July ...	To Deficiency brought forward	2,907,519	7 7	1900.			
1900.				30 June ...	By Statutory Redemption, Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	150,000	0 0
30 June ...	Special Expenditure—			30 ,, ...	Martin-place Lands	79,927	10 0
	South African Contingents	157,984	10 8	30 ,, ...	Surplus on ordinary transactions of year	142,697	18 10
	Outbreak of Plague	84,451	9 4	30 ,, ...	Deficiency carried forward	2,777,339	18 9
		£ 3,149,965	7 7		ASSETS IN SUSPENSE.		
					Land	£150,625.	
1 July ...	To Deficiency brought forward	2,777,339	18 9				£ 3,149,965 7 7

NOTE.—At 30 June, 1900, the land at Martin-place and Centennial Park was estimated as follows:—

Martin-place	£100,000
Centennial Park	50,625
Total	£150,625

The proceeds of the sales of this land will go in reduction of the above deficiency. There were also certain advances to be recovered at the end of each financial year.

Tabulated Statement of Deficiency.

	Total.	Cash.	Covered by Bills.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
30 June, 1899	2,907,529 7 7	729,945 7 7	2,177,584 0 0
30 June, 1900	2,777,339 18 9	749,755 18 9	2,027,584 0 0

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

FIRST DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1900.

[The Committee met at the Board Room, Chief Secretary's Office.]

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Vernon, Accountant to the Treasury, examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] The accounts in the *Government Gazette*, showing the revenue proper and the expenditure proper, are really a reflex of your ledgers at the Treasury, are they not? They are, subject to audit. They are practically a reflex, or, rather, a forecast of our ledgers,—that is to say, our ledgers are balanced and these accounts are published. These are reconciled with any further alterations which may be made after the Auditor-General has gone through them in the annual accounts.

J. Vernon,
Esq.
18 April, 1900.

2. Can you tell me what the expenditure was on 31st March, 1895; I want to check your figures with figures which I have here before me? Taking the revenue first, that was £3,090,995 12s. 3d.

3. That is not the revenue proper according to my figures.

4. *Mr. French.*] Do you keep a book at the Treasury in which the items are recorded? Yes.

5. So, your published statements are from a book which you can show if necessary? Yes.

6. *Chairman.*] The answer I should expect you to give is £2,132,640 3s. 3d., that was the revenue proper? Yes.

7. What was the expenditure proper? The expenditure proper was £2,576,916 7s. 1d.

8. *Mr. French.*] What is the reason of the discrepancy between the two sets of figures you have quoted? The figures I first quoted include all the charges and credits to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which would include such items as what we call "other receipts." Those are amounts expended and to be recovered.

9. The supplementary items, as far as expenditure is concerned, are sums charged and to be recouped, is that so? To be repaid.

10. From some source or other? From some source, certainly.

11. And, in fact, they are merely an interim charge to the Consolidated Revenue? That is all, but they would appear in the ledger balances.

12. If we eliminate these we will have to bring them in somewhere in regard to your Annual Statement of Account, the debits and credits? In regard to Ways and Means, they are all accounted for there. And to obtain the true condition—at least, what we contend is the true condition—you would need to bring in all the outstanding accounts at the close of the investigation. I can give the Commission a statement which can be very easily checked and verified from the annual accounts showing the revenue proper, the "other receipts" for each of the years included in the period of investigation.

13. *Chairman.*] Will you give me the revenue proper for the quarter ending 30th June, 1895? The revenue was £2,432,140 6s. 11d.

14. And the expenditure for the same period? The expenditure was £2,353,891 19s. 5d.

15. And the revenue and expenditure for the quarter ending 30th September, 1895? The revenue was £2,397,700 18s. 11d. and the expenditure £2,409,472 18s. 8d.

16. For the quarter ending December 31, 1895? The revenue was £2,444,020 6s. 1d. and the expenditure £2,615,121 3s. 10d.

17. For 31st March, 1896? The revenue was £1,985,090 3s. 4d. and the expenditure £2,331,199 11s. 10d.

18. For 30th June, 1896? The revenue was £2,425,033 14s. 6d. and the expenditure £2,530,483 12s. 8d.

19. For 30th September, 1896? The revenue was £2,281,431 6s. 3d. and the expenditure £2,231,261 2s.

20. That does not include £1,562 11s. 8d. belonging to the previous year. Do you wish to include the deficiency accounts?

21. No; we want the revenue and expenditure proper? We are now dealing with what is known as the new current account.

22. *Mr. French.*] What is that? That is since 30th June, 1895.

23. The cash system? Yes.

24. *Chairman.*] The amount I expected you to call out was £2,382,823 14s. 3d. Have you that amount there;—it must be there? I have that amount, but that is including £150,000 for Treasury Bills.

25. But still that is expenditure proper? Oh yes.

26. Was that ever credited? Yes; in the £1,174,000 issued, that was credited to the Consolidated Revenue.

27. And of that amount, the sum of £150,000 was cancelled? Yes.

28. As the amount of £1,174,000 for Treasury Bills was credited to Consolidated Revenue, the £150,000 is a fair debit to put in this figure?

Mr. French.] It may be a fair debit, but it ought to be left out, and brought in as a special item, or a note taken of it, because it is not expenditure proper.

Witness.] It is practically what we call another payment, because the Treasury Bills came in under "other receipts."

- J. Vernon,
Esq.
18 April, 1900.
28. *Chairman.*] Of the £1,174,700 the sum of £150,000 was returned? Yes.
29. Now, will you give me the expenditure up to 30th September as it should be? £2,232,823 14s. 3d. There is a sum of £150,000 which has been excised, and there is a small payment of £1,562 11s. 8d. on account of the services of 1895.
30. What are the figures for the quarter ending 31st December, 1896? The revenue was £2,332,215 6s. 6d. and the expenditure £2,745,910 19s. 10d.
31. And for the quarter ending 31st March, 1897? Revenue, £2,103,747 15s. 3d.; and the expenditure, £2,151,245 12s. 4d.
32. For the quarter ending 30th June, 1897? Revenue, £2,591,874 14s. 1d.; and the expenditure, £2,376,818 12s. 4d.
33. For 30th September, 1897? Revenue, £2,115,173 3s. 7d.; and the expenditure, £2,240,559 11s. 11d.
34. For 31st December, 1897? Revenue, £2,297,146 2s. 8d.; and the expenditure, £2,657,587 19s. 6d.
35. In the figures before me the expenditure appears as £2,602,000 odd? But there is an amount of £55,027 in adjustment of the vote advanced to the Treasury, which is a proper expenditure.
36. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose the reason for showing that separately is because it belongs to another year? Yes; that is the expenditure paid from the Treasurer's Advance Account in the previous year, but, upon being voted by Parliament, it is brought into the expenditure proper.
37. *Chairman.*] What are the figures for the quarter ending 31st March, 1898? Revenue, £2,298,075 3s. 6d.; and the expenditure, £2,197,345 0s. 11d.
38. I see another difference in the figures there;—what is the amount of the difference? £14,300.
39. *Mr. French.*] What item is that? That is an item for expenditure on account of services for 1895–96.
40. *Chairman.*] Now, the figures for the quarter ending 30th June, 1898? Revenue, £2,771,739 19s. 6d.; and the expenditure, £2,366,358 14s. 4d.
41. For the quarter ending 30th September, 1898? Revenue, £2,226,145 17s. 6d.; and the expenditure, £2,248,694 10s. 7d.
42. For 31st December, 1898? Revenue, £2,450,835 10s. 7d.; and expenditure, £2,660,958 4s. 6d.
43. For 31st March, 1899? Revenue, £2,258,529 9s. 5d. I expect you have £2,591,063 19s. 3d. as the expenditure, but you want to add to that, for a similar reason to what I have already given, £134,223 15s. 8d. The figures should be £2,725,287 14s. 11d.
44. For the quarter ending 30th June, 1899? Revenue, £2,818,673 18s. 10d.; and the expenditure, £2,195,236 5s. 7d.
45. Now, take the starting point of January, 1895, what was the balance shown to the debit of the Consolidated Revenue on that date? The balance shown by the *Gazette* was £464,711 0s. 4. That was corrected upon audit to £464,715.
46. In my figures here I have the amount £496,400 1s. 5d.;—can you explain the difference? No, I cannot.
47. There is a difference there of £31,000 odd;—can you explain what that is? No, I cannot.
48. I may say that I got my figures from the *Government Gazette*? And those I have quoted are from the *Gazette*. The balance I have quoted is carried forward to the 1st April.
49. *Mr. French.*] Do the statements which you have read out to us tally with the Auditor-General's monthly statements? The Auditor-General makes no monthly statements. He only deals with the matter in the annual account.
50. Do the four quarterly statements agree with his annual one? Yes; there may be some adjustments in the last quarter, but substantially they will agree as I have read them out.
51. You do not publish until they do agree? Oh yes, we publish these on the 1st of the month.
52. And if they do not agree? The balance is always the same, but it is a matter between accounts. For instance, we might have included a small account as revenue when it might have been a trust fund or a loan, so that simply alters the revenue account, but it does not alter the total. That agrees and must agree, because we balance before we leave.
53. *Chairman.*] Taking your balance on 1st January, 1895, as £464,711 0s. 4d., and the various amounts you have called out, will that give us an idea of the revenue proper and the expenditure proper for that period? For those years; but in taking that £464,000 odd you must remember that that was a balance brought over which includes "other receipts," and which we have excised so far as this revenue proper is concerned.
54. *Mr. French.*] Then that is not a true balance as regards revenue and expenditure? It is the ledger balance of all.
55. But it is not a true balance as regards revenue and expenditure proper? No; practically if you were closing the business it would prove a true balance because you would gather in your outstandings, but in the meantime it is an interim balance.
56. Have you any information in the Treasury which would enable us to know what the outstandings were at the two periods;—do you keep any record of your outstanding liabilities? I think I could give you that information. I am not sure about 1895, as I was not in the Treasury in the year 1895.
57. We have taken a particular period;—we want to know how much there was outstanding at the commencement of that period that has been paid during that period, and how much there was left outstanding at the end of the period? I see.
58. *Mr. Yarwood.*] My idea was that we should throw the old accounts into liquidation? Virtually the matter has worked itself out; but there are no separate accounts.
59. *Mr. French.*] In order to have a proper conception of the period we are dealing with we must get a return of the items which were outstanding;—I suppose there were items outstanding on both sides? Oh, yes.
60. There ought to be some means of ascertaining what were the responsibilities outstanding before the period commenced which have become since a charge on the period, and there ought to be also a statement showing what items there were outstanding at the end of the period which ought to have been charged within the period? As far as 1899 is concerned, I can give you that easily. I understand that you want it for the two points, the beginning and the close of the period.
61. Quite so; it might simplify matters, and it would be information I would like personally;—I think it would be desirable to know exactly how we stood on 30th June, 1895, as regards any outstandings. I want

want to test the cash system, and see what it really means. We only want the outstandings on June 30, 1895, because we shall get the outstandings at the end of Mr. Reid's cash system period. Besides wanting to know the outstandings on December 31, 1894, I would like to know the outstanding items on June 30, 1895? What would you include among the outstandings?

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62. By outstandings, I understand this—that at a given date there are certain payments as to which it is a moot point whether they should have been charged prior to that particular date—say, 30th June, 1895—or not, and which have been charged at some subsequent date. I should like to know those items, so that I may form an opinion as to whom they should be charged? That would be rather a long list to get out. I think I can give you the totals, and mainly the services.

63. I should like to know for myself, whether the other members of the Commission would care for the information or not, I do not know what there was outstanding on 31st December, 1894, which was subsequently paid, what was outstanding on 30th June, 1895, which was subsequently paid, and what has been ascertained to have been outstanding on 30th June, 1899, which has subsequently been paid for?

64. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I would like the information for the intervening years if you can give it, Mr. Vernon? That would be remarkably difficult, for this reason: On June, 1895, the new system came in, and there were no liabilities carried forward at the close of the year. Anything unpaid at the close of the year under the new system became a charge on the following year.

65. *Chairman.*] I would rather confine it to the two periods, and get the intervening years afterwards. Or we might confine it to the three periods at present? Very well.

66. *Mr. French.*] The figures you have given us are actual figures, that is to say, the actual revenue received and the actual expenditure incurred. It is not a question of votes and that kind of thing; it is actual? Yes; it is actual.

67. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When the House was asked to pass £1,174,000 Treasury Bills that was supposed, was it not, to wipe out the old régime altogether? Yes.

68. That was the estimate of the situation? Yes.

69. Could that estimate be produced;—are there any figures that would show how that was arrived at? I will see if I can find them. Not having been in the Treasury at the time I did not expect that old matter to be raised again.

70. *Mr. French.*] That virtually will be comprehended in my question. If Mr. Vernon is correct that all outstandings on 30th June were cleared up then a clean sweep of everything would be made and the liabilities assessed exactly, and a fresh start made on the 1st July. But I am not clear that it was so? There was an estimate made.

71. Only an estimate? It could only be an estimate.

72. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Which was subsequently found to be £150,000 too much? I had better get the figures for the Committee to show how that £150,000 was too much.

73. *Chairman.*] There were certain credit accounts on 31st December, 1894, that were closed and credited to Consolidated Revenue. Could you give us the particulars of these accounts. I will give you an illustration. There is a sum of accrued interest on loans credited to General Loans Account, £360,689 6s. 9d.; had that been credited to the Consolidated Revenue on 31st December, 1894, would that not have reduced the debit balance of £464,000 by that amount? Certainly it would have reduced it had it been credited.

74. That was an accumulation of charges from the Government of the Colony since the beginning of things? Yes, it was accrued interest on loans.

75. And had it been credited on 31st December, 1894, that £464,000 appearing as a debit to the account would have been reduced by that sum? It was used to reduce the liabilities before the balances of Treasury Bills were made up.

76. *Mr. French.*] That is not the point. It was not included in the figures which made up that debtor balance? No.

77. Where does it appear in the statements before these;—where would it appear before that entry was passed? It would appear under loans, that is to say in this way; we get interest on the raising of loans. There are certain discounts and certain interests allowed, and accrued interest arises which has always hitherto been credited to loans. The Auditor-General contended for a long time —

78. *Chairman* (interrupting).] Debited to loans, you mean? We call it credited to loans. At last, after repeated remonstrances, the Auditor-General succeeded in getting his wishes acceded to, and that was transferred.

79. *Mr. French.*] You debited loans to the credit of revenue? Yes

80. That does not appear in the figures you have given Mr. Dibbs? No, that is one of the special items.

81. *Mr. Yarwood.*] And did that entry bring the debit balance of the Loan Account up to what the scrip was that was actually issued on the part of the Colony? No.

82. Does that all apply to the period before? Yes.

83. What I mean is this—does it apply to loans absolutely issued before January 1, 1895? I think the whole of it does, but I am not quite certain about one or two small amounts. I will look these up.

84. *Chairman.*] I will repeat my question. Taking the debit balance of Consolidated Revenue at £464,000, had any entry been passed on January 1, 1895, would not that have reduced that amount by such sum? Yes.

85. Were there not other credit accounts on 31 December, 1894, that might have been brought into the account? Besides the special item you are speaking of?

86. Yes? There may have been other small credits, but I do not remember any at present.

87. Take one case for instance—the State Children's Relief Fund. There was £11,000 standing to the credit of that account. That account was closed, and the amount transferred to the Consolidated Revenue. That gave so much more revenue to start the cash system? I could not answer that question now.

88. Did I understand you to say that that entry of £360,000 odd was made at the request of the Auditor-General? Yes.

89. On the plea, I suppose, that as the full amount when the debentures fell due would be charged to the Consolidated Revenue, therefore the Consolidated Revenue should have the credit? I think that was the argument he used.

90. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That the loan debt should appear in the same way as the scrip appeared; that is so, is it not? What is known as the Loan Debt is always represented by the scrip issued, whether loans are floated at a premium or not.

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91. *Chairman.*] Including that £360,000, there was something like £800,159 7s. 3d. of credit balances that were credited to the Consolidated Revenue, and there was a sum of £1,465 6s. 10d. debited to the account of scab in sheep. Had those entries been made that would have thrown that debit balance into a credit balance? To get at that you want to include the liabilities.
92. I will give you the figures if you will put them down. They are as follows:—£360,689 6s. 9d., £297,897 16s. 2d., £79,599 3s. 6d., £26,825 10s. 6d., £11,000, £10,439 16s. 11d., £7,349 13s. 7d., £4,774 4s. 5d., and £1,583 15s. 5d. The total of those is £800,159 7s. 3d. On the other side there was a debit account of £1,465 6s. 10d. transferred to Consolidated Revenue? I should like to verify these figures, as I am rather at a loss. I will have them ready for next meeting.
93. Those are all the items outside the revenue proper for the first eighteen months to 30th June, 1896? Yes.
94. Then you commenced the cash system? No; on 1st July, 1895.
95. But the entries I have given you extended over the year from 1895 to 30th June, 1896? Yes.
96. *Mr. French.*] Those are not the only items of a special character outside revenue and expenditure proper? No.
97. *Chairman.*] Will you allow me to correct you. I think they are the only items in the accounts of the first eighteen months, and they balance with your books? Yes; but I understood Mr. French to mean were they the only items in the other receipts or extraordinary receipts. Those are, I grant, the only items belonging to a time prior to the change of system.
98. The change of system was in 1895, but some of these were paid in 1896? Yes; but they belonged to 1893, 1894, and 1895.
99. Yes; but they are credit balances? Yes; but I understood Mr. French to ask whether these were the sole receipts which were extraordinary, which were not revenue proper.
100. I say they are. That is, I want you to verify it. I do not want to be dogmatic. I have balanced your books and have had my expert on to the matter so as to get a grip of the thing, and I find that in the first eighteen months, from January, 1895, to 30th June, 1896, those were the only entries?
101. *Mr. French.*] What I want to get is the expenditure proper and the revenue proper, the expenditure extraordinary and the revenue extraordinary, and then we shall have the whole thing before us, shall we not? Yes.
102. That is, at present, for the period we are discussing;—when we began to talk about revenue proper and expenditure proper I understood that certain things were eliminated? Yes, we call them “other receipts and payments.”
103. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Are there special items on both sides of the accounts? Yes.
104. Here is an item on 30th September, 1895, of “Advances to Contractors, £1,368 12s. 3d.,” amongst the payments—I want to get at the system under which these things are done—and there are advances repaid, £1,020;—what do you do with the balances under the cash system? The balance is simply carried forward and debited against the revenue until repaid; that is to say, the balance would affect the Consolidated Revenue Fund balance until repaid by the person interested.
105. If one Treasurer went out on 31st December, whatever was due from contractors would be revenue that arose during the next Treasurer’s period? Yes.
106. Under the old system you would have carried that forward as a financial asset? Yes, and we would still do so. We should show that as advances to be recovered. When the Treasurer was going out he would get up a Ways and Means statement, which is a balance account, and would show advances to be repaid as part of the revenue. I had better show you that account.
107. What was the nature of that contractor’s account? It occurred in the Railway Department, when I was accountant in the Railways. The origin of it was that the auditor had a difficulty in paying for any work done for any contractors, that is work performed before payment was made. So Parliament passed a small vote of £2,000 to pay for that service, which was to be recouped from year to year, and they carried on that vote for years. But it always got into a mess. The contractors did not pay for ten or twelve years. That is, they would not pay. For instance, if a man had a large contract on an extension, he would get us to repair his locomotives and waggons, and do all sort of work to help him on, and then probably there was a dispute for six, seven, or eight years. The account was never settled and all the while the revenue had to bear the brunt.
108. And he would go on drawing his 90 per cent. all the time, or whatever you were paying him? Yes, he would draw that before he started to quarrel.
109. In number 4 of the questions before us, reference is made to two special suspense accounts; what are those accounts? I presume they are the accounts which we call suspense accounts, such as the Post Office Improvements Account and the Centennial Park Account.
110. Are those the only two suspense accounts you have? Those are the only two at present.
111. What is the nature of those two? I can produce the Acts of Parliament under which they were started. It was supposed that the sale of the surplus land in both cases would be sufficient to defray all the expenditure incurred.
112. *Mr. French.*] That was the acquirement of the land, the formation, and everything? Yes.
113. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Will you give us the history of the Centennial Park Account;—was it a resumption? I think it was originally, but I am not quite sure of that. It occurred before I was in the Treasury. It was Crown lands handed over for water supply, I believe, and it was then in the control of the council. Whether the council gave it up without any compensation I am not sure.
114. *Chairman.*] Will you give us a copy of these suspense accounts? Yes.
115. *Mr. French.*] I understand there was a certain park which I think Sir Henry Parkes decided to form, and there has been charged to that in suspense a very large amount of money in connection with the beautifying of it, and sand-shifting, amongst other things, I presume, which amount has been charged to suspense and not to expenditure. This suspense account has mounted up to about £200,000, and is supposed to be repaid by the value of the Park and the value of the land which is available for sale within the Park? Yes.
116. And the same thing has happened with regard to the Post Office resumption? Yes, that is practically it.
117. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I understood it was the road frontages they were going to sell. Will you find out if they have the right to sell those, and if so, what is the value as compared with the balance to the debit of the account? That would be difficult to do.

118. Has that ever been done? That I am not aware of. That would be a matter of pure valuation. I think a valuation was made shortly after the Park was commenced. I think there was a valuation in the original papers.

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119. Are they holding the Centennial Park for the purpose of selling it in a better market, or are they in a position that it is illegal to sell it, or that they cannot sell it? That I do not know; is not within my knowledge.

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120. If it is illegal to sell it, that account has no business to exist? No.

121. *Chairman.*] There is another question that might arise out of that. Is it legal to charge these moneys which represent expenditure on the public lands of the Colony to a suspense account? Do you know the law on that, Mr. Vernon? I could not answer from memory, but I could look up the Acts under which the two accounts were formed. If I remember aright—of course, his is only given with reserve—the Act legalised this charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and subsequently the amount was placed to what was called a suspense account; that is to keep it out of the ordinary annual expenditure. That was merely a book entry of the amount, you might say.

122. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Will you look that question up? Yes.

123. *Chairman.*] I have heard that different Treasurers treated this matter in different ways;—were not the accounts closed once, and afterwards re-opened? I am not sure; it was before my time.

124. The complete suspense accounts copied from your ledger will show that? Oh, yes.

125. I understand that the accounts were opened by one Treasurer, closed by another, and re-opened by another? I believe that was the case with the Centennial Park Account.

126. I think you will find that there is £26,000 credited to the suspense account? There have been large credits to the Post Office Improvement Account.

127. Was there not £26,000 lately? That was the only item lately. There have been large credits besides that—over £100,000 considerably, I know.

128. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That is from the other sales? From the other sales.

129. *Chairman.*] Is there not some other suspense account as well as those two? Not that I am aware of, not in a similar class.

130. But others to help a Treasurer over, showing a cash balance? No, no others.

131. No other suspense accounts? Not that I am aware of.

132. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What is the Treasurer's Advance Account? That is for the purpose of meeting any urgent requirements which have not been provided for by Parliament.

133. *Chairman.*] That is a suspense account surely? It is not treated as a suspense account. I should call that simply an advance account in our phraseology.

134. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You balance on 30th June? Yes.

135. And, supposing there was a debit balance to the Treasurer's Advance Account, that would be a debit balance for amounts unauthorised by Parliament? Yes.

136. Does the Treasurer, in preparing his statement, consider that as expenditure of the year? No; only that portion which represents payments for services to be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation in terms of the Advance Vote. He confines the expenditure of the year to the expenditure authorised by Parliament.

137. The expenditure of the country is what is authorised by Parliament? Yes. It would be far better if the Committee would allow me to show them the Ways and Means balances which are framed by the Treasurer at the end of the year in proposing his estimates for Parliament. Then the Committee would see precisely how such accounts as the Treasurer's Advance, the Advances to Contractors, and accounts of that kind are dealt with.

138. *Chairman.*] The suspense accounts will show the record of the closing of the accounts and the opening of them again? Yes.

139. And will show the Minister in power? Yes. On referring to Question 1 I notice there are only two items to be excluded from revenue properly so called. I should like to know whether the other receipts exclusive of those two items are to be put into revenue properly so called?

140. *Mr. French.*] We want a statement showing those other receipts and the other expenditures.

Witness.] In the treatment of what we called revenue proper this afternoon we have excluded all other receipts.

141. *Mr. French.*] But I have asked you for a statement collateral with that required by Mr. Dibbs showing the other receipts. Having those statements we will have the lot before us, I presume? I understand.

142. *Chairman.*] Is the asset represented by the amount due by free selectors known to the Treasury? I think so, but it is not in my control.

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SECOND DAY.—THURSDAY, 19 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Vernon, Treasury Accountant, further examined:—

143. *Chairman.*] Do you produce a statement showing the Consolidated Revenue proper, receipts and expenditure, from January 1, 1895, to June 30, 1899? This is it (produced).

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144. Will you quote the amount of the debit balance of the Consolidated Revenue on January 1, 1895? £464,711 Os. 4d.

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145. And will you quote from that document the Consolidated Revenue balance, the debit balance, on June 30, 1899? That is the debit proper, £1,718,906 11s. 2d.

146. And will you state what the difference is between those two accounts? £1,254,195 10s. 10d.

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147. I take it that the Consolidated Revenue proper account has never been in credit during the whole of that period, that is from January 1, 1895, to June 30, 1899? That is so; of course you understand that the Treasury Bills are out, and also other receipts.
148. And the debit is an increasing one from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, resulting in a difference of £1,254,195 10s. 10d.? Yes. [*Document marked Appendix A.*]
149. *Mr. French.*] I understand this is a plain statement taken from the *Government Gazette*? Yes.
150. You have not got the statement I asked for, that is the extraordinary receipts? I have the extraordinary receipts here shown in the same fashion, but I have not been able to bring out the figures shown to me by Mr. Dibbs yesterday afternoon. I agree with some of Mr. Dibbs' figures, but with others I do not.
151. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Do you agree as a whole? I have not tested the figures, but I can very soon do it. I understand, Mr. Dibbs, that the figures you gave me were for the first eighteen months.
- Chairman:* They were.
152. *Witness.*] There is a difference on the whole of that eighteen months of £72,732 14s. 3d.
153. *Chairman.*] What do you make the total? I make the total £727,426 13s. I might explain to the Committee that I have not had time to check the figures, as it is a very long job and I have my current work going on.
154. Question 1 on the paper is as follows:—"The amount of revenue properly so called, exclusive of such receipts as proceeds of Treasury Bills and transfers from the General Loan Account, received during the four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899." What is your answer to that? £42,362,214 3s. 8d.
155. Question 2 is:—"The amount expended from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period." What is your answer to that? £43,616,409 14s. 6d.
156. And the difference between the two you have already given us as £1,254,195 10s. 10d.? Yes; that is, with the balance of 1894 taken off.
157. *Mr. French.*] That is the difference between the revenue and the expenditure for that period? Yes.
158. *Chairman.*] Coming to Question 4, which is as follows:—"The amount of the expenditure charged to the two Special Suspense Accounts, and the amount of the receipts credited to these accounts, during the same period."? I have a statement which is not complete; the statement is being made up.
159. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We were talking about the two Special Suspense Accounts; I understood you to say those were the only two Suspense Accounts you had? Yes; of that nature.
160. I notice in Question 35 that an expenditure Suspense Account is referred to? That is a temporary account without the sanction of Parliament.
161. Is this expenditure Suspense Account referred to in Question 5? No. I take it that the two special accounts referred to are the Centennial Park Account and the Post Office Improvements Account. I may say that the Suspense Accounts are not referred to in the figures which you have had. Originally they came among the "other receipts."
162. *Mr. French.*] Would the answer to Question 3 be the same as to Question 5? Yes. If the Committee desire it we can make Question 1 to include the Special Suspense Accounts.
163. It will not affect the question if the answer is the same? But it will cause a difference in the answer to No. 3 by the amount of the Suspense Accounts. I should take Question 5 to mean the same thing as Question 3.
164. As to Question 6, can that information be shown in a statement? Yes; certainly.
165. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Referring to the first two items on Appendix A, totalling £345,699 13s. 9d., where were they brought into the revenue accounts? They were brought in in reduction of the deficiency accounts of June, 1895, and previous years.
166. As a matter of fact, I take it that, having settled the principle by the first two entries there, the other came in in the ordinary course? Yes, as a matter of course.
167. The first part of Question 12 reads as follows:—"Whether the law provides for the reduction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account by the annual redemption of Treasury Bills to the amount of £150,000." I want to know what law is referred to? I have an Act here which I will hand in. [*Handed in and marked Appendix B.*]
168. We now come to Question 13? If the Committee desire it, I can prepare a statement for consideration on this question. I will simply give a bare statement so as to enable the Committee to consider the question. *Mr. French.*] That would help us materially.
169. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Coming to Question 15, you told me yesterday that you would try to look up a paper in which the figures were given showing how the amount was made up, that is, the £1,174,000? This is the account presented to Parliament upon which the Treasury Bills were issued. [*Appendix C.*]
170. I now come to Question 16, to the following effect:—"Whether, in changing the system of accounts, it was provided that certain expenditure should be met from the current Consolidated Revenue, and that the unexpended votes of previous years should be spent, and the payments met from the proceeds of the issue of Treasury Bills referred to." I want to know what is the system under which this change took place. What authority, for instance, have you got from the Minister? Is it a minute from the Minister, or is it an Act of Parliament? The new system was inaugurated by Section 2 of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, which enacted that every appropriation made after the commencement of the Act (*i.e.*, 18th November, 1895), out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the services of any financial year should lapse at the close of that year, and the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, Section 6, directed that all sums of money raised by Treasury Bills issued under the authority of that Act should be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the Colonial Treasurer might, from time to time, apply any such sums towards the extinction of the Deficiency Debt. Under the authority of these two acts the Treasury charged the liabilities of 1895 and previous years—including the debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 31st December, 1894—to the proceeds of the bills, and charged current expenditure only to current revenue after 1st July, 1895.
171. Did you receive any special instructions in regard to the charge? That I cannot tell you, for I was not in the Treasury at the time, so I am not so conversant with the change. It took place a couple of years before I came into the Treasury. I could find out for the Committee whether there are any minutes about the change, and there are sure to be some.
172. I wish you would, because it would throw some light on the change of system? And I will give you the Treasurer's speech introducing the change to Parliament.
173. I am more concerned, as a matter of fact, in what the change in the detail work was than in anything else?

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else? I can tell you what the old system was. Under the old system there was a certain appropriation made for the year's supplies. Any balance remaining unexpended at the end of that year was carried on as open for expenditure for, perhaps, two, three, or even in some cases four or five years.

174. *Mr. French.*] When you say that an unexpected balance was carried on, do you mean to any that actual entries were made in regard to the appropriations in the Treasury books? Yes.

175. By appropriations you mean the appropriations sanctioned by Parliament? Yes. In this paper [*Appendix D*] you will see the services of the years 1891, 1892, and 1893 carried forward. The special effect of the change was that on 30th June of each year the appropriations for the services of the preceding year were absolutely closed, and any balances then remaining were written off.

176. *Chairman.*] Credited to Consolidated Revenue? Yes. Consequently you will now find that these reports only show the services of the current year.

177. In other words, if £30,000 were voted to build a bridge, and only £10,000 were spent on 30th June, there would be under the old system £20,000 remaining to the credit of the Vote, but under the new system that account is closed? The £20,000 is written off, and has to be revoted.

178. *Mr. French.*] It does not affect the question of the accounts, because under the old system you would have carried it forward, but under the new system you write it off? The new system renders the accounts much more intelligible, because Parliament knows exactly what the Treasurer has to spend in the year. Under the old system Parliament never knew.

179. I cannot see for the moment that there is any very essential difference;—presumably your book-keeping is the same up to a point? Certainly.

180. Under the old system, if you had a balance of £20,000 you carried it forward to the next year? Yes.

181. And under the new system you write it off? Yes.

182. What difference does it make to the Treasurer? It makes no difference in the book-keeping, except as to comparative ease, nor to the Treasurer; it rather eases the Treasurer.

183. Because he has these unexpended Votes? Yes.

184. What it amounts to is this, that he gets a renewal of the Vote or it lapses? Yes; he gets a renewal of the Vote. Under the old system he did not get a renewal of the Vote, but simply spent it, and Parliament complained that they really did not know what was being spent.

185. *Mr. Yarwood.*] There was no finality? There was no finality to the year.

186. *Mr. French.*] But they could not spend more than the Vote? No; but it got lost in the time elapsing between the initiation and the final extinction of the Vote.

187. So in that sense the cash system is a distinct gain? Yes.

188. It brings the Treasurer to book every year? Yes.

189. *Chairman.*] Provided the outstanding accounts were shown on 30th June? I think they were quite as heavy under the old system. Under the new system a Treasurer knows very well that anything that is left outstanding on the current year he will have to provide for in his Estimates of the next year. He will have to fight for it again. Under the old system he had not to do that.

190. *Mr. French.*] That would amount in your view to a check upon his holding things over? Certainly.

191. Because he has the trouble of battling them through Parliament and the risk of not getting them through? Yes.

192. *Chairman.*] But if a contract is entered into the Parliament and bound to confirm the balance of the contract, supposing only a portion of it has been executed;—if only £10,000 is spent out of £50,000 Parliament must confirm the £40,000? It is my impression that they have been known to refuse it.

193. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That cancellation of votes does not apply to loan expenditure? No; that is distinct.

194. We now come to Question 17: "Whether, if the unexpended votes were so used, a more equitable plan would not have been to have allowed them to lapse in changing the system of keeping the public accounts, seeing that it was provided that thereafter all unexpended votes should so lapse"? On June 30th the Treasurer had certain unexpended balances. He had no cash balance. He had certain unexpended appropriations, and he was allowed to use these up to the extent of £1,174,000, and charge them to Treasury Bills.

195. *Mr. French.*] But only in that specific way. He was not allowed to carry them forward and work them out? Oh, no. [*Act 59 Victoria No. 10 put in and marked Appendix E.*]

196. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I now take Question 19. "The amount of the credit balance on the 30th June, 1896, and the amount to which it had been reduced by the 30th June, 1899"? In connection with that I hand in this paper. [*Appendix F.*]

197. The next is Question 20. "The amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the causes of this reduction in the expenditure. The amount charged to the proceeds of Treasury Bills in 1895-6." Now can you give us a return of the average expenditure of immediately preceding years?

198. *Mr. French.*] Let us have it for, say, five years immediately preceding? I will give a statement of that.

[*It was subsequently decided later on in the day's examination that the witness should prepare a statement for the three years immediately preceding.*]

199. What is the Treasury Bills account? The Treasury Bills account simply paid the outstanding liabilities of 1895 and previous years right up to 30th June. The effect of that was that 1895-6—the first year of the new system—was not burdened with any outstanding liabilities of the previous year, and naturally that must have effected a saving in the expenditure.

200. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You practically got twelve months' revenue, and you paid eleven months' expenses? It is a little more than that I think.

201. *Mr. French.*] The effect of that closing off on 30th June, 1895, was that the liabilities were cleared off. In fact there were no outstanding liabilities on 30th June, 1895. So, really for the year commencing July, 1895, they were eased off to the extent of, say, practically a month's expenditure? Yes.

202. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We now come to Question 21. There again we must have some back figures, in order to make a comparison? I would suggest that the Committee refer to the Roads and Bridges Branch in this matter. We do not keep the roads in any detail.

203. But do you keep them all together? Yes.

204. *Mr. French.*] But you would know that on the Vote of 1893, under the old system, £216,000 would be carried forward, would it not? Oh, yes. That £216,000 was written off, and it was restored.

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205. *Chairman.*] Was that credited to Consolidated Revenue? Yes.
206. On what date? I forget the date now.
207. Would it be prior to January, 1895? Yes. I cannot give you the exact date on which that was transferred, but I can easily get it.
208. That was a credit balance transferred to the Consolidated Revenue on a certain date? Yes.
209. That does not appear in my figures here? The expenditure of that £216,000 would appear in your figures there.
210. I understood you to say that there was a balance of £216,000 transferred to the Consolidated Revenue? Yes.
211. And that has been spent since? I suppose the whole of it has.
212. In which item in these figures of mine is it included? This is a vote or an appropriation we are speaking of. The expenditure would be scattered through those figures of yours. It was a saving originally, and then it was restored as having been erroneously written off and expended.
213. And then the entry would be to the credit of Consolidated Revenue? Yes.
214. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In Question 22 there occurs this passage: "The debit balance on June 30, 1895, which was extinguished by the proceeds of Treasury Bills?" The actual debit balance is shown on this statement for 31st December, 1894, and 30th June, 1895. [*Appendix G.*] That is the position as now ascertained. The former entries were partly estimates, because the liabilities had not come in. Now the account is wiped out we know exactly what it is, and that is the actual result.
215. I take it that, boiled down, the whole dispute is whether you wanted £1,174,000 Treasury Bills or not? I do not know of any dispute of the sort. I cannot give an opinion about that.
216. When I said the whole dispute I meant, is not that what is involved to a large extent in this question—in the details of this question? It would appear to be, certainly.
217. *Mr. French.*] What we really have to find out is what was covered by those Treasury Bills? That paper shows you exactly what was covered by the Treasury Bills.
218. What is your answer to Question 23, which is as follows: "Whether the Consolidated Revenue Fund account current, under the new system, was relieved in the year 1895-6 by only charging it with one half year's redemption of Treasury Bills in aid of revenue, and of railway debentures?" My answer is that it was relieved.
219. *Mr. French.*] Is there any Parliamentary authority for only charging half the redemption? I do not know of any.
220. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The Treasury Bills were to be repaid at the rate of £150,000 a year? Yes, and during the year they applied £75,000 to that purpose.
221. Allowing another £75,000 in the old balance? Yes.
222. Then at the end of 1896 you had a liability of £75,000 on account of those Treasury Bills which you had not provided for? You were asking about 1895-6 having been relieved to the extent of one-half. That is referred to in this paper. Ostensibly the reason, so far as I understand, was that the payment having been made in the half-year, the change of the system from the calendar to the financial year allowed half a year to be charged to the old deficiency, and half a year to the new system.
223. *Mr. French.*] The other half being charged to the deficiency of June 30, 1895? Yes.
224. *Chairman.*] What was the amount of the Treasury Bills issued? £2,600,000 was the original amount authorised.
225. To be repaid at the rate of £150,000 a year? Yes; and upon the retirement of the whole of these bills the £1,174,000 bills were to be retired in a similar way.
226. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In this paper it is described as Treasury Bills under the Deficiency Act of 1889. In the question itself the phrase is "Treasury Bills in aid of revenue and of debentures." Is that one and the same thing;—I suppose the Act of 1889 would show that? The Acts of 1889 would show that. There would appear to be two items referred to in the question—(1st) The Treasury Bills Act of 1889 in aid of revenue, and (2nd) the Railway Loan Redemption Act of 1889 for payment of railway debentures. Both payments are made on 31st December in each year, as provided in the Acts, and the payment for the year is made at its close. Thus one-half of this sum was made chargeable to the deficiency account, which closed on June 30, 1895, and one-half to the new account commenced on that date. I will put in those Acts.
227. *Mr. French.*] If the £150,000 is not annually provided, subsequent years will have to provide it? There is not the slightest doubt that the £150,000 will have to be provided out of the Consolidated Revenue, because Parliament in the first place authorised the retirement of £2,000,000 of railway debentures. £1,000,000 was authorised by the Act 31 Victoria, No. 11, and the other £1,000,000 by the Act 53 Victoria, No. 24. If I get you the Acts it will save the trouble of explanation. It is rather a long story, and there is a good deal of complication about it.
228. *Mr. Yarwood.*] To get an answer to Question No. 25 I would like to see the details of the actual expenditure under that heading, and also the details of previous expenditure, in order to compare one with the other? This is a return I got up for the Treasurer some time ago upon the same subject, but worked in rather a different fashion. This shows what are called short-dated loans, the payments for similar services which were formerly provided out of revenue, and also the payments each year. [*Appendix H.*]
229. *Mr. French.*] I assume that up to 1894 there were no such payments;—there were no short-dated loans of that class, and items like those were always charged to Consolidated Revenue? I would not like to say that. I am afraid that some of them were charged to permanent loans.
230. They were charged to the other loan account—the general loan? Yes.
231. Then there is really no comparison;—it depends upon the way the Treasury books are kept, or the way in which it is directed they shall be kept;—if the modern system is to charge certain items to short loans which were previously charged to revenue proper, and you say, Mr. Vernon, that you would not like to answer that nothing was charged to general loans which ought to have been charged to revenue proper, then we have no sure ground? If the Committee will allow me I might explain. This thirty-year loan business was started by the late Treasurer with the explanation to Parliament that, although they were items which did not appear to him properly chargeable to permanent loans, not being permanent and reproductive works, still he considered they would last for thirty years, and, therefore, he made a provision for a thirty years' sinking fund in connection with these items under those loans, so that when the works were worn out, or had lived their life, the Colony would not be at any charge for them.

232. The loans to which they were charged would be also wiped out? The cost would be transferred to revenue by the sinking fund. J. Vernon,
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233. That is to say, it was a gradual repayment? It was a gradual repayment out of the Consolidated Revenue. 19 April, 1900.
234. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Will you put in the speech of the Treasurer in connection with which the thirty-years' loan business was authorised? I will if you wish.
235. I would like it? Very well.
236. You do not say that the whole of these amounts have been charged to revenue; you say that some of them may have been charged to loans? Yes, some of them.
237. *Mr. French.*] I understand you to say as from this date, these have been separated, but that, although that is the amount represented as being charged to revenue for that year, you would not undertake to say that some of the amounts have not been charged to permanent loans which ought to be under the head of revenue. That is what I understood you to say? That is it.
238. So, in effect, this comparison, taken by itself without explanation, is fallacious, because there might be under all this a series of amounts which represented the amounts charged to the permanent loans. So we really have no basis in this return? The question you asked me, Mr. French, as I understood it was whether all the amounts represented by similar expenditure had been charged under revenue, and I said I would not like to say so, because some of them may have been charged under permanent loans.
239. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then I would ask a further question:—Have the amounts that are put here been debited to revenue absolutely? Yes.
240. Take the item of roads and bridges in 1894, £480,000, was that spent on roads and bridges and charged to revenue? Yes.
241. As to Question 29, I want some information about the Bank balances? I will give that.
242. And can you give us a return which will be an answer to Question 30? Yes.
243. I now take Question 31; are there any amounts handed over to the Bank of England in June that are not brought into your accounts in July? Yes.
244. *Chairman.*] Is it one amount or more? £193,726 for interest.
245. The one amount? Yes, the one amount.
246. Are there any other such sums? Not that I am aware of. That will occur twice a year, that is the half-yearly interest.
247. *Mr. French.*] What happened on the establishment of the cash system; you first brought that into account on 1st July, did you not? Yes.
248. Each year has borne a year's interest? So far, yes. We took the view that the money, not being paid out until 1st July—not being due until 1st July—the Banks were only acting as our agents, and that the money was really as much the property of the Government up to the 30th of June in the Bank of England as in the London and Westminster.
249. *Chairman.*] Did that apply to payments in May as well as June? There were certain payments standing over in May last, that is to say, we do not get the returns for the expenditure of May from the Agent-General until, probably, July or August by virtue of the distance. We cannot get them in time.
250. You have thirty-five days, but could you not get them by cable? You have only thirty days from the end of May. The statement is too long to come by cable. It would be very expensive.
251. We get our entire balance-sheet on the 30th June by cable, and on the 31st December we get our balance-sheet almost that night from London? I dare say you would; but what would you have to cable? Perhaps I had better give you a copy of the account for last May and June.
252. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I now take Question 33—"Whether the sum of £,200,000 was transferred from trust funds to the General Loan Account as alleged by the Auditor-General." Do you know anything of that, or would you prefer the Auditor-General to answer the question? It is rather an awkward question for me to answer. I was not in the Treasury when it was done.
253. Do you know the time to which it refers? I know the time perfectly well; and I know, as a matter of fact, that it was trust fund money that supplied it. I would sooner not answer that question. I do not know it of my own knowledge, but at the same time I know by the books that the trust fund balances bore the cost. It did not do it ostensibly in the books.
254. *Mr. French.*] You say it did not do it "ostensibly"? No; it was under the Consolidated Revenue Fund and kept separate, and you will see it in the Public Accounts for 1896. There is the Treasurer's own statement at pages 2 and 3.
255. *Chairman.*] There were three amounts of £500,000 each? Yes.
256. It was not convenient to float a loan to refresh the Loan Account, therefore they borrowed money from the trust funds. The Treasurer finding it was inconvenient to float a loan of £1,500,000 to refresh the Loan Account makes a transfer from the trust funds to this account temporarily? He did not make the entry in his books at that date as being from the Trust Funds, but from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. That was made in the books of that date. Eventually, of course, it came from the trust funds.
257. The Consolidated Revenue had not money to stand it? No.
258. That view I put is tolerably right? I think so.
259. *Mr. French.*] It is merely an adjustment of entries; it is simply that some accounts were overdrawn which it was desired to bring into credit, and therefore a transfer was made from one side to the other. It did not enable the Treasurer to postpone raising a loan. You have no such credit of £1,500,000 trust fund? Not now, but we had then.
260. But they are not in the Bank books? I think so. The Public Account is composed of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Trust Fund.
261. But this transfer does not give you a penny of money, it only adjusts your accounts? It simply enables us to spend a certain amount on the General Loan; it does not give us a penny more money.
262. *Chairman.*] I think the Auditor-General has an opinion on that subject, because I remember he put his foot down, and the opinion of Sir Julian Salomons was obtained? That was on the general question of raising loans.
263. I thought it had reference to this matter of £1,500,000? I am not sure.
264. I think the Auditor-General has always contended that it was an irregular thing to do? No, not always; he consented to it in the first instance; it was done with his consent.

- J. Vernon, Esq.
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265. He did consent with regard to the first £500,000, and then found out his mistake? That I do not know. I think he approved of the first two sums of £500,000.
266. *Mr. Farwood.*] In Question 35 an Expenditure Suspense Account is referred to;—that is an account altogether apart from the Special Suspense Accounts, is it not? Yes. I will give you an Act in connection with that—the Indemnity Act—which will show the total of the Suspense Accounts.
267. Can you give us an answer to Question 36: “The amount borrowed from the Savings’ Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to the 30th June, 1899, and to date?” I can give you that in this paper. [*Appendix I.*]
268. As to Question 39, was the money all borrowed in one amount? No; it was borrowed in various amounts.
269. I now take Question 40: “Whether, from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from Loan Funds without the certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were therefore illegal?”—I presume, in order to answer that question, it will be necessary to get at the authority of the Auditor-General, and I suppose that that will be defined in the Act under which he was appointed? No; there is a peculiar omission. Loan Funds are not mentioned in the Audit Act, and that is the point of which the Chairman spoke just now. An opinion was obtained from Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly as to the action which the Treasury took in connection with the issue of Loan Funds without a warrant. I think that appears in full in the Auditor-General’s Report.
270. *Mr. French.*] The inference from this question is, of course, that prior to 1896 it was the custom, if there was no legal necessity, to get the Auditor-General’s certificate, was it not? It was the custom prior to that, and then the Auditor-General refused.
271. Refused to give a certificate? Refused to give a certificate. He adopted a new procedure altogether, and he insisted on the fact that money should be raised before the certificate was given. He refused his certificate, whereas the contention of the Treasury was that he should give a certificate and that the authority of Parliament was sufficient for him to issue a certificate, leaving it to the Treasurer to find the means of meeting his expenditure. That is what the whole dispute was about.
272. *Mr. Farwood.*] As to Question 41, you can give us all the information about that? Yes.
[*Balances of Public Accounts, dated September 18th, 1899, handed in and marked Appendix J.*]
[*Answers to other questions afterwards handed in by witness, and marked Appendix L 3. Other Returns marked M 3 to T 3.*]
- [Adjourned till Friday, 20th April, 1900.]

THIRD DAY.—FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Edward Alexander Rennie, Auditor-General, examined:—

- E. A. Rennie, Esq.
20 April, 1900.
273. *Chairman.*] You know that the purpose of this Committee is to inquire into the Public Accounts? Yes.
274. There were three sums of £500,000 each, if I remember rightly, credited to the Loan Account;—can you tell me what account was debited with those sums? They were transferred from the Public Account, which means the Revenue and Trust Accounts combined.
275. But was there any revenue proper to stand such a debit? No. The Treasury state them to have been transferred from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, but that is quite wrong, because there was not the money there to transfer.
276. I do not quite understand? The Treasury state them as having been drawn or advanced by the Consolidated Revenue Fund, but it could not have been so, inasmuch as the revenue had not the money to make the advance.
277. Can you give us the dates of these sums of £500,000? They were all prior to October, 1895.
278. Since 1st January, 1895? Yes. I could not be sure within the first six months, but at all events it was within the year 1895. Two sums of £500,000 each were transferred before 30th June, 1895, and the other £500,000 was transferred in the half-year ended 31st December, 1895, becoming part of the accounts for 1895–6.
279. But can you confine it between 1st January, 1895, and 31st December, 1895;—would it be within that period? A whole million was transferred before 30th June, 1895.
280. Were the three transfers of £500,000 each not unusual;—was that ever done by a previous Treasurer? It was unusual then, because the Loan Account was out of funds.
281. I will put it in another way: you had a Loan Account before you a great many years;—was there ever a credit of that nature to the Loan Account before? Not exactly. It may not have been of the same nature, but for several years the Government had not raised any money because the revenue was flush—that is to say, they had large balances to the credit of the revenue, and they transferred to the Loan Account hundreds of thousands of pounds—£500,000, £300,000, and so on; but at that time, prior to 1879, each Loan Act Account was kept by itself.
282. And at that time the Loan Accounts were in credit, I suppose? No, they were not in credit; but the Government wanted the money to go on spending the Loan Service Votes. It was simply that they did not borrow the money till afterwards, and, when they borrowed the money, the amounts were simply transferred back to the credit of revenue.
283. Then, I suppose, the Government had the power to borrow, and, in not exercising their powers of borrowing, that caused the Loan Account to run out? Yes, exactly. They refrained from borrowing under their authority.
284. Can you give me any idea, without reference, of about the amount the Government had power to borrow—that is, if they exercised that power the Loan Account would be very much refreshed? Their authority to borrow has always been very much in excess of their exercise of the power. For some years past the authorities to borrow have amounted to about £13,000,000—that is to say, they have had power to borrow, for the carrying out of works, to the extent of £13,000,000, but they have not exercised the power.
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285. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We have a question before us here, No. 33, which reads as follows: "Whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from trust funds to the General Loan Account as alleged by the Auditor-General?"—I presume you have reported on this? Yes; that is stated over and over again throughout my reports in different places.

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286. Can you tell me one year in which I shall find that report, to see what is alleged? I would refer you to paragraph 23, page 151, of the report for 1895. The origin of that was that I was refusing to give the Treasurer warrants because the warrants exceeded the funds in hand. Then it was proposed to transfer this £500,000 from the trust funds. I said, "You have no authority to use Trust Funds for such a purpose," and then Executive authority was obtained to use the revenue.

287. *Chairman.*] When you say "Executive," you mean the Ministers? The Executive Council, which includes the Governor. They took that authority, but my idea was, in reporting against the use of the trust funds, that the Treasury should allow the Loan Account to be overdrawn rather than make any transfer at all. It would have been better to let the thing go straight on, instead of transferring from the Trust Funds. The trust funds are all under special conditions, and none of those conditions that I know of allow the trust funds to be used in that way except by investment. If any trust funds were available for investment, then, of course, the Government could have used so much, and issued securities for it.

288. *Mr. French.*] What are the trust funds—what did these sums come out of? The large accounts are the Savings Banks'.

289. The Government have to pay interest on these sums? Yes.

290. They have to invest them? So far as the Post Office is concerned they do invest its deposits, but there is no condition about investment in the other—the Savings Bank of New South Wales.

291. But they pay interest on it? Yes; they pay interest on it.

292. Consequently they must be recouped in some way; it is not intended that the country shall pay it out of taxation; what I understand is this, that, so far as this £1,500,000 is concerned, the Treasurer received no money at all? No; except the deposits in the first instance.

293. This was merely an adjustment of accounts in the Treasury in some way or other—is not that so? No.

294. Practically the Treasurer got no money by this process at all? By the transfers?

295. Not a bit, did he? I beg your pardon.

296. Well, where did he get the money from? He must have got it out of the trust funds—obviously from the Savings Bank funds.

297. I am aware that he passed an entry, or that entries were passed, but no money passed, or no money was obtainable thereby? But he transferred it to the Loan Account, and then used it as loan money.

298. *Mr. Yarwood.*] If, instead of doing it in the way they did, they had issued scrip or inscribed stock, or whatever it is, to the trust funds, then it would have been all right? Yes; if they had issued legal securities for the money that would have made it all right.

299. What was gained from the appearance point of view by not doing that—by not issuing scrip; what was the object; was it so as not to add the amount to the permanent debt of the Colony? It is impossible for me to say what was in the mind of the Treasurer in doing that.

300. I mean, what was the technical difference—would this £1,500,000 have been added on to the public debt of the Colony? If securities had been issued for it it would.

301. *Mr. French.*] Otherwise it became part of the floating debt of the Colony? It would be a floating debt by making an overdraft on the Loan Account. So long as there is an overdraft on the Loan Account no matter where it comes from, that would be considered a floating debt, because the money had to be found some time or other.

302. Do I understand that this item has been kept out of the accounts, and does not appear in the statements as a liability of the Colony—I think it appears in your statements? The Treasurer made a separate account of it, which you will find at page 127 of the Public Accounts. He shows that as a debit balance in his abstract.

303. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But the figures of the Loan Account are as though that never existed? Oh, no; the Loan Account had it placed to its credit, and the present balance credit is derived from it.

304. *Mr. French.*] I see in the general statement of the Public Accounts, pages 130 and 131, for the period ended June 30, 1898, the General Loan Account is summarised, and amongst the items is this one "By amount advanced from Consolidated Revenue Fund, pending realisation of loans authorised, £1,500,000;" that is put in as a debt;—is that the amount? That is the same entry. That is the Treasurer's statement; but I do not recognise it.

305. Is it a matter of accounts as to whether anything was done that ought not to have been done, or would the effect on the Colony have been the same whether the legal form had been gone through of issuing so many debentures at the Treasury and taking the loan up from trust funds or whether it was done in the way it was done as an overdraft? It was the same in effect.

306. It was a borrowing from the trust funds, although not done in what you think the proper form? In other words the Public Account includes the revenue and the trust funds in one account. Well, they drew upon that, and you could not say whether they were drawing on revenue or on trust; but as a matter of fact there was no mistake about their taking trust funds.

307. *Chairman.*] Because the other account was always overdrawn? It must have been. The whole difficulty would have been saved if the Public Account, as far as it is kept in the bank, had distinguished between the revenue and the trust the same as the other accounts are. If the Revenue and the Trust Accounts had been separate, this difficulty would not have occurred, or rather the mystery about it would not have occurred.

308. *Mr. French.*] What would have happened would have been that the trust funds would have been largely in credit and the Revenue Account largely overdrawn? Yes.

309. But being just charged in the Public Account you cannot tell which is which? No, as kept at the Bank.

310. Upon what do you base your audit—that is to say, what do you conform the Treasury accounts to? To the appropriations made by Parliament. Parliamentary statutory authority is my guide in everything. But as to the trust funds there is a certain difficulty because they are not all under Acts of Parliament. At the same time under the general terms of the Audit Act I examine all the vouchers for receipts and payments as the Treasurer sends them to me every day.

311. That is for the trusts funds? For everything.

312.

- E. A. Rennie, 312. Loan and all? Loan and all. I get the whole of his transactions every day,—at least in four days or in about a week after they take place—and every day I get from the Bank an account of the actual cheques paid, and then I make a comparison. The Bank sheet is a check on the Treasury.
- Esq.
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313. But you exercise a check through the Statute of Appropriations? Yes. So far as the expenditure goes I do not go by the Treasurer's cash sheets or his vouchers, but I take the vouchers and check them under Acts or the Regulations affecting them.
314. The appropriations are made in a lump; you do not check them item by item, of course;—how are the appropriations made as affecting you and how do you get them? From the Appropriation Act, which details the sum to be expended for every Department and for specific purposes.
315. And you can only check within those amounts? That is all. If they exceed I at once surcharge the amount, and the Treasurer has to transfer that to some other account or pay it back in some way.
316. Do you exercise the same control with regard to the loan expenditure? Everything; yes, distinctly. And that is how part of the difficulties of the Loan Account have occurred in the last few years. I could not give a warrant, because the Treasurer had not raised the money. In the last two years about a couple of millions have been spent without the Governor's warrant.
317. *Chairman.*] That £1,500,000 is included in that? No; that is separate altogether.
318. £2,000,000 in addition to this £1,000,000? You could not say it is in addition; it is on a different line altogether. I could only give the Treasury a warrant according to the legal availability, and I say that those Loan Acts specifically said that the Government had authority to borrow certain sums, and out of those sums they were to expend money for certain services. The Loan Acts could not appropriate anything outside of what was borrowed; consequently, if the sums they borrowed were exceeded, I could not give a warrant.
319. *Mr. French.*] You felt that you could not give them a warrant although they might be within the borrowing powers under the Act? That might be; but, legally, I could not do it.
320. You had nothing to do with their financing; supposing they had obtained sanction from Parliament to borrow £5,000,000 for a particular work, and they had only borrowed £3,000,000, and financed the rest as best they could for the sake of advantage, we will say, you would not be able to let them have the £5,000,000 because they had not borrowed the full £5,000,000;—that is your view? Yes. But the last Act they passed upset that arrangement, by saying that if Parliament authorised it, I could give a warrant for it. I think that was entirely wrong.
321. They were shut out from using any methods of financing which might be open to them, and which might be very advantageous, other than those which were absolutely prescribed by Parliament in authorising the loan;—it might be disadvantageous to the Colony, might it not, if they had to float a permanent loan on less advantageous terms than they could temporarily provide the money for without really floating a loan? Oh, yes; of course.
322. But under your system they would not be able to do that, because you would not give them warrants? Yes, before; but, under this last Act, if Parliament authorised the expenditure, I must give a warrant for it. Since that I have given warrants for hundreds of thousands of pounds far beyond the loans actually raised. I am obliged to do it, but it is with a great grudge.
323. The effect of the old system was that, notwithstanding their being able to make much better financial arrangements than by completing the borrowing which had been authorised by Parliament, your refusal to give them a warrant unless they did complete the arrangement authorised by Parliament prevented them from carrying better arrangements out? I am not quite sure about that.
324. Well, it would be so; if Parliament sanctioned a work, and authorised the raising of £5,000,000 of money in a particular way for that work, and the Government, after raising £2,000,000 of the amount in the way prescribed by Parliament, then found they could finance temporarily the £3,000,000 on much better terms, and to much better advantage, than by going on with the original borrowing, you would not under the old system have given them warrants to enable them to complete that? No. What was really wanted to put the thing right was that they should not in the Loan Acts have limited the power of borrowing to debentures and inscribed stock. If they had introduced some other clause by which they could borrow money temporarily from other sources, it would have made it all right; but because the savings Bank of New South Wales deposit a lot of money in the Treasury, on terms between the Bank and the Government, that is not a loan in terms of the Loan Acts.
325. It is not technically a loan? It is not technically a loan. I can only go by the words of the Act of Parliament.
326. *Chairman.*] Do I understand that the Audit Act was amended lately to enable you to give these warrants which you could not give under the old Audit Act; can you give us the date of that Act—is the Amended Act subsequent to January, 1895? I have not a copy of the Act here, but it is quite recent. The only amendment of the Audit Act was that passed in 1895, introducing this new system of accounts.
327. *Mr. French.*] Which do you mean by the new system? The cash basis.
328. There was a new Audit Act passed to meet that, was there? Yes.
329. *Chairman.*] That was to float the Treasury Bills, was it not? That was a different thing altogether.
330. *Mr. French.*] Was there any material difference between the old Audit Act and that one? Oh, yes, all the difference in the world. The amending Act repealed a certain section in the old Act, which said that unless otherwise expressly enacted all payments should be made within the twelve months, or within three months afterwards.
331. That is the new Act? No, I am speaking of the old Act just now. I refer you to section 17, which I will read. [*Section read.*] That practically hung up the Votes for years. So it did with some of them, and that was a source of great confusion in some accounts. The Appropriation Act from year to year extended the life of the votes to the end of the following year; that is to say, for (say) 1893 it was in force till the end of 1894 before the Votes lapsed, and even then they could not lapse if there was a contract or an engagement outstanding. All payments in the following year under the authority of the old Act had to be made, and that period of the first three months was intended—it was put in by myself—to give us time to get the accounts from London.
332. Virtually the balance goes back to the revenue;—it does not come out of the revenue, because there are no entries passed on appropriations? We have to post the appropriations to know how we are going on. We must credit the account with a vote.

333. Oh, you do? Oh, yes. There is no transfer of money. And that is just what I am writing about in my report. There has never been any Revenue Appropriation Account. It has simply been cash payments and cash receipts, so you never have the liabilities. In other words, we never had a Profit and Loss Account.

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334. *Chairman.*] Could you show in any way the liabilities of the Government on the 30th June last? I have here a return, "Statement A," showing the position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect to its obligations at the close of each financial year, and its means of meeting the same from the close of the year 1883 to the 30th June, 1899, as reported to the Legislative Assembly in the annual reports of the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts for those years respectively, in accordance with the Audit Act.

335. Is that prepared at the Treasury? No, it is my own. This return gives the following information:—"The amount of the financial balance in reference to outstanding obligations at the close of each year; the amount of obligations under statutory appropriations outstanding at the close of each year; balance of obligations at the close of each financial year; balance of obligations if lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act of 1870, and Act No. 5, 1898; net amount of payments in London prior to the close of the financial year, but not included in the Treasury accounts for that year; Treasury Bills outstanding at the close of each year; Treasury balances at the close of each financial year; and the amount of balances of temporary issues recoverable but outstanding at the close of each financial year." (*Appendix K.*)

336. Do you close the financial year on the 30th June? Only since 1895, but previous to that it ended on the 31st December. This return begins from 1883, because the Treasurer lately laid a statement on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, beginning with 1883; so I made this begin from 1883 for the purpose of comparison. I also hand in "Statement B," which begins from 1887, because 1886 was the date of the previous deficit.

337. And the account has been debtor ever since? It has been debtor ever since. Statement B shows the revenue proper as separated from the temporary advances. (*Appendix L.*)

338. Do I understand that the Treasury know nothing of this "Statement A"? Not of that document; but all that information is given in my reports year by year. That is simply a collection of the results in my reports. I put them in there for the reason that the discussion and criticism on my accounts seemed to be based on the idea that this was a new revelation of the state of the accounts, whereas this has been going on for the last fifteen years. A statement was made about the revenue and the temporary issues as if the Treasurer were making use of the advances. In "Statement B" I have separated these two items, giving the Treasurer's gross receipts and payments. It shows the revenue proper and the temporary advances repaid. It also shows the payments proper and temporary advances made. I show the temporary advances repaid and made, showing the balances from year to year, which I have always treated as recoverable items—that is to say, they are sums to be adjusted which may turn out to be either credits or debits.

339. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When you say temporary advances, to whom were they made;—was it to the outside public? No, not to the outside public. There is the Treasurer's Advance Account, for example. The Treasurer gets £100,000 to use, but it is not adjusted until the following year; consequently it is an outstanding temporary advance during each year. And these other Suspense Accounts, as they have been wrongly called, including the Centennial Park and Martin-place Accounts, have always, for the most part, been treated as sums to be recovered.

340. The advances are practically amounts for which the Government have got something they can dispose of or collect; for instance, in the case of the two special Suspense Accounts they have improved the land? But there is no provision in the Act for such a purpose.

341. I am not speaking of the legal aspect, but as a matter of fact? They may perhaps in the next fifteen or twenty years, or perhaps less than that, dispose of the land, but in the meantime these items are wrongly treated as outstanding. With a view to giving some information as to what these accounts consist of I submit a return. (*Appendix M.*)

342. *Chairman.*] With regard to the Suspense Accounts in connection with the approaches to the Post Office and the clearing of Centennial Park, are those entries charged to suspense legally? No.

343. What should they have been charged to? Revenue, straight—both of them.

344. The two accounts together amount to about half a million? Over that; it is between £600,000 and £700,000. (*Appendix N.*) The Act known as the "Centenary Celebrations Act," 51 Victoria No. 9, is out of print, but I have copied the section referring to the appropriation. (*Appendix O.*) And section 3, after enumerating the purposes for which the land was to be vested, contains this passage: "And it shall be lawful for the Chief Minister, notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act contained, to convey the same to the purchasers thereof in such manner and subject to such provisions as the Governor may direct, and the proceeds of all such sales or leases shall be paid by the purchasers to the Colonial Treasurer, and shall be by him carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund." There is no connection between that and the appropriation, and I maintain that the expense should have been a final payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. I contend that the payments should have been charged directly to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and made a charge on the year's Expenditure Account.

345. By law it should be so? It should be so. If they get the proceeds of these lands, these proceeds will simply go to the land revenue. There is no necessity for making a Suspense Account on that score.

346. *Mr. Yarwood.*] This appropriation is £200,000? Yes. Statement E (*Appendix N.*) gives particulars about the Centennial Park Account. The amount is really more than £200,000, because there have been two votes since. In Statement E the amount against the Centennial Park is £199,405 2s. 10d.; that is under the original appropriation.

347. That is out of the £200,000? Yes; but the money was not expended in the manner in which it was appropriated. £150,000 was to go to the State House, but the whole £200,000 was spent on the Park.

348. *Chairman.*] It is irregular from its inception? Yes, so far. Then in 1895-6 there was the sum of £24,960 16s. 11d., and in the following year £4,050 17s. 11d., making £29,011 14s. 10d. voted over and above the original sum.

349. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Had they not the right, originally, to sell the frontages? They have the right still, but they have never done anything yet. They have never surveyed them nor made any regulations about the sale, as far as I have been informed. I suppose it was because the market was not suitable. It was understood that whoever bought these lands should build according to some very fine plan so as not to mar the aspect of the Park.

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350. *Chairman.*] These three sums combined make up the debit to Suspense Account for that particular fund? Yes, for the Centennial Park.
351. All the expenditure in connection with the Park has been charged to the Suspense Account, the original amount under the Act and the subsequent amount? Yes. At first there were two or three years paid from revenue, but the amount was afterwards taken out and put to Suspense Account.
352. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Is it all cash out of pocket? Yes. There have been some collections.
353. But I mean no interest has been added on to the capital cost? No, nothing of that kind.
354. *Chairman.*] I suppose there has been some little revenue from agistment? There have been some rentals for Martin-place, but not from the Centennial Park. There is an annual vote for maintaining it. I hand in copy of Section 3 of the Centenary Celebrations Act. [*Appendix P.*] My remarks also apply to the Post Office matter as will be seen by referring to the Act 53 Victoria, No. 13. There is no justification whatever for dealing with that matter in a suspense account.
355. *Chairman.*] What was the object of charging these items to Suspense Account? By doing that there arose a credit balance, whatever the object was.
356. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The argument is that from a business point of view they were going to pay it out of proceeds? The revenue ought to bear its own share and show it if it should be thus overdrawn.
357. *Chairman.*] Has there been any Act of Indemnity to square the Suspense Account? No, the question has never come up in that form as a piece of wrongdoing.
358. *Mr. French.*] You say it gave a credit balance; I suppose what you mean is that it saved a certain amount from being charged to the Consolidated Revenue Fund; as far as I can see it did not create a credit balance; what it did was to make the other balance larger—more in credit if you like to put it in that way? It did not create a credit balance.
359. It does not say when it is to be charged to the Consolidated Revenue; this may be in suspense and yet part of the Consolidated Revenue all the time. It must be remembered that in each case there is a tangible asset representing the item? My contention is that the payments should be charged to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, as directed under the Governor's warrant.
360. The question is whether it is not really a suspense account which forms a subsidiary part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and it is merely a matter of terms whether it has not been charged to the Consolidated Revenue, but charged in suspense. It is quite possible for that to be the true position of affairs? That may be.
361. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose, as a matter of fact, all the money that has come in from the proceeds of sales, say in Martin-place, has gone to the credit of this account? Yes, they are all shown. You will see in one of the returns I have put in a credit to the Post Office item. I think that arose in connection with the temporary buildings, and there is a small sum of £6 to the credit of the Centennial Park item. I refer to the Public Account for the period ending 30th June, 1898, page 3.
362. This Suspense Account represents the true difference between the receipts and the expenditure? Yes.
363. *Mr. French.*] The true cost of the asset? Yes. You will find the payments and the credits on pages 113 and 114 of the Public Accounts for the period ended 30th June, 1897.
364. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I do not know that it is so, but it may be that in the year ended 30th June, 1896, there was a great falling off in the expenditure? Statement B (*Appendix L*) gives all the information on that point.
365. Are these the absolute cash figures? Yes, the payments proper, excluding the temporary transactions.
366. My point is this: Under the cash basis the books are closed on the 30th June, are they not? Yes.
367. Take the Lands Department for example: In the Lands Department there are certain salaries and expenses that apply to June? Yes.
368. When would those be paid out of the Treasury? For the month of June.
369. Yes? They do their best to pay them by the 30th June, or perhaps two or three days before.
370. Would there be any considerable amount outstanding of the ordinary expenses of the country on the 30th June of any year? There might be, but whatever there would be outstanding, say on 30th June, 1898, would be paid out of the next year, 1899, but then there would be a corresponding sum carried on into 1900. So the cash basis system does not really affect the total of payments within the year.
371. It did in the first year, did it not? No.
372. We were told yesterday that the old régime was wiped out on the 30th June, 1895? That is too broad a statement altogether. It is not so. I will read to you what I intend to say in my next report, which has not yet appeared in public.

“The intention and aim of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 was so to adjust the Appropriations of the Revenue as that they should apply only to payments estimated to be actually required to be made within and up to the close of a Financial Year—the 30th June—leaving any Cash Balance that might remain to be dealt with as a free sum in the arrangement of the Finance Accounts for the next Financial Year.

“The Cash Balance at 30th June in any year is consequently the keynote to determine the condition of the Revenue and its relation to the Appropriation thereof. The amounts Appropriated for any year being limited to the Cash Payments to be made during that year, and the Revenue collected or credited in cash during any year being (for account purposes only) deemed to be the income for that year, the cash difference is substantially a Profit and Loss Balance, or, in other words, forms the “Cash Basis” of the system on which it was designed by the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 that the Public Revenue and its Appropriation to the Public Service should be accounted for. The Balance at the 30th June of any year should, therefore, be both a Cash and a Financial Balance, about the amount of which there should be no dispute.

“Unfortunately, however, while the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 established the new principle on which the Annual Appropriation *out of* the Revenue was to proceed, it was only made to apply to such Appropriations for future financial years, commencing with the first day of July, 1895, without in any way recognising and providing for the fact that the Appropriation Act of 1895 did not expire until the 30th June, 1896—that the Appropriation Act of 1894 did not expire until 31st December, 1895—that there were Appropriations even of 1891, 1892, and 1893 then still alive—and that the Statutory Special Appropriations did not and could not lapse at the expiry of a financial year if not operated upon before that date. Those omissions have added to the confusion in regard to the true condition

condition of the Public Accounts of 1895-6, and subsequently, which it was the expressed design of the Act quoted to remove. If the date of its commencement had been made, as events have proved it should have been more properly the 1st July, 1896, instead of 1st July, 1895, a large amount of trouble and misunderstanding would have been avoided." E. A. Rennie,
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373. *Mr. French.*] I have asked the Accountant of the Treasury to get me a return showing the liabilities outstanding on 30th June, 1895, and he has promised to do so? It is all here in my reports.

374. I want that to enable me to judge of the effect of those on the revenue and expenditure for 1895-6. What were the liabilities outstanding on 30th June, 1895? I would refer you to page 173 of my report of 1896, giving all the particulars. It is only right to mention that there was written off in the following year a sum of £483,000 odd.

375. What does that mean, "written off"? I had to report what was outstanding, and the following year the Treasurer did not need to spend all that.

376. Those were outstanding appropriations? Exactly. They might have been all paid if claimed, but they were not needed.

377. *Chairman.*] Can you give us the same information for the period ended 30th June, 1899? Yes. I think it is all in print in an Appendix for my next report.

378. Can you tell us in the meantime whether the figures are as big? I think it is given in Statement A. [*Appendix K.*] That shows at the end of 1898-9 the balance of obligations at the close of that financial year was £3,352,756 6s. 7d.; but you have to take the Treasury Bills off that to the amount of £2,176,000 odd.

379. *Mr. French.*] The outstanding obligations, apart from the Treasury Bills, amount to about £1,000,000? Yes, about £1,000,000. There is no mistake about the correctness of the figures I have just quoted.

380. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When you say apart from the Treasury Bills, are those Treasury Bills issued? Yes. Statement A is a revenue account irrespective of any supplement to it. It simply shows how the debit balance is accounted for. At the end of the financial year 1898-9 the cash overdraft is reduced to £2,757,529 7s. 7d., and there are outstanding obligations under appropriations amounting to £595,226 19s. That makes a total of £3,352,756 6s. 7d. The cash overdraft was £579,945 7s. 7d., and the Treasury Bills £2,177,584, which together make £2,757,529 7s. 7d.

381. *Mr. French.*] The Treasury Bills provide for it *pro tantum*; they were issued to provide for it, were they not? I can hardly say that. The Treasury never got a penny of money for the Treasury Bills. The bills simply represented money which had already been expended.

382. *Chairman.*] But the proceeds were credited to Consolidated Revenue? There were really no proceeds at all, because the money had been drawn and spent years before.

383. Years before? Some of it, yes. The whole thing is very unsatisfactory, to my mind.

384. *Mr. French.*] The Treasury Bills are like Exchequer Bills? Well, the Exchequer Bills are given at the end of a quarter or of a year, and if the revenue is overdrawn, Exchequer Bills are issued, payable out of the growing produce of the subsequent revenue.

385. *Chairman.*] Are any documents issued for the £1,174,000;—are the Bills really in existence? Oh, yes, to the amount of £1,024,700.

386. And they are held by the Treasury as security for a certain trust account? All the details are given at the end of the account showing where they are. As a matter of fact, the Treasury Bills for £1,024,700 stand as issued in favour of the Government Savings Bank, at 3 per cent.

387. I have an idea that there was no necessity to issue these Treasury Bills at all? I came to that conclusion myself some time ago, so long as the obligation is recognised. The only thing is this: that in regard to the General Post Office Savings Bank, the Government are bound to secure their interest to the depositors, at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. Then the Government had authority to invest these moneys in their own securities. They are simply given to the trust as a legal acknowledgment that they have drawn the money. Issuing the Treasury Bills on account of the Post Office Savings Bank, to which the Government pay 4 per cent., is practically the same thing as paying the depositors.

388. Is the Government paying 4 per cent. now to the Savings Bank Department? I think it is only about 3 per cent., except as to some of the old bills. It may be 4 per cent. in their case.

389. Then there was no necessity to issue those Treasury Bills? No; the whole account being in the Treasury, so long as the Treasury met their obligations, and paid the interest, as they were bound to do, there was no necessity to issue these bills at all.

390. *Mr. French.*] There was no cash raised? No; they did not give the Treasury 1d.

391. It was simply an adjustment of accounts? That was the position.

392. *Mr. Yarwood.*] There is an account which shows a deficit of £1,174,767;—afterwards, I understand, it was reduced by £150,000? Yes; but I could not tell you why.

393. Have you ever seen any accounts to show it? No. I think there was some statement of odds and ends of entries laid before Parliament showing a surplus of £173,000, I think. It is a printed document.

394. I want you to give us the loan debt of the Colony, the Treasury Bill debt of the Colony, and, according to you, the deficiency that exists? It is practically shown already.

395. Would that include all the liabilities? It would not include the appropriation liabilities. I do not count those as a public debt. All moneys that have been raised on securities I can give you easily enough.

396. But when you say appropriation liabilities I understand that under the present system they are closed on the 30th June? The annual appropriations are closed, but the interest on the Public Debt, any balances due under the Schedules of the Constitution, and some other statutory services are all what we call special statutory appropriations.

397. Can you tell what the liabilities under the special statutory appropriations on the 30th June were? Yes.

398. *Mr. French.*] Having the estimated deficiency on 30th June, 1895 and the £1,174,767, I take it that they include the unappropriated balances of appropriations? Yes; it must do.

399. That is to say, the system of the Treasury is to make entries in regard to the appropriations? Yes.

400. And in the liabilities you reckoned an unexpended appropriation, although it might never become a liability? Yes; that is exactly what we call living votes.

E. A. Rennie, Esq. 101. And, inasmuch as at the end of 30th June, 1895, you still had these unexpended votes and carried them on, that might or might not become a liability during the succeeding years? It might not; but, until the votes die, the money represented by them remains as already charged to the revenue under Ways and Means grants.

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402. Under the cash system that does not prevail; under the cash system all votes lapsed? In regard to the Appropriation Act only.

403. That is to say, transactions subsequent to June, 1895? Not transactions, but appropriations passed since that.

404. You explained that there were certain items like interest which were the outcome of prior Acts which still went on? They are a permanent liability on the public revenue. All these are finally charged on the revenue, but in my way of putting things, I take these off; I reckon them as first charges.

405. Although they are not legally first charges? Oh, yes. If you have securities to the amount of some thousands of pounds, and you do not get your interest up to 30th June until 1st July, you would not like to be told that the vote had lapsed, and you could not get it.

406. But that does not make it a first charge. What I meant by a first charge was a first charge in the ordinary acceptation. It does not come before any liability of the Government? I think it does. You are bound to provide for your debts before you spend anything.

407. But it would be *pari passu* with any other creditors of the same standing, although of a different character? The annual Appropriation Act, or rather the votes in Supply, are supposed to deal with free money after all the other things are provided for. That is the understanding, that the Appropriation Act only covers so much as the Government show the Parliament is available for expenditure.

408. These other liabilities having been incurred previously? Yes. If they appropriated all the revenue we will say for a year you would have no revenue to meet the interest on the Public Debt.

409. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then a Treasurer can pay the interest on the loans without an order at all? He is bound to. The authority for paying exists prior to the Appropriation Act.

410. There is a question about the interest payable to the Bank of England. The interest on the loans that is paid as up to the 30th June or the 1st July is interest that has accrued in the previous six months? No doubt.

411. So that if money is handed to the Bank of England on the 20th June so that they can give it to the bond-holders on the 1st July, the Colony has really parted with it as on the 20th June? No doubt.

412. And it is for a debt incurred up to the 30th June? No doubt.

413. Then, in making the change of system, they could have provided for the six months that had accrued? Yes; but the new system only applies to the Annual Appropriation Act. It does not apply to these outstanding special appropriations.

414. That may be technically right, but looked at from a business point of view that would have been the proper thing to do—that is, to provide for it; but you say it only affects the annual appropriations? Yes; the amending Act ought to have been made more clear than it is. These authorities for expenditure are absolutely primary charges, but there is no reason why you should provide for the actual payments under those special Appropriation Acts being made a charge on the year the same as the other; but as it stands I could not close the account of these special appropriations, and I must carry those forward as a first charge on the next year's revenue. It comes to the same thing at the end of the year.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 24th April, 1900.]

FOURTH DAY.—TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

E. A. Rennie, Auditor-General, further examined:—

E. A. Rennie, Esq. 145. *The Witness.*] I have already been asked a question as to the dates when the three advances of £500,000 each were made. I have here a return (*Appendix Q*) giving those particulars. It also shows the Bank balances on the Public Account. The first advance to the General Loan Fund was made on 9th January, 1895, and the Public Account on the day before was in debt, £830,437 14s. 8d. The £500,000 was transferred on 9th January, and after the transfer the Public Account was in debt, £1,357,474 17s. 11d. The Public Account is the Revenue and the Trust Accounts combined. On the same date the General Loan Account to which the transfer was made was in credit £1,167,386 3s. 10d., on the 8th January, and after the transfer, the Loan Account was in credit £1,664,174 4s. 9d. It may seem strange that the General Loan Account should be in credit and yet want a transfer of £500,000. The fact was that the Treasury had warrants from me exceeding that amount considerably, so the amount to credit may have been all withdrawn the next day. It was not drawn out, but that was the position. And that explains why, although the Loan Account was in credit, it required to be replenished. The second advance to General Loan Account of £500,000 was on 10th April, 1895, and on the day before the Public Account was in debt £13,135 4s. 10d. After the transfer it was in debt to the amount of £510,589 17s. 7d. The third advance to Loan Account was made on 28th September, 1895. On the 27th September the amount to the debit of the Public Account was £168,203 6s. 9d., and after the transfer that account was in debit £647,699 1s. 1d. The Loan Account was in credit on the same date £381,179 15s. 9d., and after the transfer it was in credit £879,379 6s. 2d.

146. *Mr. French.*] Then we may conclude that these Trust Funds are amalgamated with the Public Account? That is to say, the Public Account, including the Revenue and the Trust Account. But at the dates of these transfers there was not a penny to the credit of the Public Account.

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417. *Mr. Yarwood.*] These figures do not show the Bank position of the Public Account? Those are the Bank balances. E. A. Rennie,
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418. Well, there was no money anywhere? No; the transfer simply increased the overdraft on the Public Account and the credit on the Loan Account. There was no money to transfer. The transaction altered the balance of the two accounts respectively. 24 April, 1900.
419. It practically made money available for your warrants on the Loan Account? Yes, certainly. The Treasury officers referred to me in great trouble as to what they were to do as I could not give them a warrant, and they proposed to transfer the £500,000 from the Public Account to the Loan Account. They said that they would be negotiating loans soon. Of course, I was wrong in giving a certificate. I should not have done it, but I did it to accommodate them. I understood that they were going to raise a loan soon, and I allowed the first advance to go.
420. *Chairman.*] And the second? And the second, and also the third, on the same conditions. I did not know what they were going to do, and they never let us know when they are going to raise a loan.
421. *Mr. French.*] You passed these amounts on certain representations from the Treasury? That is it.
422. *Chairman.*] On the ground that they were to be covered at once? Yes, or very soon, because it takes time to go to London for a loan. I think that Mr. French has the idea that I gave the Treasury a warrant because there was this sum to the credit of the Loan Account. That is not so. The balance has already been covered by existing warrants. That practically shut them up. They could not use the money except under my warrants previously given. They wanted more warrants, and I would not give them until they had replenished the account.
423. *Mr. French.*] The question between you and the Treasury was one of replenishment? That was all.
424. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The situation is this: that, although on 8th January, 1895, the General Loan Account was in credit to the amount of £1,167,388 3s. 10d., you had signed warrants that absorbed the whole of that money? Yes.
425. They wanted further warrants from you, and you said that some money must be put into the Loan Account. Yes.
426. I am not dealing with the question as to whether they got the money from a right or a wrong quarter, but they got the money from somewhere? Yes.
427. The Public Account is represented as being in debt on 8th January, 1895, £830,000 odd? Yes.
428. That includes the Consolidated Revenue and Trust Funds? Yes.
429. Well, if that was the position of the account where is the amount of the Trust Funds shown in that statement; evidently it had all been spent beforehand? It had all gone, every penny of it.
430. Then, for Consolidated Revenue and other purposes they have been in the habit of absorbing the whole of the Trust Funds? Yes, the Public Account was in debt for a long time, and there was not a penny to the credit of Revenue or the Trust Funds.
431. *Mr. French.*] The Trust Funds have been used up to the hilt from time to time? Yes.
432. Various Governments have used the funds of the Savings' Bank, but I understand there is an Act under which these funds should be invested? Yes. The Post Office Savings' Bank account exists on these conditions: the Treasury has power to invest surplus moneys—moneys that are not immediately required. Every penny that is placed in the Post Office Savings' Bank on deposit is paid over absolutely to the Treasury. Then the Post Office Savings' Bank draws from the Treasury certain sums which it expects to pay out.
433. What we call "tilt money"? Yes; I have to give them a warrant for them, and I sign warrants continually for the withdrawals for payment to the depositors. There is always a considerable balance uninvested of that sum. It is a kind of floating capital.
434. *Chairman.*] But it bears interest? Yes; the Treasury has to pay interest. The Treasury is liable to the depositors for the interest, but the Treasury pays interest to the bank on all the uninvested balance, whatever it is, besides the interest on the Treasury bills which they negotiate with the Bank, or rather which they issue to the Bank as representing the money.
435. *Mr. French.*] I think that in your Annual Reports you show the state of the Savings' Bank balance? Yes.
436. You show the total amount for which the Savings' Bank is liable to the public, and you show the mode in which that is invested? Yes; or rather the Treasury does.
437. I thought you did? No.
438. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then the Treasury is practically the Post Office Savings' Bank? Yes.
439. As a matter of finance, in the particular case before us the Public Account was overdrawn £800,000 odd? Yes.
440. Supposing there had been a run on the Post Office Savings' Banks there would have been nothing to pay the public demands with? There is a large number of separate accounts, such as the Sinking Funds, and the moneys deposited by the Trustee Companies—£20,000 each—and a number of other accounts.
441. I do not understand this treatment of the £1,500,000; why there should have been any trouble between the Auditor-General and the Treasury is not clear to me; it looks to me as if the Auditor-General required that scrip or Treasury Bills, or something should be given for this money, and they were not given. Then I understand that according to the reports produced that did not have the effect of reducing the loan indebtedness; there is another feature about the case; it has been said that by these transfers they saved paying interest twice;—I would like to know on which of these balances interest was to be paid, and if so, how much? I would refer the Committee to the Public Accounts for 1897, pages 23 and 30, and to those for 1895, page 32.
442. I see you speak of "special deposits";—would there be any other deposits? No; there are no other. They are simply made under a clause in the Act, which is practically in these terms—that the Trustees may deposit in the Treasury sums of money on such terms as the Government may make with them. There is an arrangement that they should pay 3 or 4 per cent.
443. Are the terms of these deposits reported to you? The deposits are mostly for twelve months. I have been told that some of them are for six months only—that is, if the Savings' Bank wants the money the Treasury is bound to find it.
444. *Chairman.*] All the Trust Funds bear interest, do they not? The larger portion of them. Some of the Supreme Court moneys do not bear interest. A full account can be seen at page 163 of Report for 1897-8.

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445. Is interest paid on the Trustee Companies' moneys—the Permanent Company, and the Perpetual Company? Yes; the larger amounts in money of the Trust Funds receive interest.
446. *Mr. Yarwood.*] On the 9th January, when the credit balance of the Loan Account of £1,167,000 odd was absorbed, what would they do—would they pay interest to the bankers? That has not occurred yet. There has always been a sufficient balance, and I do not think there is any fixed balance between the Treasury and the Banks on which interest has to be paid.
447. *Chairman.*] Do you approve of the present cash basis system in preference to the old system? Certainly I do.
448. Would you not recommend that the liabilities at the end of the financial year should be shown, and can they not be shown? I always do it in my reports, but the Treasury does not do it.
449. It can be done? It can be done.
450. And ought to be done? Of course.
451. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I take it that under the old system the amount of the liabilities would be to a large extent the appropriations that were unexpended? Yes.
452. Under this so-called cash system, portions of the appropriations were cancelled, were they not—that is, they were absolutely cancelled, if not expended, on the 30th June? Yes; the appropriations for that year.
453. What would the liabilities at the end of the year consist of, other than interest on the debts, and that sort of thing? The unexpended balance of votes.
454. I thought the votes were all abolished? The annual ones all disappear.
455. Have you any details of those liabilities that you could give us? They are all given in every one of my reports. I would refer you to Statement "A," handed in by me the other day.
456. *Mr. French.*] I thought that under the cash system, although all votes lapsed at the end of the year, yet any vote that had been made operative was carried on; you do not necessarily start a clean sheet, and wipe out everything in the way of appropriations; only those appropriations lapsed completely which had never been operated upon, never been given effect to? Not quite so. It is only the portion of a vote that is not used that lapses and is surrendered; but a whole vote, if not used, would be surrendered in like manner.
457. But if the Government have entered into contracts under appropriations, for which no money has yet passed, but for which they are liable, those appropriations run on? No; they have to be revoked.
458. *Chairman.*] Coming back to the cash system: how can the liabilities be shown by the Treasury, so that the public could get a grip of the position;—of what nature would the liabilities be? I show them all.
459. But the Treasury does not? That same question occurred to me the other day in connection with what I call the Revenue Appropriation Account. You take credit for all the revenue you receive, and on the other side you place all the liabilities as settled by Parliament. The balance of these two at the end of the year would show, or ought to show, whether you had a balance to the good, or a balance to the bad on Revenue Account. The Revenue Account would then show if you had any further money to spend.
460. *Mr. French.*] You are now speaking in view of bringing the matter before Parliament again in regard to future appropriations? Yes.
461. But if the appropriations have lapsed it does not so much matter? But the appropriations do not cover or exhaust the revenue sometimes. I will read you a passage from the rough draft of my next report, which bears on this point.

"If the Revenue Accounts were in a healthy condition there should always be a sufficient Cash Balance at 30th June to cover the then unpaid accrued interest on the outstanding Public Debt, and any other unpaid Statutory Obligations due at the same date. Thus, at the 30th June, 1899, there should have been cash in hand to cover the outstanding Special Appropriations shown on page — to have been at that date £595,226 19s. 0d. Any sum beyond such a Reserved Balance would be free money, available for ordinary Appropriation by Parliament, and a properly-constituted Appropriation Account would always show how the Revenue Account stood in relation to the demands upon it by the aggregate Appropriations under Statute. Taking, for example, the gross Revenue Receipts for 1898–9, as stated by the Treasury on page 13, at £9,753,775 0s. 5d., and deducting therefrom the refunds and charges on collections during the year, there results a net sum of £9,572,911 19s. 11d. subject to Appropriation by Statute, and to a charge of £150,000 for the redemption of Treasury Deficiency Bills. The Appropriations by Statute for the Services of the year 1898–9, together with £150,000 already mentioned, having amounted to £10,302,449 13s. 5d., there is a *prima facie* excess of Appropriations over Income of £729,537 13s. 6d.; but, allowing for the surrenders of the unrequired Balances at 30th June under the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, and allowing for the reserve of fixed Appropriations which could not come within the year's payments on the cash basis system, and which, consequently, become a primary charge on the Income of the following year on the same system, there is really a small balance to the good on the year's 'Revenue Appropriation Account,' as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
To Net Revenue Receipts during the Financial Year 1898–9	9,572,911	19	11
„ Surrender of Appropriations unexpended at 30th June, 1899	153,985	11	0
„ To Balance of Fixed Statutory Appropriations, payable in the year 1899–1900	595,226	19	0
	£10,322,124	9	11
	£	s.	d.
By Fixed Statutory Charges for the year 1898–9	3,264,464	17	9
„ Annual Charge for the Liquidation of the Deficiency Debt (Treasury Bills Acts)	150,000	0	0
„ Annual Appropriation Act for 1898–9 (No. 35 of 1899)	6,887,984	15	8
„ Balance credit, 30th June, 1899	19,674	16	6
	£10,322,124	9	11

462. *Chairman.*] What about contractors? Their claims would have to go into the next year's vote. The Contractors' Account might be in excess of the appropriation for the year. E. A. Rennie,
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463. *Mr. French.*] Mr. Dibbs means the debt incurred to the contractor prior to the end of the period;— you would not carry that forward to another appropriation? No; that would come into the votes for the next year. The Department would provide for that, but, nevertheless, it would be a liability of the period just ended. 24 April, 1900.
464. *Chairman.*] Suppose you owed me £2,000 on the 30th June, and did not pay me at all, would it be put down as a debt outstanding? The vote liable for it to 30th June would be written off.
465. But if they had not paid me that £2,000, it would surely be a liability for the Government to pay? As a matter of account it would go into the next year's statement; that is, it would be paid out of the next year's vote.
466. But surely it is a liability? Yes, of course it is a liability between the Government and the individual, but as between the Government and the Parliament it is a different thing.
467. But between the Government and the public, who want to understand the Public Accounts it is something? Suppose you insisted on having the £2,000 on the 30th June, the Treasurer could pay it out of his Advance Account if the account would allow it, and when he got a new vote he would transfer the item to it.
468. They can easily show a credit balance by holding over accounts which should have been paid on the 30th June? If they do that, it is a wrong thing to do, because if the appropriations are not exhausted they are available for all payments that can be made within the financial year.
469. But you know, as a matter of fact, that they defer these payments over the first of the month? I do not know what they do; I could not tell you that.
470. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But supposing they do? If they wilfully keep back a payment, and they have the money to pay it, it would be a wrong thing to do, and it would be a violation of the cash basis system.
471. *Chairman.*] I would like to supplement that system with a list of accounts unpaid as a merchant would do in making up his accounts? Perhaps this explanation may assist you: The cash basis system is, perhaps, a wrong term, but, at any rate, it means that the annual appropriations made by Parliament for providing for the needs of the Public Service are confined to the payments to be made within the twelve months, and these payments are supposed to be made according to the Estimates. Well, they might pay the whole of the Estimates up to the amount of the votes. The services of a department could not be paid beyond the votes, except through the Advance Account.
472. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Is there any limit to the Treasurer's Advance Account? £100,000.
473. Does it ever go above that? He cannot exceed that, but he may make payments considerably in excess of the £100,000.
474. Up to £100,000 the Treasurer is under the whip of Parliament? Yes. If, say, the next week after the Treasurer made an advance he got authority to charge it to a certain account then the expenditure would be transferred from the Advance Account to its proper account, and so the Advance Account would get credit for it.
475. *Chairman.*] I suppose that is one of the objectionable Suspense Accounts referred to? No; it is not quite the same thing.
476. Has it never come within your knowledge that accounts have been paid in July that ought to have been paid before? I cannot say, but people have told me that.
477. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did the Government in the change of system get any advantage in the figures from that particular feature in the first year? That requires some little explanation. Supposing you started fresh with the 1st July, 1895, with no outstanding liabilities at all. You take your whole revenue for the year 1895-6, and you spend all the revenue that comes in up to the 30th June, 1896. Then suppose you have a number of outstanding claims that could not possibly come in, such as quarterly payments. Then anything outstanding necessarily comes to be paid in the following year, and the Parliamentary appropriation is for such payments. In regard to 1895-6, the Treasurer took the whole of the revenue for 1895-6, and left the outstanding claims of the previous year to be dealt with in some other way. In other words it is stated that all these outstanding appropriations of previous years up to 30th June, 1895, were supposed to be covered by the new Treasury Bills. By that process doubtless the payments during 1895-6 for the services of 1895-6 were very much less, but the whole of the payments for 1895-6, arrears and everything, ought to have come in against the revenue of that year, but the revenue was all taken to pay for 1895-6, and the other items were left to take care of themselves.
478. *Mr. French.*] The others were left to be provided for in some other way? Yes.
479. Nothing of the prior period was charged to that year, but in the natural order of things there was a large number of items at the end of the year which could not be brought into it, and, therefore, were not borne by that year, which eased that year to a certain extent? Yes, at that time.
480. The first year was thrown out by the process? Yes. I have here a memorandum of the outstanding liabilities of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at 31st December, 1894, 30th June, 1895, and 30th June, 1899. (*Appendix R.*) This shows that the grants to the Queen unused on the 30th June, 1895, amounted to £1,895,337 12s. 10d.; the cash overdraft was £834,403 3s. 9d.; and the Treasury Deficiency Bills amounted to £1,752,884. The figures on this memorandum correspond with mine, except in the matter of the small amount of £17,000, which I disallowed.
481. When the new cash system commenced these votes or appropriations lapsed? No; that is what I say the Audit Act Amendment Act failed to provide for. I might say that the grants by Parliament are absolute grants to the Crown.
482. *Mr. French.*] In trust, as it were? Well, the Crown claims them. The whole amount of the Ways and Means grant is an absolute charge upon the revenue, and the Crown may spend the whole of it, but some of these sums are not paid, and then the Crown surrenders these balances to the revenue, and they become free money for further use.
483. They absolutely surrender them? Yes.
484. What you mean by being surrendered is in relation to certain entries passed in the Treasury books? It is more than that, because the money is granted to the Crown. The Crown has it all. The Treasury is a mere machine for carrying out the work, but the Crown has the whole of these millions; and when the Crown finds that it has more money than it wants by reason of savings it surrenders the balance, and that comes back to the Government.

E. A. Rennie, Esq. 485. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In the statement which you have submitted, would it not be possible to transfer amounts into the Treasurer's Advance Account? That would be an irregular process. The Audit Act says that no money shall be paid except upon an account rendered, and if you make a payment out of revenue for anything except for an account rendered for actual services you do wrong.

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486. You do check that? Exactly. Here is an instance. In the year 1893 the Treasury handed £31,000 over to the Trust Fund, and I said, "You cannot do that, you have no accounts to show for that." So I disallowed it. If I were to disallow any payments that the Treasury made which were not made upon an account rendered the Treasury would have to make it good in some way.

487. *Mr. French.*] How are they to make it good? If they drew it from the Bank, and the Bank account was short according to my statement, I should surcharge the Treasurer, and he would have to pay the amount. He would have to go to Parliament, and get a vote for it.

488. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did not the last Parliament legalise something of that sort? An Indemnity Act was passed in respect of moneys spent illegally, amounting to £1,278,000 odd. (*Appendix S.*) It was still worse with the loans. There it amounted to more than £2,000,000.

489. *Mr. French.*] In regard to both forms of expenditure, loan and revenue, what sort of check have you. I suppose you cannot discriminate whether certain accounts should be charged to loans or revenue? Yes, to a certain extent I can.

490. Take the case of any public work, say of a road, or, for example, Governor Phillips' statue; suppose that were charged to loan, would you think it within your province to say it should be charged to general expenditure? No, if Parliament voted it as a charge against loans.

491. Parliament votes certain things, but do they specifically vote that a certain road, say from A to B, shall be charged to loans? I go by the Loan Estimates.

492. And all expenditure on that road from A to B is passed by you without, of course, any knowledge on your part as to whether the money has been spent or not? I go by the certificate of the engineer.

493. Although part of the expenditure might really not be for the purpose of forming the road? There are a number of things, not of very great amount, which I am always challenging. As an illustration I might mention that a vote was taken for the erection of a light-house at Point Perpendicular. There was a road passing along there which they used for getting supplies. This road got out of repair, and when they repaired it they wanted to charge the expenditure upon it to the erection of the light-house. I said they could not do so, and they had to transfer it to the road vote. These things occur constantly.

494. Then that sort of thing does come within your cognisance? Yes; there were votes for the extension of the Treasury buildings and for certain additions, and, before these alterations were completed, they thought it desirable to make a change in the Account Room. I think it was proposed to spend about £200 for extra fittings. They referred the matter to me as to whether the expenditure could come out of the vote—it was a loan vote I believe. I said that the money authorised to be spent was authorised on a plan which had been laid before the Parliament, and I asked whether the proposal was included in that plan or not. I did not get any satisfactory answer, but they said that the proposed alteration was part of the scheme. I am not quite certain whether the correspondence has finished, but that is an illustration of the kind of check I employ.

495. *Chairman.*] But what about Governor Phillip's statue being charged to loans? If Parliament says it should be paid out of loans, I must go by that.

496. As a matter of fact, we know that that work was charged to loans;—was there ever a Parliamentary vote that it should be so charged? There must have been. Here comes in the Treasurer's Advance Account. He might pay that as a case of emergency. He might pay a couple of thousand pounds in such a case on his own responsibility, and put it down to loans or revenue, according to the decision of the Government.

497. *Mr. French.*] And then it becomes a charge to loans or revenue as the Parliament may decide? Yes.

498. *Chairman.*] As to the cash basis system, how can the Treasury show the liabilities at the end of the financial year? They are supposed to do it in the Ways and Means, in the Budget laid before Parliament. I think the Treasury should open a Ways and Means Account, as they do in Great Britain. There they ask for warrants for millions at a time—from two to ten millions—on Ways and Means only; but we are tied down here, and I think properly so, to dealing with the actual votes of Parliament.

499. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Have you anywhere amongst your papers a statement of the way in which these things are put before the British Treasurer, because I have read in two or three places that the Treasurer of Great Britain says that his balance is so much and his liabilities are so much? I am not sure whether I have such a paper, but I can give you a copy of the Finance Accounts of Great Britain. I know the process is much the same as here. The Crown goes to Parliament to obtain supplies for the services which it thinks have to be performed in the year. Parliament votes these amounts to Her Majesty. Before all these grants are made Parliament settles what they think should be expended. Then they pass another resolution *in globo* making good those supplies, which are called Ways and Means grants. Reference has been made to making provision for the outstanding liabilities at the end of a financial year. Take the case of a contract which is in hand, say for supplies to a lunatic asylum. The vouchers for the last month of the financial year cannot be made up on the 30th June, because they must include the 30th June. The accounts come in monthly. The account for June is paid in July, and forms part of the expenditure for the following year. Then when the account for the following May is paid that makes twelve months' actual expenditure.

500. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That shows how the introduction of the cash system threw the figures out? But it comes to the same thing in the second year.

501. But not in the first year? No.

502. *Chairman.*] If I were building the lunatic asylum, and there was an account for £150 against it which did not come in till after the 30th of June, I could say in making my balance on the 30th June, "Due to the lunatic asylum, estimated £150." The cash system loses its good quality if you do not show at the end of the financial year what are the outstanding liabilities of the year?

503. *Mr. French.*] It seems to me that any particular year under this present system might suffer or gain materially? There is another element. The grants by Parliament are made on the assumption that the revenue will be raised, but suppose the revenue is half a million short? The Treasurer could not restrain the expenditure on the lunatic asylum, or any other ordinary service. He could not interfere with that.

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Then again, in the course of a year the number of lunatics might seriously increase. You might estimate the expenditure beforehand, but estimates are not satisfactory; and if you make estimates you have to adjust them afterwards. It is better to take actual accounts.

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504. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Suppose an account comes into the Lands Department, and they pass it on to the Treasury for payment, and then send it to you to see whether it is in order, does the original sender of the account know when it is paid, or does his interest in it cease when the account is passed on to the paying Department? I do not quite understand.

505. Suppose a clerk in the Lands Department passes an account for £20 for payment in favour of an outside person; suppose he certifies that he has seen the goods, and the prices are right; the account ultimately comes to you, and is passed to its proper appropriation? After it is paid.

506. Well, suppose it goes to the Treasury, do they, when they have paid the account, tell the man they have paid it? I suppose the man would know that for himself, but most of the accounts are paid to banks.

507. Suppose the Lands Department have passed accounts to the extent of half a million, can they form any idea at the end of half a year which of these accounts have been paid? No. Many of their accounts are, however, paid by themselves under advances from the Treasury.

508. *Chairman.*] I see that on the 30th June, 1899, the Treasurer leaves off on the Consolidated Revenue Account, including everything, with a balance of £116,523 5s. 8d.;—as Auditor-General, would you call that a surplus or a cash balance? It might have been the result of the transactions of the year. I could not tell exactly.

509. I am fixing it for this one year;—would you call it a surplus or a cash balance? I should say it could not be a surplus or a cash balance either, because his cash account was overdrawn to the extent of £600,000 or £700,000 in connection with the Suspense Accounts.

510. I am presuming that the Suspense Accounts are in? This is only a set-off against the overdraft of £600,000 or £700,000.

511. But would you say it was a surplus or a cash balance? I should say it was neither the one nor the other.

512. Because it does not show the Suspense Account;—is that your answer? Yes; that is to say, it is stated as a separate item at the same time that the Cash Account was overdrawn on two other items.

513. At all events, you would not call it a surplus? No; I could not call it that.

514. At page 46 of the transcript of your evidence you say, "There has never been any Revenue Appropriation Account"; and I asked you this question: "How can the Commission under these circumstances ascertain the real outstanding liabilities of any given period?" That is true enough. We never get any statement of liabilities with the annual account of receipts and payments.

515. Then your answer on page 46 is correct? Yes.

516. *Mr. French.*] I understand that the Treasury do not show it—not that it cannot be shown? The only statement is in Ways and Means. I pay no attention to the Ways and Means. They are no authority to me.

517. *Chairman.*] Mr. Reid has stated that his excess of expenditure over revenue was due to the payment of hundreds of thousands of pounds of the liabilities of his predecessors;—how can this be really ascertained, or how would you, if a member of the Commission, proceed to find out the correctness of this statement? Statement A, which I have put in, gives you that information *in globo*. It gives you the outstanding liabilities at the close of each financial year, and shows at the same time the Treasurer's balance of cash on the same date; it shows the liabilities outstanding, and the total balance outstanding, including the cash overdraft. I am sure you could not alter those figures. The details of course you can get from my reports.

518. *Mr. French.*] According to this statement the accounts have gone from a credit balance of £209,532 19s. 2d. in 1883 to a debit balance of £3,352,756 6s. 7d. in 1898-9—that is to say they have gone to leeward to the extent of £3,500,000 odd in sixteen years; the highest point was reached in 1894, when the balance of obligations is set down as £4,857,239 9s. 7d.; at the end of 1898-9 they are represented as being £3,352,756 6s. 7d.; I want to know how they have been reduced—I suppose the Treasury Bills account for that? They do not make any difference as to the liabilities.

519. The first column in this Statement A is the amount of the Treasury Bills deficiency at the close of the financial year, plus the debtor balance of the Treasury ledgers? Yes.

520. Taking column 2, these are not necessarily liabilities but what are left of the appropriations of Parliament you have been speaking of—appropriations unused? Unused.

521. Which under the cash system lapsed? No; they were expended or surrendered the following year. To show the outstanding and undischarged appropriations as they stood at June 30, 1895, I hand in this statement. (*Appendix T.*)

522. Do I understand that the revenue of 1895-6 really did bear some £300,000 charges of prior periods? Yes, certainly it did. It bore all that was not covered by the Treasury bills. Column 4 in Statement A shows sums that have lapsed of the appropriations given in column 2. Column 5 represents the payment in London for about two months which do not come in within the twelve months; but I have always reported them as showing a real addition to the expenditure of the year.

523. Column 8 shows the balance of temporary issues recoverable but outstanding at the close of each financial year? Statement E gives you an illustration of what they are. They are given there for December, 1883, and June, 1899, but I can give you the years in between if you like. This statement (*Appendix U*) shows how much of the last column in Statement A belong to the Centennial Park and the Post Office Approaches.

[Adjourned till Wednesday, April 25th, 1900.]

FIFTH DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

E. A. Rennie, Auditor-General, further examined:—

E. A. Rennie, Esq. 524. *Mr. French.*] Suppose an appropriation is made for service "A," and suppose a portion of that appropriation is not required, is it allowable for the Treasurer to divert that appropriation to service "B";—is it possible under the Audit Act? Yes; there is a clause to that effect.

25 April, 1900. 525. Which clause is that? It is clause 18 of the original Act.

526. I have been informed that, supposing Parliament has sanctioned an appropriation for service "A," and it is found during the currency of the financial year that the whole of the appropriation is not required, it is then allowable to transfer the unexpended portion from service "A" to service "B," which may be totally different? In this connection I will read clause 23 of the Consolidation Act of 1898:—"23. If the exigencies of the Public Service render it necessary, the Governor may authorise the application of any balances under the head of any service for fixed establishments, other than special votes for public works remaining unexpended, for the purpose of supplementing any votes for other services found insufficient to meet the requirements thereof. A statement of all such applications of balances, as well as copies of all minutes of the Governor relative thereto, shall be submitted by the Auditor-General to Parliament within seven days if in session, and if not then within seven days after the commencement of the next ensuing session."

528. In that clause "the Governor" means the Executive Council? Yes; it always means the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

528. Still you have to get the Governor's warrant? I get the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Council, and these are all quoted at the end of my reports.

529. Then, of course, it must be done in the Executive Council; it cannot be done by any one Minister? No.

530. Still it gives the Executive Council power to, as it were, amalgamate the appropriations, as I understand that clause in the Audit Act? That bears on what I was stating yesterday about the whole of the Ways and Means being one sum granted to the Queen. Within that total of Ways and Means the Treasurer has a certain amount of latitude in dealing with it, and this clause enables him to do it in regard to particular votes; but you will notice an exception in the clause. It would not allow the Treasurer to take the balance on a bridge vote and put it to another vote, because that would interfere with the distinct appropriation by Parliament for a particular purpose; but suppose there were a balance on the Treasury vote, for example, that could go to the Colonial Secretary's Office if that office vote was short. They can only take the savings on a vote in that way. But generally they cannot tell what the savings are till near the close of the year.

531. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then, if they retrenched a number of officers in the Lands Department, and saved money in that way, and they were put to further expense in the Treasury, they would be able to use the money voted for the Lands to pay the extra officers in the Treasury up to the amount they might have saved? Yes, exactly. In the case of my Department there is provision made for a certain number of Inspectors of Public Accounts. It was arranged that those officers should be transferred from my Department to the Treasury last February. Consequently they had to pass a minute in the Executive Council to transfer the provision made for my Department for those inspectors to the Treasury; but the total expenditure for both Departments is not increased in any way by that process—simply the officers go to the Treasury and do the same work. I may as well say now that a good deal of difficulty has arisen in regard to the proper provision which should be made for the Departments. In preparing the Estimates they very often cut off £500 here and £20 there, so as to bring the total within the estimated means of supply. That creates a good deal of difficulty. Take one case in point: There is a general vote for the Architect to repair, alter, and add to public buildings—some £4,000 or £5,000, I think it is. Well, when the estimates come before the Government for amendment or final preparation they may cut the £5,000 down to £4,000. The Works Department, who send in the estimate, know that £4,000 is not enough if they ask for £5,000, so when the end of the year comes you cannot get any repairs done. That creates a great deal of trouble through not providing sufficiently on the Estimates for the expenditure.

532. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Would that explanation of yours affect question 21 before us? Not a bit.

533. *Chairman.*] On page 49 of your evidence you say: "There are other Suspense Accounts as they have been wrongly called;"—can you enumerate these other Suspense Accounts referred to by you? When I gave that answer I did not mean that there were other suspense accounts; I meant the Centennial Park and the Post Office Accounts. I was dealing there with the sums to be recovered, and these sums to be recovered include those which I say are wrongly called Suspense Accounts. Statement E shows what I call the temporary advances.

534. Do you think these two special accounts should be closed by debiting them to Consolidated Revenue Account? I do, decidedly. I distinctly say that the expenses should be paid from, and charged direct to, the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

535. Are not the Ministers responsible in some way for going outside the scope of the Centennial Park and the Post Office Acts, and also for paying away more than the amount voted by Parliament? They have not spent anything beyond what is provided for in the two special Acts. Perhaps you are referring to the fact that I mentioned that the £200,000 was all spent on the Park, and that there were two small votes more recently—£25,000 for additional work of some kind one year and another small sum the next year. Those two sums were distinctly voted, with the word "suspense" to them.

536. I understand that your explanation is that the money was voted for the building of a State House, but that no State House was built, the money being spent in other directions? It was all spent on the Park. There is no mistake that it was understood that £150,000 was intended for the building of the State House. I think that is in print somewhere. That was the main thing which Sir Henry Parkes wanted

wanted. The £50,000 was supposed to tidy up the grounds and make a park of it, but instead of that being done the whole £200,000 was absorbed by the Park.

537. Can you tell me who was the Minister who first charged the expenditure on these works to the Consolidated Revenue? I really do not know who was the Minister at the time. It was about 1887 or 1888.

538. Who was the Minister that reversed these entries, and charged them to Suspense Account? I could not tell you that at this moment; in fact, I think I had something to do with making this a Suspense Account at the time.

539. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did you suggest that they should be made Suspense Accounts? Yes, that first one, because it was well understood by the Colonial Secretary's office—I privately asked the question distinctly—that the proceeds of these lands of the Park unsold were intended to cover the expenditure. But there is nothing in the Act to show that, and hence my contention that the Act should be complied with by charging this expense direct to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

540. *Chairman.*] Are not all improvements of Crown lands (and these were Crown lands, I suppose), charged to Consolidated Revenue? There may be some charged to Loan expenditure, for example; that large sum that was voted for improving the scrub lands in the west was, I think, charged to Loans.

541. Do you say that the scrub business was charged to Loans? Yes.

542. *Mr. French.*] Because Parliament so ordered it? Yes.

543. As I understand the position, you do not challenge anything that Parliament passes; if Parliament passes the most ridiculous things to loans you cannot challenge it? I must pass it. I am only called on to see that the directions of Parliament are carried out. I am really a Parliamentary officer.

544. *Chairman.*] Am I right in saying that your contention all along has been that the payments charged to the two suspense accounts should, in accordance with the Acts, have been charged to the Consolidated Revenue? I think so. It is only lately, since the question has been raised, that I have looked minutely into the Acts. I knew all along that it was paid out of revenue. The only question is how it should be stated.

545. You say in your evidence at page 56–57: "I came to that conclusion myself some time ago";—Can you say why you came to that conclusion? Because the matter was within the Treasury. If they had issued the Treasury Bills to the public it would have been a different thing. These bills were simply issued and dealt with within their own Department.

546. *Mr. French.*] What I understand you to mean when you gave that evidence was that the issue was a mere matter of form; that the obligation was there, and it was not necessary to ear-mark that obligation by Treasury Bills? Quite so.

547. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I thought the idea of issuing these Treasury Bills was to locate the deficiency that had to be provided for in connection with the accounts up to the date when the change was made; my idea was that they went to the House and asked the House for what I think they call a Deficiency Account, which was practically intended (I do not know whether it did or did not) to wipe out the old regime altogether, and they said, "Give us those Treasury Bills," and when they got the Treasury Bills, that located where the debt arose;—is that so? I can only refer you again to the Ways and Means statement of 1895–6, where the balance is brought out as £1,174,000, which is the basis on which the Bills were issued, and on which they obtained an Act afterwards to authorise the issue.

548. *Mr. French.*] If this is a correct estimate of revenue and expenditure, what ought to have been done was that all the accounts up to that point should have been liquidated; but I take it that that being an estimated statement of Ways and Means, they did not actually liquidate, but they mixed the accounts up in some way? I know the Treasury will give you a statement showing you how the money has been expended, but I should very much like to see it.

549. Referring to the amount of £464,715, what I understand by that is that in the Treasury books, as made up to that date, that is the debit balance, but on those accounts a number of items are dependent which would increase the amount if they had been brought into account at that date? Quite so.

550. *Chairman.*] I should like you to give us your opinion under the cash system whether an interest payment to the Bank of England before the close of the financial year should not be charged before that period; that is to say, should a payment made before 30th June be charged before 30th June? Certainly it should.

551. Would it not be a good plan, in order to make the cash system a perfect one, that all known liabilities should be charged? If they represent actual transactions for services, supported by certified accounts.

552. Could not the Agent-General cable in one sum the total of such payments he has made between his last account rendered to the Treasurer at Sydney and the 30th June each year? I conclude he could do that if he could analyse the accounts and say how much of the receipts and payments for the two months represented Revenue, Loans or Trust Funds, so as to give the three totals on each side. If he could do that no doubt it could be cabled out, and the Treasurer could include those items in his account.

553. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose the Agent-General does not dissect the accounts? I do not think he does, because the London account is one public account. The Treasury does that here when it gets the vouchers.

554. I suppose the Agent-General has not the material? I do not think he has. He may know whether the expenditure is from revenue or loans; but I do not think he keeps a separate account.

555. *Chairman.*] The Treasury left off on the 30th June, 1899, with the Consolidated Revenue Account in credit £116,523 5s. 8d.? I think, as I said yesterday, that was neither a cash balance nor a surplus.

556. But if the Agent-General telegraphed that he had expended £500,000 or £600,000, that would have wiped that sum out? Yes, it would.

557. It occurs to me that under the cash system everything should be got in that can be got in, and that these particulars could be cabled out by the Agent-General? No doubt that can be done by arrangement; and more than that, the Treasury could instruct the Agent-General's clerk in such a way as to enable him to divide the account. In regard to the question of withholding payments and getting in revenue, I know that the Treasury, within a week or a fortnight of the close of the year, telegraph all over the Colony to the different Land Agents and other collecting officers to telegraph down the amount of their collection up to, say, the 29th of the month, and the Treasury credit this as if they had actually received it.

558. Through a Suspense Account? No; they pass the moneys in to Revenue.

559. How do they get the money? They get the money in a day or two afterwards. They always show so much in the hands of the receiver. That represents sums which he has to receive perhaps the next day.

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E. A. Rennie, Esq. 560. As they telegraph for all these receipts, do they take the same trouble in connection with the expenditure; do they telegraph to London and all over the country for the expenditure? I do not think they do.

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561. *Mr. French.*] I suppose the practice you have referred to is not a new one? No, it is nothing new; I believe it has been done for years past. My view is that both receipts and payments should take their natural course—that nothing should be done to interfere with the ordinary course of business, because the whole system depends on that. It is cash receipts and cash payments, and if the Treasury interfere and get a lot of revenue in, and yet does not look after the expenditure, that spoils the whole system.

562. I suppose the expenditure in London is not very much? The amount outstanding is shown in Statement A.

563. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In your report you say, speaking of the £500,000 of Trust Funds, it was then proposed to replenish the account by advances of £500,000 from the Trust Funds, but upon that course being challenged as objectionable, was that by yourself? Yes.

564. Why did you do that? Because, as I said before, the Trust Funds were not available for such a purpose. 565. But, according to a statement you showed us yesterday, there were no funds available? No; but I was not referring to the actual amount at the moment, it was simply a question as to what should be done. They proposed to transfer £500,000 from the Trust Funds—I think it was the Trust Funds—and I said that they could not do that because Trust Funds are under special conditions and could not be applied to make an advance to the Loan Account.

566. The money was there—I mean to say the credit balance on the uninvested Trust Funds was there? I do not think it was. When I came to look at the account the other day there was no money to do that. The Bank balance on the “Public Account” was entirely overdrawn.

567. But in going into the details of the Trust Funds you showed us that certain amounts were ear-marked,—certain loans, certain Treasury Bills? I referred you to the Treasury statement of how the Trust Funds were invested; that is on page 4 of the Treasurer's statement. They show a debit balance on the Revenue Account of £1,166,000 at 30th June, 1895, but of that a million is dropped the following year and made into a separate account. We could not tell where it came from. In fact it could not come from anywhere, it was a mere book entry.

568. I refer you to Question 35. “Whether, from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's certificate. Whether in connection with these payments an expenditure account was opened; the effect of that account?” That is the amount in the Indemnity Act I handed in yesterday.

569. I suppose this is not a usual thing? There have been two or three indemnity Acts passed before.

570. Some of these expenses go back to 1897. Would it be a regular thing to run an arrangement of this sort from 1897 to 1899? The Treasurer should have taken an Indemnity Act before.

571. I take it then, that it is not usual to run it over such a long period? No, certainly not. There have been one or two or three indemnity Acts in past years, but they were nothing so extensive or serious as this.

572. I suppose in the Annual Statement these would be treated as not expenditure proper until the indemnification was passed? Not exactly so. These sums were paid, and at the moment when they were paid there was no Parliamentary sanction for them, but possibly in the course of a few days a Supply Bill would be obtained that would cover a number or the whole of them. At the moment the sums were paid they were paid without the authority of Parliament and without a warrant. That is why they were altogether illegal payments. Consequently the Treasurer had to get an Indemnity Act to indemnify himself and his officers for having violated the law.

573. *Mr. French.*] Am I right in putting it this way: That the various votes for these purposes specified here were overdrawn to that extent? At the moment, but they were all provided for afterwards.

574. By this Indemnity Act? Oh, no; votes were taken for these expenses afterwards.

575. They were overdrawn at the moment, but in due course Parliament passed a Supplementary Appropriation covering these sums, is that so? Not these specific sums, perhaps. Suppose these sums were paid two or three days before the Supply Bill came in. Then the Supply Bill enabled the Treasurer to pay all these sums legally. But they were never carried to a debit account, and then credited from the Supply Bill. They were just allowed to stand out. They stood as illegal payments until this indemnity was got; but that does not make this Act an Appropriation Act, because the moneys are all charged under appropriations afterwards.

576. Does it mean that this was really an indemnity for those persons who were concerned in making the payments before they should legally have been made? That is all it means.

577. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I do not understand the difference between what you call a Supply Bill and an Appropriation Act? The Supply Bill when passed becomes an Appropriation Act, but it is a temporary one. In ordinary circumstances, the amounts in the Supply Bills come into the annual Appropriation Act, but in some cases they include items which are not in the Appropriation Act, and consequently I have to take the Supply Bills (or more properly Supply Acts) as authorities for these special items.

578. *Mr. French.*] Having got the Supply Bill for these special payments, what necessity was there to get the Indemnity Bill? Because at the moment the sums were paid it was illegal to do so. It was simply to legalise, so to speak, what had been illegally done. I have already mentioned that the Treasurer had paid loan services for about £2,000,000 or more without warrant for two years past. I have here another Indemnity Act (*Appendix V*), and I will read section 3.

“3. Where, before the commencement of this Act, any moneys have been drawn from the General Loan Account for the payment of and have been paid for loan services duly authorised by law without any warrant of the Governor for the same, the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and all persons concerned or engaged in the matter of such drawing and payment are hereby indemnified and saved harmless for and in respect of such drawing and payment.”

The amount is not mentioned, but it is for £2,000,000.*

579. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When was that Act passed? On 22nd December, 1899.

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* NOTE BY WITNESS.—I have since found it was for nearly double that sum.

580. *Mr. French.*] Have you any idea why these Acts were passed;—do you know the nature of the transactions? The transactions are of the same character as in the other Act—that is to say, they had no proper legal standing.

581. Was this an indemnity of a similar character to the other? So far as the payments were illegal, because the Treasurer had not the Governor's warrant, and he has not got it to this day.

582. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When you say the Governor's warrant, is that yours? No, it is the Governor's. Treasury cannot legally make any payment except upon a warrant signed by the Governor, and the Governor will not sign a warrant without my certificate. The sums mentioned in the warrant must be legally applicable to the services mentioned in it to secure my certificate.

583. Then you did not sign these loan warrants? There were none given in this case.

584. *Chairman.*] Was it merely the neglect of the Treasury which accounted for their not getting the Governor's warrant? It was my refusal to give the warrant, because they had not the moneys available. There is an important point in this Act, and it bears on what I have said to the effect that the Government should not have limited the form of borrowing to debentures, and so on. I refer to section 1 of the Act.

"1. (1) Where a special Act authorises money to be borrowed for loan services, it shall be lawful for the Governor in anticipation of the raising of any loan so authorised to transfer from the Trust Fund and from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the General Loan Account any money at credit of those Funds respectively and to obtain advances from any bank keeping the Government Account, and carry the money so advanced to the General Loan Account, but so that the money so transferred and advanced shall not exceed in amount the money authorised by the special Act to be borrowed.

"(2) The money so transferred and advanced may be applied as if it were money borrowed under the special Act.

"(3) Any money so transferred and advanced, or any part thereof, may at any time be re-transferred and repaid from the General Loan Account to the Trust Fund or the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or the bank keeping the Government Account, as the case may be.

"(4) Where any money borrowed under the special Act, together with any money transferred or advanced to the General Loan Account, and not re-transferred or repaid in pursuance of this section, exceeds in amount the money authorised by such Act to be borrowed, the amount of that excess shall be re-transferred or repaid as aforesaid."

I would also refer to section 2, which I will read:—

"2. For the purposes of section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898, any sums mentioned in the instrument referred to in that section shall be deemed to be legally available for and applicable to the service or purpose mentioned in such instrument, if those sums have been authorised for expenditure by Parliament for that service or purpose and have not previously been expended for such service or purpose."

That means that if there is the authority of Parliament to expend the money I must give them the warrant whether they have the money or not, and I do not think that is right. I am sure that was put in by the Treasury officers, because they argued that the Audit Act says that the Auditor-General must be guided by appropriations. This question gave rise to the law opinion that was obtained from Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly. There was a marginal note on clause 12 of the Audit Act, saying, "The Auditor-General to be guided by appropriation." Well, if there is no loan money borrowed you cannot appropriate it.

585. *Mr. French.*] You held that they could not appropriate the credit—as we bankers should call it—or the right to borrow? That is it.

586. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Is interest paid on the Official Assignees' money? I know they pay interest on the bankruptcy estates. I would like to make a remark in connection with the Loan Account. In the year 1879, there was passed a Loans Funds Amalgamation Act. That arose from the fact that before that date there were as many as nine separate Loan Funds. It was the late Sir James Martin who wished to prevent the Treasury from using one Loan Fund for another. There was no apparent occasion to keep the funds in separate accounts, because we had the proper ledger accounts and could tell exactly how each appropriation was being spent. But this is the point: under that Act the Treasury claim to use any sum that is borrowed for any Act to the purpose of any other Act.

587. *Mr. French.*] And do they legally claim that? Yes, under that Amalgamation Act. That has been the case all along since 1879.

588. So, virtually, they have the full borrowing power of all the Acts for any one purpose;—is that so? Yes; they can use the money for any loan service, though raised for one only.

589. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In other words, if they go to the London market for a loan for a construction of railways only, they can spend it on anything they like? Yes. One consequence of the arrangement was this, that in 1884, in a great spirit of liberality, Parliament passed a Loan Act authorising the raising of £14,000,000 of money for a number of services, such as railways and others. Well, there were Loan Acts afterwards that were not borrowed upon at all. That is referred to in one of my reports. There is a statement showing that there were two or three Acts in respect of which they had spent nearly every vote, but they used the money they had raised under the 1884 Act. They went on borrowing under the 1884 Act.

590. *Mr. French.*] And, of course, you had to pass it? Yes, up to a certain point, when I began to find that I was giving them warrants for more than their cash.

591. You do not consider the right to borrow was the same as borrowing? Exactly. The sum they have the right to borrow now is £13,462,000. What is the use of passing another Loan Act every year—why not use that?

592. It seems to me it does not matter; the whole of the Acts are a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue for their principal? And for the interest.

593. There is no precedence in point of time? No. Some of these works authorised in 1884 are not completed yet. There is a sum of £500,000 voted for the city railway.

E. A. Rennie, 594. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When the Government want to raise a loan in London, do they issue prospectuses? Yes; the Treasury have them. That Loans Amalgamation Act has given me a great deal of trouble.

595. I think you said yesterday that you would try to get us some paper showing what the British Government do in connection with their finances? I cannot find anything bearing on that point.

596. *Mr. French.*] I am informed that the British Government have only one continuous account showing the revenue and the expenditure, and when they have to make up a deficiency in the account they make an entry, "Loan raised in aid of revenue"? Our system used to be the same; the heading used to be "Receipts in aid of revenue." Then the loans were always passed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be accounted for in the same way as the revenue. That was the case prior to the Loan Act, 35 Victoria No. 5. It is this amalgamation of separate Loan Acts which I object to. I maintain that the Loan Account is just as much a part of the Revenue Account as any other. I would like to call your attention to section 11 of the Audit Act. [*Section read.*] All the money the Treasurer receives without reference to any fund must go into one account in the Bank, and there is provision made in the Treasurer's cash sheet for as many divisions as he likes to show where the money has gone to. It is convenient to have a Bank account for loans and a Bank account for a number of other things as a mode of check, but the account as kept in the Bank is virtually a public account. That is what ought to be, according to the Audit Act. In the matter of classifying accounts, I might refer you to my Twenty-eighth Annual Report. You will see there how I classify the Revenue items, but the Treasury have not as yet adopted that system. In the Treasurer's statement of Loan Expenditure, you have to run over page after page to find out the amount of any particular class of loan expenditure—as for Railways, say; but I show the whole of the expenditure for Railways, and every other distinct class of Loan Services, in a concise and intelligible form.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 26th April, 1900.]

SIXTH DAY.—THURSDAY, 26 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

George Henry Pitt, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit, examined:—

G. H. Pitt, 597. *Witness.*] I should like to make an explanation. I have gone through the forty-one questions, and if you will allow me I will answer them seriatim. As regards the Cash Balances, I desire to be examined thoroughly as to the relative position of the Accounts which comprise the Public Account. I should be very glad if the Committee would give me a little latitude, and also allow the examination to be very comprehensive. Referring for a moment to Question 32: "Whether the present system of keeping the public accounts is a good one; and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the method of keeping the accounts, or in their presentation, so that these may be more easily comprehended by the public?" I may say that I have for a considerable time past made a study of the present system, and have noted its defects. I am prepared to submit to the Committee what I consider an "up-to-date" system, and which I anticipate will command the sympathy of the Committee, because the returns of the Audit Department or the Treasury will be verified by the certificates of the General Managers of the Banks with which the Government deals, and their certificates will prove whether the accounts close at the end of the financial year with a cash credit or debit. Some very drastic reforms will be submitted, but they have been all carefully thought out. I will also be able to prove that there was not a penny-piece belonging to the Revenue for many years, and that the bills have not been absolutely redeemed during any of the years under review, because the deficiency balance between 31st December, 1894, and 30th June, 1899, according to Audit Department statement—which I can prove right to a penny—was increased by £22,000 odd. And if the clause in the Treasury Bills Act be interpreted to mean "absolute redemption"—that is, a reduction of the outstanding deficiency to the extent of £150,000 annually—not merely a cancellation—the deficiency was increased by an additional £600,000. The printed questions will allow me to cover all the ground in connection with the reform that I propose to submit in connection with the financial system.

598. *Chairman.*] I should like to know what experience you have had;—have you always been in a Government office? Most of my official life has been passed in a Government office. I am a civil engineer by profession, but I have always taken a great interest in the finances of the Colony—first as Chief Compiler in the Statistician's Office, and during my tenure of office in the Department of Audit. I have devoted a very considerable portion of my private time in locating the defects in the present system and devising a reformed one. In regard to this transfer of accrued interest, I may say that I was one of the prime movers in effecting the transfer. I contend that when floating loans in London these interest bonuses—it is a term of my own, and fits well—are distinctly a charge on the loan proceeds—in fact, a charge on negotiation.

599. You are now referring to the £360,000? That is to say, the £341,000 during 1895, and subsequent transfers. Continuing my remarks, I may say that I was led to the conclusion I formed because it was my duty when in the Statistician's Office to deal with the loans to the Colony, and when establishing the cost of the loan it came uppermost in my mind that these interest bonuses should have been properly regarded as charges on the loans. The Auditor-General went carefully into the matter about the same time, and when Mr. Reid came into office the transfer as recommended by the Auditor-General was made. So in reference to accrued interest I can only say it was a big windfall, but to exclude the item I cannot agree, especially as I was one of the movers in having it done.

600. *Mr. French.*] As regards that item, the only question is as to what period it belongs to? The £341,000 belongs to the deficiency of the Consolidated Revenue for 1894 and previous years.
601. *Chairman.*] First of all, we want to get your experience? My experience of the Government finance is spread over the period since 1889. I have taken a large interest in it from that date, and made considerable research as to the condition of the respective accounts.
602. All that time were you in the Statistician's Office? Up to 1st January, 1897, when I was transferred to the Audit Office as Chief Clerk, and now I hold the position of Chief Examiner.
603. Question 1 is as follows:—"The amount of Revenue properly so-called, exclusive of such receipts as proceeds of Treasury bills and transfers from the General Loan Account, received during the four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899";—what is your answer to that? The phrase "properly so-called" is liable to misinterpretation. I find out by the questions which follow what is really meant. What we mean by Revenue proper and Expenditure proper is the accounts exclusive of the temporary advance accounts; but in this case it is intended, I infer, to mean the exclusion of these extraordinary receipts, such as the Treasury bills and the accrued interest only.
604. And any credit balance? No. Credit balance is not included. However, my answer is that the total amount of receipts was £43,417,297 7s. 4d. I hand in this paper. (*Appendix X.*)
605. Now we take Question 2: "The amount expended from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period";—what is your answer to that? £44,437,937 11s. (*Appendix X.*)
606. And what is your answer to Question 3: "The difference between the revenue properly so-called and the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period"? £1,020,640 3s. 8d. The revenue "properly so-called" in these answers means that on the Revenue side should be excluded the proceeds of the new issue of bills, and the accrued interest and premiums on loans credited from 30th June, 1895, to 30th June, 1899. (*Appendix X.*)
607. *Mr. French.*] When you say Treasury bills, you mean the deficiency bills;—do you mean any particular set of bills—the £1,174,700? That is so.
608. Then that return is a return of the revenue and the expenditure for the period without allowing for any adjustments which were made to clear up a supposed deficiency. As these figures stand they bring out a deficiency of £1,024,000. We know that that deficiency was covered by the deficiency bills. Then I understand clearly that that statement does not include the deficiency bills which were intended to make up a considerable portion of that difference;—the fact is that they do not include the proceeds of the deficiency bills which were specially created for the purpose of meeting the deficiency, that is so, is it not? Yes. I will show that these bills should never have been floated at all. These bills and the instalment payments have caused no end of trouble, and the inclusion of such leads to confusion. For instance, there was a debit balance on 30th June, 1895, which was created into a credit balance on 30th June, 1896, by the proceeds of these bills. It has been contended that these were credited by the authority of Parliament. I admit that; but they are a confusing element, and the Auditor-General has taken the practical interpretation of the Act by treating his accounts (and I want to emphasise this particularly) exclusive of the Treasury bill receipts and the payments in redemption thereof. I have here a "base statement" which shows how the figures of the exhibits are made up, and I have reconciled the totals down to the deficiency, which will be shown in the Auditor-General's report for the year ended 30th June, 1899. (*Appendix W.*) This statement taken in connection with *Appendix X* will assist you considerably.
609. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 4: "The amount of the expenditure charged to the two special suspense accounts, and the amount of the receipts credited to these accounts during the same period";—what are the two suspense accounts? The General Post Office and the Centennial Park Accounts. We do not acknowledge them to be suspense accounts, although we put the word "suspense" in the Annual Report. The payments on account of the General Post Office amounted to £133,827 18s. 3d., and the receipts to £1,389; the Centennial Park expenditure was £29,050 17s. 11d., and the receipts £45 3s. 1d. That is for the period of four and a half years, ended 30th June, 1899. (*Appendix Y.*)
610. What is your answer to question 5: "The difference between the revenue, properly so called, and the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, exclusive of the two special accounts"? My answer is, a debit of £859,195 10s. 7d. [*Appendix Z.*]
611. Question 6 reads as follows: "The amount of extraordinary receipts taken into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, such as the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills and the accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account"? The extraordinary receipts were £1,423,322 5s. [*Appendix A2.*] There is what I consider another "extraordinary" receipt, which, in my opinion, is more extraordinary than the accrued interest, and ought never to have been in. There is a Profit and Loss Account connected with the Government Post Office Savings Bank. That institution is largely self-supporting, and meets all expenses of administration, except liabilities for interest on the capital expended on the building. The Savings Bank pays 3 per cent. interest to its depositors. The revenue of the Institution is derived from interest arising from investments of deposits in Government securities, and the interest allowed by Government on uninvested balance. On the former the interest rate ranges from 3 to 4 per cent. per annum; on the latter, a general rate of 3 per cent. The Institution also profits by obtaining money for short periods without bearing interest, no interest being allowed on deposits for broken parts of a month. The large balance accrued represents the profits for several years, and the balance not transferred is shown in their Profit and Loss Account. The Treasury partly, I am sorry to say, at the instigation of our Department, has taken £48,000 of this money and placed it as a miscellaneous receipt of Revenue. I have always contended that the profits belong to the depositors. The rate of interest may be varied by the Government; but under the Act the amount (payable to depositors) must not exceed 4 per cent. Of course, the profits for one year may not allow the authorities to strike any commercial fraction of a rate; but the profits could accumulate so as to allow, say, a 3½ per cent. rate being struck during any one year. The Government has practically said, "There is money to the credit of the Profit and Loss Account of the Post Office Savings Bank which must be transferred to Revenue." (*Appendix A2.*)
612. *Mr. French.*] It is a matter of opinion whether it belongs to the depositors? If it does not belong to the depositors, I am willing to admit that it belongs to the Institution, but it does not belong to the Government? In 1894, they took £25,000; in 1895, £5,000; in 1896, nil; in 1897, nil; in 1898, £244; and in 1899, £18,000. The whole amount is £48,000 odd. That is an extraordinary receipt which should never

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- never have gone into Revenue. The effect of this is to make the Government Savings Bank a profit-making institution, and this was never intended.
613. Was it taken into extraordinary receipts of the Government? Not the extraordinary receipts, but into the miscellaneous receipts.
614. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Is it in the £42,000,000? Yes.
615. *Mr. French.*] I came to the conclusion that the Post Office Savings' Bank was practically the Treasury, the Treasury being responsible to the public for the whole of the funds of the Government Savings Bank; how do they get at the £18,000; the Savings Bank has all the money to its credit at the Treasury;—is that the difference between the amount that is credited to the Savings' Bank by the Treasury, and the amount that is given to the depositors or put to the credit of the depositors in the bank itself? I herewith produce the balance-sheets of the Post Office Savings Bank. It is the duty of the Audit Office every year to see that the totals shown agree with the cash-books in the Post Office Savings Bank, and, after audit, the statement is signed by the Auditor-General. After the £25,000 were transferred, that left £9,000 to the credit of Profit and Loss for year 1894. That meant that, if the Bank were wound up, they would have £9,000 to the good.
616. So the £25,000 is absolute profit? Yes.
617. But is it a profit made during that year? No; the balance has been carried forward from year to year. You made a remark that the Government Savings Bank is practically a Government institution. Well, I differ from my respected chief in that respect, because I do not think it is, in the sense implied. Unfortunately that is one of the arguments which have been adduced to cause this transfer. Take the Barrack-street Institution: I contend that it is a protege of the Government, and I think I am right in saying that if that institution were in difficulties—and we had an example in 1892—the Government would have to come to its assistance—I admit in the former case legally, in this case morally only—just as readily as it would support the Post Office Savings Bank. Therefore, you might really argue that the profits of the Barrack-street Bank should go into the Treasury, although, I admit, that is a strained parallel. I say that the profits of the Bank belong to the Bank, and could be used in the way suggested, or for any losses accrued in purchasing or selling scrip; but I certainly do not agree in making the profits an item of Revenue proper.
618. *Chairman.*] Might it not be taken in another way—that these expensive buildings should pay rent to the Government, and might you not bring the receipts into Revenue proper in that way? But this would be a most irregular way to do it.
619. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose there is an Act of Parliament for the foundation of the Savings Bank? Yes; but so far as I know, no part implies that the transfer of profits to Revenue should be made.
620. Would the Act not say under what arrangement the Bank was to be run? I say, subject to correction, that the money belongs to the depositors.
621. *Chairman.*] Would you not say, "Less a fair rental"? Well, say less a fair rental.
622. Does the Bank pay for its own stationery? Yes; I think it pays everything but rent. I may say that I went to Mr. Doak, and told him that I intended to state to this Committee that the Post Office Savings Bank is self-supporting, except as regards paying interest on the capital expenditure of the part of the Post Office building which they occupy; and I took it that his reply was in accord with my remark. Of course, only a proportion of the building—the Pitt-street end—is used in connection with the Savings Bank business.
623. What about insurance, and so on? Insurance is not included in their expenditure. As regards Mr. Doak's salary, I should qualify my statement by explaining that his salary is split up, and part of it chargeable to other financial divisions of the Post Office. I asked him whether he had not protested against this money being taken from his account, and he said that he had continually protested against it, but that his voice had not prevailed.
624. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When was the first transfer made? In 1894.
625. *Mr. French.*] This amount is really included in the big sum? Yes.
626. Over what length of time were these accumulations? From 1894 to 1899.
627. Was the first appropriation in 1894? Yes.
628. *Chairman.*] What is your answer to Question 7, which reads as follows:—"The amount of that part of the cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on the 31st December, 1894, which was partly extinguished in the first half-year of 1895 by the excess of receipts over expenditure, resulting from the transfer of accrued interest from the General Loan Account, and partly by the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills"? I hand this paper in as my answer. [*Appendix B 2.*] The debit balance of the revenue on 31st December, 1894, was £447,603 8s. 9d., and that is on a corresponding footing with the credit of £116,523 5s. 8d. on 30th June, 1899.
629. *Mr. French.*] It is exclusive of the two special Suspense Accounts? That is so.
630. *Chairman.*] I have the amount in my statement as £464,711? There was an item of about £17,000 which was gradually reduced in connection with the Trust Account. The Treasury gradually adjusted it year by year, and now both Departments fall into line—that is, on 30th June, 1899, we agreed in the working balances.
631. What is your answer to Question 8, which is to this effect:—"The net amount of the extraordinary receipts available for and utilised in meeting expenditure chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account during the period of four and a half years referred to, after deducting that portion of the cash overdraft which was extinguished as above"? The statement (B 2) which I have put in is an answer to that question. (I also submit C 2.)
632. Now we come to Question 9: "The amount of the total deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account (Treasury Bills outstanding and cash debit balance) on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the special Suspense Accounts"? The amount of the total deficiency of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, inclusive of the Suspense Accounts, was £2,735,511 8s. 11d. That was 31st December, 1894; and, exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, the amount was £2,200,487 8s. 9d.; and if the allowance be made for net payments in London not brought to account prior to 31st December, 1894, there is a deficiency of £2,954,393 6s. 1d. [*Appendix D 2.*]
633. We now take Question 10: "Whether the amount of accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account belonged to the period prior to the end of the year

year 1894, and whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894? The amount that belonged to the period 1894 was £366,601 2s. 10d. There was a sum of £4,000 odd in that year, but it did not belong to that period. There was a premium on loans of £25,000 which is included in the former amount. (*Appendix E 2.*)

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634. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was that a premium on a loan floated before that period? Yes.

635. *Chairman.*] A discount, you mean? No; a premium.

636. Did the Government get a premium on their loan? Yes; that was an exceptionally good issue.

637. Was the amount exactly £25,000? Not exactly. Referring to my papers I see that the premium on loans raised under 41 Victoria No. 7 was £25,116 18s. 9d. There is another small sum of £164 14s. 11d. to be taken into account. If you will add £341,319 9s. 2d. to £25,116 18s. 9d., you will get the amount of £366,436 7s. 11d., and that together with £164 14s. 11d. will make £366,601 2s. 10d. [*Appendix E 2.*]

638. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I am now looking at *Appendix A*;—do you know of any reason why these transfers should not be dated back so as to allow for any deficiency that accrued prior to December, 1894;—is there any reason why they should be brought into the accounts of the subsequent period;—should they not be dated back to arrive at a proper conclusion? But what good effect would result by such operation.

639. With a view of arriving at the deficiency at stated periods; the latter part of the question asks whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894;—I want to know why they should be made applicable to accounts subsequent to that date? They could be allotted to the periods.

640. As a matter of propriety, and if the Commission decide upon arriving at the deficiencies at stated periods then it is not the proper thing to put these back to distributing years;—you know no reason why they should be applicable only to the period for which the entries were passed? I know of no reason. But if this course be followed there are other receipts that you may have to treat similarly.

641. *Mr. French.*] Do you remember any other items? Yes; there was another receipt of £7,961, if I remember the amount correctly, which was transferred to the Revenue Account during year 1898-9, from the loans because the revenue temporarily bore this expense some years before, and when the Loan Act was passed it should have been adjusted. It was not adjusted until the financial year ended—30th June, 1899.

642. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I understood you to say something about this accrued interest arising after the loan was floated,—that is, when this interest was due? I would like to give a little history of this accrued interest.

643. I should be glad to have it? We are obliged to go to the London market for most of our loan moneys, although I have a scheme which would do away with our depending so much on the London market. The interest bonus is really a sop or bonus offered to the investors. Suppose a loan had been floated in March, and the interest commences on the 1st January—so, if the prospectus is complied with, the investors will get interest as if they had paid their money on the 1st January. As a matter of fact, they pay a deposit (say) on the 5th March, 25 per cent. on the 21st March, and so on. Well, the item in question is the “interest bonus” from January to March of the first instalment, and so on. When computing the interest payable by the Colony, after allowing for redemption at par on maturity, it is regarded as a charge of negotiation. After carefully weighing the matter in connection with the practice followed, I came to the conclusion it was a charge of negotiation, and as all charges of negotiation are debited to the loan proceeds, the interest bonus must be treated likewise. The underlying principle in connection with this accrued interest is that, till the money is actually planked down, no charge for interest should be made against the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

644. In the total that appears as the loan debt of the Colony,—does that agree with the scrip that is outstanding? Our loan debt is made up of stock outstanding.

645. Is that actually meant as represented by stock? Yes; we redeem at par. In this case par would be 100; issue par may not be 100. We redeem by paying £100 sterling for every £100 stock.

646. The figures that appear in the Auditor-General's reports as the loan debt of the Colony represent the actual debt of the Colony? Yes—loans are paid off or renewed, as the case may be, at the dates of maturity.

647. Up to the time this entry was passed, this was not so? The accrued interest has to do with the proceeds of the loan, not the indebtedness of the Government to the investors.

648. This was credited to revenue? Yes, temporarily paid out of Revenue, then paid back from proceeds of the sale of the stock. The Government still owe the amount to the investors, and for every £100 of stock £100 sterling will be paid at the date of maturity.

649. *Chairman.*] What is your answer to the latter part of Question 10,—“Whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894”? My answer is, without doubt.

650. We now take Question 11: “If so, to what amount would this transfer of accrued interest properly reduce the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the special suspense accounts? As an answer to that, I hand in this paper (*Appendix F 2*).

651. Question 12 reads as follows:—“Whether the law provides for the reduction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account by the annual redemption of Treasury Bills to the amount of £150,000. And, by operation of the Statute, what should have been the amount of the deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the special Suspense Accounts”? I will now read to the Committee section 6 of the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889. (*Section read.*) The bills have never been redeemed if the growth of the deficiency of the period under review be considered. They have only been practically cancelled. The Auditor-General does not include the proceeds of the bills, or the payment in connection with the redemption thereof, in the body of the account, but establishes the “gross” balance, and at the side shows the composition of such balance. The former (gross balance), of course, exhibits the “actual” drift of the revenue. I may state that whether the course adopted by the Treasury or the Auditor-General be followed, the results converge on the same totals, but with this difference—the extraneous credit is kept fully in view in the Auditor-General's statements. (*Appendix H 2.*)

652. *Mr. French.*] We want something to show why and how this is a deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account if, by Act of Parliament, it has been provided for by Treasury Bills in a special way;—the Auditor-General apparently does not recognise anything of this sort;—he carries it on as a deficiency, although

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although it has been provided for temporarily by Act of Parliament. I should like to see the Acts of Parliament under which the deficiencies have been provided for? Will you allow me to correct the assertion that the Auditor-General does not recognise the Treasury Bills? He does recognise them. I say that he has so drafted the account that the public may see the true state of such, instead of submerging this large credit, under which a debit was made into a credit, and so allowing the country to go merrily on with apparently a large credit balance. The Auditor-General says: "I will not allow the balances to be inflated by these returns, but I must interpret the law in a practicable way, and therefore when I establish a total deficiency I say so much covered by bills and so much overdraft." As stated before, the figures of the Treasury run all through the Auditor-General's statements, and care is taken they remain uppermost. I was in Victoria the other day, and I took advantage of my visit to see the officials there. I had a chat about their finances. It seems that Victoria has been of late adopting up-to-date reforms in accounts, and it appears that colony does the same as we do as regards establishing the "gross deficiency," although I must say they recognise the proceeds of the bills in the account proper. Their Deficiency Bills amounted to £200,000. They add the £200,000 on, and say, "Deficiency on account of revenue, 30th June, 1899, to be made good in future years," the figures including bills outstanding. A leading official whom I saw said that he thought our method of showing the total deficiency was a satisfactory one, and that they followed a like course.—On 31st December, 1894, the deficiency, including bills, amounted to £2,735,511 8s. 11d.; on 30th June, 1899, it was, including bills, £2,757,529 7s. 7d.

653. So, apparently, there was no increase in that period? Yes, there was.

654. "Apparently," I say? There was over £22,000. That was an important factor. There was £22,017 18s. 8d. increase of deficit between those two periods. Now comes the important part. If that section in the Treasury Bills Act which I have read is to have any tangible effect at all, the £600,000 worth of Bills redeemable during that period should have been *absolutely* paid off. On these lines, practically, a deficiency of £622,017 18s. 8d. accumulated during that period. That is to say, that the section of the Act was practically a mere cypher. The redemption of the Bills was merely nominal, and effected at the expense of the overdraft. The Act of 1895 says that all these instalments must be in payment or redemption of the first issue—the 1889 and 1890 issues—and there can be no redemption in connection with the second issue until the first deficiency is extinguished.

655. What is to be understood by that section of the Act you have read? That the payment should be absolute.

656. Has the Government ever carried that out? No.

657. Not in one single instance? They have carried it out as far as the cancellation was concerned. Of course in some individual years the decrease in the deficiency (compared with that of the former year) was larger than the £150,000, and, consequently, during that individual year, an absolute or partly absolute redemption took place; but taking the collective period 1889–1899, or 1895–1899, the records show an increase of the deficiency, and, consequently, prove on the face of it that the redemption was formal only.

658. Have they ever gone through the formality? Yes, the formality. On the 31st December of each year they must reduce the amount of the Bills by £150,000.

659. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Have they done that absolutely? No, nominally. They have reduced the amount of the Bills, but they have not reduced the deficit absolutely.

660. *Mr. French.*] In fact what they have done is this: They have drawn upon their ordinary account (the Consolidated Revenue, presumably) for £150,000, and have paid it into this account, thus fulfilling this Act to the letter, but they really had not the funds, or they derived the funds by trading upon an overdraft account? That is it. I do not want to take a mean point in this question, and so I would like to mention that the 1895 Act is worded so, I take it, that the Bills of the first issue may be extinguished from the proceeds of the second.

661. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Surely an ordinary business man would assume that if the country was to take £150,000 worth of Treasury Bills which were issued for a certain deficiency every year the intention—I do not mean to say the legal reading was—that the debt of the country was to be written off? Yes, not to be paid off from another borrowing.

662. *Mr. French.*] I would like to ask you as an experienced officer in the Audit Department whether the meaning of the return brought out by the Auditor-General in his last statement did not amount to this: that the deficiency was practically carried on notwithstanding the Deficiency Bills? That is right; that is the result. If you include the proceeds of Bills in the receipts you cloud the issue, and in the end you establish figures that you have to wade through in order to get at the truth, but by keeping the balances pure you see exactly how matters stand and the true drift of the revenue.

663. Between the Parliament and the Government, and the Parliament and the country, I have understood that for the time being these deficiencies were wiped out? Yes; but they are not being wiped out.

664. If these Acts under which the deficiencies were wiped out for the time being provide that the deficiencies shall be repaid at the rate of so much a year, it is simply that the overdraft has been made to bear the brunt of it, and the deficiency has been reduced;—the effect is the same, and the deficiency is simply carried on? That is it.

665. And that is summed up in the ninth paragraph of the twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Auditor-General, as follows:—"The first of those Acts authorised an issue of Treasury Bills to the amount of £2,600,000, but the deficiency was subsequently found to require only an issue to the amount of £2,502,884. By the 31st December, 1894, those Bills were reduced to £1,752,884 by a literal compliance with the conditions of their issue, but the deficiency itself was not reduced thereby; but, on the contrary, the literal writing off of the difference of £750,000 merely converted it into an addition to the cash overdraft which had been accruing independently of the Treasury Bills liability, and raised that cash overdraft at 31st December, 1894, from £232,627 8s. 11d. to £982,627 8s. 11d." So the balance of 1894 was much the same as the balance of 1889, including the Treasury Bills which were yet outstanding, and had not come under the operation of the £150,000 a year? That is it. To use an algebraic expression the total is practically a constant. The Bills were never absolutely redeemed.

666. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The question is whether the law provides for the redemption? I say it does; that is absolutely.

667. I want the Act put in. I want to see what provision was made in the Act to stop that particular practice? —

668. *Mr. French.*] At any rate you say that the law does provide for a deficiency? Yes. [*Act 52 Victoria, No. 9, put in and marked Appendix G 2.*]

669. *Chairman.*] What should have been the amount on 30th June, 1899? The Auditor-General only quotes absolute figures. He practically ignores the principle underlying the redemption clause by showing that the deficiency increased only £22,017 18s. 8d., but actually it increased £622,017 18s. 8d.; that is inclusive of Suspense Accounts.

670. *Mr. French.*] I take it that it is £150,000 multiplied by the number of years? Yes. [*Return put in and marked Appendix H 2.*]

671. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Were the Treasury Bills floated for a deficiency, or in connection with the remodelling of the railway service;—what were the Bills actually for when the 1889 Act was passed? I will explain. The Public Account in the Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Bank, and the City Bank, is comprised really of two accounts, the Revenue Account and the General Trust Funds. Prior to the Bills being created, the Government were using the uninvested balance of trust moneys as a common cheque is used in connection with the two funds, the account in the Bank being one collective account. They were using the trust moneys till the deficit began to grow to a large extent, and during 1889 and 1890 the Government created the Bills to cover the deficiency of 1886 and previous years. But they had spent a large amount of the money between 1886 and 1889 on account of that period, and the Government really covered the amount by Bills and also provided for prospective payments on account of period named. Like action was taken in connection with the second deficiency. It was only a nominal proceeding to cover by Bills, as most of the money, as said before, was already spent and taken from trust funds. There is a very clear statement of the trust funds which I will put in (*marked Appendix N 2.*)

672. There was something special done when the late Mr. Eddy wanted the rolling stock—something about a million? That is a subject entirely distinct from the one under review.

673. It does not affect this history? Not at all.

674. But was not that put in some shape or form;—was it not to be redeemed by yearly payments? That money never came out of the trust funds at all; it came out of loans.

675. *Mr. French.*] Referring again to Question 12, the latter portion may be understood to mean the deficiency proper for those years, not the actual deficiency brought out by the Auditor-General being the total deficiency of the country? It is the deficiency for the period of four and a half years ended 30th June, 1899, and up to that period. Appendix H 2 shows it.

676. *Chairman.*] What is the answer to Question 13, which runs as follows:—“The actual amount of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts”? My answer is the actual amount, inclusive of Suspense Accounts, is £2,757,529 7s. 7d., and exclusive of Suspense Accounts, £2,061,060 14s. 4d. (*Appendix I 2.*)

677. What is your answer to Question 14:—“The increase in the deficiency thus created, or the reduction effected, during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of respective Suspense Accounts, after providing for the reduction of the 1894 deficiency by the operation of the statute, and by the transfer of accrued interest”? I can answer Question 14 as it is put, but such implies that the amount of £600,000 payable in redemption of Treasury Bills was due on 31st December, 1894, and that the credit to accrued interest of the period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, was also available on 31st December, 1894? I hand in a paper on that question (*Appendix J 2.*)

678. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I would like the figures from the very inception of this particular Act of Parliament, Appendix G 2? Very well.

679. *Mr. French.*] The Auditor-General states that 1886 was the year of the first debit balance, or the first deficiency, and I understand from his reports that from that time forward there has been a deficiency? That is so; and the fact that they have been increasing proves conclusively that no Bills were redeemed, because if the deficit is increasing how could the Bills have been redeemed. (I will be pleased if my answer to question 12 be read in conjunction with the above remarks.)

680. That is to say, redeemed in a business sense? Yes.

681. They have been redeemed in a legal sense, but not in a business sense? Yes.

682. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In reporting on this matter, and in order to be fair, we must deal with this from its inception. Will you, in connection with Questions 11 to 13, prepare a paper showing the previous workings. I want to see the history of that liability? You mean that you wish me to take Appendix H 2 back to 1890?

683. Yes? I will do that. (*Supplementary Appendix H 2.*)

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SEVENTH DAY.—FRIDAY, 27 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

George Henry Pitt, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit, further examined:—

684. *Witness.*] In connection with my answer to Question 12, I now submit Appendix H 2, which I have amplified to include information from the inception of the payment of the bills.

685. *Chairman.*] We now come to Question 15:—“Whether the net proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills, £1,024,700, were not, in effect, used in meeting a deficiency in Revenue, as compared with the expenditure during the period of four and a half years referred to, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, leaving a credit balance on the account current existing on the 30th June, 1899.” What is your answer to that? If the proceeds of the bills be left out, there was a debit balance of £908,176 14s. 4d., and when the bills were credited that put the balance up to the 30th June, 1899, to a credit of £116,523 5s. 8d. (*Appendix K 2.*)

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686. Now we take Question 16 :—“Whether, in changing the system of accounts, it was provided that certain expenditure should be met from the current Consolidated Revenue, and that the unexpended votes of previous years should be spent, and the payments met from the proceeds of the issue of Treasury bills referred to”? My answer to that question is, yes, certain expenditure. I use the word “certain” at the Auditor’s suggestion. The Treasury Bills Act of 1895 was passed to meet the liabilities of June, 1895, and previous years, and therefore the practical effect would be that in 1895–6, so much would be chargeable to the current year’s revenue, and so much to the proceeds of bills.

687. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The question uses the words “provided that certain expenditure should be met”; what is the mode of procedure for making the provision? When we say “provided,” it is simply implied that the estimate of the deficiency as established was recognised under the Treasury Bills Act.

688. But is it done by Act of Parliament, or minute, or what? By the former. The system was changed to what has been so far called the “cash basis,” which, in my opinion, is a misleading term under present conditions. For two years after the initiation of the new system the old system was current, in other words, there was no defined cleavage. Dealing with these questions individually we cover to a large extent the same ground again, because further on we explain that it would have been much better if the Audit Act Amending Act had provided that all of the unexpended votes of period prior to 1st July, 1895, should be absolutely written off, not only annual, but special appropriations, and then the year 1895–6 would have started with a clean slate. But there were difficulties in the way which will be dealt with further on.

689. The question speaks of changing the system of accounts;—what I want to get at is this: Was there any Ministerial minute or direction from the Auditor-General or anybody else to guide them in the matter as to how this was going to work out? Only the Audit Act Amendment Act. That implies the change.

690. *Chairman.*] Now we take Question 17 :—“Whether, if the unexpended votes were so used, a more equitable plan would not have been to have allowed them to lapse in changing the system of keeping the Public Accounts, seeing that it was provided that thereafter all unexpended votes should so lapse”? My answer to that is this: Judging from present experience, I am strongly of the opinion that the Audit Act Amendment Act should have provided for the lapsing of all Annual Votes of period up to 30th June, 1895, while the Special Appropriations might have been regarded as liabilities of the year in which the payments were met, that is to say, there should have been a distinct cleavage between the old and new systems at 30th June, 1895. As a matter of fact, the inclusion in the Act of such provision would not have prevented some overlapping, as the Act was not assented to until November, 1895, or five months after the inception of the so-called cash basis system. In the absence of such provision, the balances of 1894 and June, 1895, appropriations were available for six and twelve months respectively after 1st July, 1895.

691. We now take Question 18—“Whether the course pursued did not have the effect of reducing the expenditure chargeable to the first year of the new system below the ordinary expenditure of the Colony, and so yielding a credit balance on the new account on the 30th June, 1896”? Where it says in that question “chargeable to the first year of the new system” I take that to mean chargeable to the current revenue. My answer to the question is yes.

692. Now we take Question 19. “The amount to the credit balance on the 30th June, 1896, and the amount to which it had been reduced by the 30th June, 1899?” The credit balance of the Current Revenue Account of Auditor-General on the 30th June, 1896, was £274,878 19s. 8d. (amended balance), and the balance on the 30th June, 1899, was £44,663 19s. 6d. The credit balance was reduced during the four years by the sum of £230,215 0s. 2d. I will now explain the three accounts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund which have been established by the Auditor-General:—

ACCOUNTS CURRENT—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

The following accounts current show how the Consolidated Revenue Fund has been effected by the operations during the financial year ended 30th June, 1899 :—

Account No. 1—Current Revenue Account.

This account has been prepared under the system adopted during the year 1895–6, and which was initiated in accordance with the amended provisions of the Audit Act introduced during 1895.

Account No. 2—Deficiency Revenue Account.

This account is correlative with Account No. 1, and similarly came into existence under the altered conditions. It will be current as long as the present deficiency exists, and it is quite probable that it may outlive such, and be made a most useful medium for adjusting any prospective deficiencies. The Account will always exhibit the actual amount of the accumulated deficiency at the close of each of the financial periods. Under present conditions, as no accretions can be made to the debit shown, a shrinkage in the deficiency should be evident each year. It is well, however, to remark that the much-desired result can only eventuate if the condition of Account No. 1 at the close of each financial year should be such that the annual receipts are at least sufficient to cover all payments during the year, including the £150,000 payable in the redemption of Treasury Bills.

Account No. 3—General (or Consolidated) Revenue Account.

This is a concrete account, and is formed by the amalgamation of Accounts Nos. 1 and 2. Practically speaking it is somewhat of an excrescence, and had certain preparatory arrangements been made immediately before the introduction of the new system, on 1st July, 1895, under the Audit Act Amendment Act of that year, its continuance beyond the period just named would not have been necessary. When the system under which the Accounts are now presented is remodelled—and it is very essential that immediate action should be taken if the cash basis system is to become an actuality—this Account will, it is hoped, be found unnecessary and be expunged.

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Account No. 1.—Current Revenue Account, 1898–9.

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The year's operations closed with a credit balance of £44,663 19s. 6d. The net receipts were £9,721,957 17s. 11d., and the payments £9,739,657 12s., thus showing an excess of payments to the extent of £17,699 14s. 1d. This debit balance, however, was converted into a credit of £44,663 19s. 6d. by bringing forward the credit balance of the previous year, 1897–8, of £62,363 13s. 7d.

The old practice of bringing forward the balance of the previous year's operations is open to question, and I am strongly of the opinion that the balance at the close of the financial year, whether a debit or credit, *should be wholly transferred to the Deficiency Account*, thus removing any overlapping, and placing each year's financial transactions on a distinctive basis. (Under the proposed new or remodelled system I deal with this question.) The Current Revenue Account for 1898–9 is given in the following statement:—

Account No. 1.—Current Revenue Account.—Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899.

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Revenue Proper credited during Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899:—									
Taxation:—									
Customs	1,305,097	6	10						
Excise	316,708	12	7						
Stamp Duties.....	361,887	2	3						
Land Tax	272,027	16	0						
Income Tax	182,220	10	11						
Licenses	121,760	7	4						
Gross Taxation	2,559,701	15	11						
Less Refunds	44,470	13	3						
Net Taxation				2,515,231	2	8			
Land Revenue:—									
Alienation	1,197,806	10	5						
Pastoral Occupation	672,016	19	5						
Mining Occupation	47,879	18	9						
Miscellaneous Land Receipts	91,806	0	9						
Gross Land Revenue	2,009,509	9	4						
Less Refunds.....	56,436	12	1						
Net Land Revenue				1,953,072	17	3			
Receipts for Services rendered:—									
Railway and Tramway Receipts	3,568,658	6	5						
Post Office, Electric Telegraphs, &c.	775,101	12	2						
Harbours and Rivers Navigation.....	51,667	11	6						
Public Instruction Department	78,856	9	4						
Water Supply	218,200	7	2						
Sewerage and Drainage	104,044	10	7						
Administration of Justice.....	82,889	15	4						
Other	53,855	1	0						
Gross Receipts for Services rendered	4,933,273	13	6						
Less Refunds.....	76,086	14	0						
Net Receipts for Services rendered.....				4,857,186	19	6			
General Miscellaneous Receipts:—									
Rents, exclusive of Land,	73,371	10	3						
Interest on Public Moneys, Repayments, &c.	32,310	18	8						
Unclaimed Moneys	5,330	16	10						
Contributions towards expenses incurred by Government, &c.	94,047	10	3						
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	25,510	9	6						
Over-payments under appropriations of previous years recovered	12,757	16	2						
Gross General Miscellaneous Receipts	243,329	1	8						
Less Refunds.....	3,869	1	2						
Net General Miscellaneous Receipts				239,460	0	6			
Total Net Revenue Proper							9,564,950	19	11
To Other Receipts (<i>Revenue Advance Account</i>):—									
Repayments of Advances on account of year 1896–7 and 1897–8							157,006	18	0
Grand Total Net Revenue and Receipts.....							9,721,957	17	11
To Balance at credit of Account Current, 30 June, 1898.....							62,363	13	7
TOTAL							9,784,821	11	6

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By Expenditure Proper—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure under Special Appropriations :—										
Schedules A, B, and C, and Supplements					43,076	11	3			
Funded Debt		2,324,802	15	6						
Unfunded Debt—										
Treasury Bills (53 Vic. No. 9) (transferred to "Deficiency Account" 1895 and previous years, see next page)		150,000	0	0	2,548,794	5	10			
Interest on		73,991	10	4						
Other Special Appropriations —										
Interest on Uninvested Funds at Credit of Government Savings Bank		17,205	14	8						
Endowments		36,041	3	6	194,021	12	10			
Salaries, Allowances, &c.		84,108	15	6						
Miscellaneous		56,665	19	2						
Total Special Appropriations								2,785,892	9	11
Expenditure under Annual Appropriations.—										
Supplement to Schedule B					1,567	18	6			
Executive and Legislative					30,601	19	9			
Chief Secretary					821,109	9	8			
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade —										
Departments generally					802,284	15	11			
Railways and Tramways					1,926,658	7	8			
Attorney-General					45,060	17	7			
Secretary for Lands					284,739	19	5			
Secretary for Public Works					869,971	8	3			
Administration of Justice					260,898	11	10			
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry					747,268	10	7			
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture					148,097	6	6			
Postmaster-General					694,861	12	2			
Total Annual Appropriations								6,633,120	17	10
Expenditure under Supplementary Appropriations —										
Executive and Legislative					18	14	10			
Chief Secretary					58,945	4	3			
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade —										
Departments generally					34,280	0	1			
Railways and Tramways					26,666	0	2			
Secretary for Lands					250	0	0			
Secretary for Public Works					8,567	3	1			
Administration of Justice					4,549	18	4			
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry					200	0	0			
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture					796	14	11			
Total Supplementary Appropriations								134,223	15	8
Total Expenditure Proper								*9,553,237	3	5
By Other Payments (Revenue Advance Account)—Balance of Advances made during 1898-9 outstanding 30th June, 1899								186,420	8	7
								9,739,657	12	0
Credit Balance } on 30th June, } 1899.—	Excess Disbursements during 1898-9				Dr. 17,699	14	1	} 44,663	} 19	} 6
	Balance at Credit of Account Current brought forward on 1st July, 1898				Cr. 62,363	13	7			
TOTAL								£ 9,784,321	11	6

An innovation has been adopted in the accounts of the year under review, by it being shown that if no credit balance had been brought forward the year would have closed with a debit of £17,000 odd, but by bringing forward the credit balance of the previous year of £62,000, it closed with a credit balance of £44,000.

Account No. 2.—Deficiency Revenue Account, 1898-9.

Deficiency Account for 1895 (June) and previous years.

The "Gross" Deficiency, that is, the accumulated deficiency if no allowance be made for the Credit Balance of Account No. 1, £44,663 19s. 6d., was £2,802,193 7s. 1d. The last-mentioned amount includes outstanding advances to the amount of £679,558 1s. 8d., which may be recovered in future years. Probably, however, the bulk will be converted into final payments. During the year under review the "gross" deficiency was reduced by £158,884 0s. 7d. :—

Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	
To Receipts credited during the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, on account of :—								By balance of Deficiency Account, 30th June, 1898, brought forward	
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place) ..		923	0	7				2,961,077	
Transfer from General Loan Fund (Loan Act, 53 Vic. No. 23)—Cost of Meat Markets, Pyrmont, &c.		7,961	0	0				7	
Instalment of Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years, transferred from "Current Revenue Account," 1898 9 ..		150,000	0	0				8	
Gross Deficiency, 30th June, 1899.					158,884	0	7		
Treasury Bills outstanding :—									
53 Vic. No. 9 1,152,884 0 0									
59 Vic. No. 22 1,024,700 0 0									
Overdraft.....		624,609	7	1	2,802,193	7	1		
					2,177,584	0	0		
					£ 2,961,077	7	8	£ 2,961,077	

The Overdraft £624,609 7s. 1d. was made up as follows :—

Outstanding Advances :—		£	s.	d.	
(1.) Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	...	199,405	2	10	
(2.) General Post Office New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place), 53 Vic. No. 13	...	467,152	18	10	

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“Excess Credit,” 30th June, 1899, represents “residue” of Proceeds of Treasury Bills after allowance has been made for above Temporary Advances—which were not covered by Bills under Treasury Bills Act, 59 Vic. No. 22

Cr. *41,948 14 7

Dr. £624,609 7 1

* Included in Revenue Credit Balance (£116,523 5s. 8d.), 30th June, 1899, page 8, Treasury Statement, 1898-9.

Account No. 3.—General (or Consolidated) Revenue Account, 1898-9.

As previously stated, this Account is formed by the amalgamation of Accounts Nos. 1 and 2; hence, if the credit balance of the former, £44,663 19s. 6d., be placed against the overdraft of Account No. 2, £624,609 7s. 1d., the result will be £579,945 7s. 7d., the figures given in the subjoined statement; or, if the credit, £44,663 19s. 6d., abovementioned, be placed against the “gross” deficiency, £2,802,193 7s. 1d., shown in Account No. 2, the “Net” deficiency on 30th June, 1899, was, as shown below, £2,757,529 7s. 7d.

I may here remark that to follow closely the Treasury figures the Auditor-General has adopted the gross Receipts and Disbursements, and consequently, if an attempt be made to amalgamate the net returns given in Accounts Nos. 1 and 2, the basis on which the returns have been established will have to be taken into account—the results or balances, of course, will be the same. The figures in every case are exclusive of the Proceeds of Treasury Bills and the payments in redemption thereof, but the totals include all operations in connection with the two Accounts, placed wrongly, I contend, to Special Suspense Accounts, the Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9, and General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place), 53 Vic. No. 13 :—

State of Deficiency from Year of first Deficiency, to 30th June, 1899.

Year:	Receipts, including “Temporary Advances Repaid” exclusive of proceeds of Treasury Bills.		Disbursements, including Temporary “Advances Made” (exclusive of payments in redemption of Treasury Bills).	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Dr. Balance on the 31st December, 1886 (year of the first debit balance of the existing deficiency)			1,286,581	9 4
Twelve months ended 31st December, 1887	8,683,943	8 2	9,576,942	8 5
“ “ 1888	9,583,700	4 3	9,072,834	12 9
“ “ 1889	9,350,346	17 7	9,531,693	7 0
“ “ 1890	9,957,411	0 11	10,046,975	0 0
“ “ 1891	10,184,875	5 3	10,801,437	1 4
“ “ 1892	10,903,380	4 9	10,883,803	17 9
“ “ 1893	10,280,526	18 6	10,538,073	18 9
“ “ 1894	9,905,712	8 3	9,847,066	1 3
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	5,259,419	6 9	5,094,085	2 3
Twelve months ended 30th June, 1896	9,378,807	19 8	9,801,935	2 11
“ “ 1897	9,468,334	11 7	9,531,804	6 10
“ “ 1898	9,747,679	11 1	9,589,619	2 3
“ “ 1899	9,961,678	3 3	9,820,493	16 9
	122,665,816	0 0		
Net Deficiency, 30th June, 1899.				
{ Treasury Bills Outstanding :—	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
53 Vic. No. 9	1,152,884	0 0		
59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700	0 0		
			2,177,584	0 0
{ Overdraft “Deficiency Account,” as per previous Statement	Dr. 624,609	7 1		
{ Credit Balance “Current Revenue Account,” as per Statement	Cr. 44,663	19 6		
			*579,945	7 7
{ See “Analysis of Cash Balances,” pages				
{ Total			£ 125,423,345	7 7

Reconciliation of £579,945 7s. 7d. with Treasury Statement, pages 3 and 8—		£	s.	d.
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9	Dr.	228,416	17.	8
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account, 53 Vic. No. 13	Dr.	468,051	15	7
		£696,468	13	3
Revenue Credit balance as per Treasury Statement, page 8..	Cr.	116,523	5	8
Overdraft, as above		£579,945	7	7

The “Net” Deficiency, £2,757,529 7s. 7d., includes outstanding advances to the amount of £896,771 16s. 4d., which may be recovered in future years. Probably, however, the bulk will be converted into final payments.

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693. The next question is No. 20 "The amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the causes of this reduction in the expenditure. The amount charged to the proceeds of Treasury bills in 1895-6."? A minute ago we were saying that at the introduction of the new system there were outstanding liabilities of the old system to be paid. During 1895-6 there were claims paid on account of 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and six months of 1895. In all they amounted to £952,807 8s. 11d. Those were all charged to the proceeds of Treasury bills. I may say that these are Treasury figures. The expenditure proper during 1895-6 was £9,852,219. That is the expenditure during the year irrespective of the period of service. (*Appendix L 2.*)

694. *Mr. French.*] That is the total expenditure for the year? Yes, expenditure proper.

695. Inclusive of anything which might belong to previous years? Yes. You may remember that I said it would have been much better if the Audit Act Amending Act had provided for a distinct cleavage on the 30th June, 1895. If that had been done the charge against the current year's revenue would have been £9,852,219.

696. Supposing there had been no such things as Treasury Deficiency Bills ever thought of or contemplated, is that what you would have reckoned the expenditure for that year—1895-6? That stated would be the expenditure of the year.

697. But, supposing we had never heard of Treasury bills, would that have been the way in which the figures would have been brought out in the year's accounts? Undoubtedly.

698. There is an assumption in the question that the expenditure was less;—now, we want to know how much less it was? I have taken the average both ways to be fair. The expenditure *on account* of the various years was as follows:—

	£
1892	10,866,731
1893	9,816,876
1894	9,694,530
1895 (6 months)	4,709,821
1895-6	8,899,411

These are payments on account of the years 1892 to 1895-6 irrespective of the years of payment. I will now give you the amounts paid during the year, on account of 1892 to 1895-6, irrespective of the period of service—that is to say, the amounts paid *within* the year:—

	£
During 1892	9,648,604
1893	10,081,754
1894	9,480,453
1895 (6 months)	4,924,340
1895-6	9,852,219

The average annual expenditure for the previous period commencing from 1892 was £10,025,130, and the expenditure during 1895-6, on account of 1895-6, was £8,899,411, and the expenditure below the average of previous years was £1,125,719. The expenditure during 1892 on account of 1892, irrespective of period of service, was £9,648,604, and the average for the whole period is £9,752,900. The amount paid during the year 1895-6 and charged to Current Revenue Account was £8,899,411. And the amount below the average of previous years was £853,489. These are my answers to Question 20. (*Appendix L 2.*)

699. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You have drawn that memorandum up from 1892? Yes.

700. I suppose there would have been nothing abnormal about any of those years;—you could have an average extending over further years? I could easily do it.

701. Suppose you go back another two years. In this memorandum you go from 1892 to 1895. That looks like the period of one Treasurer. I do not know whether as a matter of fact it was so, and I do not care —?

702. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 21:—"Whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the vote in 1893 on account of Roads, Endowment to Boroughs, District Councils, and Shires under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half year of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6 on the plea that the savings had been improperly made. And whether an examination of the annual expenditure on roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected in the amount charged to the year 1895-6, as compared with previous years"? The unexpended balance of 1893 roads vote was £216,283. During the following year £19,764 was expended out of the balance of the appropriation of 1893 (£216,283), leaving a balance of votes unexpended of £196,519. Under section 15 of the Appropriation Act of 1895, the life of the unexpended balance (£196,519) of the roads vote of 1893 was extended to 31st December, 1895, and the amount distributed thus,—£43,643 expended during the half-year 1895; £152,680 expended during the year 1895-6; £196 surrendered, making a total of the last three amounts of £196,519. The expenditure from Roads and Bridges vote on account of each year, irrespective of date of payment, was as follows:—

1893	£591,210
1894	£585,322
1895 (half-year)	£248,380
1895-6	£387,207
1896-7	£547,761
1897-8	£514,880
1898-9	£528,075

A large reduction was effected in the annual expenditure during 1895-6, whether the figures be compared with years prior or subsequent to the year under special review. It may be remarked that as regards the years 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, and 1898-9, the figures are on a very fair comparable basis. What I mean by that is this: that in account No. 1 (Current Revenue Account), to which I have referred, only £387,207 would be put in, whereas the normal expenditure on roads and bridges—and it is pretty regular from year to year—ranges from £500,000 to £525,000, so there is a gain in that year of somewhere near £125,000.

703. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That means that under the cash basis they paid £125,000 less than they would normally, and transferred that £125,000 to the bank? Yes. G. H. Pitt,
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704. *Chairman.*] In other words, the road vote was starved? I would not like to say that.
705. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose, as a matter of fact, most of the road expenditure is paid straight away—it is weekly wages, I suppose? I can speak with a little experience on that subject, as I was once a Road Superintendent. The vote provides for the salaries of officials throughout the Colony engaged in this division of the Works Department. It provides also for the construction and maintenance of the roads. 27 April, 1900.
706. That is wages? Yes; maintenance includes wages. I contend that to show a healthy revenue there must be a large expenditure therefrom on minor works. I have always found that is a sure guide of an elastic revenue. If there is any large expenditure on construction and maintenance you may well infer that the revenue is pretty healthy. If it is not healthy you find the expenditure wherever possible being thrown into the loan votes. The vote is not all for wages; there is a considerable expenditure incurred for opening roads.
707. But they give advances on them from time to time? The works were perhaps let before 1895–6.
708. Still it would be a normal expenditure? A normal expenditure is between £500,000 and £525,000. Whatever way we like to take the figures, the expenditure against the current year of 1895–6 was a long way below the average of previous, or subsequent, years.
709. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 22. It is really several questions. We will take the first part as follows:—“Whether during the first half-year of 1895 the amount of accrued interest, &c., previously referred to was transferred from the General Loan Account, reducing the cash debit balance on the 31st December, 1894 (exclusive of Suspense Accounts).” Can you answer that portion of the question? Yes, it undoubtedly reduced the debit balance. (*Appendix M 2.*)
710. The next part of the question runs thus:—“The debit balance on the 30th June, 1895, which was extinguished by the proceeds of Treasury Bills”? The debit balance, exclusive of Suspense Accounts, of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th June, 1895, was £149,340 2s. 9d. That debit balance was converted into a credit of £875,359 17s. 3d. That is what is meant by being extinguished. From 1895–6 to 1898–9 the debit increased £758,836 11s. 7d. Subtracting that amount from £875,359 17s. 3d., we get the old item of £116,523 5s. 8d. as the credit balance on 30th June, 1899. The proceeds of bills included in the receipts of 1895–6 available for payment on account of liabilities in 1895 (June), and previous years, amounted to £875,359 17s. 3d. The payments made during 1895–6 and 1896–7 (at which latter date the payments on account of the old system ceased), amounted to—1895–6, £304,183 12s. 11d.; 1896–7, £652,295 12s. 2d.; making a total of £956,479 5s. 1d. The Auditor-General maintains that after the 30th June, 1897, no payments can take place on account of the Deficiency, hence from that date the deficiency should steadily decline.
711. Prior to 1895? Yes; that means that it reached high-water mark. On superficial investigation it would appear that the proceeds available, £875,359 17s. 3d., were inadequate to meet the payments. Not so, as the shortage in the cash is explained by the fact that the figures were influenced by operations in temporary advance account, while the payments were subsequently reduced by repayments to credit of votes. (*Appendix M 2.*)
712. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 23:—“Whether the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account current under the new system was relieved in the year 1895–6 by only charging it with one half-year’s redemption of Treasury Bills in aid of revenue and of Railway Debentures”? My answer is, yes; but the remark must be coupled with an explanation. The Act states that the £150,000 Bills shall be redeemed on the 31st December of each year. Bills to that amount were nominally redeemed (practically cancelled). The liability to pay the £150,000 was regarded, and I think rightly so, as spread over the calendar year 1895. As the first half of that year belonged to the deficiency period, £75,000 was debited, and I contend rightly so, to the proceeds of Bills, and £75,000 to the current year 1895–6. The Audit Department agreed with the arrangement, and the £75,000 payable in connection with the Railway Loan Redemption Fund was treated in like manner.
713. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But when you closed the accounts up on the following 30th June, 1896, if you wanted to show the outstanding liabilities you would have shown £75,000 as an accrued liability? What do you mean by outstanding liabilities?
714. Supposing you were dealing with the accounts on a cash basis. You had altered your accounts from the ordinary year—January to December—to from June to June? Yes; you mean July to June.
715. Well, in the period January to June, 1895, you provide for £75,000 accrued liability? Yes, on the principle that a bank does.
716. Then on the 31st December you pay £150,000, £75,000 that was provided for, and £75,000 that is due; but in presenting the accounts on the following 30th June they ought to have provided again for £75,000 to get at the true position? No; the deficiency period overlapped in the one calendar year, and the same conditions did not obtain in the second.
717. In the way it has been done, does it not appear as if £75,000 was in the first account, which is for six months, and £75,000 is in the next twelve months’ accounts? No; because the money is payable only on one day—31st December.
718. Supposing the 30th June, 1896, to end the first financial year? But you cannot do that; the Act says that the payment must be made on the 31st December.
719. I know that, but looked at from a business point of view, on the 30th June, 1895, no matter what the Act says, you said that £75,000 applied to that period, which you would pay on the 31st December? Yes. I regard the liability as spread over the year.
720. Having that £75,000 you add another £75,000 to it and you present your account on the 30th June, 1896, showing only £75,000 to the debit? I must confess I am puzzled. The period was from the 1st July, 1895, to the 30th June, 1896, and the amount was payable just exact in the middle of that period, on the 31st December. The Treasury reasoned that from the 1st January, 1895, to the 31st December, 1895, there were £150,000 due, and as January to June, 1895, belonged to the deficiency period, and July to December, 1895, belonged to the financial year 1895–6, they allotted the £150,000 to the respective periods. The next instalment was not due till the 31st December, 1896.
721. But supposing there had been £75,000 payable half-yearly? Such conditions could not obtain.
722. But that is the way you treated it at that time? Yes, from a liability standpoint only.

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723. Well, is not that year's account lightened to the extent of £75,000? I admit it if there were no charging back to the proceeds of Bills. The £75,000 would have been debited to Current Revenue.
724. On the 30th June, 1896, you would say £75,000 for the redemption of the debentures of that year? Yes, a liability.
725. And on June, 1897, you would say, £150,000? No; £75,000 liability as before, or £150,000 payable on the previous 31st December, for the financial year. I have always maintained that the Treasury did quite right in the course they followed.
726. But the point is that we have to consider the accounts as business men would look at them, and to say as business men whether 1895-6 fairly bore what it would have borne provided there had been an absolutely clean slate? But there was no cleavage. I have said and maintain there should have been a cleavage. The Current Revenue of 1895-6 was debited with £75,000 of the expenditure of the year only; the remainder to proceeds of Bills.
727. *Chairman.*] We will now take Question 24 :—"Whether the Act of applying £150,000 from the Sinking Fund established under Act 53 Victoria, No. 24, towards meeting railway debentures matured under Act 31 Victoria, No. 11, will not have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund at a later period to provide the amount relieved in the year 1897-8." My answer is as follows :—"On the 30th June, 1897, the principal to be repaid in connection with loan 31 Victoria, No. 11 (Railway Loan of 1867), was £206,700. During 1897-8 this amount was reduced to £2,400 by the repayment of £204,300—£54,300 of which were paid from Current Revenue of 1897-8, and the whole balance at credit of Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Victoria, No. 24, special trust account, was used in payment of the remaining portion £150,000. The withdrawal of this amount was done partly at the suggestion of the Auditor-General; but on the understanding that the amount withdrawn was to be replaced, as the Auditor-General contended that the appropriation of £150,000 under 31 Victoria, No. 11, would be current till used. Hence the Consolidated Revenue Fund will be required to replace the amount withdrawn, £150,000. Whether in the near future or after the conditions of the Railway Loan Redemption Fund Act, 53 Victoria, No. 24, have been complied with is a question for the Colonial Treasurer to decide. If the latter course be adopted the £150,000 appropriation of 31 Victoria, No. 11, will remain current for several years, and that will be somewhat awkward."
728. *Mr. French.*] One would infer from this question that the answer would be that it would have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund to provide the amount; but you do not go so far as that? Oh, yes, I do.
729. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 25 :—"The amount by which the Consolidated Revenue has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of short-dated loans, and in other ways, expenditure ordinarily provided from revenue, whether the system of repayments established in connection with these loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years, and whether it should not be discontinued." What is your answer to that question? "Short-dated loans" is a colloquialism which is not exactly right. The loans have a thirty years' currency, and I think that is a long period. To establish the figures desired would be somewhat difficult. The system of dividing the annual loan appropriation Acts into two broad divisions, "permanent and reproductive works" and "other works,"—to be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in thirty years by means of an annual sinking fund—was first adopted by the late Administration under the 1894 Loan Appropriation Act. The principle of redeeming loans by sinking funds is an old and approved one, but in the present case it is questionable whether the principle should have been followed, as the system provides another loop-hole for evasion of the liabilities of revenue. The liabilities against the "permanent and reproductive" division of the loan appropriation have been extended to cover the purchase of ammunition, jam jars, pickle jars, blankets, toilet covers, wardrobes, tables, chairs, carpets, lamps, wicks, bulls, pigs, donations to hospitals, gratuities. The other division of appropriations in connection with Sinking Fund services provides for expenditure on all-fours with those just enumerated, and it follows that repetitions of purchases on similar classes of articles take place, but proportionately in a larger way. The Audit Department has always protested against saddling the Loans Fund with charges on account of perishable articles. Under any circumstance the Revenue should never have been relieved of such liabilities as those aforementioned. By so doing every penny that is debited to Loan funds brings up the so-called surplus of Revenue; in fact the charging of such services to Loans is a strong index that the Revenue is not sufficient to meet its growing liabilities. One sure index of an elastic revenue is its ability to meet expenditure on minor works in addition to the cost of maintenance of the State machinery. The appropriations in connection with the Sinking Fund division of the Loan Appropriation Acts for each of the years since the inception of system in 1894, are given in the statement which I now hand in (*Appendix N 2*).
- [Adjourned till Monday, 30 April, 1900.]

EIGHTH DAY—MONDAY, 30 APRIL, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.,

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

George Henry Pitt, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit, further examined:—

730. *Chairman.*] In endeavouring to answer the first three questions, although I commenced on the 1st January, 1895, with the same balance as Mr. Vernon does, £464,711 0s. 4d., and leave off with the same balance, £116,523 5s. 8d., as he does, I make the answer to No. 1 question £1,200,107 7s. 3d.; Mr. Vernon makes it £1,254,195 10s. 10d., while Mr. Pitt makes it £1,020,640 3s. 8d.; this shows the unreliableness of the *Government Gazette*, which professes—and we have it in evidence that it is so—to be a reflex of the balances of the ledgers in the Treasury; with the consent of the Commissioners, I propose to ask Mr. Pitt to reconcile these answers, and afterwards to ask Mr. Vernon also to do so? Mr. Vernon would no doubt show how his figures are made up, and if I cannot find out how his figures are made up, I will reconcile mine own.

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731. We now proceed to Question 26:—“Whether a deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account was not created during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, and if so, the amount of such deficiency—(a) Inclusive of Special Suspense Accounts; (b) exclusive of Special Suspense Accounts; (c) as increased by amount taken from Sinking Fund to meet debentures falling upon Revenue; (d) as further increased by expenditure ordinarily defrayed from Consolidated Revenue, and provided from short-dated loans, and in other ways”? As to (a), (b), and (c), we are really going over the same ground again. As to (d), it is impossible to give that information without going to an enormous amount of mechanical labour; but I have already given the information in an appendix which has been put in—that is, I have given the total amount of these short-dated loans. To answer paragraph (d) would involve the examination of every voucher, and even then the vouchers may not disclose everything. *Appendix N 2* will give the information in the best form in which it can at present be established.

732. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Would any of these items that have been dragged into this have ordinarily gone into ordinary loan expenditure? Quite possibly.

733. I take it the line of demarcation between loan expenditure and revenue expenditure is not a defined one? Unfortunately not.

734. *Mr. French.*] You do not know, nor is there any means of information in the Audit Department which would enable you to tell, who allocates them—that is, whether they are done by the Treasury or by the Departments? We are not in the know in that respect; but I infer that the Works Appropriations are drafted in the Works Department, and then submitted to the Treasury, who go through the Estimates, and prepare the loan appropriations and votes. The answer to paragraph (a) is £22,017 18s. 8d.—that is, the increase during the four and a half years. That is the amount, exclusive of the annual statutory obligation of £150,000.

735. That is the deficiency so far as the actual period itself is concerned, but not allowing for obligations imposed upon them by law for a prior period? That is it. The answer to paragraph (b) is that there would be a credit of £139,426 14s. 5d.

736. That means excluding the operations of the Suspense Accounts for that period? Yes.

737. It is important to bear in mind that the answers to paragraphs (a) and (b) are exclusive of the inherited obligation to pay off £150,000 in respect of 1889? Yes. There were £132,929 spent on the General Post Office under the General Post Office Suspense Account.

738. Are the figures given by you in questions (a) and (b) exclusive or inclusive of the transfer on account of the accrued interest? Both inclusive of the amount of accrued interest.

739. You include the accrued interest credit of £341,000 in connection with 1894 and prior loans? Yes.

740. And you include all the special credits *re* accrued interest? Yes. As regards the answer to paragraph (c), this is a mere matter of adding on £150,000. The £150,000 was not taken out of the Current Account, but from the balance at credit of Railway Loan Redemption Fund. If you remember, I said that there were £206,700 on 30th June, 1897, outstanding under 31 Victoria No. 11, and when this sum matured the late Treasurer asked the Auditor-General whether he could get any assistance from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Victoria No. 24. It was suggested that the money could be temporarily used, but on the understanding that the money must be repaid to the Railway Loan Redemption Fund.

741. But there was a specific amount taken? Yes, £150,000. If the late Treasurer had paid that £150,000 out of Current Revenue for 1898–9, the balances would have been influenced (that is reduced) accordingly.

742. Would not the best way to answer the paragraph be to say that the amount was £150,000? That is [*Appendix O 2*], if the £150,000 had been paid from Revenue the debit balance would have been increased to a like extent.

743. As regards paragraph (d), you can only answer it in a general way, and by referring to answers to previous question? Yes, and by reference to *Appendix N 2*.

744. *Chairman.*] Question 27 runs as follows:—“The amount of the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current on the 30th June, 1896, 30th June, 1897, 30th June, 1898, and 30th June, 1899?” I take that to mean the Treasury Account Current. We have a Current Revenue Account which I have explained. The amount of the credit on the 30th June, 1896, was £476,530 1s. 10d.; on the 30th June, 1897, it was £114,444 16s. 6d.; on the 30th June, 1898, it was £122,211 1s. 10d.; and on the 30th June, 1899, it was £116,523 5s. 8d. (*Appendix P 2*.)

745. That includes the Treasury bills, £1,174,000? Yes.

746. We now take Question 28: “Whether these balances represented cash in the Bank, and if so, which of them?”—what is your answer to that? Not any of the amounts represented cash in the Bank.

747. Question 29 reads thus: “The actual condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the dates specified above, as disclosed by the Bank balances”? I would like to pass over that question for the present.

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present. I have prepared a statement giving the cash balances and the ledger balances for the year ending 31st December, 1894; the same information up to 30th June, 1895; the same information up to June, 1896; the same information up to 30th June, 1897; the same information up to 30th June, 1898; and the same information up to 30th June, 1899; also for the period ending 14th September, 1899—three days before the former Ministry went out—when there was an independent audit. And I have given the information up to 31st January and 28th February, 1900, which is the latest I can give, as I have not the London accounts for the later months. I would like that question to stand over till I can bring in the answer to it in connection with other matters. (*Appendix Q 2.*)

748. We now take Question 30: "In the event of a discrepancy between the ledger balances and the Bank balances, to what was this due; and whether the system under which such differences are possible may be correctly described as a 'cash basis' system?" There is a discrepancy. The discrepancy is due to the difference between the Appropriation and the Cash Account. As regards the cash basis system, I contend that the provisions of the Audit Act Amendment Act have never had full play. No attempt has been made by the Treasury to establish a Current Revenue Account and a Deficiency Account in the Treasurer's statement of Public Accounts. I must add, however, that such division is shown in the Ways and Means statement, but the figures given in this document are not subject to audit; hence the term "cash basis" has certainly a limited interpretation when taken in connection with the system of working the existing accounts. In the Public Accounts of the Treasury there is no marked change in the statements. The continuity of the old system was maintained—there is no dividing-line in any way. But the Auditor-General adopted a dividing-line, and he has gradually improved the Account annually, with the result that the 1898-9 statements are very comprehensive. Will the Committee allow me to emphasise the difference between the Cash Account and the Appropriation Account?

749. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Yes? The Appropriation Account is regulated by Parliament. The Cash Account is regulated by exigencies that arise. For instance, any expenditure that takes place must be debited to the Cash Account at once, but in regard to Appropriation Account it is a matter as to whether the appropriation is one of the year or belongs to the succeeding financial year. Take the 1897-8 item of £193,726, over which there has been so much controversy, the amount transferred to the Bank of England. That would affect the Cash Account, but under the present conditions it does not affect the Appropriation Account of 1897-8. We must not overlook the fact that the Treasury could not include the amount under the present appropriation system in their accounts for 1897-8, as fourteen months' appropriations are involved; that is to say, the two corresponding months of the previous year's transactions were posted to the same account during the earlier part of the year. The Cash Account is quite a different matter. It is irrespective of what year the appropriation belongs to.

750. *Mr. French.*] Is the Cash Account a true representation of the state of affairs? No, not under present conditions; I am going to show that.

751. From your remarks just now I should assume that the Cash Account is no criterion whatever? The Cash Account is no criterion. The cash of £116,523 5s. 8d. on 30th June, 1899, had no metallic basis.

752. It looks to me by your explanation a suspense account, pending the adjustment of these various matters with the appropriation later on, or at some time, I presume? Through the non-inclusion of the London accounts and other matters, the £116,000 does not represent the true state of affairs. If you would kindly proceed to Question 31 I will take up this matter later on.

753. *Chairman.*] We will take Question 31: "Whether it is correct to hand over large interest payments to the Bank of England in the month of June, and bring them to account on the 1st July following;—whether the Commissioners would recommend the London payments in May and June to be included within the financial year during which they actually are made;—and whether the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up?" I will take the first sentence of the question first. Liabilities of interest on inscribed stock mature on the 1st July each year. To meet these payments the Government of New South Wales is required, under agreement with the Bank of England, to pay to credit of that institution ten days, or thereabouts, before the date of maturity the full amount of interest payable. The Bank places this sum to an account of its own called the Dividend Account. The money consequently passes absolutely from the control of the Government of New South Wales, and the Audit Department accordingly debits the amount as a final payment against the Public Account. The matter of the year of appropriation does not affect the entry whatever. The appropriation account is quite distinct from that of the cash account. Unfortunately, the distinctive basis of each account has not been recognised, hence the confusion. As to the second part of the question, I strongly recommend that a common financial year—1st July to 30th June of year following—be adopted in Sydney and London. I intend to deal with this question more fully when submitting certain reforms I consider necessary in the existing system. As to the third portion of the question, I would say that the Special Suspense Accounts should certainly be again regarded as an ordinary item of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, whence they were, in my opinion, illegally withdrawn. I may quote the two sections of the two Acts in question. I will read section 5 of the Centenary Celebration Act, 51 Victoria, Number 9, and section 6 of the General Post Office Approaches Act, 53 Victoria, Number 13. [*Sections read.*] The Auditor-General has followed the law, and will not budge one iota in connection with the mode of presentation adopted in these accounts. I have always considered that these accounts were placed in Special Suspense to relieve a sick revenue balance, and, had opposite conditions obtained, the operation would not, I believe, have been thought of. The past history of these accounts partly confirms this supposition, for the Centennial Park Account was opened during 1887 as a Revenue Account, and continued as such till 1894 when it was placed in Suspense by the late Government. Similarly the General Post Office Resumption Account was opened in revenue in 1890, and placed in Special Suspense by a previous Administration in 1892. The third Suspense Account, "Advances to General Loan Account," was opened as a Revenue Account during 1895, and placed in Special Suspense during 1895-6. As a matter of fact not one penny of these advances came from Revenue Account but from General Trust Funds, and the full amount still remains unadjusted although the money has been wholly spent on loan services. As the £1,500,000 has not been covered by securities it cannot appear as liabilities of public debt. Hence the total debt liabilities of the Colony are short by the amount stated (and also £50,000 advanced during 1897-8 by the Curator of Intestate Estates and spent in a like manner).

754. That is, the three sums of £500,000 each? That is it.

755. We now take Question 32 :—“ Whether the present system of keeping the public accounts is a good one; and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the method of keeping the accounts, or in their presentation, so that these may be more easily comprehended by the public”? I consider the present system which has been in vogue, with slight alterations, during the last twenty to thirty years is faulty, and out of touch with present requirements; while the mode of presentation of the accounts for public scrutiny is open to considerable improvement. I desire to submit to the Committee an improved system which I am convinced is practical and simple, and the results will be easily comprehended by the public. In fact, the system proposed will, I take it, satisfy all current demands for reform. I have here an analytical statement which I will hand in :—

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Analysis of the Balances.

The “ Credit balances on the 30th June, 1899,” £7,552,570 11s. 3d., as given in the Treasurer's General Summary prefacing the details of his Receipts and Disbursements at page 3, are apt to be read as Cash Balances, being in the General Summary apparently the result of Cash Receipts and Payments, while the fact is that more than three-fourths of their amounts exist in the shape of securities at the Credit of the Trusts and at the Debit of the Government.

The results of an Analysis of the Treasury Ledger Balances will be found in the following four tabular statements :—

- (1) Ledger Balance of each Account on 30th June, 1899.
- (2) Cash ” ” ” ” as per Ledger.
- (3) Bank ” ” ” ” ”
- (4) Cash ” ” ” ” as adjusted.

The “ Ledger Balances” making up the total balance on the “ General Public Account”—that is to say, the credit balance of the aggregated balances of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the General Trust Funds, the General Loan Fund, and the Special Trust Funds—on the 20th June, 1899, amounted to £7,552,570 11s. 3d., according to the subjoined statement, which comprises the data whereupon the Treasury figures may be reconciled with the Bank Balances :—

Statement (1).

Account.	Ledger Balances, 30 June, 1898.	Add Receipts during 1898-9.	Total.	Deduct Payments during 1898-9.	Ledger Balances, 30 June, 1899.
Public Account :—					
Consolidated Revenue Fund:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Deficiency Account	Dr. 633,493 7 8	*8,884 0 7	Dr. 624,609 7 1		Dr. 624,609 7 1
Account Current.....	Cr. 62,363 13 7	9,721,957 17 11	9,784,321 11 6	9,739,657 12 0	Cr. 44,663 19 6
Total	Dr. 571,129 14 1	9,730,841 18 6	9,159,712 4 5	9,739,657 12 0	Dr. 579,945 7 7
Towards erection and main- tenance of Public School buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20	Cr. 154,568 8 3	24,680 5 11	179,248 14 2	101,122 19 0	Cr. 78,125 15 2
General Trust Funds.....	Cr. 7,968,550 14 9	4,946,245 5 5	12,914,796 0 2	4,304,092 0 8	Cr. 8,610,703 19 6†
General Loan Fund	Cr. 30,664 0 1	1,019,330 6 2	1,049,994 6 3	2,471,892 10 2	Dr. 1,421,898 3 11†
Advances to Settlers		219,400 0 0	219,400 0 0	1,000 0 0	Cr. 218,400 0 0
Special Trust Funds.....	Cr. 497,267 12 4	333,575 2 3	830,842 14 7	183,658 6 6	Cr. 647,184 8 1
Grand Total.....	Cr. £8,079,921 1 4	16,274,072 18 3	Cr. 24,353,993 19 7	16,801,423 8 4	Cr. 7,552,570 11 3

* Exclusive of £150,000, instalment towards redemption of Treasury Bills, which have no place in this Statement.

† To harmonise with the Bank Balance of the General Loan Account, the £1,500,000 advanced from General Trust Funds during 1895 will be, in the subsequent statements, added to the £1,421,898 3s. 11d., shown above, and the General Trust Funds Balance, £8,610,703 19s. 6d., reduced to a like extent.

The aggregate Balance is composed of Cash and Securities, the face value of the latter being fully three times that of the cash portion. Excepting Securities and fixed deposits to the value of £41,333, the Securities represent Government Stocks, Debentures, and Treasury Bills, issued to provide money for Loan Services and Revenue Deficiencies, and sold to the Trusts in the General and Special Trust Funds Accounts. As these Trust Funds are placed under the care of the Government, and in the custody of the Colonial Treasurer, for the benefit of various agencies, they are *not* properly *Credits* in the general acceptance of the term, but represent so many *Liabilities* against the Government.

Those *Liabilities*, so far as they are represented by Government Securities for moneys borrowed from the Trust Funds, appear naturally in their place as a part of the General Public Debt of the Colony. The Colonial Treasurer, as Administrator or Trustee of the Trust Funds and the Custodian of the Securities, is entitled, of course, to take credit in his accounts as such Trustee for the amount of Securities which he holds for the moneys he has lent to the Government; but the Public Account, as such, is not also entitled to take credit for those Securities against its liabilities for the Public Debt, inasmuch as the money for which the Securities in question were issued had been expended on the Services for which it was borrowed, and would have to be replaced if required for the purposes of the Trusts in emergencies.

When it is seen, from following Statement, that the amount of Trust Funds investments has reached the large sum of £5,698,825 13s. 2d., of which £41,333 represent “ Miscellaneous Securities other than Government,” and £5,657,492 13s. 2d. represent Government Securities, all of which, except the former amount (£41,333) has been expended in connection with Loan Services and Revenue Deficiencies, and yet appear as a part of the Credit Balances in the Public Accounts, *it becomes an important question whether the General Trust Funds Account should not be shown as a distinct branch of the “ Public Account” as kept in the Banks, in the same form as the General Loan Fund Account is now shown, but always reckoned, nevertheless, as directed by the Audit Act, as the one “ Public Account.”*

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The Ledger Cash Balance and the Face Value of the Securities on 30th June, 1899, of each Account were as follow :—

Statement (2).

Account.	Balances, 30th June, 1899. (As per statement No. 1, preceding page.)	Deduct Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.	Cash Balances, 30th June, 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Public Account :—			
Consolidated Revenue Fund :—			
Deficiency Account	Dr. 579,945 7 7	Nil.	Dr. 579,945 7 7
Account Current			
Towards Erection and Maintenance Public School Buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20 ...	Cr. 78,125 15 2	Nil.	Cr. 78,125 15 2
General Trust Funds	* Cr. 7,110,703 19 6	5,380,271 13 2	Cr. 1,730,432 6 4
General Loan Fund	* Cr. 78,101 16 1	Nil.	Cr. 78,101 16 1
Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account No. 1, 1899 ...	Cr. 218,400 0 0	Nil.	Cr. 218,400 0 0
Special Trust Funds	Cr. 647,184 8 1	318,554 0 0	Cr. 328,630 8 1
Balance, 30th June, 1899...	£ 7,552,570, 11 3	5,698,825 13 2	1,853,744 18 1
Less :—			
Special Trust Funds Balance—not subject to Warrant		328,630 8 1	
Balance of Payments in London, March and April, 1899—not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899. }		731 1 11	
Net Payments in London during May and June, 1899—not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899		425 11 6	
		255,851 5 1	
			585,638 6 7
Cash Credit Balance, in Sydney and London, 30th June, 1899, available for Ordinary Operations			1,268,106 11 6

* See note marked (†) on page 41.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that after the face value of the securities had been eliminated from the Ledger Balances, £7,552,570 11s. 3d., there remained a Cash or Working Balance of £1,853,744 18s. 1d. This amount includes the Special Trust Funds which are not subject to issue under warrant, more particularly the Supreme Court moneys which are not under the control of the Government. In addition to this amount further deductions on account of payments in London are necessary, in all a total of £585,638 6s. 7d., thus reducing the available balance to £1,268,106 11s. 6d., which amount represents the whole current balance at the close of the year, available to be carried forward, for the ordinary operations of the succeeding year.

The Sydney banking business is transacted by the Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.), and the City Bank of Sydney; and the "London" business by the London and Westminster Bank and the Bank of England. The operations of the last-mentioned Bank are confined to the Inscription and Negotiations of Loans and the management of half-yearly dividends of Inscribed Stock, while the London and Westminster Bank transacts the ordinary London business in connection with the Public Service of the Colony.

The following statement (3) shows the Localities and Institutions where the money was lodged. The amount lodged in Sydney Banks and Treasury was £392,734 2s. 7d., and in London Banks £875,372 8s. 11d.:—

Bank Balances—Statement (3).

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sydney—			
Balances, 30th June, 1899 (<i>less unrepresented cheques</i>) :—			
Bank of New South Wales.....Public Account		Dr. 103,534 6 4	
" " General Loan Fund	Cr. 78,101 16 1		
" " Advances to Settlers Account	Cr. 218,400 0 0		
		Cr. 296,501 16 1	
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney (Ltd.).....Public Account	Cr. 95,267 16 1	Cr. 192,967 9 9	
City Bank of Sydney	Cr. 7,498 16 9		
" " Fixed Deposit... ..	Cr. 75,000 0 0		
" " Cash in hands of Receiver	Cr. 22,000 0 0		
		Cr. 199,766 12 10	
TOTAL, SYDNEY			Cr. 392,734 2 7
London—			
Bank Balance, 30th June, 1899 (<i>amount of unrepresented cheques not known</i>) :—			
Bank of England—Inscribed Stock Account.....		Cr. 9,645 13 8	
London and Westminster—			
On Bank Books.....Public Account	Cr. 213,266 13 2		
In transit from Sydney to Bank	Cr. 652,460 2 1		
		Cr. 865,726 15 3	
TOTAL, LONDON			Cr. 875,372 8 11
Cash Credit Balance, 30th June, 1899, as in Statement No. 2.....£			1,268,106 11 6

As there are no means provided in the Bank Accounts, as supplied daily in Sydney and monthly from London, for distinctly allocating the transactions disclosed therein, or for allocating the Bank Balances struck at any date to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Trust Funds respectively, the information can only be obtained by an analysis of the Accounts themselves.

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The following Statement (4) shows the *relative position* of each account to the *total cash balance* :—

Balances of Accounts of the several Funds in relation to the Actual Cash Balance, £1,268,106 11s. 6d.—
Statement (4).

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Sydney—													
Public Account—Branch in Sydney :—													
Consolidated Revenue Fund—													
Towards Erection and Maintenance Public School Buildings, &c., 61 Vic. No. 20	Cr.	96,232	6	6									
General Trust Funds—													
<i>Credit</i> May and June, 1899, Payments in London on account of Loan Services		9,344	17	0									
Debit Balance Consolidated Revenue Fund	Dr.	781,591	12	7									
Credit " Towards Erection and Maintenance, &c.	Cr.	78,125	15	2									
" General Trust Funds	Cr.	809,043	0	11			Cr.	105,577	3	6			
General Loan Fund—													
Bank Balance (less unrepresented cheques)	Cr.	78,101	16	1									
<i>Debit</i> May and June Payments in London from Public Account on account of Loan Services, and not adjusted in Sydney till after 30th June, 1899		9,344	17	0									
Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account, Act No. 1, 1899							Cr.	68,756	19	1			
							Cr.	218,400	0	0			
TOTAL, SYDNEY										Cr.	392,734	2	7
London—													
Public Account—Branch in London :—													
Consolidated Revenue Fund													
General Trust Funds							Cr.	875,372	8	11			
TOTAL, LONDON										Cr.	875,372	8	11
Cash Credit Balance, 30th June, 1899, as in Statements (2) and (3)											£1,268,106	11	6

I will now read a memorandum which I have prepared as part of my answer to Question 32. It is as follows :—

Review of the Condition of the Finances as disclosed by the foregoing analysis :

The ordinary financial operations in connection with the Treasury are transacted under the following accounts :—The Consolidated Revenue Fund, the General Trust Funds, and the General Loan Fund. In connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund there is a small special account called the "Towards Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings, &c., Account, 61 Vic. No. 20"; and likewise side by side with the General Loan Fund there is a Special Loan Account called the "Advances to Settlers Account Act No. 1 of 1899." The aggregate cash balance of these funds—that is, the cash in hand on 30th June, 1899—was £1,268,106 11s. 6d. The distribution to the respective accounts is given in subjoined statement :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sydney—						
General Trust Funds and Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20				105,577	3	6
General Loan Fund				68,756	19	1
Advances to Settlers (Loan) Account				218,400	0	0
				287,156	19	1
				392,734	2	7
London—						
General Trust Funds				875,372	8	11
Total cash in hand, 30th June, 1899				£1,268,106	11	6

The following are the institutions where the money was deposited :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sydney—						
Bank of New South Wales	192,967	9	9			
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, (Limited)	95,267	16	1			
City Bank of Sydney	82,498	16	9			
Held by Receiver, Treasury	22,000	0	0			
Total, Sydney				392,734	2	7
London—						
Bank of England	9,645	13	8			
London and Westminster Bank (including amounts in transit)	865,726	15	3			
Total, London				875,372	8	11
Total, Sydney and London, 30 June, 1899				£1,268,106	11	6

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The total cash available for the ordinary operations of the Government in Sydney and London on 30th June, 1899, was, therefore, £1,268,106 11s. 6d. If from this sum be taken the £287,156 19s. 1d. at credit of the two Loan Funds, the balance available for the Working Account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds (or, as it is officially called, the Public Account) was £980,949 12s. 5d. From the following statement it will be readily seen that the £980,949 12s. 5d. belonged wholly to the General Trust Funds and the Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20, and also that withdrawals to the extent of £781,591 12s. 7d. had taken place from the two funds mentioned to meet payments for Revenue Services:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Uninvested balance—General Trust Funds, as per Appendix U 2 ...	1,730,432	6	4						
<i>Less—</i>									
London payments on account of Trust Fund services, May and June, 1899... ..	46,016	16	6						
	1,684,415			9	10				
<i>Add—</i>									
Credit balance, "Public School Account," 61 Vic. No. 20				78,125	15	2			
Total Ledger uninvested balance of General Trust Funds and Public School Account, 61 Vic. No. 20							1,762,541	5	0
Cash in hand of General Trust Funds and Public School Account, 61 Vic. No. 20							980,949	12	5
Shortage in cash caused by withdrawals on account of payments for Revenue services							£781,591	12	7

On reference to Appendix U 2, which shows "Distribution of Trust Funds on 30th June, 1899," it will be found that the amount £1,730,432 6s. 4d. is the residue of the "Uninvested" balance after allowance had been made for the £1,500,000 advanced to the General Loan Funds during 1895.

Amongst the many accounts which comprise the General Trust Funds, the "Savings Bank of New South Wales Deposit Account" is second in importance, so far as the volume of the Credit Balance is concerned. The account was first opened during February, 1891, under Executive Authority. The deposits were made under section 17 of the Savings Bank Act of 1862, and it is quite *optional* for the Trustees to *deposit*, and for the Colonial Treasurer to *accept*, these moneys. As no claims can be made against the account, other than the liability to repay the Trustees of the Savings Bank, it follows that these Deposits were used to supplement the Consolidated Revenue Fund balance, and to cover the £1,500,000 advanced to General Loan Fund during 1895. On the 31st December, 1891, the amount of deposits was £590,000; on the 30th June, 1899, the amount at credit had increased to £2,415,000; and lately further additions of £25,000, £50,000, and £150,000 respectively have been made, making a total of £2,640,000 advanced.

The Cash balance on the 30th June, 1899, of the Public Account, as previously stated, was £980,949 12s. 5d. At the same time the amount of these deposits (exclusive of the £1,500,000 advanced to General Loan Fund), included in the aforementioned balance, was £915,000. The £980,949 12s. 5d. was the only money available at that date to meet payments on account of Revenue and General Trust Fund services, and of this amount £915,000 represented deposits obtained from the Savings Bank of New South Wales.

For Banking purposes the balance of the General Trust Funds (included in which are the deposits specially reviewed) is amalgamated with that of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and consequently the aggregate balance becomes a drawing account for either fund.

Large remittances to London are made from this "aggregate balance" to meet liabilities of Revenue and Trust Funds. Annual payments in London in connection with the Revenue Account exceed two millions, while payments on account of Trust Funds services do not reach two hundred thousand. The Trust Fund balance, both in Sydney and London, therefore, plays a more important part in the Revenue operations than appears on the surface, and deposits like those of the Savings Bank of New South Wales are a convenient medium for keeping the banking account (of the Public Account) in credit. There are many disadvantages under the system under which the accounts are worked, and I think the changes which I propose to suggest would result in the adoption of a system more in touch with modern requirements, and which would, I am convinced, satisfy all current demands for reform.

One result, and a very important one, of the analysis is that it clearly shows that the Treasury Credit Balance on the 30th June, 1899, £116,523 5s. 8d. (page 8), had no material backing—no metallic basis. On the contrary, the analysis shows that the combined balance of the General Trust Funds and the Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20, had been used to the extent of £781,591 12s. 7d. for liabilities of Revenue.

Apparently

Apparently the present system under which the accounts are presented requires remodelling, at least to the extent that when the figures showing the balance of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at the close of the financial year are established, they will be a reflex of those given in the Bank certificates (less unrepresented cheques). Past experience has disclosed that a simple system covering all requirements could be initiated; but before any reforms can take place the General Trust Funds must be placed under a separate and independent administration (this suggestion does not imply that the Treasurer will be debarred from using the funds; on the contrary, the new system would provide ample facilities for obtaining advances), a distinct banking account established in Sydney and London for the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and a common financial year observed in Sydney and London. If such reforms were adopted the results would be as foreshadowed above, that is, that the Treasurer's Revenue Balance would be verified by the certificates of the General Managers of the Banks transacting the Government business; an independent check would be always available to certify as to whether the year's operations had closed with a cash credit or otherwise; and the uncertainty which exists as to the true condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund would be removed."

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Deficiency, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1899.

The local Cash Overdraft of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th June, 1899, was £579,945 7s. 7d. These figures are not affected by the transactions during May and June, 1899, in London, as it is the practice of the Treasury to recognise the Financial Year in London as ending on 30th April. For very many years it has been the practice of the Auditor-General to include the operations of May and June in the transactions of the year under review in order to present the actual condition of the Revenue, and of latter years to allow a reconciliation of the Revenue Balance with the Bank Balances. As previously suggested, a common Financial Year should be observed for Sydney and London. To effect the desired change it would be necessary to cable out *in globo* particulars of May and June operations, and the amounts posted in that form. The totals could be distributed amongst the sub-heads of Accounts when full particulars had been received by mail.

* The Actual Deficiency on 30th June, 1899, was £2,959,175 12s. 7d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash Overdraft	579,945	7	7			
London Payments:—						
Payments, March–April, adjusted in Sydney, August, 1899	1,156	13	5			
Net payments, May and June, 1899, adjusted in Sydney, July–August, 1899	200,489	11	7			
				201,646	5	0
Actual Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1899						781,591 12 7
Treasury Bills Current, 30th June, 1899:—						
Deficiency, 1886 and previous years, 53 Vic. No. 9 ...	1,152,884	0	0			
Deficiency to 30th June, 1899, 59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700	0	0			
						2,177,584 0 0

* Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899, to be made good in the future £2,959,175 12 7

* Exclusive of Payments by the Bank of New South Wales to the amount of £11,618 17s. 8d. on account of Revenue services—not brought to account on 30th June, 1899.

756. *The Witness.*] I would also like to read to the Committee certain suggestions which I have drawn up in connection with proposed reform of the financial system, they are as follows:—

1. A Trust Fund Act to be passed, vesting the funds in trustees—say, as in Victoria, the Treasurer, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and a Committee of the Lower House, called, say, the Committee of Public Accounts.

(In connection with that Act I would like to say that for the last five or six years I have been a strong advocate for a Trust Fund Act, and when the Auditor-General put the Victorian Act into my hand—which was passed in December, 1897—I found that it covered the whole ground of the reforms I had been advocating for five or six years. I read the Act carefully, and when in Victoria lately on private business I took the opportunity to see a leading official of the Treasury, who administers the Special Trust Fund. I was able to go into the matter with him, and I am convinced that what I am suggesting to the Committee are really up to date suggestions.)

2. Expunge from the General Trust Funds all bookkeeping accounts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the General Loan Fund.

3. Place the accounts expunged to Advance Accounts. If the money had been originally advanced from Revenue place it to Revenue Advance Account; if from Loan Fund place it to Loan Advance Account.

4. All cash and securities of the General Trust Funds to be transferred to the control and keeping of the Trust Fund Trustees (including the deposits of the Government Savings Bank), and any moneys held by the Treasurer under the account, "Deposit Account, Savings Bank of New South Wales." (Bank in Barrack-street.)

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5. The Trust Fund Trustees to open a banking account in Sydney in, say, the Bank of New South Wales or with the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, the account to be drawn upon by cheques signed by two of the trustees and countersigned by the Auditor-General. (That is the Victorian principle.)

6. The Treasurer to transact, as heretofore, all business in connection with ordinary receipts of, and payments from, the General Trust Funds; to carry on such operations a Treasurer's Banking Account to be opened in any of the Banks of issue transacting Government business by advances obtained from the trustees. The Treasurer should be required to adjust the Trust Fund Account periodically, and especially on the last day of the financial year, when the account should be absolutely closed. A fresh account to be opened on the first day of each financial year.

7. Any Trust Fund operations in London to be transacted through the Consolidated Revenue Fund Banking Account at the London and Westminster Bank, and the adjustment (by repayment to the Consolidated Revenue Fund) to be effected locally when cable and also mail advices have been received from London.

8. If necessary, the Trust Fund Trustees might advance to the Treasurer moneys in aid of Revenue Account or Loans Account, but on the condition that all advances will be repaid before or on the last day of the financial year, so that the balance shown will not be inflated by any extraneous credit. No difficulty in connection with the repayments can arise, as under the banking arrangement suggested cash might be withdrawn from the Revenue or Loan Account, notwithstanding such accounts had been overdrawn. In the case of the Advance to Loans it might subsequently be found necessary to cover the amount by securities, and thereby embody it in the public debt.

9. The course suggested in paragraph 8, however, should be avoided when possible, and, in view of "direct aid," a system similar to that adopted in connection with the Supreme Court moneys (Special Trust Funds) lodged in the Bank of New South Wales, namely, that the trustees place a bulk sum in the Bank at Trustees' Current Account as a set-off against possible overdrafts in Revenue or Loans. Under such a system the true condition of the balance of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or the Loans would always be disclosed by the daily bank-sheets, as no inflations by extraneous credits could take place. The amount at credit of a Trustees' Current Account could be so regulated as to allow of the Revenue or Loan Bank Balances being largely overdrawn without one penny of interest on overdrafts being payable to the Banks. The Government to allow Bank current rates of interest on deposits of the trustees in compensation for placing these sums at non-interest bearing account (Current Account).

10. The trustees should be empowered to take over all moneys under the control and in the possession of the Master in Equity, the Master in Lunacy, the Curator of Intestate Estates, the Registrar of Probates, and trust moneys held by any other officers of the Supreme Court, also any cash and securities held by the Public Works Department as deposits on tenders; in fact, all trust moneys held by officers of the Service generally.

11. The Trustees to be empowered to take money on deposit for long periods or otherwise, according to the discretion of the trustees, from the public under direct authority of wills, or from executors or administrators, and be empowered to pay current rates of interest, although it might prove judicious to fix the maximum rate payable.

12. All sinking funds in connection with the redemption of loans, Government or municipal, to be placed under the control of the trustees.

13. By placing the Trust Funds under trustees the anomaly of the Treasurer's dual position of debtor and creditor would be removed. The good results which would accrue by the adoption of the reform suggested cannot be too much emphasised, as a disturbing factor, which has been largely responsible for what I consider the misleading figures established, would be eliminated from the balances.

14. The funds held by the trustees would always provide a substantial reserve for the Government to obtain local aid whenever required, and these funds would prove a valuable adjusting medium in the loan borrowings, especially on the London market. The trustees could always come to the rescue when there was a tightness in the Home market. Adjustment of advances could be subsequently made when the terms of the London market for loan issues were acceptable to the Government.

15. The trustees to invest surplus money either (a) in purchase direct from Government of securities of short or long dated currencies; (b) by purchase in open market, care being taken that no loss of principal accrues by subsequent redemption at par; (c) by making advances to Treasurer during any financial year. Under the banking system suggested, however, such advances would hardly be necessary; (d1) by placing large sums at current account in Banks of Issue transacting Government business (this account must be an item, or form part of, the General Banking Account); (d2) by placing at fixed deposit in Banks of Issue transacting Government business; (e) on mortgage of approved real estate, but on very stringent conditions.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

1. A Current Revenue Account similar to that shown in the Auditor-General's 1898-9 report to be adopted.

The old practice of bringing forward the balance of the previous year's operations to be discontinued, and the balance at the close of the financial year—if a credit, and in excess of £150,000—to be allotted, say, as follows:—

- (a) £150,000 in payment of annual instalment in redemption of Treasury bills.
- (b) Moiety of remaining balance transferred to Trust Fund Trustee Account in payment of cash owing by Revenue to General Trust Funds (*the amount of which on 30th June, 1899, was £781,591 12s. 7d.*).
- (c) And the remaining moiety of balance in payment of reduction of Public Debt, by payments direct, or by placing such to credit of a Sinking Fund, or, if considered advisable, to be placed to a separate account and ear-marked for expenditure on Public Works.

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If the balance be a debit, the whole amount to be adjusted by a transfer of an equal sum from the Deficiency Revenue Account. The Current Revenue Account of the following year would, therefore, start with a clean sheet, or, to use a popular phrase, will start with a "clean slate." The balances of the Current Revenue Account in London on the last day of the financial year to be "cleared" through the Sydney banks and their London offices.

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2. The gross and net revenue under each sub-item to be given, as shown in the Victorian accounts, thus:—

Gross Revenue.	Refunds.	Net Revenue.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)

The figures in column (2) can be supplied by the Department of Audit.

757. *Mr. French.*] What do you mean by refunds? Revenue and receipts credited in excess or error legally returnable as refunds of Duties, Railway Rebates, &c., or Temporary Credits like Customs drawbacks.

758. Queensland shows the cost of obtaining the revenue per Department, which is a very good idea? South Australia, I think, has the best system. Their accounts show that very clearly. I am a strong advocate for this column of Revenue Refunded. The Department of Audit prepares annually a statement of Revenue Refunded under the four main divisions of Revenue—that is, Taxation, Land Revenue, Receipts for Services Rendered, and General Miscellaneous Receipts. I might respectfully suggest that the Committee recommend that we should follow the Victorian system, which is such an excellent one. For example, I cannot tell you how much we refund on spirits, but the Victorian accounts can show you that, and refunds under any sub-item. However, the balance of my proposed scheme is as follows:—

3. Under the conditions mentioned in paragraph 1, no overlapping of the operations of one year with the other could take place, and each year's accounts would be placed on a distinct basis.

4. The Revenue Accounts now worked in Trust Fund to be transferred to the Revenue. (An Advance Account, showing the amount owing to the Revenue, is established annually, and shown as an Appendix to the Auditor-General's Report; but the Revenue Advance Accounts in Trust Funds cannot under the present system be included in such statement.)

5. A common financial year—1st July of one year to 30th June of the following year—to be observed in Sydney and London.

6. Banking Accounts in connection with the Current Revenue Account to be opened in Sydney and London.

7. In Sydney at each of the institutions now conducting banking business (it would be inadvisable to increase the number beyond the present three); in London and Westminster Bank, and Bank of England.

7A. (Revenue) Drafts on London to be debited to Current Revenue Account.

8. Transactions—Consolidated Revenue Fund, Trust Fund, and Loan Fund—in London during May and June to be cabled out *in globo*; those of May as soon after the month has closed, and those of June as soon after 3 p.m. on the 30th June as possible. London time being 10 hours 15 minutes later, this would cause little delay in the publication of returns—a drawback, if drawback at all, not worthy of notice. If practicable it might be arranged that operations be suspended in London during the 30th June—that is to say, the receipt and pay books of the last day be closed for that one day only, or if such be found impracticable, any adjustments might be effected in the local banks before 10 o'clock on the morning of the 1st July.

9. To complete the desired information from London at the close of the financial year, it would be necessary to cable out the balances on the 30th June of the Bank of England, and the London and Westminster Bank, and the amount of remittances brought to account by the latter Institution during May and June. (I would confine the remittances (from Sydney to London) to London and Westminster Bank as at present.)

10. The total receipts and the total payments to be cabled *in globo*, and the totals inserted in the respective accounts (Consolidated Revenue Fund, Trust Fund, and Loan Fund) in the Treasurer's statement under the head of, say, "Receipts (or Expenditure) in London, May (or June), to be apportioned to sub-heads of accounts when the full advices have been received by mail."

11. An officer of the Department of Audit or Treasury, well experienced in appropriations and accounts generally, to be attached to the Agent-General's staff in London to apportion the receipts and expenditure to the various heads of Revenue, Trust and Loan Accounts, so as to allow the *in globo* figures to be established as accurately as possible. The local officers would subsequently check the totals as established, and, if found necessary, the allotments might be modified, and the balances of the respective funds varied accordingly.

12. A Deficiency Revenue Account to be operated similar to that shown in the Auditor-General's Report for 1898–9; this account to be regarded as correlative with the Current Revenue Account. The account, if kept on the basis suggested, will always disclose the true condition of the Revenue Deficiency, as well as being a purifying medium for the Current Revenue Account. [See paragraph (1).]

13. A Deficiency Revenue Account to be opened in the Bank of New South Wales, or with the Commercial Banking Company, *in Sydney only*.

14. If the system suggested were followed, the Cash Balance on the 30th June of the Current Revenue Account (as well as the Deficiency Account), as stated by the Treasury and Audit Department, could always be verified by the certificate of the General Managers of the Sydney Banks and the London Bank statements—that is to say, the balances shown on the certificates of the 30th June of the Managers of the Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Banking Company (Limited) of Sydney, and City Bank of Sydney, added to the balances shown on the Bank sheets of the Bank of England and the London and Westminster Bank, together with the amount of remittances in transit, which could be established from data obtained from the Sydney and London Bank sheets would, in the aggregate, equal the balance as shown at credit or debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the Treasurer's statement. This would establish

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establish an independent check which would be always available to certify as to whether the year's operations had closed with a cash credit or otherwise. The uncertainty which exists as to the true condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund from a cash standpoint would, under the proposed arrangement, be removed.

759. *Mr. French.*] This is, of course, on the purely cash basis, irrespective of any appropriations of the years to which it belongs? As a matter of fact, appropriation and cash accounts would be practically synonymous terms. It will be the true cash basis system. There will be very few payments that can be thrown out of the year if this course were followed.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 1 May, 1900.]

NINTH DAY.—TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

George Henry Pitt, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit, further examined:—

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760. *Witness.*] I would like to correct an answer I gave to a question yesterday, or rather to qualify it. When dealing with Question 26, and giving an answer to the sub-heads (a), (b), and (c), the Committee may remember that I said the deficiency was £22,017 18s. 8d. I put before the Committee my ideas in regard to the interpretation of certain sections in the Treasury Deficiency Acts, 53 Vic. No. 9, and 59 Vic. No. 22. Those sections really imply that the redemption of the Bills is absolute. I am referring to the £150,000 a year. We said that the increase in the deficiency between 31st December, 1894, and 30th June, 1899, was £22,017 18s. 8d.; and if the statutory obligation in connection with the annual redemption of these Bills had been met—and I contend it should have been met—there would have been a deficiency of £622,017 18s. 8d. I wish to qualify the answer I gave, and to say that the £600,000 should be taken into consideration in a similar manner to that adopted in answer to Question 12.

761. *Mr. French.*] You are now referring to Appendices H 2 and O 2? Yes. The £622,017 18s. 8d. is inclusive of everything, but no allowance has been made for proceeds of the Bills in the figures.

762. If you eliminate the special credit for accrued interest it makes the Deficiency greater by that amount? Yes.

763. It is inclusive of any entries passed in connection with the Treasury Bills Deficiency of 1895;—that is, payments on account of 1895 and previous years? Yes. Having made that clear, I now desire to bring under the notice of the Committee the Bank balance book, which is a reflex of the information supplied by the Bank certificates of the general managers of the Sydney Banks transacting Government business. The ordinary Government business is transacted under two banking accounts—the Public Account (which represents the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the General Trust Funds amalgamated), and the General Loan Fund. The balance of the General Loan Fund is always exhibited in the Bank sheets. As to the Revenue, its (Dr.) balance is coupled with the General Trust Fund (Credit); its true condition is, therefore, clouded. If a separate Banking account were adopted for the Revenue Fund, the unsatisfactory condition would always be uppermost, and under the proposed Banking arrangement, no extraneous or abnormal credits could hardly take place.

764. What do you mean by an extraneous credit? An extra credit, which, I consider, simply inflates the balances and cloaks the true position.

765. Do you mean a credit not recognised by law? Temporary credits. As to the law, that will not make the Colony one penny richer or poorer. And as for keeping books according to law, I may say there is also another side, the practical side—and that is the side we are now dealing with. We have kept the books according to the practical side (and with a due observance of the law), and I am going to show the Committee that on the 14th September, three days before the present Government took office, and also on the 31st January and 28th February of the present year, the Revenue Account, from a cash standpoint, was overdrawn to the extent of over a million,—that is to say, that, including the two Special Suspense Accounts, and the London Payments to date mentioned, and Sydney Payments by the Bank of New South Wales, an inroad of over a million (exclusive of Treasury Bills) had been made into the General Trust Funds to meet Revenue Payments.

I will now continue with the remainder of the scheme which I outlined in my evidence yesterday. I completed my suggestions as to reforms in the present system in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the General Trust Funds. I have a few suggestions here as regards the General Loan Fund. They are as follow:—

1. A separate Banking Account to be opened in London at the London and Westminster Bank, the Sydney Account to be carried on as heretofore—that is, at the Bank of New South Wales.

There is no Loan Account at present in England. All payments on account of loans are made from the Public Account in London, which consists of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the General Trust Funds, and when advices are received by mail the adjustments take place locally. Under the scheme which I suggest that will be done away with by the establishment of a Loan Banking Account in London.

1A. Drafts (Loan) on London to be debited to General Loan Fund.

2. A common financial year, from the 1st of July of one year to the 30th June of the following year, to be observed in Sydney and London.

3. A Loan Advance Account to form part of the General Loan Fund, and to be worked on similar lines to that of the Revenue. All Loan Advance Accounts now included and operated upon in General Trust Funds to be transferred to the Loan Advance Account.

4. An Advance Account, similar to that shown for Revenue, and included in appendices to the Auditor-General's report, to be established. The total shown would represent the amount of temporary advances requiring adjustment. Adjustments may be effected by the payments being converted into finals, or by repayments in cash.

5. The Loan Advance Account would purify the General Loan Fund proper, as, by means of the former, all temporary payments would be kept out of the Account Proper—that is to say, all payments embodied in the Account Proper would be *final*.

6. Cable out, *in globo*, May and June transactions. For further information, see paragraphs 8 and 9 the Consolidated Revenue Fund remarks.

7. A lump vote, Treasurer's Loan Advance Account, similar to the Treasurer's Vote, in Revenue to be taken under a Loan Appropriation Act to enable the proper working of the Advance Account. The Treasurer's Loan Advance Account would differ from its prototype in Revenue by the fact that all expenditure therefrom would be on account of Services in connection with loan votes authorised.

8. The wording of the votes in Loan Appropriation Acts to be definite, and no drag-net terms to be inserted, such as "etc." The general sub-headings also to be so drafted as to be circumscribed in interpretation, as in the past Appropriation Acts under these headings much expenditure on services of minor importance has been provided for, and consequently the payments could not be challenged.

766. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I believe that, as a matter of law, "etcetera" is not worth a snap of the fingers? That is so in my opinion. If Parliament chooses to allow fittings and furniture to be included in Loan Estimates, we cannot prevent payment being made for such articles. We have protested against the practice, and have asked that such items shall not be inserted. I believe I am giving the Treasury proper credit in saying that in the last Loan Act, that of 1899, these objectionable words to a large extent were dropped out, as there are very few "etceteras" and very few drag-net headings. So evidently some influence has been brought to bear to limit payments on Services of this class from loans. But there is not the slightest doubt that a large expenditure which should have been against Revenue has been placed under the head of Loan Services, thus relieving the Revenue of legitimate charges; consequently the Revenue Balance has gained accordingly. I will now add to the suggestions I have already made in connection with an up-to-date Revenue System. [*Paragraph 2 of suggestions under this heading quoted.*] The Revenue Accounts Current consists of the Accounts Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as already referred to. I will now put in some statements which will further illustrate the system proposed in connection with the Banking arrangement. (*Appendix R 2.*) I have also here a strip of paper ruled to show how the General Banking Account would stand under the new conditions. (Folio 42.) The figures in the Bank-book are posted from the daily Bank-sheets signed by the General Managers of the Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.), and the City Bank. The Deficiency Revenue Account need only be kept in one Bank, because there will be next to no operations connected with it, the receipts at the end of the year forming the bulk of the transactions.

767. *Mr. French.*] It is only a balance; but if the Deficiency exceeded the credit the Bank would want to charge interest? No.

768. Why not? I have arranged for that. This system will cost the Government no more than under the present one, and is merely an extension of the present "General Banking Account." I will now deal with the balance as if it were a credit. I have already said that there were three accounts—1, the Current Revenue Account; 2, the Deficiency Revenue Account; and 3, the General Revenue Account. Now if the credit balance of £44,663 19s. 6d. be placed against the debit balance of the Deficiency Account you come to the overdraft on the General Account; that is, if from the £624,609 7s. 1d. overdraft of Account No. 2 be deducted the credit £44,663 19s. 6d. of Account No. 1, there remains an overdraft of £579,945 7s. 7d., shown in Account No. 3—General Account. Add to these the net payments in London not brought to account at 30th June, 1899, £201,646 5s., and the total will be £781,591 12s. 7d. overdraft. Supposing the Current Revenue Account closed with a balance of £160,000, under the distribution proposed £150,000 would be used in absolutely paying off the Bills, and £5,000 would go towards liquidating the amount owing to the Trust Funds—that is, paid to the Trustees—and £5,000 to a Sinking Fund in reduction of the Public Debt. That would close that account absolutely, so that the next year would start without a debit or a credit. If the Current Revenue Account closed with a debit balance, all they would have to do under my scheme would be to debit the Deficiency Account with the amount and credit the Current Revenue Account with amount of overdraft. The Deficiency Revenue Account would then be increased by the amount of the overdraft. That would put the Current Revenue Account all right, and allow the Treasurer to start with a clean slate on the first day of the new financial year. I was largely influenced in my present suggestion in connection with the disposal of the balances by what I saw in Victoria. In 1898–9 Victoria started for the first time the system of getting rid of her credit balance at close of Financial year. I asked the Treasury official in regard to the Current Revenue Account, what he would do when the year closed with a debit, and he said they had not arrived at that position yet, and that the Treasurer had said they must never drift into that unenviable condition. However, it is impossible to always close the year on the right side. I said to him, "You have a Deficiency Account, as we have; why not throw it into that account?" He replied, "That is a good idea, and when the time arrives I may consider the proposal." So Victoria has now adopted the principle of presenting a clean slate every year in connection with her Current Revenue Account; and in my scheme I propose the same. Nothing would be brought forward, and the *pure* annual payments would be put against the *pure* annual revenue, and a *pure* balance on the Deficiency Revenue Account would be shown each year in the Banking Account. My scheme converges entirely on the Bank Managers' certificates. The Deficiency Account would be confined to the one Bank and one certificate; that of the Bank of New South Wales would be required only. The Audit Office would no doubt be required to see that this scheme was adhered to. (*Appendix R 2.*)

769. This would be a sort of Floating Bill Account;—you contemplate that you will get Parliamentary sanction to deal with it in this manner, that the deficiency will be recognised? I do not think so. I think the Treasurer under Executive authority will have the necessary power to make any arrangements he may think proper in connection with the proposed changes in the Banking Account.

770. You do not propose that the Treasury shall have the power to create an indefinite deficiency;—under the present system the reason why they get Bills is to get some sort of Legislative authority or documentary authority for the deficiency? There will be no necessity to float or create Bills under the scheme proposed; in fact, any intrusion of Bills will go far to mar the whole arrangement.

771. There is no necessity, in fact? There was no necessity for floating these bills.

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772. The necessity is shown by the fact that there was a deficiency in the Public Accounts which required to be recognised in some shape; you say it does not require to be recognised. No doubt it could be so arranged. I mean to say that the effect is the same as in the case of a merchant who chooses between giving a bill to his banker and discounting that bill, or having an overdraft; the difference is between a bill and an overdraft;—is not that the difference? Well, whatever way you like to take it.
773. The bills are something specific, like a promissory note, but this would be in the nature of an overdraft? I would not like to answer yes, because I disapprove of the issue of Treasury bills, as better arrangements can be made. I say that the financial transactions of the Government have, in many instances, no parallel outside, although you, with your matured experience, may see a parallel.
774. You know what a promissory note is; well, I say that the parallel is exact; the financier of the Government says, "We will define the debt, and create a Bill to be repaid at a specific time"; but your idea is that it is better to leave the debt as an overdraft? Yes. I have said that I agree with the Auditor-General that, if we had a proper financial system, there should have been no bills in existence; and it is largely through these misleading credits intruding into the Accounts that the Committee are now inquiring into the state of the finances. I say the bills ought never to have been issued. The first bills were created to cover the deficiency of 1886 and previous years, but not till December, 1899, was the overdraft covered. Here is the crux of the whole question. If it were absolutely necessary to cover the deficiency by huge promissory notes, why was it not illegal from 1886 to 1889 to treat the excess payments as a pure overdraft?
775. But he had the bills in hand? He had no bills till 1889 and 1890.
776. He had the authority for £2,600,000 of bills? No; not in 1886. The Act was passed in 1889.
777. You mean that there was a deficiency uncovered by bills up to 1889? Yes. The bills were created in 1889 to cover the deficiency of 1886 and previous years.
778. You mean that the bills were not unnecessary, but that they were superfluous? Yes; superfluous.
779. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I understand that the Treasury bills were simply got to earmark a certain amount of the deficiency of the Treasurer's predecessors, and were to be gradually liquidated in years to come.
780. *Mr. French.*] Just as we do in the Bank; we know that a customer has an overdraft which he cannot meet, so we take promissory notes, payable perhaps every six months, and they might extend over a period of five years? But I take it you cannot compare the Government of the Colony with a private individual.
781. Why not? The credit of the Colony is always at the back of a Treasurer; therefore he does not require to give a promissory note in the sense implied.
782. However, what you mean is that the issue of the bills was superfluous? Yes. I think the members of the Committee will agree with me that whatever system shows the true state of the finances of the Colony should be encouraged; and I say that when these so-called credits—Treasury bills, or what not—are put in, they cloak the true state of the balance. Our office would not, I think, have challenged the Treasury if it had not floated these bills.
783. That is a proof that the bills were superfluous? Yes.
784. You mean there was no necessity to create the bills? No necessity to create the bills. Now, as regards a separate Banking Account for the Revenue Account, Sir James Martin said, many years ago, that there was a danger in keeping the Loan Account in the Revenue, because the proceeds of loans might be diverted to Revenue purposes. I would apply the same argument which he applied in 1871 or 1872 to the Trust Moneys. I may say that with regard to the balances shown in the Ledger showing the Bank balances there is not a farthing of Revenue in the Public Account balance shown for (say) 31st January, 1900. The balance at that date, whether in Sydney or London, belonged to Trust Funds.
785. But where an account has been amalgamated, as I understand that has been amalgamated, by Act of Parliament, you must take all the consequences that follow? No. The Audit Act does not require the Revenue to be amalgamated with the Trust Funds and form one banking account. The General Loan Fund has a separate banking account and it forms part of the Public Account as defined by the Audit Act.
786. We had it from Mr. Rennie, I think, that the Public Account includes a number of accounts? That is true; but I would like to read what the Auditor-General says in his report for 1897-8, at page 178:—"It becomes an important question whether the General Trust Funds Account should not be shown as a distinct branch of the Public Account, and kept in the banks in the same form as the General Loan Fund Account is now shown, but always reckoned, nevertheless, as directed by the Audit Act, as the one Public Account."
787. You recommend that instead of the Trust Accounts being worked as one with the Public Account they should be eliminated altogether and put into the hands of Trustees, and the Loan Account fed by specific loans or votes? The main principle in this system is to keep each account pure. Do not feed the accounts, but create a bank account like the Loan Account. If you were to put in an advance of £20,000 to an account, and so increase the balance, you would have an inflated balance. Take, for instance, the £50,000 advanced to Loan Fund during 1897-98 by the Curator of Intestate Estates. In subsequent years this temporary credit will be lost sight of, and so an inflation to that extent is submerged till the advance is adjusted. The £50,000 are still outstanding.
788. *Chairman.*] I think the idea is not a bad one, but it might be carried out without the cumbrous system of Trustees? Two factors in our present financial troubles were maladministration of the Treasurer's Advance Account and the Trust Funds. It is very necessary the latter should be under Trustees.
789. *Mr. French.*] As I understand, you do not object to the Government utilising the Trust Funds, but you object to the unscientific method in which they are used, and you wish to put them on a normal footing, so that they can only be used in a certain channel? That is it. By putting the matter under Trustees there is the safeguard. In Victoria the Treasurer is Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and if the Treasurer be absent, another Minister must take his place; so the Treasurer has sufficient control over the Trust Funds. When the Treasurer knows that he cannot obtain the Trust moneys without proper investigation as to purpose of expenditure, he will exercise greater care than could possibly obtain under the present system. During 1892 there was a sum of £415,000 spent from the Treasurer's Advance Account. The Treasurer is yearly given a bulk vote to expend on unforeseen expenses, and it is necessary that he should have this vote. The last Administration wisely cut down the Treasurer's Advance Account. In the first six months of 1895 it was cut down to £25,000, and they kept the expenditure well within the £25,000.

£25,000. But this lopping-off was too drastic, as the advance for 1895-6 amounted to £100,000. During the next two years the expenditure therefrom was moderate, but in 1897-8 and 1898-9 a large excess over the total vote is observable. In consequence of the abnormal expenditure in connection with the bubonic plague and the despatch of the contingents to South Africa, the expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance Vote for this year will be exceedingly large. To explain why the total expenditure exceeds the total voted, I may explain that money is recovered and put back into the Treasurer's Advance Account and expended again, and that is how the £200,000 became £400,000. The elastic appropriation of the Treasurer's Advance Account on the one hand, and the power the Treasurer has to utilise the Trust moneys on the other, have provided ready means for creating the present deficiency. If you allow those funds to be still under the control of the Treasurer, there is always the danger of improvident expenditure. 790. The effect would be that you would only leave the Revenue proper and the proceeds of loans within the control of the Treasurer;—does it come to that? That is it; but he will have part control of the trust moneys through being one of the trustees, and, as chairman, large individual influence.

There is an excellent provision in the Victorian Act, which says that the Trustees can advance to Treasurer, in aid of Revenue, £500,000; but that amount must never be exceeded, and under no conditions can the advance remain open on and unadjusted on the 30th June, hence the balances at the close of the year can never be disturbed by the extraneous receipts. The Act has emphasised the important principle that the £500,000 must not be in the Revenue balances on the 30th June—otherwise a credit of £500,000 would appear beyond the pure balance. I would suggest that there should be one bulk sum at the credit of the Trustees Banking Account.

791. *Witness.*] Going back to Questions 28 and 29, I now submit a return (*Appendix Q 2*) showing the ledger and cash balances up to 31st December, 1894; 30th June, 1895; 30th June, 1896; 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898; 30th June, 1899; 14th September, 1899, or three days before the late Government gave place to the present Government; to 31st January and to 28th February, 1900. I have shown some figures in red for 30th June, 1897, so that you can make a comparison with the figures of other years included in *Appendix 2 P*. The "actual" cash shortages in Revenue, that is the cash shortage outside the bills altogether, were as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
On December 31, 1894	1,221,361	1	2
June 30, 1895	1,056,280	15	8
June 30, 1896	428,370	14	3
June 30, 1897	828,503	0	5
June 30, 1898	777,702	12	4
June 30, 1899	793,210	10	3
September 14, 1899	1,053,935	11	0
January 31, 1900	1,072,151	15	6
February 28, 1900	1,148,728	19	4

—plus the outstanding bills at respective dates, and the result is the Deficiency to be liquidated.

I may say, referring again to Question 30, that the Auditor-General has from 1895-6 loyally recognised the establishment of a so-called cash basis system, and the Current Revenue Account balance is the outcome of it at the end of the year. In regard to bringing the Treasury bills to credit as shown by Treasury the Auditor-General has the right to interpret the Acts as he thinks best, and he says "I will show transactions in connection with the bills, but I will not allow the proceeds to intrude in the account proper, but show the outstanding bills as part of the composition of the balance."

Coming back to the expenditure during 1895-6 on account of that year, I may say that the expenditure for that year was below the normal on account of the liabilities of the period prior to 1895-6 being thrown back on previous years, and made a charge against the proceeds of bills. The expenditure for 1895-6 for that year was £8,899,411 (Treasury); for 1896-7, £9,462,262 (Audit Department); 1897-8, £9,397,784 (Audit Department); and 1898-9, £9,734,100 (Audit Department). Take the Roads expenditure for example. The expenditure charged to 1895-6 was £387,000, but the normal expenditure was about £520,000. It has been well said that the year of transition between the old and new systems was of great benefit to the accounts of that year.

Referring again to the Special Suspense Accounts. We will suppose, for the sake of argument, that it was legal to relieve a sick revenue of the heavy excess payments. Well, I have here a newspaper paragraph giving particulars of the sale of the allotments in Martin-place, and in that paragraph these words appear as having been uttered by the Premier:—"As far as the five unsold lots were concerned the Government did not intend to let the land lie idle. Unless it was disposed of soon he intended to close the account." Assuming that the five lots will bring prices on a par with those sold—corner lot and two adjoining lots—even then there will be at least £256,000 short of the £468,000 debit, and there is not the slightest possibility of any further receipts being obtained. What is the use of saying that the Suspense Accounts should be kept out, when we know that the residue of the excess payments will be a final charge on the Revenue Account. With these facts in view, the act of throwing them out apparently will not result in any permanent good. If it were legal to treat them as Suspense Accounts from 1894 to the present time in the case of the Centennial Park Account, and from 1892 to now in the case of the Post Office Account, it was illegal to regard them as Revenue Accounts from 1887 to 1894 in the case of the former, and from 1890 to 1892 in the case of the latter.

I think there has been a little misconception as to what the Auditor-General said about the Public Account. The Auditor-General means that the Revenue, the Trust Funds, and the Loans must form the Public Account of the Colony, but he does not mean that there must not be a separate banking account for each. His exact words will be found on page 178, paragraph 89 (latter end), of his report for 1897-8.

792. *Chairman.*] With regard to the two lots of Treasury bills, had they been reduced *bonâ fide* under the two Acts of Parliament, they should have been extinguished by this time? No; the Bills created under the Act of 1895 are not to be redeemed till the first issue has been extinguished.

793. Are not the first ones extinguished? No; there is a sum of £1,002,884 at present time outstanding.

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794. At the rate of £150,000 a year? Yes; the deficiency will be an incubus round the neck of the Colony for the next twenty years.
795. *Mr. French.*] Not so long as that, I think. Starting from the beginning it will be about fifteen years.
796. *Chairman.*] The four and a half years' lot, amounting to £600,000, are out of the first issue? Yes; but they have only been practically cancelled, and, as shown previously, not absolutely paid off.
- [Adjourned till Wednesday, 2 May, 1900.]

TENTH DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

George Henry Pitt, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit, further examined:—

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797. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 33—"Whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from Trust Funds to the General Loan Account as alleged by the Auditor-General"? £1,500,000 was transferred in three parcels of £500,000 from the General Trust Funds during 1895. The dates were: 9th January, 1895, £500,000; 10th April, 1895, £500,000; 28th September, 1895, £500,000. The whole of this has been expended on Loan services, but not being covered by securities, the amount, as previously stated, does not appear in the Public Debt; so the Public Debt statement is always short by £1,500,000. The Auditor-General has continually pressed for this adjustment, but up to the present without success.
798. *Mr. French.*] Is it not covered by specific securities, and does not appear in the specific indebtedness of the Colony? That is it.
799. The £1,500,000 was part of the Public Account? Yes.
800. The £1,500,000 was advanced from that part of the Public Account which you call the Trust Fund? The Public Account consists of two accounts—Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds—in the Banks, and from these the £1,500,000 was taken; but by the analysis [*shown in Exhibit*] it is shown that there was no money, so it could not be from Consolidated Revenue Fund.
801. *Mr. Yarwood.*] According to the Auditor-General's Report it seems that objections were raised to the scheme of advancing out of the Trust Funds in this way, and then it was said, "We have made an advance, but from Consolidated Revenue?" I brought this matter before the Auditor-General, and I understand that he was approached, and concurred in the arrangement as a temporary arrangement. But he complains that the arrangement was never completed.
802. *Mr. French.*] It is a matter of opinion as to how far the Government were entitled to use these funds pending the raising of a loan, because the Auditor-General has explained to us that the Government had the power; that there were outstanding authorities to the amount of about £13,000,000, and there would be no difficulty, as a matter of form, in making those applicable if it was thought desirable; but in the meantime, as a temporary measure, they borrowed from the funds which they had in hand;—of course it is a matter of opinion as to what length of time "temporary" might be taken to mean? Loans have been floated subsequently, and the advances have never been adjusted. All this money has been spent on loan services, and is absolutely gone.
803. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What was prominent in my mind was this: from the evidence we got from the Auditor-General it appeared to me that the difficulty between the Auditor-General and the Treasurer was a technical difficulty; and then I put a question to the Auditor-General as to what advantage there was in not floating a loan in the ordinary way out of the Trust Funds? They could have done it. These moneys were taken from the Savings Bank, and they had been placed in the Savings Bank on deposit for six and twelve months, so those moneys could not cover the loan.
804. *Mr. French.*] Suppose, instead of approaching the Savings Bank, the Treasurer had approached the Commercial Bank and the Bank of New South Wales, would that transaction have been shown in the same way in the accounts? Yes; as lately advances from the Bank of New South Wales and Commercial Banking Company of Sydney have been treated as Trust Accounts.
805. Well, for all practical purposes the Savings Bank has become their banker in the sense that it has made a special loan of £1,500,000? I should like to explain my answer to that question. If I were to say "Yes" to that question, some might say, "How can you prove that?" I cannot prove it. I cannot prove that that money was obtained from the Savings Bank in Barrack-street to pay the amount in question; but I know as a matter of fact that that money was used for that purpose.
806. The effect is the same? The effect is the same.
807. Supposing the Bank of New South Wales and the Commercial Bank had agreed to lend the Treasurer £750,000 each, and had taken no specific securities, the Treasury would have held that they should not have put the loan into the Public Debt, because it was not a part of the Public Debt, but only a temporary advance pending some future negotiations. The item would have appeared in the printed statement of accounts as "Amount advanced from the Bank of New South Wales and the Commercial Bank pending realisation of loans authorised"? Inasmuch as this money was wholly expended on loan services, and has continued for five years, it ought to have appeared as an addendum to the public indebtedness of the Colony.
808. *Chairman.*] I see by the Public Accounts that on the 30th June, 1898, or thereabouts, an advance of £50,000 was made by the Curator of Intestate Estates; is that an advance due by the Government just now? Yes.
809. Is that shown as part of the Public Debt of the Colony? No.
810. Well, that ought to be if the statement is properly prepared? That is another amount at call. We ask for particulars of such items, but sometimes the Treasury tells us that there is a verbal agreement. I think in this case there must have been some arrangement under Supreme Court Judge's order. Where there is a verbal agreement we cannot, of course, get any material evidence.
811. Had that loan never been made would not the balance on 30th June, 1898, have been reduced from £1,530,664 Os. 1d. to £1,480,664 Os. 1d.? Yes.

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812. We now come to Question 34: "Whether the present system of dealing with Trust Funds and of utilising the balances as working balances in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account should be altered; if so, what changes would the Commissioners recommend"? Yes. Changes in the present system of administration of the Trust Funds are absolutely essential if the mode of presentation of the Public Accounts is to be improved. I have already dealt with the proposed improvements which I consider necessary.

813. Question 35 reads as follows:—"Whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from Revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's certificate. Whether in connection with these payments an expenditure suspense account was opened, the effect of that account"? Yes. From the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, £1,278,940 were paid from Revenue without appropriation, and consequently without the Auditor-General's certificate. The vouchers to the payments were headed "Expenditure Suspense Account," which is presumed to mean that a separate account was kept in that office. An Indemnity Act had to be passed (assented to, December, 1899) to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer and officers of the Treasury concerned in these unauthorised withdrawals.

814. *Mr. French.*] Supposing, as has happened once or twice when there have been particular reasons for it, that they have got Supply, do you recognise that Supply? Oh, yes.

815. *Chairman.*] Have you a return showing how the £1,278,940 is made up? It is in the Indemnity Act.

816. *Mr. French.*] I asked Mr. Rennie this question: "Am I right in putting it this way—that the various votes for these purposes specified here were overdrawn to that extent?" And Mr. Rennie replied, "At the moment, but they were all provided for afterwards." Having been provided for afterwards, it puzzles me to see why an Indemnity Act was necessary, because that provision in itself was an indemnity. The Treasurer anticipated the payment on the 1st May, then by the middle of May he had got the whole thing through on his Estimates, and they were passed by the Auditor-General. This Indemnity Act did not enable the Auditor-General to pass them—he had already passed them? But you must comply with the Constitution, and you cannot legally spend moneys from Revenue without Parliamentary sanction.

817. But the sanction was obtained a few days afterwards? But that is not the point, otherwise any Treasurer could go on and spend *ad libitum*.

818. So he can, it appears? But Parliament might oust the Government for unconstitutional acts.

819. So they could, but they did not oust the Government, and Mr. Rennie was quite satisfied? The whole thing is in a nut-shell. No money can pass from the Revenue with Parliamentary appropriation, and if any Treasurer spends money without that sanction, he is violating the Constitution.

820. But if on the following week after he has made his payments he gets the necessary Parliamentary sanction in an appropriation, or whatever it may, and you pass it? We must pass it, but not till then.

821. But is not that the indemnity in itself. The indemnity seems to me a sort of little device for making that right which had really been made right, because the Auditor-General had passed it, making right a past act. After Mr. Rennie's answer to which I have just referred, I put this question to him: "By this Indemnity Act?" and Mr. Rennie replied: "Oh, no; votes were taken for these things afterwards." You mean they were a redundancy? No; the Act gave no authority to transfer the suspense expenditure to the respective votes.

822. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Does it make any difference to the appearance of the accounts in any way the delay in passing that Indemnity Act? In the account of 1899 that was sent to us for audit there were £62,388 16s. 11d. amongst the temporary advances, Expenditure Suspense Account, and the amount was entered in bulk form.

823. From a business point of view, the expenses were that much more than was shown? Yes; the expenditure under Suspense Accounts was kept out of the Account proper, as no authority was obtained at the time to place the items in that Account.

824. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 26: "The amount borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to the 30th June, 1899, and to date"? The balance of amounts deposited by the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, on the 30th June, 1899, was £2,415,000, and at the present date the balance of the deposits has increased to £2,640,000.

825. Question 37 is as follows:—"The conditions under which these deposits were placed with the Treasury"? The deposits were made under section 17 of the Savings Bank Act of 1862. The conditions under which these deposits were made were arranged between the Treasurer and the Trustees. The deposits are generally placed for one year at current rates of interest. It is quite optional for the Trustees to deposit and for the Colonial Treasurer to accept these moneys. Hence, if at the date of maturity of a parcel of the deposits the Treasurer and Trustees fail to agree as to the conditions required (rate of interest would be no doubt the chief factor), a deadlock would probably ensue, which might result in the Trustees demanding the deposits at dates of maturity of the respective parcels.

826. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Can you tell me if any previous Treasurer has ever had these deposits? Yes, the practice started in 1891 by Executive authority. There is a return amongst the Appendices showing how the advances have mounted up each year.

827. *Chairman.*] We now take Question 38: "Whether any of these advances have been covered by securities"? No, the amount is uncovered.

828. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose if there were securities you would know;—I mean to say there cannot be any question about it? Oh, no. At one time deposits from the Savings Bank were covered by securities. The Committee may remember that some years ago £4,000,000 of Treasury bills for Loan purposes were raised; it was after the crisis, I think. The Government issued short-dated loans—Treasury bills, for works—a most unusual thing.

829. *Chairman.*] It was before the crisis, I am sure. I remember I was in London at the time? Well, of these, £3,250,000 were raised in London, and £750,000 locally. The local issue was taken up by the Savings Bank, Barrack-street, and when the bills matured the money was placed, I think, as one of these deposits.

830. We now take Question 39: "The purpose for which this money was obtained from the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales"? The money was used to supplement in a very large measure the exhausted balances of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and in a special case during 1895 for a like service in connection with the Loan Fund balance. The first deposit was made during 1891, and the balance of the amount

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amount of deposits at the close of that year was £590,000. On 30th June, 1899, the balance of advances had increased to £2,415,000, and further additions of £50,000, £25,000, and £150,000, respectively, have been made, making a total of £2,640,000, which represents the liabilities of the Government to the Trustees at the present time.

831. We take Question 40 : " Whether from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from Loan Funds without the certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were therefore illegal"? Yes, such payments were made, and they were illegal. The amount paid without warrant was £3,820,071 19s. 2d. Peculiar conditions, however, surrounded these irregular payments, which necessitated appeals being made to the Crown Law Officers, pending a full investigation, which spread over a very long period, and which eventuated in a final decision, largely in favour of the course followed by the Auditor-General, as regards the main principle at issue, being given by Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly, payments on account of Loan Services continued. During the interim no certificates were granted as to availability. During 1899 an Act, No. 47 of 1899, was passed. Under clause 2, section 17 of the Audit Act, 1898, was amended, and from the passing of this Act the Auditor-General is required to grant a certificate on an appropriation basis only, and not as heretofore on a cash, in addition to an appropriation basis. If the Auditor-General had been called upon under the old conditions to grant a warrant with the Loan Account, one and a half millions in debit, he would have declined, but under the present conditions he must give certificates, just as in the case of the Revenue. In the case of the Revenue the balance is considered a growing one, and whether it is in debit or credit the Auditor-General has always granted a certificate.

832. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose that is to prevent the Auditor-General from hampering the Treasurer,—of course I am not using the word "hampering" in an offensive sense; but that is the logical idea? Yes.

833. *Chairman.*] I suppose the primary cause of these irregularities, the payments to the amount of several millions, was the excess of Trust moneys the Treasurer had from the Savings Bank? No.

834. But these irregularities would not have occurred if it had not been for the Trust moneys? That does not apply in this case.

835. *Mr. French.*] I notice this passage in the Audit Act: "Before countersigning such instrument as aforesaid such Auditor-General shall ascertain that the sums therein mentioned are legally available and applicable for the purpose and service mentioned in such instrument." As a business man I should have taken the view of the Treasury, but I can see the Auditor-General's position. It is on the safe side distinctly.

836. *Chairman.*] Would not the natural result have been that if the Treasurer had not had control of these Trust Funds he would have had to go to the London market to borrow, and thus comply with the law? So far as the question under review is considered, it was whether the Auditor-General should grant certificate against an appropriation and a cash basis, or against appropriation only. The control and use of the Trust Fund is, I think, a side issue.

837. The last question (41) is as follows:—"The balances of the various accounts when the present Government assumed office"? I hand in a statement in answer to that question. [*Appendix S 2.*] I may say in conclusion that I have prepared what I call "Concluding remarks" to my evidence, and with the permission of the Committee I will read them. They are as follows:—

I have endeavoured to submit, as a witness before the Committee, confirmatory evidence of the correctness of the Auditor-General's figures, as set forth in his reports, and which I conscientiously consider exhibit the true condition of the Revenue Account.

I wish particularly to emphasise the fact that in my evidence throughout I have tendered it without any bias, political or official. I consider the Revenue Account to be in a very unsatisfactory state, and that remedial measures should at once be taken to remodel the present system.

The inclusion of the General Trust Funds in the Revenue Bank Balances has done incalculable harm, as the constant addition to the former has cloaked the serious condition and drift of the latter.

I have for years advocated a separation of the two funds, and that the trust moneys be placed under independent control. Victoria lately (1898-9) has adopted the latter course, and as similar conditions prevail there, including a deficit, New South Wales should follow the good example set by the sister Colony.

I formerly favoured three independent trustees; but the Victorian plan has its benefits, and, perhaps, would prove the more workable and economical—that is, that the Treasurer, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and a Committee of Public Accounts (of the Legislative Assembly), conjointly form a trustee body to administer the funds.

The inclusion of the Treasurer in the composition of the Committee, I think, is justifiable, as he should be closely in touch with the operation in Trust Moneys, and probably he would exercise his influence for good in the administration thereof, while his presence can in no way be considered as implying any possible wrong application of the funds; as effectual safeguards exist to prevent any immoderate or illegal use.

The Auditor-General has long contended that there should be a Committee of Public Accounts composed of members of the Legislative Assembly—one exists in the Imperial Parliament, and as stated, in Victoria. The proposed Trust Fund Act would provide for such a body, and its sphere of operations might be enlarged by its labours being directed towards assisting in deciding knotty questions between the Auditor-General and Treasury, and so pave the way for reconciling differences of opinions which constantly arise as to the mode of keeping and presenting the accounts, and so assist materially in bringing the figures of both Departments into line.

I have come to the conclusion that the unsystematic mixing of General Trust Fund moneys with those of the Revenue, and the maladministration of the Treasurer's Advance Account in past years have been two of the primary factors in building up the heavy accumulated Deficiency.

To 1894 the amount voted under Treasurer's Advance Account was £200,000. During first six months of 1895 the advance was reduced to £25,000, and the annual vote subsequent to that period has been £100,000. An important step in reform was therefore taken during the first half of 1895 by removing any possibility of the heavy excess expenditure of previous periods under the Advance Vote. There are, however, indications that the expenditure from Treasurer's Advance is again becoming excessive. I would suggest that the Advance Account be limited as at present to £100,000, and that under no circumstances should the gross expenditure exceed that amount—that is to say, the total expenditure should not include any payment from recredits. To continue this subject, I may state that the gross expenditure during

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during 1892 from the vote of that year was £415,158; during 1893, £424,680; during 1894, £292,021. A significant drop, however, took place during the first six months of 1895, when only £24,188 were expended out of a possible £25,000 or more. 1895-6 was also a pattern period, as only £45,707 was expended out of the £100,000 voted for that year. Also 1896-7 was a good year, £92,973 being expended only. The wise policy followed during the periods named, however, was not continued during 1897-8 and 1898-9, as the expenditure for former period was £228,201, and for the latter £168,023. As I said before, the expenditure should be limited to the £100,000, and this can only be done by disallowing expenditure from recredits. I am well aware that to hedge round the Treasurer's Advance Account with stringent conditions will at times cause irregularities in another direction, but I have said enough to show that by the immoderate use of the Treasurer's Advance Vote in the past a large expenditure has been incurred which would have been avoided if the Advance Appropriation had not been available, while apparent proof is adduced that the Estimates of Expenditure of the year in which the abnormal expenditure took place had been cast considerably short of the actual liabilities.

While these liabilities were being heaped up the Trust Moneys were being largely used to meet payments made beyond the strength of the Revenue, and the result was that at the close of 1889 the Revenue Account showed a balance on the wrong side to the extent of £1,850,061. It was decided during that year to relieve the balance of all excess payments made on account of 1886 and previous years, and, consequently, bills to the value of £2,502,884 were created during 1889 and 1890 to cover the heavy withdrawals from Trust Fund, as well as to provide for future payments on account of liabilities of 1886 and previous years.

During the period 1st January, 1887, to 30th June, 1895, a second deficiency arose, and like action was taken to adjust the Revenue Account by the use of bills to the value of £1,024,700. Payments on account of the 30th June, 1895, and previous years ceased absolutely, so far as the Audit Department is concerned, on the 30th June, 1897, and under existing conditions credits only can be made to Deficiency Account.

The 1895 bills issued were not intended to cover the debit balance of the Special Suspense Accounts. The overdraft (uncovered) of the Deficiency Revenue Account on the 30th June, 1899, amounted to £624,609 7s. 1d.; at the same time the debit balance of the two Special Suspense Accounts of the Deficiency Account amounted, in the aggregate, to £666,558 1s. 8d., or an excess of £41,948 14s. 7d. Consequently, in the £116,523 5s. 8d. shown in the Treasury Credit Balance, page 8, the last-mentioned amount is included—that is to say, bills to the value of that amount are current and in excess of requirements, if the Suspense Accounts be thrown out.

As previously stated to the Committee, I consider that under a proper up-to-date system these bills need not have been created, but Acts might have been passed providing for the liquidation of deficiency by annual instalments. Under such a system the large misleading credit "Proceeds of Bills" would never have intruded into the accounts. Further, no obligations, legal or otherwise, ever existed to compel the Treasurers to follow this course. I would be pleased if this clause be read in conjunction with the proposed banking arrangement.

Adverting to the subject which forms the basis of the foregoing remarks, I may state that if the Trust Moneys were placed under the administration of Trustees, and the expenditure under the Treasurer's Advance kept within safe limits, two prominent weaknesses of the old system would be removed.

As regards the manner in which the accounts have been presented in the Auditor-General's Reports, I can bear testimony to the care and attention bestowed by my esteemed Chief in the interpretation of the laws regulating income, appropriation, and expenditure. The Account No. 3—General or Consolidated Account, on which so much controversy has taken place—is certainly kept in accord with the legal requirements, especially when taken conjointly with Account No. 1 (Current Revenue Account), and Account No. 2 (Deficiency Revenue Account).

The Auditor-General is very careful to comply with the law regulating the accounts, and in the Revenue Account under review (No. 3) the composition of the aggregate balance is carefully exhibited—that is to say, the figures are given showing that the bulk of the excess payments is covered by Treasury bills.

When a new and up-to-date system is proposed, I hope it will not be found unnecessary to continue Account No. 3. Under present conditions, however, it is absolutely a necessity.

By the abolition of Account No. 3 (folio 35), and the adoption of an improved banking arrangement, the underlying principle embodied in the Audit Act Amendment Act will have full play by a true cash-basis system being adopted.

Re pure balances: Again I strongly and respectfully recommend to the consideration of the Committee the absolute necessity of keeping separate Banking Accounts for the Revenue in Sydney and London, and also the adoption of a common financial year (irrespective of locality), and that under no circumstances should the balances be inflated and rendered impure by the inclusion of temporary advances (extraneous credits), and so under such a system the true condition of the Revenue Account from a cash standpoint will always be apparent to the public by perusal of the bank statements.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate my answer to the Committee's question put at the opening of my evidence, "Had I anything to do with the framing of the 41 printed questions?" Again, I reply in the negative; but I must couple with this emphatic assertion the qualification that, as previously explained to the Committee, Mr. Martin showed me a question in regard to the Barrack-street Savings Bank Deposits, and I advised that the question be split into three—(I will strengthen this remark by oath if the Committee desire); nor did I know the nature of such till the printed document was handed to me by the Auditor-General, which had been forwarded to him when the general distribution took place. I have to add that I have given my evidence in connection with this investigation with great pleasure, as I long to see an up-to-date system adopted, and so remove the reproaches continually hurled by the public at the present obsolete system. I desire to express thanks for the courtesy which has been extended to me by the Committee.

838. Have you made the reconciliation I referred to yesterday between the three sets of figures given in answer to questions 2 and 3? I hand in now a statement (*Appendix F 2*); and although I do not establish the difference, still this statement will enable the Treasury to establish the difference between the two Departments.

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ELEVENTH DAY.—THURSDAY, 3 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

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Francis Kirkpatrick, Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, examined:—

839. *Chairman.*] Will you please look at the statement prepared by Mr. Vernon, Accountant of the Treasury, showing the Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure proper, and state what the balance was on the 1st January, 1895? This paper shows the balance to have been £466,711 0s. 4d.

840. Will you state the balance on the 1st July, 1895? I see it is given here on the 30th June, 1895, as a debit balance of £830,738 13s. 8d.

841. And on the 31st March, 1899? £2,342,344 4s. 5d.

842. On the 30th June, 1899? £1,718,906 11s. 2d.

843. What has been the drift between the 1st January, 1895, and the 30th June, 1899? According to these figures it appears to have been £1,252,195 10s. 10d.

844. What has been the drift between the 1st January, 1895, and the 31st March, 1900? £1,610,818 19s. 5d.

845. Therefore, the drift has increased from, on 30th June, 1899, £1,252,195 10s. 10d. to £1,610,818 19s. 5d. on the 31st March, 1900? Yes; that is according to this statement.

846. That is Mr. Vernon's statement? I do not care whose it is. I say it is according to this statement. But I do not hold with it, for this reason: that on the 1st January, 1895, there were certain unexpended balances of the year 1894 available to meet claims which were subsequently paid and met by the proceeds of Treasury Bills.

847. But these figures are taken from the *Government Gazettes*? They do not correspond with the figures shown by the *Government Gazettes*, I think.

848. *Mr. French.*] Do I understand you to say that you are prepared to stand by these figures? No; quite the contrary.

849. *Chairman.*] There has been some money credited to the Consolidated Revenue for the period from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, from the Government Post Office Savings Bank;—can you give me that information now? No; I could not give it to you now from memory.

850. It was £48,000, or thereabouts? I do not dispute that; but I am not sure about it.

851. Has not a sum of £360,689 6s. 9d. been credited to the Consolidated Revenue in what I may call a windfall? There was an amount credited of something about that figure. It is shown in the Ways and Means. Looking at Appendix A it seems to have been that amount.

852. *Mr. French.*] It is signed by Mr. Vernon? Yes. He knows more about the details of this than I can remember.

853. *Chairman.*] How was this progressive total drift—

The Witness (interrupting): I do not like the word "drift."

854. *Chairman.*] Well, how was this total amount of £1,718,906 11s. 2d. provided for? There were Treasury Bills floated to meet the unpaid accounts on account of 1895 (half-year) and previous years to the extent of £1,174,000. Then part of that was afterwards cancelled.

855. I am quite aware of those Treasury Bills, but that is an extraneous credit, and has nothing to do with this fund; that account was overdrawn to that extent;—and was not that really, as a matter of fact, covered by Trust Funds? Well, yes, because the Trust Funds were invested in the Treasury Bills.

856. Was ever a statement showing this continued drift or indebtedness placed before the Treasurer of this or any previous Administration? No; because the deficiency on account of 1894 and previous years, and half-year 1895, was met by the proceeds of Treasury Bills, and there was no necessity to show it again.

857. What struck me was that if I had been Treasurer, and saw it mounting up from £464,000 odd to £1,718,000 odd, it would open my eyes at once? It never went to that.

858. But these are the Treasury figures? But such a statement was never shown. That could not be shown, because the sum of £1,174,000, proceeds of Treasury Bills, was credited.

859. What I want to show is that for this period the Revenue has never overtaken the expenditure for the entire period. The deficiency has been gradually growing from £464,000 to £1,718,000 when Mr. Lyne took charge, and since Mr. Lyne took charge it has gone up to £2,000,000. However, I will pass away from that to another subject. There have been certain moneys charged to Suspense Account, being expenditure in connection with the Centennial Park and the Post Office approaches. The net payments during four and a half years for the Post Office approaches amounted to £132,438 18s. 3d., and on the Centennial Park £229,000? There were certain moneys so charged.

860. Taking the balance of £116,523 5s. 8d. on 30th June, 1899—do you consider that a surplus? Undoubtedly; it was the balance at the end of that year, leaving the Suspense Accounts out of the question.

861. Do you consider it a cash balance? It would not be a cash balance, because the Revenue had advanced certain amounts, or there were certain amounts chargeable to the Revenue on account of the Suspense Accounts which could not be met from the Revenue and at the same time leave a credit balance. That amount is a ledger balance.

862. But you consider it a surplus? Undoubtedly.

863. Taking into account the Trust Funds, was it a cash balance or a surplus? It was a surplus so far as the revenue and expenditure were concerned. It was not a cash balance, it was a ledger balance.

864.

NOTE BY WITNESS.—The questions respecting the balances were subject to verification of the figures. The figures, however, with the exception of those in answer to the first question, do not correspond with the figures shown by the *Gazettes*; they are, therefore, incorrect. The figures shown by the *Gazettes* are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st January, 1895—Debit	464,711	0	4
„ 30th June, 1895 (exclusive of £1,000,000 transferred to Loan Account)—Debit	166,450	2	1
„ 31st March, 1899—Debit.....	504,090	19	2
„ 30th June, 1899—Credit.....	116,523	5	8

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864. Taking into account the Trust Funds, was it even a cash balance in the proper sense of the word as applied, for instance, to the balance sheet of a firm? You could hardly consider it a cash balance, seeing that these accounts which had to be afterwards provided for in some way were outstanding—that is, the Suspense Accounts.
865. Would a merchant or a trading company show it as such? A merchant would show his liabilities and his assets against them. There were valuable assets in both of the cases referred to.
866. There was a sum of £3,000,000 or £4,000,000 of Trust Funds. If the Treasurer had not had these Trust Funds, could he have carried on without floating loans to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account? The Suspense Accounts must have been provided for in some way.
867. I am not speaking of the Suspense Accounts now. There were £3,000,000 or £4,000,000 of trust moneys, and, I ask, if these trust moneys had not existed, could the Treasurer have carried on without floating bills to cover the deficiency in the Consolidated Revenue? I say the Suspense Accounts must have been provided for in some way. Of course it would have been necessary to raise a loan if he had not had the trust moneys.
868. I suppose we may take it that the deficiency in the Consolidated Revenue Account has been a progressive one for many years? Up to the time it was met by the Treasury bills, yes.
869. And before then? I have a little statement here I would like to hand in to the Committee. It shows the history of the accumulated deficiency, 1895 (half-year) and previous years. This is made up from the Ways and Means as submitted by each Treasurer to the House. I made it up in August last for Mr. Reid. I gave a copy of it to the Minister of the day. [Appendix V 2.]
870. You will notice by Mr. Vernon's statement that on 31st March, 1899, the Consolidated Revenue was overdrawn £2,342,040, and that on the 30th June, 1899, it had been reduced to £1,718,906 11s. 2d.? I notice those figures.
871. How do you account for this sudden reduction? I have not looked into the matter at all. I could not answer that question.
872. Is it due to the abnormally low expenditure for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899? £2,195,236 would seem to have been the amount for that quarter according to this statement.
873. Will you look at the amount for 30th June, 1897, according to that statement? The expenditure was £2,376,818.
874. And for 30th June, 1898? £2,366,358.
875. And for 30th June, 1899? £2,195,236.
876. Are not great efforts made to get in as much revenue as possible before closing the financial year? Not great efforts; we keep the office open till 4 o'clock to enable people to pay in instead of paying in on the first of the month.
877. Are not telegrams sent through the country to get moneys in? Sometimes we send to the Land Agents, as they do not generally remit until the end of the month, instructing them to remit up to the 28th of the month. Circulars are sent.
878. Are any similar efforts made to get in the Expenditure Accounts? We expect the people to look after the collection of their own accounts.
879. I have heard that the Departments have held back accounts so as to defer payment until after the 1st July;—has that come within your knowledge? Yes, but there is a reason for it; the balances of their votes are insufficient to bear the expenditure.
880. Is it a fair conclusion to say that during the period from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, the revenue proper has not been sufficient to overtake the expenditure? It would not be fair to say that, and for this reason, that during that period certain payments were made on account of 1894 and previous years, which it would not be right to charge to the revenue of 1895 and subsequent years.
881. Does not that statement before you show a continuous deficit? I admit that, but it requires an explanation. It is capable of an explanation.
882. And is not this state of things continuing to the present hour? I could not answer that; I do not hold with this statement at all. In my opinion it is not a proper basis to go upon.
883. But these figures are taken from the *Government Gazette*? But this statement is not audited, and I prefer to go upon the Auditor-General's annual reports.
884. But, at all events, you can give an answer to this view of the position;—it is remarkable to me that £400,000 becomes £2,300,000? Those amounts are not in any of the Treasury Accounts.
885. I got them from the *Government Gazette*? If so, they are prepared in a certain way, and for a certain purpose.
886. Then the *Government Gazette* is not a true reflex of the ledger balances? I am not aware that these balances as shown in this statement are shown in the *Government Gazette*.
887. But if I can show them to you? If you can show them to me I will believe them.
888. Is not the same state of things continuing? I would not like to answer that until the accounts of the year are made up.
889. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Do you mean for the year ended 30th June, 1899? No, this year.
890. Are the accounts audited for 30th June, 1899? Yes; but we have not received the report.
891. But the audited statement could be got? It could be obtained, but I have not received it, because it has to be laid upon the Table of the House.
892. I do not mean the report, I mean the figures. I suppose we shall be able in this inquiry to get the audited figures to 30th June, 1899? Yes. There were one or two slight corrections as to which we do not hold with the Auditor-General, but this will not interfere with the account being presented.
893. *Chairman.*] But assuming the figures shown on that statement, it appears that during the period 30th June, 1899, to 31st March, 1900, there has been a further drift of £356,623 8s. 7d.? I would not agree to that.
894. But if these figures are correct, and they are Mr. Vernon's figures? I do not dispute that as I do not know, but if so they are made out for a certain purpose. However, I say there are no ledger accounts in the Treasury that show those balances.

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NOTE BY WITNESS.—In addition to the sum of £2,195,236 stated to have been the expenditure for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899, I find on reference to the *Gazette* a further sum expended of £62,660 under the heading of Expenditure Suspense Account.

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895. But they are copied from the *Government Gazette*? I would like to see the *Government Gazette* showing those figures.

896. You will have an opportunity to-morrow of checking them. I will admit that this statement is a novel way of showing the position, but I think that is the way the Treasurer should show it to know how he is drifting. However, assuming those figures to be correct, that is the drift? I do not believe that the present Government is drifting to that extent.

897. That makes, at all events, the gross debit of the Consolidated Revenue Account £2,075,529 19s. 9d.? Yes, assuming those figures to be correct. Might I ask if this statement contains the Expenditure Suspense Accounts?

898. No; this is Consolidated Revenue proper and Expenditure proper taken from the *Government Gazette*, and it is put in this way, showing the continual drift in this account that, sooner or later, must be put right. However, that is my contention at present? I do not like the basis.

899. *Witness.*] If this statement does not include the Expenditure Suspense Account, I will defy any person to produce a *Government Gazette* showing these debit balances on those dates.

900. *Chairman.*] Do you not think that this continual drift should be stopped in some way? It has been stopped; it was stopped by Mr. Reid.

901. I understand that the Treasury Bills Act provides that instalments of £150,000 shall be paid off annually by charging the same to Consolidated Revenue? Yes, that is correct.

902. Has this reduction been made, and have instalments been charged to the Consolidated Revenue Account during the last four and a half years from January, 1895, to June, 1899? Yes; the reduction has been made every year. But perhaps I might make some explanation here, which may be of service to the Committee. When Mr. Reid was going to introduce his new system he said to me, "I am going to make provision by Treasury bills for all the outstanding liabilities up to 30th June, 1895," to give the new system a clear start. He not only provided for the outstanding liabilities according to the balances of appropriations, but those which had accrued, and there were two which had accrued although the amounts were not payable till 31st December, for which he made provision. One was the £150,000, for which he put down £75,000 for the redemption of the Treasury bills, and the other was the item of £75,000 on account of the railway loan of £1,000,000, for which he put down £37,500. He included those in the liabilities which he intended to provide for, and did provide for, by the Treasury bills. He explained that matter fully at the time, and showed the two items in his accounts under the heading of Special Appropriations. I know what he did, because I was with him when he decided to make the change in the Accounts. He then had a Bill prepared to cover the whole of the deficiencies, amounting to £1,174,000, and this sum was placed to the credit of the revenue, wiping out the overdraft that then existed. In order to assist the Committee, I might hand in a little statement which I prepared in August, 1899. I prepared this with a peculiar object, so that any person taking the abstracts of the Public Accounts laid upon the Table of the House by the Auditor-General would be enabled to go through them, and see what was met by the proceeds of the Treasury bills, because there was a doubt existing as to what had been charged to the Treasury Bills Account; and to satisfy myself upon that subject I made this statement. [*Handed in, and marked appendix W 2.*] It is not exactly correct as an account, and I will explain to the Committee the reason why it is not. This shows that the total amount of the bills was £1,174,700, afterwards reduced by the amount of £150,000 cancelled. That left £1,024,700 as the amount of the bills outstanding. The proceeds of these Treasury bills were used to meet the following expenditure:—

	£	s.	d.
Services of 1894 and previous years	865,735	6	7
Services of 1895 (half-year)	153,423	10	3
Total	£1,019,158	16	10

That is not the correct nor final statement of this account. There were certain amounts credited in the Consolidated Revenue Account after the 1895 half-year and previous years had been closed, which have not been credited to this account, and, on the other hand, there are certain accounts still unpaid in the pay-branch which should be shown as liabilities, but so far as the abstracts of the Public Accounts go this was taken from them, and can be verified by any person. This is not prepared as a statement of account.

903. *Mr. French.*] But as an approximate memorandum? Yes; to show exactly what the Treasury bills were used for. I may say that I believe Mr. Lyne handed a copy of this to Mr. Pitt, because Mr. Pitt told me he had gone through it, and he was satisfied it was correct.

904. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In making this up have you shown when these amounts were paid? That is shown in the Statement.

905. They were all paid by the 30th June*? Yes.

906. *Mr. French.*] Do you mean paid within that period? Yes.

907. The cash was disbursed within that period? Yes, from those Treasury bills. It may not have been exactly from those bills, at that time, because they may not have been raised. In fact, they were not; but at the same time these were payments made from January to June, 1895, on those accounts.

908. Those payments which were made were really included in the amount estimated to be provided for in the bills? It was rather more than an estimate.

909. Actual? Yes, so far as could possibly be ascertained at the time; but it was subject to certain changes.

910. Could I get the details of the item £772,224 0s. 6d.? Yes, you could get the details of every amount.

911. *Chairman.*] Referring to the annual payments in redemption of bills, they have not been charged to Consolidated Revenue during the four and a half years from January, 1895, to June, 1899? Oh, yes, they have.

912. Are you sure? Certain, with the exception that I spoke of when I said that Mr. Reid split up the £150,000 and charged £75,000 to 1895 and previous years.

913. You will be able to show the Commission that? Undoubtedly.

914. *Mr. French.*] That is the £150,000 a year? Yes.

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* Referring to payments January to June, 1895, shown in the statement.

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915. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Does your recollection go far enough to say that during the eighteen months ended 30th June, 1896, there was only one year's redemption charged in the two accounts? That is right.
916. That is, the account was for a period of eighteen months, but he put the other half in the next time;—that is correct? Yes, that is correct.
917. *Chairman.*] I suppose the reason that it was not charged was that there was no money at the credit of the Revenue Account? The Auditor-General would have reported the matter to Parliament if the statutory obligation had been omitted.
918. I was under the impression that certain things had been cancelled, and that the payments had been debited to the Consolidated Revenue? The payments have always been debited.
919. And you could show that to us? Yes.
920. Since the initiation of the Treasury bills in 1899, have any Treasurers charged these annual payments to Consolidated Revenue—I mean the £150,000? They have always been charged to Consolidated Revenue.
921. I was under the impression that they were simply cancelled? The amounts are transferred back again, and Treasury bills cancelled.
922. Have there been any other windfalls credited to Consolidated Revenue during the period of four and a half years, such as the £360,000? I do not remember.
923. A person told me that some balances of the School Estates had been credited to Consolidated Revenue? They could not have been credited to the Consolidated Revenue except as a separate account. They were shown in the Trust Accounts, but it is not now a Trust Account; it is a separate account under the Revenue.
924. What was the amount? About £200,000.
925. That was a credit account in the Treasury? The amount was standing to the credit of the Public Instruction Endowment Account. There was an Act passed which brought it into the Revenue, but the amount has never been taken into the Consolidated Revenue Account proper. It has always been kept a separate account in the Bank. At any rate, if it is not a separate account in the Bank, it is a separate account in our ledger. On thinking it over, I remember it is not a separate account in the Bank.
926. *Mr. French.*] Does that statement, on which you have been answering questions—that is the statement put before you by the Chairman—represent the true state of the Consolidated Revenue? No, it does not.
927. You do not recognise that statement as being the statement of the Consolidated Revenue, from your point of view? I do not, nor is it the point of view of the Treasury, or in accordance with Treasury figures.
928. Although, of course, that statement does show a progressive drift, yet, from your point of view, there was no drift between the periods after the final clearing up by the second issue of Treasury Bills? There has been no drift. I am certain of it.
929. A question was asked you about the delay in paying accounts, and you have stated that the revenue is got in, as far as you can do so, up to the date of the close of the financial period; do you say that there has or has not been a delay in making payments for which you could legitimately draw cheques;—does the Treasury make a practice at the end of a financial period of delaying payments deliberately in order to improve the balance? I may tell you this, though, that some Departments take it upon themselves to issue circulars to contractors, telling them that if they do not apply for their money before the 30th June they will not get it.
930. That they will not get it? Yes, for three months; and consequently that causes a rush. I told some of these gentlemen that I was thinking of putting up a notice on the Treasury to this effect:—"This Department will be open on the 1st July." I do know that some Departments hold accounts—large amounts some of them—for a considerable time, until they got the new appropriation.
931. But where there was an appropriation, or had been an appropriation? The normal business went on.
932. Without any attempt on the part of the Treasury or the other Departments to delay the payments simply because it was the close of the financial period? The only attempt ever made was to stop any abnormal proceedings. In the case of people who got these circulars from other Departments, I stated that the Treasury was going to be open on the 1st July.
933. Do you mean that matters went on normally? That is it.
934. You mean that on the 30th June, or the 27th or 28th June, all claims as they came in in a normal way were met? Yes; I simply endeavoured to stop any abnormal proceedings.
935. *Mr. Yarwood.*] About these Special Suspense Accounts for the Centennial Park and the Post Office Approaches: we will presume, for the sake of argument, that there is going to be a deficit;—is it your view that the revenue will have to pay that, or do you consider that any special steps will have to be taken with regard to the matter? I do not consider it would be right to charge the revenue of any one year for any deficiency that might occur between the assets and the liabilities of those accounts.
936. Are you not treating the Suspense Accounts as part of the Consolidated Revenue? No; they are part of the Consolidated Revenue under the Act, but they are not considered as ordinary revenue, or ordinary expenditure. They are Suspense Accounts.
937. It has been obvious to me as an ordinary individual that the amount that would be realised by Martin-place would not cover the account;—for a long time I have seen that? It is expected that there will be a deficiency there.
938. But it could have been anticipated years ago by a sensible man? Yes; I suppose so.
939. And no provision has been made for it up to the present? That is so.
940. Did the two accounts both exist in 1891? I do not think the Post Office Account did.*
941. What is the hitch about the Centennial Park—why has the land not been sold? I am not prepared to answer that.
942. I have seen statements with regard to it, as to whether it was legal to sell it? I think it is, but I am not prepared to say positively.
943. No hitch has come to your knowledge? No.

* NOTE BY WITNESS.—The Post Office Account commenced in July, 1890, I find.

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944. *Chairman.*] Taking the balance of £116,523 5s. 8d. at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue, if that credit of £360,689 6s. 9d. had not been credited to the Consolidated Revenue Account, would not that have thrown the account into debit to the extent of £244,166 1s. 1d.? It would seem so.*

945. Did not the Centennial Park and the Post Office Approaches Acts say that the money expended was to be charged to the Consolidated Revenue? They did. With reference to the sum of £360,689, accrued interest, you will find it in the Ways and Means for the half-year ended 30th June, 1895. When Mr. Reid prepared his statement he brought forward his balance from 1894 and previous years, and on the other side he took in the £360,689 to reduce the amount he had to cover by the Treasury Bills.†

946. *Mr. Yarwood.*] If he had not taken in the £300,000, the deficiency would have been greater? Undoubtedly. He brought forward the estimated deficiency of 1894 and previous years as £1,324,897 7s. 6d. By taking in the receipts, and this particular credit of £345,699, he brought down the estimated deficiency of 1895 (half-year) and the previous years as £1,174,767 14s. 4d. When Mr. McMillan prepared his Bill to meet the deficiency for 1886 and previous years by Treasury Bills, he also took the balance shown by the Account with Ways and Means, and if you turn up the account dated 10th April, 1889, you will find that he also included all the payments for 1886 and previous years in excess of receipts, and made provision for them, no matter when such payments were made, whether in 1886, 1887, 1888, or 1889, by the Treasury bills he obtained in 1889, amounting to £2,600,000. That was the amount in the Act, but it was afterwards reduced to about £2,500,000.

947. After that the accounts were continued in the ordinary course? Yes; undoubtedly.

948. What I mean by the ordinary course is that the appropriations were dealt with at the end of that year? The new arrangement by Mr. Reid did not take effect until the 1st July, 1895, and up to that date all the old appropriations held good. An appropriation has a life of two years, and longer, if contracts or engagements had been made or entered into.

949. *Mr. French.*] Going back to the drift, from the statement which Mr. Dibbs put before you there is a manifest drift? Undoubtedly; but that statement does not include the proceeds of Treasury bills seemingly.

950. Mr. Dibbs asked you whether a statement like that showing the drift had ever been brought before the Treasurers;—I apprehend that when the Treasurer, of whatever period it was, arrived at the conclusion that there was this deficiency of £1,174,000, that was tantamount to acknowledging that there had been a drift? Yes; but he wiped that off.

951. And supposing that was the case, and that a clean start was made on the 1st July, 1895, you state that so far as the matter is within your knowledge there has been no drift since? None whatever. I am positive as to this.

952. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We are asked in these questions put before us whether the present system of dealing with the Trust Funds should be altered. You have been a long time in this business? Forty-one years in the Treasury building.

953. And you have seen a good many Treasurers? Twenty-two, I think.

954. I am not making any imputation, but I would like to know what your experience is with regard to that, and whether it would be advisable to separate the Trust Funds from the ordinary account? They are separated now.

955. We had the Bank Balance Book here the other day, and we were told—or I gathered that this is what the witness meant—that there is a public debt account? No, a public revenue account.

956. Well, a public revenue account, and that that consists of the Consolidated Revenue and the General Trust Funds? Yes; that is quite correct.

957. Now, I want to know whether, with all your experience, you would advise a separation of these matters? It would do no harm to have different banking accounts. The state of affairs would, perhaps, be more easily seen. The public would then see at a glance how much there was in the revenue account, because they can never tell now the position except by taking the other side of the account. It would be an advantage to see how much is at the credit of the Trust Account, and how much to the credit of General Revenue.

958. Question 37 runs as follows:—"The conditions under which these deposits were placed with the Treasury." Would this matter come within your knowledge? Everything comes within my knowledge. The conditions were that 3 per cent. interest was to be paid, and, as a matter of fact, if the moneys were actually wanted, we were to give them back. Some time ago there was a rush on the Bank. The Government had £600,000 of the Bank's money. Mr. See was Colonial Treasurer at the time, and he instructed me to go to the Bank, and ascertain if they wanted the £600,000. I had to fight my way through the crowd, as they evidently thought I wanted my money out of the Bank. After a good deal of pushing I managed to get in by the gate, and I went upstairs, and saw the directors. I gave them my message, and they said they did not require the money. It is understood that, if there was any similar rush, the Government would pay the money held in deposit. Referring again to the statement shown to me by Mr. Dibbs, I might tell the Committee the reason why I do not consider that it corresponds with any account in the Treasury. In the Treasury we brought to account the proceeds of the Treasury bills, and, having taken the credit of £1,174,000, less the £150,000 afterwards cancelled, all those debit balances disappeared.

959. *Mr. French.*] There is an actual entry passed? Yes, actual cash.

960. Was that actual entry passed in your books in connection with the 1889 lot? Undoubtedly. Mr. McMillan did not do it at once, as it might have been too great a drain on the Trust Funds. In December, 1889, he passed through sufficient to cover the balance at the debit of the revenue at that time, and a little more. It left a credit of about £60,000, I think, after making the transfer of £1,907,100. Then, afterwards, in August, 1890, he invested further Trust Funds in the balance of the Bills amounting to £616,784.

961. We will find these particulars in the Treasury books? Undoubtedly.

962. We will find a debit to one account, and a credit to the other? Certainly.

963.

* NOTE BY WITNESS.—The accrued interest credited did not come into this balance at all. It was credited in the 1895 and Previous Years' Account, and had it not been the amount to have been met by Treasury Bills, would have been so much larger.

† NOTE BY WITNESS.—I have not the document from which the figures £360,689 are quoted, but I find, on referring to the Ways and Means of 27th August, 1895, the amount should be £345,699 13s. 9d.

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963. Can you tell me what the debit account is called, or what the sums are debited to? I am not certain as to the exact name of the account, but the transaction can be seen in the Treasury books.
964. If you passed a credit to the Consolidated Revenue you must have debited some account? Yes; the credit would come in as the proceeds of sale of Treasury bills. The bills were sold to the Trust Accounts.
965. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Would you look at Questions 38 and 39? With regard to 38 I may say that at the present time none of the advances are covered by securities. Some time ago they were partly invested in Treasury bills—the old lot of 1891—but none of these later ones.
966. You say that the rate of interest is 3 per cent.? Yes; but there has been a change, and I think that a portion of it is at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. That runs up to 30th June. This refers to the later operations, the renewals.
967. During the time the major portions of these things were dealt with, could you say it was 3 per cent.? Yes.
968. What is your answer to Question 39? My answer is that it was not stipulated for what purpose. That rested with the Government. The Bank was glad to get 3 per cent. for its money, I suppose.
969. *Chairman.*] Do you think it is a proper thing to transfer the profit on the Post Office Savings Bank to the Consolidated Revenue? Certainly.
970. Suppose a loss were to take place, such as a defalcation of £50,000? The Revenue would have to bear it.
971. *Mr. French.*] Your view is, that as the Revenue would bear any loss, whether it was a loss in interest or by defalcation, or any other cause, any profit that is made is given to the Consolidated Revenue as a consequence? Yes.
972. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The view that is taken of the General Post Office is that it is a Department of the Treasury? They have an independent Minister; it is not a Department of the Treasury. The Treasury could not give any instructions or directions to the Post Office.
973. But, financially, it is part of the Treasury? All Departments to a certain extent work independently with the Treasury.
974. But the money that is received in the Bank is handed to you? Yes.
975. And I suppose that, bar some moneys they keep for ordinary purposes, you draw all their moneys? Yes; only the Postal Department would not like to be classed as under the Treasury.
976. *Chairman.*] Do you not think it would be a fair thing for the Government to charge the Post Office Savings Bank a good amount for rental of their premises before striking the Profit and Loss Account? Yes, I think so.
977. *Mr. French.*] Will you please look at question 31. I would like to know what the practice has been with regard to handing over interest payments to the Bank of England;—was there a change of practice at any time, or has that always been the practice? Before Mr. Reid took office we used to get accounts from the banks in England of the payments made, and then we brought them to account in the Treasury books. When he came in he said, “That is a peculiar way of dealing with the matter, because it is four or five months after the payments are made before you charge them. Get a cable from England, and charge accordingly.” For instance, at the end of the month we get a cable message from England of the transactions of the previous month, so far as the interest payments are concerned, and we charge the amount. So the transactions in June for interest would not be reported until the first week in July, and then we make the entry in our books. So Mr. Reid brought about an improvement in that direction.
978. Previously they were brought to account in your books on receipt of advices? Yes.
979. Now they are brought by a system to account on the 1st July? Not exactly on the 1st, but during the month of July they are brought to account as regards the payments for interest during the month of June. During the first week of July, or the first week in any month, we get a cable message from the Agent-General telling us what is the amount paid for interest on inscribed stock or on debentures, and on that we make the necessary adjusting entries.
980. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Has that been the rule ever since the 30th June, 1895? Yes.
981. Then the statement up to June, 1896, would contain all but one London payment? It would contain all but the payments during the month of June on account of interest, and the payments during May and June for other services.
982. *Mr. French.*] You see no difficulty in getting the London payments into account by cable? None whatever, if they could give us the proper headings.
983. That only involves a system of advising the proper headings? But the cables might be expensive. They might have to send us a hundred words.
984. You would not want so many as that? Sometimes there are a great many entries.
985. I do not mean to cable each entry, but the results for the month of June. The mail advices would bring you to the end of May? To the end of April, and the results of May and June would have to be cabled. Of course we would not have the details.
986. *Chairman.*] The total could be given? Yes; but we might not know to which head of service to charge the amounts making it up.
987. *Mr. Yarwood.*] How do they make the payments in London;—do you send vouchers from this side and say “Please pay So-and-So”? No. Letters of credit are issued for the interest on debentures and other services, and these are operated upon. Interest on letters of credit are not sent for inscribed stock, which is paid by the Bank of England.
988. But before you pay anything out of the Treasury here the voucher goes through a Department, and then to you;—but what about the London vouchers? They are paid when they come to us.
989. You only give general instructions with regard to the payments? Yes; letters of credit are forwarded for all services except interest on inscribed stock.
990. On the 30th June, 1896, the Consolidated Revenue—the General Account—showed a credit balance of £476,530 ls. 10d.? Yes.
991. That is, after including £1,174,000 Treasury bills, of which £150,000 was cancelled? Yes.
992. That left £326,530 ls. 10d. as virtually the balance on that date—the 30th June, 1896? Yes.
993. Taking the balance of £116,523 on 30th June, 1899, there is clearly a drift of £210,000—that is, taking the entire account; the country has gone astern to that extent? I do not know that it has, and I will tell you the reason. When the balance of £326,530 was shown, there were certain outstanding accounts which had to come in, and were paid subsequently.

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994. But then the £1,174,000 was credited to cover everything? I mean on account of that current year. I admit that during that time—1896 to 1899—the expenditure exceeded the revenue by £210,000, but that does not show that there was a drift. It merely shows that the outstanding accounts were paid.
995. *Mr. French.*] What is your answer to Question 25? I could not say if it as been relieved.
996. And your answer to Question 35? That can only be answered in the affirmative.
997. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What was the nature of the Indemnity Act? The Indemnity Act was to relieve the Treasurer from the effect of having broken the law. The Treasurer and all the Treasury officials broke the law in paying without the appropriation of Parliament and without the warrant of the Governor certain moneys for current expenses. I may say in connection with all these matters that they were payments made for services which had previously been authorised by Parliament,—that is, they were current services, not new services, but the appropriations had run short. Take, for instance, the railway wages. We continued to pay the railway wages, although the appropriation was exhausted. The services were all in the nature of current services which had formerly been provided for by Parliament, but the appropriation for which was insufficient. At the same time the law was broken.
998. *Mr. French.*] Technically broken? Yes.
999. But the country had to be carried on? Undoubtedly.
1000. *Mr. Yarwood.*] There was no advantage in carrying that arrangement on for so long? You mean so far as the accounts were concerned.
1001. Yes? No advantage whatever. On the contrary, if it had been stopped it would have made the accounts look much better than they were in reality.
1002. When you got the Indemnity Act, did it cover the accounts? It was merely to cover the procedure.
1003. It would not affect any of the items “above or below the line,” as it is called? Not in any way. The payments had been made and charged to proper accounts, but the appropriations had been exceeded.
1004. Will you look at Question 40? The payments were illegal to that extent, as the Audit Act provided that the Auditor-General was to be guided by the appropriation of Parliament. That the reading of the Treasury was correct is proved by the fact that an Act has been passed known as the Loan Account (Transfer) Act, 1899, which enables the Auditor-General to certify to warrants, if the sums stated therein have been authorised by Parliament, without any reference to the question as to whether funds were available or not. That is the law at the present time, and the Auditor-General has been signing warrants ever since that Act was passed, notwithstanding that we had not raised any money for loan services. That goes to show that the position taken by the Treasurer—that the Auditor-General should be guided by the Parliamentary appropriation—is apparently considered to be the sound one. One question arose at the time. If the Treasurer had not paid, contractors would have been put to serious inconvenience, and we might have had to close the door, as the Auditor-General would not sign the warrants. After a great deal of correspondence, the matter was submitted to two eminent Barristers-at-Law—Dr. Sly and Sir Julian Salomons—and these eminent counsels, after considering the question, decided that the Auditor-General was right upon a technical point, and that the money had not been raised by loan. So there was not anything really wrong in it.
1005. That is not imputed, I think; it may have been irregular? Yes, it was irregular to the extent that warrants had not been obtained.

[Adjourned till Monday, 7 May, 1900.]

TWELFTH DAY.—MONDAY, 7 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN.)
J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

[The Committee met in private.]

THIRTEENTH DAY—TUESDAY, 8 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN.)
F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Chairman announced that Mr. French was absent through illness.

Robert Rowan Purdon Hickson, Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads,
examined:—

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1006. *Chairman.*] We observe in the Public Accounts certain amounts debited to the Consolidated Revenue and certain amounts debited to the Loan Account;—we want to know whether it is the heads of the Departments that have the direction in the matter, that is, as to what should be charged to Loans, and what to Consolidated Revenue? In preparing my estimates for the year, I submit what works have been recommended, and what works should, in my opinion, be carried out, and the Minister marks these either against Revenue or Loans—either against Revenue, the Long Loan, or the Thirty Years' Loan.
1007. Does every Ministerial head of the Department do the same thing? That I could not say—I could only speak for our own Department. But we are practically the only Department that has Loan Estimates.
1008. Does the Minister go beyond you in these matters, or does he take your recommendation? The general practice is, that works of a reproductive character and permanent, such as railways, are put on the Long Loans. Works of a more or less temporary character, that is to say, that have a life of twenty-five or thirty years, are put on the Thirty Years' Loan. For some years past there have been very few actual works put on the Revenue Estimates at all. Those estimates are nearly entirely composed of salaries, the Roads Maintenance and the Dredge Staffs.

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1009. Then you would recommend and your Minister would confirm, is that it? I recommend what should be voted, but he decides after consultation with me as to which items should go under the various headings.

1010. I do not know whether it is a fair question or not, but do you ever disagree on that point;—that is, are there not some things charged to Loans that ought to be charged to Consolidated Revenue? I do not know that there is anything charged to the Long Loans that should be charged to Revenue. It is a very moot point whether the principle of the Thirty Years' Loan is a sound one or not. My own opinion about the Thirty Years' Loan is that, if carried out in its entirety, there is no objection to it; but to carry it out properly you should, in my humble opinion, each year vote a thirtieth of the amount and put it away to a suspense account, so that at the end of the thirty years you would have that money in your hand to renew the structure.

1011. And not to be mixed up with the General Accounts of the Treasury? That is so.

1012. Suppose you had built a bridge at a cost of £30,000, and you found it necessary some years afterwards to spend £5,000 upon it, would you consider that expenditure for repairs a fair charge to Loans, or should it be charged to Consolidated Revenue? I do not think any repairs should be charged to Loans.

1013. For instance, Governor Phillip's statue is charged to Loans;—in your opinion, ought that to be charged to Loans—is that a reproductive work? No.

1014. Is it not a liability, and not an asset—something that requires painting, and looking after every year? I think that under the system we have got into too many things are charged to Loans.

1015. Ammunition, for instance, ought not to be charged to Loans? I should think not. I did not know it was.

1016. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I know that in one Loan Estimate that was submitted to Parliament for approval Magazine rifles appeared;—would that come under the Works Department? No; the Chief Secretary's Department. I find that since 1894, inclusive, we have been spending about £130,000 a year, chargeable to the Thirty Years' Loan. In the letter I got from your Secretary, I am asked whether these services were properly chargeable to Loans, and I am also desired to afford information showing the amount by which the Revenue has been annually relieved since the introduction of the Thirty Years' Loan system. It would be impossible for me to give that information, for the simple reason that, apparently, the revenue has been relieved to the extent of £130,000 a year; but if it came to putting these items on the Revenue Estimates I might not have got anything. [*Statement put in and marked X 2.*]

1017. Would there be amongst those items on the short-dated Loans any that have on past occasions been charged to the long-dated Loans? I think not; at all events, very few. The items that are in that list would be charged to Revenue.

1018. But you have no hard and fast line between the two, I take it? There is no hard and fast line, but the general one which I have referred to. Works of a reproductive or permanent character are charged to the Long Loans—not necessarily reproductive and permanent combined, because, for instance, a building like this one that we are sitting in is not reproductive, but, at the same time, it is permanent. Such a building is charged to Loans.

1019. But it saves the Government rent; it is reproductive in that way? In that sense it is. All works of a more or less temporary character, such as wooden post offices and timber bridges, which in the past used to be charged to Revenue, have for the last six or seven years been charged to the Thirty Years' Loan, on the principle that at the end of thirty years you would have to rebuild them, because they would be worn out. That principle appears sound enough as long as you put a thirtieth of the amount away into some suspense account, so as to have it at the end of the thirty years to rebuild a structure. But if you do not do that, the whole thing becomes a farce.

1020. Is thirty years your estimate of the life of every one of such works? It is about the average.

1021. I saw "wood-blocking" in one of the estimates. You would not reckon that that had thirty years' life? We have had wood-blocking down for ten years, and it seems as good as the day it was put down. Some things last forty-five years, some last twenty years, so we take thirty years as about the fair average of all the buildings and structures.

1022. *Chairman.*] You said just now that the Thirty Years scheme was introduced six or seven years ago? Yes; I think it was in 1894 or 1895.

1023. It was under Mr. Reid, was it not? It was Mr. Reid who introduced it. [*Loan Acts put in, and marked Appendices Y 2, Z 2, A 3, B 3, C 3, and D 3.*]

1024. Do you consider it fair to charge the Loan Account with the converting of a dredge from one class into another class? I think so—that is, if it is a fair thing to charge the dredge in the first instance to Loans. In converting it you are practically making a new vessel of it.

1025. You would charge it to the Thirty Years' Loan? The dredges have been charged to the Long Loans. A dredge at the end of thirty years, owing to the repairs that have been made to it, is nearly as good as the day it was built, because we are always putting new engines and boilers in them and patching them up.

1026. Why do you think that the repairs to a bridge should be charged to Revenue and repairs to dredges be charged to one of the Loan Accounts? I do not think they are exactly on the same footing, although I am not very strong about the dredge matter, but I think the repairs of bridges ought to be charged to Revenue.

1027. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The line of difference between the questions Mr. Dibbs put to you, I take it, was that this was the conversion of a dredge, and you say that that service should be charged to what the original dredge was charged to; if you repair the bridge you pay that out of Revenue? Yes.

1028. But if you rebuild the bridge which has been charged to Loans? We cannot keep a bridge in repair as we can keep a vessel. A vessel is being continually kept in repair by a new boiler one year or a new engine the next year, so that at the end of thirty years it is as good as at the beginning. But a bridge all wears out at the same time, approximately in about thirty years. Then you have to start *de novo* and put up a new structure.

1029. Perhaps you build a bigger one? Probably you may if traffic has increased.

1030. Under the old regime before the Thirty Years' Loan system what would they have done? I think the service was mostly charged to Revenue, but that was a little before my time before I had control of the expenditure.

1031. There has been a large increase in the Loan debt of the Colony in late years;—I am not referring to the last five years, but, say, the last twenty years;—I suppose it would not come within your province to tell me how the proportion of the Railway debt compared with the total debt of the Colony would stand as compared

R. R. P. compared with twenty years ago? I could not tell you off-hand, but I could get that information at once
 Hickson, Esq. from my accountant. We could give you any details of the Loan expenditure for many years back.
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1032. There is one question we are asked in the list of questions set before this Committee, that is Question Number 21, which reads as follows:—"Whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the Vote in 1893 on account of Roads, Endowment to Boroughs, District Councils and Shires under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half-year of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6, on the plea that the savings had been improperly made. And whether an examination of the annual expenditure on Roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected in the amount charged to the year 1895-6 as compared with previous years." I do not want you to answer that question, but I want to ask you something with regard to it. We have had figures put before us showing a certain annual expenditure on the roads to the debit of Consolidated Revenue. Can you tell me what the nature of that annual expenditure is, because, according to the figures, there is undoubtedly in the subsequent years a regularity in the amount spent on roads and bridges, and charged to Consolidated Revenue, that is in striking contrast with the amount that was charged in the first year of the cash system;—I want to know if there is anything in the nature of the expenditure that would make any considerable item in it—anything else but a consistent annual outgoing? No; not in roads and bridges.

1033. What does the item consist of? It consists of the maintenance pure and simple of all the roads and the minor bridges and small culverts throughout the Colony. A good deal of that is done by maintenance men who are regular hands—there are about 1,500 of them—by small contractors, and sometimes butty gangs. We do some new road construction out of the amount, but the sum placed at my disposal for the last few years has been so small that we have not been able to do anything worth speaking of in the matter of new road construction, but whenever we can I do some new road construction, such as the cutting off of a hill, making a deviation, and putting on some new metalling.

1034. Do you remember what the amount of the expenditure yearly is;—it is about half a million, isn't it? It was £560,000 last year.

1035. Will you look at this paper, which shows the amount spent annually for some years past;—is there any reason—anything in the conduct of things—that would account for the difference in the amount shown? That is done by the Treasurer. I make up the amount that I ask for for the roads and bridges for the year, and that is submitted to my Minister, who goes through it, and, perhaps, strikes off a little bit. Eventually, it goes to the Cabinet, and they deal with the whole of the Estimates that are submitted by the Departments. My estimate goes direct from my Minister to the Cabinet. It is dealt with there, and, when the total expenditure of the Departments is added up, perhaps it is found to reach farther than the Treasurer is prepared to go, and the Estimates are sent back to the Departments to be cut down to a certain amount. For the last few years our Estimates have been sent back to be cut down to £550,000.

1036. I notice a big amount before the crisis of 1893, and in 1894 it was lopped-off considerably;—I suppose that was on account of the crisis? Yes.

1037. And in 1895-6 the figures go back to £719,000 odd? That was to make up for what was cut off before.

1038. In 1895-6 I suppose you put on extra labour? Yes. There is a peculiar feature in connection with the expenditure on roads. During that period of ten years our roads have increased to the extent of 11,000 miles additional in length, and notwithstanding that we have from £200,000 to £300,000 annually less to spend on them.

1039. *Chairman.*] And the rate of wages is about the same? The rate of wages is a little more. We are paying 7s. a day now, and in 1890 we were paying 6s.

1040. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But as a road gets older it does not want so much money spent on it? Oh, yes, it does. To maintain it, it wants the same. In point of fact it wants more, because the traffic is increasing throughout the Colony, and the roads are getting more cut up. I would like the Committee to refer to my annual report, as it gives the particulars of the expenditure, and draws attention to the point I have just brought out.

1041. *Chairman.*] Can you tell us whether it is the custom, when each Department sends in its estimates, that they have to submit to the reducing process? I fancy they all do.

1042. You do not know of your own knowledge? I could not say from my own knowledge.

1043. Can you think of anything that might interest the Commission in regard to a different mode of keeping the books in your Department? I might suggest that you should ask my accountant to give evidence in connection with that. I think you will get it clearer from him than from me, because he is a professional accountant. I am entirely in accord with him in his views, and I think he can suggest some radical and important changes.

1044. You look upon him as a good accountant? He is one of the best accountants in the service.

1045. Has he always been in your Department? He was Examiner of Accounts for many years, and when the change was made in 1896 he was transferred to the position of Chief Accountant. We have been trying for many years to get rid of red tape as much as possible. We have reduced the forms. We were overburdened with forms. And the Chief Accountant has been helping me in every way, but so far we have not been successful. With regard to the system of payments, I may say that our expenditure is about a million and a half in the year. About half of that is paid direct by our own cheques, and the other half is paid by the Treasury. This leads to endless trouble. Contractors do not know where to go for their money; sometimes they go here and sometimes they go there. Sometimes we tell them that the amount is paid, and subsequently we find that the vouchers are lying in the Treasury for some reason or other.

1046. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What is the dividing line between the two systems? Practically none whatever. The Treasury sometimes takes a voucher and keeps it there and pays it, and sometime we pay a voucher.

1047. *Chairman.*] There is no system? No recognised system. We try to pay as much as we can in our own Department, because we can do it much more quickly, and give more satisfaction.

1048. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Do you account to the Treasury for your payments? Yes, and they refund the amount to us.

1049. *Chairman.*] I have frequently heard that accounts are delayed—I do not say in your Department. For instance, customers of the Bank come to me and say that they cannot get their money till the first week in July. Do you know, speaking of your own Department, whether there is any delay in the payment of accounts at the end of the financial year—the 30th June? Yes, there is sometimes delay.

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1050. That delay might be avoided? Well, it might if the money were in the Treasury.
1051. But the cheques are always honored? That is really a Treasury matter.
1052. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was there any confusion when the system was changed;—one witness told us that an impression had got abroad that everything ought to be paid by the 30th of June, and he said there was a bit of a rush on the Treasury by people who wished to get their money, because they thought that if they did not get their money on the 30th June they would not get it at all? I could not tell you anything about that of my own knowledge. All accounts that we pay are paid when they are due. We do not wait for the 30th of June, or any other time.
1053. Where do you get your money from? Back from the Treasury.
1054. You have a banking account of your own? Yes; we have £30,000 to our credit.
1055. That is a sort of Suspense Account in the meantime? A floating advance. We pay whatever we can from that. For, instance, we pay all wages. Salaries, of course, are paid at the Treasury. We pay small contracts from our banking accounts; in fact, we pay as much as the account will stand. Then vouchers are sent in in an abstract form to the Treasury, and the money that we have paid is refunded to us.
1056. Do you, in that account, mix up any deposits from contractors? No; we keep a separate account for those.
1057. Is that separate account kept by your Department? Entirely. That is a separate account, kept in a separate set of books.
1058. When you get a tender, the person tendering has to tender so much? He has to deposit money or a cheque, and that is put to a deposit account that we keep in the Bank, and the money is refunded to the contractors when it becomes due—that is, when the contract is finished.
1059. Supposing I tendered for a work and did not get it, when would I get my deposit back? Within a week. We cannot send them all back straight away, because it is not always clear which is the lowest tender; but some can be sent away, and are sent back the next day. But some have to be kept a week or perhaps a little longer. With a lump sum contract, of course, you can tell at once whether it is the lowest, but if it is a contract on schedule rates you cannot tell till the calculations are made.
1060. *Chairman.*] We notice that the expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1899, was abnormally low; it was considerably less than in previous years—say three years ago;—can you suggest a reason why it was so? No, I cannot.
1061. What I want to get at is whether the Department held back accounts in order to help the Treasury over the 1st July? I could not say.
1062. But so far as your accounts are concerned? So far as our accounts are concerned nothing was kept back—that is, I am speaking of the accounts we pay ourselves. We cannot tell about the Treasury accounts until a Contractor complains.
1063. Can you give me any idea where we can get that information from? From the Treasury, I presume.
1064. If they could tell us? I suppose they could tell you.
1065. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I notice the item, "Erection of Court-house, Peak Hill, £2,000; amount expended, £2,000";—I take it that the first amount is your estimate of the probable cost, but surely the amount expended would not come to the same to a penny? Probably in that case it was more.
1066. What would you do with regard to the balance? We would get that from a general vote which we have.
1067. *Chairman.*] Have you any suggestions which you could make? I think not. I will send you a copy of my Annual Report, which will give you some figures.

Edward Twynam, Chief Surveyor, Department of Lands, examined:—

1068. *Chairman.*] We want to get some particulars about the land in Martin-place, such as the frontage and depth, and the amount which the sale realised? The sale of the land at Martin-place has been conducted wholly by the Department of Public Works from the outset; but I have here the information that you asked for in the letter of your Secretary. This lithograph of the sale held on 14th February, 1900, shows the remaining unsold allotments, and, at the upset prices which were advertised, the value of these allotments would be £98,028. There were three allotments sold at that sale, and they realised £79,365. I have got these figures from the valuator of the Public Works Department, Mr. Sievers.
1069. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did he put a value on the land? The upset prices were not published, and I apprehend he recommended the reserved prices. If the unsold allotments cannot be sold now they will sell by-and-bye at the prices I have given.
1070. As to Martin-place, I take it that that is the whole of the land to be realised on? I believe so.
1071. When that street was being made there was some talk, and as a matter of fact something was done, about what they called a betterment principle;—does that betterment principle in any way apply to this particular part of the ground? It cannot affect the upset price of this land. The betterment applied to the compensation which was paid for interfering with other land further up the street.
1072. There was money paid? I believe so, but I am not able to tell you much about it. I was not here at the time.
1073. There is a certain amount put down as representing the expenditure in connection with this particular bit of property: the account is called the General Post Office Approaches Account; taking a reasonable view of the situation, it is evident that there is a big loss on the whole affair—you can assume that;—now, did the country gain anything beyond a wider street opposite the Post Office by this particular transaction? I am not able to tell you. I have not been concerned in the affair in any way whatever, and the only way in which I could get that information would be by looking up the Parliamentary papers.
1074. It is not within your knowledge? No; it is not.
1075. *Chairman.*] A Municipal Bill was passed in connection with the widening of Moore-street;—was the Government called upon to pay to the Corporation anything for betterment in the same way as the Commercial Bank and the Bank of New South Wales had to pay? This land in Martin-place was not Crown land. It was resumed under the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act, 1889, for the purpose of opening up the street.

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1076. But when this street was resumed had the Government to pay as their neighbours had to pay, a betterment sum for the widening of Moore-street? I am not able to tell you.
1077. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was this land ever offered for sale before? I think that the whole of the land was offered for sale before the last auction.
1078. At the time when the Mutual New York Life Insurance Company bought? Yes; I think all the allotments were offered together.
1079. *Chairman.*] What have you to say about the Centennial Park matter? The Centennial Park was resumed under the Centenary Celebration Act, to which there is a schedule describing the land resumed. That area is indicated by the green edging on this plan which I produce. Under the Act it was enacted that there should be an area set apart for a State-house, and an area of not less than 640 acres for a public park, and after such portions had been so set apart the remainder of the land so vested was to be laid out in building sites, and sold or leased by public auction. That Act is dated 13th July, 1887, but there has been no land sold or leased, neither has there been any State-house area laid out. But by proclamation of 16th February last the whole area has been proclaimed a public park by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor.
1080. There are no roads laid out in the park for building sites? The green edging on the plan represents the whole area resumed under the Act. By this Act it is expressed that the land shall be appropriated in certain ways, namely, that there shall be not less than 640 acres to the park, and a certain area for a State-house—by the way, it does not state how much for the State-house,—and the residue of the land was to be sold or leased. I believe there have been a good many difficulties in the way of dealing with these matters, but by order of the Governor lately the entire area has been proclaimed as a public park. The aggregate area is 745 acres.
1081. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That is about 100 acres over and above what they wanted? It is not specified what area was to be set apart for the State-house. However, over the 640 acres for a park there would be left 105 acres.
1082. There would be 100 acres for sale if they used 5 acres for a State-house? If they did so; yes.
1083. There has been an area appropriated in one place for a reservoir, and a reservoir has been constructed in the park? Yes. The difficulty which they were under, I think, was that they could not enforce the regulations for the proper conduct of the park until the area was proclaimed. They had some trouble with trespassers and with some other people, who simply defied the rangers, and I believe that was the reason why they appropriated the entire area for the park.
1084. *Chairman.*] Then there is no chance now of reducing the amount to the debit of that account? It can be done by revoking the action taken over a part of the land. I believe there was also another difficulty in the way. In the Act it is provided that the plan of the disposal of the land shall be approved by the Governor by the 28th day of January, 1888. That was not done, and so that made another difficulty. Sub-section (b) of section 3 of the Act reads as follows:—"A portion not being less in area than 640 acres shall be set apart by the Governor as a public park. Such park shall be designated the Centennial Park, and shall be laid out according to plans to be approved by the Governor, but so that the same may be opened to the public on the 26th day of January, 1888." [*Act 51 Vic. No. 9, together with Proclamation, handed in and marked Appendices E 3 and F 3.*] That implies that the plan shall be approved previous to the opening of the park. This Act was administered by the Chief Secretary.
1085. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Can you tell me whether your Department has been asked at any time to divide off sections with the view of disposing of the land? Yes. I think it was about the year 1889 when a design was made for a subdivision of such part of the land as was not required for the park. There the matter ended. About three years ago, I think, by direction of Mr. Carruthers, I went into the matter very carefully, and a design was made with the view of subdividing the park outside the dwarf wall to the westward of the park, and another portion on the outskirts of the park which was not wanted for public recreation. I am aware that Mr. Carruthers advised the subdividing and leasing of the land, but he only advised, as he did not administer the Act.
1086. But he did not advise selling it? I am not sure; I think that his intention was to lease, and not to sell.
1087. *Chairman.*] Was any estimate made? Estimates were made as to the value of the land.
1088. Had you only one frontage on the green line? The land was subdivided to the best advantage. Mr. Carruthers had the idea of enlarging the area for sale by taking some land from the old rifle range. He expected to get land vested in the Sydney Council, and the rifle range.
1089. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When you say that Mr. Carruthers made the recommendation you speak of, would there be a minute from him to another Department suggesting what should be done? He would send the papers on to the Chief Secretary, simply stating his opinion.
1090. Could we have those papers? I suppose you could by asking for them from the Chief Secretary's Department.

Andrew James Doak, Controller of the Government Post Office Savings Bank and the Money Order Office, examined:—

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1091. *Chairman.*] The Commission would like some information with regard to your Profit and Loss account; as to how it has accumulated from time to time, and how you have disposed of it. Have you any information with you? Yes; your Secretary asked for that information, and I have brought here a list showing each year's profits from 1871 to 1899. [*Appendix G 3.*]
1092. I notice that in 1880 there was a very large profit as compared with previous years? That is on account of the valuation of the debentures.
1093. The increased value of your investments? Yes. The Treasury treated the accounts somewhat differently from what I did. If they purchased debentures at 95, they charged the Trust Account with 95, and credited it with 100. They only keep one account, a Trust Account, and they debit and credit the same account with the transaction. I do not. I keep two accounts—an Investment Account as well as a Savings Bank Trust Account.

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1094. At the end of ten years you took stock, and you found that your debentures increased in value, and this is a book entry to that amount? That is scarcely so. It was done to bring the books in accord with the Treasury books, as the Treasury books showed one thing, and Savings Bank books showed another. So in that particular year an adjustment was made. Mr. Hill was controller that year.
1095. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In your books do your investments stand at their par value? At their par value; it does not matter what the cost is.
1096. *Chairman.*] Some of your investments you got at 95, and they were afterwards worth 100? Yes, and some which cost 114 were taken at 100.
1097. What is this premium of £13,000 odd which I notice in the return? On a large investment.
1098. What would the investment be? Four per cents., I fancy.
1099. Bought from the Government? Yes.
1100. Bought at a premium? I fancy it was bought from the Church and School Estate, but I am not sure; I have nothing to do with that.
1101. Do you know the amount of stock they sold you in 1899? I could not tell you upon which particular investment that was; this paper shows the whole of the investments. This was prepared by the Treasury.
1102. I notice in 1895 you lost £9,302 18s. 8d.;—was that caused by defalcations? No; the Treasury without notice reduced the rate of interest on the uninvested balance (which was considerable at that time) from 4 to 3 per cent. It was a reduction of 1 per cent. on one million and some odd thousand pounds.
1103. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What did you do after that to restore the account? We reduced the interest payable to the public. That was done in the beginning of the following year. It is not possible to reduce the interest without giving notice to the public.
1104. *Chairman.*] You made a profit in 1896 of £1,250, and in 1897 of £15,000 odd;—how do you account for the difference? The business increased rapidly, and no large premiums were paid; the premiums are charged against the profits.
1105. All your stock is at par value? Par value.
1106. I suppose you suggested to the Government to take these profits? No; I did not.
1107. Why? Because I did not think it was a proper transaction. The Savings Bank Act does not justify the payment of such moneys to Revenue.
1108. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was that the first occasion that the transfer was ever made—the sum of £5,000 in 1893? That was the first transfer.
1109. I suppose the legality of the thing was gone into at the time? Before the transaction was completed I suggested that Executive authority be obtained.
1110. Would they consult the Attorney-General on that point? I think not.
1111. *Chairman.*] Were the two amounts of £5,000 and £25,000 taken by the Dibbs' Government? I could not say.
1112. 1893 was the time of the Dibbs' Government, and 1894 was partly the Dibbs' Government and partly the Reid Government? It was done at the suggestion of the Treasury Inspectors. They go through my books every year.
1113. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Supposing for the sake of argument it was proper to make these transfers of profit; looking at the thing from a common sense point of view the money that is transferred should only be such sums as arise within a certain period;—what I want to get is the figures to show how much could have been transferred, supposing on the 31st December, 1894, all you had made had been transferred and you started afresh? I have given the profits each year as distinguished from the accumulated profits.
1114. *Chairman.*] Could you make out a statement showing the increase from year to year? Yes.
1115. I would like to know the date when the £25,000 was paid over to the Treasury in 1894? I could not tell you by the papers before me.
1116. You could let us know that? I tried to get the papers, but they were at the Treasury at the time.
1117. What is your idea as to what should be done with the profits if the Treasury is not to receive them? My idea is that the profits should be retained as a sort of Reserve Fund in the Savings Bank.
1118. In case of accidents? In case of accidents, such as the depreciation of the debentures. [*Copy of the Savings Bank Act handed in and marked Appendix H 3.*]
1119. *Mr. Yarwood.*] From what section of that Act do you draw the conclusion that this money did not form part of a Consolidated Revenue? Section 15 seems to me conclusive. It reads as follows:—"All expenses incurred in the administration of this Act shall be paid out of the moneys received under the authority of the Act." The Act does not give authority to make any other payments, except repayments to depositors with interest. That is referred to in section 5.
1120. Section 6 appears to provide that if there is any deficiency the Consolidated Revenue shall make it good? That is so.
1121. It does not deal with any surplus? There is nothing in the Act.
1122. *Chairman.*] Your only objection to the Government taking the money is that it is not in accordance with the Act;—you have no objection personally? Certainly not. It is only because the Act does not authorise it.
1123. Do you pay any rent for your building? No.
1124. You have a large frontage to Pitt-street? We have the whole Pitt-street frontage.
1125. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Where does the profit from the Money Order Office go? That is all revenue.
1126. The Savings Bank transactions are pure and simple Savings Bank affairs? Exactly. The Postage Act provides for the Money Order business, but that is a different Act altogether.
- 1126½. Has there been any amendment of the Savings Bank Act? No.

[Adjourned till Wednesday, 9 May, 1900.]

FOURTEENTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Vernon, Treasury Accountant, further examined:—

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1127. *Witness.*] I now hand in a Return showing the particulars of the General Post Office New Street Resumption Account Suspense Account. [*Marked Appendix M 3.*]

1128. *Chairman.*] Looking at this Return, do I understand that Mr. Reid, finding a sum of money had been charged to Consolidated Revenue some time in 1894, credited his Consolidated Revenue Account, and charged his Suspense Account? He carried it to a separate Ledger Account as a Suspense Account. Of course there was no money passed.

1129. That did not go to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue except as a separate account? Just as a separate account. Of course it would credit the Ledger Account.

1130. Was that credited in 1894? Yes.

1131. Did that credit entry in 1894 make the Consolidated Revenue better? I should have to look that up, but I don't think so. It would be simply treated as a transfer. The Revenue Ledger Account would undoubtedly be better by the amount transferred to the Suspense Account, but it would not come in as an item in the year's revenue.

1132. If the items for the five years, from 1894 to 1899, had been charged to Consolidated Revenue, that would have made the matter worse for the Treasurer? Yes.

1133. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I have here a return that was given to us yesterday by Mr. Doak, of the Savings Bank. It is a progressive statement of the profit and loss that has been made by the Savings Bank, and gives a list of the transfers to the Consolidated Revenue. In 1895, £5,000 seem to have been transferred to the Consolidated Revenue, and apparently, according to this return, a debit balance was left at the end of the year of about £5,200. Would you know off-hand how that was? No; I would have to look it up.

1134. But you would not make transfers from the Post Office Savings Bank profit unless the profit was there? Certainly not. I cannot understand it at all.

1135. I think I know where the explanation lies. Did you not reduce the rate of interest to the Government Savings Bank without giving them notice? I believe that we originally paid 4 per cent., and the rate was reduced to 3 per cent. with the reduction of the general interest on loans.

1136. What I wanted to get more particularly was the fact that a transfer of profit has never been made unless the profit was there? I cannot comprehend its being made unless the profit was there. I have never known such a case. [*Witness handed in a paper marked, "Memorandum of Liabilities on the Consolidated Revenue Fund as on 31st December, 1894, 30th June, 1895, and 30th June, 1899, marked Appendix K 3."*]

1137. In this paper, which you have just handed in, I notice this passage: "The amount of balances of votes and repayments written off which might be taken on an estimate, £140,116." What are those? Those are unexpended balances on the votes of Parliament, the appropriations for the year. You can never expend a vote exactly. You have all sorts of items from a pound up to some thousands of pounds, perhaps, on a certain vote which is taken in a lump sum. These items are written off at the end of the financial year, written off absolutely, and at the end of the financial year ended 30th June, 1899, £140,116, consisting of such unexpended balances, was written off.

1138. Can you give us the details of that item? Yes. That note (referring to statement) was really put by me to afford the Commission some idea of what might be outstanding. It was on that basis that the liabilities of 1895 and previous years were estimated; so I thought that might be convenient for the Committee to have. I also have here an accurate statement, showing the absolute expenditure charged to the Treasury Bills. Mr. Kirkpatrick's statement was somewhat approximate.

1139. With reference to the statements compiled (by order of the Committee) from the quarterly *Gazette* statements, I wish to state that I do not regard the quarterly statements as at all satisfactory as a basis.

1140. *Mr. French.*] Not when they are put together? Not when they are put together, because in dealing with the Consolidated Revenue Fund we take it in portion. The Consolidated Revenue Fund, as shown in the books, embraces at least two divisions—that is to say, it embraces what has been regarded as the Deficiency Account, and also the Account Current. Well, in taking the quarterly statements you get the transactions in gross. It seems to me that in dealing with these things the audited accounts should be taken as an Accountant would take them.

1141. You mean the Auditor-General's accounts? Yes. I look upon these quarterly statements as interim accounts, simply published for the information of the public, they are correct as regards the final outcome—that is to say, in the final they are correct; but, if you commence to dissect them, then you get items in gross and not in net. These accounts are the Treasurer's statements audited by the Auditor-General.

1142. *Mr. Yarwood.*] If the Auditor-General makes any amendment, and you accept it or you settle it between you, that is the final result? That is the final result.

1143. Can you give us the accounts to 30th June, 1899? I can give the Committee the Treasurer's accounts as submitted to the Auditor-General, and as finally agreed to. Among the papers which I am handing in are a copy of the month's London accounts, the Bank of England balance statement, and a duplicate copy of the London accounts. I may say that I have prepared a series of balance statements made up in my own fashion which I would like to deposit with the Committee. I would not like my name identified with any compilation made up on a quarterly statement. The *Government Gazettes* are not audited statements, and the fact of returns for any month being published on the first day of the succeeding month shows conclusively that they are not final statements. While the balance must come out the arrangement of the details may be altered.

1144. *Chairman.*] Can you suggest some simpler mode of carrying on the accounts of the Treasury? I would very much like the Commission to visit the Treasury and see the work that has to be carried on. Our books may not be so simple at first sight as one would like to see them. They are not as simple as they could be in any ordinary public office, because we have to deal with accounts in two ways. We have to deal with appropriations of Parliament, and we have to deal with expenditure. And there is another thing. It is other people's moneys that we are spending, and we are bound down by Acts of Parliament

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and by legal restrictions on every side. I have no doubt that the Commission will at first sight think that affairs can be simplified, and I should be only too glad to simplify them if possible. Our system may be rather unwieldy, but I do not see at present how we are to simplify it.

1145. Is it likely to be less unwieldy from the fact of the recourse to the cash system? There is no doubt that the cash system, as it is called, has simplified affairs very much.

1146. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That is the act of blotting out the appropriations? Yes. Under the old system the appropriations were kept open for four or five years, and this caused difficulty.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 10 May, 1900.]

J. Vernon,
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9 May, 1900.

FIFTEENTH DAY—THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Roxburgh Martin, Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, examined:—

1147. *Chairman.*] I understand that you have had considerable financial experience, or, at all events, J. R. Martin, Esq. experience in figures and balance-sheets? Yes; I was practically Acting Government Statistician for three years.

1148. The Commission think of asking you to-day what your answer would be to the questions that have been set before them;—have you your replies in writing? I would rather give my evidence verbally, because, thinking the Committee might ask me for some information, I had begun to prepare certain statements, but these I have not completed. Still, I am ready to-day to tell the Committee what I know about these questions, and, indeed, about the matter in dispute as a whole.

1149. Take the first question? Before answering that question, I think it would be better if I gave my view of the matter in dispute.

1150. You wish to make a statement before we ask the questions? I think it would be better. The whole matter in dispute is this:—Mr. Lyne, Mr. M'Millan, Dr. MacLaurin, the financial editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. See have all said that, during the four and a half years between the 1st January, 1895, and the 30th June, 1899, Mr. Reid accumulated a deficiency of, practically, a million pounds. It has sometimes been estimated at much more than that, but it has generally been set down at a million pounds. Mr. Reid says he has not accumulated this deficiency; and that is really the point at issue—whether he has done so or not. It is most important that the matter should be thoroughly threshed out, because a good deal depends upon the decision from a public point of view. It is really more than a mere dispute between the present Premier and the late one. Mr. Lyne came into power a few months ago, after a tenure of office by the previous Government of five years. During the last four of those years the country was told that there had been a surplus on the twelve months' transactions, and that the income had been equal to the expenditure. The people were led to believe that the finances were in a flourishing condition; that there had been a surplus annually, representing cash in the Bank; yet Mr. Lyne, on assuming office, finds a depleted Treasury. The latest statement to this effect was made by Mr. Carruthers, when he delivered his Financial Statement before the last Government went out of office; he then said, that on the transactions of the year ended 30th June, 1899, there was a surplus of £147,000.

1151. In face of the fact that the credit balance on that vote was £116,523 5s. 8d.? Yes. I may say that the statements presented in Committee of Ways and Means are not parallel with those in the Public Accounts, for this reason: In Committee of Ways and Means the Treasurer considers how he can provide the revenue to meet the estimates of expenditure which he submits to Parliament, and he takes credit in his statement for advances which will afterwards be recovered. Mr. Carruthers said on that occasion: "This is our surplus. Honorable members may ask, where is this surplus? I am happy to reply that it represents cash in the Bank; at least, to the amount of £116,000—the small balance is represented by sums to be afterwards recovered." These may not be his own words; but that is practically what he said. Well, Mr. Lyne has the accounts placed in his hands, and he finds that there was actually no cash in the Bank at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the 30th June, 1899, but that this account was very largely overdrawn; not only that, he also finds that the General Loan Account had a very large debit balance; and he discovers that the cash balances of the Trust Funds had been used to meet the deficiencies on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account. It is his duty, of course, as Treasurer, to see that the finances of the Colony are placed on a sound basis; he must make his income meet his expenditure, and if he finds the revenue insufficient, he must adjust his taxation correspondingly. But here he finds himself placed in this peculiar position. The country may state that the previous Treasurer was always able to bring out a surplus with the revenue at his disposal; in addition to that, Mr. Lyne is pledged not to go to the Custom House for more revenue; while as for the question of increasing the Income Tax, nobody would dream of proposing that at the present moment. Yet, if the finances of the country are not on a sound basis, it is absolutely incumbent on the Treasurer to do something in the near future; and he will have a very good opportunity for action as soon as Federation comes about. Then, he must adjust the basis of taxation; for heavy duties are sure to be imposed by the Federal Parliament, and he will have a much larger revenue coming in. Indeed, there are many financial reasons why the action of the Federal Government should be anticipated. But when the Treasurer goes down to the House to state what he proposes to do, he must be able to show Parliament that his proposals are justifiable. And I think, in this connection, apart altogether from the matter in dispute between Mr. Lyne and Mr. Reid, that the Report of the Committee will be of great public usefulness, because it will show, or ought to show, the people the real position of the Colony, and let them know whether during the last four years the revenue has equalled the expenditure, or whether part of the expenditure has been dealt with in another way, and met from Treasury Bills instead of from taxation. Well, an examination of the accounts during the period of four and a half years from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, shows that the actual expenditure charged to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, was £43,378,554 3s. 2d. I shall show the

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Committee afterwards where I get these figures. During the same period the revenue proper (and that is really a contraction, in my opinion, for "Revenue properly so-called," as stated in the questions—that is to say, receipts which are properly called revenue) was £42,316,642 1s. 3d., showing an excess of expenditure over the whole period of £1,061,912 1s. 11d.

1152. Mr. Vernon made it £1,254,000; but your figures are nearer to Mr. Pitt's figures? My figures are exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. The deficiency would be greater with the Suspense Accounts included.

1153. You know what Mr. Pitt and Mr. Vernon said? Yes. Of course, it is a matter of opinion whether some items are revenue proper, and my view of what is such may differ from Mr. Pitt's or Mr. Vernon's, but the difference should only be trifling. To continue, I may here point to an extraordinary fact. Mr. Reid brought out a surplus every year; he practically told the country he had a surplus every year, yet during the period of four and a half years he spent over a million more than he received. How did he manage to do this? If we take the advances which he recovered in excess of the advances which he made, apart from the windfall from the General Loan Account, we find that he recovered a net amount of £251,849 4s. 9d. And if we deduct this amount from the deficiency in revenue of £1,061,912 1s. 11d. we are left with a net deficiency during the period of four and a half years of £810,062 17s. 2d. Now, that is the deficiency created by Mr. Reid on a cash basis, after giving him the benefit of a quarter of a million net recoveries on account of 1894 and previous years. To that deficiency of £810,062 17s. 2d. must be added the sum of £150,000 which was taken from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, in the year 1897-8, to meet a charge which properly fell upon revenue; and, in connection with this matter, I may say that the present Treasurer has during the last few weeks been requested by the Auditor-General to replace that amount to the Trust Funds. Adding this amount of £150,000 to the previous sum, the deficiency becomes £960,062 17s. 2d. Further, at the end of December, 1894, Mr. Reid instituted a system of thirty-year loans, to provide for services which up to that time had been defrayed from revenue. In this way the revenue during the last four and a half years has been relieved by, say, £550,000, after making a small deduction on account of items which might have been charged under the previous system to permanent loans. Adding that sum of £550,000 to the amount previously arrived at, we get a total deficiency during the period of £1,510,062 17s. 2d., after casting out the Suspense Accounts (which were asked to bear a charge of £25,000, spent in sand-shifting at the Centennial Park), and after giving the Treasurer of the day the benefit of a quarter of a million net advances recovered on account of 1894 and previous years.

1154. Do your figures agree with the Auditor-General's reports? There is nothing in my statements which conflicts with the Auditor-General's reports.

1155. *Mr. French.*] You can reconcile your figures with those reports? I can. I say that I have arrived at this deficiency of £1,510,062 17s. 2d., after relieving the revenue of the amounts placed in suspense, but taking into consideration the services provided for by short-dated loans. Of course, it is necessary to show by the balances how the deficiency is arrived at. On the 31st December, 1894, the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, amounted to £2,217,599, on the basis of the Treasury returns; while the Auditor-General gave the corresponding amount as £2,200,487 8s. 9d. On that date there was a small difference between the Auditor-General and the Treasury, amounting to £17,111 11s. 3d., which was afterwards adjusted, so that the balances of the two departments on the 30th June, 1899, are identical. The balance I have taken is the Treasury amount of £2,217,599, and it is necessary to find out how this balance was reduced. In the first half of the year 1895 there were certain transfers from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, amounting altogether, to £366,601 2s. 10d.

1156. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That is the accrued interest? It is accrued interest and something more. The Auditor-General and the Treasury have taken only accrued interest into account; but I will show the Committee that there were other items transferred at the same time, but carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account in another way. On page 85 of the Public Accounts for the half-year of 1895, in the General Loan Account, a sum of £366,601 2s. 10d. is shown to have been transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, and that credit properly reduced the deficiency on account of 1894 and previous years. But on page 13 it is shown that the accrued interest, to the amount of £341,319 9s. 2d., is taken in under the head of "other receipts," while the two items of "Premium on Loan raised" and "Interest on deferred payment of Instalment," to the amount of £25,281 13s. 8d., are taken in as revenue proper. That accounts for part of the difference between my statement and the others. In the latter the two items mentioned have been included as revenue proper.

1156½. *Chairman.*] You say a part of the difference, not the whole difference? It is not the whole difference; there are other items. The two sums I have mentioned were not, of course, Revenue proper. In addition to the transfer from the General Loan Account, to the amount of £366,601 2s. 10d., the sum of £600,000 was by law, during the period of four and a half years, paid off on account of the old deficiency. As the redemption is effected in the month of December, and there were four Decembers in the period, only £600,000 was paid off, instead of £675,000, as might at first be supposed. Adding the amount of £600,000 to the previous sum of £366,601 2s. 10d., we get a total of £966,601 2s. 10d., by which the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894, was reduced; so that the balance of the 1894 deficiency which existed on the 30th June, 1899, after crediting the transfer from the General Loan Account, and providing for the redemption according to law, was only £1,250,997 17s. 2d. But the actual deficiency existing on the 30th June, 1899, both according to the Treasury and to the Auditor-General, was £2,061,060 14s. 4d., without the Suspense Accounts. There had, therefore, been an increase in the deficiency during the period of four and a half years of £810,062 17s. 2d., according to the balances. That sum of £810,062 17s. 2d. is the deficiency I established between the revenue and the expenditure, after giving credit for a quarter of a million advances recovered from 1894 and previous years.

1157. *Mr. French.*] You say that that agrees with the Auditor-General? Yes. Now, this is a peculiar state of affairs. There is no question that such a deficiency was established during the late Treasurer's tenure of office. How did he manage to do so, and still emerge with a credit balance? Simply by changing the system of keeping the public accounts. It is contended by him that he paid away a million pounds on account of liabilities of his predecessors. Even if he had done so, I can establish a deficiency on account of his meeting from the proceeds of short-dated loans those services which were formerly provided for by revenue; and, also, on account of his taking £150,000 from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund to meet

a charge upon Revenue. But those are, in my opinion, minor matters in comparison with the issue of Treasury bills, because, after all, Parliament approved of the system of thirty-year loans, and if it is shown by the Committee to be a bad one, I suppose Parliament will knock it on the head. But while the late Treasurer contended that he paid away a million pounds on account of liabilities of his predecessors, it has been contended, on the other side, that he did nothing of the kind. Certainly, it can only be argued that he did pay away, on account of his predecessors, a million which was not rightly chargeable to revenue, if it can be shown that during the period of four and a half years he paid away that sum in excess of a fair average expenditure of the Colony for that time. Now, the figures show that his expenditure during the four and a half years did not include an extra million; but that he simply utilised the change in the system of keeping the accounts to charge £1,000,000 of expenditure to Trust Funds instead of providing for it out of taxation.

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1158. You do not mean directly, of course? It was taken directly, and then it was covered by bills. It can very easily be proved whether he paid away £1,000,000 more than ought to have been debited as a fair charge to revenue. The expenditure charged to the year 1893 was £9,816,876 6s. 8d., and the expenditure charged to the year 1894 was £9,694,889 18s. I may say that these amounts show a considerable reduction as compared with the expenditure of 1892 and previous years, simply because we got to bad times and had to reduce our expenditure; but taking those two years—the two reduced years—and averaging them, we get an annual expenditure of £9,755,888 2s. 4d. Now, the amount spent during the year 1895–6, the first year of the new system, was £9,852,218 17s. 6d.; that is to say, Mr. Reid practically spent the average of 1893 and 1894. But he only charged his revenue during that year with £8,899,411 8s. 7d.; that is to say, he charged his revenue with a sum which was less than the average of 1893 and 1894 by £856,476 13s. 9d.

1159. *Chairman.*] The years of the crisis? £856,476 13s. 9d. less than the average of the years of the crisis. During that year of 1895–6 he charged to Treasury bills £952,807 8s. 11d. Now, look at these figures and just see what they mean. You start out with a reduced expenditure during the years of the crisis, and you get a certain amount; and in 1895–6 you find that there is charged to Treasury bills £952,000 odd, and the expenditure charged to revenue in the first year of the new system is £856,000 less than the average of the years of the crisis. It is as clear to me as noon-day that the change of system simply allowed the first year's expenditure to be divided between the Trust Funds (that is what I call the Treasury bills) and revenue. And that is proved by the difficulties in which the Treasurer found himself after the end of his first year. Having relieved his revenue of a sum of £856,000 during that year, he was only able to establish a credit balance of £326,530 1s. 10d., after deducting £150,000 for Treasury bills which were afterwards cancelled; that is to say, he lost half a million on the year. He had not revenue to meet his expenditure, and he never had sufficient revenue afterwards. If he lost half a million on the year 1895–6, there must be an explanation why he did not lose half a million on the following year. Towards the end of the year 1895–6 the Public Service Board made sweeping reductions in the Service; they claim, and I believe with reason, that they saved £300,000 a year. They graded the Service before the close of June, 1896; but, of course, the savings did not take effect until the following year of 1896–7. They saved £300,000, and they relieved Mr. Reid's revenue to that extent; consequently he had to find the balance of £200,000. He actually made a loss of that amount, because his credit balance was reduced from £326,530 1s. 10d. to £114,444 16s. 6d. on the 30th June, 1897. Of course, he was still in difficulties. He had to keep the Roads vote at a quarter of a million less than should have been spent on them; and it is well known that the roads have been cut right into their foundations, and that it will take a large sum of money to put them in proper repair, and I do not see how the present Government can find it until taxation has been adjusted. The expenditure on roads averaged, during the five years from 1890 to 1894, the sum of £700,000. In 1895–6, Mr. Reid spent on roads £719,990; but he only charged revenue during that year with £387,207, and charged the difference of £332,783 to Treasury bills. In 1896–7 his expenditure on roads was only £547,761; for he could not charge any more to Treasury bills without making a new issue. In 1897–8 his expenditure on roads was £514,881, and in 1898–9 it was £526,477—that is to say, during the last three years he has spent on the roads and charged to revenue half a million annually instead of three-quarters of a million. During 1897–8 the accounts show that the credit balance on the Treasury "Account Current," without the Suspense Accounts, increased from £114,444 16s. 6d. to £122,211 1s. 10d.—that is to say, there was, on the transactions brought to account, a surplus of £7,766, but that surplus was only produced by the Auditor-General authorising the taking from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund of a sum of £150,000 which was lying as a sinking fund for another purpose, in order to apply it towards the redemption of debentures maturing under Act 31 Vic., No. 11. I have heard it stated here, by an officer of the Audit Department, that in fairness to Mr. Reid that sum of £150,000 must be considered a legacy from his predecessors. It was nothing of the kind; it was largely of Mr. Reid's own creation, as I shall show the Committee. During the year 1897–8, under the ordinary condition of things, a sum should have been set apart for the extinction of the debentures, and that should have cleared off the million to be redeemed; but, as in former years they did not care to buy those debentures in the open market, the whole of the annual sum provided by law for their extinction was not used, and the balance was returned to revenue. The actual sum falling upon revenue in 1897–8 was roughly, £204,000; and of that sum Mr. Reid paid £150,000 from Trust Funds, and charged his revenue with the balance paid over—that is to say, he charged it with less than the annual amount to be provided in the ordinary course. On page 170 of the Auditor-General's Report for 1897 it is shown that during 1896–7 (this was the year prior to the year in which the redemption was made) £38,235 was paid by Mr. Reid instead of £70,000; that is, he had a saving on that year of £31,765. During the year 1895–6, instead of £70,000, he only paid £15,670, effecting a saving on that year of £54,330. And during the half-year of 1895, instead of £35,000, he made payments to the amount of £19,485, effecting a saving of £15,515. That is to say, during those two and a half years he paid away a sum less by £101,610 than the amount provided by statute; and yet the Committee is informed that that was a legacy from Mr. Reid's predecessors.

1160. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I find from the audited statements that in the year 1895–6, amongst the disbursements out of the revenue, there is a sum of £126,510 for redemptions of every kind—that is the first year of the

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the new system ; then in 1896-7 the amount is £265,810 for the annual redemptions, and for 1897-8 it is £285,948 2s. ;—can you tell me whether during those four years there ought to have been the same redemption? Yes ; the difference is charged to Treasury bills. In regard to one item in particular it may be said that new Treasury bills were issued to redeem the old ones. But to go on with my explanation, this utilisation of £150,000 from Trust Funds shows how the credit balance existing on the 30th June, 1897, was preserved from extinction.

1161. *Mr. French.*] What do you mean by the credit balance? The sum of £114,444 16s. 6d. at credit on the 30th June, 1897, increased to £122,211 1s. 10d. in the way described ; otherwise, it would have been a debit balance of £27,788 18s. 2d. In the last year of 1898-9, of course, the credit balance was reduced from £122,211 1s. 10d. to £116,523 5s. 8d. ; that is to say, there was no surplus, but a deficiency on the year's transactions brought to account. I can only say what the Treasurer himself has stated in public, that he has found that sum was only kept there by unpaid accounts. And yet there is supposed to have been no drift during the period of four and a half years ! It is all very well for Mr. Reid to say that he paid £1,000,000 on account of the liabilities of his predecessors. Even if they had been liabilities, when the change of system was made on the 30th June, 1895, the balances of Appropriations ought to have been cut clean down, so that the year 1895-6 would have been charged with a full year's expenditure ; and if the revenue was found to be insufficient, extra taxation should have been put on the people, and the public should not have been misled. But I should like to point out that "liabilities," from the point of view of a Government official, are not such as would be so regarded by a business man. Both in the Department of Audit and in the Treasury, for a long period, "liabilities" existing at the end of a year have really been equivalent to the outstanding unexpended votes. So, indeed, were they liabilities before the change of system was made ; for so long as the unexpended votes were available for expenditure, and so long as the law provided that they might be spent during succeeding years, they were always cast back as liabilities upon the revenue of a certain year. They were, therefore, rightly called liabilities, because they were open for expenditure, and might be expended and charged back as liabilities to the year in which they were voted. But even if the sum of £1,174,700 had represented real liabilities, such as balances of votes for contracts on works in connection with which it would have been open to the Treasurer to stop the expenditure, but which it would have been unwise on his part to stop, because the previous expenditure would have been wasted ; even then they ought to have been cut clean down, because it was specially provided that the year 1895-6 should not be charged with any unexpended balances due on account of works that had been placed in hand in that year. Section 2 of the Audit Act Amendment Act passed by Mr. Reid is as follows :—

"Every appropriation made after the commencement of this Act out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony for the service of any financial year shall lapse and cease to have effect for any purpose at the close of that year, and any balance of the moneys so appropriated which may be unexpended at the close of such financial year shall be surrendered to the revenue for the general use of the Colony : Provided that in the case of public works the full amount of the estimated expense of completing each work shall be included in the estimates of expenditure on which the item appears, divided into the amounts estimated to be required for expenditure in each financial year over which the work is expected to extend ; and these amounts shall be provided, for as follows :—The estimated expenditure for the first year in the Appropriation Act for that year ; and the estimated expenditure for any following year shall be provided for as a Special Appropriation for that year."

So that even if the issue of Treasury bills to the amount of £1,174,700 had represented liabilities in the true sense of the word,—that is to say, if the bills had represented works in connection with which there were unexpended votes necessary to complete the works, then the votes still ought to have been cut clean down at the change of system, because in that Act it is provided that the estimated expenditure on works put in hand during 1895-6 shall be divided, and only one portion charged against that year. But, in my opinion, the issue of Treasury bills did not represent liabilities from the point of view of a business man. Take, for example, the roads, on which one-third of the proceeds of the issue of Treasury bills was spent, after the cash debit balance existing on the 30th June, 1895, was extinguished. Road maintenance is carried on from day to day, and the work can be stopped by the Premier whenever he pleases. On the 30th June, 1895, there were certain unexpended votes, and these did not represent liabilities at all. If Mr. Reid had wished to spend them merely for the purpose of keeping the roads in repair, in addition to making provision for a proper charge against the revenue of the year 1895-6, he could have done so, and there would have been no objection to the course pursued ; and in that case he would have spent £1,000,000 instead of £700,000. But he only spent £719,990 during the year, and of that amount he charged £332,783 to Treasury bills, and used this sum in reduction of his own expenditure during the first year of the new system—that is, he only charged £387,207 to the revenue. After meeting the cash debit balance on the Treasury Account current there was a sum of extraordinary receipts, as you might call them, of £926,586 2s. 10d., left to be spent after the change of system—available for expenditure. Of that sum £332,783 was spent on the roads of the Colony. No one can contend for a moment that that represented a liability of the predecessors of the Treasurer of the day. If you add to this sum of £332,783 the sum of £75,000, which was not paid until December, 1895, in extinction of the old debentures, and the sum of £37,500 in redemption of Railway debentures, which were certainly not liabilities of the old period, you get the amount of £445,283 out of a total available for expenditure of £926,586 2s. 10d. ; so that, even allowing that the difference between these sums represented actual liabilities, and that it was right to allow those liabilities to be covered by Bills, there is a deficiency of nearly half a million alone, and that must be increased by the sum of £150,000, for which the Auditor-General is pressing now, and by the amount relieved to the Revenue by the system of thirty-year loans. In addition to the roads, however, there are many more items of the same kind. For instance, there is one item among the accounts which caught my eye casually, an amount charged to Bills in 1895-6, on account of the office of the Government Statistician. I was in the office at that time, and I am of opinion that when the change of system was made any unexpended votes of that office ought to have lapsed, and the expenditure during the year made a charge on the revenue of the year. I am not aware of any charge which could be fairly called a liability of the previous year on account of the previous Government.

1162. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I notice some items here under the head of Naval Expenditure. There seems to be a reduction to the amount of £12,000 in 1895-6, as compared with the two following years. Can you explain

explain that difference? I should say at once that the difference has been charged to Treasury bills. Yes; I see in the Auditor-General's Report for 1896 before me that there is an amount of £13,101 charged to Treasury Bills. I would draw the attention of the Committee to this feature. Prior to the change of system every Treasurer, when he submitted his Estimates to Parliament, had to provide for all claims coming forward from the Revenue of the year irrespective of the date. Here are the Estimates for 1894 submitted to the House, and if the Committee look at them they will see under every heading of Contingencies the words "irrespective of date of claims." That was done away with; there was nothing of the kind when the Estimates for 1895-6 were submitted, simply because all claims coming forward on account of preceding years were provided for from Treasury bills, and there was only one year to be covered. When Mr. Reid decided to issue the bills, he was taken to task in Parliament about his proposal. It was contended by Mr. Lyne, Mr. McMillan, and other Members that the course proposed was wrong, and that the effect of it was simply to relieve the Revenue of a fair charge during the first year. In my opinion, subsequent events have proved that that view was quite correct. But Mr. Reid afterwards presented a statement—I am quoting from the Ways and Means for the year 1895-6—in which he shows how this deficiency of £1,174,767 14s. 4d. is arrived at, and he appends a note to that amount as follows:—

"This balance includes a sum of £750,000 paid in reduction of the deficiency for 1886 and previous years, and also a sum of £300,000 in reduction of the Public Debt for railways.

Well, the deficiency was either one thing or the other. It could not be both. And for anyone to state in Parliament that it was actually proposed to take up Treasury bills with Trust Funds in order to pay liabilities which included £750,000 in reduction of the old deficiency, and a sum of £300,000 in reduction of the debt for railways, is absolutely nonsensical.

1163. *Chairman.*] It was untrue? It was untrue. The amount was either paid before or afterwards, and it was certainly not paid afterwards. And, in regard to this annual redemption of £150,000 in extinction of the Deficiency Bills, I do not agree with the Auditor-General when he states that the redemption was not absolutely effected. I say that not only was it effected literally, but it was effected absolutely. It was a Statutory obligation—a first charge upon the revenue. It was provided by Parliament that, in order to reduce the deficiency existing on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account of the Colony (and I may say, parenthetically, that, so far as I am aware, there is no deficiency to such a large amount existing in any other Colony), a sum of £150,000 should be paid off every year, and that the Treasurer should find the money. Well, the Treasurer provided in his Estimates for the reduction of the deficiency, and it was reduced. The entry is there in the books, and the redemption was absolutely effected. I believe the Treasury officials, if you call them, will inform you that the sum of £150,000 was put back to the Savings Bank deposits, with which the Treasury bills were taken up. The redemption had to be effected before expenditure was made from the annual votes. The Act, however, did not prevent another Treasurer from creating a further deficiency, and that is what was done. The Auditor-General fell into a blunder when, in his 1898 Report, he devoted two or three pages towards showing that this redemption was not absolute, but only literal. It is, of course, practically correct to say that the bills were only redeemed at the expense of the cash overdraft; but I say that the redemption has always been made, not only literally, but absolutely; the explanation being that at the same time the Treasurer has created a further deficiency. I should like to go into the questions in detail, and give the Committee the basis on which my statements to-day have been made. I can put my hand on every figure, and I believe I can satisfy the Committee that the country is going to leeward; that the revenue of the country at the present day is absolutely insufficient to meet the expenditure, and has been so for four years; and that a readjustment of taxation is absolutely necessary. There is not a shadow of doubt about that. I don't know whether the Committee would like me to state anything about this set of questions about which there has been so much talk; but I am quite prepared to do so. In my opinion, the questions have been compiled with the sole object of eliciting the true facts of the case, and presenting these facts before the country in a proper manner. There was no trickery about their compilation, as has been suggested.

1164. *Mr. French.*] I don't know that there has been anything suggested to that effect? It has been said that there was; that the questions were the result of deliberate trickery, and the persons who compiled them were charged with deliberate trickery. It has been stated that they were drawn up with the object of deluding the public, and of making the Committee give misleading answers. I say that every question is submitted in a perfectly open and honest manner, and to each of the questions there is only one reply, and that is the true reply. The questions are quite honest and straightforward, and a true knowledge of the accounts cannot be obtained, and a proper conclusion cannot be arrived at, unless the subject-matter of the questions is dealt with. The Treasurer dictated the heads upon which the opinion of the Committee was to be sought. I have certain information here I should like to give the Committee as the basis on which I have made my statements. I can show the Committee, in the Auditor-General's reports, the verification of my figures. If Mr. Reid relieved his revenue of the amount in question, and by means of certain devices made the public believe that his taxation was sufficient for all purposes, then an explanation is due to the public.

1165. But that is what we have got to find? Yes; you have got to find whether we have not been trying to get along with too little revenue.

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SIXTEENTH DAY—FRIDAY, 11 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Roxburgh Martin, Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade,
further examined:—

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1166. *Chairman.*] Will you now proceed with the continuation of your statement? I think I said yesterday that I could reconcile with the Auditor-General's Reports the deficiency I then established. The figures I referred to yesterday I started to compile on Tuesday, and I established the results which I stated to the Committee. This morning between 11 and 1 o'clock I referred to the Auditor-General's Reports, and, just as I supposed, I have made a complete reconciliation without any trouble whatever. The Auditor-General gives the balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole; that is to say, including the Special Suspense Accounts. The difference between the Treasury Account Current, which excludes the Special Suspense Accounts, and the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole, treated as such by the Auditor-General, only amounts to about £160,000 during the period of four and a half years; so that, in order to show the Committee that my figures are correct, it may be well for the present to work on the accounts as a whole. I should like the members of the Committee, therefore, to keep before them the balances as established by the Auditor-General from the 31st December, 1894, to the 30th June, 1899. The figures are as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
On 31st December, 1894	2,735,511	8	11
On 30th June, 1895	2,570,177	4	7
On 30th June, 1896	2,993,304	7	8
On 30th June, 1897	3,056,774	2	11
On 30th June, 1898	2,898,713	14	1
On 30th June, 1899	2,757,529	7	7

There was a slight adjustment, as I think I explained yesterday, made during that period between the Treasury figures and the Auditor-General's figures. The difference on the 31st December, 1894, was £17,111 11s. 3d.; on the 30th June, 1895, it became £17,209 19s. 2d.; on the 30th June, 1896, it became £1,359 7s. 9d.; on the 30th June, 1897, the balances were the same, as they were also in the latter two years. After making these adjustments, the deficiency, according to the Treasury Accounts, was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
On 31st December, 1894	2,752,623	0	2
On 30th June, 1895	2,587,387	3	9
On 30th June, 1896	2,994,663	15	5
On 30th June, 1897	3,056,774	2	11
On 30th June, 1898	2,898,713	14	1
On 30th June, 1899	2,757,529	7	7

These balances, although perhaps it is not visible at first sight, show that Mr. Reid created a deficiency during the period of four and a half years to the amount of £971,507 10s. 3d.

1167. That was the amount you gave us yesterday? Yesterday I gave, without the Special Suspense Accounts, the sum of £810,062 17s. 2d.; the figures I am now using, for the purpose of proving their agreement with the Auditor-General's Reports, are inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and the deficiency on this basis is £971,507 10s. 3d. During the period of four and a half years the expenditure proper amounted to £43,541,432 19s. 4d. During the same period the revenue proper amounted to £42,318,037 1s. 3d. There was an excess of expenditure during the period of £1,223,395 18s. 1d.

1168. *Mr. French.*] An excess of expenditure over receipts? Yes. During the period of four and a half years Mr. Reid recovered the sum of £251,888 7s. 10d. in excess of his advances, and as I think that sum might very fairly go to his credit on a cash basis, I have deducted it from the deficiency, thus reducing the amount to £971,507 10s. 3d. Of course, to this amount would have to be added the transfer of £150,000 from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, and also the amount of £550,000 (if it were considered to be a relief of revenue) expended from the thirty-year loans, for certainly these charges were met from revenue prior to the 31st December, 1894. Add these two sums of £150,000 and £550,000 referred to, and that would make a total deficiency of £1,671,507 10s. 3d.; that is to say, a sum of £161,444 13s. 1d. more than the amount I gave yesterday, being the net expenditure charged to the Special Suspense Accounts during the period of four and a half years.

1168½. Will you tell us what the total revenue and expenditure were? Yes. I have given the amount of the revenue proper as £42,318,037 1s. 3d. Now I will add the amount of recoveries, £1,152,862 14s. 2d., and I get £43,470,899 15s. 5d. That is the total revenue and receipts, including everything except a sum which was neither revenue proper nor a recovery, but a credit to be used in reduction of the 1894 deficiency—that is to say, the transfer from the General Loan Account to the amount of £366,601 2s. 10d. Taking this sum into consideration, that would give a total of £43,837,500 18s. 3d. against a total expenditure of £44,442,407 5s. 8d.; but the former amount, as I have pointed out, includes a sum belonging to the old deficiency.

1169. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I am going to wash up to the 30th June, 1895, and clean the slate properly to the best of my knowledge and belief; well, I find that the advances that appear in those accounts are wiped out in subsequent items; so it looks on the face of it as though, when that item of £1,024,000 was considered, the Treasury said, "There are certain advances outstanding, we will get those in and put them to

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the credit of the account ;” and apparently one wipes out the other ; then subsequently to that they made certain advances, advances to contractors and others, and they received certain advances. Well, it is absolutely necessary that we should know what the balance was on the 30th June, 1895? That is, I believe, shown in the Auditor-General’s Report.

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1170. Will you get that for us? Yes. To go on, I have cast a net quarter of a million of recoveries in to Mr. Reid’s credit, and yet I find an excess of expenditure amounting to £971,507 10s. 3d. The only receipt I have left out of revenue is the transfer from the General Loan Account of £366,601 2s. 10d. During the first half-year of 1895 the Revenue proper amounted to £4,537,667 19s. 8d. I have made up the Revenue proper for myself, and my figures will differ from those of the Treasury Accountant, who may have cast some items such as the transferred Premium on Loans into Revenue proper, and will also differ from those of the Auditor-General, who has apparently cast the whole of the transfer of accrued interest belonging to 1894 and previous years into the Revenue proper of the first half-year of 1895 ; but as everything I have not put into Revenue proper I have put into “Other Receipts,” it comes to the same thing in the end. Against the Revenue for that period the Expenditure proper was £5,057,282 2s. 10d. ; so that there was a deficiency on the half-year of £519,614 3s. 2d. Now I take in the advances recovered and made during the same period. The advances recovered amounted to £355,150 4s. 3d., and the advances made amounted to £36,801 7s. 6d. That gave a credit on the advances to the amount of £318,348 16s. 9d. Taking the two classes together, we get a net deficiency on the half-year of £201,265 6s. 5d. On the 31st December, 1894, the deficiency existing was £2,752,623 0s. 2d. after the adjustment made to bring the figures of the Auditor-General into line with those of the Treasury. During the half-year of 1895 there was a transfer from the General Loan Account to the amount of £366,601 2s. 10d. That reduced the deficiency on 31st December, 1894, existing on the 30th June, 1895, to £2,386,021 17s. 4d. The actual deficiency as disclosed in the reports of the Auditor-General, slightly adjusted to the Treasury figures, as before explained, was £2,587,387 3s. 9d., showing an increase of £201,265 6s. 5d. ; and that is the deficiency which I have just established between the revenue and the expenditure.

In the year 1895–6, the revenue proper amounted to £9,254,337 16s. 2d., and the expenditure proper to £9,879,914 16s. 2d. There was, therefore, a deficiency in the revenue to the amount of £623,577. During the year advances were recovered to the amount of £140,259 18s. 2d., and advances were made to the amount of £74,059 9s. 10d., giving the Treasurer a credit of £66,200 8s. 4d. Taking the two classes together, the revenue and expenditure proper, and the other receipts and expenditure, the net deficiency on the year was £557,376 11s. 8d. The balance of the 1894 deficiency existing on the 30th June, 1895, was £2,386,021 17s. 4d. During the year there was a statutory redemption to the amount of £150,000, reducing the 1894 deficiency to £2,236,021 17s. 4d. The actual deficiency existing at that date, according to the Auditor-General’s reports, slightly adjusted to the figures of the Treasury, was £2,994,663 15s. 5d. Therefore, up to the 30th June, 1896, a new deficit of £758,641 18s. 1d. had been created, and that amount of £758,641 18s. 1d. is the amount obtained by adding the debit of £557,376 11s. 8d. to the debit of £201,265 6s. 5d. in the first half-year of 1895.

During 1896–7 the revenue proper amounted to £9,288,358 19s. 10d., and the expenditure proper to £9,470,167 6s. Therefore, there was a debit balance of £181,808 6s. 2d. on the operations of the period. The recoveries during the year amounted to £181,334 19s. 6d., and the advances made to £211,637 0s. 10d. Therefore, there was a debit balance on the other receipts and other expenditure of £30,302 1s. 4d. Taking both classes together, the net deficiency on the year was £212,110 7s. 6d. Add that to the deficiency established during the previous year and a half, and the total amount becomes £970,752 5s. 7d. On the 30th June, 1896, the balance of the 1894 deficiency existing was £2,236,021 17s. 4d. Deducting the Treasury bills redeemed during the year, the amount becomes £2,086,021 17s. 4d. The actual deficiency existing was £3,056,774 2s. 11d., being an increase of £970,752 5s. 7d., as previously established between the revenue and expenditure figures.

During 1897–8 the revenue proper amounted to £9,482,564 8s. 8d., and the expenditure proper to £9,397,600 6s. 7d. Therefore, there was a credit balance on the year to the amount of £84,964 2s. 1d. The recoveries made during the year amounted to £265,111 12s. 1d., and the advances made amounted to £342,015 5s. 4d., the debit balance on these operations being £76,903 13s. 3d., leaving a net credit balance on both classes of £8,060 8s. 10d. That reduced the deficiency in revenue of the previous two and a half years to £962,691 16s. 9d. On the 30th June, 1897, the balance of the 1894 deficiency existing was £2,086,021 17s. 4d. During the year 1897–8, bills to the amount of £150,000 were redeemed, bringing down the deficiency to £1,936,021 17s. 4d., while the actual deficiency was £2,898,713 14s. 1d., showing a new deficiency of £962,691 16s. 9d.

During the year 1898–9, the revenue proper amounted to £9,755,107 16s. 11d., and the expenditure proper amounted to £9,738,468 7s. 9d., giving a credit balance of £16,639 9s. 2d. In the course of the year recoveries to the amount of £211,006 0s. 2d. were received, and advances were made to the amount of £236,461 2s. 10d., being an excess on advances of £25,455 2s. 8d. Taking these two classes together, the debit balance on the operations of the year was £8,815 13s. 6d. ; add that to the previous total, £962,691 16s. 9d., and you obtain a net amount of £971,507 10s. 3d. on the operations of the four and a half years. On the 30th June, 1898, the balance of the 1894 deficiency existing was £1,936,021 17s. 4d. Reducing that by £150,000 of bills redeemed during 1898–9, the balance of the 1894 deficiency is brought down to £1,786,021 17s. 4d. The actual deficiency existing at that date, according to the Auditor-General, was £2,757,529 7s. 7d. The increase was, therefore, £971,507 10s. 3d., and that is exactly the deficiency in the revenue during the four and a half years, after giving Mr. Reid credit for an excess of recoveries during the period of £251,888 7s. 10d.

1171. *Mr. French.*] And yet the Auditor-General in his balances only shows a drift of £22,000? The reason why the Auditor-General shows in his balances an apparent drift of only £22,000, is this :—You start out on the 31st December, 1894, according to the Auditor-General, with a deficiency of £2,735,511 8s. 11d. ; the corresponding amount of the Treasury is £2,752,623 0s. 2d. ; but, taking the former amount, the Auditor-General shows on the 30th June, 1899, a deficiency of £2,757,529 7s. 7d. Apparently, these figures only show a drift to the amount of £22,000, and, as £17,000 of that was adjusted, it is really only a drift of £5,000 ; but during the period there was transferred from the General Loan Account the sum of £366,601 2s. 10d. which belonged to the period prior to the 31st December, 1894, and has been included in the revenue on which the balance on the 30th June, 1899, has been struck. Consequently, that sum of
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£366,601 2s. 10d. has either to be added to the last figure, or, more properly, it has to be deducted from the former. Therefore, the drift is over £370,000, even after we allow for the adjustment between the Treasury figures and the Auditor-General's figures. And, furthermore, during the period of four and a half years, the 1894 deficiency was reduced according to law by the amount of £600,000, yet we find that the balance has not been reduced. Therefore, it stands to reason that there has been another deficiency created during the period to the amount of £600,000. And if you add that to the previous figures obtained by the transfer from the General Loan Account, and to the small amount of the "drift" according to the balances, you get the deficiency which I have established to the amount of £971,507 10s. 3d. The balances as disclosed by the Auditor-General are only a check on the revenue and expenditure. If after you make up the revenue and expenditure account, and take out the proceeds from Treasury bills and the transfer from the General Loan Account, you find an excess of expenditure of £971,507 10s. 3d., it must be capable of explanation according to the balances, because the balances are only made up on the basis of the revenue and expenditure. Well, I have given the explanation of these figures. In the balances there is included a sum of £366,601 2s. 10d. which reduced the 1894 deficiency, and at the same time there is a drop of £600,000 on the same account—that is to say, the Auditor-General's balances include two movements, a downward and an upward. There is the downward movement of the 1894 deficiency, and of the transfer from the General Loan Account; and there is the upward movement created by the excess of expenditure over revenue during the period of four and a half years. As to the bills, Mr. Reid has stated on many occasions that he redeemed them during each of the four years; and he is quite right when he says that he has redeemed those bills. Consequently, when you find that the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account has not gone down to that amount, you can well come to the conclusion that it has increased in another way; and so it has increased, not only by the amount of £600,000, but by the amount transferred from the General Loan Account. I will read out the figures in this statement which I have prepared as evidence. I do not care who the man is, but he cannot take that statement to pieces. It is substantially correct, and it shows an actual deficiency.

1172. *Chairman.*] That statement, in your opinion, brings out the deficiency of £971,507 10s. 3d.? Yes. That sum includes £161,444 13s. 1d. charged to the Special Suspense Accounts. But it does not include the sum of £150,000 taken from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, and the relief to revenue by the amounts charged to short-dated loans, which I estimate at £550,000. These sums would have to be added. The first part of the statement shows the revenue and expenditure proper during each period, and the difference between the two:—

Period.	Revenue and Expenditure Proper.					
	Revenue.		Expenditure.		Balance on operations in period.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1895	4,537,667	19 8	5,057,282	2 10	Dr.	519,614 3 2
1895-6	9,254,337	16 2	9,877,914	16 2	Dr.	623,577 0 0
1896-7	9,288,358	19 10	9,470,167	6 0	Dr.	181,808 6 2
1897-8	9,482,564	8 8	9,397,600	6 7	Cr.	84,964 2 1
1898-9	9,755,107	16 11	9,738,468	7 9	Cr.	16,639 9 2
	42,318,037	1 3	43,541,432	19 4	Dr.	1,223,395 18 1

The second part shows the recoveries and advances made:—

Period.	Advances recovered and made.					
	Recoveries.		Advances.		Balance on operations in period.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1895	355,150	4 3	36,801	7 6	Cr.	318,348 16 9
1895-6	140,259	18 2	74,059	9 10	Cr.	66,200 8 4
1896-7	181,334	19 6	211,637	0 10	Dr.	30,302 1 4
1897-8	265,111	12 1	342,015	5 4	Dr.	76,903 13 3
1898-9	211,006	0 2	236,461	2 10	Dr.	25,455 2 8
	1,152,862	14 2	900,974	6 4	Cr.	251,888 7 10

The third part of the statement shows the net deficiency or surplus on the operations of each period, taking the two classes together, and also the gradual growth of the new deficiency:—

Period.	Net Deficiency or Surplus, after throwing in Recoveries.		Growth of New Deficiency.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1895	Dr.	201,265 6 5		201,265 6 5
1895-6	Dr.	557,376 11 8		758,641 18 1
1896-7	Dr.	212,110 7 6		970,752 5 7
1897-8	Cr.	8,060 8 10		962,691 16 9
1898-9	Dr.	8,815 13 6		971,507 10 3
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The fourth part of the statement shows the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account at the end of each period, with the adjustment necessary to bring the figures into line with those of the Treasury:—

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Date.	Deficiency on Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, according to Auditor-General.		Difference between Auditor-General and Treasury gradually adjusted.			Deficiency, according to Treasury Accounts.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
31 Dec., 1894.....	2,735,511	8 11	17,111	11 3	2,752,623	0 2	
30 June, 1895.....	2,570,177	4 7	17,209	19 2	2,587,387	3 9	
30 „ 1896.....	2,993,304	7 8	1,359	7 9	2,994,663	15 5	
30 „ 1897.....	3,056,774	2 11	Nil.		3,056,774	2 11	
30 „ 1898.....	2,898,713	14 1	Nil.		2,898,713	14 1	
30 „ 1899.....	2,757,529	7 7	Nil.		2,757,529	7 7	

And the last part of the statement shows the downward and upward movement of the balances, with the growth of the new deficiency, corresponding with the figures in the third part of the statement:—

Date.	Deficiency existing on 31st December, 1894.	Reduced by			Balance of 1894 Deficiency existing.	Actual Deficiency existing at date.	Growth of New Deficiency.
		Transfer from General Loan Account.	Statutory redemption charged to Consolidated Revenue Fund, afterwards carried to Trust Fund.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
31 Dec., 1894.....	2,752,623 0 2						
30 June, 1895.....		366,601 2 10		2,386,021 17 4	2,752,603 0 2	201,365 6 5	
30 „ 1896.....			150,000 0 0	2,236,021 17 4	2,994,663 15 5	758,641 18 1	
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30 „ 1899.....			150,000 0 0	1,786,021 17 4	2,757,529 7 7	971,507 10 3	

1173. Have you anything to say with regard to Questions 1, 2, and 3? I may say that these questions are obviously intended to include the Special Suspense Accounts, as these accounts form, with the Treasury Account Current, the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole according to law, and it is this account that the Auditor-General deals with in his annual report. The revenue proper, and correspondingly the expenditure proper, exclude not only such receipts as the transfer from the General Loan Account and the proceeds of the Treasury bills, but the advances recovered and the advances made. The answer to Question No. 1 is £42,318,037 1s. 3d. That includes revenue carried to the General Post Office Account to the amount of £1,389, and a sum of £6 carried to the Centennial Park Account. The answer to Question No. 2 is £43,541,432 19s. 4d., and that includes expenditure charged to the Post Office Account to the amount of £133,827 18s. 3d., and to the Centennial Park Account of £29,050 17s. 11d. Bringing the revenue proper and the expenditure proper together, we find the answer to question No. 3, which is an excess of expenditure to the amount of £1,223,395 18s. 1d.

1174. And Question No. 4? Question No. 4 asks that the receipts and expenditure in connection with the two Special Suspense Accounts may be set down, in order to arrive at the difference between the revenue and the expenditure proper without the Suspense Accounts in Question Number 5. The answer to Question Number 4 is Revenue, General Post Office Account, £1,389; Centennial Park Account, £6; total revenue, £1,395. Expenditure, Post Office Account, £133,827 18s. 3d.; Centennial Park Account, £29,050 17s. 11d.; total expenditure, £162,878 16s. 2d. The net expenditure on this account during the period of four and a half years was £161,483 16s. 2d.

1175. Question No. 5? Question No. 5 simply asks for the difference between the revenue and expenditure proper in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. The revenue is £42,316,642 1s. 3d., and the expenditure £43,378,554 3s. 2d., being an excess of expenditure to the amount of £1,061,912 1s. 11d.

1176. Question No. 6? Question No. 6 asks for the amount of Extraordinary Receipts taken into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period of four and a half years, such as the proceeds of Treasury bills and the accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account. The answer to this question, according to my calculations, is £1,391,301 2s. 10d. I may say that in my opinion "Extraordinary Receipts" cannot be interpreted to include advances recovered and repayments to credit of Votes, as these are ordinary transactions, although they are not revenue proper.

1177. Mr. Yarwood.] Was that the amount of those Treasury bills, £1,024,000, and the accrued interest? Yes. The total is arrived at by taking the proceeds of the sale of New South Wales Treasury bills issued under the Deficiency Act of 1895 to the amount of £1,174,000, and deducting £150,000 on account of the bills withdrawn and cancelled, leaving a net amount of £1,024,000. To that sum I add £366,601 2s. 10d., being Premium on Loan raised under the Act 41 Vic., No. 7, £25,116 18s. 9d.; Interest on Deferred Payment of Instalment, £164 14s. 11d.; and Accrued Interest on Loans raised under Acts 41 Vic., No. 7, to 55 Vic., No. 35, £341,319 9s. 2d. I may say that in the Public Accounts, under the heading of the General Loan Account, these three items, amounting altogether to £366,601 2s. 10d., are shown as having been transferred together, but in the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account only the accrued interest has been carried to "Other Receipts," and the premium and the interest on the deferred payment have been placed to the revenue proper. Consequently; that accounts in some measure for the difference between the Accountant's figures of Revenue proper and mine. I have taken them out, and he may have left them in. Also, I may say on this point that the Auditor-General includes in his Revenue proper, in the first half-year of 1895, the whole of the transfers. He includes the accrued interest too, because he was the instigator of this transfer, and he holds that it was always Revenue proper, although it had been carried to the General Loan Account. Consequently, although it came into the account in the shape of a windfall, yet it was Revenue proper; that is his view.

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J. R. Martin, 1178. In regard to the £1,174,000—they went down to the House and got £1,174,000, did they not? Yes.
 Esq. 1179. Then how did they cancel the £150,000;—did they go down to the House and say that they had to
 11 May, 1900. amend their return, or that they were redeeming £150,000? They simply cancelled the bills when they found they did not require the money.

1180. It is just the same as if they had asked for £1,024,000? Yes, practically. I may say that there is an entry passed in the Expenditure Accounts for that sum.

1181. I have not looked into the accounts published, but I suppose that in 1894 they redeemed those bills, that £150,000, as usual;—they added to the expenditure £150,000 for redemption of the old bills, I mean? Yes; redemption was carried out in 1894.

1182. Then in 1894 there would be £150,000; in the half-year for 1895 there would be £75,000; and in the year 1896, £75,000? During the half-year of 1895 there was no payment at all, but during the the year 1895–6 the sum of £150,000 was redeemed, and they charged £75,000 to Treasury bills and the other £75,000 to revenue. In regard to this matter of "Extraordinary Receipts," including the transfer from the General Loan Account, I may say that in addition to the sum of £366,601 2s. 10d. which I have taken, there are many other small amounts carried into revenue proper which are found scattered here and there throughout the accounts during the period of four and a half years, but I have let these go as revenue proper during the period, because it is only wasting time to follow them out. For instance, in the first half-year there is another sum of accrued interest transferred, to the amount of £4,380 4s. 7d. I put that in as revenue proper because, the principle having been recognised by the transfer of the large amount, I suppose it may be accepted that any other receipts coming in on the same account were revenue proper.

1183. Could they ever make a loss on that basis? No, not so far as I am aware.

1184. *Chairman.*] Question No. 7? Question No. 7 asks for the amount of that part of the cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account which existed on 31st December, 1894, and which was partly extinguished in the first half-year of 1895 by the excess of receipts over expenditure resulting from the transfer of accrued interest from the General Loan Account, and partly by the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills. The answer to that question is £464,715. That is according to the statement of the Treasury. According to the Auditor-General, the Cash Debit Balance on the Treasury Account Current (and that is what is meant by "That part of the Cash Debit Balance" because the other part relating to the Special Suspense Accounts is excluded) was £447,603 8s. 9d., the difference of £17,111 11s. 3d. being the adjustment to which I referred in making my previous statement,—that is, the adjustment between the two balances. The total cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the 31st December, 1894, was £999,739 0s. 2d.; that is to say, in addition to the sum of £464,715 referred to in the question, there was a debit balance of £335,612 17s. 4d. on the Post Office Account, and a debit balance of £199,411 2s. 10d. on the Centennial Park Account. From my point of view, a good deal attaches to the question of the balance existing on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole, because if the account was still one account according to law, and if a legal separation had never been made, and if no separate Banking account had been opened, it is quite obvious that if a large overdraft was left on the Special Suspense Accounts that would always have the effect of swamping any Ledger credit which might exist on what I call the Treasury Account Current. That has always happened during Mr. Reid's tenure of office. When he went down to Parliament and stated that he had a credit balance on the operations brought to account, that was right enough. He had in one or two years a credit balance on the transactions of the year brought to account, although he had not even that in the year 1896–7, because there his credit balance fell by the amount of about £200,000. But when he went further, and said that that represented cash in the Bank, it appears to me that it could not be so, because any such credit balance would always be swamped in the Bank by the existing deficiency on the Suspense Accounts. Not only that, but the London payments made in May and June every year to the amount of £200,000 were not brought to account, and were paid away before the close of the financial year. Consequently, any credit balance on the "new account" alone, even if it had been kept separately, would not be in existence in the Bank on the 30th June in any year, unless it were in excess of the London payments. In only one year was it in excess of the London payments during the two months, and that was the first year of the new system.

[Adjourned till Monday, 14th May, 1900.]

SEVENTEENTH DAY—MONDAY, 14 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

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John Roxburgh Martin, Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, further examined:—

J. R. Martin, 1185. *Chairman.*] What answer have you to Question No. 8? I might say in regard to Question No. 8
 Esq. that the "net amount of extraordinary receipts available for and utilised in meeting expenditure chargeable
 14 May, 1900. to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account during the period of four and a half years referred to," means the amount of those receipts after you deduct the portion of the cash overdraft which was extinguished.

1186. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That is the four hundred and odd thousand pounds? Yes. The answer to the question is £926,586 2s. 10d. Of this amount, the sum of £68,336 4s. 11d. was absorbed during the first six months of 1895, before the change of system was made. That amount is arrived at by comparing the actual debit balance of £166,450 2s. 1d. on the Treasury Account Current on the 30th June, 1895, with the sum of £98,113 17s. 2d. to which the transfer of £366,601 2s. 10d. would have reduced the balance of £464,715 had the revenue been equal to the expenditure during the period of six months. The balance of the sum of £926,586 2s. 10d., namely, £858,249 17s. 11d., was available after the change of system was made. If you deal with the revenue and expenditure during the period of six months of 1895, you find that, after you strike out the transfer from the General Loan Account, there was a debit balance of £68,336 4s. 11d. on the transactions of the six months, even after you include in the receipts the recoveries from previous years.

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1187. *Chairman.*] Question No. 9? Question No. 9 asks for the amount of the total deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. The answer is, £2,752,623 Os. 2d. inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and £2,217,599 exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. The first amount is arrived at as follows:—

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Cash Debit Balance, 31st December, 1894—	
Treasury Account Current	£464,715 0 0
Post Office New Street Resumption Account	335,612 17 4
Centennial Park Account	199,411 2 10
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Total Cash Debit Balance	£999,739 0 2

Adding to this total the sum of £1,752,884 Treasury bills outstanding, you arrive at the grand total of £2,752,623 Os. 2d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. I should like to point out to the Committee that in the Statements of Revenue Accounts as published by the Treasury there is no account showing the amount of Treasury bills outstanding, and I think that is an omission which might be rectified. You will find the amount in the Auditor-General's report, but you will not find it in the Treasury accounts. I believe the reason is that it is held that there is no such deficiency as that which is covered by the bills.

1188. *Mr. French.*] On what principle? The argument is to this effect—that as Parliament has passed an Act covering that deficiency by Treasury bills, therefore the deficiency does not exist.

1189. The deficiency does not exist on that footing, but what about the debt? Well, that is the argument. That is why they do not publish the balance, I understand.

1190. But they do include the Treasury bills in the Public Debt? Oh, yes! they include them as a floating debt.

1191. The Treasury bills are in the estimate of the Auditor-General as part of the deficiency, but the Treasury says, "No; these have been wiped out by a temporary expedient," and they show them in the public indebtedness? But they do not show them in connection with the balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, or in any way in connection with the revenue and expenditure accounts of the Colony.

1192. *Chairman.*] Question No. 10? Question No. 10 asks whether the amount of accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account belonged to the period prior to the end of the year 1894, and whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894. Not only has the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894, properly to be reduced by the accrued interest, but also by other credits, such as the Premium on Loan and Interest on Deferred Payment of Instalment likewise transferred from the General Loan Account. The peculiarity about the Premium on Loan is that it was in connection with the very first loan covered by the transfer of accrued interest; it goes back a long time, namely, to Act 41 Vic. No. 7, yet it is taken into revenue proper, and the accrued interest into "other receipts."

1193. Question No. 11? Question No. 11 simply asks for the amount of the 1894 deficiency reduced by the transfer of £366,601 2s. 10d. from the General Loan Account. The answer to the question is £2,386,021 17s. 4d. inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and £1,850,997 17s. 2d. exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts.

1194. Question No. 12? Question No. 12 asks whether the law provides for the reduction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account by the annual redemption of Treasury bills to the amount of £150,000, and by operation of the statute, what should have been the amount of the deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. I may say that that simply brings the deficiency of 1894 down to the amounts established in my previous statement; that is what I call the downward movement of 1894 deficiency. The answer to the first part of the question is, Yes; and to the second part, £1,783,021 17s. 4d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and £1,250,997 17s. 2d. exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. I explained before that I am of opinion that the plan of the Auditor-General in dealing with this redemption is entirely wrong. He argues that because he saw by the increase in the cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole that the redemption was more than balanced by the increase in the cash debit balance, therefore the redemption had only been made in name, and had never taken place. That is flying right in face of the law, and right in the face of the actual entries in the Treasury books. Of course, the Treasury Deficiency Bills Act of 1889 did not say that a Treasurer should not establish another deficiency; and, as I have before explained, that is what actually took place, and that is what I call the upward movement of the balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account. As a matter of fact, the Auditor-General simply struck out the item from the Expenditure Accounts altogether. That is why he shows, in a short table dealing with the revenue and expenditure in the middle of his report, the expenditure as so much less than the Treasury officials show it to have been. Not only that, but he also reduces the expenditure in another way. In the course of a financial year, for instance, the Treasury officials might make advances to the amount of a quarter of a million, and during the year £150,000 might be recovered before the operations are closed. Well, the Auditor-General would strike out the £150,000 on each side; it would be shown neither as expenditure nor revenue. He only includes in those figures the advances outstanding at the end of the year, not those that have been made and recovered within the same year. Consequently, the figures embodied in his report are at issue with those of the Treasury shown in the full statement of accounts preceding his report; but the balances must always close.

1195. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Does he show the amount that is owing on these Advance Accounts? Oh, yes; he always shows the amount to be recovered. I should like, in connection with Question No. 12, to refer again to the note appended by Mr. Reid to his statement showing the establishment of the deficiency of £1,174,000, in which he said that the balance included a large amount—£750,000—paid in extinction of the deficiency debt, and also an amount—£300,000—paid in extinction of the railway debt. I can see, of course, what was in his mind; but that statement is confusing—that note as it stands is confusing. It could only be justifiable on the ground that if his predecessors had not had their accounts charged with the annual redemptions, this debit balance would not have existed.

1196. You are referring to the £464,000 odd? No; the debit balance of £1,174,700 established by Mr. Reid, and represented by him to be a deficiency created by his predecessors. The argument would be, that if the redemptions referred to, amounting to £1,050,000, had not been made, there would have

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have been, on the 31st December, 1894, a credit balance of £585,285, instead of a debit balance of £464,715; and instead of an issue of £1,174,700 of Treasury Bills being necessary, the small sum of £124,730 would have sufficed. But this was not the impression created; and in presenting such a statement, he flies right in the face of this fact, that the redemption had been actually made, and he could not well come forward and say it had not been made. As a matter of fact, there is no doubt that such a note as the one I refer to, appended to accounts submitted to Parliament, which is composed largely of men who do not understand accounts, is not calculated to make the issue plainer.

1197. *Mr. French.*] Assuming that the deficiency of 1886 and previous years was really £2,600,000, and that the deficiency now existing is £2,757,000, it would appear as if we had only drifted to the amount of £150,000, taking the Colony as a whole? Yes.

1198. But that goes back again to the question whether there was a real deficiency, and whether you can take that as a fair test of what has happened. It is startling, after what we have heard, to be told that we have only gone back £150,000 in thirteen years? If you compare the deficiency existing at the end of 1886 with the deficiency existing on December 31, 1894, or June 30, 1895, after increasing it by the amount of balances of votes afterwards expended, you have got a proper comparison, but if you carry it further, and compare the deficiency of 1886 with the deficiency on June 30, 1896, you have not got a fair comparison, in consequence of the change of system.

1199. But supposing there had been no change of system, and we had gone on as before, that would have been the result—a drift of £150,000 in thirteen years? Yes; provided you make the comparison between 1887 and 1899, and do not include the Special Suspense Accounts in the latter year. In 1887 the debit balance was £2,159,000, and on 30th June, 1899, about £2,100,000 without the Special Suspense Accounts, which represented an additional sum of £696,000. I may say that the annual redemption of £150,000, provided by Parliament for the extinction of the deficiency debt is very small, and it will take seven years before we get to the second issue of Treasury bills. I think that as soon as the Treasurer receives the surplus from the extra duties which the Federal Parliament will impose, the amount to be annually redeemed ought to be increased to £250,000 annually, instead of £150,000. There really is no deficiency to such an extent, as far as I am aware, existing in any of the other Colonies, and we are supposed to be the richest of the group. We have a land revenue of £2,000,000 annually, and our taxation is not much more than half that of the average of the other Colonies, yet we allow this deficiency debt to remain at its old figure. There is another important point in connection with the issue of these Treasury bills, as compared with the previous transaction by Mr. McMillan. It has been contended that the action taken by Mr. Reid was perfectly right, because Mr. McMillan took the same step, and Mr. Reid only followed suit. But there is a great difference between the two transactions; the cases are not at all parallel. Mr. McMillan in 1889 covered by Treasury bills the deficiency of 1886 and previous years; that is to say, he did what Mr. Reid afterwards did, and not only did he cover the cash debit balance existing on December 31, 1886, but he also covered the payments made in 1887, 1888, and 1889 on account of what might be truthfully called the liabilities of 1886 and previous years. That is the course followed by Mr. Reid; but here is the difference between the two cases: In Mr. McMillan's time, the year 1887 was not relieved of any amount at all, because having been relieved of expenditure on account of 1886, it was in turn charged with payments made in 1888, 1889, and 1890 on account of 1887, and so on. Mr. Reid did not do the same thing at all.

1200. Because of the change of system? Yes. There is also another important point. Mr. McMillan did not issue the bills during the year in which the payments were made, and so relieve his revenue. That again brings you back to the advantage which Mr. Reid got to the extent of £1,000,000 in consequence of the change of system. There are three ways of looking at the transaction. There is this way,—you can say that the transaction was wrong, and that the unexpended votes should have been allowed to lapse. Or you can say that the transaction was absolutely right, that it was carried out, and ought to have been carried out, and that the year 1895-6 did not benefit by it. Or you can say that it was right to cover the unexpended votes with Treasury bills, and that 1895-6 did benefit by the change of system, but that it was right to give the first year of the new system a fair start, and not charge it with a full year's expenditure—in fact, to give it a start of (say) two months, and not start it from scratch, so that it would take some time before the expenditure overtook the revenue. The first is the right view.

1201. *Chairman.*] Question No. 13? Question No. 13 asks for the actual amount of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. The answer is, £2,757,529 7s. 7d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts; and £2,061,060 14s. 4d., exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts.

1202. Question No. 14? Question No. 14 is simply drawn up with the object of finding the increase in consequence of the upward movement of the new deficiency as established by me in the last column of my statement. Inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, the amount is £971,507 10s. 3d.; and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, £810,062 17s. 2d.

1203. Question No. 15? Question No. 15 asks whether the net proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills, £1,024,700, were not, in effect, used in meeting a deficiency in revenue as compared with the expenditure during the period of four and a half years referred to, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, leaving a credit balance on the account current existing on the 30th June, 1899. Of course, that was so. According to Question No. 5, the excess of expenditure over revenue was £1,061,912 1s. 11d., exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts; and, according to Question No. 3, £1,223,395 18s. 1d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. But, according to the answer to Question No. 14, the deficiency, according to the balances, was only £810,062 17s. 2d. and £971,507 10s. 5d., respectively. That shows that the excess of expenditure has been reduced by taking into account net advances recovered to the amount of £251,849 4s. 9d. exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and £251,887 17s. 10d. inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. These advances, of course, affected the balances. The recoveries are shown in detail in the evidence I gave on Friday. Accepting the total of £810,062 17s. 2d. exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, and deducting this from the answer to Question No. 8 (the net extraordinary receipts carried into revenue after extinguishing the cash debit balance on December 31, 1894, £464,715), namely, £926,586 2s. 10d., we are left with a credit balance on June 30, 1899, of £116,523 5s. 8d. So that, apart altogether from the question whether it was right or wrong to take up these bills, there is no doubt that the proceeds were used for the purpose of meeting a deficiency in revenue during the period of four and a half years. I might point out to the Committee that the

the first fifteen questions simply arrive at the results I gave on Friday last. I have here two returns which I have prepared showing the deficiencies according to the balances. The first includes the Suspense Accounts.

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CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT, 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1899 (INCLUSIVE OF SPECIAL SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS).			
	£	s.	d.
Actual Expenditure charged to account (Question No. 2).....	43,541,432	19	4
Less Actual Revenue from proper sources (Question No. 1).....	42,318,037	1	3
Excess of Expenditure during period of 4½ years (Question No. 3).....	£1,223,395	18	1
Less Advances recovered in excess of advances made (Question No. 15).....	251,888	7	10
Deficiency created by Mr. Reid on items brought to account only (Question No. 14) without reckoning relief to revenue afforded by transfer of £150,000 from Railway Loan Redemption Fund, and by institution of system of 30-year loans for services formerly defrayed from revenue, say, £550,000.....			971,507 10 3
Deficiency existing on 31st December, 1894 (Question No. 9).....	2,752,623	0	2
Less Transfers from General Loan Account of amounts belonging to the period prior to 31st December, 1894 (Questions No. 6 and 10).....	366,601	2	10
Less Reduction of 1894 Deficiency by operation of statute = 4 years at £150,000 = £600,000 (Question No. 12).....	600,000	0	0
		966,601	2 10
Balance of 1894 Deficiency existing on 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 12) ...	1,786,021	17	4
Actual Deficiency existing on 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 13).....	2,757,529	7	7
Increase of Deficiency in 4½ years, according to balances.....			£971,507 10 3

The second excludes the Suspense Accounts:—

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT, 1ST JANUARY, 1895, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899 (EXCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS).			
	£	s.	d.
Actual Expenditure charged to account (Question No. 5).....	43,378,554	3	2
Less Actual Revenue from proper sources (Question No. 5).....	42,316,642	1	3
Excess of Expenditure on period of 4½ years (Question No. 5).....	£1,061,912	1	11
Less Advances recovered in excess of advances made (Question No. 15).....	251,849	4	9
Deficiency created by Mr. Reid on items brought to account only (Question No. 14) without reckoning relief to revenue afforded by transfer of £150,000 from Railway Loan Redemption Fund, and by institution of system of 30-year loans for services formerly defrayed from revenue, say £550,000.....			810,062 17 2
Deficiency existing on 31st December, 1894 (Question No. 9).....	2,217,599	0	0
Less Transfers from General Loan Account of amounts belonging to the period prior to 31st December, 1894 (Questions Nos. 6 and 10).....	366,601	2	10
Less Reduction of 1894 Deficiency by operation of statute, 4 years at £150,000 (Question No. 12).....	600,000	0	0
		966,601	2 10
Balance of 1894 Deficiency existing on 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 12) ...	£1,250,997	10	2
Actual Deficiency existing on 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 13).....	2,061,660	14	4
Increase in Deficiency in 4½ years, according to balances.....			£810,062 17 2

1204. Question No. 16? Question No. 16 asks "Whether, in changing the system of accounts, it was provided that certain expenditure should be met from the current Consolidated Revenue, and that the unexpended votes of previous years should be spent, and the payments met from the proceeds of the issue of Treasury bills referred to?" The answer to the question is, Yes. The cash debit balance on the Treasury Account Current on 30th June, 1895, when the change of system was made, was only £166,450 2s. 1d., and the bills were afterwards issued and the proceeds taken in as revenue, and that gave Mr. Reid his advantage.

1205. Question No. 17? Question 17 asks "Whether, if the unexpended votes were so used, a more equitable plan would not have been to have allowed them to lapse in changing the system of keeping the Public Accounts, seeing that it was provided that thereafter all the unexpended votes should so lapse?" I say, decidedly, yes. I showed on Friday that the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was simply reduced, as compared with 1893 and 1894, by almost the same amount that was charged to Treasury bills during the year; and the system adopted was not the same as that followed by Mr. McMillan in 1886, because in the one case the accounts went on as before, and in the other case they did not.

1206. Question No. 18? Question No. 18 asks "Whether the course pursued did not have the effect of reducing the expenditure chargeable to the first year of the new system below the ordinary expenditure of the Colony, and so yielding a credit balance on the new account on 30th June, 1896? My answer is, Yes. The particulars are as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
Expenditure in 1895-6	9,852,218	17	6
Less charged to Treasury bills	952,807	8	11
Charged to year 1895-6	£8,899,411	8	7
Charged to 1893	9,816,876	6	8
Charged to 1894	9,694,889	18	0
Total of two years	£19,511,766	4	8
Average of 1893-94	£9,755,888	2	4
Charged to 1895-6	8,899,411	8	7
Difference	£856,476	13	9

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So that the Committee will see that the amount charged to Treasury bills in 1895-6 was practically the amount by which the expenditure charged to revenue was less than the average. I should like to point out that the average of the three years succeeding 1895-6 has been affected by the savings in the Public Service, and also by the reduction in the Roads Vote. If you compare the amount charged in 1895-6 with the average of 1893-94, you practically find that the amount by which 1895-6 was relieved is equal to the expenditure from Treasury bills; but if you go forward to the years 1896-7, 1897-8, and 1898-9, you will find that the difference is not so great.

1207. *Mr. French.*] Have you those averages? In 1896-7 the amount was £9,466,059 19s.; in 1897-8, £9,383,122 10s. 8d.; and in 1898-9, £9,734,417 9s. 10d. A saving of £300,000 was made by the Public Service Board, and that practically commenced with the year 1896-7. The grading was made before June, 1896, but the savings did not take effect until the following year. If you compare 1895-6 with the preceding years the difference is greater, because the reductions mentioned did not take effect in 1895-6. Also in regard to the Roads expenditure, the average charged to previous years was £700,000, and that was maintained in 1895-6 by the utilisation of the proceeds of the Treasury bills. But when you get to the year 1896-7 and the following years, you find that the average is £500,000.

1208. The expenditure in 1898-9 has again been brought up to the average of 1893-4, in face of those reductions? Yes; of course, they curtailed the expenditure in 1893 and 1894 as much as they could; and, after all, the expenditure of a country like this has a tendency to grow.

1209. *Chairman.*] Question No. 19? Question No. 19 asks for the amount of the credit balance on the 30th June, 1896, and the amount to which it had been reduced by the 30th June, 1899. On the 30th June, 1896, the credit balance, exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, was £476,530 1s. 10d. From that amount there has to be deducted the sum of £150,000 represented by Treasury bills afterwards cancelled, which brings the credit balance on that date down to £326,530 1s. 10d. On the 30th June, 1899, that amount had been reduced to £116,523 5s. 8d. It is rather important to note that reduction, because a great many people in this country got the idea that the Treasurer was able to bring out a surplus in every year of the last four years. In my opinion, the credit balance of £326,531 1s. 10d. on June 30, 1896, was only established by the utilisation of the Treasury bills to defray payments properly falling on the year's revenue; but in 1896-7 there were practically no payments from Treasury bills, and we find that there was a deficiency of about £200,000 on the year, for the credit balance fell to £114,444 15s. 6d. I speak from memory, but I think it was just after that credit balance was announced that I noticed in the Press a request by a business man, whose name I forget, but who was well known in the city, urging the Government to undertake a certain work, and pointing out as proof that the work could be undertaken that the Treasurer had been able to wind up the year with a credit balance, and that therefore the finances of the country must be in a flourishing condition, whereas there was actually a deficiency on the year's transactions to the amount of £200,000.

1210. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I do not think the Treasurer ever said anything to the effect that there was a surplus; he may have been understood to say so? That was the only year, I think, speaking from memory, in which the term "surplus" was avoided. In the other years the term "surplus" was used.

1211. *Chairman.*] Mr. Kirkpatrick says there was a surplus? In the following year of 1897-8 there was really a surplus of about £8,000 on the transactions brought to account, because the credit balance had increased to £122,211 1s. 10d. I use the words "brought to account" advisedly, for this reason: In that year, altogether apart from unpaid accounts, £150,000 was taken from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund. The amount was lying there for another purpose altogether, and if that sum had been charged to the revenue, instead of a credit balance of £122,211 1s. 10d., there would have been a debit balance of about £37,000, and that debit balance would have been about £6,000 greater on the 30th June, 1899. So, even after the great advantage which the new system got by the issue of the Treasury bills, that "surplus" has been wiped out long ago, or ought to have been, if the operations had been brought to account.

1212. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was it in 1897-8 when the transfer was made? Yes; I may say that the Auditor-General's balance on the account current is very much less than the credit balance of the Treasury. The Auditor-General holds that there is a large amount of the proceeds of the Treasury bills unexpended, that is, of the £1,024,700; he claims that about £35,000 or £40,000 is unexpended legally, so that the actual credit balance on the new account current on 30th June, 1899, would not be £116,523 5s. 8d., but about £35,000 or £40,000 less.

1213. Then he said that there was £35,000 of the old business unexpended? Yes, standing in the Treasury books. I have not seen a note of the transactions in dispute, but there may be something to be said in favour of the Auditor-General's view, for this reason: Section 17 of the old Audit Act reads as follows:—

"Unless expressly enacted to the contrary, all sums of money which shall be appropriated to the Public Service for any year and which shall not be expended during such year, or within the first three months of the following year, shall lapse, and shall not be issued or applied in any future year to the particular service for which the appropriation shall have been so made unless a contract or engagement shall have been made and entered into, before the expiration of such year, by which a liability so to issue or apply the same shall have been incurred."

This term of fifteen months was increased to two years by the Annual Appropriation Act. The effect of that was this, it gave a life of two years to every vote of Parliament, unless a contract or engagement were entered into, and a contract or engagement was thus constituted: If an amount were voted—say for taking the census, £5,000—and before the expiry of the two years £100 had been paid away on account of salaries, that would constitute an engagement which would have the effect of keeping the vote alive until it was all expended, or until the balance was written off. That was the law according to the old system. The Audit Act Amendment Act repealed that section absolutely, and the only law existing which enabled Mr. Reid to utilise the proceeds of the bills in 1895-6 in that way was the section in the Appropriation Act which extended the life of votes from fifteen months to two years. Well, section 17 of the Audit Act having been repealed, it would seem impossible for Mr. Reid legally to have utilised the proceeds of the bills in meeting payments on account of the unexpended votes; but I suppose he contended that he was able to use them under the section of the Appropriation Act I have referred to. However, in that section there is no statement about any contract or engagement, it simply gave a life of two years to a vote. And if we take the unexpended votes prior to the change of system, we find that the latest period is the half-year

of 1895; and calculating from the beginning of January, 1895, the life of the latest vote under the old J. R. Martin, Esq. system must have expired on the 1st January, 1897, according to law, and anything paid away after that date on account of the old deficiency would be illegal, and a proper charge on the new account. But I believe the Treasury is unaware how the Auditor-General makes up his balance. 14 May, 1900.

1214. *Chairman.*] Question No. 20? Question No. 20 asks for the amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the cause of this reduction in this expenditure; also the amount charged to the proceeds of Treasury bills in 1895-6. The amount by which the expenditure was less than the two preceding years of 1893 and 1894 was £856,476 13s. 9d., and the amount charged to the proceeds of bills was £952,807 8s. 11d., the two amounts being practically identical. The cause of the reduction was the change of system, which prevented the year 1895-6 from bearing a full year's expenditure.

1215. Question No. 21? Question No. 21 asks whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the vote in 1893 on account of roads, endowment to boroughs, district councils and shires, under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6, on the plea that the savings had been improperly made; and whether an examination of the annual expenditure on roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected on the amount charged to the year 1895-6 as compared with previous years. I might say that this is a very important matter. In 1895-6 the late Treasurer spent £719,990 on roads, and of that sum he only charged to his revenue £387,207, and he charged to the proceeds of Treasury bills £332,783. The total amount spent during the year was only equal to the average amount spent in the five years from 1890 to 1894. During those five years there was spent a total sum of £3,483,437. If you average that you get £696,687 per annum. And if you take the amount charged against each year, you find that the average for these five years was £715,973. So you must come to the conclusion that the proper expenditure on the roads of the Colony during a single year was £700,000. That was practically the amount that Mr. Reid spent in 1895-6, but he charged back £332,783 to the proceeds of Treasury bills. This sum of £216,000 was part of a vote which was passed by Parliament in 1893; and as times were bad, and as the roads, having had this large amount of money spent upon them for many years, were in a good condition, it was open to the Ministry of the day to say that they would not spend all the sum that was voted by Parliament. They were quite right; they could afford to save the sum of £216,000, and they wrote it off according to law. But Mr. Reid, on coming into power towards the end of 1894, went down to Parliament quivering with indignation, and said that it was a most improper saving, and that he was going to call it back into existence. And he did call it back into existence, and spent it on the roads. If he had spent it in addition to the sum of £700,000, it would have been justifiable, but the figures show that he used it to reduce his expenditure in 1895-6, which was a most improper thing to do.

1216. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But very clever? It was very clever; but you must acknowledge that the sum was not a liability of his predecessors, and you must take the £216,000 off to start with. The difference, of course, between this vote and the full amount of £332,783 charged to Treasury bills, was charged to 1894 and 1895. Of the sum of £216,000 a small part was spent in 1894 by Mr. Reid; afterwards, another part was spent in the half-year of 1895; so that when the change of system was made there was unexpended on account of the sum of £216,000 a balance of £153,514, and the difference between that sum and the sum of £332,783 charged to Treasury bills was supposed to be expended on account of Votes of 1894 and the half-year of 1895.

1217. *Chairman.*] Question No. 22? Question No. 22 asks, "Whether, during the first half-year of 1895, the amount of accrued interest previously referred to was transferred from the General Loan Account, reducing the cash debit balance on the 31st December, 1894, exclusive of the Suspense Accounts; the debit balance on 30th June, 1895, which was extinguished by the proceeds of Treasury bills; and of these proceeds, expended after the change in the system of keeping the Public Accounts was made, what sum was utilised in meeting claims on account of 1894 and previous years, and what sum in meeting those of the first half-year of 1895." My answer is that on the 31st December, 1894, the debit balance of the Treasury Account Current was £464,715. On the 30th June, 1895, that balance had been reduced to £166,450 2s. 1d.; that is the amount which, in my opinion, should have been covered by Treasury bills, and not the unexpended votes in addition to that sum. In connection with this question, I should like to point out the misleading character of the return compiled by Mr. Kirkpatrick, and presented to this Committee—that is, the statement showing that the bulk of these proceeds were expended on the services of 1894 and previous years, and only a very small part on account of the half-year of 1895. As soon as I looked at this statement I saw that it was misleading, and could only have the effect of misleading Parliament, for whom apparently it had been compiled. When it first came under my notice a few months ago, I took it and placed the transactions in the order of date, and I found that the net payments after the change of system was made amounted to £626,273 on account of the half-year of 1895, and only £226,435 on account of 1894 and previous years, making a total of £852,708 paid away after the change of system. These are the figures included in the statement laid before the Committee by Mr. Kirkpatrick, but simply arranged in a proper manner.

1218. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The statement I have is made by Mr. Vernon? I refer to the statement placed before the Committee by Mr. Kirkpatrick, who stated he had compiled it. The payments from Treasury bills after 1st July, 1895, according to the Treasury statement, were as follow:—During 1895-6, on account of 1894 and previous years, £302,521; on account of 1895 (six months) £650,286, making a total of £952,807. During 1896-7, on account of 1894 and previous years, £1,719; and on account of 1895 (six months) £2,363; making a total of £4,082. During 1897-8 on account of 1894, £14,300; and on account of 1895 (six months), nil. The total payments amounted to £971,189. From that sum I deduct the receipts during the three years, amounting to £92,105 on account of 1894 and previous years, and £26,376 on account of 1895 (six months), making a total of £118,481. The net payments after 1st July, 1895, amounted to £226,435 on account of 1894 and previous years, and £626,273 on account of 1895 (six months), the total being £852,708; but in the original statement it is actually shown that nearly all the proceeds were spent on account of 1894 and previous years. The change of system was made on 30th June, 1895. At that date there was a debit balance of £166,450 2s. 1d. The proceeds of the bills were not brought to account until long after that date; as a matter of fact, the Act

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J. R. Martin, Esq., was not passed until December, 1895. Therefore, the proceeds could only have been applied to meet payments after 30th June, 1895, and the bills were only issued to meet payments on account of unexpended votes of the half-year of 1895 and previous years. That bears out my contention that the statement compiled by Mr. Kirkpatrick, apparently with the object of laying it before Parliament, is absolutely misleading. It was intended to show that when the change of system was made there was a very large deficiency on account of 1894 and previous years; but there was not such a deficiency, because part of it had been extinguished in the ordinary course of business during the half-year of 1895, before the change of system was made.

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1219. *Chairman.*] Question No. 23? Question No. 23 asks whether the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current, under the new system, was relieved in the year 1895-6 by only charging it with one-half year's redemption of Treasury bills in aid of revenue and of Railway debentures. That was so, and I can only say it was a most extraordinary action, because on the 31st December, 1894, nothing had accrued whatever on account of those redemptions, and on the 30th June, 1895, nothing was due by law. Indeed, nothing was due until December, 1895. If the Treasurer had desired to charge a half-year's redemption to the proceeds of the Treasury bills, that would have been all right if he had charged the year 1895-6 with a full year's redemption; but he did not do that. Obviously, the division was only made to relieve the first year of the new system, in addition to relief in other ways.

1220. Question No. 24? Question No. 24 asks whether the act of applying £150,000 from the Sinking Fund established under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, towards meeting Railway debentures matured under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, will not have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund, at a later period, to provide the amount relieved from the year 1897-8. That question was written out before the Auditor-General took action to compel the present Treasurer to replace that sum of £150,000 to the Railway Loan Redemption Fund.

1221. *Mr. French.*] But it has been replaced? Not yet. The Treasurer informed the Auditor-General that the matter would be referred to this Committee.

1222. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did Parliament authorise the step? The late Treasurer told Parliament what he was going to do in this matter, but Parliament did not give him any special authority for taking that course.

1223. But it was part of his Ways and Means Statement? Yes. The law says that £2,000,000 of Railway debentures shall be redeemed, £1,000,000 under one Act and £1,000,000 under another; and if they take the Sinking Fund established in connection with one Act, and use the amount in the redemption of £150,000 due under the other Act, then, of course, the revenue must afterwards be responsible.

1224. If the Treasurer does not put it back, what will the Auditor-General do;—will he report it to Parliament? Of course, the Treasurer must put it back. The bills must be redeemed according to law, unless the law is altered. £75,000 is supposed to be put aside every year under Act 53 Vic. No. 24 to a Trust Fund. There is a special account in the Bank of New South Wales for the fund. After letting the money lie for two or three years the funds would accumulate to £150,000 or £225,000; the Government might then take the money out and redeem debentures.

1225. But in this case they did not, is that it? They took £150,000 from the fund and applied it to another purpose. The Railway Loan Redemption Fund was established for the purpose of redeeming £1,000,000 under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, and £150,000 was lying at that time to the credit of the fund in the Bank of New South Wales. Then, under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, a prior Act, which provided for the redemption of another £1,000,000 of Railway debentures, a large sum fell due—over £200,000—and this large sum fell due because in previous years the Treasurer had not applied the full annual sum of £70,000 provided by law for the extinction of the debentures, but had effected a saving in some years. During Mr. Reid's tenure of office, in the two and a half years prior to this date, he had had the advantage of £101,000 in consequence of the non-application of the full sum of £70,000 annually towards the extinction of these debentures. But as the effect of providing from the Consolidated Revenue the full amount of £204,000 payable in 1897-8 would have apparently extinguished the credit balance of the new account which then existed, the Auditor-General gave his permission, for the time being, to take £150,000 from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, charging the difference of £54,000 to revenue.

1226. *Chairman.*] A most extraordinary weakness on the part of a man who has been so stiff all along? Very weak indeed; he sees his mistake now, and tries to get the money back.

1227. To get it back would seem to require an entry of this kind, to credit the Railway Sinking Fund with £150,000 and debit the Consolidated Revenue? That would seem to be the simplest way of getting out of the difficulty.

1228. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Might it not be argued that they ought to have included this in the amount for which they ought to have provided in making the Treasury bills? They could not do that, because the larger part was saved after the change of system. In Mr. Reid's own two and a half years, from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1897, he saved £101,000. During that period the sum of £175,000 should have been spent from revenue in redemption of these debentures maturing under Act 31 Vic. No. 11; but Mr. Reid saved £101,000 on that amount. So if you had had really to provide for the amount outstanding when the change of system was made, you would not have got anything like £150,000.

1229. Is the present Treasurer going to put it back? The money has not been put back yet, because the present Treasurer said that he would rather not do anything until the Committee of Inquiry had gone into the question and made a recommendation, and he would act on their recommendation.

1230. *Chairman.*] Question No. 25? Question No. 25 asks for the amount by which the Consolidated Revenue has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of short-dated loans, and in other ways, expenditure ordinarily provided from revenue; whether the system of repayments established in connection with these loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years, and whether it should not be discontinued. This is an important question. If we take, for the sake of illustration, the annual expenditure on the services for which the system of short-dated loans was instituted at £150,000, then we find that the thirtieth part of that sum, which is to be set aside annually under the Act, is £5,000, and if we suppose that the expenditure of £150,000 is maintained right to the end of thirty years, we find that during the whole period loans to the amount of £4,500,000 have been contracted, and in consequence of the operation of the Sinking Fund the sum of £2,325,000 has accumulated and gone towards the reduction of the debt, leaving outstanding at the end of the thirty years the balance of £2,175,000. Now, of the total relief to revenue of £2,175,000, there would

would be a relief of £1,225,000 during the first ten years; during the second period of ten years the relief to revenue would be £725,000; and during the third period of ten years the relief to revenue would be £225,000. Therefore, it follows clearly that the system only relieves the present generation at the expense of the future generation, because there will be owing at the end of the thirty years a sum of £2,175,000, and as the annual payments to the sinking fund will then be £150,000, you get back to the exact position from which you started.

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1231. *Mr. French.*] Is there any specific legislation with regard to these short-dated loans? Yes.

1232. It seems to me that the term short-dated loans is a misnomer? Well, the others can be renewed, and these have to be paid off. I think it is a particularly pernicious system. Mr. Yarwood seemed to think otherwise. But at present we are getting about £2,000,000 of revenue from lands. The revenue from land alienation is gradually decreasing—

1233. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Have you any figures for that? I will get you the figures; anyhow, it is decreasing. In 1881 the revenue from land alienation was £2,483,338, and in 1889 the revenue from alienation was £1,204,308.

1234. *Chairman.*] A loss of how much? It is not exactly a loss, because the policy of the country has changed, and we are getting a larger revenue from occupation than we did then. In 1881 we only got a revenue from occupation of £337,651, whereas in 1898-9 we had a revenue from occupation of £702,588. The effect of this very large land revenue upon our finances is that it saves our people from a great burden of taxation which they would otherwise have to bear, and which is borne in the other Colonies.

1235. Therefore, there is no necessity for these short-dated loans? Quite so; there should be no necessity, because not only are we being relieved by the utilisation of these land proceeds from bearing very heavy taxation, but we are also, under this new system, passing on to posterity another sum which we had hitherto defrayed from revenue. It is only we that get relief; posterity cannot get relief, because their sinking funds will be equivalent to our expenditure from revenue in thirty years' time. While the revenue from land alienation is diminishing, the proceeds from occupation are increasing, so that we still have a land revenue of £2,000,000. The effect of this is as follows:—According to the latest statistics which I am able to find, without actually compiling them for myself, the taxation per head in this Colony is £1 18s. 5d.; in Victoria, £2 9s. 6d.; in Queensland, £3 4s. 6d.; in South Australia, £2 9s. 2d.; in Western Australia, £6 17s. 8d.; in New Zealand, £3 14s. 2d.; and in Tasmania, £2 18s. 9d. In these figures we see the effect of our land revenue, combined to a small extent with our excellent administration of railways. But here is the point: Instead of hypothecating part of that revenue, as we ought to do, for permanent and reproductive works, we use the whole of the proceeds to reduce our taxation. And we now go still further, and besides refusing to apply any of it to permanent works, we say that we will not expend even the sum of £150,000 annually on works which are neither reproductive nor permanent, but which will only last thirty years, and out of that large revenue of £2,000,000 we will only apply a few thousand pounds towards a sinking fund for the redemption of these loans. We cast everything on posterity, and we take everything for ourselves which we can get.

1236. *Mr. French.*] We cast too much on posterity? Yes.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, May 15, 1900.]

EIGHTEENTH DAY—TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Roxburgh Martin, Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, further examined:—

1237. *Mr. French.*] Now we come to Question No. 26, which is the crucial question? It is. Inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, the deficiency on the operations brought to account would be £971,507 10s. 3d., and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, £810,062 17s. 2d. Taking the sub-head (c), "as increased by amount taken from Sinking Funds to meet debentures falling upon revenue," the amount, inclusive of the Suspense Accounts, is £1,121,507 10s. 3d., and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, £960,062 17s. 2d. As to sub-head (d), "as further increased by expenditure ordinarily defrayed from Consolidated Revenue and provided from short-dated loans, and in other ways," I take £550,000. The actual expenditure from these short-dated loans is over £600,000, and I simply take £550,000 as the relief to revenue, making an allowance for services which might have been met from long loans if this system had not been in operation. That would make the deficiency on the 4½ years, inclusive of the Suspense Accounts, £1,671,507 10s. 3d.; and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, £1,510,062 17s. 2d.

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1238. That is putting in the sum of £550,000 as having been charged to short loans, but which ought to have gone to expenditure? Yes.

1239. *Mr. Yarwood.*] What is the nature of your dividing line? The services which might have been met from long loans, if the new system had not been brought into operation, could only reach a very small amount. I know it is considered that the amount would have been very small.

1240. *Mr. French.*] Was not the expenditure charged to these loans over a million? I do not think that the actual expenditure within the period was more than £650,000.

1241. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Does not the Treasurer make any statement of what they charged to short loans? It could be taken out.

1242. *Mr. French.*] When we talk of short loans, is a short loan actually raised—a thirty-year loan—or what has happened? I will show an Act which will explain it—58 Vic. No. 14. This is a Loan Act passed for the issue of Stock, to meet certain services proposed to be covered by loan moneys to a large amount; and it is provided within that Act that, in connection with certain services which are specified, there shall be annually set apart as a Sinking Fund one-thirtieth of the amount raised on their account and spent upon them.

- J. R. Martin, 1243. Does not the Act contemplate any means by which the General Loan Account shall be replenished so as to meet the expenditure; it must be replenished somehow;—I suppose the items would be charged to General Loans? Yes.
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1244. Would they not be credited with something to balance that? At the end of the thirty years the redemption would be made.
1245. Not till then? Not till then, I think.
1246. Well, the General Loan Account gets into debit? The General Loan Account gets into debit on account of the expenditure from loans.
1247. And, in your view, it would keep on getting into debit till the end of the period? They did not float special loans to meet these services in connection with which a sinking fund is provided, but included them in the Act under which long loans are issued; and they simply charged the expenditure in connection with them to the General Loan Account.
1248. The result of that would be that if they did not replenish from some other source they would get into debit? They would always replenish the Account with the proceeds of loans floated from time to time. To the General Loan Account they credit the proceeds of the loans, and debit the expenditure; it is a receipts and disbursements account.
1249. They included the thirty years' loans amongst it? Oh, yes; in the ordinary loan expenditure.
1250. And if they raised and spent £160,000, they put £5,000 or £6,000—whatever the thirtieth was—to a sinking fund? Yes, which is a Trust Fund.
1251. Of course, they have filled up the Loan Account by taking in £1,500,000 from Trust Funds? You could take it this way: that part of the expenditure referred to in Question No. 26 (d) might have been met from the transfer of £1,500,000 of Trust Funds. It may be argued in that way; at any rate the expenditure was met from the Account to which the money has been credited.
1252. *Chairman.*] Question No. 27? Question No. 27 asks for the amount of the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current on 30th June, 1896; 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898; and 30th June, 1899. On the 30th June, 1896, the amount at credit was £176,530 1s. 10d.; but, as bills to the amount of £150,000 were cancelled afterwards, the real amount may be said to have been £326,530 1s. 10d.; on the 30th June, 1897, the amount was £114,444 16s. 6d.; on the 30th June, 1898, it was £122,211 1s. 10d.; and on the 30th June, 1899, it was £116,523 5s. 8d.
1253. And at that date the Treasury and the Audit Department agreed? Yes, with this exception—that the Auditor-General holds that of this sum of £116,523 5s. 8d., represented by the Treasury to be the credit balance on the Account Current, from £35,000 to £40,000 really represents unexpended proceeds of Treasury bills, because the Treasury charged to the old deficiency certain amounts which the Auditor-General would not allow; but together the Auditor-General's credit balances on the two working accounts, exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, amount to £116,523 5s. 8d., so the two Departments practically agree on the total.
1254. Question No. 28? Question No. 28 asks whether these balances represented cash in the Bank, and, if so, which of them? I say that none of these balances represented cash in the Bank.
1255. Question No. 29? Question No. 29 asks what was the actual condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the dates specified above, as disclosed by the Bank balances. My answer is that on 30th June, 1896, the Consolidated Revenue Fund was in debit to the amount of £428,370 14s. 3d.; on 30th June, 1897, to the amount of £828,503 0s. 5d.; on 30th June, 1898, £777,702 12s. 4d.; and on 30th June, 1899, £793,144 4s. 6d. Of course, these are the debit balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole, inclusive of the debits on the Special Suspense Accounts, but there was no cash in the Bank.
1256. *Mr. French.*] It is all boiled down to this: that it is the Trust Funds which provide the current credit balance? Quite so. Those amounts which I quoted are the amounts arrived at after bringing to account the payments made in London in May and June.
1257. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In connection with these payments, made in May and June, what evidence have we got to show whether the year 1895-6 carried a whole twelve month's expenditure;—I may say straight away that while I can see that such a course would be to the advantage of a Bank or an institution that works for a profit and declares dividends, I am not yet clear that there is any advantage to the country in going to the expense of having figures cabled out from London of the expenditure if the year's accounts carried a fair year's expenditure? But don't you see that you do not really get down to a "cash basis" system if you do not bring the London payments to account. You arrive at a cash balance supposed to exist on the 30th June which did not actually exist, because it had all been paid away in the two months previous to the date of the balance.
1258. If the year has borne twelve months' expenditure, I do not know that it is absolutely necessary to bring it any further. However, that is one of the features of the thing that has occurred to me? That system has gone on for a quarter of a century, from the time when the mails took a long time to come out. That is the origin of the system, but it must be changed some day in order to bring the results up to date.
1259. What I want to know is,—that is, if you know—whether in those payments that were charged to the old deficiency there were London payments included? I have no doubt there were a few, but not more than a proper proportion.
1260. Not £200,000 or £300,000? Oh, no; there could not have been anything like that. I think the first year of the new system must have borne a full year's interest charge—on account of payments to bondholders only, however.
1261. That, I may say, is obvious from the accounts? Just to show you the effect of not bringing those London payments to account within the financial year, I may say that, if you take the Bank balances on those four dates and cast out the Suspense Accounts altogether as if they had never existed, you will find that, instead of the credit balances which were arrived at and declared in Parliament by the Treasurer, you have on the 30th June, 1896, a credit balance of £265,239 3s. (but as £150,000 was afterwards cancelled, the balance was really £139,239 3s.), and ever afterwards you have a debit balance. On the 30th June, 1897, the debit balance was £130,817 3s. 1d.; on the 30th June, 1898, it was £80,310 18s.; and on the 30th June, 1899, £96,675 11s. 3d. Those were the debit balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account after casting out the Suspense Accounts altogether. I am showing

showing that, even if the Suspense Accounts had never existed, the system pursued in connection with the London payments had the effect of converting the supposed credit balance on the Account Current into a debit balance. J. R. Martin, Esq.

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1262. But would you not be charging the new administration with fourteen months' accounts? If you make a change, you must recognise that the first year must bear fourteen months' London payments. That must be clearly understood, and the Treasurer whose accounts bear this charge of fourteen months' London payments must set it forth clearly before the public, so that he will get due credit for it.

1263. I do not see the necessity for that so far. I do not look at this question from any other point of view but the public point of view; and I take it that what the public wants from us is a statement as to whether the country has been paying its way in the last four or four and a half years, at any rate during the old regime. One man says it has, and another man says it has not. Now the public want to know whether we, as business men, impartial men, after looking at the accounts fairly, as any ordinary business man will look at them, can say whether the country has paid its way. I am quite prepared, on the one side, to give any relief that may be legitimately given, but I am not prepared to either load one side or unload the other more than what I think is fair? If the Committee make a recommendation, it will be a recommendation for the future, and it will not affect the past. That is the only point.

1264. *Chairman.*] Question No. 30? Question No. 30 is practically answered, because it asks, in the event of a discrepancy between the ledger balances and the Bank balances, to what was this due. To put the matter plainly, it was simply due to the existence of the debit balances on the Suspense Accounts in the first place, and to the system pursued in connection with the payments in London in May and June in the second place. And, in my opinion, a system of accounts under which such differences are possible is not correctly described as a cash-basis system, because there is no cash basis. There is no cash at all as the basis of the system, and yet it is called a "cash-basis" system.

1265. Question No. 31? Question No. 31 asks whether it is correct to hand over large interest payments to the Bank of England in the month of June, and bring them to account on the 1st of July following; and whether the Commissioners would recommend the London payments in May and June to be included within the financial year during which they actually are made; and whether the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up. The latter part of the question is for the Committee to answer. In regard to the first part, I do not think the practice is correct. In my opinion, the money passes out of the hands of the Government and it goes finally. They cannot touch it afterwards in any way.

1266. *Mr. French.*] Is that the new system;—was it introduced lately? No.

1267. The period has got no advantage through that? Oh, no; not at all.

1268. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The only thing is whether we should not get an idea of the expense of cabling the items? You would have to divide the payments between the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, the General Loan Account, and the Trust Funds.

1269. *Chairman.*] Question No. 32? In connection with Question No. 32, which asks whether the present system of keeping the Public Accounts is a good one, and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the method of keeping the Accounts or in their presentation so that these may be more easily comprehended by the public, I would simply draw the Committee's attention to a matter which has been already referred to by Mr. Yarwood—that is, that the Summary Statement of Accounts is confusing to the public, who do not have a special knowledge of the Accounts. In any suggestions you may make for their improvement, I am sure you will have the cordial co-operation of the present Accountant, Mr. Vernon. I have before me a statement of the balances on the Public Accounts on 30th June, 1898. Here is the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current stated as the "Consolidated Revenue Fund Account," and showing a credit balance on 30th June, 1898, of £122,211 1s. 10d. Farther down you find two other accounts which are part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, but which are not shown as part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account.

1270. What are those? The General Post Office Account and the Centennial Park Account. The three accounts might be kept under one heading. Then, again, take the General Loan Account. Here it is shown to have had a credit balance of £1,530,664 0s. 1d. But there was actually a debit balance existing at that time, because they had taken into credit three transfers from Trust Funds of £500,000 each, making a sum of £1,500,000, and in addition to that they had borrowed and taken into account £50,000 from the Curator of Intestate Estates; so that there was a small debit balance actually on the account at that date, and it is not shown.

1271. In other words, it is misstated? As the Account stands, an explanation is required.

1272. Question No. 33? Question No. 33 asks whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from Trust Funds to the General Loan Account, as alleged by the Auditor-General;—my answer is that that was so, and it had the effect of showing the public debt to be £1,500,000 less than it actually was in the Public Debt statement.

1273. *Mr. Yarwood.*] That has been stated before, and yet I am not clear on that score;—when I raised the point with the Auditor-General he turned up his book and showed that £1,500,000 is added on? If you turn up the statement of Public Debt you will not find that sum of £1,500,000; and if you compare the Public Debt as made up on 31st December, 1893, with the amount owing on 30th June, 1899, you will find that in addition to the growth of the Public Debt as thus disclosed, it has been £1,500,000 more.

1274. *Mr. French.*] The conclusion I came to was that the reason why they omitted it was that they held they had a credit balance, until they began to use it, it was not part of the Public Debt? It might be so.

1275. That is the only justification, so far as I can see? That could be the only justification.

1276. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Was not the reason for that the fact that they did not get anything for it? That was one of the reasons, that it was not covered. But the amount is part of the Public Debt and might be shown. There is no reason why they should not put in another line in the Statement, and show that they owed another £1,500,000.

1277. I thought the insinuation was some time ago, when I heard it first, that it was done to deceive the public, but I am not quite clear about that; still, the sum of £1,500,000 is shown in the General Loan Account? I know nothing of that insinuation, if such was ever made. I may say in connection with the General Loan Account, that the balance on that account is not quoted in the statistics of the Colony. It is a mere receipt and expenditure account. The public debt of each colony is made up every year, and the growth is closely watched, not only in Australia, but at home, and that sum of £1,500,000 does not appear in the amount of public debt of New South Wales.

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1278. *Mr. French.*] The only reason I can see that might be a justification is that they have not commenced to operate upon it, that the credit balance was more than the amount of the loan? Not when you take into consideration that they had actually borrowed £50,000 from the Curator of Intestate Estates.
1279. I cannot understand about that £50,000, because it seems to me that that was to some extent repaid? It is existing now. At any rate it was there a few weeks ago.
1280. *Chairman.*] Question No. 34? Question No. 34 asks whether the present system of dealing with Trust Funds and of utilising the balances as working balances in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account to be altered; and, if so, what changes the Commissioners would recommend. That is a question for the Commissioners, but I think there are many arguments in favour of separating the Trust Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account.
1281. Question No. 35? Question No. 35 asks whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940, were made from revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's Certificate; whether in connection with these payments an Expenditure Suspense Account was opened, and the effect of that account. Such payments were made without the Auditor-General's Certificate, and without the Governor's Warrant, because the votes had been exhausted, and an Indemnity Act was afterwards passed by the present Treasurer with the object of protecting the officials of the Treasury in respect of the action which they had taken. I take it that the Treasurer cut his estimates too fine. In Committee of Ways and Means he had to present certain estimates, and show how he was going to find revenue to meet the expenditure; he cut his estimates too fine, and before the year expired he had to meet certain payments which could not be covered by the votes he had taken in the House, or by his Advance Account. The accounts for the last year present a good illustration of that.
1282. *Mr. Yarwood.*] His advance account was supposed to be £100,000 in debit? He asked for £100,000, and spent it all.
1283. *Chairman.*] And Mr. Reid took credit once or twice that he did not exceed the amount? Yes; I have here a copy of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1899, which I got from the Accountant of the Treasury some months ago, when I entered the Treasury. I made up from this copy of the Public Accounts for 1899 the statement of revenue and expenditure which I have presented to the Committee, and I left out of the expenditure proper the sum of £62,388 16s. 11d., which is shown here, not as expenditure proper, but as an Expenditure Suspense Account, to be adjusted. That was a mere advance copy, and in later copies this sum has been included in "Revenue proper." Now, during the last financial year the votes in connection with which these payments charged to the Expenditure Suspense Account were made, became exhausted, and they could not bear any further liabilities; and as the Advance Account was exhausted, they had to make these payments without legal authority. I have not included them in my statement of the expenditure proper, but I have cast them into "other payments," because they are not yet proper expenditure, Parliamentary authority for that expenditure not having been obtained, and they will not constitute expenditure proper, I should say, until the supplementary estimates have been passed by the present Treasurer. But, as I based the deficiency I established on the "other payments" and the "expenditure proper" together, it makes no difference to the total.
1284. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But there is no doubt that it was spent? It was spent—without Parliamentary authority.
1285. I want to follow that out, because you have made a remark which is rather interesting. I want to follow the dissection of the Treasurer's Advance Account balance as on 30th June, 1899. It would be in debit so much, would it not, because he had taken so much money for which he had not got Parliamentary consent? Quite so; that is, he had met from the Account payments which would afterwards be submitted to Parliament.
1286. Well, in the statement of the disbursements for 1900, they will include disbursements on account of the year 1899, will they not? Yes, they will.
1287. That is, if they follow the same principle? Yes.
1288. I should like to have these disbursements? You may have them. (*Statement afterwards handed in by witness and marked Appendix U 3.*) The effect of the Expenditure Suspense Account was this, that by cutting the Estimates too fine the Statement in Committee of Ways and Means might bear a better appearance than otherwise it would do. If you go to Parliament and present certain expenditure accounts, and estimate revenue that will not meet those accounts, you will not make a very good impression on the public mind or on Parliament.
1289. *Chairman.*] Question No. 33? Question No. 36 asks for the amount borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to 30th June, 1899, and to date. To 30th June, 1899, the amount was £2,415,000, and to this date, 15th May, £2,640,000.
1290. Question No. 37? Question No. 37 asks for the conditions under which these deposits were placed with the Treasury. My answer is that they were placed practically at call.
1291. Question No. 38? Question No. 38 asks whether any of these advances have been covered by securities. To that question I answer, No.
1292. Question No. 39? Question No. 39 asks the purpose for which this money was obtained from the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales. That is a question which the Treasurer might answer. But I might say that under the Act there was no necessity for the Treasurer to take that money at all.
1293. *Mr. French.*] It was a matter of financing? Quite so.
1294. *Chairman.*] Question No. 40? Question No. 40 asks whether, from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from loan funds without the certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were, therefore, illegal. That is the case; it has been explained before.
1295. Question No. 41? Question No. 41 asks for the balances of the various accounts when the present Government assumed office. In connection with this question, I should like to refer to the statement of the independent auditors which has already been placed in evidence before the Committee. That shows the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on 14th September, 1899, (a day or two before the present Government took office), to have been £47,236 7s. 11d. Now, there the "Consolidated Revenue Fund Account" is stated without qualification; but that was not the balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account.

1296. *Chairman.*] Can you give us your answer to the question? My answer to the question is that there was a debit balance on that date, on the Consolidated Revenue Account, of £1,053,935 11s.,—after bringing all payments to account, however. J. R. Martin, Esq.

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1297. As against £47,000 credit? Yes. I go on to the "General Loan Account." That account shows a debit balance of £156,244 2s. 3d. That is not the debit balance on that account, although certainly immediately above that there is an entry "Advances to General Loan Account Debit Balance £1,500,000." In order to arrive at the debit balance on the General Loan Account on the date in question you have to add £1,500,000 transferred from Trust Funds, and another sum of £50,000, borrowed from the Curator of Intestate Estates, so that the debit balance on the General Loan Account would be £1,706,244 2s. 3d. I might say that while the debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, when the present Government assumed office (including all payments) was £1,053,935 9s. 11d., it was £1,072,151 15s. 6d. on 31st January, 1900, and on 28th February, 1900—which is the latest date I have—it was £1,019,578 15s. 10d. So that there had actually been an improvement up to that time, from the date on which the present Government assumed office, to the amount of about £34,000. Of course the revenue had expanded, but there was heavy expenditure.

1298. I should like to ask one or two questions with regard to the Consolidated Revenue proper;—I think that one or two previous witnesses from the Treasury stated, when I showed them the Consolidated Revenue proper on a progressive principle, that they had no such figures in the Treasury, or words to that effect; they rather ignored the figures I placed before them. Now, I ask you whether this written statement of figures, as given to the Committee by Mr. Vernon, showing the revenue proper and the expenditure proper, is not strictly correct? Yes. The revenue and expenditure totals would be practically correct. But the commencing balance of £464,711 0s. 4d. would be reducible by credits.

1299. Will you quote from this statement and give me each year the figures showing the drift?

	£	s.	d.
On January 1, 1895, the debit balance was	464,711	0	4
By December 31, 1895, the debit balance had increased to	1,013,611	11	2
By December 31, 1896, that sum had increased to	1,830,258	19	2
By December 31, 1897, that sum had increased to	2,148,528	19	8
By December 31, 1898, that amount had decreased to	1,875,585	18	11
On March 31, 1899, the debit balance was	2,342,344	4	5
On June 30, 1899, the debit balance was	1,718,906	11	2

1300. This statement shows the revenue and expenditure proper without the Suspense Accounts; and these accounts amounted, according to Mr. Vernon's statement, to a credit of £1,434 3s. 1d. and a debit of £162,878 16s. 2d., making the position so much worse. Is that a fair statement of the drift of the Consolidated Revenue Proper Account from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899? I certainly think that the difference between £464,711 and £1,718,906 is a fair indication of the drift during the period. I can see, of course, why it was objected to; but in my opinion there can be no real objection to the statement in the way I have explained. It shows the revenue proper and the expenditure proper during the period, and it shows how the deficiency has actually increased. Of course, the proceeds of the Treasury bills have not been brought to account; the proceeds of those bills were obtained, on certain representations, to meet expenditure which would be made, but which I hold was a fair charge on the revenue of the year. The statement shows the expenditure chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, and it seems to me that the reason why the statement was objected to, if it was objected to by previous witnesses, was, not on account of its incorrectness, but because it showed the accumulation of the debit balance, which was held to have been extinguished by the Treasury bills. In my opinion, of course, the debit balance was not extinguished by the Treasury bills; the expenditure was simply met in a certain way, but the deficiency existed then and still exists. I have heard it stated that the statements in the *Government Gazette* cannot show the true revenue and the true expenditure. I do not quite hold with that opinion. Certain totals are arrived at, and, of course, after the accounts are presented to the Auditor-General for audit he may make changes; he may take out a certain amount of expenditure charged to a certain vote, and say that it ought to be charged to another vote; consequently, in connection with the details, there may be many alterations, but in connection with the total expenditure, and in connection with the balances, there cannot be any material difference; and you are, I see, only dealing here with totals. In regard to the last quarter shown, that ended 30th June, 1899, it appears that there is a very large reduction in the expenditure. The quarterly figures are new to me, because I have not dealt with the quarterly returns; and I find them interesting. I think that this statement serves a very useful purpose, irrespective of the annual returns, and for this reason: At the end of the first year of the new system, there was a credit balance of over £300,000. At the end of the second year, there was a credit balance of £100,000. In my opinion, if every item had been brought to account in the third year of the new system that should have been brought to account, that credit balance of £100,000 would not have existed. But I know why it was preserved; it was preserved because the Auditor-General gave permission to take £150,000 from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund. And it has seemed to me that in the fourth year of the new system there ought to be a reason why that credit balance was still preserved from extinction, and, although the figures are new to me, yet I am inclined, from the statement now before me, to regard it as being explained by the low expenditure in the last quarter of the year. I think that the expenditure of the quarter ended June, 1899, shows that there were unpaid accounts at the close of the financial year. [*Statement handed in by Chairman, and marked Appendix V 3.*]

[Adjourned till Thursday, 17th May, 1900.]

NINETEENTH DAY—THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered the evidence so far taken.

17 May, 1900.

TWENTIETH DAY—FRIDAY 18 MAY, 1900.

[The Committee met at the Offices of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.]

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

| F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

18 May, 1900.

The Committee continued their consideration of the evidence.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY—MONDAY, 21 MAY, 1900.

[The Committee met at the Board Room, Chief Secretary's Office.]

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

| F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

21 May, 1900.

The Committee continued their consideration of the evidence.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

| F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Francis Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, recalled and further examined:—

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Esq.

22 May, 1900.

1301. *Chairman.*] The Committee desire to ask you a few questions as to the diminished expenditure of 1895–6 as compared with subsequent years: First of all, I refer to your evidence, where you state the balance of the Consolidated Revenue on 30th June, 1899, showed a surplus of £116,523 5s. 8d.; you remember those figures? I do.

1302. Should that amount not be reduced by £5,137 4s. 2d., being the unexpended payments for the Treasury bills? I think that balance was altogether apart from any balance at the credit of the old 1895 Deficiency Account.*

1303. Was the Treasury Bills Account closed by transferring that £5,000 odd to the Consolidated Revenue? It was in the Consolidated Revenue.

1304. Do you know for a certainty whether that was credited to the Consolidated Revenue? I am certain that the proceeds of the Treasury bills were credited to the Consolidated Revenue.

1305. And there was a balance unused in a statement you gave us? That statement was not exactly correct, but it showed a small balance.

1306. Am I to understand that the surplus of £116,000 odd was reduced to £111,000 odd by the transfer of the £5,000? The account for 1898–1899 with Ways and Means was made up exclusive altogether of the balance of the proceeds of the bills.

1307. I think we made out that there was £5,137 4s. 2d. unexpended on account of these Treasury bills? I am not certain if the amount corresponded with the balance in the Treasury books or not. I do not think it quite corresponded. I have not looked into the matter.

1308. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When the estimate of the deficiency was made up there were certain liabilities which you considered as liabilities of the past? Yes; 1895 and previous years.

1309. Can you tell us how that basis was arrived at? By taking the balances of the appropriations outstanding.

1310. And did the Treasury consider that that was a clean start for the new system? The Treasurer considered it so. The Treasurer considered that by making provision for the balances of 1895 and previous years by means of bills the new system got a clean start.

1311. And did you take in receipts on the other side as well? The balances of the liabilities outstanding would not be affected by the receipts. The receipts were all taken into account in arriving at the state of the deficiency.

1312. The receipts that would come in? The receipts that would come in, with the exception of a few that came in afterwards and went into General Revenue. Referring to the £116,000, might I ask whether that was the balance shown by the *Government Gazette*?

1313. *Chairman.*] Yes, by the *Gazette*? Any balance shown by the *Gazette* statement would include the balance of the unissued Treasury bills—about £5,000. I think the Ways and Means showed something like £146,000 or thereabouts. The balance shown by the Account for that year with Ways and Means would not include the balance of the unused proceeds of bills.

1314. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But it forms part of the Credit Balance? It forms part of the balance at the credit of the Revenue, as shown by the figures in the *Gazette*.

1315. And from these reports, too? Yes. The old account is sometimes shown separately by the Auditor-General.

1316. That may be, but I am referring to the Treasury Account? As far as the balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue is concerned, it would be shown.

1317.

* NOTE BY WITNESS.—This answer is not correct; the balance on old account, 1895 and previous years, was included. At the time I answered I was thinking of the surplus on 30th June, 1899, shown by the account for the year 1898–1899, with Ways and Means.

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1317. In a paper which we have prepared, we have put in the appropriations of the year in columns, and then we have added to them the subsequent appropriations; we have added them altogether, and at the bottom of the page you will see that we get at the comparative total of the actual expenditure of the year after it has been passed by Parliament, and we find that the total expenditure for 1895-6, under the new system, was £8,925,794 2s. 7d., and in the next year it was £9,491,644 2s. 1d.;—what is the reason of the difference? I could not tell exactly without going into the figures, but I may state there would be a considerable saving in the first year of the new system; that is, considerably less expenditure in the first year.

1318. *Mr. French.*] Why, that is the point? Well, the explanation is very simple to any person that understands how the new system worked. The new arrangement under the amended Audit Act was to the effect that the expenditure *during* a year was to be the expenditure *for* the year. Consequently there were no liabilities of previous years carried forward. That is to say, that an expenditure which took place in June, 1896, would not come in for payment until July, 1896, because the accounts are rendered monthly. Consequently, in the first year of the new system there would be considerably less expenditure. I do not know that this accounts for all the difference, but it would go a long way towards accounting for it.

1319. Does that mean to say that the year 1895-6 does not show a true normal state of expenditure? It does not show the normal expenditure, and for the reason stated.

1320. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Have you any idea of how much? I could not say that. It could be, to some extent, arrived at by taking the contingent expenditure of the various Departments for the month of June, and ascertaining what such expenditure would amount to. For June, 1895, the outstanding balances of appropriations were provided for by Treasury Bills. For June, 1896, the accounts for services would not be paid until the month of July, 1896, when, of course, the expenditure would go into the following year. It is all done according to law.

1321. *Mr. French.*] That is all right; but the question is what the effect of it was? The effect was that the expenditure was less than the normal expenditure for the first year.

1322. Am I right in saying that the appropriations which had been sanctioned by Parliament, the authorisations which were outstanding on 30th June, 1895, were all taken? Yes, and provided for by Treasury Bills.

1323. That is, when starting the new system, although under normal circumstances those items would have come into the expenditure of the subsequent period if you had not adopted this new plan? That is, so far as the actual expenditure is concerned; but they would not have been charges against the revenue of subsequent years, even if the Government had not adopted this new system. That is, each year would have been shown as so much short or otherwise; but to get a clean start, Mr. Reid covered all outstanding liabilities by bills.

1324. That is to say, liabilities in the sense of authorisations? Yes.

1325. Of course, they were not liabilities which you were obliged to recognise? Oh, yes, they were; undoubtedly they were. The expenditure had been incurred by the Departments.

1326. But was not the effect of that method to give 1895-6 a very large advantage in regard to both its predecessors and successors? It gave it an advantage to a certain extent, because the accounts for contingent expenditure on account of June, 1896, would not be received until July, 1896, and then the expenditure would form a charge against the next year's revenue under the amended Act.

1327. I conclude that the effect was, not to relieve 1895-6 of what had happened before the period, but really to weight the subsequent years? The subsequent years' revenue had to bear any payments made for 1895-6 services, as the balances of appropriations lapsed on 30th June, 1896. It is also possible that a good many appropriations for 1895-6 were less than they were for 1896-7.

1328. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Why would that be? I could not say unless I went into the matter; but the yearly appropriations never correspond.

1329. It is a very strange thing that, as far as the accounts are concerned, the expenditure shown as the expenditure of 1895-6 is a good deal less than in any one year since, even although we know that in the latter period there have been savings in the Public Service, according to the Public Service Board, of £300,000? Yes, that would account for part of it; and another part of it would be accounted for by the £75,000 and the £37,500 charged to 1895 and previous years.

1330. What was the idea of drafting the accounts in that way, because, as a matter of fact, the way it works out is that the year 1895-6 affords no indication of the country's position in any shape or form? It was the starting of the new system, and, of course, under the circumstances there must be an advantage the first year, because the expenditure was thrown forward.

1331. Why was the expenditure thrown forward? The change of system demanded it. Parliament passed an Act stating that the expenditure was to be charged, apart altogether from the appropriations, against the revenue of the year in which the payments were actually made.

1332. On the other side of the account there does not seem to have been the same care taken, because I find several amounts in amongst the receipts, if the particulars in the Public Accounts go for anything, charged to previous years;—in the account for 1899 I find an item "Transfer from General Loans—Cost of Meat Market, Pyrmont, &c., £7,961," credited to the revenue of that year;—when did that arise? That would not be a payment out of the revenue for that year. The expenditure was transferred to Loans.

1333. But when did the £7,961 arise? It may have arisen some years previously.

1334. And is simply transferred in this year? Yes; that is, it was charged to revenue first, and transferred in that year to the Loan expenditure, because it properly belonged there. I think that particular item was done under the authority of an Act of Parliament. It was included in the Act, and the Loan Act would show that it was to meet expenditure in connection with the Meat Market which had been charged to the revenue, some years before.

1335. What we want to get at is, not what was authorised by Parliament, but what is right from a business point of view. From a business point of view the Government is in this condition: That it has a certain income which belongs to that year, and ever since the 30th June, 1895, the figures, from a business point of view, would be supposed to be worked in this way, that the legitimate income for the year would go to the credit, and the legitimate expenditure would go to the debit. Well, now, are there not several amounts put to the credit amongst the receipts that really arose in previous years? I do not think

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think there is very much. With reference to that particular matter, if you turn up the Ways and Means you will find what has been actually credited for that year.

1336. Well it is here? It would be shown there as other receipts, I think.

1337. And goes to form part of the £116,000? That may be. A copy of the Ways and Means for August, 1899, would show what the revenue was, and what was taken in.

1338. Will you look at page 12 of the Public Accounts for 1897. There is an item "Amount transferred from the Public Instruction Endowment Account, surplus receipts, balance for 1896-7, £13,000." It seems there has been a change in that account lately. I want to know what the nature of the account is? It is all changed. Previously it was kept in the Trust Funds, and the amount of the receipts—that is the interest and other items of revenue of this particular account—were transferred at the end of the year to the Consolidated Revenue. That is how it stood before the last Act was passed.

1339. How does it stand now? It stands now as a separate account in our books.

1340. Is the Fund kept separate? The account is kept separate, but it is not kept separate in the Bank.

1341. What is the transfer of the £13,000? That is the surplus receipts. I take that to be the receipts during that particular year on account of interest investments and other items.

1342. Particulars of the item are given on pages 76 and 77. There the amount is given as £16,127 17s. 1d.? That is the receipts from rent and investments.

1343. And interest? Yes, and interest. There was an expenditure of £17,799 2s. 3d., including the transfer.

1344. On page 12 for the Public Accounts for 1896 there are a number of items under the heading "Amount of unclaimed sums at the credit of the following Trust Fund Accounts, transferred in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act to the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the 30th June, 1896." Where those incomes of 1895-6? They were balances at the credit of those accounts; and in accordance with the terms of the Audit Act when certain moneys lie to the credit of Trust Funds for two years they are transferred to the Revenue.

1345. Then was it fair to say that there was a deficiency of £1,024,000 when they drew those bills? The years stated opposite the various items are the years in which the amounts were credited to the Trust Accounts. The amounts could not have been transferred before the expiration of two years from the dates credited.

1346. But it was a surplus fund arising in 1895? No; they could not have been transferred before, because they were liable to be paid out until the two years expired.

1347. Does that apply to the item "Balances of Intestate Estates"? That is somewhat in a different position. I think the period is something like six years, but the principle is the same. You will see that in the heading it says "Transferred in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act." These items do not in any way affect the previous years' accounts.

1348. Why not? Because they could not be credited then. And there were corresponding credits in 1895 and previous years.

1349. But they helped to swell the income of 1895-6? There were previous amounts which helped to swell the revenue of previous years in the same way.

1350. You say that the balances of Intestate Estates can only be transferred in six years? I think it is six years. It is either three years or six.

1351. Then there are items with regard to the Hurlstone Training School and technical education? I could not say anything with reference to those unless I looked up the details, because they are not in the same category, I think.

1352. Then in the Public Accounts for 1896, page 12, there is an item "Transfer from Trust Fund, Government Savings Bank Account, the estimated amount of departmental expenses for the year 1895-6, pursuant to clause 15 of Savings Bank Act, 1870"—was that the amount of expenses during 1895-6? Yes, estimated.

1353. Subsequent to that, there are some transfers of profits arising in the Savings Bank; well, that did not all arise in the years to which it was credited? I could not answer that without looking up the particulars. [*Statements afterwards handed in and marked Appendices J 3 and X 3.*]

1354. I should like to have that information, and I wish you would make sure about the item—Balances of Intestate Estates,—because in the Public Accounts for 1893 I find an amount credited for 1888; and on page 13 of the same accounts there is an item, "Premium on Loan raised, 56 Victoria No. 1, £7,077 4s. 6d.";—when would that loan be floated? In all probability the loan was raised in 1896, but I would not be certain. [*Statement showing Balances of Intestate Estates transferred, afterwards handed in and marked Appendix Z 3.*]

1355. And in the Public Accounts for 1895 there is the item, "Premium on Loan raised, 41 Victoria, No. 7, £25,116 18s. 9d.";—what year would that be? I will ascertain.

1356. And the same Loan Act is mentioned lower down on the page. I only want to know as a matter of curiosity what the idea is of putting the one item of Premium on Loan where it is, while the item of Accrued Interest is put in another part of the page? I find one of these items is credited to the revenue proper, the other is not. [*Statement afterwards handed in and marked Y 3.*]

1357. In the Public Accounts for 1898, page 12, there is a credit in Miscellaneous Receipts of £6,251 14s. 4d. under the heading of Church and School Lands Act, 1897;—that has nothing to do with Public Instruction has it? Not now. The revenue derived from the Church and School Lands was formerly credited to the Public Instruction Endowment Account, but under the Act of 1897 it belongs to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

1358. That would be the surplus of income over expenditure in that particular branch? No; it represents the income, I am informed. The expenditure is provided for by a vote of Parliament. [*Statement afterwards handed in and marked W 3.*]

1359. There is another item on page 13 of the Public Accounts of 1898. "Accrued interest on loan raised 50 Victoria No. 28, £5,114 1s. 6d.;—when was that floated? Would you be able to tell without looking it up? No, I could not.

1360. In the Public Accounts for 1897 there is the item, "Sale of Government property, £9,933 19s. 8d.;—what is that? It is the proceeds of a miscellaneous collection of articles sold.

1361.

NOTE BY WITNESS:—On reference to the Account I find the amount was credited to Revenue under the head of Unclassified Receipts.

1361. It is not land? No; I do not know that it includes the overtime sale of Customs goods, but it includes sale of old stores at the Colonial Stores Department, and, perhaps stores sold by other Departments.

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1362. At the end of the period ended 30th June, 1899, there is a certain amount expended under the Expenditure Suspense Account and the Treasurer's Advance Account, and there is a certain outstanding balance in connection with the "Accountant's Stamp Account," "Scab in Sheep," and "State Children";—will you get me the exact balance owing on these accounts on 30th June, 1899? Yes. The peculiarity about the item in connection with State children is that whilst the Government can charge under the Act, they must afterwards obtain an appropriation for the amount; so in reality the appropriation would appear in the year when it is really not required, because the money had been spent.

1363. Referring to the item of £62,338 16s. 11d. on page 33 of the Public Accounts for 1899 under the heading of "Further expenditure," I suppose that money had absolutely left the Treasury on the 30th June? It had absolutely.

1364. *Mr. French.*] What I understand from this comparison which has been drawn up, and which, you may take it, is actually based on Treasury figures, is that the year 1895-6 has not suffered any unfair advantage from anything which belongs to previous years? It has not.

1365. No items have been omitted from this account which ought to have been put in and charged to the Treasury Bills? That is so.

1366. And the reason why the expenditure, in your judgment, shows less than in previous years is that at the end of the last month of one period certain items are carried over into the next period? Yes. But I want you to understand that as a matter of law the balances of appropriations lapsed.

1367. But as a matter of fact there is certain expenditure which goes over? Undoubtedly.

1368. So in, your opinion, 1895-6 has not gained at the expense of previous years; but it has gained at the expense of subsequent years, and at the final period there is an overlapping which goes into the next period? That is correct. 1895-6 might be considered to have gained at the expense of previous years, to some extent owing to only one half-year being charged in connection with two items for which in the other years the whole amount is charged, I mean the £75,000 and the £37,500 already referred to.

1369. But nothing has been omitted from 1895-6 which ought to have been put into 1895-6, and the real reason, in your opinion, of this apparent discrepancy is that a certain amount is carried forward from one year to another? Yes; and it might follow that the appropriations for 1895-6 were less for some services than the appropriations for subsequent years.

1370. Then, did the operation of this wiping up at the closing of the period enable them to make less appropriations? Yes; in some cases it was seen that a change of system would necessitate less expenditure.

1371. Of course, you look at the matter purely from the legal Parliamentary standpoint? Yes.

1372. If you get certain sanction to certain things, that makes it right? Yes. The Treasury Department acts altogether in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Act and other Acts.

1373. Then, it probably has happened that in certain cases 1895-6 has been relieved through the fact that, having provided for these things in the past, you required to make less appropriations for this particular year? Undoubtedly, to some extent. The expenditure in reality would not be the normal expenditure. It was seen at the time that in subsequent years the expenditure would, of course, be greater.

1374. *Mr. Yarwood.*] If we want to judge the financial position of the Colony, we must look at 1895-6 as an exceptional year? It would not be a good year for purposes of comparison on account of the change of system.

1375. *Chairman.*] I notice that the Auditor-General states that the debit to Consolidated Revenue General Account on 1st January, 1895, was £2,752,623 Os. 2d.;—having got £1,024,700 of debentures, which amount had been credited to Consolidated Revenue, does that reduce the Debit Balance to £1,727,923? There never was such a balance. The Auditor-General, for some reason of his own, refused to accept the amount that was credited to the revenue on account of the proceeds of the Treasury Bills issued to meet the deficiency of 1886 and previous years, but there never was such a balance as that stated in the Treasury Accounts.

1376. Do you say that the Auditor-General is wrong in stating that fact? It is a matter of opinion. I do mean to say that the figures do not correspond with the Treasury figures.

1377. *Mr. French.*] I suppose that is because the Auditor-General does not credit the proceeds of either class of Treasury Bills, either those of 1886 or the last lot? Yes.

1378. That is the reason why he brings that out? Yes.

1379. *Chairman.*] How does the Auditor-General make up the figures of £2,752,623? I have not attempted to make up the Auditor-General's figures—he would do that best himself.

1380. But I suppose he can do it? He should be able. But the difference arises as I have stated from not crediting the proceeds of the Treasury Bills. It arises principally from that cause, and he also, I think, includes the balances at the debit of the Suspense Accounts.

1381. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I notice that in the accounts of the last four years there appears the redemption of 1924 stock, 1925 stock, and 1927 stock; how is it that there is a year missing? There is probably no stock falling due in 1926.

1382. *Mr. French.*] The Auditor-General does not recognise the Treasury Bills as being a permanent relief of the Consolidated Revenue;—therefore he keeps the balance on, whatever it may be, after allowing for the £150,000 reduction; but the Treasury recognises it as a permanent reduction, that is to say, they say that it has been provided for by law? The Treasury Bills were actually sold to the Trust Funds, and the proceeds credited to the revenue.

1383. And in the interim they are part of the Public Debt? Yes; they are shown in the Public Debt Statement.

1384. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose the Treasury figures are right;—what I mean is, that the only difference the Auditor-General makes is as to whether the figures are correctly placed according to the law that may be passed for the time being? The figures are correctly shown according to the law. I do not think that the Auditor-General disputes that.

1385. Question. Well, in going into the finances if we accept the Treasury statement as correct we are going on a correct basis? Yes.

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1386. There would be nothing material or that would affect the balance in any way? Nothing that I am aware of. The question all hinges in my opinion upon the outstanding liabilities in connection with the Treasury Bills, and the Suspense Accounts. The Auditor-General takes those in when making up his debit balance. We do not.

1387. You treat those as though they were Trust Funds? We treat the Treasury bills as part of the Public Debt, and the Centennial Park and Moore-street Resumption Accounts as Suspense Accounts.

[Adjourned until Friday, 25th May, 1900.]

TWENTY-THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, 25 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq., | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Robert Lucas Nash, Financial Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, examined:—

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1388. *Chairman.*] We understand that you have taken considerable interest in the finances of the country for the last few years, and we shall be glad if you will favour us with your views in regard to the transactions of the Government from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, a period of four and a half years? Of course it has been my duty to follow the finances of the country closely. I heard all Mr. Reid's financial statements, and it was necessary for me to go into the matter very carefully; so when the questions which have been put to this Committee were published, I, for my own satisfaction, went through them in detail, and framed what I regard as answers to them, so that I should be in a position to deal with the subject. Therefore, if the Committee like, I shall be prepared to consider each question in detail, or to take up any point which the Committee may wish to deal with.

1389. *Mr. French.*] I think a good framework for you to proceed upon would be the questions themselves, because you have evidently based your figures on those lines, and your views will be a guide to us from an independent source. I do not know that it would be necessary to take you right through these questions. There are certain questions which are matters of opinion? Some are undoubtedly matters of opinion, and some I could not answer. Perhaps, before going through the questions, I might make a short statement. The light in which I regard the financial position is this: When in 1893 and 1894 the revenue fell off seriously, Sir George Dibbs cut down the expenditure borne by revenue as far as it could be cut down. In some respects he cut it down beyond what was possible on an average of years, because such items as roads and bridges (always the first to be curtailed in times of pressure) might be reduced for one year or two, but that would involve additional outlays afterwards. Consequently, though Mr. Reid effected a further saving by the reorganisation of the Public Service, I hold that it was impossible for him legitimately to reduce the ordinary expenditure below the level of 1894; in fact, with the growth of the Colony and the debt, the 1894 level will prove too low. The revenue was somewhat inadequate in 1894, and for years afterwards the various sources of income proved inelastic; yet Mr. Reid reduced his revenue by remissions of taxations by about half a million per annum. Subsequent experience has shown that almost the entire amount of that half million was needed to keep the accounts in a proper condition. Of course, had Mr. Reid had more prosperous times during the period of his administration he would have presented better results. The drought and depression were admittedly against him, but he had to take the position as he found it, and it is necessary that revenue should be able to stand the strain of adverse years. Parliament, too, on various occasions, refused Mr. Reid the new revenue he asked for. It cut down his Land and Income Tax proposals, and made the cost of administration greater; it refused his stamp duties; and when, in 1898, he definitely told Parliament that his revenue was insufficient, it refused to put on most of the new duties he then asked for. Thus he was reduced to expedients. But, admitting all this, I think it can be shown that in every year he was nearly half a million short of the revenue needed to adequately balance his accounts.

1390. That is your thesis; what figures have you to prove that thesis? In answering these questions I think that will be proved conclusively.

1391. Not as to the half a million, surely? Yes, as to the half million.

1392. That means 2½ millions? I will say £2,100,000.

1393. What can you adduce in proof of that? Shall I take that point up first, or will you go through the questions?

1394. You might go through the questions and then deduce that from your answers to the questions? Very well. I will take question No. 1: My answer is that the Public Accounts show a revenue of £42,340,165 on the four and a half years, and from Suspense Accounts of £1,395, making in all £42,341,560. But I consider that £25,117 included in the revenue proper to the first half of the year 1895, should rightly have been deducted from the cash deficiency on 31st December, 1894, leaving the total revenue for the four and a half years at £42,316,443. I may say that I have taken my figures from the Public Accounts, and I have balanced them all the way through. I have prepared the statements of revenue and expenditure in tabulated form, giving, in addition to the ordinary Revenue and Suspense Accounts, "Aids to Revenue," and "Advances Repaid," because that was necessary to bring out absolute balances in the accounts; but I need not go into these figures now.

1395. *Mr. Yarwood.*] In drafting your figures, where an advance is made in one year and repaid in another, have you left it out or added it to your figures? I have only dealt with it for the purposes of balancing.

1396. I now take question 2: The answer is that the expenditure on Revenue Account during that period was £43,440,943, and upon Suspense Account, £162,878, making together £43,603,821. This takes no account of what, it may be considered, should otherwise have been charged against revenue during these years.

1397. My answer to Question 3 is that £1,262,261 is the difference between revenue and expenditure, including Suspense Accounts, as shown above, plus £25,117 already referred to, making £1,287,378.

1398. The answer to Question 4, dealing with the Suspense Accounts, is: Post Office Street Account—Receipts, £1,389; expenditure, £133,828; Centennial Park Account—Receipts, £6; expenditure, £29,051. The excess of expenditure was, therefore, on the Post Office Street Account, £132,439, and on the Centennial Park Account £29,045, making a total of £161,484. This disagrees with the previous answer by about £39. I could adjust that difference, but I have not done so. 1399.

1399. My answer to Question 5 is that £1,100,778 is the difference shown between revenue and expenditure, excluding Suspense Accounts, as shown in the accounts, plus £25,117, making £1,125,895. I have, all through, taken that £25,117 separately. It is not separated as the accounts are rendered, but I considered it ought not to be treated as current revenue, so I have mentioned the amount separately. Including the Suspense Accounts, the amount would be £1,287,378.

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1400. My answer to Question 6 is as follows:—

The extraordinary receipts taken into Consolidated Revenue were—			
Transferred from General Loan Account in 1895...	...	...	£341,319
Also in the same period	...	...	25,117
Treasury Bills	...	...	1,024,700
Total...	...	...	£1,391,136

This excludes £161,483 taken from the Trust Funds to cover outlay on Suspense Accounts, making £1,552,619. Personally I am in doubt whether the £341,319 and the £25,117 were rightly to be credited to revenue at all, though the Auditor-General maintained that they should be. Previous Treasurers had declined to make the transfer.

Mr. French: Really, they have been credited to the deficiency.

Mr. Yarwood: It might be well to explain that deficiency account to Mr. Nash. We deal with the accounts in this way: On the 30th June, 1895, the Government said, "We will have a white ship." Well, they take the receipts from 31st December, 1894, to 30th June, 1895. They put that on one side and they add to it that £300,000 odd accrued interest. Therefore, they have a certain amount, and on the other side they take the deficit they had on 31st December, 1894, and the expenses in between 1st January, 1895, and 30th June, 1895, plus these disputed appropriations, which, they say, were the liabilities of the past; and the difference between those two accounts is that £1,024,700, save and except the £5,000 profit which they admit they had on the transaction. That is the old Deficiency Account. Then they start the new accounts. That is what Mr. French is referring to when he talks of the old deficiency.

The Witness: Does not the Auditor-General admit a bigger profit than that?

Mr. Yarwood: Oh yes, he does, but it is immaterial. I was only suggesting that you should know what Mr. French referred to when he spoke about the Deficiency Account, as it was an account which I knew you could never have seen.

The Witness: Continuing my answers to the questions, I now come to Question 7. My answer is: the whole amount of the cash deficiency in December, 1874, or £464,715 was extinguished.

1401. My answer to Question 8 is that £926,421, extraordinary receipts, were utilised in meeting the expenditure in the four and a half years. To arrive at that sum, I take £1,391,136 and deduct from it £464,715.

1402. The answer my figures show to Question 9 is that £2,752,623 was the deficiency on revenue on 31st December, 1894, inclusive of Suspense Accounts; and £2,217,599, exclusive of Suspense Accounts.

1403. The answer I should give to Question 10 is as follows:—The Auditor-General had pointed out the existence of this amount of accrued interest for years, and, if correct, it certainly belonged to a period long prior to the year 1895. It should, therefore, if dealt with at all, have been deducted from the Cash Overdraft on 31st December, 1894.

1404. My answer to question 11 is that this accrued interest properly reduced the deficiency on 31st December, 1894, to the following:—inclusive of Suspense Accounts, £2,386,187; and exclusive of Suspense Accounts, £1,851,163.

1405. As to Question 12: the law duly provides for this reduction of £150,000 in the Treasury Bills, and had there been an equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, there would have been a reduction of £600,000 in the deficiency on 30th June, 1899,—that is, to £1,786,187, inclusive of Suspense Accounts; and to £1,251,163, exclusive of Suspense Accounts. Parliament also provides for the repayment of the Railway Loan, 53 Victoria No. 24, by £75,000 a year. That does not reduce the Debit Balance against revenue, but should reduce the public debt by £300,000 in the four and a half years.

1406. You mean the four years? Well, it is really in four years. The position was that in four years revenue was charged with only three and a half years' expenditure on these particular items.

1407. The answer to Question 13 is that the deficiency on Consolidated Revenue Account on 30th June, 1899, was inclusive of Suspense Accounts, £2,757,530; and exclusive of Suspense Accounts, £2,061,061. I consider these deficiencies should be increased by £150,000 Sinking Fund, appropriated to redeem debentures in 1898, and by a number of outlays improperly charged to the General Loan Account.

1408. *Mr. French*.] You mean under the Short Loan system? No; there are a number of items on the permanent debt which I consider utterly wrong. For instance, they charge to Permanent Loan Account, repairs to Government House. Well, that is indefensible.

1409. *Chairman*.] That is not the Thirty-year Loan you are speaking of? No, the permanent debt.

1410. The answer I should give to Question 14 is as follows:—The increase in the deficiency shown on the four and a half years in the accounts on 30th June, 1899, was, inclusive of Suspense Accounts, £971,343; and exclusive of Suspense Accounts, £809,898. These exclude the £150,000 referred to in my answer to Question 13.

1411. As to Question 15, the proceeds of the Treasury Bills were utilised as follows:—

To cover net cash deficiency 31st December, 1894	...	...	£98,279
„ 4½ years' deficiency	...	...	809,898
„ Surplus, 30th June, 1899	...	...	116,523
			£1,024,700

Those three items, arrived at in answer to previous questions, show precisely the amount of the Treasury Bills, and I think they show where the money went. In addition, the increase in the Suspense Accounts was provided for out of Trust Funds.

1412. My answer to Question 16, as to the utilisation of the proceeds of Treasury Bills, is yes.

1413. As to Question 17, respecting the change of system in keeping the Accounts in 1895, the answer is again yes. Mr. Reid was fully entitled to cover the cash deficiency on 30th June, 1895, but he claimed that there was an excessive amount of expenditure involved in these unexpended votes. I am unable to find any evidences of this excess.

R. L. Nash, Esq. 1414. My answer to Question 18, as to the reduction of expenditure charged to 1895-6, is yes. The Credit Balance on 30th June, 1896, was also obtained in that way.
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The Credit Balance on 30th June, 1896, was	£476,530
Less Treasury Bills	150,000
									<u>£326,530</u>
Credit Balance on 30th June, 1899	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£116,523
									<u>£210,007</u>

The Auditor-General, I believe, contends that that £116,523 is not correct.

1416. *Mr. French.*] I think he agrees with that balance? He does; but he says that only £74,574 is on the new account, and that the balance is really due to the old account.

1417. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Still he agrees as to the whole? He agrees as to the whole.

1418. The other is a question of legal allocation? Yes.

1419. Coming to Question 20, I have taken the two years 1893 and 1894. The average expenditure for those years is £9,879,569; and the expenditure charged to 1895-6, £8,899,411, which is less than the average of the two preceding years by £990,158. Of course, the cash expenditure in the year 1895-6 was nearly up to the average of the two years I referred to, 1893 and 1894.

1420. As to Question 21, I am not absolutely certain whether the amount called back on the Road Votes, &c., was £216,000, but to both the questions included in Question 21 my answer must be yes. The expenditure on Roads and Bridges in 1895-6 was £719,990, of which only £387,207 was charged to that year.

1421. *Mr. French.*] The rest was charged to deficiency account? Yes.

1422. As to Question 22, the Cash Debit Balance on 31st December, 1894, was £464,715, less, as I should state it, £366,436 transferred from General Loan Account, leaving £98,279. The debit balance on 30th June, 1895, was £166,450. The question is somewhat involved, but I should think that £166,450 would be correct as covering the deficiency on both periods.

1423. To Question 23, as to the relief of the accounts in 1895-6 by short-charging redemptions of Treasury Bills, I answer yes.

1424. *Mr. Yarwood.*] With regard to that question, is it your opinion that from the accounts as you have seen them, on account of the change of system to 30th June instead of 31st December a half-year has dropped; in other words, it has been skimmed over. And if we were to close the accounts now on 31st December instead of 30th June, would the effect not be that a full year's reduction of those Treasury Bills would have to appear in the Account? Yes, certainly. It was a questionable proceeding, but that is the result. In fact, in one full year only half a year's amounts were charged, and that could not be right.

1425. My answer to Question 24, as to the effect of the appropriation of £150,000 from the Sinking Funds is, that, rightly, it should be repaid to the Sinking Funds.

1426. As a matter of fact, it had no business to be done? It had no business to be done.

1427. As to Question 25, the expenditure under the Thirty Years' Loans in the four and a half years has been £657,675. Previously, in most cases, such charges had been provided out of revenue, and, I think, rightly so. I do not wish to be held to condemn the principle of Thirty Years' Loans for other purposes now charged to permanent debt. Such purposes charged to permanent debt in 1898-9 would be "Conversion of tramways, £70,043." That is charged to permanent debt.

1428. That is actually expended? Actually expended, and charged to permanent debt. Yet steam motors become practically valueless, and the conversion consists in the electrical installation. It is right that the conversion should be made; but I think that the old expenditure should be written down. That might be dealt with by a Thirty Years' Loan, so that the extra amount should be gradually written off.

1429. Do you remember what the Glasgow Municipal Council did when they converted the trams in Glasgow? They wrote them down, but in such an exceedingly wholesale fashion that I do not think it would be at all likely to be taken as a precedent for our Government to follow. Then there is another item charged to loans in 1898-9—"Improvements in grades and curves on the Railways, £78,237." As we travel along the railways we can see these abandoned curves and gradients everywhere, but the capital account is charged with the original expenditure and the new expenditure, and both are charged to permanent debt. I think in that case the new expenditure should not be charged to the permanent debt. Then there is another item in 1898-9—"Trial Surveys, £14,520." These were charged to permanent debt. I should think that two-thirds of the trial surveys come to nothing. There is nothing permanent to represent them, and yet they are charged to the permanent debt. It is also a question whether resump-tions of lands might not be dealt with in the same way. It is necessary to resume lands for various purposes, but these lands have already been sold and the amount paid into revenue, and yet, when the Government want the land back, they pay capital for it. I do not know whether if the land was sold again the amount would be paid into revenue. Anyhow, that leads to a peculiar state of affairs. The purposes to which the Thirty Years' Loans are now applied are to relieve revenue from ordinary charges, as can readily be seen from the following comparison:—

Expenditure on Public Works out of Revenue.

Maintenance and Construction.

1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,227,380
1891	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,486,803
1892	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,384,203
1893	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,101,251
1894	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	762,867
1895 (half-year)	469,263
1895-6	978,497
1896-7	854,871
1897-8	574,041
1898-9	549,042

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In 1894, when there came the pinch in the revenue, Sir George Dibbs reduced the expenditure to £763,000. Then, when Mr. Reid came into office in 1895, for two years at any rate he had plenty of funds, and in the first half of 1895 he expended £469,000, and in 1895-6 £978,000. After that, the extraordinary sources of revenue ceased, and he had to make allowances. In 1896-7 his expenditure was £855,000; in 1897-8 it was £574,000; and in 1898-9 it was £549,000. So, in 1898-9 he expended on maintenance and construction of public works out of revenue not much more than one-third of what was expended in 1891. The figures which I have just given include roads and bridges which in the year 1898-9 absorbed £488,974, leaving £60,068 for all other purposes. That £60,068 would mean the up-keep of public buildings, wharfage, harbour, and river works, fortifications, &c.

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1430. *Mr. French.*] In order to arrive at a proper conclusion these figures would require analysis? I take them from an account published regularly by the Government Statistician.

1431. But they have to be analysed? He analyses it. I have shown by these figures that the expenditure on public works out of revenue has been cut down greatly. Until 1895 the average was considerably over a million. Now it has gradually been reduced until it is little over £500,000. This, I consider convincing as to the purposes to which the thirty years' loans have been applied. Even ordinary maintenance charges are not now adequately borne by revenue. I am most strongly of opinion that the maintenance of the existing roads and bridges, public buildings, harbour works, and fortifications cannot be adequately provided for at under £1,000,000 per annum. Until 1894 the charge was much in excess of that, but I am quite convinced that in naming £1,000,000, I am understating the amount which ought really to be charged against revenue. I therefore consider the Thirty-years' Loan system as now applied is an improper relief to revenue.

1432. Coming to Question 26 my answer is as follows:—(a) £971,343 deficiency on the four and a half years, inclusive of Suspense Accounts; (b) £809,898 deficiency, exclusive of Suspense, but under the conditions of the Suspense Accounts, I consider that £31,484 of the expenditure on those accounts during the four and a half years should also have been borne by ordinary revenue.

1433. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Can you tell us why? Well I might refer to sand-shifting at Centennial Park. That was started, I think, to give the men something to do. My answer to (c) is to raise the four and a half years' deficiency to £1,121,343. That was exclusive of £130,000 Suspense Accounts charged against Trust Funds. As to (d) the additions which I consider would have been required to put the Consolidated Revenue Account on a sound basis are somewhat numerous, including out of the Thirty-years' Loan expenditure, say, £600,000. I am not quite certain of that amount. I have not gone through the entire four and a half years, but I should think the amount was £600,000. In addition, large amounts were borne wrongfully, as I consider, by the permanent debt, and the best way I can put the matter is this: Take the proper charges for public works, as already stated, at £1,000,000 per annum. The estimated proper charge against revenue in the four and a half years would be £4,500,000, and I maintain that that is below what it ought to have been. The amount actually charged for the first half-year of 1895 would be £469,263, leaving a deficiency of about £30,000. For 1895-6 amount actually expended was £978,497, leaving a deficiency of about £21,000. The deficiencies in those two periods, when Mr. Reid had plenty of money, were very small.

1434. *Mr. French.*] The expenditure was normal? The expenditure was normal. In 1896-7 the amount actually expended out of revenue was £855,000, leaving a deficiency of £145,000. In 1897-8 the amount actually charged against revenue was only £574,000, and the deficiency was £426,000. In 1898-9 the amount actually so charged was £549,000, and the deficiency was £451,000, reckoning, of course, £1,000,000 as the normal expenditure. Therefore on these four and a half years the amount actually charged against revenue was £3,425,714, and the deficiency—reckoning £4,500,000 as the normal charge—was £1,074,286.

1435. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You base that £1,000,000 estimate on previous figures? On previous figures, and I say it is a low estimate. Adding in this £1,074,286, I am of opinion that if revenue had borne the charges it should properly have borne during these four and a half years, there would have been needed £2,122,754 to have balanced the accounts.

1436. *Chairman.*] That is how you make the very big deficiency? Yes; I am taking what the position was before and how it has been dealt with recently. You may say that the accounts do not show that deficiency, and they do not; but if you look upon the necessary up-keep of the Government establishment as a going concern that, or something near it, ought to be the deficiency. The figures I have given do not include any provision against the serious deficiency on the Superannuation Fund—that is, a deficiency of about £1,400,000.

1437. *Mr. Yarwood.*] How do you get at that? That is actuarial. The figures I have given do not take into consideration the propriety of augmenting the Sinking Fund when the additional Treasury Bills were created in 1895. It was always my view that when Mr. Reid created an extra batch of Treasury Bills he should have increased the Sinking Fund, but he never did. It will be seen from the figures I have given that when there was plenty of revenue from extraordinary sources in 1895-6 the charges for maintenance of public works were fairly up to the £1,000,000 level. It was only after the extraordinary sources failed that recourse was had seriously to Loan Votes to relieve revenue charges, and they were relieved only just adequately to maintain the credit balance, as will be seen from the answer to the next question.

1438. The answer to Question 27, as to the Credit Balances shown by the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, is as follows:—30th June, 1896, £476,530 (less £150,000); 30th June, 1897, £114,445; 30th June, 1898, £122,211; 30th June, 1899, £116,523. Thus, in the past two years, there was practically an equilibrium in each year, although in November, 1898, an insufficiency was admitted, and £300,000 additional taxation was asked for, which, in the main, Parliament refused. On 2nd November, 1898, Mr. Reid evidently desired to put his accounts straight. He said, in the Legislative Assembly, "I propose, seeing as I do that it is absolutely necessary that the revenue should be increased, to ask the Committee to increase the revenue. I have, therefore, come down to the House in all frankness prepared to say that it will be necessary to increase the taxation of the country." His proposals were Customs duties on tea, coffee, cocoa, dried fruits, jams, rice, &c., and to double the probate duties. Had Parliament granted his requests, his accounts in 1898-9 would have been able to bear a more stringent inquiry than they can at present. He asked for additional revenue, and told the House on that occasion that additional revenue was absolutely necessary. When the House refused to grant it to him, he was compelled to resort to expedients.

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Witness here put in the following summary statement, upon which his answers had been based :—

Revenue and other Receipts.

	Revenue.	Suspense.	Together.	Aids to Revenue †	Advances Repaid.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 (half-year)	4,562,949*	Nil.	4,562,949	380,898	315,572	5,259,419
1895-6	9,253,939	Nil.	9,253,939	1,040,850	124,470	10,419,259
1896-7	9,287,000	Nil.	9,287,000	1,359	181,335	9,469,694
1897-8	9,482,092	472	9,482,564	Nil.	265,112	9,747,676
1898-9	9,754,185	923	9,755,108	Nil.	211,006	9,966,114
£	42,340,165	1,395	42,341,560	1,423,107	1,097,495	45,012,162

* £25,117 should be deducted, Premium on Loan raised in 1881. Should rightly have reduced deficiency on 31st December, 1894.

† Aids to Revenue :—Interest on Loans raised from 1881 to 1893 £341,320
 Railway working expenses recovered from 1894 39,578
 Treasury Bills 1,024,700
 Unexpended balances, 1891, &c 13,150
 Repayment 1,359
 £1,423,107

Expenditure on Consolidated Revenue Fund.

	Cash Expenditure (Revenue Account)	Suspense Accounts	Together.	Advances made.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1895 (half year)	4,924,353	132,929	5,057,282	36,801	5,094,083
1895-6	9,852,219	25,695	9,877,914	74,060	9,951,974
1896-7	9,470,142	25	9,470,167	211,637	9,681,804
1897-8	9,397,423†	178	9,397,601	342,015	9,739,616
1898-9	9,796,806	4,051	9,800,857	174,072	9,974,929
£	43,440,943	162,878*	43,603,821	838,585	44,442,406

* £130,000 of this amount charged in 1895 held to be rightly chargeable to Suspense

† £150,000 deducted from Sinking Funds to repay Railway Loan should also have been charged.

Revenue Deficiency.

	On Revenue (as above).	On Suspense (as above).	Deduction from Revenue	Sinking Funds Appropriated.	Deficiency shown from above Accounts	Maintenance of Public Works (Required to cover).	Amount required to place Revenue on adequate Basis.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 (half-year).....	361,404	2,929	25,117	.....	389,450	30,737	420,187
1895-6	598,280	25,695	.....	.....	736,475	21,503	757,978
1896-7	183,142	25	.....	.....	183,167	145,129	328,296
1897-8	(+) 84,669	(+) 294	.....	150,000	65,037	425,959	490,996
1898-9	42,621	3,128	.....	.....	45,749	450,958	496,707
£	1,100,778	161,483	25,117	150,000	1,307,378	1,074,286	2,381,664

In stating the Deficiency (amount needed to effectively maintain the Government services) at £2,122,754 (say £2,100,000), I have deducted the apparent excess of "Advances Repaid," which represented £258,910, from the above £2,381,664.

Adjustment.

Treasury Bills	£1,024,700
Less—Deficit, December, 1894	£ 98,279
Surplus, June, 1899	116,523
	<u>214,802</u>
Suspense Accounts (less £130,000)	809,898
Special aids to Revenue—	31,483
1895—Railway expenses	£39,578
1895-6—Balances, 1891	16,150
1896-7	1,359
	<u>57,087</u>
Sinking Funds, 1897-8	150,000
Advances Repaid (net)	258,910
	<u>£1,307,378</u>
Public Works undercharged	1,074,286*
	<u>£2,381,664</u>

* Of this amount the new 30-Years' Loans have borne about £600,000, and the Permanent Debt a further considerable sum, charges which formerly were borne by Revenue.

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1439. Coming to Question 28, the net cash in the Banks on 30th June last at credit of the Public Account was £74,233, and there was, in addition, an illusory balance in London of £1,132,380. These covered amounts due on Trust Funds, Consolidated Revenue, &c., to about £4,000,000. The cash in the Banks on Consolidated Revenue Account is an undiscoverable amount. I do not understand where the cash balances belong, and I would rather give the question up.

1440. As to Question 29, I am not certain how to answer it. It all depends whether the Suspense Accounts are included. As for the Bank balances, they disclose nothing in reference to this point.

1441. As to Question 30, relating to the ledger balances and the Bank balances, a discrepancy certainly exists, but the reason is evident. There is no Consolidated Revenue Account kept in the Government Banks.

1442. You know there are "differences"; cannot you say whether the system may be described as a cash-basis system? I should not like to express an opinion on the point. The Banks keep the Government accounts on a cash-basis system. If the Government system does not agree with that system, it would certainly not be a cash-basis system.

1443. As to Question 31; the reply to the first two questions is contained in the reply to a further question, whether the liability accrued prior to 1st July or not. The interest actually disbursed in London on that day was accruing throughout the preceding half-year; and both in the United Kingdom and in the United States the necessary provision is made before the financial year closes. It has likewise to be made in this Colony, but it is not charged, and the cash balances are swollen in consequence. A company with debentures or deposit interest payable on the day following the closing of its accounts would not charge that interest to the following year or half-year. It is time the Special Suspense Accounts were dealt with with a view to their liquidation. I do not say that it is necessary to instantly shut them up, but provision should be made to liquidate them. It seems likely to result in either charging the deficiencies on the Suspense Accounts to the permanent debt or to Treasury Bills.

1444. Coming to Question 32, as to whether improvements can be suggested in the keeping of the accounts, that is a very important question if you go into the whole matter of keeping the accounts. There are, I consider, many points at which the present system of keeping the accounts can be improved, though they are only in part matters of bookkeeping, and must always depend upon the rectitude of the Minister in charge. I beg to offer the following suggestions for the consideration of the Committee. Of course a good many of these points that I am referring to you may say are not questions of account but questions of expediency and policy. You may not consider it within your province to deal with these points, but I should like to put my views before you. They are as follows:—

1. There should be a better recognised period of the year for presenting the Treasury accounts to Parliament, together with the Estimates for the following financial year. In the United Kingdom, in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and other colonies it is almost invariable to make the financial statement shortly after the financial year closes. If it were a standing provision here that finance stood first on the list on the first Government night in Parliament after, say, 21st July, a regularity would be introduced into our proceedings which is now lacking.
2. Statutory accounts are prepared and published in the *Gazette* quarterly and yearly, and by the Auditor-General, the report of the Auditor-General being mostly published long after public interest in the past year's accounts has ceased. The *Gazette* returns, too, are seldom referred to. What the public have to rely on almost entirely are the Treasurer's financial statements and the accompanying accounts, which are not statutory. It would be an advantage, therefore, if the accounts presented by the Colonial Treasurer in July were in statutory form, and they should contain detailed comparisons under headings something like the following:—

Detailed Revenue Statement.

Estimated Revenue for the year ended 30 June (last).	Actual Revenue in the year ended 30 June (last).	Estimated Revenue for the year ending 30 June (current).
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Detailed Statement of Expenditure.

Amount voted for the year ended 30 June (last).	Amount expended in the year ended 30 June (last).	Amount Estimated to be expended in the year ending 30 June (current).
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1445. How would you deal with the Treasurer's Advance Account? I have not referred to it here, but I think the amount expended on that account ought certainly to form a part of the expenditure for the year in which the outlay was incurred. What I wish to point out is that the statements now presented by Colonial Treasurers do not indicate how the preceding estimates were borne out by actual results; nor, what is really very important under the Audit Act, what balances unexpended upon previous votes were utilised to swell expenditures which were not voted by Parliament. These accounts presented with the Financial Statement should also contain a complete list of those expenditures for the preceding year, not at the date passed by the Auditor-General. I think that any item which has not been passed in the ordinary way should be specially referred to. There should be something to draw attention to it. At the present time the Colonial Treasurer might present his statement, and yet the Auditor-General might have disqualified every item, and there would be nothing to show the public the position.

1446. In the statements submitted to Parliament, showing a surplus or a deficiency for the year, you would show it in such a way that the items which the Auditor-General had got to pass, or, in other words, the items which he had not passed, would be shown separately? Yes, and it should be compulsory to show them in the Financial Statement. Continuing my suggestions, I come to a third point, as follows:—

3. An entirely distinct account should be kept in respect to the Trust Funds, specially distinguishing those funds against which cash must be held. This account should set forth the total amount of the

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the Trust Funds, the securities held against them, the advances made from them, and the cash balance remaining. And that balance should agree with the balances in the banks. When transfers are made from this account either to General Loan Account or to any other account, such transfer should at once form part of the public debt, being represented by securities. In New Zealand and South Australia public trustees are appointed to report specially to Parliament.

1447. The same as in Victoria? I am not certain.

1448. Do you know who are the public trustees in those cases;—I mean what are their offices? I do not know, but I could easily find out. My fourth suggestion is as follows:—

4. A Consolidated Revenue Account should be opened at the Government bankers, the balances shown being adjusted with the Treasurer's statement. The public accounts should, therefore, be divided into "The Public Trusts Account" and the "Consolidated Revenue Account."

5. The Suspense Accounts should, I consider, be closed shortly, the debits being covered by Treasury Bills redeemable by annual instalments. The serious deficiency on the Superannuation Fund, say, £1,400,000, should be dealt with in the same way.

1449. Have you gone into the question of what deficiency there would be on the Suspense Accounts? No; that would involve making an estimate of the value of the existing property, and I am not qualified to do that.

6. The Audit Act should definitely provide for the expenditure on the General Loan Account being vouched for by the Auditor-General as the expenditure has to be vouched for on the other accounts. The Audit Act provides that all expenditure on Public Account shall be vouched for by the Auditor-General in the usual way; but when it comes to the General Loan Account the Act is absolutely silent.

1450. *Mr. French.*] How do you mean it excludes the General Loan Account? I consider that the Colonial Treasurer has almost a free hand with the General Loan Account; he is under no obligations.

1451. But he is under the Audit Act? No; you cannot find any reference to the General Loan Account in the Audit Act.

1452. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You mean that the Auditor-General should have the control? It should be necessary for him to certify to expenditure in the General Loan Account, the same as in every other account.

1453. *Mr. French.*] I am not aware that he does not do it? He does do it; but there is no provision in the Audit Act. One of the later questions asks whether certain expenditure made from the Loan Funds was not illegal, and I say it was not illegal. Mr. Reid did not act illegally in making that expenditure without the Certificate of the Auditor-General. The Treasurer has under the Audit Act a free hand with the Loan Account.

1454. Then why was the question submitted to Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly? I had forgotten that.

1455. There is the strongest evidence that the expenditure on the Loan Account is as much under the Auditor-General's control as other expenditure? It is not provided for in the Act—that is to say, the new Act of 1898, which superseded all other Audit Acts. I went through the new Act thoroughly to find if there was any reference to Loan Accounts at all, and I discovered that even the smallest reference to the General Loan Account was excluded.

1456. *Mr. Yarwood.*] The impression on my mind was that the Auditor-General in his evidence said that he could not give a warrant formerly unless there was money to the credit of the Account, and that subsequent Acts had been drawn up in such a way that he had to sign warrants whether the money was there or not;—anyhow, the Auditor-General did not say that he had not control over the Loan expenditure? My opinion is that the Colonial Treasurer can legally expend loan money without the authority of the Auditor-General.

[Adjourned till Monday, 28th May, 1900.]

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, 28 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, ESQ. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Robert Lucas Nash, Financial Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, further examined:—

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1457. *Witness:* We were discussing on Friday the question whether it was legal to spend money on General Loan Account without the Auditor-General's warrant. The Audit Act No. 5 of 1898 repeals the whole of the Audit Act of 1870 and the Audit Act of 1895, and although I cannot say personally that I know every Act which has been passed in New South Wales, yet I do not know of any Act under which it is provided that the Auditor-General's warrant must be given. In the Audit Act of 1898 they deal specially with the Trust Funds, the Public Account, and the Consolidated Revenue Account; but the General Loan Account is not mentioned from one end of the Act to the other. They lay down any number of provisions in regard to the other accounts, but that account is left out.

1458. *Mr. French.*] As has been pointed out, the present Audit Act is a consolidated Act; it has not altered the law; we had Mr. Heydon's assurance that he had not altered any of the previous Acts. The present Act is in substitution of the former ones;—any opinion based on the previous Acts must stand good with the present Act? But every previous Act has been repealed.

1459. But that does not make any difference. If Mr. Heydon is right in his assurance that the present Act simply consolidates the former Acts and does not alter the law, and he gave that assurance to Parliament, then everything passed under the former Acts would apply to this Act. And Mr. Want, Sir Julian Salomons, and Mr. Sly say that, although it is not specifically provided, yet it is inferred from the Act that the Auditor-General should give a warrant? I cannot find that there is the least provision for the Auditor-General's warrant with regard to expenditure on Loan Account; and Mr. Reid acted on that assumption.

1460. I do not think that Mr. Reid acted on that assumption? Well, he acted as though he did act on that assumption. 1461.

1461. The following I take from Counsels' opinion on the question when submitted to them:—"The Audit Act of 1870, taken literally, does not seem framed to apply to any moneys other than revenue; but we think that the safer course in the public interest is to give Section 10 of that Act a liberal interpretation, and to construe it as including under 'all moneys received into the Treasury' public moneys from all sources whatsoever." That is what Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly laid down. Mr. Want practically agrees with that opinion, because he does not dispute the position that the Auditor-General's certificate is required, but he says that the Auditor-General's certificate ought to be given. I certainly think the Auditor-General's certificate ought to be given; but there is not statutory evidence that it is required.

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1462. Of course that is a legal opinion which I have quoted, and the strength of that legal opinion is against you? I simply read the Act.

1463. I have read you the words of the legal opinion, and I have no doubt that that would be held to be the course? It may be, but when you are asked whether Mr. Reid acted illegally, as I think one of the questions puts it, in spending money in certain years without the Auditor-General's certificate, I should say that he has not acted illegally. I read the Act before, and I have read it through again very carefully. However, to continue the suggestions which I was making on Friday, I proceed to offer further suggestions for the consideration of the Committee.

7. All sinking funds ought to be invested within, say, six months of the dates when they accrued, either in the securities of the loans for the redemption of which they were provided, or, failing that investment, then in other existing stock or Treasury Bills. In all the thirty years' Loan Acts there is a clause which permits of the investment of the sinking funds, which should not be ignored, as it is at present.
8. The balances in the hands of the Government bankers in London on the 30th June should be cabled, and only such amounts should appear in the published cash balances here. This should involve the payments made to the Bank of England in June being deducted from the cash and included in the payments for the year. That, of course, has no reference to the period during which Mr. Reid was in office. We should then be following precisely the course which is pursued in the United Kingdom, the United States, and a number of other countries. They always make provision in that way for the interest falling due on the following day.
9. The Auditor-General's report should be presented at a date much earlier than is now usually the case. The provision is that it has to be presented to Parliament, but that is no reason for withholding its publication. In other colonies these reports are published much earlier. It is said here that they cannot be published, but there is no reason why if a report is to be presented to Parliament it should not be published in anticipation. If it has been ready for months, why should it not be issued? It can be formally presented to Parliament all the same.

1464. The theory is that Parliament is entitled to see it first? They do not wait for that in other colonies. I got the South Australian report in about three months after the accounts were closed.

10. It is a question whether a Committee of Public Accounts such as they have in England would not be a material advantage in adjusting all points in dispute between the Treasury and the Auditor-General. Such a Committee would be appointed by Parliament, not by the Government, with power to determine whether the public welfare warranted a departure from the strict letter of the Acts under which moneys are received and expended. Thus all questions should be settled as they arise, and not left indefinitely in dispute as at present. That Committee of Public Accounts reports regularly to Parliament as to its action, but it only settles matters of account in dispute.
11. The system of issuing thirty years' loans has proved a vicious one for the purposes on which they are now expended, and should be discontinued. For some other purposes now provided for by permanent debt the system might prove useful.
12. Proper Stores Accounts ought to be kept. I have evidence that in some departments such accounts are not properly kept. I made an inquiry with regard to the Military Stores Accounts, and this is what Mr. Kirkpatrick sent me on the 26th April: "Separate accounts are kept under the various items as shown on the Loan Estimates, and the Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance takes the stores on charge when received as to quantities only, and issues on approved requisitions to the various Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces." Therefore he takes an account of quantities, but not of values. He knows how much he holds in stock, but when a Loan expenditure has been incurred that amount was not written off when the stores are withdrawn for use.

1465. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then what do they do with the account? The Loan Expenditure on Stores Account goes on accumulating, but the stores are not there. Parliament votes a sum for the purpose, but it is never written off.

1466. *Mr. French.*] If Parliament votes, say, £50,000 for rifles, they are taken into the store as so many rifles? Yes.

1467. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But then they appear as paid for? They are charged to Loan Account.

1468. They are put on the Loan Estimates, are they not? Yes, and when a further lot is wanted that is put on the Loan Estimates. But no allowance is ever made for those which are issued or used up.

1469. Is it not a question whether rifles ought to be charged to Loan at all? I think that is a material question. I certainly think they ought not to be charged to Loans at all.

13. The proceeds of land sales, approaching £1,000,000 annually, are not revenue in the ordinary acceptance. They ought rightly to be separated from rentals and interest. In New Zealand there is established a Public Works Fund; and if here a similar fund were constituted to which the income from land sales were appropriated and supplemented, should occasion arise, from ordinary revenue, and against which all expenditure on roads and bridges, court-houses, gaols, charitable institutions, &c., were charged, the great blot upon our system of financing would be removed. These are the works to which the thirty years' loans have recently been applied, and which in times of deficient revenue more than one Colonial Treasurer has charged to loans to relieve his ordinary expenditure. You can plainly see that. If you take a long series of years you will find in any period of depression succeeding Colonial Treasurers have

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have charged these items more largely to capital in times of depression than they have at other times. I do not wish to say that it has been done exclusively latterly, though that practice has been resorted to to a larger extent than previously. Still it is a practice which has been resorted to for many years past.

1470. The amount is not quite a million? Well, it is impossible to say exactly.

1471. You can reckon £500,000 for those conditional purchases, according to the papers that have been put in by the Treasury;—I only wish to show you that for your information? But that information has never been published by the Treasury.

1472. This paper which I hand you gives the actual figures? From this it would appear that the amount would be about £750,000 a year. I should like to go through this paper carefully. It seems to me at first sight that is an under-statement. However, to continue my suggestions, it may be said that the appropriation to which I have referred would diminish the ordinary revenue by about £1,000,000, or £750,000 if this paper is correct. At the same time it would reduce the expenditure chargeable against revenue, as last year, by about £600,000, leaving another £400,000 or less for the relief of Loan Votes. Such a Public Works Fund should be properly constituted and administered. It would be fitting that this amount received from the alienation of the public estate should be specially devoted to the benefit of the land and the Public Works, and not absorbed in the ordinary revenue. It is, of course, merely an expression of personal opinion that a Public Works Loan Fund should be established to deal with that matter.

14. Our present system of issuing loans repayable on a fixed date (and by the way I do not know whether this is a recommendation which you would be inclined to make, because it has not really anything to do with the accounts at the present time), is likely to prove injurious, and indeed has already done so. The State should hold the option of repayment after a fixed date, or should accumulate sinking funds. For instance, we had a loan falling due at the end of 1893 or 1894, and under ordinary circumstances we should have issued a 3 per cent. stock, but we had actually to issue a 4 per cent. stock at a discount to repay that loan. If we had had at that time our £16,000,000 loan falling due we might not have replaced it under 5 per cent.

1473. *Chairman.*] That was the time of the panic? Yes; it is a very serious matter to have large amounts falling due on fixed dates. If we had had a £16,000,000 loan falling due only six months ago, what position should we have been in?

1474. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Would the price obtained for the loan be likely to be materially affected? It would be very greatly affected. In the case of British Consols, and in all Indian Government Stocks, which are issued on terms approved by the British Government, they are all issued as fixed for a certain date, and thereafter repayable at Government option, and it is a form of security the British public takes to very well.

1475. *Chairman.*] These interminable loans were not liked at all one time? No; but at present the London market appreciates these loans, and they stand well with investors.

15. In view of the much higher proportion of non-productive works latterly charged to General Loan Account, I consider it would be a great advantage and safeguard if a Schedule were directed to be appended to all Loan Bills giving the following particulars:—

Schedule A, Part I.—Works estimated to yield Direct Revenue to the Treasury.

* State whether new work, or if to replace existing work, state cost of existing work.

Nature of Work.*	Estimated duration of Work.	Estimated cost of construction when complete.	Already Voted	Amount now to be Voted.	Estimated Annual net Revenue.
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1476. *Mr. Yarwood.*] You would have to destroy existing appropriations? Oh, no!

1477. Have they not appropriations for £13,000,000? You cannot destroy them. You could not make it retrospective. Schedule A, Part II, would be as follows:—

Part II.—Works not expected to yield direct revenue to the Treasury.

* State whether new work or if to replace existing work, state cost of existing work.

* Nature of work.	Estimated duration of work.	Estimated cost of construction when complete.	Already voted.	Amount now to be voted.
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The effect of this Schedule would be to afford a critical insight into our Loan Expenditure, which is now wholly wanting. The General Loan Account affords the one available outlet for the relief of an inadequate Consolidated Revenue Account, and should, consequently, be protected. At present, Loan Acts are mostly rushed through Parliaments at the extreme end of the Session, when effective criticism is virtually impossible. It may be said that such elaborate Loan Estimates are not usually prepared by other Governments. But in the United Kingdom where Telegraphs, Public Buildings, Fortifications, and other works are practically all charged to revenue, they are not needed. In Australia with its unparalleled Loan Expenditure, we should safeguard the reproductive nature of that burden on the people. In connection with that I should like to put in a statement showing the annual Loan Expenditure. This gives the figures from 1890 to 1899, and shows the total expenditure in each year; on works earning revenue; on works not earning revenue; and the proportion of works not earning revenue. The works earning revenue include railways, tramways, telegraphs and telephones, water supply and sewerage, wharfs and docks. There may be other small works, which you may say contribute to the revenue, but they are not directly contributing. Wharfs and docks to a great extent do not earn revenue, but still I have included them.

1478. *Chairman.*] Do you say that the wharfs and docks do not earn revenue? For instance, in Newcastle they do not charge wharfage, nor at Wollongong.

1479. *Mr. French.*] But the wharfs there are part and parcel of the railway system: the railway is supposed to get the revenue from the wharfs? Anyhow I have included the whole expenditure on wharfs and docks in this statement. From 1890 to 1894 the expenditure on works not earning revenue was 19·0 per cent. of the total of loan expenditure. In the next half-year—that is, the first half of 1895—it rose to 32·2 per cent. Then in 1895–6 it rose to 39·4; in 1896–7 to 40 per cent.; in 1897–8 it was 38·8 per cent.; and in 1898–9 it dropped to 33·4 per cent. If we take the five years from 1890 to 1894 we find that the average

average expenditure on works not earning revenue was 19·6 per cent. of the total loan expenditure, and the average for the last four years has been 37·9 per cent.

1480. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Where did you get those figures from? I took them from the Accounts of the Loan Expenditure.

1481. You have worked those out? Yes. The figures were easily ascertained. I took them from the Statistician's statement, not from the Auditor-General. He may possibly disagree with the Auditor-General slightly. On 30th June, 1899, the total Loan Expenditure was £62,151,764, of which £52,593,464 had been expended on works earning revenue, and £9,558,300 on works not earning revenue, the proportion unproductive of revenue being 15·4 per cent. You will see that the proportion in the years from 1890 to 1894 was not very greatly in excess of the 15·4, but afterwards the increase was enormous. As a matter of fact, since the end of 1889 the proportion of unproductive expenditure has increased 5 per cent., and if it goes on at this rate we shall have it up to 25 per cent. before long. In connection with this matter, I have also another statement showing the expenditure in the Public Works Department—that is, the cost of that Department borne by revenue. The annual average of cash expended out of revenue for the six years from 1889 to 1894 was £1,162,562; and for the four and a half years following the annual average was £918,481, showing a reduction on expenditure of £244,081. There was actually charged against revenue in the six years up to the end of 1894, £1,216,911 per annum; and in the four and a half years following the amount actually charged was £781,589, the reduction in the period being at the rate of £435,322 per annum in the amount actually charged. Now it is quite certain that with all the increased expenditure which has been going on during these years out of capital, the up-keep of these buildings and works must have increased, not diminished. Therefore, I consider that that reduction of £435,322 does not show the extent to which the Department has actually gone back.

1482. *Mr. French.*] Those figures in themselves would not prove anything, because it may be that in one period there was an unusual amount charged to revenue, and in the next period nothing at all? If there had been any special and extraordinary expenditure during that time upon these public works, it would have all gone to capital, in either period.

1483. Question 33 asks whether £1,500,000 was transferred from the Trust Funds to General Loan Account? My answer is, practically so. That was the amount transferred.

1484. What do you mean by "practically so"? It was lying at the credit of the Public Account.

1485. The question looks as if there was a deal of mischief in it, such as the misapplication of Trust Funds. As a matter of fact, if the Trust Funds were only used as a conduit pipe for the Savings Bank money, there is nothing in it? If they had said, "Advanced from the Public Account," it would have been correct.

1486. As to Question 34, my answer is that the Trust Funds as they accumulate must of course be used. But I have answered this question in answering Question 32.

1487. As to Question 35, whether £1,278,940 had been expended on revenue account without the Auditor's certificate, my answer is, that this apparently was the case, and it was an omission which could easily have been rectified; technically, it rendered those who made the payments liable. Mr. Reid, if he liked, could have obtained an Indemnity Bill at any moment, but he seemed at the last rather as though he were too much preoccupied to put such matters right. He seemed to have so much to do and so many worries that he would leave these technical details alone. He thus put himself needlessly in the wrong.

1488. As to Question 36, in reference to the debt due to the Savings Bank, I answer: To 30th June, 1899, £2,415,000; and to 30th April, 1900, £2,640,000.

1489. Question 37. I have heard that long-dated securities would not be accepted by the Barrack-street Savings Bank. I do not know precisely what passed, but I have always been under that impression.

1490. Question 38. These advances from that institution were not covered by securities, recognised as such, or included in the Public Debt. The Government must have given some acknowledgment.

1491. Question 39. The purpose of those advances was apparently to replenish the Public Account. I have not gone further in this matter. I have my own opinion as to where the money went after it got into the Public Account.

1492. Question 40 deals with the expenditure on Loan Account without the Auditor-General's certificate. The Auditor-General has referred to this in his Annual Reports. But in view of the absence of all mention of the General Loan Account in the Audit Act of 1898, I am inclined to think that the Colonial Treasurer is accorded an exceptionally free hand in dealing with that Account.

1493. Question 41. I cannot answer that question.

1494. I have here a statement showing the expenditure from capital on roads and bridges. Of course, when they were spending money so valiantly in 1892, it went up very rapidly. Previously to 1890 the expenditure was very small; but last year, a comparatively quiet year, they spent more from capital on that account than during any year on record.

1495. *Mr. French.*] Of course, it is a debatable question as to how much you are entitled to charge expenditure of that kind to capital? Yes; and there are a lot of new items in the capital expenditure at the present time, such as forest-thinning, altering dredges, promotion of settlement, and so on.

1496. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did we ask you whether you knew any reason why the revenue expenditure to 30th June, 1895, should be as high as it was? Well, there was a large amount of funds available—I do not know whether you would call it revenue—and, naturally, the expenditure was retained at the old level.

1497. But it is more than the old level? I see by this paper it went on at close on £10,000,000 per annum.

1498. And in the next year it is £8,900,000? There were reasons why as much should be charged to that preceding half-year as possible.

1499. The £800,000 we are receiving from conditional purchases must be a declining quantity? Yes. In all the Colonies it has been apparent for many years past that the land revenue is shrinking, partly, perhaps, from the policy of the different Governments having changed. There is no doubt that the land revenue from sales is diminishing, but not from rents.

1500. But the conditional purchase payments are declining? Yes.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 29th May, 1900.]

R. I. Nash,
Esq.
28 May, 1900.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

29 May, 1900. THE following letter from the Government Statistician, who had been requested to attend at 2 p.m., was read:—

Government Statistician's Office, Sydney, 29th May, 1900.

The Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into the Public Accounts,—

Sir,

Last evening I received your request to be present at your meeting to-day, in order, if I had any information prepared, to answer the questions submitted to you. I beg to say that, beyond reading the questions when first published in the *Herald*, I have not given the matter any consideration. If, however, you think I can be of any service to you, I will be very pleased to give the subject of the questions my attention, but not for a few days, as my eyes have failed and I read with difficulty. You will find my views of the Public Accounts embodied in the "Statistical Register," and the "Wealth and Progress of New South Wales"; copies of these publications I send you under separate cover.

Yours faithfully,

T. A. COGHLAN,

[Books received, and letter noted.]

The Chairman read the following statement, received from the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade:—

The Treasury (Account Branch), Sydney, 9th April, 1900.

Subject:—Adjustment of £150,000 borrowed from the Railway Loan Redemption Fund to meet Debentures falling due under 31 Vic. No. 11.

THE provisions of the Railway Loan (31 Vic. No. 11) for Redemption were, that a sum of £70,000 was to be appropriated each year towards the payment of interest, the reduction of the loan (by annual drawings of £20,000), and the purchase of debentures.

The provisions of the Railway Loan Redemption Act of 1889 (33 Vic. No. 24) were, that a sum of £75,000 should be carried to a special trust fund annually until such fund should have accumulated to £1,000,000, the fund being expressly limited to the paying of railway loans. It was provided that the accumulated sum should be held available for use (for the above purpose only) in the extinguishing of railway debentures as they became due.

With regard to the provisions of the first loan, it was soon found impracticable to purchase debentures, as they rose to a heavy premium. It was (in 1893) proposed to place the surplus appropriations to a Trust Account for the purpose of paying off the loan, but the proposal was abandoned on the Auditor's objection, and the surplus appropriations were written off the books as unexpended.

The provisions of the Railway Loan Redemption Act have been carried out and some portion thereof utilised. In 1896 a sum of £375,000 was expended in discharging railway debentures under Act 29 Vic. No. 23, and in 1897-8, on the debentures under the Act 31 Vic. No. 11 falling due, a sum of £150,000 then lying at the credit of the Railway Loan Redemption Fund was advanced for the purpose of paying off these railway debentures.

The Auditor-General, however, objects to this action, on the grounds that, a statutory provision having existed on the 31 Vic. No. 11, to allow the provision under 33 Vic. No. 24 to be used would not carry out the intentions of Parliament, which evidently were to ensure in all the repayment of £2,000,000; and therefore the question resolves into one as to time of settlement.

Under these circumstances, and the Colonial Treasurer having decided that a recoupment be now made, the question as to the method to be followed should be now decided.

It may be mentioned that the Railway Loan Redemption Fund still has four and a half years to run before the money can be finally required, and therefore the Treasurer is free to elect what sum shall be discharged annually.

There are several ways in which the adjustment might be made, and they are here stated for the Treasurer's decision:—

- (1) To pay the £150,000 in one sum from the current year.
- (2) To pay the amount in five instalments of £30,000 each, commencing with June.
- (3) To pay it in four instalments of £37,500 each, commencing with December next, in which month the statutory instalments fall.
- (4) To revive the Treasury deficiency bills cancelled, and defray £111,000* from the proceeds of their issue, which would leave £39,500 as chargeable to revenue, and prolong the discharge of the Treasury bills by one year.

Submitted,—

J. VERNON,

Accountant.

Submitted.—F.K., 10/4/1900. This shows that the Auditor-General considers the money should not have been dealt with in the manner it was, and I should like it forwarded to the Committee on the Finances.—W.J.L., 24/4/1900. The Secretary to the Committee on the Public Accounts.—F.K., 25/4/1900.

John William Holliman, Secretary, Public Service Board, examined:—

J. W.
Holliman.

29 May, 1900.

1501. *Chairman.*] We have received a letter from you, dated May 25th, giving us a statement of savings effected under the administration of the Public Service Act of 1895; and Mr. Yarwood wishes to ask you some questions with regard to it.

1502. *Mr. Yarwood.*] When did the savings begin to take effect as far as the Treasury payments were concerned. In this statement you show a saving of £301,000 odd. When would the reduction start; did the savings all start at once? No, at varying periods; but it is most difficult to answer a question like that off-hand.

1503.

* This being the sum of appropriations written off before June 30, 1895.

1503. But generally speaking? The greater part of the reduction—that is, the reduction due to the retirement of officers and the re-arrangement of the salaries, which is the largest item—would have taken effect about the middle of 1896; that is speaking generally. The re-grading of the Departments, of which this saving is the result, was effected by the Board in the first half of 1896; and the majority of the officers were retired by the middle of that year. So that the larger part of the savings took effect from about the middle of 1896; but I could not say absolutely without making an investigation.

J. W.
Holliman.
29 May, 1900.

1504. The point arises as to whether the reduction of expenses in consequence of the action of the Public Service Board would in any way affect the expenditure of the year ended 30 June, 1896; when I say "in any way" I mean materially—say by £100,000? I should think it would not materially affect the year ended 30 June, 1896.

1505. But it would commence afterwards? It would commence afterwards.

1506. That agrees, as a matter of fact, with the statement of the Treasurer in the Ways and Means. Probably so, as the Government would cease to pay the salaries of the retired officers about 30 June, the majority of them having been retired from that time.

1507. According to a memorandum which I have here, and in which I have taken out the expenditure for 1896-7, the reduction between that year and 1894—which is the first nominal year—is only £102,000; how did you arrive at the figures shown in your statement? I have the details here. Generally speaking they were obtained in this way: The Board was furnished with returns at the beginning of 1896 of the number of officers in each department, and the salaries paid. That was taken as a basis of comparison with the state of the Service after the grading work had been done.

1508. Have you any of those returns here? I have the returns at the office, but I have the summaries here.

1509. That return before you is, I notice, dated December, 1897? This return was made up for a special purpose at that period, but of course the figures would not alter afterwards. The saving was one effected at a particular period, and the return made up in December, 1897, has been used for other purposes later on when necessary.

1510. Would you mind calling out the figures showing the savings in each Department? Yes; they are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Chief Secretary's Department	20,350	9	11
Treasury	28,719	19	0
Lands Department	19,627	3	5
Mines and Agriculture	13,230	0	4
Justice Department... ..	50,610	16	0
Public Instruction	19,881	4	2
Public Works	29,636	19	1
Postal and Electric Telegraphs	49,943	10	0
Attorney-General	2,293	0	0
Total	£234,294	1	11

This amount was reduced by certain savings effected in the Dredge Service which, it was argued, would have been effected whether the Public Service Act was brought into existence or not.

1511. But those savings would be reflected in those figures? They should be. The following is the statement showing the savings effected:—

Approximate Statement of Savings effected under the Administration of the Public Service Act of 1895.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total saving effected by the retirement of officers and the re-arrangement of salaries, &c., of officers retained in connection with the grading of the various Departments	234,294	1	11			
Less saving on the Dredge Service which would have been effected in any case	13,064	0	0			
				221,230	1	11
Additional saving effected by the reduction of class of schools and corresponding reduction in salaries of School Teachers (approximate estimate only)				10,000	0	0
Savings effected in Prisons Department since the grading of that Department (as per Statement of Comptroller-General)				6,862	0	0
Savings effected in the Registrar General's Department subsequent to the grading (as stated by Registrar-General)				3,735	0	0
Savings effected in connection with the Government Printing Office subsequent to the grading (as stated by Government Printer)				6,600	0	0
Fees previously received by officers now paid into the Consolidated Revenue (approximate estimate only)				7,000	0	0
Estimated saving in the equipment and travelling expense of the various Departments under present regulations (approximate estimate only)				24,000	0	0
Estimated saving in connection with the supply of stores, being the difference between the average annual expenditure for the three years prior to the passing of the Public Service Act, viz.—£110,770, and the estimated amount required to meet expenditure for the present financial year under the new Tender Board arrangements, £87,000 (say) £23,000				23,000	0	0
Total				£301,827	1	11

John Roxburgh Martin, Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, recalled and further examined:—

J. R. Martin. 1512. *Chairman.*] I understand that you have prepared a statement which you wish to submit to the Committee, showing the manner in which the proceeds of the Treasury Bills were applied? When I gave my evidence formerly I stated that, in my opinion, when the change of system was made the unexpended votes should have been allowed to lapse, and only the Cash Debit Balance existing on the Treasury Account current covered by Treasury Bills. I held that the issue of the Treasury Bills for a larger sum than that could only have had the effect of relieving the first year of the new system of practically an equivalent amount; and I have gone through the Public Accounts and found evidence which seems to me to be sufficient to support the view I then put forward. In the course of an hour or two I took out sums amounting altogether to £788,555 2s. 10d. I have classified the items into four divisions. The first one covers "Roads." During the five years from 1890 to 1894 inclusive, the average amount spent on roads was £696,687 per annum, and the average amount charged to these years was £715,973; so that, practically, the expenditure was £700,000 per year. In 1895-6, £719,990 0s. 9d. was expended, and of that sum there was charged to revenue only £387,207 0s. 8d.; while the amount charged to Treasury Bills was £332,783 0s. 1d. Of this latter amount, £153,513 14s. 6d. was charged back to the year 1893. That was the balance of the sum of £216,000 called back into existence by the late Treasurer. In addition to that, he spent the unexpended votes of 1894 and 1895, amounting to £76,590 10s. 2d. and £102,678 15s. 5d. respectively. This mode of procedure simply had the effect of relieving the first year of the new system of a portion of the annual expenditure on roads. In the following years, the amount spent on roads was considerably reduced in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the revenue, and since 30 June, 1896, it has only been slightly in excess of £500,000 per annum. Class 2 of this statement is, perhaps, the most interesting of all, and I think the list of items fully bears out what I said on a previous occasion. In addition to the statutory redemption of the old Treasury Bills, £150,000 for the year, which was simply divided between revenue and the new Treasury Bills, I found on investigation, that there were other items of the same class. There was the reduction of the Railway debt under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, in connection with which the statutory sum of £75,000 was also halved. In addition to this, the interest on the old Treasury Bills issued under Act 53 Vic. No. 9, amounting in that year to £56,471 10s. 4d., was also halved—£28,235 15s. 2d. being charged to revenue, and £28,235 15s. 2d. being charged to Treasury Bills. These three items, which are obviously not liabilities of the old system, amount to £140,735 15s. 2d. If to this you add the Roads, £332,783 0s. 1d., you get a sum of £473,518 15s. 3d. without going any further. But in this table I also show that the subsidy to the Australasian Squadron, which is about £37,000 or £38,000 per annum, was divided in the year 1895-6—£24,860 being charged to revenue, and £13,101 to Treasury Bills. These amounts together total £37,961; while in 1896-7, the amount was £37,989, and in 1897-8, £37,820. The conveyance of mails amounted to £211,001 7s. 7d. in 1897-8, and to £211,901 17s. 10d. in 1896-7, while in 1895-6 the amount paid was £208,744 5s. 3d., exclusive of any sum charged back to 1894. I might here explain that the way in which I have made up this statement meets any objection which might be raised on the ground of short expenditure of 1894, for I have not taken into account the expenditure charged back to 1894. For instance, the payments shown as made in 1895-6 simply include the amount charged to the half-year of 1895, with the amount charged to revenue; and any unexpended votes of 1894 and previous years are left out of account in class 2, although, for reasons before explained, they are included in class No. 1. As I have said, in 1895-6 the conveyance of mails amounted to £208,744 5s. 3d., and of that sum £171,348 7s. was charged to revenue and £30,395 18s. 3d. to Treasury Bills. The cable subsidies amounted to £17,812 19s. 4d. in 1897-8, and to £17,122 15s. 1d. in 1896-7, while in 1895-6 the total amount paid was £16,462 3s. 2d., of which only £9,764 2s. 1d. was charged to revenue, and £6,698 1s. 1d. to Treasury Bills. There cannot be any great variation in the amount of the mail subsidies—the colonies generally have to pay so much per year, according to the business done and the population; and the total amounts here agree very closely in each year, yet I find that the payment in 1895-6 was practically halved. Another important item is the working expenses of the railways. Before turning up the Public Accounts, from which I obtained these particulars, I looked at the Railway Report, and found that the working expenses in the year 1895-6, charged by the Railway Commissioners to their account, was over £1,550,000. That was to 30 June, 1896, the date when the Railway year ends. Then I turned up the amount charged to revenue in 1897-8, according to the Public Accounts, and found that it was £1,587,033 3s. 1d.; and I found that in 1896-7 it was practically the same amount, being £1,571,109 5s. 10d. I then turned up the accounts for the year 1895-6, and found that the amount charged to revenue was only £1,512,233 17s. 2d., and that the amount charged to the half-year of 1895, and paid from Treasury Bills, was £59,951 7s. 10d., making a total of £1,572,185 5s., practically the amount paid in the two following years. There is thus ample evidence that the ordinary working expenses of the railways for a year were divided between Treasury Bills and revenue in the first year of the new system. There is no doubt about that; you have the Railway Report showing what the working expenses of the year were, according to the Commissioners, and you have the Public Accounts showing the amount charged to the revenue of the year as being very much less. Of course, I regard that as simply due to the change of system as it was changed; that is to say, a Government department can only have its normal expenditure within a year, and if you allow it to work on unexpended balances in one year, and meet the payments in connection therewith from Treasury Bills—if you allow it to utilise those unexpended balances in this way, and then at the end of the year you say that in the following year you will not allow the department to utilise the unexpended balances remaining, and to charge the payments in connection therewith back to the revenue of the year, but will make a clean cut at the end of the year, then you must relieve the year of a large amount of expenditure. Taking the working expenses of the tramways, I find that the amount charged to 1897-8 was £252,026 11s. 3d., and the amount charged to 1896-7 was £250,888 12s. 11d., while in 1895-6 the amount charged to revenue was £246,749 9s. 8d., and to the half-year of 1895 £15,494 19s. 7d., making a total of £262,244 9s. 3d. That is in excess of the amounts charged to the two following years. In regard to the item "Protectorate of New Guinea," there was an annual subsidy of £5,000 payable. I find that amount charged to the year 1897-8, to the year 1896-7, and to the year 1894; but in 1895-6 I can only find one-half year's payment of £2,500, and that is charged, not to revenue, but to Treasury Bills; so that although the Colony paid a subsidy of £5,000 per annum, I cannot find that the revenue of 1895-6 was charged with a penny on that account. I have looked very carefully for the amount

amount, and I am sure it is not there. In some way, in consequence of the change of the financial year from December 31 to June 30, only one half-year's payment was made in 1895-6, and that was not charged to the first year of the new system.

1513. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Did you look in the first half-year of 1895? Yes. I thought they might have charged two half years to the half year of 1895, but I could not find it.

1514. On page 21 of the Public Accounts I find £5,000 for the year ending 30 June, 1895? Yes, but that is charged back to 1894.

1515. Then what is charged in 1894; is it the 1893 one? Yes, I suppose so. There is nothing charged to revenue in 1895-6, not a penny. In the half year of 1895 they paid £5,000, and charged that to the year 1894. That was apparently the subsidy of the year 1894.

1516. At any rate, the situation is that the Balance-sheet of the year ended June 30, 1896 (unless the amount appears in subsequent years), is devoid of any charge whatever? The amount is not charged at all. Not a penny is charged to the revenue of 1895-6. There are twelve months' payments which have slipped out.

1517. If they did charge it back we ought to find two amounts jammed in somewhere? You find £5,000 paid on account of 1894. Well, they did not pay that until the first half-year of 1895. Then in 1895-6 you find £2,500 charged back to 1895, and the payment met from Treasury Bills.

1518. That is, to 30th June, 1895? Yes. And then by 30th June, 1896, another sum of £5,000 should have been payable; but apparently they dropped one year behind then, and I suppose they have been one year behind ever since. I am certain of this fact, that while the Colony paid £5,000 a year in connection with the subsidy for the administration of New Guinea, the revenue of the year 1895-6 was not charged with a penny.

1519. *Mr. French.*] Then we are a year behind? Yes. This matter is exactly on all fours with the redemption of the Treasury Bills and the reduction of the railway debt. [*Statement afterwards obtained from Mr. Vernon, and marked Appendix B 4.*] There are a number of other items, consisting principally of interest payments and commissions paid, which have been divided in a most extraordinary way, I think. Take the management of the payment of dividends on inscribed stock by the Bank of England, in London, which comes to about £18,000 a year. In 1897-8, £18,600 was charged to revenue; and in 1896-7, £18,626 2s. 2d. In 1895-6 there was charged to revenue and to the half-year of 1895 combined, £16,923 6s. 7d., obviously a year's payments, and yet it is found that only £8,428 was charged to revenue, and £8,495 6s. 7d. to Treasury Bills. There is the annual expense of the management of payment of dividends on the inscribed stock of the Colony in London deliberately divided in the first year of the new system between Treasury Bills and revenue. Take the interest on the Civil Service Superannuation Funds. Of course, the interest charged is not so large now, as the funds are diminishing. In 1897-8 the amount was £4,533 16s. 9d., and in 1896-7, £6,929 0s. 6d.; while in 1895-6 the amount was £6,894 11s. 11d.; yet that was simply halved in the same way, £3,705 2s. 1d. being charged to revenue, and £3,189 9s. 10d. to Treasury Bills. There could be no objection to Mr. Reid's action in issuing Treasury Bills to cover all these half-yearly payments if he had charged the first year of the new system with one year's expenditure; but if he changed the system in such a way as to save his revenue, in the first year, of half a year's payments, then he was not justified in issuing bills to provide for the other half.

1520. *Mr. Yarwood.*] And further than that, although the original arrangement and idea may have been perfectly right—that was, to pay everything up to 30th June—what you take objection to is the continuance of it afterwards, and claiming the difference between the two sides of the account as a surplus? Of course I do. It may be quite possible that when they changed the system they did not see the effect of it; but after seeing the effect of it I think an explanation was due. I now take the next item, "Interest on Special Deposits of the Savings Bank of New South Wales." These deposits are increasing, and of course the interest payable is increasing. In 1897-8 the amount was £69,735 3s. 6d., and in 1896-7 it was £51,732 15s. 9d. In 1895-6 the total amount charged to revenue and bills was £42,700 15s. 9d., of which £6,138 15s. 9d. was charged to Treasury Bills and £36,562 to revenue. Taking the next item, the "Interest charged on Municipal Council Sinking Funds," which is only a very small amount, ranging between £600 and £800, that also has been divided. In 1897-8, they charged £800 to revenue; and in 1896-7, £680 7s. 4d.; while in 1895-6, the total amount was £561 3s. 6d.; this amount being practically halved, £301 5s. 7d. being charged to revenue and £259 17s. 11d. to Treasury Bills. There are other items in the statement—but I will only quote one case, the payment under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, the amount of which is rather over £1,000. In 1897-8 the amount charged to revenue was £1,566 14s. 8d., and in 1896-7 it was £1,590 12s. 3d. As far as I can see, the payment in 1895-6 was £1,052 12s. 10d., and there was not a penny of that charged to revenue. The total amount of the items in clause 2, which I took out in about three-quarters of an hour, is £291,731 12s. There cannot be a shadow of a doubt that the revenue was relieved by the amount of these items. And if you add that sum to the amount expended on roads you get £624,514. In addition to the roads, there were other items of public works in the same category. In Class 3 of the statement I have put two items. One is the special grant to Municipalities £30,027 16s. 8d. That is charged back to the half-year of 1895, and, of course, defrayed from Treasury Bills, but I do not see how it can be considered a liability of the old system, because the grant was based on the rates collected in the half year ended August, 1895, after the change of system was made. Well, a certain procedure must be gone through before a Municipal Council can obtain payment of its grant; the Council Clerk must make up an abstract of receipts and disbursements, and that abstract must be sent to the Government Statistician for certificate; and in many cases it is returned to the Council Clerk for correction. Then it is again sent by him to the Government Statistician, who certifies to its accuracy, and forwards it to the printer for publication. After it has been published in the *Gazette*, the Treasury makes the payment to the Municipal Council. So that you can see that if the grant was based on the half-year's collections of rates to August, 1895, it must have been well on in the first year of the new system before the payments were made.

1521. But the Treasurer was pledged to make the payment before 30th June, 1895? Very likely; but the revenue of the year 1895-6 did not bear a penny on that account, although in 1896-7 the Treasurer made grants to the amount of £59,391 18s. 1d. I have no doubt that the promise was made before the change of system, but can it be considered a liability.

J. R. Martin, Esq. 1522. *Mr. French.*] That is the difficulty—as to what, from a business point of view, apart from a Government point of view, can be considered a liability. In fact, that is virtually what we have to decide, and it is a very difficult question.

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1523. *Mr. Yarwood.*] There is one thing, and that is that you are slightly assisted by subsequent figures, to some extent. If the figures for the expenditure had been £8,900,000 for years subsequent to 1895–6, one would have said that it was the cleverness of the Treasurer when the change was made—I mean the good financing and economy—that enabled him to reduce the expenditure. What makes one critical is that that is the only year in which the abnormally low expenditure takes place? In the first year of the new system the Treasurer brought out a credit balance of £300,000; in the second year he had his expenditure relieved to the extent of £250,000 or £300,000 by the Public Service Board, and yet he lost £200,000. What is the logical conclusion? In Class 3 there is another item which I have put as a special payment—£8,885 8s. 7d.—on account of relief works in Centennial Park. Well, that must have been paid in wages. No doubt the work was authorised before the change of system was made.

1524. *Mr. French.*] But it is only a Suspense Account? No; it was expended over and above the sum of £25,000 charged to Suspense, for which the original Vote was taken. In Class 4, I have taken out certain items from the Government Departments, and I simply compare the amounts charged to revenue in the year 1895–6, plus the amounts charged to Treasury bills, with the amounts charged to the year 1894. I find that, on the items I have out, the amount charged to the year 1894 on account of the Chief Secretary's Department was £779,610 19s. 7d.; and the amount paid in 1895–6 was £776,407 15s. 1d.—practically the same amount, yet of the latter a sum of £42,149 10s. 4d. was charged to Treasury bills. In the Colonial Treasurer's Department, on the items selected, there was a sum of £269,596 10s. 10d. charged to 1894. The total payments in 1895–6 amounted to £251,376 13s. 2d., of which £16,243 17s. 4d. was charged to Treasury bills. In the Lands Department £274,000 £s. 10d. was charged to 1894, and practically the same amount in 1895–6, namely, £277,233 19s. 11d., of which £18,268 10s. 5d. was charged to Treasury bills. In the Justice Department there was £202,272 10s. 7d. charged to 1894. The total amount paid in 1895–6 was £195,424 13s. 3d., of which £7,504 16s. 9d. was charged to Treasury bills. In the Department of Mines and Agriculture there was a sum of £21,717 2s. 4d. charged to 1894; and practically the same amount was paid in 1895–6—£123,248 3s. 3d., of which £15,389 3s. 1d. was charged to Treasury bills. In the Public Works Department a sum of £300,346 16s. 10d. was charged to 1894; while in 1895–6 the total amount was £265,207 9s. 5d., of which £25,571 7s. 7d. was charged to Treasury bills. That shows a considerable reduction when you compare the two sums together with the amount charged to the year 1894, but the Department was also affected by the amounts charged to the short-dated loans, and in addition to the revenue being relieved by the utilisation of the unexpended votes, it was also relieved by the short-dated loans in that year, and that diminished the total. The total amount of the items I took out for the year 1894 is £1,917,550 7s., and against that sum there was charged £1,763,771 8s. 7d. against revenue in 1895–6, while £125,127 5s. 6d. was defrayed from Treasury bills, making a total of £1,838,898 14s. 1d. I have not included in the payments shown to have been defrayed from Treasury bills amounts that were defrayed from this source on account of 1894 and previous years, in case it should be said that the expenditure in the year 1894 was small, and that it was proper to charge those items back. In my opinion this statement, which I shall put in as evidence, shows very clearly the operation of the change of system, and is a justification of the contention that when the change of system was made the unexpended votes should have lapsed. Such a course would have had the effect of charging the first year of the new system with a full year's expenditure, and would not have charged it with a penny more than a full year's expenditure. I may say further that I only selected the items included in the statement, because they were principal items. There are many more items in the Public Accounts for 1895–6 which, if taken out and compared, would bring the total deficiency to the amount I arrived at; but I judged that the Committee would only wish to get an approximate idea of what was done.

The following is the statement in full:—

PAYMENTS made by the Colonial Treasurer during the financial year ended 30th June, 1893, and charged, not to revenue, but to the first half-year of 1895 and defrayed from the proceeds of Treasury bills: a comparison with other years, showing that the payments were part of a full year's expenditure, and proper charges on the revenue of the first year of the new system.

Summary.

	£	s.	d.
Class 1.—Roads	332,783	0	1
„ 2.—Redemptions, Interest-charges, and other payments which inspection shows to have been divided between Revenue and Treasury bills	291,731	12	0
„ 3.—Special Payments falling due within year	38,913	5	3
„ 4.—Salaries and Contingencies of Government Departments, undercharged in 1895–6, as compared with 1894	125,127	5	6
Total	£788,555	2	10

NOTE.—These payments cover the largest sums, and have been selected to show the plan adopted in changing the financial year.

CLASS 1.—ROADS.

J. R. Martin,
Esq.
29 May, 1900.

Expended in 1895-6, £719,990 0s. 9d.

Average amount expended,
1890-94, £696,687.Average amount charged,
1890-4, £715,973.

Charged to Revenue	£	s.	d.	Public Accounts for 1896, page 36.
Charged to Treasury Bills—				
1893	£153,513	14	6	„ page 17.
1894	76,590	10	2	„ „ 20.
1895	102,678	15	5	„ „ 26.
	332,783	0	1	
Total	£719,990	0	9	

In the following years the amount spent on roads was considerably reduced in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the revenue.

Amount charged to 1896-7	£	s.	d.
„ „ 1897-8	547,761	18	9
„ „ 1898-9	514,890	10	7
„ „ 1893-9	526,477	3	6

CLASS No. 2.—Redemptions, Interest-charges, and other payments shown by inspection to have been divided between Revenue and Treasury Bills.

Item of Expenditure.	Charged to 1897-8.		Charged to 1896-7.		Payments in 1895-6 (exclusive of amounts charged to 1894).									
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Total.		From Revenue.		From Treasury Bills.					
Redemption of Treasury Bills (53 Vic. No. 9).	150,000	0 0 (26)	150,000	0 0 (30)	£ 150,000	s. 0	d. 0	£ 75,000	s. 0	d. 0	£ 75,000	s. 0	d. 0	(28)
Reduction of Railway Debt (53 Vic. No. 24).	75,000	0 0 (26)	75,000	0 0 (30)	75,000	0 0		37,500	0 0	(41)	37,500	0 0	(28)	
Interest on Treasury Bills (53 Vic. No. 9).	47,192	10 4 (26)	51,971	10 4 (30)	56,471	10 4		28,235	15 2	(39)	28,235	15 2	(28)	
Proportion of Subsidy to Australasian Squadron.	37,820	0 0 (28)	37,989	0 0 (32)	37,961	0 0		24,860	0 0	(41)	13,101	0 0	(28)	
Conveyance of Mails	211,901	7 7 (26)	211,901	17 10 (29)	203,744	5 3		178,348	7 0	(39)	30,395	18 3	(28)	
Cable Subsidies	17,812	19 4 (26)	17,122	15 1 (29)	16,462	3 2		9,764	2 1	(39)	6,698	1 1	(28)	
Railways (Existing Lines)—Working Expenses.	1,587,083	3 1 (23)	1,571,109	5 10 (25)	1,572,185	5 0	1,512,233	17 2	(35)	59,951	7 10	(26)		
Tramways (Existing Lines)—Working Expenses.	252,026	11 3 (23)	250,883	12 11 (25)	262,244	9 3	246,749	9 8	(35)	15,494	19 7	(26)		
Protectorate of New Guinea	5,000	0 0 (19)	5,000	0 0 (21)	2,500	0 0	.....			2,500	0 0	(23)	
Management of Payment of Dividends on Inscribed Stock.	18,600	0 0 (21)	18,623	2 2	16,923	6 7	8,428	0 0	(33)	8,495	6 7	(25)		
Interest on Civil Service Superannuation Funds.	4,533	16 9 (22)	6,923	0 6 (23)	6,894	11 11	3,705	2 1	(33)	3,189	9 10	(25)		
Interest on Special Deposits of Savings Bank of N.S.W.	69,735	3 6	51,732	15 9	42,700	15 9	36,562	0 0	(33)	6,138	15 9	(25)		
Interest on Municipal Council Sinking Funds.	800	0 0 (22)	680	7 4 (23)	561	3 6	301	5 7	(33)	259	17 11	(25)		
Commission on Payments in England by Financial Agents.	1,633	12 6 (21)	2,000	0 0 (23)	1,467	1 9	464	8 0	(33)	1,002	13 9	(25)		
Interest on Funds belonging to Suitors in Equity and Lunacy Patients.	2,903	17 5 (22)	1,660	14 1 (23)	1,847	14 7	1,371	8 4	(33)	476	6 3	(25)		
Grants in aid of Educational Institutions.	6,263	18 1	3,990	8 5 (23)	4,715	12 4	2,476	5 2	(33)	2,239	7 2	(27)		
Pastures and Stock Protection Act...	1,566	14 8 (25)	1,590	12 3 (29)	1,052	12 10	.....			1,052	12 10	(28)	
Total	£2,438,973	14 6	2,453,202	2 4	2,457,731	12 3	2,166,000	0 3		291,731	12 0			

NOTE.—Nothing can better illustrate the purposes for which the Treasury Bills were issued than this list of payments. In 1896-7 the items enumerated amounted to £2,458,202 2s. 4d.; and in 1895-6 they were practically identical, amounting to £2,457,731 12s. 3d., yet £291,731 12s. was charged to Treasury Bills.

CLASS 3.—SPECIAL PAYMENTS.

Special Grant to Municipalities (page 24) ...	£	s.	d.	The grant was based on the rates collected in the half-year ended August, 1895; and before the Abstract could be made up, checked by the Government Statistician, and published in the <i>Government Gazette</i> , it must have been considerably later than that date.
(Grant in 1896-7, £59,391 18s. 1d., Public Accounts, page 22).	30,027	16	8	
Relief Works, Centennial Park ...	8,885	8	7	This payment must have consisted almost wholly of wages, obviously earned when they were paid over. On the surface, it does not appear how it could have represented a "liability" of the old system.
Total	£38,913	5	3	

J. R. Martin,
Esq.CLASS 4 — SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COMPARED WITH 1894, AS THE YEARS
1896-7 AND 1897-8 WERE AFFECTED BY REDUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

29 May, 1900.

Department	Charged to 1894	Payments in 1895-6 (exclusive of amounts charged to 1894)		
		Total	Charged to Year (Revenue)	Charged to 1895 (Treasury Bills)
Summary—				
Chief Secretary	£ 779,610 19 7	£ 776,407 15 1	£ 734,258 4 9	£ 42,149 10 4
Colonial Treasurer	269,596 10 10	251,376 13 2	235,132 15 10	16,243 17 4
Lands	274,006 6 10	277,233 19 11	258,965 9 6	18,268 10 5
Justice	202,272 10 7	195,424 13 3	187,919 16 6	7,504 16 9
Mines and Agriculture	121,717 2 4	123,248 3 3	107,859 0 2	15,389 3 1
Public Works	300,346 16 10	265,207 9 5	239,636 1 10	25,571 7 7
Total	£ 1,947 550 7 0	£ 1,888,898 14 1	£ 1,763,771 8 7	£ 125,127 5 6
Chief Secretary —				
Registrar General	28,315 18 0	28,694 6 11	26,506 14 10 (29)	2,187 12 1 (22)
Aborigines Protection Board	11,295 4 1	12,027 15 3	9,688 13 0 (29)	2,339 2 3 (22)
Military and Naval	173,699 19 10	169,283 4 2	158,670 9 0 (30)	10,612 15 2 (22)
Police	331,079 1 9	332,374 15 11	321 175 0 7 (29)	11,199 15 4 (22)
Lunacy	96,569 13 4	99,700 2 6	93,673 13 0 (29)	6,026 9 6 (22)
Medical Adviser to Government	12,231 18 10	11,981 5 6	10,291 10 5 (29)	1,689 15 1 (22)
Agent General	6,001 4 10	5,608 13 9	4,026 16 8 (30)	1,581 17 1 (22)
Asylums for Infirm and Destitute and Charitable Allowances	120,417 18 11	116,737 11 1	110,225 7 3 (30-1)	6,512 3 10 (22-3)
Total	£ 779,610 19 7	£ 776,407 15 1	£ 734,258 4 9	£ 42,149 10 4
Colonial Treasurer—				
Government Printer	81,193 9 6	83,518 4 5	81,544 9 5 (33)	1,973 15 0 (24)
Stores and Stationery	124,469 13 9	106,992 4 11	95,262 8 0 (33)	11,729 16 11 (24)
Board of Health	14,962 0 4	13,631 11 0	12,597 13 3 (33)	1,033 17 9 (24)
Marine Board	48,971 7 3	47,234 12 10	45,728 5 2 (33)	1,506 7 8 (24)
Total	£ 269,596 10 10	£ 251,376 13 2	£ 235,132 15 10	£ 16,243 17 4
Lands—				
Department of Lands	68,717 8 2	71,571 17 8	69,196 12 8 (36)	2,375 5 0 (26)
Land Agents, &c	50,978 16 10	50,349 10 5	47,043 11 11 (36)	3,305 18 6 (26)
Survey of Lands	154,310 1 10	155,312 11 10	142,725 4 11 (36)	12,587 6 11 (26)
Total	£ 274,006 6 10	£ 277,233 19 11	£ 258,965 9 6	£ 18,268 10 5
Administration of Justice—				
Petty Sessions	85,194 17 6	79,772 7 9	76,212 5 7 (37)	3,560 2 2 (27)
Prisons	117,077 13 1	115,652 5 6	111,707 10 11 (37)	3,944 14 7 (27)
Total	£ 202,272 10 7	£ 195,424 13 3	£ 187,919 16 6	£ 7,504 16 9
Mines and Agriculture—				
Department of Mines	68,738 14 2	70,207 12 10	59,049 17 3 (38)	11,157 15 7 (28)
Public Watering places and Artesian Boring	18,760 8 10	15,699 8 7	14,134 3 8 (38)	1,565 4 11 (28)
Agriculture and Forestry	34,217 19 4	37,341 1 10	34,674 19 3 (38)	2,666 2 7 (28)
Total	£ 121,717 2 4	£ 123,248 3 3	£ 107,859 0 2	£ 15,389 3 1
Public Works —				
Dredge Service	103,114 7 11	103,492 1 10	96,033 17 0 (36)	7,458 4 10 (26)
Harbours and Rivers and Water Supply	58,170 1 0	35,424 11 1	30,885 0 3 (36)	4,539 10 10 (26)
Architect	74,837 14 8	59,822 0 4	47,629 15 6 (36)	12,192 4 10 (26)
Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	64,224 13 3	66,468 16 2	65,087 9 1 (36)	1,381 7 1 (26)
Total	£ 300,346 16 10	£ 265,207 9 5	£ 239,636 1 10	£ 25,571 7 7

* Affected also by short dated loans

James Henry Robinson, Senior Clerk of Records, The Treasury, examined —

J. H. Robinson, Esq.
29 May, 1900.

1525 Chairman] You are a clerk in the Treasury? Yes
1526 And you produce certain papers? Yes, in connection with the Centenary Celebration Act. They refer to the Centennial Park
1527 You leave these as an exhibit? Yes.

[Adjourned till Monday, 4th June, 1900]

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.—MONDAY, 4 JUNE, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, ESQ. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Carlton Gabbet Livingstone Boyce, Sub-Accountant, Treasury Department, examined:—

[Witness handed in Statements of Interest Payments in 1895-6, which were charged back; marked Appendices C 4 and D 4.]

C. G. L.
Boyce, Esq.
4 June, 1900.

1528. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Referring to the interest on Treasury bills under 53 Vic. No. 9: When the change of system took place, it appears, according to what I make the figures, that £28,235 15s. 2d. was charged to 1895, £28,235 15s. 2d. to 1895-6, £51,971 was charged to 1897, £47,192 was charged to 1898, and £43,250 was charged to 1899; the accounts from the half-year of 1895 to the end of the year 1895-6 apparently contained only twelve months' interest; we want to know whether that is so? We paid the interest right through to the 30th June, 1895, and charged it to the services of 1895—that is, it would be payable on the 1st July, but charged back to the year 1895 deficiency account on appropriations retained. 1529. Then how does the item charged in 1895-6 come to be only half the usual amount? We took all the appropriations to cover outstanding claims for interest and everything else to the 30th June. These appropriations did not lapse, so whatever claims came in subsequent to the 30th June were charged to the deficiency account provided for by Treasury bills.

1530. In 1895? That is in 1895; so the next year would only show one half year, because under the new system of the Audit Act Amendment Act all appropriations lapse on the 30th June. Therefore the interest which accrued from 1st July, 1895, to 31st December, and which was payable on the 1st of January, would be charged to the current year—that is, 1895-6. The next half-year, which would be the 30th June, would not be payable, and was not payable, until the 1st of July; so it comes into the subsequent year. As the appropriations lapsed on the 30th June they became a charge on the next year; and that is where the first year of the new system gained.

1531. So, if you reverted to the 31st December in the balancing there would be a twelve months' interest come in to the accounts? Yes; under the old system there would be.

1532. You are quite sure about that? Yes.

1533. Does the same remark apply to the naval expenses? Yes; to the whole of the expenses. You will notice a number of amounts paid amounting to £650,285 18s. 8d. Those are transactions during the year 1895-6. Of the total expenditure for the year making up the sum of £10,451,974 6s., the sum of £650,285 18s. 8d. is charged to the half-year ending 1895. That is provided for by Treasury bills. You will also notice that there is interest there in both places paid in the same period—that is, for the year. For 1895-6 we only estimated and appropriated one moiety, and the other moiety appeared in the 1895 Estimates. [*Statement regarding Naval Expenses afterwards handed in, and marked Appendix E 4.*]

1534. *Mr. French.*] In fact you dropped out half a year? No, we did not drop it; we charged back. We charged one-half to 1895 half-year, and during 1895-6 we only charged six months.

1535. It is really a pushing forward; the year 1895-6 gained, of course? Yes. I have a memorandum here which is in brief what I have said. I will put it in as an appendix to my evidence.

1536. As to the liabilities, I understand them to be only contingent liabilities? Yes.

1537. Certain of these liabilities which are spoken of, and required to be provided for, were really appropriations outstanding? Yes.

1538. But they might or might not become a reality—that is, not necessarily become a reality? Not necessarily. Appropriations are taken for a certain work, and it sometimes happens that a contract is not entered into—and so in some cases the votes would lapse. Under the old system, every year the Balance-sheet—that is the balance of appropriations—was sent round to the Departments, in order to ascertain how much was to be written off. That meant that the Treasury wishes to know what contracts were outstanding. If a Department said that a certain work was going on, and that they would require so much, the amount required was retained, and the balance was written off. But when the knife was put through—that is, when the break of system came—the Departments were asked how much of the appropriations they would require to carry out works they had already entered into. The amount of the appropriations was then taken as the liability. The liabilities for interest and so on were our own. Following the same principle, all interest to the 30th June was made chargeable to the old system, and so we find that in the Estimates to 30th June, 1895, we estimated one-half, and in 1895-6 we estimated another half. And as interest claims came in months afterwards, they were charged back to the Treasury Bills Deficiency. We started on 1st July, 1895, with the new interest, with a clean sheet.

1539. Was not the effect of that to give you a very good start? So it would.

1540. The effect of that on succeeding years was to make the first year very favourable? Yes. That would not have been apparent had the reconstruction been on the basis of the old system. Under the old system, votes never lapsed while there was an outstanding contract; but under the new system votes must lapse on 30th June; and interest which accrued on the 30th June would not be payable till the 1st July, and would be chargeable on the votes of the year commencing 1st July.

1541. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Take the Post Office Savings Bank;—when do you pay the interest up to? Only once a year—the 31st December. We pay in January.

1542. And the Savings Bank in Barrack-street too, I suppose? No; they are paid half-yearly. Interest on inscribed stock falls due on different dates.

1543. When the new system was introduced, what was to prevent you from paying the Post Office Savings Bank half a year's interest? Nothing at all. But they only ask for it once a year, and we only pay once a year. That had always been the custom.

1544. *Chairman.*] I suppose that when the new system commenced half a year's interest had accrued? Yes.

1545. *Mr. French.*] I suppose you make an entry of all the appropriations? Yes; it is a credit in the account.

1546. I suppose it is only a memorandum? No; it is the same as if you give a man credit for an overdraft in your bank. The appropriation must not be overdrawn, and within the limits of the appropriation the Departments must work. When the appropriation is exhausted they must find some other means of meeting the expenditure. We were bound by the balance of appropriations, which we take as liabilities. We could not exceed them.

1547. And need you fulfil them? That rests with the other Departments. If they said that they had contracts or engagements, and vouchers come in which apparently are proper claims against the Votes, they must be paid.

1548.

C. G. L.
Boyce, Esq.
4 June, 1900.

1548. How does it come about that the expenditure of 1895-6 was unquestionably lessened by the operation of the Audit Act Amendment Act? By the very fact of appropriations lapsing on the 30th June, and the half-year's interest accruing on the 30th June not being paid till the 1st of July, or the commencement of the new financial year.

1549. And the next year bore the interest? Yes; and so it goes on up to the present day.

1550. And on the 30th June, 1900, something will have to be carried forward to 1901? Yes.

1551. Do you consider it necessary to get an appropriation for the interest, or is it a statutory obligation? It is what we call a special appropriation, or statutory obligation. That does not apply to the interest on Trust Funds. That is what we call an annual appropriation.

1552. Does the Treasurer have to go to Parliament every year to get an appropriation for the Trust Fund interest? Yes.

1553. *Chairman.*] How can he know the amount? We have to estimate it.

1554. How can you make an estimate twelve months ahead? It is pretty difficult; but after so many years' experience we can come pretty close to it.

1555. *Mr. French.*] I suppose it is necessary that you should stand by the appropriations? Yes, otherwise we would have to get indemnity. We are liable to pains and penalties if we pay without appropriation. That is where the Advance Account comes in—to meet urgent cases.

1556. *Chairman.*] But you do pay without appropriation, because you pay to the debit of the Advance Account? That is an appropriation of Parliament to meet unforeseen circumstances, and has to be subsequently accounted for.

1557. *Mr. French.*] That is a lump sum for contingencies? Yes. I may say that in making the estimates the first thing estimated is the revenue. Then that is cut out by the expenditure. You cannot go beyond it.

1558. *Mr. Yarwood.*] How was it that you brought in a surplus of £300,000? That is after results. In most instances our revenue has exceeded the amount estimated.

1559. *Mr. French.*] I understand that you expected the revenue proper for 1895-6 to produce £9,200,000 odd, and you cut the expenditure out of that? Yes. You must recollect that the accounts of 1895-6, shown in the 1896-7 Ways and Means Account, are the after results. Comparing the account of the after results of 1895-6 with the estimated account for the same year shown in the previous Financial Statement, you will see that both the receipts and expenditure are exceeded. There is an increase in the revenue side, and a saving in the expenditure side of the same account by savings on appropriation—that is, the amounts written off on the 30th June not required, or lapsed under the Audit Act Amendment Act. The saving was not made in 1895-6 by the amounts paid for interest charged back to Deficiency Account, as those sums not being included in the estimates of 1895-6 left an equal amount available for other services of the year—that is, the whole amount of estimated revenue was cut out by expenditure, excluding the interest items under consideration charged back.

1560. I suppose that the surplus of £330,000 is virtually the amount of votes unexpended? Yes.

Witness withdrew; and the Committee considered the evidence so far taken.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 5th June, 1900.]

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY, 5 JUNE, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their progress Report.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

Edward Alexander Rennie, Auditor-General, recalled and further examined:—

E. A. Rennie, Esq.
6 June, 1890.

1561. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We have an exhibit here in connection with the Railway Loan under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, which, so far as my recollection goes, provides that £70,000 a year should be put by for the redemption of the loan itself and for payment of interest in connection with it? Yes.

1562. We have taken out the figures from the accounts for 1895-6, and so on, and we find that in the year 1895-6 there only appears altogether the sum of £35,172 10s., of which £15,670 was charged to the year; in the next year 1896-7 there was only the sum of £38,235 charged; in the year 1897-8 there was a sum of £50,370 10s. charged, and in the year 1898-9 £2,405. I believe I am correct in saying that the date on which the loan expired was 1st January, 1898; and what we want to know is why, as the statutory obligation is apparently one of £70,000 annually, there only appears in the accounts the amount which I have quoted? That is because the interest, originally £50,000 a year, was very much reduced in consequence of the annual drawings of debentures.

1563. Yes, but that is adding the interest on. If you take the 1897 report, for instance, at page 30 you will find the redemption of the debt put at £26,800, and the interest at £11,435;—that is, the Treasury division of the amounts, I believe? Yes; the £11,435 is interest, and the reduction lower down on the page is £26,800.

1564. That is, the two added together make £38,235? Yes.

1565. The Act provides for £70,000, does it not? Yes, £70,000 to pay interest and the annual drafts. The interest is much lower because the amounts of the outstanding debentures are very small. There would be the drawings on the 31st of December of the previous year—that is, 1896. While there is £20,000 to be drawn, you will find a number of tickets that have already been purchased off, so there might be only £18,000 or £19,000 to pay. At all events, the difference between the total charged in this list and the £70,000 mainly arises from the shortening of the charge for interest.

1566. But if the Act says that £70,000 is to be put on one side, is it legal to reduce the amount to £38,235? These are the actual payments. The £70,000 might not be wholly paid till two or three years afterwards. The interest is paid just as people ask for it. The conditions of the Act are given on page

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page 158 of my last report—that is, for the year ended 30th June, 1893. You will see a number of paragraphs there under the heading of “Liquidation of the million loan raised under the Railway Loan Act of 1867.”

1567. I see that the conditions were as follow:—“From the 1st day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, to the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, inclusive, the sum of fifty thousand pounds shall be appropriated and applied by the Government of New South Wales each year towards the payment of interest on the said Loan, and thereafter” (and we are dealing with thereafter) “the sum of £70,000 shall be appropriated and applied each year during the currency of the loan in the following manner, namely:—

- “1. Towards the payment of interest on the loan.
- “2. Towards the reduction and final extinction of the loan by the payment of £20,000 as a Sinking Fund of 2 per centum to be determined by annual drawings at par.
- “3. Towards the purchase of the debentures of the loan.”

1568. I read the following from your report:—

Debentures were issued accordingly, bearing interest at 5 per cent., for the full amount of £1,000,000, with a currency of thirty years from the 1st of January, 1868. The loan was negotiated in London through the agency of the Bank of New South Wales and realised a net sum of £968,503 13s. 10d., which was brought to account in Sydney in 1869.

At the 30th June, 1897, it had been computed that the outstanding debentures, payable on the 1st of January, 1898, would amount to £208,000, and that the balance of the annual appropriations of £70,000 unapplied to fulfil the conditions of the loan would be £207,752 10s. Upon winding up the account, however, it was found that the prescribed annual drawings of £20,000 had not always been correctly accounted for—firstly, by the failure in some cases to withdraw the cards with the numbers of the debentures purchased prior to the drawings; and secondly, by the omission in the London accounts to discriminate in some cases between the payments made there for bonds drawn and bonds purchased. In this way the entries in the Sydney accounts became irregular and unreliable.

Another serious irregularity was occasioned by the purchase in London of the debentures of this loan to the amount of £10,500 with money provided to redeem what is known as the Mudgee Road Loan of £22,000, under the Act 36 Victoria No. 2, which practically reduced the appropriation liability under 31 Victoria No. 11 by that amount.

Over and above those disturbing elements the procedure in regard to the purchase of debentures with the growing excess of the annual provisions of the £50,000 for the payment of interest, in consequence of the growing reduction of the amount of interest bearing principal, has certainly also occasioned no inconsiderable irregularity in the progressive redemption of the loan during its currency. It had been considered by the Treasury that, as the purchase of the debentures when offered in the open market could only be effected at a premium, and that often at a high rate, it was necessary to provide votes out of the revenue to meet such premiums, whereas, if necessary at all to incur the expense, they were clearly chargeable on the annual provision of £70,000. The amount of premiums so paid reached the sum of £19,429 15s. 6d., besides £323 15s. charged as “Unforeseen Expenses.” Attention was several times invited to this procedure in past reports, as occasioning an unnecessary extra charge upon the revenue.

The total amount of the outstanding debentures really due at 1st January was found by their actual presentation for payment to be £206,700, of which £2,400 have only been brought to account since 30th June last. The balance of £204,300 fell due within the financial year 1897–8, and properly forms part of the current charges under the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, but, as before stated, the Treasurer, finding a balance of £150,000 lying idle at the credit of the “Railway Loan Redemption Fund,” applied the same, in the meantime, towards the redemption so far of the debentures in question, being part of the Railway Debt; but as that balance will be required hereafter, it is necessary to retain as unexpended an appropriation of £150,000 under the Million Loan Act of 1867, 31 Vic. No. 11.

1569. In the second last paragraph I have read, you refer to the annual provision of £70,000? Yes; that is correct.

1570. Well, the annual provision, according to these accounts, under the new regime, even leaving out 1895–6, does not appear to have been £70,000. What I want to get at is this: ought it not to have been £70,000; and, if not, why not? Well, I could not explain that. I say that the figures are still wrong as a reserve for special appropriation.

1571. For 1895–6, there should have been £70,000; for 1896–7, there should have been £70,000; and for 1897–8, there should have been £70,000, instead of the figures which are quoted. Does it not boil itself down to this—that the Treasury has failed to make provision for the difference between £70,000, and the figures that are given in these accounts? That is to say, they did not include the full annual provision of £70,000 in their estimates laid before Parliament.

1572. And they made up the balance of their Consolidated Revenue without charging it with that amount? That is, at reduced rates. I might as well mention that in my report for 1893 you will find there is a long correspondence about the mode of dealing with that £1,000,000 loan. It is in Appendix D. That shows how the account stood at the end of 1892. They have repeatedly talked of writing off, and I have said that it was distinctly illegal to write it off under any circumstances. The correspondence begins on page 185 and goes on to page 190, and it is very much to the point on the subject of the appropriation.

1573–4. They never altered the Act, did they? No; it was never altered. The £70,000 is, I apprehend, made up in this way: £50,000 was payable on the £1,000,000 loan at 5 per cent.; then there was the £20,000 drawings at the end of each year; they provided £70,000; but it was palpable that, after £20,000 a year had been drawn off, interest was not required to the amount of £50,000. It was wholly a speculative Act—that is, that whatever they saved upon the interest in that way should be applied to further reduce the debt by purchase in the market. The charge for interest and the reduction were to have been £70,000 a year, without diminution at all, until maturity.

1575. Of course, from a business point of view, the stupid part about the Act, if I can call it so, was in actually specifying that they must buy the bonds? I do not know that it says they *must* do so; it says, “To be applied towards the purchase.” I argued that with the Treasury officers. I said, “You do

E. A. Rennie, Esq. not need to buy. If you cannot buy at par, put the money on one side, and invest it if you like; but there is nothing in the Act to show that you must purchase these debentures at any higher rate than par"; and I think that the whole thing was computed on that understanding. That is what I believe is the case; but, as I show in my report, there is £20,000 that they unnecessarily charged the revenue with by buying at a premium on the London market.

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[Witness withdrew.]

Henry Norman MacLaurin, Member of the Legislative Council, &c., &c., submitted replies to the questions as follows:—

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Treasury Account Current.

	£	s.	d.	
Half-year 1895	4,533,287	15	1	(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 13).
Year 1895-6	9,231,871	18	8	(" " 1896, p. 13).
" 1896-7	9,286,543	12	1	(" " 1897, p. 13).
" 1897-8	9,476,974	9	2	(" " 1898, p. 13).
" 1898-9	9,754,184	16	4	(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 13).
Total	£42,282,862	11	4	

General Post Office New Street Resumption Account.

Half-year 1895	Nil.			(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 112).
Year 1895-6	Nil.			(" " 1896, p. 108).
" 1896-7	Nil.			(" " 1897, p. 100).
" 1897-8	£465	19	5	(" " 1898, p. 118).
" 1898-9	923	0	7	(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 42).
Total	£1,389	0	0	

Centennial Park Account.

Half-year 1895	Nil.			(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 116).
Year 1895-6	Nil.			(" " 1896, p. 112).
" 1896-7	Nil.			(" " 1897, p. 104).
" 1897-8	£6	0	0	(" " 1898, p. 122).
" 1898-9	Nil.			(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 46).
Total	£6	0	0	

Adding these accounts together we get:—

	£	s.	d.
Half-year 1895	4,533,287	15	1
Year 1895-6	9,231,871	18	8
" 1896-7	9,286,543	12	1
" 1897-8	9,477,446	8	7
" 1898-9	9,755,107	16	11
Total	£42,284,257	11	4

1577. (2.) The amount expended from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period? *Answer*: £43,603,821 16s. 3d. This question also includes the Special Suspense Accounts. Details:—

Treasury Account Current.

	£	s.	d.	
Half-year 1895	4,924,353	1	4	(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 37).
Year 1895-6	9,852,218	17	6	(" " 1896, p. 41).
" 1896-7	9,470,142	3	10	(" " 1897, p. 32).
" 1897-8	9,397,422	10	8	(" " 1898, p. 28).
" 1898-9	9,796,806	6	9	(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 33).
Total	£43,440,943	0	1	

General Post Office New Street Resumption Account.

	£	s.	d.	
Half-year 1895	132,929	1	6	(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 113).
Year 1895-6	695	18	8	(" " 1896, p. 109).
" 1896-7	25	2	2	(" " 1897, p. 101).
" 1897-8	177	15	11	(" " 1898, p. 119).
" 1898-9	Nil.			(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 43).
Total	£133,827	18	3	

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Centennial Park Account.

Half-year 1895	Nil	(A.-G.'s Report, 1895, p. 117).
Year 1895-6	£25,000 0 0	(" 1896, p. 113).
" 1896-7	Nil.	(" 1897, p. 105).
" 1897-8	Nil.	(" 1898, p. 123).
" 1898-9	4,050 17 11	(Public Accounts, 1899, p. 47).
Total	£29,050 17 11	

Adding these three Accounts together, we get :—

Half-year 1895	£5,057,282 2 10
Year 1895-6	9,877,914 16 2
" 1896-7	9,470,167 6 0
" 1897-8	9,397,600 6 7
" 1898-9	9,800,857 4 8
Total	£43,603,821 16 3

1578. (3.) The difference between the revenue, properly so-called, and the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period ?

Revenue (Question No. 1)	£42,284,257 11 4
Expenditure (Question No. 2)	43,603,821 16 3
<i>Answer</i> : Excess of Expenditure	£1,319,564 4 11

1579. (4.) The amount of the expenditure charged to the two Special Suspense Accounts, and the amount of the receipts credited to these accounts during the same period ?

<i>Revenue—</i>	
G.P.O. New Street Account	£1,389 0 0
Centennial Park Account	6 0 0
	£1,395 0 0
<i>Expenditure—</i>	
G.P.O. New Street Account	£133,827 18 3
Centennial Park Account	29,050 17 11
	162,878 16 2
Excess of Expenditure	£161,483 16 2

For details of each year's transactions, see Questions Nos. 1 and 2.

1580. (5.) The difference between the revenue, properly so-called, and the expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, exclusive of the two Special Suspense Accounts ?

Excess of Expenditure, inclusive of Suspense Accounts	£1,319,564 4 11 (No. 3.)
Less Excess of Expenditure on Suspense Accounts	161,483 16 2 (No. 4.)
<i>Answer</i> : Excess of Expenditure	£1,158,080 8 9

1581. (6.) The amount of Extraordinary Receipts taken into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the same period, such as the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury bills and the accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account ? *Answer* : £1,423,322 5s. Details :—

Premiums and accrued Interest on Loans.

1895 Accrued Interest (p. 13)	£345,699 13 9
1895 Premium (p. 13)	25,116 18 9
1895-6 Interest on Deferred Payments (p. 13)	164 14 11
	£370,931 7 5
1895-6 Accrued Interest	14,989 13 0
1895-6 Premium	7,077 4 6
	22,066 17 6
1896-7 Premium (p. 13)	456 0 0
1897-8 Accrued Interest (p. 13)	5,114 8 6
1897-8 Interest on Overdue Instalment (p. 13)	3 11 7
	5,118 0 1
Total	398,622 5 0

Treasury Bills.

1895-6 Issue (p. 13)	£1,174,700 0 0
1896-7 Cancelled (p. 32)	150,000 0 0
	£1,024,700 0 0
<i>Answer</i> : Total	1,423,322 5 0

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1582. (7.) The amount of that part of the Cash Debit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Account existing on the 31st December, 1894, which was partly extinguished in the first half-year of 1895 by the excess of receipts over expenditure, resulting from the transfer of accrued interest from the General Loan Account, and partly by the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills? *Answer*: £447,603 8s. 9d., according to the Auditor-General. This is found as follows:—

Cash Debit Balance (A.-G.'s Report for 1894, p. 158)	£982,627	8	11
<i>Less</i> Suspense Accounts:—			
Post Office Street Account (p. 121)	£335,612	17	4
Centennial Park Account (p. 125)	199,411	2	10
	<u>535,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Balance—"that part" which was extinguished	£447,603	8	9

According to the Treasury, the balance on the Account Current on the 31st December, 1894, was £464,715 (A.-G.'s Report for 1894, page 3). The difference of £17,111 11s. 3d. was gradually adjusted, the balances of the two Departments being in agreement on 30th June, 1897, 30th June, 1898, and 30th June, 1899.

1583. (8.) The net amount of the extraordinary receipt available for and utilised in meeting expenditure chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account during the period of four and a half years referred to, after deducting that portion of the cash overdraft which was extinguished as above?

Extraordinary Receipts (Question No. 6)	£1,423,322	5	0
Deduct Cash Overdraft (Question No. 7)	447,603	8	9
<i>Answer</i>	<u>£975,718</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

1584. (9.) The amount of the total deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account (Treasury Bills outstanding and cash debit balance) on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts? *Answer*: £2,735,511 8s. 11d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, according to the Auditor-General (Report for 1894, page 158). This sum was made up as follows:—

Cash Overdraft	£982,627	8	11
Treasury Bills	1,752,884	0	0
	<u>£2,735,511</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
Deduct Suspense Accounts (<i>see</i> Question No 7)	535,024	0	2
<i>Answer</i> : Exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts	<u>£2,200,487</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

1585. (10.) Whether the amount of accrued interest transferred from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account belonged to the period prior to the end of the year 1894, and whether the proper effect of this transfer was the reduction of the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894? Yes.

1586. (11.) If so, to what amount would this transfer of accrued interest properly reduce the deficiency existing on the 31st December, 1894, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts? Deficiency, 31st December, 1894 (*see* Question No. 9):—

	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts.	Exclusive of Suspense Accounts.
	£2,735,511 8 11	£2,200,487 8 9
<i>Less</i> —Accrued Interest and Premiums on Loans (<i>See</i> Question No. 6)	398,622 5 0	398,622 5 0
<i>Answer</i>	<u>£2,336,889 3 11</u>	<u>£1,801,865 3 9</u>

1587. (12.) Whether the law provides for the reduction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account by the annual redemption of Treasury Bills to the amount of £150,000? And, by operation of the statute, what should have been the amount of the 1894 deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts?

Yes; see section 6 of the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889 (53 Vic. No. 9):—"On the 31st day of December, 1890, the sum of £150,000 shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of a Special Trust Fund Account in a Bank doing the Government business, and the like sum shall be paid to the said Special Trust Fund Account annually thereafter, for the purpose of paying off the said Treasury Bills, until such Bills are finally extinguished; and the Colonial Treasurer shall, from time to time, out of such Special Trust Fund pay off and redeem such Treasury Bills to the extent to which there may be moneys to the credit of such Special Trust Fund Account."

As the Treasury Bills are redeemable in the month of December, the amount of the redemption may be taken as £600,000 (4 years at £150,000). This would reduce the 1894 deficiency existing on the 30th June, 1899, as follows:—

	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts (<i>See</i> Question No. 11.)	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts. (<i>See</i> Question No. 11.)
	£2,336,889 3 11	£1,801,865 3 9
<i>Less</i>	600,000 0 0	600,000 0 0
	<u>£1,736,889 3 11</u>	<u>£1,201,865 3 9</u>

The Auditor-General has argued that these Bills were not absolutely redeemed, because the cash overdraft increased while the redemption was made. This view is erroneous. The Bills were absolutely redeemed, and the money was annually replaced to the credit of the Post Office Savings Bank deposits, with which the Bills were taken up. The explanation is, that while the old deficiency was being reduced, a new deficiency was being created. Consequently, the note appended by Mr. Reid to the deficiency of £1,174,700 which he established, and which he covered by Treasury Bills (see page 7 of the Estimates of Ways and Means for 1895-6), to the effect that this amount included a sum of £750,000 paid in reduction of the deficiency of 1896 and previous years, and also a sum of £300,000 in reduction of the Public Debt for railways, was misleading.

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1588. (13.) The actual amount of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts? The Auditor-General's Report for 1899 is not yet published, but I am aware that his balance on the 30th June, 1899, agrees with that of the Treasury. The answer to the question is:—

£2,757,529 7s. 7d., inclusive of Suspense Accounts.
£2,061,060 14s. 4d., exclusive of Suspense Accounts.

These amounts are arrived at as follows:—

Treasury Account Current	...	...	...	Cr. £116,523	5	8	P.A., 1899, page 3.
Post Office Street Account	...	Dr. £468,051	15	7	.....	.....	page 3.
Centennial Park Account	...	Dr. £228,416	17	8	Dr. £696,468	13	3	page 3.

Cash Debit Balance on Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of London Payments in May and June...	.....	Dr. £579,945	7	7
Add Outstanding Treasury Bills on 30th June, 1898 (Auditor- General's Report for 1898, page 154)	£2,327,584	0	0	
Less Redeemed in 1898-9 (Public Accounts for 1899, page 30)	150,000	0	0	
		Dr. 2,177,584	0	0
Total, 30th June, 1899, inclusive of Suspense Accounts		2,757,529	7	7
Deduct Suspense Accounts		696,468	13	3
Total, exclusive of Suspense Accounts		£2,061,060	14	4

1589. (14.) The increase in the deficiency thus created, or the reduction effected, during the period of four and a half years from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899, inclusive and exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, after providing for the reduction of the 1894 deficiency by the operation of the Statute, and by the transfer of accrued interest?

Inclusive of Suspense Accounts—

Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 13)	£2,757,529	7	7
Balance of 1894 Deficiency at 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 12)	1,736,889	3	11
Increase in Deficiency	£1,020,640	3	8

Exclusive of Suspense Accounts—

Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 13)	£2,061,060	14	4
Balance of 1894 Deficiency at 30th June, 1899 (Question No. 12)	1,201,865	3	9
Increase in Deficiency	£ 859,195	10	7

1590. (15.) Whether the net proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills, £1,024,700, were not, in effect, used in meeting a deficiency in revenue as compared with the expenditure during the period of four and a half years referred to, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, leaving a credit balance on the "Account Current" existing on the 30th June, 1899? According to Question No. 5, the excess of expenditure over revenue was £1,153,080 8s. 9d., exclusive of Special Suspense Accounts, and according to Question No. 3, £1,319,564 4s. 11d., inclusive of Special Suspense Accounts. But according to the answer to Question No. 14, the deficiency according to the balances was only £859,195 10s. 7d., exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, and £1,020,640 3s. 8d., inclusive of the Suspense Accounts. That shows that the excess of expenditure has been reduced by taking into account the advances recovered to the amount of £298,884 18s. 2d., exclusive of the Suspense Accounts, and £298,924 1s. 3d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts. These amounts are made up as follows:—

Account Current.

	Recoveries on account of 1894 and previous years.		Recoveries on account of 1895 and subsequent years.		Advances made from January, 1895, to June, 1899.	
	Cr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.
1895	(p. 13)	345,391 4 7	(p. 13)	9,758 19 8	(p. 37)	36,801 7 6
1895-6	(p. 13)	82,576 9 3	(p. 13)	53,043 5 10	(p. 41)	74,059 9 10
1896-7	(p. 13)	7,211 5 9	(p. 13)	175,483 1 6	(p. 32)	211,637 0 10
1897-8	(p. 13)	324 4 3	(p. 13)	264,787 7 10	(p. 28)	342,015 5 4
1898-9	(p. 13)	Nil.	(p. 13)	211,006 0 2	(p. 33)	174,072 5 11
		£435,503 3 10		£719,078 15 0		£838,585 9 5
		Add Centennial Park Account.				
1895-6	(p. 112)	39 3 1	
		£435,503 3 10		£719,117 18 1		£838,585 9 5

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This gives a net sum of recoveries to the amount of £316,035 12s. 6d., inclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, and £315,996 9s. 5d., exclusive of the Suspense Accounts. From these amounts require to be deducted the adjustment of £17,111 11s. 3d., referred to under Question No. 7. The adjustment was made as follows:—

31st December, 1894	...	...	...	...	£17,111 11 3
30th June, 1895	...	...	...	...	17,259 19 2
30th „ 1896	...	...	...	...	1,359 7 9
30th „ 1897	...	...	...	...	Nil.

These recoveries give Mr. Reid an advantage of nearly £300,000 net. Deducting the amounts from the deficiency in revenue (Questions Nos. 3 and 5), we find:—

	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts. (No. 3.)	Exclusive of Suspense Accounts. (No. 5.)
Deficiency in Revenue	£1,319,564 4 11	£1,158,080 8 9
Less Net Recoveries, adjusted	298,924 1 3	298,884 18 2
Deficiency on Cash Basis	1,020,640 3 8	859,195 10 7

These amounts agree with the answers to Question No. 14. Taking the net extraordinary receipts available for expenditure, £975,718 16s. 3d. (Question No. 8), and deducting the Cash Deficiency of £859,195 10s. 7d., exclusive of Suspense Accounts, we are left with a credit balance of £116,523 5s. 8d. on 30th June, 1899, as per Treasury Accounts.

1591. (16.) Whether, in changing the system of accounts, it was provided that certain expenditure should be met from the current Consolidated Revenue, and that the unexpended votes of previous years should be spent, and the payments met from the proceeds of the issue of Treasury Bills referred to? Yes. The cash debit balance on the account current at the 30th June, 1895, when the change of system was made, was, according to Auditor-General, £149,240 2s. 11d. Mr. Reid obtained permission to issue Treasury Bills to the net amount of £1,024,700 to meet this small balance, plus payments after the change was made (see Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 and Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895).

1592. (17.) Whether, if the Unexpended Votes were so used, a more equitable plan would not have been to have allowed them to lapse in changing the system of keeping the Public Accounts, seeing that it was provided that thereafter all unexpended votes should so lapse? The point at issue is this: If the £1,024,700 Treasury Bills really represented payments by Mr. Reid in excess of a full expenditure during the four and a half years chargeable to revenue, then Mr. Reid is right; if otherwise, then Mr. Lyne is right. It has been said that the Bills covered "liabilities" outstanding on the 30th June, 1895. Even if they did, it is a question for the Committee to decide whether it was right, in changing the system, to relieve the first year of the new system of these charges. An examination of the accounts for 1895-6 shows that it was not right to do so. But, in my opinion, they were not liabilities at all—they were merely unexpended votes, which, under the old system would have ultimately become a charge upon the year 1894 and previous years, but under the new system should certainly have lapsed, because they were as much under the control of Mr. Reid as his own votes. Take the expenditure on roads as an illustration. In the year 1895-6 Mr. Reid spent £719,990, which really represented an average year's expenditure up to that time. But only £387,207 was charged to revenue, the balance of £332,783 being charged to Treasury Bills—equal to one-third of the net proceeds. Now, road maintenance may be said to be carried on from day to day, and this money was spent after the change in system, and could not possibly represent liabilities existing on the 30th June, 1895. As a matter of fact, Mr. Reid's estimates for the year 1895-6 showed proposed expenditure on roads £650,000, less "unexpended votes" £200,000, leaving a balance of £450,000 chargeable to revenue. Here it will be evident that Mr. Reid's estimates for the new system were framed with an eye to the relief to the revenue which was afforded by the Treasury Bills. So that the difficulty cannot be overcome by setting the unexpended votes on 30th June, 1895, against the unexpended votes on 30th June, 1896, because the estimates were not framed to cover a year's normal expenditure, but only an artificially diminished year's expenditure. It has been contended that the course pursued was right, because it was the course which was taken by Mr. McMillan in regard to the previous deficiency. This argument really shows that the course pursued was absolutely wrong, for the cases are not parallel. In 1889 Mr. McMillan covered the deficiency of 1886 and previous years, including the payments made on account of those years subsequent to the 31st December, 1886, as was done by Mr. Reid. But—and here lies the very great difference—in the first case, the year 1887 having been relieved of the payments on account of 1886, was in turn burdened by those made in 1888, and so on; while, in the second case, Mr. Reid changed the system, and, having relieved the year 1895-6, prevented it from being burdened by payments in 1896-7.

1593. (18.) Whether the course pursued did not have the effect of reducing the expenditure chargeable to the first year of the new system below the ordinary expenditure of the Colony, and so yielding a credit balance on the new account on the 30th June, 1896? Yes.

Expenditure charged to 1893	...	...	...	...	£9,816,876 6 8
„ „ 1894	...	...	...	...	9,694,889 18 0
Total	...	...	...	...	£19,511,766 4 8
Average	...	...	...	...	£9,755,888 2 4
Expenditure charged to 1895-6	...	...	...	...	£8,899,411 8 7

1594. The amount of the credit balance on the 30th June, 1896, and the amount to which it had been reduced by the 30th June, 1899—

30th June, 1896, Credit Balance	...	...	...	...	£476,530	1	10
Less Treasury Bills afterwards cancelled	150,000	0	0
					£326,530	1	10
30th June, 1899	116,523	5	8

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Both of these amounts include the unexpended proceeds of Treasury Bills.

1595. (20.) The amount by which the expenditure charged to the year 1895-6 was less than the average expenditure of immediately preceding years, and the causes of this reduction in the expenditure. The amount charged to the proceeds of Treasury Bills in 1895-6—

Average expenditure charged to 1893 and 1894 (<i>see</i> Question No. 18)	...	...	...	...	£9,755,888	2	4
Charged to 1895-6	...	...	...	...	8,899,411	8	7
<i>Reduction</i>...	...	...	...	...	£ 856,476	13	9
Amount charged to Treasury Bills in 1895-6	...	...	...	...	952,807	8	11

These two amounts are practically identical. The cause of the reduction was simply the change in system, as it was changed, which permitted part of a year's normal expenditure to be defrayed from Treasury Bills. That the first year of the new system was relieved is now admitted on all sides.

1595. (21.) Whether a sum of £216,000 was not saved from the vote in 1893 on account of Roads Endowment to Boroughs, District Councils, and Shires under the proposed Local Government Bill, and this sum called back into existence and spent partly in 1894 and the first half-year of 1895, but the larger part in the year 1895-6, on the plea that the savings had been improperly made? And whether an examination of the annual expenditure on roads does not show that the action referred to enabled a large reduction to be effected in the amount charged to the year 1895-6 as compared with previous years? To both these questions the answer is "Yes." The amount was afterwards spent as follows:—

1894	...	...	...	£25,621	12	2	(Public Accounts, 1894, p. 26)
1895	...	...	...	43,641	0	2	(do 1895, p. 18)
1895-6	...	...	...	153,513	14	6	(do 1896, p. 17)
				£222,778	6	10	

Part of the sum of £25,621 12s. 2d. was, in all probability, spent before Mr. Reid came into office. Total amount expended from revenue on roads during five years 1890-94, £3,483,437; average per annum, £696,687. Total amount charged to these five years, £3,579,868; average, £715,973. Total amount spent in 1895-6, £719,990, distributed as follows:—

Charged to Treasury Bills:—

1893	...	...	...	...	£153,513	14	6
1894	...	...	...	...	76,590	10	2
1895	...	...	...	...	102,678	15	5
					£332,783	0	1
Charged to Revenue	...	...	...	...	387,207	0	8
					£719,990	0	9

These figures show that Mr. Reid simply used the unexpended balances of appropriations to reduce his own expenditure.

1597. (22.) Whether during the first half-year of 1895 the amount of accrued interest previously referred to was transferred from the General Loan Account, reducing the cash debit balance on the 31st December, 1894 (exclusive of Suspense Accounts)? The debit balance on 30th June, 1895, which was extinguished by the proceeds of Treasury bills? And of these proceeds, expended after the change in the system of keeping the public accounts was made, what sum was utilised in meeting claims on account of 1894 and previous years, and what sum in meeting those of the first half-year of 1895? Yes. According to the Auditor-General, the cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of the Special Suspense Accounts, was £447,603 8s. 9d. on the 31st December, 1894. In consequence of the transfers from the General Loan Account, this balance had been reduced to £149,240 2s. 11d. (according to the Auditor-General) on the 30th June, 1895, when the change of system was made, and it was to meet this balance, plus the unexpended votes, that the Bills were issued. According to the attached Treasury statement, the payments from Treasury Bills after the 30th June, 1895, amounted to £971,189, of which £318,540 was paid on account of 1894 and previous years, and £652,649 on account of the half-year of 1895. Bringing to account the receipts, the net payments become £852,708, of which £226,435 was disbursed on account of 1894 and previous years, and £626,273 on account of the half-year of 1895. The following is the Treasury statement referred to, with the transactions divided into two—before the change of system, and after the change of system. It is necessary to remember that this statement shows

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a total expenditure of £1,019,158 from the proceeds of Bills, while the Auditor-General holds that the legal expenditure from the Bills was about £30,000 less than this sum, the difference representing proper charges to the new account:—

<i>Treasury Bills Deficiency Account, 1895 (Half-year) and previous Years.</i>			
Cash Debit Balance, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 31st December, 1894, exclusive of Suspense Accounts. (See Public Accounts for 1894, page 3)	.....		£464,715
Add Payments, half-year ended 30th June, 1895	£4,059,535	
Add Advances, to be repaid half-year	36,801	
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Add Payments for Services, 1894 and previous years		864,818
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			£5,425,869
<i>Deduct:—</i>			
Revenue and Receipts for half-year 1895	£4,558,569	
Advances recovered and Repayments, 1895	10,616	
" " 1894 and previous years	... ..	344,534	
Accrued Interest on Loans transferred from Loans Account, &c.	... ..	345,700	
		<hr/>	£5,259,419
Cash Debit Balance, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1895. (See Public Accounts, 1896, page 2)	... ..		£166,450
<i>Payments from Treasury Bills since 1st July, 1895 (according to Treasury Statements).</i>			
<i>During—</i>	<i>On Account of 1894 and previous years.</i>	<i>On Account of 1895 (six months).</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1895-6	£302,521	£650,286	£952,807
1896-7	1,719	2,363	4,082
1897-8	14,300	Nil.	14,300
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	£318,540	£652,649	£971,189
Deduct Receipts, 1895-6 to 1898-9 92,105 26,376 118,481
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Net Payments since 1st July, 1895 £223,435 £626,273 £852,708
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			£852,708
Total Payments from Treasury Bills, according to Treasury Statements		<hr/>
			£1,019,158

1598. (23.) Whether the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Current under the new system was relieved in the year 1895-6 by only charging it with one half-year's redemption of Treasury Bills in aid of Revenue, and of Railway Debentures? Yes.

Payments from Revenue in 1895-6.

Redemption of Bills	... ..	£75,000	(Public Accounts, 1896, p. 41)
Reduction of Railway Debt	... ..	37,500	(do 1896, p. 41)

Payments from Proceeds of Bills in 1895-6.

Redemption of Bills	... ..	£75,000	(Public Accounts, 1896, p. 28)
Reduction of Railway Debt	... ..	37,500	(do 1896, p. 28)

These payments afford a good illustration of what took place when the change of system was made. There are others of the same kind. For instance, the interest on the old Treasury Bills (issued under Act 53 Vic. No. 9), to the amount of £56,471 10s. 4d., was also divided between Revenue and Bills, £28,235 15s. 2d. (Public Accounts for 1895-6, p. 39) being charged to Revenue, and £28,235 15s. 2d. (page 28) to proceeds of Bills.

1599. (24.) Whether the act of applying £150,000 from the Sinking Fund established under Act 53 Vic. No. 24, towards meeting Railway Debentures matured under Act 31 Vic. No. 11, will not have the effect of compelling the Consolidated Revenue Fund at a latter period to provide the amount relieved in the year 1897-8? Yes. Under the Railway Loan Act of 1867 (31 Vic. No. 11) a sum of one million pounds was borrowed for the completion of certain railway lines, the debentures bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent., and having a currency of thirty years. It was provided that for the first four years the sum of £50,000 should be appropriated for the payment of interest, and afterwards the sum of £70,000 annually towards (1.) payment of interest; (2.) reduction and final extinction of loan by payment of £20,000 as a sinking fund of 2 per cent. by annual drawings; (3.) purchase of debentures. Afterwards, the Act 53 Vic. No. 23 (1889) authorised the issue of a loan for a large amount, including £1,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvement of railway rolling-stock and permanent way, and in order to recoup this amount from revenue a short Act, 53 Vic. No. 24, was passed at the same time, providing for the appropriation annually of a further sum of £75,000, to be placed to a sinking fund to be used for the extinction of a million pounds of the public debt of the railways, the money to be applied from time to time in redemption of debentures as they might become due. For the first eight years after the loan of 1867 was issued, the full appropriation was used as provided by the Act; but from 1876 down to 1890 small balances, ranging from £267 to £5,135, were unused, and, of course, the revenue account got the advantage of these (Auditor-General's Report for 1897, page 170). In 1891 the payments became much less, dropping to £55,675; and during Mr. Reid's tenure of office only £15,670, instead of £70,000, was paid in 1895-6, and £38,235, instead of £70,000, in 1896-7, his "New Account Current" benefiting to

to the extent of £90,095 in those two years. Consequently, when the outstanding debentures matured at the 1st January, 1898, it was found that instead of the annual appropriation of £70,000 being sufficient to meet all the liabilities, the total presented for payment amounted to £206,700, of which £204,300 was paid in 1897-8, and £2,400 carried forward to 1898-9. But the sum of £204,300 was not provided out of current revenue, as should have been the case, the revenue having benefited to a very large extent by the short payments; instead, Mr. Reid took £150,000 standing at the credit of the Railway Loan Redemption Fund, established under Acts 53 Vic. Nos. 23 and 24, and charged only the balance of £54,300 to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account—£15,700 less than the ordinary annual appropriation of £70,000. And, as the Auditor-General says, this amount of £150,000 (Report for 1898) must be paid back to the Trust Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in order to extinguish the second million, the redemption of which was provided for under the 1889 Act. The Auditor-General has, I understand, already asked the present Treasurer to replace this sum.

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1600. (25.) The amount by which the Consolidated Revenue Fund has been relieved by charging to the proceeds of short-dated Loans, and in other ways, expenditure ordinarily provided from revenue? Whether the system of repayments established in connection with these loans is not one that tends simply to relieve the first few years during which it is in operation at the expense of future years, and whether it should not be discontinued? The payments from these Loans are as follows:—

1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£16,310
1895-6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166,475
1896-7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143,755
1897-8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144,056
1898-9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185,078
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£655,674

These figures have been obtained from a Treasury Statement. It is possible that a small portion of the expenditure might, under other circumstances, have been charged to permanent debt. The relief to revenue might, therefore, be set down at £600,000. It is apparent that so long as the expenditure from such loans continues, so long will the annual payments to Sinking Funds increase, until at the end of thirty years these payments to Sinking Funds will equal the former expenditure from revenue on the services for which the loans were raised, and there will be a large debt outstanding. It is, therefore, only the present generation which is relieved.

1601. (26.) Whether a deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account was not created during the period of four and a half years, from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th June, 1899; and, if so, the amount of the deficiency:—

- Inclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.
- Exclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.
- As increased by amount taken from Sinking Fund to meet Debentures falling upon Revenue.
- As further increased by expenditure ordinarily defrayed from Consolidated Revenue, and provided from short-dated Loans, and in other ways?

Yes:—

(a)	£1,020,640	3	8	...	...	...	...	(Question No. 15).
(b)	£ 859,195	10	7	...	...	...	...	(Question No. 15).
(c)	£1,170,640	3	8	...	...	...	...	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts.
	£1,009,195	10	7	...	...	...	...	Exclusive of Suspense Accounts.
(d)	£1,770,640	3	8	...	...	...	...	Inclusive of Suspense Accounts.
	£1,609,195	10	7	...	...	...	...	Exclusive of Suspense Accounts.

1602. (27.) The amount of the credit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund "Account Current" on the 30th June, 1896; 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898; and 30th June, 1899? For these amounts, see Statement of Balances at beginning of Public Accounts:—

30th June, 1896—	£476,530	1	10	less £150,000 bills redeemed,	£326,530	1s.	10d.
30th ,, 1897—	114,444	16	6				
30th ,, 1898—	122,211	1	10				
30th ,, 1899—	116,523	5	8				

1603. (28.) Whether these balances represented cash in the Bank, and if so, which of them? None of them represented cash in the Bank.

1604. (29.) The actual condition of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account on the dates specified above, as disclosed by the Bank Balances? The General Trust Funds and the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account are kept in one banking account, known as the Public Account, but the division of the balances may, of course, easily be made by reference to the two accounts. The following are the balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, obtained in this way:

30th June, 1896	...	...	...	...	Dr. £428,370	14	3
30th ,, 1897	...	...	...	...	Dr. 828,503	0	5
30th ,, 1898	...	...	...	...	Dr. 777,702	12	4
30th ,, 1899	...	...	...	...	Dr. 793,144	4	6

These are the amounts after bringing to account the London payments in May and June, and after including the Suspense Accounts, which are part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account.

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1605. (30.) In the event of a discrepancy between the Ledger Balances and the Bank Balances, to what was this due; and whether the system under which such differences are possible may be correctly described as a "cash-basis" system? Due to the existence of the Special Suspense Accounts, and the exclusion of the payments in London in May and June from the transactions of the current year. The system cannot be a "cash-basis" system when there is no cash as a basis.

1606. (31.) Whether it is correct to hand over large interest payments to the Bank of England in the month of June, and bring them to account on the 1st July following? Whether the Commissioners would recommend the London payments in May and June to be included within the financial year during which they are actually made; and whether the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up? I should say that it is right to regard such payments as absolute when the money is handed over to the Bank of England, and I think the Special Suspense Accounts should be closed up.

1607. (32.) Whether the present system of keeping the Public Accounts is a good one, and whether the Commissioners can suggest any improvements in the methods of keeping the accounts, or in their presentation, so that these may be more easily comprehended by the public? For the Commissioners.

1608. (33.) Whether the sum of £1,500,000 was transferred from Trust Funds to the General Loan Account as alleged by the Auditor-General? Yes. The transfer was made in three sums of £500,000 each. The Executive authority in each case states that the transfer was from the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account; but that is absurd, as there was no cash at the credit of this account when the transfers were made. The Executive authority also stated that the transfer was made "pending realisation of loans," but the money was never repaid to Trust Fund. And the amount was not covered by securities, in my opinion, because the money really coming from Special Deposits of the Saving Banks of New South Wales, which are placed with the Government practically at call, it could not be so covered. Mr. Reid might have issued a loan, but apparently he did not wish to go to the market at an inopportune time.

1609. (34.) Whether the present system of dealing with Trust Funds and of utilising the balances as working balances in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account and the General Loan Account should be altered; if so, what changes would the Commissioners recommend? This is a question for the Commissioners, but I think it would be wise to place the Trust Funds under the administration of an independent body of Trustees, who might make advances to the Government.

1610. (35.) Whether from the 1st October, 1897, to the 23rd September, 1899, payments to the amount of £1,278,940 were made from revenue without the authority of Parliament, and without the Auditor-General's certificate? Whether, in connection with these payments an Expenditure Suspense Account was opened; the effect of that Account? Yes, and the present Treasurer passed an Indemnity Act covering these payments. The Estimates had been pared down to such an extent that the appropriations became exhausted, as well as the Treasurer's Advance Account, and there was no course open but to pay the pressing claims coming forward and charge them to a Suspense Account.

1611. (36.) The amount borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales, Barrack-street, Sydney, to the 30th June, 1899, and to date?

30th June, 1899	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,415,000
At date	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,640,000

1612. (37.) The conditions under which these deposits were placed with the Treasury? Practically at call.

1613. (38.) Whether any of these advances have been covered by securities? No.

1614. (39.) The purpose for which this money was obtained from the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales? I should say, to replenish the Public Account.

1615. (40.) Whether from the month of November, 1896, to the close of the year, 1899, payments to the amount of several million pounds sterling were made from Loan Funds without the Certificate of the Auditor-General, and whether such payments were therefore illegal? Yes; an Indemnity Act was passed by the present Treasurer. The Auditor-General, having given his certificate for payments exceeding the amount of loan funds in hand, refused to sign further warrants, holding that in terms of the Audit Act he was bound to see that there was a cash basis existing for any instruments furnished by him. Mr. Attorney-General Want held that he was wrong; but the Auditor-General's view was upheld by Sir Julian Salomons and Dr. Sly. The law has now been altered. Mr. Reid had the authority of Parliament to issue further loans, which would have given him the money required, but apparently he did not wish to go to the market for money at an inopportune time.

1616. (41.) The Balance of the various Accounts when the present Government assumed office? After bringing to account all payments, on the 14th September, 1899, the balances were as follow:—

Consolidated Revenue Fund Account Dr. £1,053,935 11s.

According to the independent Auditors' statement, there was a debit balance of £156,244 2s. 3d. on the General Loan Account, but to that sum must be added £1,500,000 taken from General Trust Funds, and £50,000 borrowed from the Curator of Intestate Estates.

Witness also forwarded copy of Paper on Public Accounts, compiled in October, 1899. [*Marked appendix G 4.*]

The Committee resumed consideration of their Progress Report.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 7 June, 1900.]

*TWENTY-NINTH DAY—THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1900.**[The Committee met at the Bank of New South Wales.]***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee resumed consideration of their Progress Report; and adjourned till Friday, 8th 7 June, 1900.
June, 1900.*THIRTIETH DAY—FRIDAY, 8 JUNE, 1900.**[The Committee met at the Board Room, Chief Secretary's Office.]***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee resumed consideration of their Progress Report, and adjourned till Saturday, 8 June, 1900.
9th June, 1900.*THIRTY-FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, 9 JUNE, 1900.**[The Committee met at the Offices of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.).]***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee resumed consideration of their Progress Report, and adjourned till Monday, 11th 9 June, 1900.
June, 1900.*THIRTY-SECOND DAY—MONDAY, 11 JUNE, 1900.***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee completed their Interim Report, and presented it to the Premier and Colonial Treasurer.
11 June, 1900.*[Adjourned till Tuesday, 12th June, 1900.]**THIRTY-THIRD DAY—TUESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1900.**[The Committee met at the Board Room, Chief Secretary's Office.]***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered the questions submitted to them.

2 June, 1900.

*[Adjourned till Friday, 15th June, 1900.]**THIRTY-FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, 25 JUNE, 1900.***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their Final Report.

25 June, 1900.

*[Adjourned till Tuesday, 26th June, 1900.]**THIRTY-FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1900.***Present:—**

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their Final Report.

26 June, 1900.

*[Adjourned till Wednesday, 27th June, 1900.]**THIRTY-SIXTH*

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. |

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

27 June, 1900.

The Committee considered their Final Report.

[Adjourned till Monday, 2nd July, 1900.]

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY—MONDAY, 2 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. |

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

2 July, 1900.

Mr. Vernon, Treasury Accountant, handed in paper on Trust Funds, marked Appendix F4. The Committee considered their Final Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 3rd July, 1900.]

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY, TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq. |

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

John Vernon, Esq., Accountant, the Treasury, re-called, and further examined:—

J. Vernon,
Esq.

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1617. *Mr. Yarwood.*] We are asked in this inquiry to make any suggestions we can with regard to the presentation of accounts as far as the public is concerned;—that will not entail any Act of Parliament or anything of that sort, will it;—you can publish what accounts you like? I do not think that the form of the account has been laid down in a statutory way at all. I think we may put our accounts in what way we like; but we must present them.

1618. In our interim report we attached accounts, as you probably saw;—have you seen those? I have seen them, but I have not had time to examine them closely. They were separate accounts for each year, I think.

1619. Yes; I think that is the scheme we are going to suggest; I think that the Committee will suggest that each year's accounts should be shown separately, and that any balance there may be should be transferred to another account? Yes.

1620. In the *Gazette* published accounts of yours, you only detail the full expenditure for the year, do you? Yes. Those are the gross figures, as I think was explained before to the Committee. They will be slightly altered by being made net. The receipts will be put against the expenditure; that is, in making up an account like the one attached to the interim report the expenditure under the several Departments would not appear exactly the same as in that account before you.

1621. That is, owing to that further appropriation which you have to get? Owing to repayments being taken off also.

1622. We had one paper in which we put the amounts paid under appropriations in one column, and in another column the amounts not paid under appropriations, such as amounts paid out of the Treasurer's advance, so as to get the total of each Department, and also to get at the foot of that total what further appropriations were to be sanctioned by Parliament;—you could do that, could you not? Yes, quite easily.

1623. And you notice in that paper that we have put the redemption of debts as a separate item at the bottom? Yes, I noticed that.

1624. It seems to me hardly fair to say that the expenditure of the Colony is, for instance, £10,143,000, when that expenditure includes £150,000 for the reduction of the Loan deficiency and various other items? Quite so.

1625. It is no use making things appear worse than they are? No.

1626. Well, can you give me the receipts as well, so that I can draft an account on the lines we suggest? How do you mean?

1627. For last year? I could not give you that.

1628. But you will be able in a day or two? I will be able shortly.

1629. We do not want to suggest an account which you cannot work in any way? I am quite sure of that, but I do not see any difficulty whatever in working the accounts on the plan given in your interim report. That is, of course, provided that you have another account in which you carry on your results.

1630. Well, do you see any objection to that? None whatever. In fact, I should rather prefer it.

1631. Do you see any objection to calling it a deficiency account;—it is not a nice name, is it? Well, it is not a pleasant name; and besides—I suppose you will tell me it is rather a remote idea—suppose you had not a deficiency account. Suppose you had a surplus instead. It has happened before, you know.

1632. Well, what name would you suggest? I have been thinking that over. You want a name that will apply equally to both. I think some more descriptive name could be obtained for it. I cannot think of such a name just at the moment, but it seems to be really a continuous account. The account would be the summarised continuous account of results.

1633. *Mr. French.*] The results of a series of years' operations? Yes.

1634. I suppose you do not want to have a deficiency account and a surplus account? No. You want a continuous account showing the aggregate results of the transactions for whatever series of years you wish from the time you commence.

1635.

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1635. In that case you will have to make a deficiency account and a surplus account? Why mention either?
1636. Is your idea that it shall be a continuous and never-terminating balance? Oh, no; I would not have that. You start, say this year, with a deficiency account. Well, by a series of good years you at last arrive at a period when at the end of the year you have an actual surplus over all your deficiencies. You must show that in your account before you deal with it, and it was only to provide for that that I was thinking of a name. Surely some name can be got, because the account itself will show a deficiency or a surplus quite plainly.
1637. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Whatever the balance is? Whatever the balance is.
1638. In working the accounts you have at the end of the time so much cash independent of so much to be recovered; you have what you call a cash balance? Yes.
1639. And then there is a recoveries balance; for instance, in 1889 the cash balance was, I think, £116,000, and the recoveries balance—which you describe as a real asset—was about £30,000, making about £147,000 in all; well, I think the Committee is going to suggest that, whatever the balance is, the accounts should be wiped off every year; how can you deal with it so as to do away with the recoveries balance; you see that there will be so much money spent under Parliamentary appropriation, and so much for which Parliamentary appropriation has to be obtained;—and that is the total expenditure of the country? Independent of that there are other expenditures. Those are what we term advances to be recovered, such as payments made for other Governments, and there are other things I cannot mention at present.
1640. *Chairman.*] That will be easily got over by debiting the Consolidated Revenue with the amount? You can get over it by leaving it out.
1641. What about passing an entry to the credit of Suspense Account? “Suspense Account” is an awkward name just now.
1642. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Suppose you left it out and made a transfer? If you left it out you would take your actual cash balance.
1643. And each year would show its own clean receipts and its own clean expenditure, would it not? To a certain extent; but to show it in a business system, it seems to me absolutely necessary that you should take in as an asset any amounts which you have paid, and which may be recovered the day after. If you do that, then you bring in your advances to be recovered.
1644. Which you must do, really? Which you must do.
1645. *Chairman.*] Could you call it an adjusting account;—you credit the Consolidated Revenue with these recoveries that take place? I think that suggestion might be applied to what Mr. Yarwood has termed a deficiency account. However that could be easily arranged for, I have no doubt. It could be shown separately. Indeed we have always shown it separately.
1646. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But I do not want to do anything which would entail a credit appearing in the next accounts. I want as far as I can, to leave the income clear for the next year. According to the way in which you show it now, as far as the public are concerned, you take your ordinary receipts, and then you take the accounts that apply to previous years which have been returned? Then I am afraid you cannot do that without infringing the Audit Act.
1647. What I want to get at is this, not necessarily to absolutely agree with the Audit Act, but to issue a public statement from the Treasury. I quite agree that if you take the books and accounts and follow them right through, you can trace where a thing goes out, and where it comes back again, and that is very convenient; but could that not be treated as a subsidiary statement, or, if you like, treat the published statement as a subsidiary statement;—what we are asked to do is to make a suggestion for the presentation of the accounts to the public? I really think in that case it would be better to adhere to the cash system, and let your recovery come in the next year as cash, not to reckon your advances to be recovered as a credit at all.
1648. *Chairman.*] Simply to make a note at the foot of your account with an asterisk that there is so much to be recovered in the next year? Yes.
1649. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Then you would not include it in your income? Simply make a note at the bottom somewhat to the following effect:—“In addition to the above there is so much to be recovered from advances made for other Governments,” or whatever it might be.
1650. For instance, supposing you wipe off 1899 and start 1900, you will have so much revenue and so much expenditure, will you not? Yes.
1651. And if the expenditure does not equal the revenue, you will have a balance of revenue; that balance we will describe as a surplus, and that will include the cash you are supposed to have and the amount to be recovered? No; it would not include the amount to be recovered, because we would not have received that. Do you mean a small subsidiary statement at the bottom throwing out both?
1652. Yes, showing that the income was so much, the expenditure was so much, and that the surplus is so much; and then that that surplus is made up of a cash balance and amounts to be recovered, so much. Will you look at this paper which I have made up from your statements. There are certain items with red stars against them;—those are the cross entries? Some of these are not cross entries. The item “Scab in Sheep” is not. At the beginning of each year a certain levy is supposed to be made on the stock-owners for the prevention of scab in sheep. The term has now come to be “Prevention of general diseases in sheep.” Well, the expenditure and the maintenance of the necessary staff of inspectors have to be going on all the time, and the Government has to pay them trusting to the recovery from the levy which is made upon the squatters. That is very much behindhand often. Sometimes they do not strike a rate. The last two years they have been striking a rate which is really below what ought to cover the expenditure.
1653. Who strikes the rate;—is it the squatters? I think the Pastoral Board strikes the rate, but I am not sure whether it is not the Stock Branch that strikes the rate—that is, the Minister for Mines and Agriculture. I do not suppose that we shall ever be able to recover the whole of this amount, but it is not settled at present. Directly it is settled we will simply write off what we cannot recover.
1654. As ordinary expenditure? As ordinary expenditure.
1655. Take the item “State Children’s Relief.” That does not come under the ordinary expenditure, does it? To a certain extent. Under the Act there is an appropriation—that is to say, we are authorised to appropriate the amount required in excess of the ordinary Parliamentary appropriation; so if the vote applicable to State children runs out before the completion of the year we have still to pay on and keep the thing going; but, under the Act, the sum so used has to be voted the succeeding year. 1656.

- J. Vernon, Esq.
3 July, 1900.
1656. Is that the best way to work it? It is the only way to work it, unless you can induce Parliament to take a sufficiently large vote to prevent our having recourse to the statutory provision.
1657. I suppose there is something peculiar about the working of it? It is about the only example we have of the kind, because, generally, statutory appropriations are fixed. This is unfixed. "Revenue refunded" is another; but still that is not the same, because we have to obtain a vote of Parliament for the amount paid.
1658. On the other question, if you will let me have the income I will set it out in a business way, as I would suggest its being done, and then I will let you have it, and you can think the matter over, and raise any objections that may occur to you. We want all the objections that can be brought against it, because it is no use to make a recommendation which afterwards you may find unworkable for some reason or other? I do not see any difficulty whatever, so far.
1659. Now that I have come to understand them, I can see that in the statements that are published you give a lot of very valuable information, but, as regards this redemption business, any ordinary man looking at it might say that the Colony was only so much over;—that would be unfair to the Colony? It would.
1660. To include ordinary payments and old debts in your ordinary expenditure might be necessary, from a statutory point of view; but from a business point of view we do not do that sort of thing? Certainly not; but there would be great difficulty in giving a Profit and Loss Account on our lines.
1661. I know that, but I do not propose a Profit and Loss Account? We can arrange the matter so as to show all those payments which are really due for other years or in redemption of debts. We can show those separately, quite easily.
1662. Then there is another thing that has been raised here: you have revenue and receipts, £212,000; drawbacks and refund duties, £18,379;—the question has arisen whether those could not be deducted from the income as not forming really a part of the expenditure? It would be a far more business-like way of treating them.
1663. Well, can it be done? We could not do it in the monthly statements, but I think it might be done in the annual statements. It would entail a considerable amount of labour, but I think it would be worth while—that is to say, if you want to deduct them you would have to keep them in their separate classes.
1664. But there are only four or five classes? Revenue refunds run right through the whole of the classes of revenue.
1665. Suppose you put all the refunds together that apply to taxation? That would not mean much.
1666. But if you only kept them in those four divisions? I think we should find that followed by a demand for each item.
1667. Suppose you were asked to give it now, what should you do? I should give it as it stands. I would not take any notice of the refunds.
1668. We do not want to give useless work? I quite agree with your point that it ought to be done, and I do not see any difficulty in doing it. It may mean a little more work.
1669. Then I think we will recommend that? It would be worth doing, undoubtedly.
1670. We were over at the Treasury, and they showed us the nature of the London payments. One essential thing that we want to impress upon the Treasury is that it is advisable to render a year's accounts as a year's accounts, and not to allow the figures to be in any way subject to explanation. The reason I say that is because I look upon it as a mistake if fourteen months of London expenses are put into one year's accounts? Undoubtedly it would.
1671. It then becomes a question of, "We had so much surplus or so much deficiency, but ——" Then the "buts" commence. We do not want any "buts." I am quite prepared personally to recommend that, if it is advisable to square the London payments up to date, that the extra two months should be put into Deficiency Account. The point is, can it be done? Do you mean whether it can be brought square up in the time?
1672. Yes? Well, not from a business point of view, unless—and this is the alternative—you allow at least three months for gathering in the information.
1673. Do you mean by that that you wait for your papers from London? Yes.
1674. Could you so mark your papers when they go to London that there would not be any difficulty in locating them to the different classes by cable? You could mark them so as to get them in gross. You would come very near—perhaps within a few hundred pounds. Still you would not be correct.
1675. Then how would you adjust it afterwards if you had the accounts closed; would it not involve cross entries? It would simply come into the next year.
1676. Well, then would it not mix up that annual statement? Bound to.
1677. What is the advantage of bringing in the London payments? I do not know whether I ought to give an opinion, seeing that question has been battled about so much. There would be no advantage from my point of view, as long as twelve month's payments were included in the twelve months. Of course, there may be circumstances where the May and June payments, as the year ends on the 30th June, may be extraordinarily heavy, and so destroy the average; but that is a very remote possibility, and so long as twelve months London payments are included in each financial year, I really do not see that there is anything to grumble about.
1678. Except that it spoils the figures of the actual cash balance, does it not? It may.
1679. That is, the actual cash balance at a certain date? It may; that is, if you test the actual cash balance by the cash which is in London at a certain date. If you set yourself down to ascertain the cash at any certain date you must wait till you have final advices from your most distant point. To do that we should have to probably wait three months before we could publish the statement.
1680. But you in the Treasury like to publish your statements promptly. There would be nothing to prevent a subsequent return being made? It would look bad.
1681. What I mean is this: that the Auditor-General issues a report, and there would be nothing to prevent him from saying what the cash balance was. I saw a cash balance for £1,000,000, and when I asked for an explanation it appeared that the May and June payments had not been made? There is nothing to prevent the Auditor-General doing it, because he is not bound to time.
1682. Suppose you have a dispute with the Auditor-General, and you do not agree, what is done then; what has been done;—do you have any disputes now? Yes, plenty. The matter depends on the Treasurer's decision.
- 1683.

1683. In England, seemingly, they have a committee? They have a committee, to which is delegated the power of deciding what shall be done; and disputes are constantly referred to that committee.

1684. Would a committee be of any advantage here? Undoubtedly it would.

1685. There would be finality then? There would be. As it is, you can scarcely hope for finality, because you have two equal powers disputing.

1686. About the Trust Funds;—you make a suggestion about dividing the Trust Funds into classes? Yes.

1687. It has been suggested to the Committee that the Trust Funds should be put under trustees, on the Victorian principle;—have you studied the Victorian principle at all? I have not. Of course, some of the Acts under which the special trusts work have originally provided for trustees.

1688. Apparently, from what we have been told, the whole of the Trust Funds in Victoria are held by trustees, of whom the Colonial Treasurer is the Chairman;—

1689. *Mr. French.*] We have no information on that point exactly.

1690. *Mr. Yarwood.*] But we have the Victorian Act put in.

1691. *Mr. French.*] Probably what are referred to are the Trust Accounts, which Mr. Vernon very properly recognises as the only Trust Account.

1692. *The Witness.*] Take the Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund: the Government is just acting in the way that the trustees you mention would act with regard to the Government. The Government is acting in regard to the Council as its trustee.

1693. *Mr. Yarwood.*] Is the Government, then, acting on behalf of the bondholders? The Government is really the security of the bondholder.

1694. *Mr. French.*] To that extent only.

1695. *Mr. Yarwood.*] There are some private things, such as the Challis Fund? There is the Sydney University bequest, the Roberts bequest, and the Challis Fund. The Roberts bequest was, I think, taken at the request of the University, so that they might get interest on it.

1696. Where did the advantage to the Government come in? I do not see any.

1697. Where is the advantage to the Government in taking money at call like that? None whatever that I see. The Roberts bequest (£4,000) is invested in inscribed stock.

1698. But is the money repayable at call;—is it an investment by the trust? I do not know the terms on which that was taken. It was taken some years ago.

1699. There is another fund I should like to get a little information about—that is, the Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—has there ever been any estimate made of what will be the end of that? I believe there have been several, but they have not come officially under my notice. There is no doubt that the fund, as it is being expended, will only last three or four years.

1700. *Mr. French.*] Is that fund invested at all specifically? £315,000 is invested now.

1701. Of course, there is really a big liability on the country in connection with that? Yes, and the Service is subscribing still, or rather it is a forced subscription.

1702. *Mr. Yarwood.*] I suppose the Act does not in any way limit it to the Fund itself? No; I think not. The former Superannuation Fund was stopped in 1876, I think. I know that I received my contributions back in common with others, and then this Fund was started in 1884 with £100,000 subscription by the Government.

1703. Have you any idea of the magnitude to which it is actuarially wrong? I have heard various statements—from £2,000,000 to £4,000,000; but I think they are all exaggerated.

1704. Is that a reliable authority? No; I would not give it as a reliable authority. I know it went into millions; but whether that was a reliable actuarial calculation I cannot say.

[Adjourned till Wednesday, 4th July, 1900.]

THIRTY-NINTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their final Report.

4 July, 1900.

[Adjourned till Wednesday, 11th July, 1900.]

FORTIETH DAY—WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their final Report.

11 July, 1900.

[Adjourned till Friday, 13th July, 1900.]

FORTY-FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, 13 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq.

F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

The Committee considered their final Report.

13 July, 1900.

[Adjourned till Monday, 16th July, 1900.]

J. Vernon,
Esq.

3 July, 1900.

FORTY-SECOND DAY—MONDAY, 16 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq., | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

1 July, 1900 The Committee discussed with Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G., Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the
state of the finances.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 17th July, 1900.]

FORTY-THIRD DAY—TUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1900.[*The Committee met at the Offices of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.*]

Present:—

T. A. DIBBS, Esq. (CHAIRMAN).

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, Esq., | F. N. YARWOOD, Esq.

17 July, 1900. The Committee considered their Final Report.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

APPENDIX.

A.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

MEMORANDUM of dates upon which Loans were raised, the accrued interest upon which was credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The Treasury (Account Branch), Sydney, 19 April, 1900.

	£	s.	d.
On Loans raised during the years from 1881 to 1893, transferred to C. R. Fund 13 March, 1895 ...	341,319	9	2
Loan raised in London, in September, 1894, transferred to C. R. Fund 21 March, 1895 ...	4,380	4	7
Loan raised in London, in October, 1895, credited in March, 1896... .. .	14,989	13	0
	£360,689	6	9

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

B.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

New South Wales, Anno Quinquagesimo Nono, Victoriae Reginae.

No. XXII.

An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt up to 30th June, 1895; to provide for the redemption of such Bills; to enable Trustees and others to invest therein; to amend the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889; and for other purposes. [Assented to 23rd December, 1895.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorise the issue, as occasion may require, of Treasury bills to the amount of one million one hundred and seventy-four thousand seven hundred pounds, to cover the Deficiency Debt of the Colony up to thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may cause Treasury bills for any amounts of money not exceeding in the whole (except as hereinafter provided) the sum of one million one hundred and seventy-four thousand seven hundred pounds to be made out and issued by the Colonial Treasurer in the manner and subject to the provisions hereinafter expressed. Preamble.
Government may raise £1,174,700 by Treasury bills.

2. All such Treasury bills shall be made out at the Treasury in such manner and form and with such cheques, orders, and counterfoils as the Colonial Treasurer shall deem most safe and convenient. And such bills may be for one common sum or for different sums as principal moneys, and shall be signed by the Colonial Treasurer and the Auditor-General, and by such other persons as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall authorise and direct. And the names of such other persons shall be registered in the Treasury, and published in the *Gazette* before any Treasury bills signed by them shall be issued. How bills to be made out and signed.

3. All such Treasury bills shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one and progressing arithmetically by units. How to be numbered.

4. All principal moneys for which any such Treasury bills are made out shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and shall bear interest which shall be payable half-yearly at a rate not exceeding four pounds per centum per annum in respect of such principal moneys and shall be chargeable upon, and be paid out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund. Principal sum and interest charged on the Consolidated Revenue.

5. Such Treasury bills may be issued on such dates and for such amounts and periods of currency as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may direct, and may be renewed from time to time, and for the purpose of such renewal fresh bills may be issued as hereinbefore provided. Treasury bills may be issued on certain dates.

6. All sums of money raised by Treasury bills issued under the authority of this Act, shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the Colonial Treasurer may from time to time issue and apply any such sums of money towards the extinction of the said Deficiency Debt. Moneys raised to form part of Consolidated Revenue. Application of moneys raised by Treasury bills.

7. (i) For the purposes of the redemption of the Treasury bills issued under the authority of this Act, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds set apart annually under section six of the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889 shall, notwithstanding the final extinction of the Treasury bills issued under the provisions of such Act, be, so long as any bills issued under this Act remain current, a continuing appropriation for the purposes of, and be applicable, in the manner hereinafter provided, to the redemption of the bills issued under this Act, in addition to any sums which Parliament may have appropriated for a similar purpose; provided that, upon the final extinction of the bills under the Act first before-mentioned, the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds shall become and be available for the purposes of redemption herein mentioned on the thirtieth day of September in each year, anything in the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889 to the contrary notwithstanding. Appropriation for redemption.

(ii) On the thirtieth day of September in each and every year, or as soon thereafter as may be lawful if the Appropriation Act for the current year has not been then obtained, the moneys mentioned in subsection (i) hereof shall, to the extent to which they may be available, be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of a Special Trust Fund Account in a Bank doing Government business, and the Colonial Treasurer shall, concurrently with such payment to credit of such Special Trust Fund Account, pay off and redeem Treasury bills issued under the provisions of this Act to a like extent, until the whole of the said Treasury bills shall have been redeemed.

8. In case any such Treasury bill shall be defaced by accident the Colonial Treasurer may cancel the same, and cause a new bill to be made in the Treasury in lieu thereof, and such cancelled bill shall be filed in the Treasury, and the new bill shall have the like currency, and be in all respects subject to the same conditions, and bear the same number, date, and principal sum, and rate of interest as the cancelled bill. Defaced bill may be exchanged.

Provision when bills have been lost, &c

9. If any person by evidence, upon oath, or affidavit, or solemn declaration (which may be taken or made before any Commissioner for Affidavits), satisfies a Judge of the Supreme Court that he was the holder of a Treasury bill bearing a number, date, principal sum, and rate of interest specified by him in his evidence, and that such bill has not been paid off but has been lost or accidentally burnt or otherwise destroyed, such Judge shall certify to that effect; and thereupon the Colonial Treasurer shall have power to cause a new bill to be made in the Treasury bearing the same number, date, principal sum, and rate of interest as the bill so lost or destroyed, and to be delivered to such person upon his giving sufficient security to the Colonial Treasurer to indemnify the Treasury against any double payment if the missing bill shall thereafter be presented for payment.

Discharged bills to be cancelled.

10. All such Treasury bills which have been paid off and discharged, and all defaced bills as aforesaid, shall be cancelled. And after they have been cancelled, and the accounts thereof have been audited and allowed, and the cheques, indents, and counterfoils delivered back into the Treasury, all such bills, together with such cheques, indents, and counterfoils, shall be burned or otherwise destroyed under the authority of the Colonial Treasurer.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Treasury bills.

11. Treasury bills issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities, and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Treasury bills any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in, Government Stocks or securities without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.

Short title and interpretation

12. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895," and in its construction when any Government officer is mentioned the person for the time being duly authorised to act for such officer shall be taken to be included.

C.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant]
EXTRACT from the Estimates of the Ways and Means, 1895-6
Consolidated Revenue Fund.

ACCOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JANUARY
TO 30th JUNE, 1895.

DR.				CR.			
No	Particulars	Amount.	Total	No	Particulars	Amount.	Total
		£ s d.	£ s d.			£ s d.	£ s d.
1	To Estimated Deficiency of 1894 and previous years' account brought forward		1,324,897 7 6	1	By Amount of Revenue and Receipts for the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895 —		
2	To Authorised Charges on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, on account of the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, as shown in the Summary of the Estimates in Chief for 1895, page 3, viz —				Taxation	1,322,287 15 3	
	Special Appropriations	1,448,150 0 0			Land Revenue—		
	Schedules to the Constitution Act	24,975 0 0			Sales	£306,179 5 8	
	Executive and Legislative	15,589 10 0			Annual Revenue	£247,165 12 11	1,053,344 18 7
	The Chief Secretary	522,176 0 0			Receipt for Services rendered		2,016,816 15 11
	The Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—				General Miscellaneous Receipts	172,331 3 5	4,564,780 13 2
	Departments generally . £310,695						
	Railways . 901,508			2	By amount transferred from the General Loan Account to the Consolidated Revenue Fund for Accrued Interest which had been improperly credited to Loans as proceeds of Stock sold instead of to the Consolidated Revenue, from which the accrued interest was paid	341,319 9 2	
	The Attorney General	1,212,203 0 0			Accrued Interest on Loans raised under Act 57 Vic No 17	4,380 4 7	345,699 13 9
	The Secretary for Lands	19,071 0 0					
	The Secretary for Public Works	179,314 0 0		3	By Amount of Advances repaid —		
	Minister of Justice	434,654 14 6			Advances to Contractors	873 0 8	
	Minister of Public Instruction	141,100 0 0			Stamp Exchange Account	1,080 0 0	1,953 0 8
	The Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	378,639 0 0		4	By Advances to be repaid —		
	The Postmaster General	80,193 0 0			Advances to Contractors	626 19 4	
		385,239 0 0			Stamp Exchange Account	520 0 0	1,146 19 4
	Less Appropriations and Balances of Appropriations estimated as not likely to be required	4,841,354 4 6	4,716,354 4 6				4,913,580 6 11
		125,000 0 0		5	By Balance, being Estimated Deficiency, 1895 and previous years, to be provided for by Treasury Bills		1,174,767 14 4*
3	To Further Special Appropriations —						6,088,348 1 3
	Interest on Treasury Bills, 55 Vic, No 7	11 10 0					
	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties	1,558 2 6					
	Endowment under Fire Brigades Act, 47 Vic No 3	2 5 0					
	Preliminary Expenses of Municipal Institutions	17 1 2					
	Schedule B—Pension to Judge	171 17 6					
	Schedule B, Supplement—Pension to Judge	112 4 2	1,873 0 4				
	To Amount of Supplementary Estimates for Services of the period from 1st January to 30th June, 1895, as per page 12 of the Supplementary Estimates now before the Legislative Assembly		45,223 8 11				
	Total	£	6,088,348 1 3		Total	£	6,088,348 1 3

* This balance includes a sum of £750,000 paid in reduction of the deficiency for 1896 and previous years, and also a sum of £300,000 in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways.

JAMES J. HINCHEY,
Accountant.
The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 27th August, 1895.

G. H. REID,
Treasurer.

D.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

EXTRACTS from the "Public Accounts" for 1894.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, IN THE YEAR 1894, OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	<i>Services of the Year 1891.</i>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	No. III.—Colonial Secretary.				
	Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—				
21	Artillery	18 5 0	.....	.....	18 5 0
22	Volunteers .....	.....	69 1 2	.....	69 1 2
27	Ordnance and Barrack Department .....	.....	2,032 4 5	.....	2,032 4 5
43	Police .....	.....	310 3 6	.....	310 3 6
	Government Statistician.....	.....	106 10 8	.....	106 10 8
	Total, Colonial Secretary	£			
	<i>Services of the Year 1892.</i>				
	No. II.—Executive and Legislative.				
2	His Excellency the Governor .....	.....	15 2 4	.....	15 2 4
4	Legislative Council .....	.....	81 3 3	.....	81 3 3
6	Legislative Council and Assembly .....	.....	10 14 6	.....	10 14 6
	Total, Executive and Legislative	£	107 0 1	.....	107 0 1
	<i>Services of the Year 1893.</i>				
	No. I.—Schedules to Imperial Act, 18 and 19 Victoria, cap. 54.				
	Schedule A .....	.....	.....	3 0 0	} 586 6 8
	Schedule B—				
	Pensions to Judges.....	.....	.....	291 13 4	
	Pensions to Political Officers .....	.....	.....	291 13 4	
	Schedule C—				} 601 3 1
	Church of England .....	.....	.....	325 19 9	
	Roman Catholic Church .....	.....	.....	216 13 4	
	Presbyterian Church.....	.....	.....	58 10 0	
	Total, Schedules A, B, and C	£		1,187 9 9	1,187 9 9
	<i>Services of the Year 1894.</i>				
	No. I.—Schedules to Imperial Act, 18 and 19 Victoria, cap. 54.				
	Schedule A .....	.....	.....	17,790 3 6	17,790 3 6
	Schedule B—				} 7,270 16 8
	Pensions to Judges.....	.....	.....	2,362 10 0	
	Pensions to Political Officers .....	.....	.....	1,408 6 8	
	Pensions to Superannuated Officers* .....	.....	.....	3,500 0 0	
	Schedule C—				} 6,910 2 3
	Church of England.....	.....	.....	3,520 15 7	
	Roman Catholic Church .....	.....	.....	2,058 6 8	
	Presbyterian Church.....	.....	.....	643 10 0	
	Wesleyan Methodist Church .....	.....	.....	687 10 0	
	Total, Schedules A, B, and C	£		31,971 2 5	31,971 2 5

E.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

New South Wales, Anno Quinquagesimo Nono Victoriae Reginae.

No. X.

AN Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes; to amend the Audit Act; and for other purposes. [Assented to 18th November, 1895.]

WHEREAS in past years much confusion has arisen in regard to the true condition of the public accounts, and it is desirable that the public income and expenditure should be put on a cash basis: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Section seventeen of the Act thirty-third Victoria number eighteen is hereby repealed.

2. Every appropriation made after the commencement of this Act out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony for the service of any financial year shall lapse and cease to have effect for any purpose at the close of that year, and any balance of the moneys so appropriated which may be unexpended at the close of such financial year shall be surrendered to the revenue for the general use of the Colony: Provided that in the case of public works the full amount of the estimated expense of completing each work shall be included in the Estimates of Expenditure on which the item appears, divided into the amounts estimated to be required for expenditure in each financial year over which the work is expected to extend; and these amounts shall be provided for as follows—the estimated expenditure for the first year in the Appropriation Act for that year; and the estimated expenditure for any following year shall be provided for as a special appropriation for that year.

3. If before the close of any financial year no Act is passed granting and appropriating moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony to meet the requirements of the next succeeding financial year, the Treasurer may pay or make advances against such sums as may be necessary to meet such requirements, current and accruing, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) That the authority of the Treasurer hereunder shall cease immediately upon the passing of the Appropriation Act for such next succeeding financial year within which such authority may be exercised, and shall not in any event extend beyond the period of the first month thereof.

(ii) That upon the passing of such Appropriation Act all payments made under the authority of this section shall be regarded and treated for all purposes as payments made out of the supply granted by such Act under the head or class of service appropriate thereto.

(iii)

Preamble.

Repeal.
Appropriation Acts to lapse at end of financial year.

Contingent authority of Treasurer to pay moneys for Public Service pending passing of Appropriation Act.

(iii) That the payments hereby authorised shall be at such rates and shall not in the whole exceed such an amount as would be equivalent to the authorised expenditure under the Appropriation Act for the immediately preceding financial year for a corresponding period of time in respect of all salaries, pay, wages allowances, contracts for supplies or services, rents, Treasurer's advance and other recurrent charges, and of all ordinary contingencies of any office or department, provided for by the Appropriation Act for such immediately preceding financial year and set forth in the Estimates relating thereto. Provided always that if the Estimates of expenditure for such succeeding financial year shall have been presented to the Legislative Assembly before the thirtieth day of June in any year, and the rate of expenditure in such Estimates is, in any case, lower for any service than the rate of expenditure authorised in the last Appropriation Act, the expenditure under the authority of this Act shall not exceed such lower rates.

Treasurer to pay under Governor's warrant or order

4 The Treasurer shall make the payments authorised by this Act in such manner and in such proportions as the Governor by warrants or orders in writing under his hand and directed to the said Treasurer shall from time to time order and direct, and the payments so to be made shall be charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony.

Interpretation

5 For the purposes of this Act, the expression "financial year" shall mean the period from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of June, and the first of such financial years shall be the period from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety six. And the term "Special Appropriation" shall be deemed to mean a provision which shall be included amongst appropriations by statute, not requiring to be voted.

Short title

6 This Act may be cited as the "Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895."

F.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant]

Consolidated Revenue Fund

STATEMENT of total Revenue and Receipts and total Payments for all Services (irrespective of dates of Liabilities and exclusive of Suspense Accounts) during half-year ended 30th June, 1895, and years 1895-6 to 1898-9.

Period	Revenue and Receipts,						Payments						Balances at end of Year			
	Revenue and Receipts		Other Receipts		Total		Payments		Other Payments		Total					
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	
Debit balance 31st December, 1894—							464,715	0	0				464,715	0	0	D
Half year ended 30th June, 1895	4,508,560	8	0	7,084	18	0	5,207,419	6	9	4,921,303	1	4	36,891	7	6	C
Year 1895-6	9,238,938	16	2	1,310,319	10	3	10,509,258	11	3	9,802,213	17	6	74,009	9	10	C
1896-7	9,285,991	12	1	1,876,694	7	3	11,162,685	19	4	9,470,142	3	10	61,637	0	10	C
1897-8	9,482,092	9	0	2,011,112	1	1	11,493,204	1	4	9,397,422	10	8	342,015	5	4	C
1898-9	9,704,184	16	4	211,000	0	2	9,905,184	16	6	9,734,417	9	10	230,461	2	10	C
Total	£42,331,780	2	7	26,493,112	7	2	45,017,763	10	2	43,043,263	3	2	1,000,974	6	4	Cr

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 25th November, 1899

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

G.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant]

DEFICIENCY of 1894 and previous years.

	£	s	d.
Balance on 31st December, 1894			D, 464,715 0 0
Payments during 1895 half year on account of—	£	s	d.
Services of 1891		12	18 0
Do 1892	8,681	12	0
Do 1893	83,899	8	4
Do 1894	772,224	0	6
			864,817 18 10
Payments during 1895-6 on account of—			
Services of 1891		57	5 1
Do 1892		2,953	13 9
Do 1893		155,429	8 10
Do 1894		144,081	2 7
			302,521 10 3
Payments during 1896-7 on account of—			
Services of 1892		1,359	7 9
Do 1894		360	0 0
			1,719 7 9
Payments during 1897-8—Extinction of Million Loan			14,300 0 0
			£1,648,073 16 10
Deduct Receipts—			
On account of 1894 and previous years—			
In 1895—half year	344,534	0	4
In 1895-6	83,182	5	4
In 1896-7	5,598	6	7
In 1897-8	324	4	3
	436,638	16	6
Accrued interest on loans transferred	341,319	9	2
Accrued interest on Loan raised under Act 57 Vic No 17	4,380	4	7
			782,333 10
Total expenditure on account of 1894, and previous years chargeable to proceeds of Treasury Bills	£865,735	6	7

* This expenditure will be reduced by £13,000, amount of payments made to the creditors of Municipal Council, Perth, when recovered.

DEFICIENCY

DEFICIENCY half-year to 30th June, 1895.

Payments during 1895 (half-year) for services of the half-year.....	£4,059,535	2	6	
Advances to be recovered	36,801	7	6	
				£4,096,336 10 0
Payments during 1895-6 for services of the half-year				650,689 17 8
Do 1896-7 do do				2,362 17 1
				£4,749,389 4 9
Deduct Receipts—				
Revenue and receipts for half-year to 30th June, 1895	£4,558,569	8	9	
Advances repaid to 30th June, 1895	10,616	3	11	
Do on account 1895 in 1895-6.....	24,119	6	2	
Do do 1895 in 1896-7.....	2,156	16	8	
Do do 1895 in 1897-8.....	100	0	0	
				£4,595,561 15 6
Deficiency on account of 30th June, 1895, half-year				£153,827 9 3
Recapitulation—				
Treasury Bills issued and outstanding				£1,024,700 0 0
Deficiency on account of 1894 and previous years	£865,735	6	7	
Do half-year to 30th June, 1895	153,827	9	3	
				£1,019,562 15 10
Cash Balance				£5,137 4 2

In addition to the above amount of cash in hand, viz., £5,137 4s. 2d, there has to be recovered, from the Penrith Municipal Council, a sum of £13,030, advanced in 1892, which, with the amount now in hand, will be available for redemption of Treasury Bills.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 17th November, 1899.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

H.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

STATEMENT of Payments during the Years 1891 to 1898-9 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the undermentioned Services—similar to those provided for under 30 Years Loans.

Service.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895 Half-year.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.	1898-9.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Roads and Bridges	873,941	761,074	621,332	437,750	272,723	719,990	547,762	514,881	528,076	5,320,535
Harbours and Rivers	138,816	186,468	117,861	124,204	96,389	139,431	117,283	103,318	109,892	1,133,692
Architect	155,520	142,576	101,579	65,403	44,337	63,554	53,216	49,133	50,363	725,701
Defence Works	27,455	17,293	4,738	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49,488
Sewerage	3,635	5,257	3,269	3,785	1,590	37	.....	.....	.....	17,573
Agriculture	14,383	26,857	25,517	28,675	11,779	24,293	17,511	18,226	19,257	186,498
Public Watering Places ..	.....	.....	.....	13,550	9,232	12,101	9,507	9,180	10,461	64,031
Total C. R. Fund...£	1,213,780	1,139,525	874,296	716,369	436,076	959,406	745,279	694,738	718,049	7,497,518
Payments for similar Services from Loan Votes under 30 Years Loans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,310	166,475	143,755	144,054	185,078	655,676
Grand Totals (per annum)	£1,213,780	£1,139,525	£874,296	£716,369	£452,386	£1,125,881	£891,034	£838,794	£903,127	£8,155,190

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 20th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

I.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

Savings Bank of New South Wales.

SPECIAL Deposit with the Treasury.

Amount deposit held on 30th June, 1899
 £2,415,000 || Amount deposit held at date | £2,640,000 |

The Treasury, 19th April, 1900.

J. VERNON, Accountant.

J.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.] -

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Sydney, 18th September, 1899.

In compliance with the request of the Honorable J. H. Carruthers and of the Honorable W. J. Lyne, we, the undersigned met at the Treasury this day, for the purpose of ascertaining the state of the Public Accounts at the close of business on the evening of the 14th instant, and, having examined the several Cash Books kept under the supervision of the Accountant, found that the following were the balances thereon, viz. :-

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Revenue Fund				47,236	7	1			
Advance to Settlers Act, No. 1, of 1899				161,442	6	8			
Towards the erection and maintenance of Public School Buildings, 61 Vic. No. 20				73,375	11	2			
Trust Fund Accounts—									
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9	180,495	9	9						
Bankruptcy Estates Account, 62 Vic. No. 25	8,000	0	0						
Bankruptcy Suitors' Fund, 62 Vic. No. 25	894	11	5						
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund, 62 Vic. No. 25	7,195	14	10						
Civil Service Superannuation Account, 48 Vic. No. 24	318,337	11	5						
Country Towns Water Supply Works Repayments—Loan Trust Account	2,125	5	9						
Government Savings Bank Account	5,262,306	16	0						
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board Store Advance Account	1,000	0	0						
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board Deferred Payments Account	205	13	5						
Immigration Remittances	115	10	0						
Imperial Pensions Account	4,209	6	3						
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund, 50 Vic. No. 13	34,783	7	7						
Municipal Council of Sydney—									
Town Hall Loan Sinking Fund	2,561	18	6						
Streets Loan Sinking Fund	10,793	12	4						
Moore-street Improvement Loan Sinking Fund	1,549	12	3						
Public Markets Loan Sinking Fund	3,715	16	6						
Cattle Sale-yards Loan Sinking Fund	971	17	7						
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debentures Sinking Fund ..	3,788	2	1						
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)	20,000	0	0						
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)	20,000	0	0						
Police Reward Fund	1,760	6	4						
Police Superannuation Fund	2,168	16	9						
Poundage	1,498	13	8						
Public Schools Property Fund	1,896	7	2						
Public Service Assurance Account	29	16	4						
Railway Store Account	206,001	5	10						
Railway Construction Store Account	60,985	10	11						
Revenue Suspense Account	14,101	4	1						
Seamen's Wages	250	9	2						
Sheep Account	5,061	11	8						
Savings Bank of New South Wales Deposit Account	2,465,000	0	0						
Sewerage Contractors' Advance Account	703	7	1						
Store Advance Account—Harbours and Rivers Department	949	7	11						
Testamentary and Trust Fund	126	14	9						
Tender Board Deposit Trust Account	2,610	7	0						
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1899-1900	12,985	5	6						
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account	10,522	2	5						
Volunteer Military Forces Deferred Pay Account	3,750	10							
Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Store Advance Account	17,739	17	2						
Trust Moneys Account, 20 Vic. No. 11, per List A	152	10	11						
Sundry Persons' Securities, per List B	28,333	0	0						
Sundry Deposits Account, per List C	68,308	17	4						
				8,787,986	8	1			
Railway Loan Redemption Fund	75,000	0	0						
New South Wales 1924 Stock Redemption Fund, 58 Vic. No. 14..	26,408	13	4						
New South Wales 1925 Stock Redemption Fund, 59 Vic. No. 6...	29,634	0	0						
New South Wales 1927 Stock Redemption Fund, 60 Vic. No. 32.	13,874	17	4						
New South Wales 1928 Stock Redemption Fund, 61 Vic. No. 43.	7,491	11	4						
The Colonial Treasurer's Master in Equity Account	344,013	3	7						
The Colonial Treasurer's Master in Lunacy Account	79,641	4	6						
The Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account ...	31,098	11	4						
The Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probate Account	31,124	13	1						
The Colonial Treasurer's Prothonotary Account	2,824	5	9						
				641,111	0	3			
							9,711,131	14	
Less—									
General Post Office New Street Resumption Account (Suspense Account)—									
<i>Dr.</i> Balance	468,059	17	7						
Centennial Park Account (Suspense Account)— <i>Dr.</i> Balance	228,416	17	5						
Advances to General Loan Account— <i>Dr.</i> Balance	1,500,000	0	0						
General Loan Account— <i>Dr.</i> Balance	156,244	2	3						
							2,352,720	17	
TOTAL							7,358,410	16	

Which

Which is accounted for in the following manner, viz. :—

CASH :—

London Account—	£	s. d.
Cr. Balance	*1,083,452	18 11

Sydney Account—

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of New South Wales—						
Public Account, Cr.	114,412	9 1				
Less Unpresented Cheques	1,868	17 4				

112,543 11 9

Less Cheque wrong drawn

10 5 0

112,533 6 9†

Advance to Settlers Act No. 1 of 1899, Cr.	161,422	6 8				
New South Wales 1924 Stock Redemption Fund, Cr.	26,408	13 4				
New South Wales 1925 Stock Redemption Fund, Cr.	29,634	0 0				
New South Wales 1927 Stock Redemption Fund, Cr.	18,874	17 4				
New South Wales 1928 Stock Redemption Fund, Cr.	7,491	11 4				
Railway Loan Redemption Fund, Cr.	75,000	0 0				

Colonial Treasurer's

Master in Equity Account, Cr.	67,243	3 7				
Master in Lunacy Account, Cr.	37,857	4 6				
Curator of Intestate Estates Account, Cr.	31,098	11 4				
Registrar of Probates Account, Cr.	31,124	13 1				
Prothonotary Account, Cr.	2,824	5 9				

City Bank of Sydney—

	£	s. d.
Public Account, Cr.	8,380	15 4
Less Unpresented Cheques	1,659	7 7

6,721 7 9

Commercial Banking Company of Sydney
(Limited)—

Public Account, Cr.	61,744	1 11
Less Unpresented Cheques	101	16 7

61,642 5 4‡

£ 664,876 6 9

Less Bank of New South Wales General

Loan Account, Dr.	£154,224	19 0
Add Unpresented Cheques	2,029	8 3

156,254 7 3

Less Cheque wrong drawn

10 5 0

156,244 2 3

Credit Balance

508,632 4 6

Fixed Deposits—

From the Public Account—

With the City Bank, Sydney	60,000	0 0
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60,000 0 0

Total Credit Balance Sydney Account

568,632 4 6

Carried forward

£1,652,085 3 5

* This balance is arrived at as follows :—

	£	s. d.
Bank of England—Cr. Balance, 30th June, 1899	9,645	13 8
London and Westminster Bank—Cr. Balance, 30th June, 1899	213,266	13 2
Remittances in transit from Sydney from 4th April to 22nd August, 1899	1,052,460	2 1

£1,275,372 8 11

To be reduced by London payments during July, 1899, for interest on Public Debt, due 1st July, 1899

191,919 10 0

£1,083,452 18 11

† This Cr. balance will be decreased by payments by Bank of New South Wales not yet brought to account, amounting to £126,367.

‡ This Cr. balance will be decreased by payments by Commercial Banking Company of Sydney not yet brought to account, amounting to £3 1s. 6d.

SECURITIES :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....							1,652,085	3	5
SECURITIES :—									
Treasury Chest—									
Assurance Fund—Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9—									
Debentures	58,600	0	0						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9.....	16,000	0	0						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1	42,490	0	0						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14	30,000	0	0						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32	25,000	0	0						
	<hr/>			172,090	0	0			
Government Savings Bank Fund—									
Debentures	165,800	0	0						
New South Wales Four per Cents, 36 Vic. No. 21	403,248	13	2						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1.....	1,000,000	0	0						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6.....	880,000	0	0						
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32	500,000	0	0						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	527,600	0	0						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700	0	0						
New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14.....	20,000	0	0						
New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6	150,000	0	0						
Stock issued under Advances to Settlers Act of 1899.....	100,000	0	0						
	<hr/>			4,771,348	13	2			
Civil Service Superannuation Fund, 48 Vic. No. 24—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	313,000	0	0						
Municipal Council of Sydney—Sinking Fund, 50 Vic. No. 13—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	31,500	0	0						
University of Sydney—Wm. Roberts' Bequest Trust—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	4,000	0	0						
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	20,000	0	0						
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	20,000	0	0						
Treasury Guarantee Fund—									
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32	7,500	0	0						
Bankruptcy Estate Account, 62 Vic. No. 25—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	7,000	0	0						
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Equity Account—									
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1	104,770	0	0						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	172,000	0	0						
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Lunacy Account—									
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	41,784	0	0						
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account—									
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales	10,000	0	0						
Volunteer Military Forces, Deferred Pay Account—									
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales	3,000	0	0						
Other Securities, per List attached, marked D	28,333	0	0						
Total Securities	<hr/>			5,706,325	13	2			
TOTAL CASH AND SECURITIES	<hr/>			£7,358,410	16	7			
Total of Balances, as per page 1	<hr/>			£7,358,410	16	7			

Having ascertained the state of the Government accounts in the Banks in Sydney at the close of business on the 14th instant, and the state of the Government Account with the London Banks, as per latest accounts to hand, we certify that the Balances exhibited by the books of the Treasury have been satisfactorily accounted for.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.

JAMES C. TAYLOR, F.S.I.A.
A. J. BRIERLY, F.I.A.V.

APPENDIX.

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A.

TRUST MONIES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (20 VIC. NO. 11).

Particulars of the Trust Monies Deposit Account in the Treasury, New South Wales, on 14th September, 1899.

Mr. N. F. Giblin, Official Assignee.....	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. H. Palmer, Official Assignee.....	16	11	0
	185	19	11
TOTAL BALANCE, TRUST MONIES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.....	£152	10	11

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

B.

LIST OF OTHER SECURITIES REFERRED TO.

Penrith Municipal Council Debentures.....	£	s.	d.
Max Wurcker	13,000	0	0
Wollongong Harbour Trust.....	30	0	0
Wollongong Harbour Trust	123	0	0
Wollongong Harbour Trust	1,725	0	0
Wollongong Harbour Trust	3,455	0	0
Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation	10,000	0	0
TOTAL, OTHER SECURITIES	£28,333	0	0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

C.

SUNDRY DEPOSITS ACCOUNT.

Particulars of the Sundry Deposits Account in the Treasury, New South Wales, on 14th September, 1899.

Sundry Accounts	£	s.	d.
Deposits under the Mining Act	29,461	11	8
Deposits under Mining on Private Lands Act, 57 Vic. No. 32	727	2	8
Compensation, Surface Damage, Mining on Private Lands Act	689	11	8
Deposits under First Offenders' Probation Act	256	13	0
Deposits on Tenders	100	0	0
Deposits on Applications for Scrub Leases	1,500	17	6
Real Property Act License Fees Suspense Account.....	2,405	8	11
Public Works Department—Security Deposit Trust Account	526	1	0
Survey Fees under the Mining Act	11,374	11	0
Sydney University—Wm. Roberts' Bequest Fund	3,338	0	10
Treasury Guarantee Fund	4,000	0	0
Unclaimed Moneys	11,015	13	3
Unclaimed Dividends under the Companies Act.....	2,651	1	5
Wages of Licensed Prisoners, Trial Bay	34	7	5
	227	17	0
TOTAL, SUNDRY DEPOSITS ACCOUNT.....	£68,808	17	4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

D.

SHOWING PARTICULARS OF OTHER SECURITIES SHOWN ON PAGE 4.

English, Scottish, and Australian Bank—	£	s.	d.
Preferred Stock, No. 970, at 3 per cent.	1,728	0	0
Deferred Stock, No. 970, at 3 per cent.....	1,727	0	0
Terminable Deposit, No. 760, at 4 per cent.....	123	0	0
Debenture, No. 897, at 4 per cent.....	1,725	0	0
Penrith Municipal District Council Debentures, matured 5 September, 1897—			
Nos. 1 and 130, at £100 each.....	13,000	0	0
Government Savings Bank—			
Deposit Book, No. 98,781	30	0	0
Bank of New South Wales, Sydney—			
Fixed Deposit Receipt in favour of Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales, No. A 82,469, dated 29 December, 1897, 12 m/d.	10,000	0	0
TOTAL.....	£28,233	0	0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

LIST of Unpresented Cheques, Public Account and General Loan Account, on 14th September, 1899.

Date.	Cheque.	Amount.	Date.	Cheque.	Amount.
PUBLIC ACCOUNT.			PUBLIC ACCOUNT—continued.		
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.			BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
30 Mar., 1897	D 1,172	153 4 5	Brought forward	£	711 13 6
27 April, 1897	G 1,836	39 13 4	13 Sept., 1899	J 121	28 7 0
13 Sept., 1897	F 2,243	1 0 6	13 " 1899	J 123	172 2 11
22 Nov., 1898	F 2,342	2 2 6	14 " 1899	A 138	47 18 10
28 Feb., 1899	H 563	1 19 6	14 " 1899	A 139	10 0 0
3 Mar., 1899	No. 580	3 0 0	14 " 1899	A 140	11 1 6
14 " 1899	D 612	1 0 0	14 " 1899	A 142	2 3 6
20 " 1899	D 657	23 10 0	14 " 1899	A 143	2 13 4
24 " 1899	B 626	1 0 0	14 " 1899	A 144	26 4 3
25 April, 1899	A 754	1 14 0	14 " 1899	A 147	107 14 2
27 " 1899	G 725	16 1 0	14 " 1899	A 160	558 8 3
10 July, 1899	E 863	1 12 6	14 " 1899	A 161	190 10 1
12 " 1899	A 9	2 10 2			
2 Aug., 1899	D 39	5 11 10	Total, Bank of New South Wales ...£		1,868 17 4
4 " 1899	F 53	2 9 1			
4 " 1899	F 58	1 8 11	CITY BANK.		
8 " 1899	E 54	2 0 0	11 Sept., 1899	E 284	44 0 4
11 " 1899	J 46	1 10 0	14 " 1899	A 172	38 14 0
21 " 1899	E 96	4 11 11	14 " 1899	A 174	186 14 7
21 " 1899	E 97	5 2 4	14 " 1899	A 175	10 6 11
22 " 1899	B 74	2 11 8	14 " 1899	A 280	13 9 0
23 " 1899	J 62	3 0 0	14 " 1899	A 281	67 5 2
24 " 1899	H 52	11 3 9	14 " 1899	A 282	70 5 6
1 Sept., 1899	F 86	2 0 1	14 " 1899	A 283	123 2 4
1 " 1899	F 93	1 4 0	14 " 1899	A 284	356 16 2
2 " 1899	C 102	2 11 0	14 " 1899	A 285	253 14 1
2 " 1899	C 106	5 11 10	14 " 1899	A 286	39 10 10
2 " 1899	C 119	3 0 9	14 " 1899	A 287	168 9 11
2 " 1899	C 163	3 3 3	14 " 1899	A 288	286 18 9
4 " 1899	No. 145	4 12 0			
4 " 1899	" 148	5 0 0	Total, City Bank	£	1,659 7 7
5 " 1899	B 95	2 10 9			
5 " 1899	B 100	2 4 4	COMMERCIAL BANKING Co.		
5 " 1899	B 102	9 4 9	25 Aug., 1899	No. 425	2 2 0
5 " 1899	B 104	6 0 0	28 " 1899	E 486	2 10 0
5 " 1899	B 105	1 14 6	29 " 1899	D 445	3 6 8
5 " 1899	B 109	2 8 6	29 " 1899	D 446	1 10 0
6 " 1899	E 115	17 5 8	29 " 1899	D 449	1 6 8
6 " 1899	E 116	1 5 0	30 " 1899	B 466	0 19 6
7 " 1899	A 109	5 0 10	30 " 1899	B 470	2 5 0
7 " 1899	A 110	13 2 6	30 " 1899	B 471	1 5 6
7 " 1899	A 112	1 5 0	30 " 1899	B 472	2 3 4
8 " 1899	No. 186	1 13 4	31 " 1899	C 475	3 6 8
8 " 1899	" 187	2 4 2	31 " 1899	C 476	6 10 0
8 " 1899	" 188	3 0 0	31 " 1899	C 482	1 3 0
8 " 1899	" 190	3 6 0	5 Sept., 1899	D 464	73 8 3
8 " 1899	" 192	13 17 0			
11 " 1899	D 148	8 10 2	Total, Commercial Banking Co.£		101 16 7
11 " 1899	D 149	2 0 0			
11 " 1899	D 151	1 0 5	GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.		
11 " 1899	D 152	1 18 0	BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.		
12 " 1899	C 189	3 9 0	13 Sept., 1899	C 360	145 3 0
12 " 1899	C 190	50 17 0	13 " 1899	C 362	16 13 8
12 " 1899	C 191	1 0 0	14 " 1899	No. 376	114 8 5
12 " 1899	C 192	2 5 5	14 " 1899	" 379	160 8 7
12 " 1899	C 209	32 5 6	14 " 1899	" 380	31 14 6
12 " 1899	C 211	48 18 6	14 " 1899	" 381	94 0 2
13 " 1899	J 96	3 9 0	14 " 1899	" 382	396 8 8
13 " 1899	J 97	1 14 6	14 " 1899	" 383	901 0 0
13 " 1899	J 98	4 3 6	14 " 1899	" 384	127 14 0
13 " 1899	J 99	3 0 0	14 " 1899	" 385	41 17 3
13 " 1899	J 112	102 16 1			
13 " 1899	J 118	43 3 9	Total, General Loan Account	£	2,029 8 3
Carried forward	£	711 13 6			

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th September, 1899.JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

K.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

STATEMENT A.

STATEMENT showing position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect to its obligations at the close of each Financial Year, and its means of meeting the same from the close of the year 1883 to 30th June, 1899, as reported to the Legislative Assembly in the Annual Reports of the Auditor-General upon the Public Accounts for those years respectively, in accordance with the Audit Act.

Reference to the Auditor-General's Annual Report upon the Public Accounts.	Amount of Financial Balance in reference to Obligations at the close of each year.	Amount of Obligations under Statutory Appropriations Outstanding at the close of each year.	Balances of Obligations at the close of each Financial Year.	Balances of obligations which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act of 1870, and Act No. 5, 1898.	Net Amount of Payments in London prior to the close of the Financial Year, but not included in the Treasury Accounts for that year.	Amount of Treasury Deficiency Bills current at the close of the Financial Year, as per Annual Statements.	Treasury Ledger Balances at the close of the Financial Year, as per Annual Statements.	Balances of Temporary Issues recoverable but outstanding at the close of each Financial Year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1883 ...Page 107, &c.	Cr. 2,784,910 9 8	2,575,387 10 6	Cr. 209,522 19 2	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	Cr. 2,511,016 5 10	£ s. d.
1884 .. " 111, &c.	1,488,665 8 0	2,317,103 13 11	Dr. 828,443 10 11	48,212 6 5	.....	.....	1,229,337 16 1	273,894 3 10
1885 .. " 105, &c.	512,293 9 7	2,066,123 9 0	1,553,829 19 5	272,188 10 4	189,936 19 11	.....	2,900 3 0	259,327 11 11
1886 .. " 113, &c.	Dr. 1,286,581 9 4	1,928,972 6 4	3,215,553 15 8	674,759 6 6	158,217 15 3	.....	1,286,581 9 4	509,393 6 7
1887 .. " 121, &c.	2,179,580 9 7	1,769,015 9 11	3,943,595 19 6	267,384 12 6	158,949 7 5	.....	Dr. 1,286,581 9 4	813,180 19 3
1888 .. " 117, &c.	1,668,714 18 1	1,604,061 6 11	3,272,776 5 0	323,812 0 6	152,732 19 10	.....	*2,179,580 9 7	590,526 7 6
1889 .. " 127, &c.	1,850,061 7 6	1,770,309 3 5	3,629,370 10 11	385,082 18 2	148,732 3 2	.....	*1,668,714 18 1	301,541 4 4
1890 .. " 119, &c.	1,939,625 6 7	1,644,370 1 11	3,583,995 8 6	337,818 1 2	177,888 9 2	.....	Cr. *57,038 12 6	354,794 8 10
1891 .. " 131, &c.	2,556,187 2 8	1,078,469 15 0	3,634,658 17 8	183,398 19 8	167,800 8 6	.....	**434,258 13 5	535,964 17 1
1892 .. " 143, &c.	2,536,610 15 8	1,840,639 5 6	4,377,250 1 2	138,589 14 11	467,376 4 9	.....	Dr. **332,303 2 8	870,776 14 2
1893 .. " 151, &c.	2,794,157 15 11	1,738,469 9 3	4,532,627 5 2	329,034 6 9	206,924 2 3	.....	**433,726 15 8	973,881 17 1
1894 .. " 153, &c.	2,735,511 8 11	2,121,728 0 8	4,857,239 9 7	522,509 3 11	213,843 1 7	.....	**911,023 4 7	818,895 6 4
1895, 30th June						.....	**999,739 0 2	928,304 13 0
Page 145, &c.	2,570,177 4 5	1,895,337 12 10	4,465,514 17 3	6,625 6 3	203,467 0 5	.....	Old 1,752,884	**834,403 3 9
1895-6.. " 149, &c.	2,993,304 7 8	702,383 10 0	3,695,687 17 8	484,019 16 1	201,069 10 2	.....	New 1,602,884	**217,079 15 5
1896-7.. " 134, &c.	3,056,774 2 11	694,054 2 8	3,750,828 5 7	18,651 17 5	238,701 11 9	.....	Old 1,452,884	**579,190 2 11
1897-8.. " 148, &c.	2,898,713 14 1	629,208 11 8	3,527,922 5 9	5,297 12 9	199,876 8 11	.....	New 1,024,700	**571,129 14 1
1898-9 .. " 153, &c.	2,757,529 7 7	595,226 19 0	3,352,756 6 7	24,498 15 1	201,646 5 0	.....	Old 1,302,884	**579,945 7 7
						.....	New 1,024,700	
						.....	£2,757,529 7 7	
						.....	(as per first column).	

* Includes the debit balance on the account, Centennial Park.

** Includes the debit balances on the accounts of the Centennial Park and General Post Office Resumption (Martin Place).

NOTE.—The figures stated above for the years 1883 to 1891 are exclusive of the transactions under the Old Loans Account, the balance of which was transferred to the General Loan Account in 1891.

8th January, 1900.

L.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

STATEMENT B.

STATEMENT showing the Distribution of the Gross Receipts placed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Revenue Proper" and "Temporary Advances Repaid" from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting Credits for Treasury Deficiency Bills.

Year.	Revenue Proper.	Temporary Advances (Repaid).	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1887.....	8,580,253 6 8	103,690 1 6	8,683,943 8 2
1888.....	8,885,994 12 0	697,705 12 3	9,583,700 4 3
1889.....	9,064,561 15 8	285,785 1 11	9,350,346 17 7
1890.....	9,494,584 5 8	462,826 15 3	9,957,411 0 11
1891.....	10,036,185 10 2	148,689 15 1	10,184,875 5 3
1892.....	10,489,594 11 8	413,785 13 1	10,903,380 4 9
1893.....	9,706,734 5 11	573,792 12 7	10,280,526 18 6
1894.....	9,507,928 4 10	397,784 3 5	9,905,712 8 3
1895 (30th June)	4,943,847 8 10	315,571 17 11	5,259,419 6 9
1895-6.....	9,254,337 16 2	124,470 3 6	9,378,807 19 8
1896-7.....	9,286,841 15 3	181,492 16 4	9,468,334 11 7
1897-8.....	9,482,095 19 7	265,583 11 6	9,747,679 11 1
Dr. Balance, 30th June, 1898	£ 108,732,959 12 5	3,971,178 4 4	112,704,137 16 9
	2,030,432 7 9	868,281 6 4	2,898,713 14 1
Total to 30th June, 1898.....	£ 110,763,392 0 2	4,839,459 10 8	115,602,851 10 10
Receipts during 1898-9	9,753,775 0 5	207,903 2 10	9,961,678 3 3
Total Receipts to 30th June, 1899.....	£ 118,486,734 12 10	4,179,081 7 2	122,665,816 0 0
Dr. Balance, 30th June, 1899	1,860,757 11 3	896,771 16 4	2,757,529 7 7
Total to 30th June, 1899.....	£ 120,347,492 4 1	5,075,853 3 6	125,423,345 7 7

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STATEMENT showing the distribution of the Gross Payments made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (as shown by the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements) into "Payments Proper" and "Temporary Advances" from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive, but excepting sums charged for the Redemption of Treasury Deficiency Bills.

Year.	Payments Proper.		Temporary Advances (Made).		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1887	9,195,906	19 1	381,035	9 4	9,576,942	8 5
1888	8,664,114	3 8	408,720	9 1	9,072,834	12 9
1889	9,192,655	0 7	339,038	6 5	9,531,693	7 0
1890	9,403,077	16 6	643,897	3 6	10,046,975	0 0
1891	10,317,835	9 2	483,601	12 2	10,801,437	1 4
1892	10,366,913	1 9	516,890	16 0	10,883,803	17 9
1893	10,119,267	16 11	418,806	1 10	10,538,073	18 9
1894	9,339,872	11 2	507,193	10 1	9,847,066	1 3
1895 (30th June)	4,924,354	13 3	169,730	9 0	5,094,085	2 3
1895-6	9,702,218	17 6	99,716	5 5	9,801,935	2 11
1896-7	9,315,991	5 11	215,813	0 11	9,531,804	6 10
1897-8	9,247,783	15 0	341,835	7 3	9,589,619	2 3
Dr. Balance, 31st Dec., 1886	£ 109,789,991	16 6	4,526,278	11 0	114,316,270	1 6
	973,400	9 8	313,180	19 8	1,286,581	9 4
Total to 30th June, 1898	£ 110,763,392	0 2	4,839,459	10 8	115,602,851	10 10
Payments during 1898-9	9,584,160	3 11	236,393	12 10	9,820,493	16 9
Total Payments to 30th June, 1899	£ 119,347,091	14 5	4,762,672	3 10	124,136,763	18 3
Total to 30th June, 1899	£ 121,347,492	4 1	5,075,853	3 6	125,423,345	7 7

M.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

STATEMENT C.

STATEMENT showing the Annual position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, exclusive of Temporary Advances made therefrom, and of Re-credits on their account as per separate Statement, and exclusive of sums borrowed upon Treasury Deficiency Bills, from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899.

Year.	Revenue Proper.	Payments Proper.	Balances.		Net Current Balance.	
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
31 December,						
1886	Dr. Balance.	973,400 9 8	973,400 9 8	..	973,400 9 8	
1887	8,580,253 6 8	9,195,906 19 1	615,653 12 5	..	1,589,054 2 1	
1888	8,885,994 12 0	8,664,114 3 8	..	221,880 8 4	1,367,173 13 9	
1889	9,064,561 15 8	9,192,655 0 7	128,093 4 11	..	1,495,266 18 8	
1890	9,494,584 5 8	9,403,077 16 6	..	91,506 9 2	1,403,760 9 6	
1891	10,036,185 10 2	10,317,835 9 2	281,649 19 0	..	1,685,410 8 6	
1892	10,489,594 11 8	10,366,913 1 9	..	122,681 9 11	1,562,728 18 7	
1893	9,706,734 5 11	10,119,267 16 11	412,533 11 0	..	1,975,262 9 7	
1894	9,507,928 4 10	9,339,872 11 2	..	168,055 13 8	1,807,206 15 11	
30 June,						
1895	4,943,847 8 10	4,924,354 13 3	..	19,492 15 7	1,787,714 0 4	
1895-6	9,254,337 16 2	9,702,218 17 6	447,881 1 4	..	2,235,595 1 8	
1896-7	9,286,841 15 3	9,315,991 5 11	29,149 10 8	..	2,264,744 12 4	
1897-8	9,482,095 19 7	9,247,783 15 0	..	234,312 4 7	2,030,432 7 9	
1898-9	9,753,775 0 5	9,584,100 3 11	..	169,674 16 6	1,860,757 11 3	
30 June, 1899	£ 118,486,734	120,347,492	2,888,361	1,027,603,17	*1,860,757	
	12 10	4 1	9 0	17 9	11 3	

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STATEMENT D.

STATEMENT showing the Annual position of the Account of Temporary Advances made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the year 1887 to 30th June, 1899, inclusive of the Payments and Recredits on account of the Centennial Park and Martin Place, as accounted for in the Colonial Treasurer's Annual Statements.

Year.	Temporary Advances. (Repaid.)	Temporary Advances. (Made.)	Balances.		Net Current Balance. Dr.
			Dr.	Cr.	
31 December,					
1886	£ s. d. Dr. Balance.	£ s. d. 313,180 19 8	£ s. d. 313,180 19 8	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 313,180 19 8
1887	103,690 1 6	381,035 9 4	277,345 7 10	.....	590,526 7 6
1888	697,705 12 3	408,720 9 1	.....	288,985 3 2	301,541 4 4
1889	285,785 1 11	339,038 6 5	53,253 4 6	.....	354,794 8 10
1890	462,826 15 3	643,897 3 6	181,070 8 3	.....	535,864 17 1
1891	148,689 15 1	483,601 12 2	334,911 17 1	.....	870,776 14 2
1892	413,785 13 1	516,890 16 0	103,105 2 11	.....	973,881 17 1
1893	573,792 12 7	418,806 1 10	.....	154,986 10 9	818,895 6 4
1894	397,784 3 5	507,193 10 1	109,409 6 8	.....	928,304 13 0
30 June,					
1895	315,571 17 11	169,730 9 0	.....	145,841 8 11	782,463 4 1
1895-6	124,470 3 6	99,716 5 5	.....	24,753 18 1	757,709 6 0
1896-7	181,492 16 4	215,813 0 11	34,320 4 7	.....	792,029 10 7
1897-8	265,583 11 6	341,835 7 3	76,251 15 9	.....	868,281 6 4
1898-9	207,903 2 10	236,393 12 10	28,490 10 0	.....	896,771 16 4
30 June, 1899	£ 4,179,081 7 2	5,075,833 3 6	1,511,338 17 3	614,567 0 11	*896,771 16 4

* Debit Balance, Revenue Account Proper £1,860,757 11 3
 { " " " Advance Account 896,771 16 4

Deficiency, 30 June, 1899, as shown on Statement A, first column £2,757,529 7 7

8th January, 1900.

N.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

STATEMENT E.

STATEMENT showing the particulars of the Payments made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and accounted for as Unadjusted Advances, as they are stated in foregoing Return to have stood at 31st December, 1883 (£273,894 3s. 10d.), and at 30th June, 1899 (£896,771 16s. 4d.)

TEMPORARY ADVANCES OUTSTANDING, 31ST DECEMBER, 1883.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer's Advance, 1882	100,000	0	0			
1883	150,000	0	0			
Advance to Contractors, 1881 (paid in 1883)	2,000	0	0			
" " 1883	3,000	0	0			
" Department of Harbours and Rivers, 1883	2,975	0	0			
" in anticipation of Loan Appropriations, 1883	15,919	3	10			
Total, Temporary Advances Outstanding, 31st December, 1883 (fully adjusted since)	£			273,894	3	10

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TEMPORARY ADVANCES OUTSTANDING, 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Issues included in the REVENUE DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT to 30th June, 1895, for :—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer's Advance, 1893		13,000	0	0			
Centennial Park Account		199,405	2	10			
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account		467,152	18	10			
					679,558	1	8

Issues included in the CURRENT REVENUE ACCOUNT for :—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Centennial Park Account, 51 Vic. No. 9 :—							
Issues in 1895-6		24,960	16	11			
„ 1896-7		4,050	17	11			
					29,011	14	10
General Post Office—New Street Resumption Account (Martin Place), 53 Vic. No. 14 :—							
Issues in 1895-6		695	18	8			
„ 1896-7		25	2	2			
„ 1897-8		177	15	11			
					898	16	9
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8.....		882	14	6			
„ „ 1898-9.....		97,733	5	0			
					98,615	19	6
Advances to Public Officers to Cash Stamps, 1898-9					38	9	6
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1898-9					13,874	17	2
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24, 1898-9					12,385	0	0
Expenditure—Suspense Account, 1898-9					62,388	16	11
					217,213	14	8
Total, Temporary Advances Outstanding 30th June, 1899	Repayable to Revenue Deficiency Account	679,558	1	8			
	Repayable to Current Revenue Account	217,213	14	8			
					£896,771	16	4

NOTE.—Of the foregoing amount (£896,771 16s. 4d.) there have been adjusted to this date the following sums, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer's Advance Account, 1897-8.....	882	14	6			
„ „ 1898-9.....	97,733	5	0			
				98,615	19	6
Advances to Public Officers to Cash Stamps, 1898-9				38	9	6
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1898-9				6,500	0	0
State Children's Relief Act, 44 Vic. No. 24, 1898-9.....				12,385	0	0
Total Adjusted to present date				£117,539	9	0

8th January, 1900.

O.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

CENTENARY Celebration Act, 51 Victoria No. 9.

5. For the construction of the State House and of the approaches thereto, and of all suitable offices in connection therewith, and for the laying out, planting and enclosure of the Centennial Park, and for all necessary works in connection therewith, the sum of two hundred thousand pounds sterling is hereby appropriated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which sum shall be payable by the Colonial Treasurer in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Governor may determine.

P.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

CENTENARY Celebration Act, 51 Victoria No. 9.

3. The lands so vested shall be appropriated and applied to the respective purposes hereinafter set forth :—

- (a) A suitable portion shall be set apart for the erection thereon according to a plan, to be approved by the Governor, of a building commemorative of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony, and such building (to be designated "The State House"), shall be designed and constructed so as to provide—
- A great Hall or Amphitheatre (to be designated "The Phillip Hall"), for the holding of national assemblages and commemorative celebrations and services of a national or special character.
 - A museum (to be designated "The Carrington Institute"), where shall be deposited as they can be collected, all books, documents, maps, printed or written matter and reliques as may be illustrative of the historical material and industrial stages of the Colony's progress, and of the various aboriginal races of Australia, their customs, languages, and ethnological characteristics.
 - A gallery for the reception of statues or pictures of the Governors of the Colony and other persons whose names are honourably associated with the Colony.
 - A Public Mausoleum for the interment of those who have been honoured by a public funeral pursuant to a resolution of both Houses of Parliament.
- (b) A portion not being less in area than six hundred and forty acres shall be set apart by the Governor as a public park. Such park shall be designated "The Centennial Park," and shall be laid out according to plans to be approved by the Governor; but so that the same may be opened to the public on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.
- (c) After such portions have been so set apart the remainder of the lands so vested shall be laid out in building sites and sold or leased by public auction in such areas at such times and subject to such conditions and provisions (including, if necessary, the description of buildings to be erected thereon) as the Governor may prescribe.

And it shall be lawful for the Chief Minister, notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act contained to convey the same to the purchasers thereof in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Governor may direct, and the proceeds of all such sales or leases shall be paid by the purchasers to the Colonial Treasurer, and shall be by him carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Q.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

ADVANCES to General Loan Fund.

9th January, 1895	...	...	...	£500,000.
10th April, 1895	...	...	...	500,000.
23th September, 1895	...	...	...	500,000.

BANK Balances.

8th January, 1895.				9th January, 1895.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Public Account ...	Dr.	830,437	14 8	Dr.	1,357,474	17 11	
General Loan Account	Cr.	1,167,336	3 10	Cr.	1,664,174	4 9	
9th April, 1895.				10th April, 1895.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Public Account ...	Dr.	13,135	4 10	Dr.	510,589	17 7	
General Loan Account ...	Cr.	437,626	15 7	Cr.	917,135	7 9	
27th September, 1895.				23th September, 1895.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Public Account ...	Dr.	163,203	6 9	Dr.	647,699	1 1	
General Loan Account ...	Cr.	381,179	15 9	Cr.	879,379	6 2	

R.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

MEMORANDUM of Outstanding Liabilities of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at 31st December, 1894, 30th June, 1895, and 30th June, 1899.

At 31st December, 1894.

	£	s.	d.	
Appropriations	2,121,728	0	8	See pages 171-6, of Report for 1894, and pages 163-8, of Report for 1895.
Cash Overdraft	999,739	0	2	See page 3, of Treasurer's Abstract for 1894, and Auditor-General's Statement A.
Treasury Deficiency Bills	1,752,884	0	0	See page 137, Treasurer's Statement of Public Debt for 1894, and Auditor-General's Statement A.
Treasury	£ 4,874,351	0	10	
Balance of Disallowances by Auditor-General in 1893.....	17,111	11	3	
Auditor-General's Statement A ...£	4,857,239	9	7	

At 30th June, 1895.

	£	s.	d.	
Appropriations	1,895,337	12	10	See page 149, of Report for 1895, paragraph 12.
Cash Overdraft	834,403	3	9	See page 3, Treasurer's Abstract for 1895, includes Suspense Accounts, £667,953 ls. 8d.
Treasury Deficiency Bills	1,752,884	0	0	See page 129, Treasurer's Statement of Public Debt for 1895.
Treasury	£ 4,482,624	16	7	
Auditor-General's Statement A	4,465,514	17	3	
Balance of Disallowances by Auditor-General in 1893... ..	17,109	19	4	

At 30th June, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	
Appropriations	595,226	19	0	See pages 187-199, of Report for 1898-9.
Cash Overdraft	579,945	7	7	See page 3, Treasurer's Abstract for 1898-9.
Treasury Deficiency Bills	2,177,584	0	0	See page 145, Treasurer's Statement of Public Debt for 1898-9.
Treasury and Audit Office ...£	3,352,756	6	7	

SPECIFICATION of Statutory Liabilities of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Current during 1898-9.
Amount Liquidated during 1898-9, and the Liabilities to be carried forward to year 1899-1900.

APPROPRIATIONS CURRENT, 1898-9.

Item.		1897-8 and previous years.	1898-9.	Total.	
Special Appropriations.					
Schedules A, B, and C, and Supplements	Page.	Authority.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Debt—		Various...	1,441 5 7	44,212 17 6	45,654 3 1
Funded .....	..	..	581,771 14 4	2,314,917 8 9	2,896,689 3 1
Unfunded .....	..	..	21,844 15 2	71,462 10 4	93,307 5 6
Treasury Bills .....	..	53 Vic. No. 9	.....	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0
Other Special Appropriations .....	..	Various...	2,680 13 5	195,816 15 9	198,497 9 2
					£ 3,384,148 0 10
Annual Appropriations.					
Annual Appropriation Act of 1898-9—		Authority.			
Ordinary Appropriations		“Act No. 35 of 1898”	6,877,273 0 0		
Supplementary Appropriations .....		..	134,223 15 8		
Total Gross Annual Appropriations..					7,011,496 15 8
<i>Less Temporary Advances—</i>					
Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9			100,000 0 0		
Prevention of Scab in Sheep			23,512 0 0		
				123,512 0 0	
					6,887,984 15 8
Total Net Appropriations Current 1898-9					£ *10,272,132 16 6

* Exclusive of Revenue Refunded during 1898-9, £180,863 0s. 6d.

DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1898-9.

	Details on page—	Expended during 1898-9.	Surrendered.	Total.	
From Special Appropriations.					
Schedules A, B, C, and Supplements	Page	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Debt :—		43,076 11 3	1,128 8 3	44,204 19 6	
Funded .....	..	2,324,802 15 6	.....	2,324,802 15 6
Unfunded .....	..	73,991 10 4	.....	73,991 10 4
Treasury Bills	53 Vic. No. 9	150,000 0 0	.....	150,000 0 0
Other Special Appropriations .....	..	194,021 12 10	1,900 3 8	195,921 16 6
Total Special Appropriations		£ 2,785,892 9 11	3,028 11 11	2,788,921 1 10	
From Annual Appropriations.					
Ordinary Appropriations.					
Supplement to Schedule B	Page	1,567 18 6	15 1 6	1,583 0 0	
Executive and Legislative .....	..	30,601 19 9	677 0 3	31,279 0 0
Chief Secretary .....	..	821,109 9 8	20,892 10 4	842,002 0 0
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—					
Departments generally .....	..	802,284 15 11	17,690 4 1	819,975 0 0
Railways and Tramways .....	..	1,926,658 7 8	95 12 4	1,926,754 0 0
Attorney-General .....	..	45,060 17 7	1,793 2 5	46,854 0 0
Secretary for Lands .....	..	284,739 19 5	13,826 0 7	298,566 0 0
Secretary for Public Works .....	..	869,971 8 3	24,648 11 9	894,620 0 0
Administration of Justice .....	..	260,898 11 10	5,012 8 2	265,911 0 0
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry .....	..	747,268 10 7	9,524 9 5	756,793 0 0
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture .....	..	148,097 6 6	10,848 13 6	158,946 0 0
Postmaster-General .....	..	694,861 12 2	15,616 7 10	710,478 0 0
Total Annual Appropriations		£ 6,633,120 17 10	120,640 2 2	6,753,761 0 0	
Supplementary Appropriations.					
Executive and Legislative	Page	18 14 10	.....	18 14 10
Chief Secretary .....	..	58,945 4 3	.....	58,945 4 3
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—					
Departments generally .....	..	34,230 0 1	.....	34,230 0 1
Railways and Tramways .....	..	26,666 0 2	.....	26,666 0 2
Attorney-General .....	..	250 0 0	.....	250 0 0
Secretary for Public Works .....	..	8,567 3 1	.....	8,567 3 1
Administration of Justice .....	..	4,549 18 4	.....	4,549 18 4
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry .....	..	200 0 0	.....	200 0 0
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture .....	..	796 14 11	.....	796 14 11
Total Supplementary Appropriations		134,223 15 8	.....	134,223 15 8
Grand Total		£ *9,553,237 3 5	123,668 14 1	£ 9,676,905 17 6	
Balance of Special Appropriations carried forward as primary charges on the Account of 1899-1900					£ 595,226 19 0

* Exclusive of Revenue Refunded during 1898-9, £180,863 0s. 6d.

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[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General.]

New South Wales, Anno Sexagesimo Tertio Victoriae Reginae.—Act No. 48, 1899.

An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain unauthorised withdrawals and payments from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts. [Assented to 22nd December, 1899.]

WHEREAS certain sums of money have been withdrawn from the Public Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts without the authority of Parliament for the purpose of paying the claims of contractors and others in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament, which said sums are shown in the Schedule hereto, and amount to the sum of one million two hundred and seventy-eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds ten shillings and seven pence: And whereas the respective sums so withdrawn and payments so made were necessary to carry on and maintain the Public Service: And whereas it is expedient to indemnify all persons concerned or engaged in the matter of such withdrawals or payments: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and all persons whosoever concerned or engaged in making the said withdrawals or payments are hereby indemnified and held harmless for and in respect of the withdrawal and expenditure of the said sum of one million two hundred and seventy-eight thousand nine hundred and forty pounds ten shillings and seven pence.

2. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury Indemnity Act, 1899."

Indemnity to Colonial Treasurer, and his Officers, &c.
Short title.

SCHEDULE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS WHICH WERE MADE BY THE COLONIAL TREASURER WITHOUT APPROPRIATION AND WARRANT.

Head of Expenditure.	Payments, 1st to 25th October, 1897.	Payments, 27th to 30th June, 1898.	Payments, 1st to 31st October, 1898.	Payments, 1st to 23rd Decem- ber, 1898.	Payments, 12th to 30th June, 1899.	Payments, 1st to 23rd Sep- tember, 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
No. I.—SCHEDULES.						
Schedule B Supplement (Widows)	43 15 0	.....	43 15 0	31 5 0	.....	18 15 0
Schedule B Supplement (Military Pensions)	70 16 8	.....	83 1 8	73 1 8	.....	106 9 10
Total, Schedules	114 11 8	.....	126 16 8	104 6 8	.....	125 4 10
No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.						
His Excellency the Governor	10 0 3	.....	15 2 1	9 14 1	.....	73 12 0
The Executive Council	2 15 10	.....	2 15 10	2 15 10	.....	2 15 10
The Legislative Council	16 7 4	.....	13 1 7	9 3 4	.....	19 3 4
The Legislative Assembly	22 19 8	.....	22 19 8	17 19 8	.....	21 11 9
The Legislative Council and Assembly	6 10 0	.....	1 18 6	6 3 8	.....	5 15 6
The Parliamentary Library	4 7 8	.....	3 15 10	121 3 3	.....	3 15 10
The Parliamentary Reporting Staff	29 1 9	.....	13 5 9	17 0 9	.....	17 1 4
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	1 6 8	18 14 10	2 19 6	9 0 0	.....	71 2 0
Total, Executive and Legislative	93 9 2	18 14 10	75 18 9	193 0 7	.....	214 17 7
No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.						
Chief Secretary	15 10 0	.....	13 8 4	13 8 4	.....	13 8 4
Auditor General	193 13 8	.....	177 11 0	117 8 6	.....	172 1 10
Vice-President of the Executive Council, and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	20 16 8	.....	.....	20 16 8	.....	20 16 8
Aborigines Protection Board	2,133 3 7	.....	2,009 11 3	86 9 1	.....	188 19 0
Police	8,342 5 2	.....	6,323 19 11	2,396 8 8	.....	2,036 4 3
Lunacy (including Master in Lunacy)	4,668 1 8	.....	4,107 17 0	3,077 9 0	.....	4,839 3 5
Medical Adviser to the Government	595 1 2	267 18 1	684 3 10	289 17 5	.....	477 5 5
Coast Hospital	642 17 10	63 9 1	398 0 9	428 15 10	.....	646 15 0
Analytical Branch	2 12 4	.....	11 15 8	3 17 10	.....	35 2 4
Maintenance of Sick Paupers	119 2 7	1,302 6 4	1,329 14 9	1,373 3 6	.....	1,108 16 6
Government Statistician	6 15 8	.....	4 15 8	17 16 1	.....	65 9 6
Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions	6 13 4	.....	7 13 4	4 8 4	.....	1 13 4
Agent General for the Colony	89 16 9	.....	340 16 8	189 3 4	.....	1,305 5 11
Government Asylums and State Children's Relief Branch	13,196 4 6	.....	14,527 8 6	4,855 14 7	.....	3,765 8 1
Fisheries Commission	67 1 1	33 11 10	41 4 9	65 3 3	.....	29 12 5
Fire Brigades	2 4 2	.....	53 10 0	.....	.....	.....
Reorganization of the Public Service	193 14 2	435 3 10	205 13 7	223 5 7	.....	59 7 10
Botanic Gardens	160 15 11	31 9 5	101 11 8	132 16 1	.....	64 15 11
Nursery Garden, Campbelltown	10 8 6	.....	21 3 6	4 2 3	.....	17 14 5
Government Domains	53 11 9	.....	80 6 5	102 2 4	.....	16 8 4
Garden Palace Grounds	1 10 0	.....	3 14 3	14 11 0	.....	4 19 2
Centennial Park	40 4 4	.....	116 9 1	173 7 5	.....	91 18 9
Charitable Allowances	3,020 3 1	500 0 0	3,396 6 11	5,281 7 9	.....	8,873 3 8
Miscellaneous Services	1,125 2 7	.....	2,149 3 0	619 11 10	.....	1,472 0 3
Total, Chief Secretary	34,714 10 6	2,633 18 7	36,105 19 10	19,491 4 8	.....	25,306 10 4
Carried forward	£					

Head of Expenditure	Payments 1st to 25th October 1897	Payments 27th to 30th June, 1898	Payments, 1st to 31st October, 1898	Payments, 1st to 28th Decem- ber, 1898	Payments 12th to 30th June, 1899	Payments, 1st to 23rd Sep- tember, 1899
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Brought forward	£ 203,047 13 7	41,271 14 8	224,400 5 9	205,892 11 7	62 388 16 11	202,018 0 1
No IX—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.						
Public Instruction	112 12 0		17,400 11 4	57 747 10 5	.. .	44 233 16 10
Industrial Schools	617 5 10		1 224 7 9	1,212 5 5	.. ...	1,172 7 7
Observatory	14 15 9		281 15 4	324 11 9	..	276 9 5
Museum			458 13 5	456 6 8		451 6 8
Public Library of New South Wales	401 0 6		452 15 0	566 1 5		522 16 6
National Art Gallery	100 0 0		189 1 8	319 1 8		198 16 8
Labour and Industry Branch	350 0 0		1 000 0 0	500 0 0		1 000 0 0
Grants in aid of Public Institutions, &c	101 18 10	..	1,397 4 0	1,417 18 2		1 179 9 7
Miscellaneous Services				..		34 17 1
Total, Public Instruction, Labour and Industry . . .	£ 1,828 12 11	..	22,404 8 6	62,543 15 6		49,070 0 4
No X—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE						
Department of Mines	1 837 10 9	50 0 0	5,252 16 11	5,020 16 1	..	5,364 7 10
Prevention of Scab in Sheep ..			1,940 7 2	1,785 0 2		1 822 15 6
Imported and Introduced Stock	184 0 11	..	75 5 0	94 0 0	..	975 19 0
Registration of Brands	..		30 19 11	21 13 4		51 13 4
Management of Pounds and Commons	17 10 0					42 18 4
Public Watering Places and Artesian Bores	662 12 3		1,091 11 3	1,063 18 8		1 045 16 10
Agriculture	690 19 9	..	2,219 9 5	2 641 18 10		2 219 16 7
School of Mines and Assay Works	117 19 9		47 11 6	569 15 10	..	102 5 8
Board of Experts	138 16 11		391 17 11	74 7 4		59 11 10
Miscellaneous Services	113 17 9		1,027 18 10	865 13 9		1,111 15 4
Total, Secretary for Mines and Agri- culture . . .	£ 3,713 8 1	50 0 0	12 077 17 11	12,137 4 0		12 797 0 3
No XI—POSTMASTER GENERAL						
Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	18,797 1 0		75 849 16 8	30,461 19 10		38,190 3 0
Total, Postmaster General	£ 18,797 1 0		75 849 16 8	30,461 19 10		38,190 3 0
Totals	£ 227,386 15 7	41,321 14 8	334,732 8 10	311,035 10 11	62,388 16 11	302 075 3 8
			GRAND TOTAL	£1,278,940 10 7		

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 19th December, 1899

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

T.

[To Evidence of E A Rennie, Esq., Auditor General]

In the Supplement to Appendix A (Nos 1 and 2) to my Report on the Accounts of 1895-6, there is given a detail of the outstanding and undischarged appropriations as they stood at 30th June, 1895, and consisted of the four following distinct classes—

	£	s	d
Balances of annual appropriations for 1894 and previous years still alive at 30th June, 1895, and open for operation up to 31st December, 1895	645,648	4	1
Balances of appropriations for the half year ended 30th June, 1895 (including £66 13s 4d restored balances of 1893, and open for operation up to 30th June, 1896)	566,263	4	4
Balances of special statutory appropriations undischarged for 1894 and previous years without limitation as to period of open obligation	138,443	3	5
Balances of special statutory appropriations for half year ended 30th June, 1895 (including £657 5s 1d restored balances from 1891, 1892, and 1893), with unlimited obligation as to time of discharge	545,706	19	5
	£1,896,061	11	3

At the opening of the new financial year, 1st July, 1895, to 30th June, 1896, the revenue was thus liable for the whole of the above sum of £1,896,061 11s 3d, and at the same date for an overdraft to the amount of £534,403 3s 9d, or together, to a sum of £2 730,464 15s 0d, respectively of the postponed debt represented by the outstanding Treasury Deficiency Bills for £1,752,884

Of the total liabilities by appropriations, shown above as £1,896 061 11s 3d, there has since been written off a sum of £518,922 18s 7d, leaving £1,377,138 12s 8d as having been actually paid, towards which the new Treasury Deficiency Bills contributed only £1,024,700, thus leaving a sum of £352,438 12s 8d paid out of the Revenue Account for 1895-6 and subsequent years

U.

[The Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General]

Year	Balances of Temporary Issues recoverable but outstanding at the close of each Financial Year	Debit Balance Suspense Account.	Balances of Temporary Issues recoverable exclusive of Dr. Balance Suspense Accounts
	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.
1887	590,526 7 6	20,285 0 0	570,241 7 6
1888	301,541 4 4	87,069 11 5	214,471 12 11
1889	354,794 8 10	143,982 15 7	210,811 13 3
1890	535,864 17 1	324,069 6 7	211,795 10 6
1891	870,776 14 2	529,337 0 0	341,439 14 2
1892	973,881 17 1	591,552 19 8	382,328 17 5
1893	818,895 6 4	518,976 17 5	299,918 8 11
1894	928,304 13 0	535,024 0 2	393,280 12 10
1895	782,463 4 1	667,953 1 8	114,510 2 5
1895-6	757,709 6 0	693,609 17 3	64,099 8 9
1896-7	792,029 10 7	697,685 17 4	94,343 13 3
1897-8	868,281 6 4	697,391 13 10	170,889 12 6
1898-9	896,771 16 4	696,468 13 3	200,303 3 1

V.

[To Evidence of E. A. Rennie, Esq., Auditor-General]

New South Wales. Anno Sexagesimo Tertio Victoriae Reginae.

Act No. 47, 1899

An Act to authorise the loan of money from the trust fund and the consolidated revenue fund and the bank keeping the Government account to the general loan account, and to provide for the application and repayment of such money; to amend section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898; to indemnify the Treasurer and other officers and persons in respect of certain drawings and payments from the general loan account made without the warrant of the Governor, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects. [Assented to, 22nd December, 1899]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows.—

Money may be transferred from trust fund and consolidated revenue fund to general loan account
Application of money borrowed
Re transfer of such money.
Re transfer when borrowing powers exceeded.
Amendment of section 17 of Audit Act, 1898.
Indemnity for payments out of general loan account without warrant
Definitions.
Short title.

1. (1) Where a special Act authorises money to be borrowed for loan services, it shall be lawful for the Governor in anticipation of the raising of any loan so authorised to transfer from the trust fund and from the consolidated revenue fund to the general loan account any money at credit of those funds respectively, and to obtain advances from any bank keeping the Government account and carry the money so advanced to the general loan account; but so that the money so transferred and advanced shall not exceed in amount the money authorised by the special Act to be borrowed.

(2) The money so transferred and advanced may be applied as if it were money borrowed under the special Act.

(3) Any money so transferred and advanced, or any part thereof, may at any time be re transferred and repaid from the general loan account to the trust fund or the consolidated revenue fund, or the bank keeping the Government account, as the case may be.

(4) Where any money borrowed under the special Act together with any money transferred or advanced to the general loan account, and not re-transferred or repaid in pursuance of this section, exceeds in amount the money authorised by such Act to be borrowed, the amount of that excess shall be re-transferred or repaid as aforesaid.

2. For the purposes of section seventeen of the Audit Act, 1898, any sums mentioned in the instrument referred to in that section shall be deemed to be legally available for and applicable to the service or purpose mentioned in such instrument, if those sums have been authorised for expenditure by Parliament for that service or purpose and have not previously been expended for such service or purpose.

3. Where, before the commencement of this Act, any moneys have been drawn from the general loan account for the payment of and have been paid for loan services duly authorised by law without any warrant of the Governor for the same, the Colonial Treasurer, the officers of the Treasury, and all persons concerned or engaged in the matter of such drawing and payment are hereby indemnified and saved harmless for and in respect of such drawing and payment.

4. In this Act—
"special Act" means the Act under which any sum of money is authorised to be raised for any purpose therein specified; and
"loan service" means any purpose specified in any such special Act

5. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Account (Transfer) Act, 1899."

W.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

BASE STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Period.	Ordinary.	Proceeds of Bills	Transfers from General Loan Account, or credit direct—Accrued Interest and Premiums on Loans	Suspense Accounts—General Post Office and Centennial Park	Revenue Advance Account—Temporary Advances	Total.
	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.
Six months ended June, 1895	4,572,866 1 5	.....	370,981 7 5	.....	315,571 17 11	5,259,419 6 9
Twelve " " 1896 ..	9,232,270 18 8	1,024,700 0 0	22,066 17 6	39 3 1	124,431 0 5	10,403,507 19 8
" " " 1897 ..	9,286,385 15 3	.....	456 0 0	.....	181,492 16 4	9,468,334 11 7
" " " 1898 ..	9,476,977 19 6	.....	5,118 0 1	471 19 5	265,111 12 1	9,747,679 11 1
" " " 1899 ..	9,753,775 0 5	.....	Nil.	923 0 7	206,980 2 3	9,961,678 3 5
Totals	£ 42,322,275 15 3	1,024,700 0 0	398,622 5 0	1,434 3 1	1,093,587 9 0	44,840,619 12 4

BASE

W—continued.
BASE STATEMENT—continued.
DISBURSEMENTS.

Period.	Ordinary.		Annual Instalment in Redemption of Treasury Bills.		Suspense Accounts— General Post Office, Centennial Park.		Revenue Advance Account— Temporary Advances.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Six months ended June, 1895 ...	4,924,354	13 3	.....	.....	132,929	1 6	36,801	7 6	5,094,085	2 3
Twelve " " 1896 ...	9,702,218	17 6	150,000	0 0	25,695	18 8	74,020	6 9	9,351,935	2 11
" " " 1897 ...	9,315,991	5 11	150,000	0 0	4,076	0 1	211,737	0 10	9,681,804	6 10
" " " 1898 ...	9,247,783	15 0	150,000	0 0	177	15 11	341,657	11 4	9,739,619	2 3
" " " 1899 ...	9,584,100	3 11	150,000	0 0	Nil.	.....	236,393	12 10	9,970,493	16 9
Totals	£ 42,774,448	15 7	600,000	0 0	162,878	16 2	900,609	19 3	44,437,937	11 0

Reconciliation.		£ s. d.	
Disbursements		44,437,937	11 0
Add Balance 31st Dec., 1894.....	Dr.	447,603	8 9
" " Suspense Accounts	Dr.	535,024	0 2
		45,420,564	19 11
Deduct Receipts.....		44,840,619	12 4
		579,945	7 7
Cr. Balance, as per Treasury Statement		116,523	5 8
Centennial Park Account	Dr.	228,416	17 8
General Post Office Account.....	Dr.	468,051	15 7
	Dr.	579,945	7 7
London Payments :—		£ s. d.	
March-April, adjusted Sydney, August, 1899		1,156	13 5
Net payments, May and June, 1899, adjusted in Sydney—July—August, 1899.....		200,489	11 7
		201,646	5 0
Actual Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1899 .....		.....	781,591 12 7
Treasury Bills Current, 30th June, 1899 :—			
Deficiency, 1886 and previous years, 53 Vic. No. 9.....		1,152,884	0 0
" to 30th June, 1899, 59 Vic. No. 22		1,024,700	0 0
		2,177,584	0 0
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899, to be made good in the future.....		£2,959,175	12 7

BALANCES OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.
(Exclusive of London Payments not brought to Account at close of each financial year.)

Year.	Total Deficiency, as per Auditor-Generals Report.	Debit Balance— Special Suspense Accounts.	Difference—Columns (1) and (2).	Treasury Bills out- standing.	Working Balance.		
					Audit Office Balance. (Difference between Columns (3) and (4) from 1899.)	Difference with Treasury.	Treasury Balance. (Exclusive of Suspense Account.)
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1886	£ s. d. 1,286,581 9 4	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 1,286,581 9 4	£	£ s. d. Dr. 1,236,581 9 4	.....	.....
1887	2,179,580 9 7	20,285 0 0	2,159,295 9 7	.....	Dr. 2,179,580 9 7	.....	.....
1888	1,668,714 18 1	87,069 11 5	1,581,645 6 8	.....	Dr. 1,668,714 18 1	.....	.....
1889	1,850,061 7 6	143,982 15 7	1,706,078 11 11	1,907,100	Cr. 201,021 8 1	.....	.....
1890	1,939,625 6 7	324,069 6 7	1,615,556 0 0	2,352,834	Cr. 737,328 0 0	.....	.....
1891	2,556,187 2 8	529,337 0 0	2,026,850 2 8	2,202,834	Cr. 176,033 17 4	.....	.....
1892	2,536,610 15 8	591,552 19 8	1,945,057 16 0	2,052,884	Cr. 107,826 4 0	.....	.....
1893	2,794,157 15 11	518,976 17 5	2,275,180 18 6	1,902,884	Dr. 372,296 18 6	19,754 8 8	Dr. 392,051 7 2
1894	2,735,511 8 11	535,024 0 2	2,200,487 8 9	1,752,884	Dr. 447,603 8 9	17,111 11 3	Dr. 464,715 0 0
1895	2,570,177 4 5	667,953 1 8	1,902,224 2 9	1,752,884	Dr. 149,340 2 9	17,109 19 4	Dr. 166,450 2 1
1895-6	2,993,304 7 8	693,609 17 3	2,299,694 10 5	2,777,584	Cr. 477,889 9 7	1,359 7 9	Cr. 476,530 1 10
1896-7	3,036,774 2 11	697,685 17 4	2,359,088 5 7	2,477,584	Cr. 118,495 14 5	4,050 17 11	Cr. 114,444 16 6
1897-8	2,898,713 14 1	697,391 13 10	2,201,322 0 3	2,327,584	Cr. 126,261 19 9	4,050 17 11	Cr. 122,211 1 10
1898-9	2,757,529 7 7	696,468 13 3	2,061,060 14 4	2,177,584	Cr. 116,523 5 8	.....	Cr. 116,523 5 8

X.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]
QUESTIONS 1, 2, 3 (including Temporary Advances).

	Receipts, exclusive of Proceeds of Bills and Accrued Interest, &c., but inclusive of Suspense Accounts and also Temporary Advances.		Expenditure, including Payments in Redemption of Bills and Suspense Accounts and Temporary Advances.		Difference.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	4,888,437	19 4	5,094,085	2 3	Dr. 205,647	2 11
Twelve months ended 30th June, 1896	9,356,741	2 2	9,951,935	2 11	Dr. 595,194	0 9
" " " 1897	9,467,878	11 7	9,681,804	6 10	Dr. 213,925	15 3
" " " 1898	9,742,561	11 0	9,739,619	2 3	Cr. 2,942	8 9
" " " 1899	9,961,678	3 3	9,970,493	16 9	Dr. 8,815	13 6
Total	£ 43,417,297	7 4	44,437,937	11 0	Dr. 1,020,640	3 8

NOTE.—As these figures run down to the Cash Balance of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the words "Revenue properly so called" have been interpreted to mean all Revenue and Receipts, exclusive of Proceeds of Bills, Accrued Interest, and Premium on Loans.

REVENUE

X—continued.

REVENUE and EXPENDITURE PROPER (as would be understood under ordinary circumstances), *excluding* *Temporary Advances.*

	Revenue, exclusive of proceeds of Bills and accrued Interest, &c., but inclusive of Suspense Accounts.		Expenditure, including payments in Redemption of Bills and Suspense Accounts.		Difference.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Six months ended 30 June, 1895	4,572,866	1 5	5,057,283	14 9	<i>Dr.</i>	484,417 13 4
Twelve " 30 " 1896	9,232,310	1 9	9,877,914	16 2	<i>Dr.</i>	645,604 14 5
" " 30 " 1897	9,286,385	15 3	9,470,067	6 0	<i>Dr.</i>	183,681 10 9
" " 30 " 1898	9,477,449	18 11	9,397,961	10 11	<i>Cr.</i>	79,488 8 0
" " 30 " 1899	9,754,698	1 0	9,734,100	3 11	<i>Cr.</i>	20,597 17 1
Total	£ 42,323,709	18 4	43,537,327	11 9	<i>Dr.</i>	1,213,617 13 5

Y.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 4.

Year.	General Post Office. (Special Suspense Account.)		Centennial Park. (Special Suspense Account.)	
	Receipts.	Payments.	Receipts.	Payments.
Six months, 1895.....	£ Nil.	£ 132,929 1 6	£ Nil.	£ Nil.
Twelve months, 1895-6	Nil.	695 18 8	39 3 1	25,000 0 0
" " 1896-7	Nil.	25 2 2	Nil.	4,050 17 11
" " 1897-8	465 19 5	177 15 11	6 0 0	Nil.
" " 1898-9	923 0 7	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals.....	1,389 0 0	133,827 18 3	45 3 1	29,050 17 11
	Net payments £132,438 18s. 3d.		Net payments £29,005 14s. 10d.	

Payments, both Accounts	£ 162,878 16 2
Receipts "	1,434 3 1
Net payments	£161,444 13 1

Z.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 5.

	Difference as established in Questions 1, 2, and 3.	Net payments or receipts, Suspense Account.	Difference.
Six months, ended 30 June, 1895..... <i>Dr.</i>	£ 205,647 2 11	<i>Dr.</i> 132,929 1 6	<i>Dr.</i> 72,718 1 5
Twelve months, ended 30 June, 1896 <i>Dr.</i>	595,194 0 9	<i>Dr.</i> 25,656 15 7	<i>Dr.</i> 569,537 5 2
" " 1897 <i>Dr.</i>	213,925 15 3	<i>Dr.</i> 4,076 0 1	<i>Dr.</i> 209,849 15 2
" " 1898 <i>Cr.</i>	2,942 8 9	<i>Cr.</i> 294 3 6	<i>Cr.</i> 2,648 5 3
" " 1899 <i>Dr.</i>	8,815 13 6	<i>Cr.</i> 923 0 7	<i>Dr.</i> 9,738 14 1
Totals.....	<i>Dr.</i> 1,020,640 3 8	<i>Dr.</i> 161,444 13 1	<i>Dr.</i> 859,195 10 7

Reconciliation with Treasury Credit Balance, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30 June, 1899.

<i>Dr.</i>	£ 859,195 10 7	as above.
<i>Cr.</i>	1,423,322 5 0	proceeds of Treasury Bills and Accrued Interest.
<i>Cr.</i>	564,126 14 5	
<i>Dr.</i>	447,603 8 9	31 December, 1894.
<i>Cr.</i>	£116,523 5 8	30 June, 1899.

A 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 6.

	Proceeds of Treasury Bills.	Accrued Interest and Premiums on Loans transferred to Consolidated Revenue Fund.	Total.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Six months, 1895		370,981 7 5	370,981 7 5
Twelve months, 1895-6	1,024,700	22,066 17 6	1,046,766 17 6
" " 1896-7		456 0 0	456 0 0
" " 1897-8		5,118 0 1	5,118 0 1
" " 1898-9 .....		.....	.....
Total	£ 1,024,700	398,622 5 0	£1,423,322 5 0

NOTE.—Extraordinary Receipts, as defined by the question.

B 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 7.

Cash overdraft, 31 December, 1894		Dr. 447,603 8 9
Six months' transactions ended 30 June, 1895, resulted in Dr. £72,718 1s. 5d. less Cr. 370,981 7 5 =		Cr. 298,263 6 0
Balance as adjusted on 30 June, 1895		Dr. 149,340 2 9
Extraordinary Receipts, Proceeds Bills, Accrued Interest, &c. :—		
Twelve months ended June 30th, 1896	Cr. 1,046,766 17 6	
" " " " 1897	Cr. 456 0 0	
" " " " 1898	Cr. 5,118 0 1	
" " " " 1899	nil	
Total Extraordinary Receipts transferred 1896-9		Cr. 1,052,340 17 7
		Cr. 903,000 14 10
Balance of each year :—		
Twelve months ended 30 June, 1896	Dr. 569,537 5 2	
" " " " 1897	Dr. 209,849 15 2	
" " " " 1898	Cr. 2,648 5 3	
" " " " 1899	Dr. 9,738 14 1	Dr. 786,477 9 2
Credit Balance, per page 8, Treasurer's Statement, 1898-9		£116,523 5 8

C 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 8.

THE net amount of the extraordinary receipts for period 1 July, 1895, to 30 June, 1899, available for expenditure during that period (4 years) was £903,000 14s. 10d.—the excess payments during that period were £786,477 9s. 2d., leaving a credit balance (residue of extraordinary receipts) of £116,523 5s. 8d.

D 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 9.

Deficiency 31 December, 1894.

Exclusive of Suspense Accounts :—		£ s. d.
Working balance	Dr. 447,603 8 9	
Outstanding Treasury bills	Dr. 1,752,884 0 0	
Total	Dr. £2,200,487 8 9	
Inclusive of Suspense Accounts :—		
Working balance	Dr. 447,603 8 9	
Suspense Accounts	Dr. 535,024 0 2	
Outstanding Treasury bills	Dr. 1,752,884 0 0	
Total	£2,735,511 8 11	
Deficiency including London payments, not brought to account :—		
Deficiency as above	2,735,511 8 11	
Net payments in London, not brought to account at 31 December, 1894	218,881 17 2	
Total	£2,954,393 6 1	

E 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 10.

Of the £370,981 7s. 5d. credited during 1895, as accrued interest and premiums on loans, £366,601 2s. 10d. belonged to 1894 and previous years?

Yes. The deficiency on 30 June, 1895 (or the deficiency accumulated to 31 December, 1894), was reduced to a li e extent by the credit.

F 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit]

QUESTION 11.

	£	s. d.
Deficiency, 31 December, 1894, inclusive of Suspense Accounts	2,735,511	8 11
<i>Less—</i>		
Accrued interest belonging to period 1894, and previous years	366,601	2 10
	£2,368,910	6 1
Deficiency, 31 December, 1894, exclusive of Suspense Accounts	2,200,487	8 9
<i>Less—</i>		
Accrued interest belonging to period 1894, and previous years	366,601	2 10
	£1,833,886	5 11

G 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit]

New South Wales. Anno Quinquagesimo Tertio Victoriae Reginae.
No. IX.

An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency Debt of 1886 and previous years.
[Assented to, 21st September, 1889]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorize the issue, as occasion may require, of Treasury Bills to the amount of Two millions six hundred thousand pounds, to cover the Deficiency Debt of the Colony for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and previous years;—Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Government
may raise
£2,600,000 by
Treasury Bills
How Bills to be
made out and
signed

1 The Governor in Council may cause Treasury Bills for any amounts of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two millions six hundred thousand pounds to be made out and issued by the Colonial Treasurer in the manner and subject to the provisions hereinafter expressed

How to be
numbered.

2 All such Treasury Bills shall be made out at the Treasury in such method and form and with such cheques, indents, and counterfoils as the Colonial Treasurer shall deem most safe and convenient And such Bills may be for one common sum or for different sums as principal moneys, and shall be signed by the Colonial Treasurer, the Auditor General, and by such other person or persons as the Governor in Council shall authorize and direct And the names of such other persons so to be authorized to sign such Bills shall be registered in the Treasury, and published in the *Government Gazette* before any Treasury Bills so signed shall be issued.

How principal
sums to be paid
Date of Bills and
rate of Interest

3 All such Treasury Bills shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one and progressing arithmetically by units.

4 All principal moneys for which any such Treasury Bills may be made out shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and shall bear interest payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding four pounds per centum per annum in respect of such principal moneys Such interest shall be chargeable upon, and be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

Treasury Bills
may be issued on
certain dates
Annual amount
to be paid to
extinguish
Treasury Bills

5 All such Treasury Bills may be issued on such dates and for such amounts and periods of currency as the Governor in Council may direct, and may be renewed from time to time until the said Deficiency Debt be extinguished.

Defaced Bills
may be
exchanged.

6 On the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of a Special Trust Fund Account in a Bank doing the Government business, and the like sum shall be paid to the said Special Trust Fund Account annually thereafter, for the purpose of paying off the said Treasury Bills, until such bills are finally extinguished; and the Colonial Treasurer shall, from time to time, out of such Special Trust Fund pay off and redeem such Treasury Bills to the extent to which there may be moneys to the credit of such Special Trust Fund Account.

Application of
moneys raised
by Treasury
Bills
Provision for
Bills lost, &c

7 In case any such Treasury Bill shall be defaced by accident the Colonial Treasurer may cancel the same, and cause a new Bill to be made in the Treasury in lieu thereof, and such cancelled Bill shall be filed in the Treasury. And such new Bill shall have the like currency, and be in all respects subject to the same rules, methods, and continuance, and bear the same number, date, and principal sum, and rate of interest as such cancelled Bill.

Cancelling of
discharged
Bills

8 The Colonial Treasurer may from time to time issue and apply towards the extinction of the said Deficiency Debt any sum or sums of money produced by any such Treasury Bills.

Power to
trustees to
invest.

9 Upon proof being made on oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court by any credible person that any Treasury Bill issued under this Act and held by him, the number and sum whereof shall be specified by him in his evidence, has been lost or accidentally burnt or otherwise destroyed before the same shall have been paid off, and upon such Judge certifying that he is satisfied with such proof, the Colonial Treasurer may cause a new Bill to be made in the Treasury bearing the same number, date, principal sum, and rate of interest as the Bill so lost or destroyed, and to be delivered to such person upon his giving sufficient security to the Colonial Treasurer to indemnify the Treasury against any double payment if the missing Bill shall thereafter be presented for payment

Moneys raised to
form part of
Consolidated
Revenue
Commencement,
short title, and
interpretation.

10 All Treasury Bills issued under the authority of this Act which shall be paid off and discharged, and all defaced Bills as aforesaid, shall be cancelled And after being so cancelled, and the accounts thereof audited and allowed, and the cheques, indents, and counterfoils delivered back into the Treasury, all such Bills, together with such cheques, indents, and counterfoils, shall be burned or otherwise destroyed under the authority of the Colonial Treasurer.

11 All Treasury Bills made out or issued under the authority of this Act shall be "Government Securities" within the meaning of the Act twenty-six Victoria number twelve (the "Trust Property Act of 1862") and of the Act seventeen Victoria number twenty-six or any Act in force for the time being relating to Friendly Societies; and all corporations, companies, or co partnerships, and all trustees, executors, and administrators, whether incorporated, established, or appointed before or after the passing of this Act not expressly forbidden to invest their funds in the purchase of Government Stock or securities by their charter Act of Incorporation, deed of settlement, or of partnership, trust, deed, settlement, testamentary, or other instrument whatsoever respectively, are hereby authorised and empowered to invest such funds in the purchase of and to hold Treasury Bills issued under or for the purposes of this Act without incurring or committing any breach of trust or of any condition, restriction, or provision contained in any such Act, charter, or other instrument whatsoever as aforesaid.

12 All such sums of money as shall be raised by Treasury Bills to be issued under the authority of this Act shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

13 This Act may be cited as the "Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889," and in its construction the expression "Governor in Council" shall mean the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council And when any Government officer is mentioned, the person for the time being duly authorised to act for such officer shall be taken to be included.

H 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 12.

Yes.

	Receipts, exclusive of proceeds of Treasury Bills (new issue.)			Expenditure, inclusive of payments in redemption of Bills (old issue).			Difference.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	5,259,419	6	9	5,094,085	2	3	Cr.	165,334	4	6
Twelve " " " 1896	9,378,807	19	8	9,951,935	2	11	Dr.	573,127	3	3
" " " " 1897	9,468,334	11	7	9,681,804	6	10	Dr.	213,469	16	3
" " " " 1898	9,747,679	11	1	9,739,619	2	3	Cr.	8,060	9	10
" " " " 1899	9,961,678	3	3	9,970,493	16	9	Dr.	8,815	13	6
Totals £	43,815,919	12	4	44,437,937	11	0	Dr.	622,017	18	8
Deficiency on 31st December, 1894, as per Auditor-General's report				2,735,511	8	11				
" 30th June, 1899 " " " "				2,757,529	7	7				
Increase during four and a half years	£			22,017	18	8				
Nominal payments in redemption of Treasury Bills (old issue), 53 Vic. No. 9				600,000	0	0				
Represents practically a deficiency of £622,017 18s. 8d. for the four and a half years	£			622,017	18	8				
<i>Reconciliation.</i>										
Receipts, 1 January, 1895, to 30 June, 1899				43,815,919	12	4				
Disbursements " " " "	43,837,937	11	0							
Add four annual payments of £150,000 in redemption of Treasury Bills (old issue), 53 Vic. No. 9	600,000	0	0	44,437,937	11	0				
Deficiency as above, exclusive of Suspense Accounts—				622,017	18	8				
Deficiency, as above				622,017	18	8				
Debit Balance, Suspense Accounts				161,444	13	1				
Represents practically a deficiency of £460,573 5s. 7d. for the four and a half years				£460,573	5	7				
DEFICIENCY, 30TH JUNE, 1899.										
INCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.										
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899				2,757,529	7	7				
Less—Statutory obligation in redemption of Treasury Bills during period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, which was complied with "nominally" only				600,000	0	0				
Deficiency on 30th June, 1899, if statutory obligations had been met (that is if the annual redemptions had been <i>absolute</i>)								£2,157,529	7	7
EXCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.										
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899				2,757,529	7	7				
Less—Suspense Accounts, 30th June, 1899				696,468	13	3				
				£2,061,060	14	4				
Less—Statutory obligation in redemption of Treasury Bills during period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, which was complied with "nominally" only				600,000	0	0				
Deficiency on 30th June, 1899, if the statutory obligation had been met (that is if the annual redemptions had been <i>absolute</i>)								£1,461,060	14	4

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT TO H 2.

(As desired by Mr. Yarwood.)

	Receipts, exclusive of proceeds of Treasury bills (old and new issues).			Disbursements, inclusive of payments in redemption of bills (old issue).			Difference.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1890	9,957,411	0	11	10,196,975	0	0	Dr.	239,563	19	1
1891	10,184,875	5	3	10,951,437	1	4	Dr.	766,561	16	1
1892	10,903,380	4	9	11,033,803	17	9	Dr.	130,423	13	0
1893	10,280,526	18	6	10,688,073	18	9	Dr.	407,547	0	3
1894	9,905,712	8	3	9,997,066	1	3	Dr.	91,353	13	0
1895 (six months)	5,259,419	6	9	5,094,085	2	3	Cr.	165,334	4	6
1895-6	9,378,807	19	8	9,951,935	2	11	Dr.	573,127	3	3
1896-7	9,468,334	11	7	9,681,804	6	10	Dr.	213,469	16	3
1897-8	9,747,679	11	1	9,739,619	2	3	Cr.	8,060	9	10
1898-9	9,961,678	3	3	9,970,493	16	9	Dr.	8,815	13	6
	£95,047,825	10	0	97,305,293	10	1	Dr.	2,257,468	0	1
<i>Reconciliation.</i>										
Deficiency on 31st December, 1889, as per Auditor-General's Report								1,850,061	7	6
" 30th June, 1899 " " " "								2,757,529	7	7
								907,468	0	1
Add—Nine instalments of £150,000 in redemption of Treasury Bills during period 1890 to 1898-9								1,350,000	0	0
Represents practically a deficiency of £2,257,468 0s. 1d. for the nine and half years								£2,257,468	0	1

H 2—continued.

DEFICIENCY, 30 JUNE, 1899, IF STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS HAD BEEN MET.		£	s.	d.
INCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.				
Actual deficiency, 30th June, 1899		2,757,529	7	7
Less—Statutory obligation in redemption of Treasury Bills during period 1st January, 1890, to 30th June, 1899, which was complied with “nominally” only		1,350,000	0	0
Deficiency on 30th June, 1899, if statutory obligation had been met (that is if the Annual Redemption had been <i>absolute</i>)				£1,407,529 7 7
EXCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.				
Actual deficiency, 30th June, 1899		2,757,529	7	7
Less—Suspense Accounts, 30th June, 1899		696,468	13	3
		2,061,060	14	4
Less—Statutory obligation in redemption of Treasury Bills during period 1st January, 1890, to 30th June, 1899, which was complied with “nominally” only		1,350,000	0	0
Deficiency on 30th June, 1899, if statutory obligation had been met (that is if the annual redemption had been <i>absolute</i>)				£711,060 14 4

I 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 13.

DEFICIENCY, 30 June, 1899.

Inclusive of Suspense Accounts—			
Working Balance	Cr.	£ 116,523	5 8
Suspense Accounts.....	Dr.	696,468	13 3
Outstanding Treasury Bills.....	Dr.	2,177,584	0 0
Total	Dr.	£2,757,529	7 7
Exclusive of Suspense Accounts—			
Working Balance	Cr.	£116,523	5 8
Outstanding Treasury Bills.....	Dr.	2,177,584	0 0
Total	Dr.	£2,061,060	14 4
Deficiency, including London Payments not brought to Account—			
Deficiency, including Suspense Accounts.....		£2,757,529	7 7
Net payments during 1899, not brought to Account till after 31 June, 1899		201,646	5 0
Total		£2,959,175	12 7

J 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 14.

ANSWER Question 14 as it is put; but I must add that such implies that the amount, £600,000, payable in redemption of Treasury Bills, was due on 31st December, 1894, and that the credit of Accrued Interest of period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, was also available on 31st December, 1894.

INCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.

Deficiency, 31st December, 1894	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bills redeemed during period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899.....	600,000	0	0	2,735,511	8	11
Accrued Interest, &c., received, 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899	398,622	5	0			
				998,622	5	0
Deficiency as adjusted				1,736,889	3	11
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899				2,757,529	7	7
Increase of Deficiency during 4½ years				£1,020,640	3	8
EXCLUSIVE OF SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS.						
Deficiency, 31st December, 1894.....				2,200,487	8	9
Bills redeemed during period 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899.....	600,000	0	0			
Accrued Interest, &c., received, 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899	398,622	5	0			
				998,622	5	0
Deficiency as adjusted				1,201,865	3	9
Actual Deficiency, 30th June, 1899				2,061,060	14	4
Increase of Deficiency during 4½ years				£859,195	10	7

K 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 15.

	* Receipts.			* Disbursements.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Dr. Balance 31st December, 1894							Dr. 447,603	8 9
Six months, 1895	5,259,419	6	9	4,961,156	0	9		
Twelve months 1895-6	9,378,768	16	7	9,926,239	4	3		
„ „ 1896-7	9,468,334	11	7	9,677,728	6	9		
„ „ 1897-8	9,747,207	11	8	9,739,441	6	4		
„ „ 1898-9	9,960,755	2	8	9,970,493	16	9		
	<u>£43,814,485</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>44,275,058</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>		
							Dr. 460,573	5 7
Dr. Balance if Proceeds of New Issue Treasury Bills (59 Vic. No. 22) had not been credited							Dr. 908,176	14 4
Amount of Proceeds of Bills credited							Cr. 1,024,700	0 0
Credit Balance, 30th June, 1899, after proceeds had been taken into Revenue							Cr. £116,523	5 8

* Exclusive of Suspense Accounts.

L 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 20.

(Treasury figures.)

On account of	Paid in 1892.	Paid in 1893.	Paid in 1894.	Paid in 1895.	Paid in 1895-6.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1892	9,648,603 12 11	1,115,496 6 6	90,933 14 3	8,681 12 0	* 3,010 18 10	10,866,731 4 6
1893	.....	8,966,258 0 7	611,289 8 11	83,899 8 4	155,429 8 10	9,816,876 6 8
1894	.....	.....	8,778,224 14 11	772,224 0 6	144,081 2 7	9,694,529 18 0
1895	.....	.....	.....	4,059,535 2 6	650,285 18 8	4,709,821 1 2
					Amount charged to proceeds of Treasury Bills	952,807 8 11
1895-6	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,899,411 8 7	8,899,411 8 7
Totals	£ 9,648,603 12 11	10,081,754 7 1	9,480,452 18 1	4,924,340 3 4	9,852,218 17 6	43,987,369 18 11

* Includes £57 5s. 1d., payments on account of 1891.

	£
Average Annual Expenditure for the period 1892-5 paid on account of each year	10,025,130
Expenditure during period 1895-6 (on account of 1895-6)	8,899,411
Expenditure below the average of previous years	£1,125,719

	£
Paid within 1892.....	9,648,604
„ 1893.....	10,081,754
„ 1894.....	9,480,453
„ 1895, six months	4,924,340

$34,135,151 \div 3\frac{1}{2} = 9,752,900$

£9,752,900 = Average of total expenditure made during each year for 3½ years (1st January, 1892, to 30th June, 1895) irrespective of period of service.

£8,899,411 = Expenditure during 1895-6.

£853,489 Expenditure below the average of previous years.

M 2.

[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit]

QUESTION 22.

Yes

	£	s	d	£	s	d.
Debit Balance, 31st December, 1894				Dr	447,603	8 9
Six months, 1895—						
Balance, exclusive of Accrued Interest	Dr	72,718	1 5			
Add—Accrued Interest	Cr	370,981	7 5			
				Cr	298,263	6 0
Balance 30th June, 1895				Dr	149,340	2 9
Net proceeds of Treasury Bills (new issue) credited March, 1896					1,024,700	0 0
Proceeds of Bills, available for payments during 1895-6 and 1896-7, for services of 1895 and previous years					875,359	17 3
Balance 1895-6	Dr	547,470	7 8			
,, 1896-7	Dr	209,393	15 2			
,, 1897-8	Cr	7,766	5 4			
,, 1898-9	Dr	9,738	14 1			
				Dr	758,836	11 7
Credit Balance at 30 June, 1899					£116,523	5 8

Expended during 1895-6 and 1896-7, on account of 1894 and previous years

Paid n	On account, 1892	On account, 1893	On account, 1894	Total
	£ s d.	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
1895-6	2,953 13 9	155,429 8 10	144,081 2 7	302,464 5 2
1896-7	1,359 7 9		360 0 0	1,719 7 9
	4,313 1 6	155,429 8 10	144,441 2 7	304,183 12 11

Expended during 1895-6 and 1896-7, on account of six months to June, 1895

	£ s d.
1895-6	650,285 18 8
1896-7	2,009 13 6
	£652,295 12 2

The proceeds of Bills included in the receipts of 1895-6, available for payment on account of Liabilities 1895 (June) and previous years, amounted to £875,359 17s 3d. The payments made during 1895-6 and 1896-7 (at which latter late the payments on account of old system ceased) amounted to—

	£ s d
1895-6	304,183 12 11
1896-7	652,295 12 2
Total	£956,479 5 1

On superficial investigation it would appear that the proceeds available, £875,359 17s 3d, were inadequate to meet the payments, £956,479 5s 1d. Not so—as the shortage in the cash is explained by the fact that the figures were influenced by operations in Temporary Advance Account, while the payments from proceeds of Treasury Bills were subsequently reduced by repayments to Credit of Votes

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[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq, Chief Examiner, Department of Audit]

QUESTION 25

Assented to	Proportion of amounts in Loan Appropriations to be redeemed by Accumulated Annual Sinking Funds	Remarks
1894 ..	£ 193,065	Etc, few—Payments passed for Repairs and Furniture.
1895 ...	222,255	Etc, few—Payments passed for Repairs and Furniture—Bridges, Roads Formation, and Wood Blocks appear for first time in Sinking Fund Loans.
1896	208,123	Etc, numerous—Works Department endeavoured to pass Furniture, but objected to by Audit Department. Objection subsequently met by insertion in 61 Vic, 43, of general heading 'Fittings'. Payments passed for Clearing Lands, Re-laying Wood Blocks, Bridges, Governor Phillip's Statue Foundations, Repairs Court houses, &c
1897	224,747	Etc, numerous—the following heading inserted in this Loan Act embraces all and sundry "Public Buildings generally—Erection, Additions, Alterations, Fittings, &c" Payments passed for Steam Launch for use Water Police, Purchase Arms and Ammunition, Purchase Steam Launch Towage Purposes for Mercantile Explosives, Bridges, Punts, Repairs to Court houses, &c
1898 .	333,650	Etc, numerous—Fittings added in one case—Payments passed for Bridges and Repairs Court houses
1899	145,540	Etc, inserted in comparatively few cases—Fittings still added, in some cases to meet objections of Audit Department—Payments passed for Roads, Bridges, Repairs Court-houses, &c
Total	£1,332,380	

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QUESTION 26.

(a) Inclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.

	Receipts, exclusive of proceeds of Bills. (New Issue.)		Payments, exclusive of payments in Redemption of Bills.		Difference.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	5,259,419	6 9	5,094,085	2 3	Cr. 165,334	4 6
Twelve months ended 30th June, 1896	9,378,807	19 8	9,801,935	2 11	Dr. 423,127	3 3
" " " 1897	9,468,334	11 7	9,531,804	6 10	Dr. 63,469	16 3
" " " 1898	9,747,679	11 1	9,589,619	2 3	Cr. 158,060	9 10
" " " 1899	9,961,678	3 3	9,820,493	16 9	Cr. 141,184	6 6
£	43,815,919	12 4	43,837,937	11 0	Dr. 22,017	18 8

Amount Deficiency Debt, 31st December, 1894	£	s. d.
2,735,511	8	11
Add Excess Payments during four and a half years (1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899)	22,017	18 8

Deficiency, 30th June, 1899 (as per Auditor-General's Report) £2,757,529 7 7

NOTE.—Answer to Question 12 should be read in conjunction with the figures herewith, as the former statement (12) includes the same figures, and also the amount of statutory obligations in connection with the redemption of Treasury Bills.

(b) Exclusive of Special Suspense Accounts.

	Receipts, exclusive of proceeds of Bills and Suspense Accounts.		Disbursements, exclusive of payments in Redemption of Bills and Suspense Accounts.		Difference.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Six months ended 30th June, 1895	5,259,419	6 9	4,961,156	0 9	Cr. 298,263	6 0
Twelve months ended 30th June, 1896	9,378,768	16 7	9,776,239	4 3	Dr. 397,470	7 8
" " " 1897	9,468,334	11 7	9,527,728	6 9	Dr. 59,393	15 2
" " " 1898	9,747,207	11 8	9,589,441	6 4	Cr. 157,766	5 4
" " " 1899	9,960,755	2 8	9,820,493	16 9	Cr. 140,261	5 11
£	43,814,485	9 3	43,675,058	14 10	Cr. 139,426	14 5

Amount Deficiency Debt, 31st December, 1894	£	s. d.
2,735,511	8	11
Less—		
Excess Receipts during four and a half years (1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899)	139,426	14 5

Deficiency as adjusted £2,596,084 14 6

(c) Inclusive of Suspense Accounts, and transfer from Sinking Fund.

Amount, Deficiency Debt, 31st December, 1894	£	s. d.
2,735,511	8	11
Add Excess Payments during period (1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899)	22,017	18 8
	£2,757,529	7 7
Amount transferred from Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24	150,000	0 0
Deficiency, 30th June, 1899, as adjusted	£2,907,529	7 7

Exclusive of Suspense Accounts.

Amount, Deficiency Debt, 31st December, 1894	2,735,511	8	11
Less—			
Excess Receipts during period (1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899)	139,426	14	5
	2,596,084	14	6
Amount transferred from Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24	150,000	0	0
Deficiency, 30th June, 1899, as adjusted	£2,746,084	14	6

Answer to (d) cannot be stated without considerable labour in compilation.

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[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 27.

	Working Balance—			Suspense Accounts.	Outstanding Bills.	Total Deficiency, exclusive of Net Payments in London not brought to account at close of Year.	Net Payments in London not brought to account during Financial Year.	* Total Deficiency to be made good in the future.							
	As per Treasury.	Adjustment by Audit Department.	As per Audit Department.												
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.							
30 June, 1896	476,530	1 10	1,359	7 9	477,889	9 7	693,609	17 3	2,777,584	2,993,304	7 8	201,401	2 1	3,194,705	9 9
" 1897	114,444	16 6	4,050	17 11	118,495	14 5	697,685	17 4	2,477,584	3,056,774	2 11	233,701	11 9	3,295,475	14 8
" 1898	122,211	1 10	4,050	17 11	126,261	19 9	697,391	13 10	2,327,584	2,898,713	14 1	199,876	8 11	3,098,590	3 0
" 1899	116,523	5 8	.....		116,523	5 8	696,468	13 3	2,177,584	2,757,529	7 7	201,646	5 0	2,959,175	12 7

* Exclusive of payments by Bank of New South Wales, not brought to account at respective dates.

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[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

QUESTION 29.

Ledger and Cash Balances, 31st December, 1894—31st January, 1900.

Date.	General Trust Funds.			Public Schools Account—61 Vic. 20.	Net Ledger Balance.	Cash Balance—General Trust Funds and Public Schools Account.	Shortage in Cash caused by withdrawals on account of payments for Revenue Services.
	Uninvested Balance.	Net payments in London not brought to account at close of Financial Year.	Net Uninvested Balance.				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	(1 less 2) £ s. d.	£ s. d.	(3 added to 4) £ s. d.	£ s. d.	(5 less 6) £ s. d.
31 Dec., 1894...	2,619,496 17 5	2,735 8 2	2,616,761 9 3	.....	2,616,761 9 3	1,398,140 11 11	1,218,620 17 4
30 June, 1895...	2,116,901 3 8	4,795 8 5	2,112,105 15 3	.....	2,112,105 15 3	1,067,035 5 8	1,045,070 9 7
30 „ 1896...	788,468 7 2	16,478 10 7	771,989 16 7	.....	771,989 16 7	353,508 19 1	418,480 17 6
30 „ 1897...	2,024,293 7 8	45,511 2 6	1,978,782 5 2	.....	1,978,782 5 2	1,160,890 10 6	817,891 14 8
30 „ 1898...	1,558,554 1 7	44,938 19 5	1,513,615 2 2	154,568 8 3	1,668,183 10 5	897,177 7 5	771,006 3 0
30 „ 1899...	1,730,432 6 4	46,016 16 6	1,684,415 9 10	78,125 15 2	1,762,541 5 0	980,949 12 5	781,591 12 7
14 Sept., 1899...	1,900,214 14 11	50,783 13 5	1,849,431 1 6	73,375 11 2	1,922,806 12 8	990,624 13 10	932,181 18 10
31 Jan., 1900...	2,410,092 3 1	Cr. 136,006 6 9	2,546,098 9 10	63,386 15 5	2,609,485 5 3	1,554,193 0 0	1,055,292 5 3
28 Feb., 1900...	2,653,469 6 7	Cr. 187,567 9 10	2,841,036 16 5	63,386 15 5	2,904,423 11 10	1,854,544 16 0	1,019,878 15 10

Payments (chiefly on account of Revenue Services) by Bank New South Wales, not transferred to Public Account at date shown against Balances.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
31 December, 1894, includes Trust Fund payments	460 3 2	3,200 7 0
30 June, 1895	819 0 9	12,029 6 10
30 June, 1896	297 2 7	10,186 19 4
30 June, 1897	310 14 2	10,921 19 11
30 June, 1898	294 3 11	6,990 13 3
30 June, 1899	681 2 3	12,299 19 11
14 September, 1899	4,613 7 10	126,367 0 0
31 January, 1900	4,690 6 8	21,549 16 11
28 February, 1900	4,906 17 9	133,757 1 3

Shortage in cash caused by withdrawals on account of payments for Revenue Services, inclusive of payments on account of Revenue Services, by Bank New South Wales, not transferred to Public Account on dates below :—

	£ s. d.
31 December, 1894	1,221,361 1 2
30 June, 1895	1,056,280 15 8
30 „ 1896	428,370 14 3
30 „ 1897	828,503 0 5
30 „ 1898	777,702 12 4
30 „ 1899	793,210 10 3
14 September, 1899	1,053,935 11 0
31 January, 1900	1,072,151 15 6
28 February, 1900	1,148,728 19 4

GENERAL Trust Funds.

Gross Balance of General Trust Funds, 31 December, 1894—31 January, 1900.
„ Government Savings Bank, 31 December, 1894—31 January, 1900.
„ Savings Bank, New South Wales, 31 December, 1894—31 January, 1900.

Date.	Total Gross Balance General Trust Funds.	Deposits—Government Savings Bank Account.	Balance—Deposits Savings Bank, New South Wales, Barrack-street.	Remarks.
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
31 December, 1891	4,514,947 10 8	2,125,025 0 6	590,000 0 0	Annual increase in column (1) due in a very large measure to additions to Deposits shown in columns (2) and (3).
31 „ 1892	3,906,300 3 11	2,325,150 6 0	350,000 0 0	
31 „ 1893	5,095,995 17 11	3,171,462 2 7	350,000 0 0	
31 „ 1894	5,722,214 9 8	3,532,047 17 2	775,000 0 0	
30 June, 1895	6,219,618 15 11	3,732,799 6 6	1,080,000 0 0	
30 „ 1896	6,795,457 0 4	4,090,893 11 10	1,265,000 0 0	
30 „ 1897	8,066,698 0 10	4,436,737 5 6	2,165,000 0 0	
30 „ 1898	7,968,550 14 9	4,729,697 9 7	2,165,000 0 0	
30 „ 1899	8,610,703 19 6	5,108,163 11 8	2,415,000 0 0	
14 September, 1899	8,787,986 8 1	5,262,306 16 0	2,465,000 0 0	
31 January, 1900	9,147,863 16 3	5,458,264 18 7	2,640,000 0 0	
28 February, 1900	9,391,240 19 9	5,531,674 7 2	2,640,000 0 0	

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PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 28th February, 1900.

(Consolidated Revenue Fund, Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20, and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney—									
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.).....	206,717	4	5						
City Bank of Sydney.....	6,657	17	6						
" " Fixed Deposit	35,000	0	0						
Bank of New South Wales	1,490,146	13	10						
Cash in hands of Receiver.....				1,738,521	15	9			
Payments made from Public Account during January and February, 1900, on account of Loan Services in London				10,000	0	0			
				4,665	18	11			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney.....							1,753,187	14	8
Balances in Banks, London—									
London and Westminster Bank, 31st Dec., 1899 £278,709 8 6)									
Payments in January brought to Account	86,907	18	6						
by Cable before 28th February..... 191,801 10 0)									
Bank of England, 31st December, 1899	9,842	10	6						
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	100,000	0	0	96,750	9	0			
Less Payments made in London prior to 28th February, 1900, not brought to Account in Sydney till after 28th Feb., 1900...	65,393	7	8	34,606	12	4			
Actual Cash Balance in London							131,357	1	4
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account							1,884,544	16	0

LEDGER BALANCES.

28th February, 1900.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) General Trust Funds—									
Gross Credit Balance							9,391,240	19	9
Deduct—									
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Account—									
unsecured							1,500,000	0	0
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities				5,556,325	13	2			
Less Special Trusts, viz.—									
Master in Equity	276,770	0	0						
Master in Lunacy	41,784	0	0						
				318,554	0	0			
(c) Net Receipts credited in London during Jan.—Feb., 1900				5,237,771	13	2			
				187,567	9	10			
Net Ledger Balance at Credit of General Trust Funds							5,050,204	3	4
(2) Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20							63,386	15	5
Net Ledger Balance—Public Account							2,904,423	11	10
Total Cash Credit Balance, Public Account, as per foregoing statement							1,884,544	16	0
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 28th February, 1900							1,019,878	15	10

Reconciliation.—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Revenue Fund—						
Working Account—						
Debit Balance	101,748	11	0			
Net Payments in London, January and February, 1900	248,294	18	7			
Debit Balance.....				350,043	9	7
Debit Balance, General Post Office Resumption Account.....				441,418	8	7
" " Centennial Park				228,416	17	8
Cash Overdraft, 28th February, 1900				1,019,878	15	10
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to Account				128,850	3	6
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 28th February, 1900 ...				£1,148,728	19	4

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PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 31st January, 1900.

(Consolidated Revenue Fund, Public Schools Account, and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney—									
New South Wales	1,266,436	17	10						
Commercial Banking Company, Sydney (Limited)	191,972	18	8						
City Bank	8,567	6	4						
„ Fixed Deposit	40,000	0	0						
				1,506,977	2	10			
Payments made from Public Account during December, 1899—									
January, 1900, on account of Loan Services in London				498	3	5			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							1,507,475	6	3
Balances in Banks, London—									
London and Westminster Bank, 30th November, 1899	315,256	4	6						
Bank of England, 30th November, 1899	42	3	2						
				315,298	7	8			
Less Payments made in London, December, 1899	193,726	0	0						
Less Payments not brought to Account in Sydney till after 31st January, 1900	69	1	10						
				193,656	18	2			
				121,641	9	6			
Less Net Payments, December, 1899, and January, 1900				74,923	15	9			
Actual Cash Balance in London							46,717	13	9
Total Cash Balance at credit of Public Account at 31st January, 1900							£1,554,193	0	0

LEDGER BALANCES.

31st January, 1900.

(1) General Trust Funds—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Credit Balance				9,147,863	16	3
Deduct—						
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Account—unsecured				1,500,000	0	0
				7,647,863	16	3
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities	5,556,325	13	2			
Less Special Trusts—						
Master in Equity	£276,770					
Master in Lunacy	41,784					
				318,554	0	0
				5,237,771	13	
Net Credit in London not brought to account				2,410,092	3	1
				136,006	6	9
Ledger Balance at credit General Trust Funds				2,546,098	9	10
Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20				63,386	15	5
Ledger Credit Balance, Public Account				2,609,485	5	3
Total Cash Credit Balance, Public Account, as above				1,554,193	0	0
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 31st January, 1900				1,055,292	5	3

Reconciliation.—Distribution of Deficit.

Consolidated Revenue Fund—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Working Account—						
Dr. Balance, 31st January, 1900	148,569	19	11			
Dr. Balance General Post Office Resumption Account	467,873	8	7			
„ „ Centennial Park Account	228,416	17	8			
Net Payments in London, December, 1899, and January, 1900	210,431	19	1			
Cash Overdraft, 31st January, 1900				1,055,292	5	3
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to Account				16,859	10	3
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 31st January, 1900				1,072,151	15	6

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CASH BALANCES.

PUBLIC ACCOUNT, 14 September, 1899 (just prior to change of Ministry).
(Consolidated Revenue Fund, Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 2), and General Trust Funds.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney—Less Unpresented Cheques—									
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Ltd.)	61,642	5	4						
City Bank of Sydney	6,721	7	9						
" " Fixed Deposit	60,000	0	0						
Bank of New South Wales	112,533	6	9						
				240,896	19	10			
Payments made from Public Account, 1st July, 1899, to 14th September, 1899, on account of Loan Services in London				7,186	17	0			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							248,033	16	10
Balances in Banks, London—									
London and Westminster Bank, 30th June, 1899.....	9,645	13	8						
Bank of England, 30th June, 1899	213,266	13	2						
				222,912	6	10			
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	860,540	12	1						
Less Net Payments made in London to 14th September, 1899, not brought to account in Sydney until after 14th September, 1899	340,912	1	11	519,628	10	2			
Actual Cash Balance in London							742,540	17	0
Total Cash Balance at credit of Public Account at 14th September, 1899				£			990,624	13	10

LEDGER BALANCES.

14th September, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1.) General Trust Funds—									
Gross Credit Balance							8,787,986	8	1
Deduct—									
(a) Advances made to General Loan Account—unsecured							1,500,000	0	0
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities.....				5,706,325	13	2	7,287,986	8	1
Less Special Trusts, viz. :—									
Master in Equity	276,770	0	0						
Master in Lunacy.....	41,784	0	0	318,554	0	0			
(c) Net payments made in London, 1st July to 14th September, 1899				5,387,771	13	2	5,438,555	6	7
Net Ledger Balance at credit General Trust Funds							1,849,431	1	6
(2.) Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20—									
Credit Balance							73,375	11	2
Net Ledger Credit Balance, Public Account							1,922,806	12	8
Total Cash Credit Balance, Public Account, as per statement above.....							990,624	13	10
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 14th September, 1899.....				£			932,181	18	10

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance as per Special Audit, 14th September, 1899	47,236	7	11
Less—			
Net payments, July, August, to 14th September inclusive, not brought to account till after 14th September, 1899	282,941	11	6
General Post Office Resumption Account	Dr. 235,705	3	7
Centennial Park Account	Dr. 468,059	17	7
Cash Overdraft, 14th September, 1900	Dr. 228,416	17	8
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account	932,181	18	10
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 14th September, 1900	121,753	12	2
	£1,053,935	11	0

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PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 30 June, 1899.

(Consolidated Revenue Fund, Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20, and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney—									
Commercial Banking Cy. of Sydney, Ltd.	95,267	16	1						
City Bank of Sydney	7,498	16	9						
Ditto Fixed Deposit.....	75,000	0	0						
	177,766	12	10						
Less—Bank of New South Wales—Overdraft	103,534	6	4						
				74,232	6	6			
Cash in hands of Receiver				22,000	0	0			
Payments made from Public Account during May-June, 1899, on account Loan Services in London				9,344	17	0			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							£105,577	3	6
Balances in Banks, London—									
London and Westminster Bank, 30 April, 1899	127,417	18	8						
Bank of England, 30 April, 1899	1,345	13	3						
				128,763	11	11			
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	1,003,616	15	6						
Less Payments made in London prior to 30 June, 1899, but not brought to account in Sydney till after 30 June, 1899—									
March-April, 1899	£1,156	13	5						
May-June (net), 1899	255,851	5	1						
	257,007	18	6						
				746,608	17	0			
Actual Cash Balance in London.....							£875,372	8	11
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account at 30 June, 1899.....							£980,949	12	5

Reconciliation.

	£	s.	d.	
Credit Balance—General Trust Funds	1,684,415	17	10	
„ Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20.....	78,125	15	2	
Debit Balance—Consolidated Revenue Fund	781,592	0	7	
				£980,949 12 5

LEDGER BALANCES.

30th June, 1899.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1.) General Trust Funds—						
Gross Credit Balance				8,610,703	19	6
Deduct—						
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Account—unsecured				1,500,000	0	0
				7,110,703	19	6
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities.....	5,698,825	13	2			
Less Special Trusts, viz. :—						
Master in Equity	£276,770					
Master in Lunacy	41,784					
	318,554	0	0			
	5,380,271	13	2			
(c) Net Payments made in London during May-June, 1899	46,016	16	6			
				5,426,288	9	8
Net Ledger Balance at Credit of General Trust Funds.....				1,684,415	9	10
(2.) Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20—						
Credit Balance				78,125	15	2
Net Ledger Credit Balance Public Account	£			1,762,541	5	0
Total Cash Credit Balance, Public Account, as per Statement A.	£			980,949	12	5
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 30 June, 1899	£			781,591	12	7

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.	
Consolidated Revenue Fund—				
Working Account—				
Credit Balance—page 8, Public Accounts, 1898-9	116,523	5	8	
Less Payments in London, March-April, 1899	£1,156	13	5	
Net payments in London, May-June, 1899	200,489	11	7	
	201,646	5	0	
Debit Balance ..				85,122 19 4
Debit Balance—General Post Office Resumption Account				468,051 15 7
„ Centennial Park Account				228,416 17 8
Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1899.....				781,591 12 7
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account				11,618 17 8
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1899.....				£793,210 10 3

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS at 30 June, 1898.

(Consolidated Revenue Fund, Public Schools Account 61, Vic. No. 20, and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney— <i>Less</i> Unpresented Cheques :—									
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	365,720	17	7						
City Bank of Sydney	15,718	14	5						
" " Fixed Deposit	135,000	0	0						
	516,439	12	0						
<i>Less</i> —Bank New South Wales Overdraft	1,001,066	13	9						
Cash in hands of Receiver				484,627	1	9			
Payments made from Public Account, May-June, 1898, for Loan Services in London				48,439	18	1			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							409,911	0	5
Balances in Banks, London—									
Bank of England	907,321	10	2						
London and Westminster Bank	343,937	13	6						
				1,251,259	3	8			
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	326,920	15	9						
<i>Less</i> —Payments made in London prior to 30th June, 1898, but not brought to account in Sydney, till after 30th June, 1898:—									
April, 1898.....	£550	0	0						
May-June, 1898 (net)	270,441	11	7						
	271,091	11	7						
				55,829	4	2			
Actual Cash Balance in London							1,307,088	7	10
Total Cash Balance at credit of Public Account, at 30th June, 1899.....							£897,177	7	5

LEDGER BALANCES.

30th June, 1898.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Trust Funds—									
Gross Credit Balance							7,968,550	14	9
<i>Deduct</i> —									
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Fund—									
Unsecured							1,500,000	0	0
							6,468,550	14	9
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities				5,228,550	13	2			
<i>Less</i> —Special Trusts, viz. :—									
Master in Equity	276,770	0	0						
Master in Lunacy	41,784	0	0						
				318,554	0	0			
(c) Net payments made in London during May-June, 1898				4,909,996	13	2			
				44,938	19	5			
							4,954,935	12	7
Net Ledger Balance at credit of General Trust Funds							1,513,615	2	2
2. Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20—									
Credit Balance							154,568	8	3
Net Ledger Credit Balance—Public Account							1,668,183	10	5
Total Cash Credit Balance—Public Account, as per attached Statement.....							897,177	7	5
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances—Shortage in cash caused by withdrawals on account of payments for Revenue Services							771,006	3	0

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.
Working Account—			
Credit Balance, page 8, 1897-8	122,211	1	10
<i>Less</i> —Payments not brought to Account during 1897-8 :—			
April, 1898	650	0	0
May-June, 1898 (net)	199,226	8	11
	199,876	8	11
General Post Office Resumption Account	77,665	7	1
Centennial Park Account	468,974	16	2
Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1898	224,365	19	9
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account	771,006	3	0
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1898.....	6,696	9	4
	£777,702	12	

Q 2—continued.

PUBLIC ACCOUNT, 30th June, 1897.
(Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney—									
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	233,923	16	9						
City Bank of Sydney	5,203	6	9						
" " Fixed Deposit	150,000	0	0						
Bank of New South Wales "	300,000	0	0						
	689,124	3	6						
Less—Bank New South Wales—Overdraft	470,670	3	11						
							218,453	19	7
Cash in hands of Receiver							15,000	0	0
Payments made from Public Account during May–June on account of Loan Services in London							2,664	8	0
									236,118 7 7
Balances in Banks, London—									
Bank of England	2,984	5	3						
London and Westminster Bank	274,313	2	3						
							277,297	7	6
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	934	351	17	8					
Less—Payments made in London prior to 30th June, 1897, but not brought to account in Sydney till after 30th June, 1897.—									
September, 1896, to April, 1897	11,053	4	10						
May–June, 1897 (net)	275,826	17	5						
	286,877	2	3				647,474	15	5
Actual Cash Balance in London									924,772 2 11
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account at 30th June, 1897									£ 1,160,890 10 6

LEDGER BALANCES.

30th June, 1897.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Trust Funds—									
Gross Credit Balance							8,066,698	0	10
Deduct—									
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Account—									
Unsecured							1,500,000	0	0
									6,566,698 0 10
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities				4,860	958	13	2		
Less—Special Trusts, viz :—									
Master in Equity	276,770	0	0						
Master in Lunacy	41,784	0	0						
				318,554	0	0			
				4,542,404	13	2			
(c) Net Payments made in London, May–June, 1897				45,511	2	6			4,587,915 15 8
Net Ledger Balance at Credit of General Trust Funds							1,978,782	5	2
Total Cash Credit Balance, as per statement attached							1,160,890	10	6
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being shortage in cash caused by withdrawals on account of payments for Revenue Services									£ 817,891 14 8

Reconciliation.—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Working Account—							
Credit Balance—page 8—1896–7				114,444	16	6	
Less—Payments not brought to Account during 1896–7 :—							
To April, 1897	1,047	14	10				
May–June, 1897 (net)	237,653	16	11	238,701	11	9	
General Post Office Resumption Account				Dr.	124,256	15	3
Centennial Park Account				Dr.	469,262	19	8
					224,371	19	9
Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1897					817,891	14	8
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account					10,611	5	9
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1897					£ 828,503	0	5

Q 2—continued.

PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 30th June, 1896.
(Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balances in Banks, Sydney— <i>Less</i> Unpresented Cheques—										
City Bank of Sydney, 30 June, 1896	1,420	8	8							
" " " 30 " 1896—Fixed Deposit	150,000	0	0							
Bank New South Wales, 30 June, 1896— ..	400,000	0	0							
	551,420	8	8							
<i>Less</i> Bank New South Wales—Overdraft 30 June, 1896	2,870,612	2	8							
				Dr.	2,319,191	14	0			
Cash in hands of Receiver, 30 June, 1896				Cr.	15,890	16	8			
Payments made from Public Account, May—June, 1896, on account of Loan Services in London				Cr.	4,394	3	10			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							Dr.	2,298,906	13	6
Balances in Banks, London—										
London and Westminster Bank, 30 April, 1896	194,248	11	11							
Bank of England, 30 April, 1896	1,652,401	17	11							
					1,846,650	9	10			
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	1,028,038	19	3							
<i>Less</i> payments made in London prior to 30 June, 1896, but not brought to account in Sydney till after 30 June, 1896 :—										
December, 1895—March, 1896	£331	11	11							
May—June, 1896 (net)	221,942	4	7							
	222,273	16	6							
					85,765	2	9			
Actual Cash Balance in London								2,652,415	12	7
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account at 30 June, 1896								£353,508	19	1

LEDGER BALANCES.

30th June, 1896.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Trust Funds—									
Gross Credit Balance							6,795,457	0	4
<i>Deduct—</i>									
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Fund—									
Unsecured							1,500,000	0	0
(b) Amount invested in Government Securities					4,825,542	13	2		
<i>Less</i> Special Trusts, viz. :—									
Master in Equity	276,770	0	0						
Master in Lunacy	41,784	0	0						
					318,554	0	0		
(c) Net Payments made in London, May—June, 1896					4,506,988	13	2		
					16,478	10	7		
							4,523,467	3	9
Net Ledger Balance at Credit of General Trust Funds and Public Account							£771,989	16	7
Total Cash Credit Balance Public Account, as per attached Statement							353,508	19	1
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being Shortage in Cash caused by withdrawals on Account of Payments for Revenue Services							£418,480	17	6

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

	£	s.	d.	
Working Account—				
Credit Balance, page 8—1895-6	476,530	1	10	
<i>Less—</i>				
Payments not brought to account during 1895-6—				
December, 1895—March, 1896	£331	11	11	
May—June, 1896 (net)	201,069	10	2	
	201,401	2	1	
General Post Office Resumption Account	Cr.	275,128	19	9
Centennial Park Account	Dr.	469,237	17	6
	Dr.	224,371	19	9
Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1896		418,480	17	6
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account		9,889	16	9
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1896		£428,370	14	3

Q 2—continued.

PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 30 June, 1895.
(Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks, Sydney :—									
Bank of New South Wales—Fixed Deposits.....	687,500	0	0						
City Bank of Sydney— „	150,000	0	0						
	837,500	0	0						
Less—Bank of New South Wales—Overdraft	542,882	19	6						
				294,617	0	6			
Cash in hands of Receiver				21,502	15	5			
Payments made from Public Account during May–June, 1895, on account Loan Services in London				5,200	17	5			
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							321,320	13	4
Balances in Banks, London :—									
London and Westminster Bank, 30 April, 1895	51,903	14	11						
Bank of England, 30 April, 1895	10,386	6	4						
				62,290	1	3			
Remittances in transit to London, &c.	904,088	2	9						
Less—Payments made in London prior to 30 June, 1895, but not brought to account in Sydney till after 30 June, 1895 :—									
March–April	£	s.	d.						
May–June (net)	4,088	2	9						
	216,575	8	11						
				220,663	11	8			
Actual Cash Balance in London.....				683,424	11	1			
							745,714	12	4
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account at 30 June, 1895							£1,067,035	5	8

Reconciliation.

Credit Balance—General Trust Funds	£	s.	d.			
Debit Balance—Consolidated Revenue Fund	2,112,105	15	3			
	1,045,070	9	7			
				£1,067,035	5	8

LEDGER BALANCES.

30th June, 1895.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Trust Funds—						
Gross Credit Balance				6,219,618	15	11
Deduct—						
(a) Advances made in 1895 to General Loan Account—Unsecured				1,000,000	0	0
				5,219,618	15	11
(b) Amount Invested in Government Securities	3,446,501	12	3			
Less Special Trusts, viz. :—						
Master in Equity	£302,000					
Master in Lunacy	41,784			343,784	0	0
				3,102,717	12	3
(c) Net payments made in London during May–June, 1895				4,795	8	5
				3,107,513	0	8
Net Ledger Balance at Credit of General Trust Fund	£			2,112,105	15	3
Total Cash Credit Balance Public Account, as per Statement C.....	£			1,067,035	5	8
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 30 June, 1895	£			1,045,070	9	7

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

Consolidated Revenue Fund—				£	s.	d.
Debit Balance—Consolidated Revenue Fund Working Account.....				166,450	2	1
London Payments to 30 April, 1895, not brought to account, June, 1895.....				4,088	2	9
Do (Net) May–June, 1895				206,579	3	1
General Post Office Resumption Account				468,541	18	10
Centennial Park Account				199,411	2	10
Cash Overdraft, 30th June, 1895				£1,045,070	9	7
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account				11,210	6	1
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 30th June, 1895				£1,056,280	15	8

Q 2—continued.

PUBLIC ACCOUNT at 31 December, 1894.
(Consolidated Revenue Fund and General Trust Funds.)

CASH BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balances in Banks, Sydney—										
Bank of New South Wales—Fixed Deposits.....	875,000	0	0	.....					
City Bank of Sydney—Fixed Deposits	150,000	0	0	.....					
	1,025,000	0	0							
Less—Bank of New South Wales—Overdraft	974,064	2	1	.....					
					50,935	17	11			
Cash in hands of Receiver.....					15,000	0	0			
Payments made from Public Account during November-December, 1894, on account of Loan Services in London ...					Nil.					
Actual Cash Balance in Sydney							£	65,935	17	11
Balances in Banks, London—										
London and Westminster Bank, 31 October, 1894	61,183	15	1							
Bank of England, 31 October, 1894.....	539,383	8	11							
					600,567	4	0			
Remittances in transit to London, &c., including amounts not brought to account	953,254	15	4							
Less—Payments made in London prior to 31st December, 1894, but not brought into account in Sydney till after 31st December, 1894 :—										
November–December, 1894	£218,362	10	0							
Prior to 31 October, 1894.....	3,254	15	4							
	221,617	5	4							
					731,637	10	0			
Actual Cash Balance in London							£	1,332,204	14	0
Total Cash Balance at Credit of Public Account at 31st December, 1894.....							£	1,398,140	11	11

Reconciliation.

Credit Balance—General Trust Funds	£	s.	d.				
	2,616,761	9	3				
Debit Balance—Consolidated Revenue Fund	1,218,620	17	4				
				£1,3	8,140	11	11

LEDGER BALANCES.

31st December, 1894.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
General Trust Funds—							
Gross Credit Balance				5,722,214	9	8	
Deduct—							
Amount invested in Government Securities	3,446,501	12	3				
Less—							
(a) Special Trusts, viz. :—							
Master in Equity	£						
Master in Lunacy	302,000						
	41,784			343,784	0	0	
				3,102,717	12	3	
(b) Net Payments, London—November-December				2,735	8	2	
Net Ledger Balance, at Credit of General Trust Funds.....				£	2,616,761	9	3
Total Cash Credit Balance, Public Account, as per Statement E.....				£	1,398,140	11	11
Difference between Ledger and Cash Balances, being actual Cash Deficit, 31 Dec., 1894.....				£	1,218,620	17	4

Reconciliation—Distribution of Deficit.

Consolidated Revenue Fund :—							
Debit Balance—Consolidated Revenue Fund, Working Account	£	s.	d.				
Net London payments, November-December, 1894, not brought to account, December, 1894	464,715	0	0				
London payments, to 31 October, 1894, not brought to account, December, 1894 ...	215,627	1	10				
Debit Balance—General Post Office Resumption Account	3,254	15	4				
Do Centennial Park Account.....	335,612	17	4				
	199,411	2	10				
Cash Overdraft, 31st December, 1894					1,218,620	17	4
Payments by Bank of New South Wales not brought to account					2,740	3	10
Actual Cash Overdraft, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 31st December, 1894.....					£1,221,361	1	2

S 2.
 [To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]
 Actual Cash Balances.

QUESTION 41.

14 September, 1899—(Just prior to change of Ministry).

	Dr.	Cr.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sydney—			
Consolidated Revenue Fund	932,131 18 10		
Public Schools Account, 61 Vic. No. 20		73,375 11 2	
General Trust Funds		1,106,890 4 6	
General Loan Fund	156,244 2 3		
Advances to Settlers Act, No. 1 of 1899		161,422 6 8	
Total, Sydney	1,088,426 1 1	1,341,688 2 4	Cr. 253,262 1 3
London—			
Consolidated Revenue Fund		Nil.	
General Trust Funds		742,540 17 0	
Total, London			Cr. 742,540 17 0
Cash Credit Balance, 14 September, 1899			995,802 18 3

Cash Credit Balance, 14 September, 1899, as above £ s. d. 995,802 18 3
 Less—Payments, Bank of New South Wales not transferred to Public Account on 14 September, 1899 126,367 0 0
Actual Cash Credit Balance as adjusted, 14 September, 1899... 869,435 18 3

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 [To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]
 RECONCILIATION of Treasury Figures with those of Audit Department.
 TEMPORARY ISSUES RECOVERABLE.

Period.	Treasury Figures.	Add—	Deduct—	Audit Department Figures. Inclusive of Suspense Accounts.
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
RECEIPTS.				
1895.....	315,571 17 11	.....	.....	315,571 17 11
1895-6...	124,470 3 6	.....	.....	124,470 3 6
1896-7...	181,334 19 6	Adv. 1895-6, stamps, £142 18 7	Adv. to contrs., 1883, £14 18 3	181,492 16 4
1897-8...	265,111 12 1	Suspense Accounts, £471 19 5	.....	265,583 11 6
1898-9...	211,006 0 2	Adv. cash stamps, £25 0 0	Centl. Park Acc., £4,050 17 11	207,903 2 10
		Suspense Accounts, £923 0 7	.....
PAYMENTS.				
1895.....	1,036,801 7 6	Suspense Accounts, £132,929 1 6	Adv., Gen. Loan Fund, £1,000,000 0 0	169,730 9 0
1895-6...	599,755 8 6	.....	Suspense Accounts, 39 3 1	99,716 5 5
1896-7...	211,662 3 0	Cooma P. & A. Assn., £100 0 0	Suspense Accounts, £4,050 17 11	215,813 0 11
1897-8...	342,015 5 4	.....	Supn. Repeal Fund, £357 14 0	341,835 7 3
1898-9...	174,072 5 11	Expenditure, Susp. Acc. £62,388 16 11	Adv. cash stamps, £25 0 0	236,393 12 10
		.....	Prevn. scab in sheep, £92 10 0	

RECONCILIATION of Treasury Figures with those of Audit Department.
 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND AS A WHOLE.

Period.	Treasury Figures.	Add—	Deduct—	Audit Department Figures. Inclusive of Suspense Accounts.
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
RECEIPTS.				
1895.....	5,259,419 6 9	.....	Treas. Bills, Votes 1891 transferred to T. Fd., £15,750 11 7	5,259,419 6 9
1895-6...	10,569,253 11 3	.....	£1,174,700 0 0	9,378,807 19 8
1896-7...	9,469,693 19 4	.....	Post & Teleg'ph Office, Parramatta, £1,359 7 9	9,468,334 11 7
1897-8...	9,747,204 1 4	Suspense Accounts, £471 19 5	Sale Govt. Property, £3 10 4	9,747,679 11 1
1898-9...	9,965,190 16 6	£923 0 7	Adv. to Cash Stamps, 98-9, £25 0 0	9,961,678 3 3
		.....	Cent. Park Account, £4,050 17 11	
		.....	Other miscellaneous, £409 15 11	
PAYMENTS.				
1895.....	5,961,154 8 10	Suspense Account, £132,929 1 6	Old Bal. recovered, £1 11 11	5,094,035 2 3
1895-6...	10,451,974 6 0	.....	Advance to Loans, £1,000,000 0 0	9,801,935 2 11
1896-7...	9,831,804 6 10	.....	Centennial Park Acc., £39 3 1	9,531,804 6 10
1897-8...	9,739,437 16 0	Gen. Post Office Acc., £177 15 11	Per. Vol. Mtg. Forces Vote, £3 10 4	9,589,619 2 3
1898-9...	9,970,878 12 8	Treas. Bills paid, £150,000 0 0	9,820,493 16 9
		Revenue refunded, £409 15 11	
		Treas. Bills paid, £150,000 0 0	

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[To Evidence of G. H. Pitt, Esq., Chief Examiner, Department of Audit.]

AMOUNTS Invested and Uninvested on 30th June, 1899.

Account.	Amount Invested in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.		Uninvested Balance (used in Advances and Public Account).				Total Amount of Trust Funds on 30th June, 1899.	
	Rate % per annum.	£ s. d.	Rate % per annum.	On which Interest is paid.		On which Interest is not paid.		£ s. d.
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS.								
Special Funds :—								
Civil Service Superannuation Account.....	4	313,000 0 0	4	15,917 2 1			328,917 2 1	
Police Superannuation Fund.....					925 7 7		925 7 7	
Police Reward Fund					443 14 9		443 14 9	
Trust Moneys Account (Official Assignees in Insolvency)						268 6 4	268 6 4	
Special Deposits Account :—								
Government Savings Bank Account.....	3 and 4	4,771,348 13 2	3	336,814 18 6			5,108,163 11 8	
Savings Bank of N.S.W. Deposit Accounts...			3	2,415,000 0 0			2,415,000 0 0	
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act	3 and 4	172,090 0 0			4,448 18 9		176,538 18 9	
Advances from Loans :—								
Store Accounts :—								
Railway Store Account						257,759 19 4	257,759 19 4	
Railway Construction Store Account						78,633 14 0	78,633 14 0	
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—								
Store Advance Account						12,139 15 7	12,139 15 7	
Sewerage Contractors Advance Acct.						954 11 8	954 11 8	
Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage :—								
Store Advance Account						1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	
Country Towns Water Supply Works— Repayment						2,050 13 2	2,050 13 2	
Advances from Revenue :—								
Harbours and Rivers Store Advance Account						515 2 2	515 2 2	
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewer- age—Deferred Pay Account						181 2 11	181 2 11	
Sinking Funds :—								
Municipal Council of Sydney, 50 Vic. No. 13 Other :—	4	31,500 0 0	4	544 17 0			32,044 17 0	
Moore-st. Improvements Loan Sinking Fund			3	118 15 0			118 15 0	
Town Hall Loan Sinking Fund.....			3	1,267 0 2			1,267 0 2	
Public Markets Loan Sinking Fund.....			3	100 19 5			100 19 5	
Streets			3	2,379 14 10			2,379 14 10	
Cattle Sale-yards			3	482 7 10			482 7 10	
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debent- ures Fund						3,788 2 1	3,788 2 1	
Trustee Companies :—								
Perpetual Trustee Company (Ltd.)	4	20,000 0 0					20,000 0 0	
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Ltd.)	4	20,000 0 0					20,000 0 0	
Testamentary and Trust Fund						126 14 9	126 14 9	
Public Works Security Deposits Account ..						9,792 15 0	9,792 15 0	
Tender Board Deposit Trust Account						2,549 7 0	2,549 7 0	
Military :—								
Volunteer Military Forces—Clothing Acct. Deferred Pay	2½ & 3	10,000 0 0				3,629 11 8	13,629 11 8	
Account	2½	3,000 0 0				1,212 3 0	4,212 3 0	
Revenue Suspense Account						11,894 14 2	11,894 14 2	
Bankruptcy Estates Account.....	3	7,000 0 0	3	1,000 0 0			8,000 0 0	
Unclaimed Dividend Fund			3	7,181 4 8			7,181 4 8	
Suitors' Fund						826 14 2	826 14 2	
Other Special Deposits Account			3	24 10 10		5,441 11 1	5,466 1 11	
Sundry Deposits :—								
Treasury Guarantee Fund						10,448 12 5	10,448 12 5	
Sydney University—William Roberts	4	4,000 0 0					4,000 0 0	
Unclaimed Moneys						2,387 4 0	2,387 4 0	
Other and Sundry Small Accounts						38,182 0 5	38,182 0 5	
Sundry Persons Securities :—								
Penrith Municipal Council Debentures..	5	13,000 0 0					13,000 0 0	
Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation	2½	10,000 0 0					10,000 0 0	
Wollongong Harbour Trust	3 and 4	5,303 0 0					5,303 0 0	
Max Wurcher	3	30 0 0					30 0 0	
Totals		5,380,271 13 2		2,780,831 10 4		449,600 16 0	8,610,703 19	
				£3,230,432 6 4				

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Account.	Amount Invested in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits.		Uninvested Balance (used in Advances and Public Account).				Total Amount of Trust Funds on 30th June, 1899.					
			On which Interest is paid.		On which Interest is not paid.							
	Rate % per annum.	£	s.	d.	Rate % per annum.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS.												
Colonial Treasurer's:—												
Supreme Court Moneys:—												
Master-in-Equity Account	3 & 4	276,770	0	0	3	70,804	18	4		347,574	18	4
Master-in-Lunacy „	3	41,784	0	0	3	35,489	10	5		77,273	10	5
Curator of Intestate Estates Account					3	39,421	11	3		39,421	11	3
Registrar in Bankruptcy „					3	20	0	0		20	0	0
„ of Probates „					3	27,919	14	6		27,919	14	6
Prothonotary „									2,565	11	7	
Sinking Funds:—												
New South Wales 1924 Stock...58 Vic. No. 14									26,408	13	4	
„ 1925 „ ...59 Vic. No. 6									29,634	0	0	
„ 1927 „ ...60 Vic. No. 32									13,874	17	4	
„ 1928 „ ...61 Vic. No. 43									7,491	11	4	
Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24									75,000	0	0	
Totals	£	318,554	0	0		173,655	14	6	154,974	13	7	
						£328,630		8	1			
<i>Summary.</i>												
General Trust Funds		5,380,271	13	2		2,780,831	10	4	449,600	16	0	
Special „ „		318,554	0	0		173,655	14	6	154,974	13	7	
Grand Total.....	£	5,698,825	13	2		2,954,487	4	10	604,575	9	7	
						£3,559,062		14	5			

The nature of the Securities in which the invested portion of the Credit Balance has been placed, and the manner in which the uninvested portion is to be found accounted for, may be seen in the following supplement to the foregoing Abstract:—

DISTRIBUTION ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

GENERAL TRUST FUNDS.											
Invested in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits:—	Rate % per annum.	£		£		£					
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.				
Included in Funded Debt:—											
Debentures	4	224,400	0	0	224,400	0	0				
Funded and Inscribed Stock:—											
New South Wales 4 per cents., 36 Vic. No. 21	4	403,248	13	2							
„ Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1	4	1,042,490	0	0							
„ „ 58 Vic. No. 14	3	30,000	0	0							
„ „ 59 Vic. No. 6	3	880,000	0	0							
„ „ 60 Vic. No. 32	3	525,000	0	0							
„ 1924 Stock...58 Vic. No. 14	3	20,000	0	0							
„ 1925 „ ...59 Vic. No. 6	3	150,000	0	0							
Stock issued under Advances to Settlers Act (No. 1) of 1899.....	3	100,000	0	0							
					3,150,738	13	2				
Included in Unfunded Debt:—											
Treasury Bills:—											
Deficiency 1886, and prev. years, 53 Vic. No. 9	4	388,500	0	0							
„ „ to 30th June, 1895, 59 Vic. No. 22	3	550,600	0	0							
		1,024,700	0	0							
					1,963,800	0	0				
Fixed Deposits, &c., lcdged by various Agencies—											
Deposited in—											
Penrith Municipal Council—Debentures	5	13,000	0	0							
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account—Fixed Deposit	3	10,000	0	0							
Volunteer Military Forces Deferred Pay Account—Fixed Deposit	3	3,000	0	0							
Wollongong Harbour Trust:—											
Fixed Deposit	4	123	0	0							
Bank Debentures	4	1,725	0	0							
Bank inscribed Stock	3	3,455	0	0							
Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation— Fixed Deposit		10,000	0	0							
Max Wurcher—Fixed Deposit.....	3	30	0	0							
					41,333	0	0				
Total Invested in Government Securities and Fixed Deposits							5,380,271	13	2		
Uninvested Balances:—											
Temporary Advances:—											
Advances to General Loan Account, 9th January, 1895... ..		500,000	0	0							
„ „ 10th April, 1895... ..		500,000	0	0							
„ „ 28th September, 1895... ..		500,000	0	0							
					1,500,000	0	0				
Working Balance General Trust Funds in Public Account.....					1,730,432	6	4				
Total Uninvested Balance... { On which Interest is paid £2,780,831 10 4 }								3,230,432	6	4	
{ „ „ is not paid.. £449,600 0 }											
Total, General Trust Funds								£	8,610,703	19	6

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SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invested in Government Securities :—		Rate %										
Included in Funded Debt :—		per										
New South Wales Funded Stock.....56 Vic. No. 1		annum.					104,770	0	0			
Included in Unfunded Debt :—												
Treasury Bills :—												
Deficiency, 1886, and previous years 53 Vic. No. 9			3				213,784	0	0			
Total Invested in Government Securities										318,554	0	0
Uninvested Balance :—												
Working Balance Special Trust Funds } On which Interest is paid.....£173,655 14 6 }												
in General Account { " " is not paid. £154,974 13 7 }										328,630	8	1
Total, Special Trust Funds.....										£ 647,184	8	1

Summary.

	Invested.		Uninvested.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
General Trust Funds	5,380,271	13 2	3,230,432	6 4	8,610,703	19 6
Special Trust Funds.....	318,554	0 0	328,630	8 1	647,184	8 1
GRAND TOTAL.....£	5,698,825	13 2	3,559,062	14 5	9,257,888	7 7

V 2.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

HISTORY of the Accumulated Deficiency, 1895 (Half-year), and previous years.

Account for 1887.

According to the accounts with Ways and Means of 10th April, 1889, the year 1887 closed with a deficiency of £325,012 12s. 6d., which was carried forward to the account for 1888.

Account for 1888.

On 10th April, 1889, after providing for the deficiency in 1887, the year 1888 was estimated to close with a deficiency to the extent of £37,285 17s. 9d.

Account for 1889.

On 10th April, 1889, the account for 1889, after providing for the deficiency in 1888, was estimated to close with a surplus to the amount of £25,192 12s. 3d. On 4th December, 1889, the surplus was estimated at £52,483 19s. 9d., but owing to the supplementary charges exceeding the estimate the surplus was, on 16th October, 1890, reduced to £40,458 12s. 2d.

Account for 1890.

On 16th October, 1890, it was estimated the transactions for the year 1890 and previous years would result in an estimated accumulated surplus of £208,435 16s., which was appropriated £150,000 for repairs to Roads and Bridges, and £56,500 Special Grant to Municipalities; so that as ascertained on 1st December, 1891, the year 1890 closed with a credit balance to the extent of £47 14s. 7d.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that up to the end of the year 1890 there was no deficiency.

Account for 1891.

On 16th October, 1890, after providing £150,000 for Roads and Bridges and £56,500 for Municipalities out of the accumulated surplus of 1890 and previous years, it was estimated the year would close with an accumulated surplus of £73,413 6s.

On 1st December, 1891, consequent upon Supplementary Estimates and other charges (including a recharge of £200,000 in connection with Centennial Park expenditure), amounting in all to £1,147,580 11s. 5d., an estimated deficiency was shown to the amount of £589,802 4s. 2d.

On 19th January, 1893, the deficiency was increased to £772,162 3s. 2d., principally by further supplementary items and reduction in estimated savings.

Account for 1892 and previous years.

On 1st December, 1891, when the account for 1892 was first admitted, it was estimated that in consequence of new taxation, &c., there would be a surplus to the amount of £358,055 10s., which would reduce the deficiency of 1891 to £231,746 14s. 2d.

Owing, however, to all the Taxation proposals not having been agreed to, and to a falling off in the Revenue generally, the account with Ways and Means of 19th January, 1893, shows that the deficiency, instead of being reduced, had increased from £772,162 3s. 2d. to the sum of £1,251,864 9s. 5d., an increase of £479,702 6s. 3d.

On 19th October, 1893, it was found the estimated deficiency for 1892 and previous years had increased to the sum of £1,299,541 9s. 6d.

On 1st February, 1894, the estimated deficiency was reduced (by savings on votes of over £100,000) to £1,198,322 15s. 1d., which was to be provided for out of the proceeds of Treasury Bills.

Account for 1893 and previous years.

On 19th January, 1893, it was anticipated that in consequence of further proposed new taxation to the amount of £340,000, the account for 1893 would show a surplus of £854,770, thus reducing the estimated accumulated deficiency at the end of the year to the sum of £397,094 9s. 5d.

On 19th October, 1893, it was shown the estimated deficiency for 1893 and previous years was £1,500,780 14s., an increase of £201,239 4s. 6d. The deficiency of £1,500,780 14s. it is stated is to be provided for out of the proceeds of Treasury Bills.

On 1st February, 1894, the account for 1893 (exclusive of the debit balance from 1892, which was not brought forward) shows an estimated surplus of £69,483 9s. 2d., carried forward to the account for 1894.

On 7th November, 1894, the estimated deficiency in the accounts for 1893 and previous years, carried forward to 1894 (after reducing the expenditure by £199,508 19s. 6d., on account of Centennial Park expenditure transferred to a suspense account) was £1,092,995 8s. 1d.

Account

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Account for 1894 and previous years.

On 19th October, 1893, it was estimated there would be a surplus on this account by itself of £117,389.

On 1st February, 1894, the estimated credit balance on the accounts for 1893 and 1894, to go in liquidation of deficiency of 1892 and previous years, was £47,372 9s. 2d.

On 7th November, 1894, the estimated deficiency for 1894 and previous years had increased to £1,465,225 16s.

On 9th May, 1895, the estimated deficiency on the accounts for 1894 and previous years carried forward had been reduced, principally by savings on votes, to £1,322,651 18s. 6d.

On 27th August, 1895, the estimated deficiency carried forward was £1,324,897 7s. 6d.

Account for half-year ended 30th June, 1895, and previous years.

The account with Ways and Means of 7th November, 1894, showed that the estimated deficiency, 1895 (half-year) and previous years, to be provided for by Treasury Bills amounted to £1,356,233 0s. 1d.

On 9th May, 1895, the deficiency to be provided for by Treasury Bills was reduced to £1,216,253 3s. 11d.

On 27th August the estimated deficiency to be provided for by Treasury Bills was ascertained to be £1,174,767 14s. 4d.

The deficiency was provided for by Treasury Bills issued under Act 59 Victoria, No. 22, to the amount of £1,174,700.

The outstanding liabilities on 30th June, 1895, however, afterwards reduced by savings on Votes, and Treasury Bills were cancelled to the extent of £150,000, leaving the amount of Treasury Bills outstanding under the Act £1,024,700. The Treasury, New South Wales, 19th August, 1899.

W 2.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

TREASURY Bills Deficiency Account, 1895 (Half-year) and previous years.

Prepared from the Abstracts of the Public Accounts presented to Parliament.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of Treasury Bills authorised to be issued under the Act 59 Victoria, No. 22	1,174,700	0	0
Afterwards cancelled	150,000	0	0
Outstanding	£1,024,700	0	0

The proceeds of these Treasury Bills have been used to meet the following expenditure:—

Services of 1894 and previous years—

Balance at the Debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 31st December, 1894	464,715	0	0
Payments January to June, 1895—			
For Services of the year 1891	£	s.	d.
" " 1892		12	18
" " 1893	8,681	12	0
" " 1894	83,899	8	4
" " 1894	772,224	0	6
	864,817	18	10

Deduct Receipts, January to June, 1895—

For Services of 1894 and previous years—

Advances to Public Officers—to cash stamps, repaid	1,567	19	8
Advances to Contractors repaid	1,204	12	0
Treasurer's Advance Account	143,775	19	3
Expenditure Suspense Account	7,349	13	7
State Children's Relief Account	13,661	16	9
Loan Services repaid	135,395	12	9
Railway Working Expenses	39,578	6	4
	344,534	0	4

Add Payments, 1895—1896—

For Services of the year 1891	57	5	1
" " 1892	2,953	13	9
" " 1893	155,429	8	10
" " 1894	144,031	2	7
	302,521	10	3

Deduct Receipts, 1895—1896—

Advances to cash stamps, repaid	10	0	0
Advances to Contractors, 1885—1894	643	7	9
Treasurer's Advance Account	66,778	6	0
Balances of Votes transferred from Trust Funds	15,750	11	7
	83,182	5	4

Add Payments during the year 1896—1897—

For Services of 1892	1,359	7	9
" " 1894	360	0	0
	1,719	7	9

Deduct Receipts, 1896—1897—

Advances to Contractors	27	13	1
Treasurer's Advance Account	7,211	5	9
Repayment, Parramatta Post and Telegraph Office—land for extension ...	1,359	7	9
	8,598	6	7

Add Payments during the year 1897—1898—

Extinction of Debentures issued under Act 31 Victoria, No. 11	14,300	0	0
	£1,211,759	4	7

Deduct Receipts, 1897—1898—

Treasurer's Advance Account	324	4	3
	£1,211,435	0	4

Less Accrued Interest on Loans transferred from Loans Account	£341,319	9	2
Accrued Interest on Loans raised under Act 57 Vic., No. 17	4,380	4	7
	345,699	13	9

Total Expenditure, 1894 and previous years, charged to proceeds of Treasury Bills *£865,735 6 7

* This expenditure will be reduced by £13,000 amount of Payments made to creditors of the Municipal Council, Penrith, when recovered

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SERVICES of the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895.

	£	s.	d.
Payments, half-year ended 30th June, 1895	4,059,535	2	6
Advances to be repaid, Half-year	36,810	7	6
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	£4,096,336	10	0
Payments during the year 1895-1896, for services for the half-year ended 30th June, 1895.....	650,285	18	8
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	£4,746,622	8	8
<i>Deduct—</i>			
Revenue and Receipts for half-year ended 30th June, 1895	£ 4,558,569	s. 8	d. 9
Receipts during half-year ended 30th June, 1895, for Services of 1895 half-year—			
Advances to cash stamps, repaid	£ 87	s. 5	d. 0
Advances to Contractors	700	16	0
Treasurer's Advance Account	364	4	4
Prevention of scab in sheep	8,247	13	6
Loan Services repaid.....	1,216	5	1
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	10,616	3	11
Receipts during year 1895-1896, for Services of half-year ended 30th June, 1895—			
Advances to cash stamps, repaid	£ 1,517	s. 15	d. 0
Advances to Contractors	748	7	11
Treasurer's Advance Account	21,853	3	3
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	24,119	6	2
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	4,593,304	18	10
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	£153,317	9	10
Add Payments during the year 1896-1897, for Services of half-year ended 30th June, 1895.....	2,362	17	1
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	£155,680	6	11
Less Receipts during the year 1896-1897, for Services of half-year 1895.—			
Treasurer's Advance Account	2,156	16	8
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	£153,523	10	3
Less Receipts during the year 1898-1899, for Services of half-year ended 30th June, 1895	100	0	0
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	£153,423	10	3
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Deficiency for half-year ended 30th June, 1895	£153,423	10	3

Summary.

Services of 1894 and previous years	£865,735	6	7
Services of 1895 (half-year)	153,423	10	3
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	£1,019,158	16	10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
29th August, 1899.

X 2.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

Department of Public Works,
Account Branch, 8 May, 1900.

SUMMARY of Expenditure from Thirty Years Loan Votes (Approximate) to 30th April, 1900.

Branch.	Vote.			Expenditure.			Balance.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Roads and Bridges	357,046	0	0	196,192	0	0	160,854	0	0
Harbours and Rivers	167,700	0	0	116,029	0	0	51,671	0	0
Government Architect.....	371,164	0	0	256,452	0	0	114,712	0	0
Sewerage Construction.....	14,800	0	0	2,605	0	0	12,195	0	0
Total	£ 910,710	0	0	571,278	0	0	339,432	0	0

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STATEMENT showing Expenditure from Thirty Years' Loan Votes (Approximate) to 30th April, 1900.

	Act.	Vote.	Expenditure.	Balance.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Roads and Bridges	59 V. 6.	96,555 0 0	81,908 0 0	14,647 0 0
	60 V. 32.	64,410 0 0	50,959 0 0	13,451 0 0
	61 V. 43.	101,197 0 0	42,966 0 0	58,231 0 0
	62 V. 36.	57,000 0 0	17,668 0 0	39,332 0 0
	63 V. 42.	37,884 0 0	2,691 0 0	35,193 0 0
		357,046 0 0	196,192 0 0	160,854 0 0
Harbours and Rivers	58 V. 14.	6,500 0 0	6,500 0 0	.....
	59 V. 6.	24,000 0 0	23,592 0 0	8 0 0
	60 V. 32.	55,800 0 0	53,303 0 0	2,497 0 0
	61 V. 43.	9,850 0 0	8,350 0 0	1,500 0 0
	62 V. 36.	60,250 0 0	22,492 0 0	37,758 0 0
63 V. 42.	11,300 0 0	1,392 0 0	9,908 0 0	
		167,700 3 0	116,029 0 0	51,671 0 0
Government Architect.....	58 V. 14.	88,135 0 0	83,625 0 0	4,510 0 0
	59 V. 6.	41,700 0 0	37,564 0 0	4,136 0 0
	60 V. 32.	50,913 0 0	50,570 0 0	343 0 0
	61 V. 43.	53,960 0 0	51,573 0 0	2,387 0 0
	62 V. 36.	64,400 0 0	31,236 0 0	33,164 0 0
63 V. 42.	72,056 0 0	1,884 0 0	70,172 0 0	
		371,164 0 0	256,452 0 0	114,712 0 0
Sewerage Construction	60 V. 32.	3,000 0 0	2,220 0 0	780 0 0
	63 V. 42.	11,800 0 0	385 0 0	11,415 0 0
		14,800 0 0	2,605 0 0	12,195 0 0

Y 2.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Quinquagesimo Octavo, Victoriae Reginae.

No. XIV.

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
[Assented to, 22nd December, 1894.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of One million and sixty-two thousand and twelve pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

Governor may raise money by sale of debentures or issue of stock.

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>				
Military and Defence Works—Purchase of Land for Military purposes at Bondi			£1,257 0 0	
Public Wharfs—Resumption of Land for construction of Public Wharfs—further sum.....			22,000 0 0	
Railways—				
Towards Improvement of Grades and Curves	£25,000 0 0			
Additions to Lines, Stations, and Buildings; for Rolling Stock and other purposes, including providing safety appliances—further sum	70,000 0 0			
			95,000 0 0	
Railway Construction Branch—				
Cootamundra to Temora Railway—further sum	21,000 0 0			
Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum	51,600 0 0			
Milson's Point Extension—further sum	35,000 0 0			
Railway Trial Surveys—further sum	9,000 0 0			
			116,600 0 0	
Harbours and Rivers Branch—				
Naval Stations, Sydney Harbour—further sum	15,000 0 0			
Newcastle Harbour Improvements—further sum	10,000 0 0			
Manning River Improvements.....	17,000 0 0			
Goods Shed on Eastern side of Circular Quay	2,200 0 0			
Wharf on Eastern side of Woolloomooloo Bay	2,000 0 0			
Bellinger River Improvements—further sum	4,000 0 0			
Trial Bay Harbour Works—further sum	7,000 0 0			
Flood Relief Works, Richmond, via Evans River	10,000 0 0			
Tweed River, Improvements—further sum	5,000 0 0			
Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum	100,000 0 0			
Centennial Park Reservoir	83,000 0 0			
Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c.—further sum	74,000 0 0			
			329,200 0 0	
Carried over		£		

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Brought over				
Government Architect—				
Justice Department—Additions	£4,500 0 0			
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—Towards Erection	30,000 0 0			
Colonial Secretary's Office—Additional Floor	8,000 0 0			
Mint—Renewal of Machinery and Buildings	5,000 0 0			
Treasury Strong Room—Erection—further sum	1,000 0 0			
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—		48,500 0 0		
Reticulation (Water), Supply of Meters, Water Main Ex-				
tensions, and other urgent works.....	89,100 0 0			
Smithfield Water Supply	2,800 0 0			
Liverpool Water Supply—Extension	500 0 0			
Erection of Buildings and Depôts, Prospect, and Meter-				
testing Branch, Crown-street Reservoir	3,000 0 0			
Supplementary Tank at Hurstville.....	3,000 0 0			
Gordon Water Supply	15,000 0 0			
Richmond Water Supply	500 0 0			
		113,900 0 0		
Roads and Bridges Branch—				
Bridges—				
Iron Bridge, Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley, Moss Vale	6,000 0 0			
Bridge, Murrumbidgee River, at Wagga Wagga—further sum	2,000 0 0			
		8,000 0 0		
Sewerage—				
Storm-water Sewer, Brickfield Creek, Parramatta	4,020 0 0			
Storm-water Sewer, North Sydney—				
Willoughby Falls Creek	£3,500			
Careening Cove	1,500			
Euroka Creek	2,500			
	7,500 0 0			
Storm-water Sewer, Rockdale Creek	970 0 0			
Storm-water Sewer, Newcastle District Pasturage Reserves				
Drainage	12,000 0 0			
Resumption of Land, North Sydney	10,000 0 0			
		34,490 0 0		
Water Conservation and Irrigation—Construction of Works in				
connection with Water Conservation, Distribution, Drain-				
age, Public Watering Places, Artesian Boring, and				
expenditure incidental thereto.....		95,000 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works		£863,947 0 0		
<i>Other Works.</i>				
To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by				
means of an Annual Sinking Fund.				
Military and Defence Works—				
Magazine and Torpedo Vessel Depôt, Bradley's Head				
Defence Works, Armaments, &c.				
Defence Works generally				
For Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices (including				
sites)				
Harbours and Rivers Branch—Conversion of Grab Dredge			Expended.	Balance.
"Sigma" into a Sand-pump Dredge		6,500 0 0	£6,500	
Government Architect—				
Additions to Lands Offices at Goulburn and Grafton	1,825 0 0		1,825	
Clarence Heads Pilot Station—Erection—further sum	1,000 0 0	Written off.		£1,000
Corowa Custom House—Erection—further sum	750 0 0		750	
Lismore Police Lock-up.....	2,000 0 0		2,000	
Gaols—				
Maitland Gaol—Additions	1,200 0 0		1,200	
Mudgee Gaol—Additions	1,200 0 0		1,200	
Wilcannia Gaol—Additions	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Court Houses—				
West Maitland Court House—Erection—further sum	5,700 0 0		5,534	166
Milparinka Court House—Erection—further sum	600 0 0		254	346
				written off.
Nowra Court House—Erection—further sum	2,300 0 0		2,300	
Boggabilla Court House	550 0 0		550	
Bowral Court House—Erection	1,000 0 0		1,000	
Greta Court House—Erection	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Katoomba Court House—Erection	2,300 0 0		2,300	
Lithgow Court House—Additions	800 0 0		800	
Milton Court House—Erection	1,650 0 0		1,650	
Moulamein Court House—Erection	950 0 0		675	275
Parramatta Court House and Police Buildings—Erection	13,300 0 0		13,300	
Cootamundra Court House—Additions	600 0 0		600	
Drake Court and Watch House—Erection	1,000 0 0		1,000	
Erection of and additions to Post and Telegraph Offices				
at Adamstown, Homebush, Annandale, Camperdown,				
Enngonia, Glen Innes, Minni, Moree, Parramatta				
North, Parramatta, North Sydney, Robertson, Wagga				
Wagga, and at minor towns	17,500 0 0		17,500	
Erection of and additions to Police Buildings, &c., at				
Broadwater, Kogarah, Fernmount, Murrumburrah,				
Penrith, Rylstone, Sofala, Berry, Darlinghurst,				
Pambula, Surry Hills, Tilpa, Tumut, Alexandria,				
Coonamble, Crookwell, Daysdale, Forbes, Gerogery,				
Jindera, Kyamba, Maclean, Marrickville, Marsden,				
Moruya, Mount Drysdale, Trundle, Tweed River				
Heads, Yandarlo, Cumnock, Mathoura.....	28,910 0 0		26,187	2,723
Carried over				

Y 2—continued.

Brought over			
Department of Mines and Agriculture—			
Forest Branch—For thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves	£25,000	0	0
Agricultural Branch—Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations—further sum	20,000	0	0
Total, Other Works.....	£198,065	0	0
Total	£1,062,012	0	0

2. Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding eight hundred and sixty-three thousand nine hundred and forty-seven pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall run *pari passu* and be redeemable concurrently with the Stock issued under the provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day; and, as to a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-eight thousand and sixty-five pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1924 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum of not exceeding Six thousand six hundred and two pounds three shillings and four pence shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirty-first day of December in each year, commencing with the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund.

3. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor.

4. The provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," relating to the dates for the payment of interest and the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with, all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.

Application hereto of certain provisions of "Funded Stock Act of 1892."

5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer, and shall be by him carried to and form part of the General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to any other duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879."

Sums borrowed, how to be accounted for and appropriated.

6. The Treasurer shall pay the said several sums for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, in such manner and in such proportions as the Governor, by warrant under his hand, addressed to the Treasurer, may from time to time order and direct. And the payments so made shall be charged upon and payable out of the sums applicable to those purposes.

Treasurer to pay under Governor's warrant and to receive credit for same.

7. The Treasurer shall, in his accounts from time to time, be allowed credit for every sum of money paid by him in pursuance of such warrant or order in writing as aforesaid. And the receipt of any person to whom the same has been so paid shall be a full and valid discharge to the Treasurer in passing his accounts for each sum therein mentioned, and he shall receive credit for the same accordingly.

8. Debentures or stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

9. In this Act the expression "Governor" means the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, the expression "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being, and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

Definitions.

10. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1894 (No. 2)."

Short title.

Z 2.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Quinquagesimo Nono, Victoriae Reginae.

No. VI.

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes. [Assented to, 10th October, 1895.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of One million five hundred and fifty-five thousand two hundred pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

Governor may raise money by sale of debentures or issue of stock.

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>			
Miscellaneous Services—			
To provide accommodation for the Infirm and Destitute at present located at Liverpool, Parramatta, and other institutions	£70,000	0	0
Newington Asylum—Permanent additions, &c.	5,000	0	0
		£75,000	0
Railways—			
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings; for Rolling Stock and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances—further sum	80,000	0	0
Towards Improvement of Grades and Curves between Wellington and Dubbo, Locksley and Brewongle, and other places	100,000	0	0
		180,000	0
Carried over			

Z 2—continued.

Brought over.....	.....		
Tramways—Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes .....	.....	£10,000 0 0		
To Promote Settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895— Towards meeting the Cost of Clearing and other Improving of Lands for Settlement Purposes, and Expenses incidental thereto .....	.....	100,000 0 0		
Railway Construction Branch—				
Railway Trial Surveys—further sum.....	30,000 0 0			
Construction of Tramways generally	50,000 0 0			
Berrigan to Jerilderie Railway.....	43,000 0 0			
Parke to Condobolin Railway.....	130,200 0 0			
Land Resumptions for authorised Railways	25,000 0 0			
Further Extension of Railway into Cemetery at Rookwood	6,700 0 0			
Land Claims on old Railway Lines	5,425 0 0			
Marrickville to Burwood Road Railway—further sum	27,000 0 0			
		317,325 0 0		
Harbours and Rivers Branch—				
Rushcutter's Bay—Northern Extension of Reclamation, east side, and for Formation of Beach Road	4,000 0 0			
Richmond River Improvements—further sum	50,000 0 0			
Nambucca River Improvements	5,000 0 0			
Bellingen River Improvements.....	5,000 0 0			
Tweed River Improvements	6,600 0 0			
Towards Harbour Works and Improved Shipping Facilities, Port of Newcastle	140,000 0 0			
Reclamation and Dredging, including cost of resumption of land, &c., Cook's River.....	76,000 0 0			
Trial Bay Harbour Improvements	12,000 0 0			
Towards Improving Entrance to Camden Haven.....	5,000 0 0			
		303,600 0 0		
Government Architect—				
Supreme Court, Sydney—Additions	3,000 0 0			
Art Gallery—Additions, &c.....	12,000 0 0			
Public Works and Chief Secretary's Office—Additions, &c.—further sum.....	4,000 0 0			
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—further sum	30,000 0 0			
Treasury Buildings—Additions—further sum	13,500 0 0			
Mines Department—Erection of Offices	18,500 0 0			
Museum—Additions, &c.	6,000 0 0			
Erection of Offices for Board of Health	6,000 0 0			
		93,000 0 0		
Roads and Bridges and Sewerage—Additional cost of Bridges erected jointly by the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales over the Murray River at Wahgunyah, Tintaldra, Jingellie, and Mulwala .....	.....	3,520 0 0		
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board— Duplicate Rising Main—Walka to Buttai.....	34,500 0 0			
Store Advance Account—To provide for purchase of Stores, the value thereof to be replaced as the cost of specific consumption is ascertained	1,000 0 0			
		35,500 0 0		
Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage—				
Country Towns Water Supply generally	25,000 0 0			
Country Towns Sewerage	25,000 0 0			
Mosman's Bay Stormwater Channel	6,000 0 0			
Towards Straightening Course of Styx and Throsby Creeks, to facilitate the discharge of Flood Waters	9,000 0 0			
		65,000 0 0		
Department of Mines—Metallurgical Works and Appliances and expenditure incidental thereto .....	.....	10,000 0 0		
Agricultural Branch—Agricultural College and Experimental Farms and Stations.....	.....	15,000 0 0		
Water Conservation and Irrigation, Artesian Boring and Public Watering-places—				
Construction of Works in connection with Water Conser- vation, Distribution, Drainage, for Artesian Boring on Stock Routes and Crown Land, for the construction of Public Watering-places and Appliances, and expen- diture incidental thereto	100,000 0 0			
Water Supplies for Mining Townships	5,000 0 0			
		105,000 0 0		
Miscellaneous Services—Construction and Extension of Tele- graph and Telephone Lines generally.....	.....	20,000 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works.....	.....	£ 1,332,945 0 0		
<i>Other Works.</i>				
To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.			Expended.	Balance
HARBOURS AND RIVERS BRANCH—				
New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour	£1,500 0 0		£1,492	£8
Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke	1,000 0 0		1,000	
Dock at the Richmond River	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Towards conversion of Grab Dredges into Sand-pump Dredges	12,000 0 0		12,000	
Straightening Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, and erection of Shed, &c., thereon	5,000 0 0		5,000	
New Wharf at Manly Beach.....	3,000 0 0		3,000	
		24,000 0 0	23,992	8
Carried over .....	.....		

Z 2—continued.

		Expended.	Balance.
Brought over			
GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT—			
Post Offices—Erection—Five Dock, Petersham, Stockton, and Mount Victoria	£5,100 0 0	£3,746	£1,354
Post Offices, minor towns—Erection	6,000 0 0	6,000	
Post Offices—Purchase of Sites	3,000 0 0	3,000	
Court-houses—Erection—Peak Hill and Bowral	2,000 0 0	2,000	
Court-house, &c.—Additions—Bellingen	600 0 0	600	
Lock-ups—Erection and Sites—Dubbo, Burwood, Junee, Wee Waa, and Surry Hills	7,700 0 0	6,644	1,056
Police Stations—Erection—Wyalong, Ford's Bridge, and Pallamallawa	3,000 0 0	1,883	1,117
Hospital for Insane, Callan Park—Further Accommodation	1,000 0 0	1,000	
Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere—Additional Accommodation	3,500 0 0	3,500	
Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood—Two (2) Additional Pavilions	3,300 0 0	3,300	
Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Accommodation for Infectious Diseases	3,000 0 0	2,391	609
Gaols—Additions, &c.—Young and Tamworth	3,000 0 0	3,000	
Justice Department Offices, Sydney—Additions—further sum	500 0 0	500	
		41,700 0 0	37,564
			4,136
Roads and Bridges—			
Bridges (3) Warrambools on Road Walgett towards Berrarrina, &c., Fall's Creek, Ellenborough River, Marra Creek, near Butterbone, Gobarralong, Murrumbidgee River, Fish River at O'Connell, Bogan River at Monkey, Namoi River at Walgett, Giant's Creek, Murray River at Albury (Moiety), Turon River at Wallaby Rocks, Cuttaburra Creek (3), Road Bourke to Wanaaring, Molonglo River at Foxlow, Adelong Creek at Moore's Crossing, Colombo Creek, Nunnock Creek, Tantawangle River, Cooradigbee Creek, Tenterfield Creek, Tenterfield, Narran River at Angledool or Yerambah, Page's River near Blandford Station, Marra Creek at Hermitage, Bogan River at Buddabadah	45,200 0 0	36,974	8,226
Windsor Bridge—Raising and Repairs—further sum	2,220 0 0	2,220	
North Bourke Bridge—Approaches	2,000 0 0	2,000	
Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c.	18,500 0 0	14,488	4,012
Denison Bridge, Bathurst—Protection of Macquarie River, Bank at	2,500 0 0	1,591	909
Road—Fitzroy Falls, <i>via</i> Belmore Falls, to Robertson—Deviations	1,150 0 0	1,150	
Road—Main Western—Wood-blocking portion between City Boundary and Glebe Road	2,610 0 0	2,610	
Road through Grand Arch—Jenolan Caves	1,500 0 0	1,500	
Enmore Road—Contributions towards cost of wood-blocking	5,000 0 0	5,000	
New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River	3,800 0 0	3,800	
Bridge at Morpeth—Hunter River	6,600 0 0	6,600	
Bridge at Melville Ford—Hunter River	1,225 0 0	1,225	
Bridge at Blaxland's Crossing, over Nepean River	1,750 0 0	1,750	
Bridge—Nepean River—at Harvey's Crossing	1,500 0 0		1,500
Road—Granville to Southern Road (Woodville Road)	1,000 0 0	1,000	
		96,555 0 0	81,908
			14,647
DEPARTMENT OF MINES—Compensation for cancellation of Sale or Lease of Land in terms of section 45, Land Act of 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889		10,000 0 0	
FOREST BRANCH—For thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves		50,000 0 0	
Total, other works	£	222,255 0 0	
Grand total	£	1,555,200 0 0	

2. Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and thirty-two thousand nine hundred and forty-five pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall run *pari passu* and be redeemable concurrently with the Stock issued under the provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day; and, as to a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-five pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1925 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred and eight pounds and ten shillings shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirtieth day of June in each year, commencing with the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund.

3. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.

4. The provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892" relating to the dates for the payment of interest and the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with, all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor. Application hereto of certain provisions of "Funded Stock Act of 1892." Sums borrowed how to be accounted for and appropriated.

5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be by him carried to and form part of The General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to other any duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879."

Application of proceeds of sale of properties, &c.

6. No liabilities shall be incurred or moneys raised on account of the service herein authorised "To provide accommodation for the Infirm and Destitute at present located at Liverpool, Parramatta, and other Institutions," until such service shall be sanctioned pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888, and the proceeds of the sale of any properties in connection with this service, or any other service provided for by this Act, shall be placed to the credit of a special Loan Trust Account in the books of the Treasury, and applied in repayment wholly or in part of the sums raised for such services respectively.

Application of proceeds of sale of cleared or improved lands, &c.

7. All moneys borrowed under this Act and expended to promote settlement under the Crown Lands Act of 1895 shall be a charge upon the land cleared or otherwise improved by such expenditure, and shall be repayable to the Crown under and in accordance with the provisions of the said Crown Lands Act of 1895 as the value of an improvement. All such repayments shall be placed to the credit of a Special Loan Trust Account in the books of the Treasury, and applied in repayment, wholly or in part, of the sums raised for such service.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

8. Debentures or Stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.

Definitions.

9. In this Act the expression "Governor" means the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council; the expression "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being; and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

Short title.

10. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1895."

A 3.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Sexagesimo, Victoriae Reginae.

No. XXXII.

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
[Assented to, 16th November, 1896.]

Governor may raise money by sale of debentures or issue of stock

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two million two hundred and seventy-one thousand three hundred and seventy-six pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>				
<i>Military—</i>				
For Defence Purposes generally, including Electric and Search Lights and Submarine Mines	£12,000	0	0	
For Purchase of 1,000 Magazine Rifles and equipment	14,000	0	0	26,000 0 0
<i>Railways—</i>				
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum	150,000	0	0	
Additions to Rolling-stock	100,000	0	0	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and other purposes, including Safety Appliances	50,000	0	0	300,000 0 0
<i>Government Tramways—For conversion of the existing Tram Lines to an Electric System, and to provide additional Rolling Stock in connection therewith</i>				
Department of Lands—For Hay Irrigation Works.....				150,000 0 0
Roads—Road from Albion Park, via Macquarie Pass, to Robertson				10,000 0 0
Bridges—				3,690 0 0
Stonequarry Creek, in Picton	3,500	0	0	
Dunmore, Paterson River	12,900	0	0	
Kempsey, Macleay River	18,600	0	0	
Tweed River, at Murwillumbah	16,000	0	0	51,000 0 0
<i>Harbours and Rivers—</i>				
Tweed River Improvements	6,000	0	0	
Clarence River—Removal of Reefs, Maclean—further sum	1,000	0	0	
Hastings River Improvements	11,000	0	0	
Towards North Harbour Reclamation, Newcastle	18,000	0	0	
Improvement of the Navigation of Macleay River.....	15,000	0	0	
Landing Silt from Sand Pumps and other Dredges, and forming Ground	10,000	0	0	
Bellinger River Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0	
Manning River Entrance Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0	
Moruya River Improvements	3,000	0	0	
Darling Harbour Wharf—Extension of Railway to Port Jackson—Purchase of Land.....	104,000	0	0	
Duplicate Main from Prospect to Potts' Hill (in conjunction with present Canal and Pipe Line, including Land Compensation).....	100,000	0	0	
Wollongong Harbour Trust—Cost of Works taken over by the Government	8,000	0	0	
Fascine Bank round East Kempsey—Flood protection	14,000	0	0	
Long Cove Reclamation and Wharfage	5,000	0	0	
Dredge Dock, Clarence River	4,000	0	0	
Extension and Reconstruction of Queen's Wharf, Newcastle	4,700	0	0	
Boiler Shop, Store, Tools, &c., Fitzroy Dock	2,000	0	0	
Completion of Sea Wall, Rushcutter's Bay, east side.....	2,500	0	0	
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, providing for discharge of Flood Waters	15,000	0	0	
				343,200 0 0
Carried over				

A 3—continued.

Brought over		£883,890 0 0	
Government Architect—			
To complete the Sydney Hospital—further sum	£3,000 0 0		
Court-houses—Erections—Additions, &c.—Wynndham and Bourke (further sums), Parkes, West Maitland, Redfern, White Cliffs, Taree, and Hillston	20,950 0 0		
Colonial Secretary's and Public Works Building—To complete Additions	1,500 0 0		
Government Printing Office—Electric Light Plant, Additional Accommodation, and Appliances.....	10,600 0 0		
Berrima Gaol—Erection of Governor's Quarters, &c.	1,200 0 0		
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—Additional Buildings	30,000 0 0		
Hospitals—Additions, &c.—Parramatta, Newcastle, and Rydalmere	7,200 0 0		
Lock-ups—Erections, &c.—Wentworth, Hill End, Timonee, Forbes, and Quirindi	7,900 0 0		
Health Board Offices—further sum	1,700 0 0		
Royal Mint—Alterations and Repairs to Buildings, &c., Renewal of Machinery—further sum	3,500 0 0		
Local Land Board and Survey Offices, East Maitland, Dubbo, and Hay—Completion—further sum	2,200 0 0		
Land Board and Survey Office, Bourke—Erection	3,200 0 0		
For erection of buildings at Forbes to be used as a Local Land Board and District Survey Office.....	2,500 0 0		
Law Offices, Chancery Square—Additional accommodation	1,900 0 0		
Australian Museum—New roof	1,600 0 0		
Newcastle Boatmen's Quarters.....	5,000 0 0		
Customs House—Alterations	2,500 0 0		
Public Works and Colonial Secretary's Buildings—Leading-in lines, &c., Electric Lighting Plant, and Steam or Hot Water Plant.....	3,700 0 0		
Justice Department—Additions	350 0 0		
Newcastle old Court-house—Converting into Post and Telegraph Office	1,500 0 0		
Governor's Country Residence, Hill View	800 0 0		
Police Stations and Quarters—Erection, &c.—Eden, Albury, Lismore, Gladstone, Tibooburra, Currabubula, and Milparinka	6,853 0 0		
Post Offices, Erections, Additions, &c.,—Lismore, Alexandria, Peak Hill, Summer Hill, Murwillumbah, Carrington, Randwick, Arncliffe, and South Broken Hill.....	14,350 0 0		
General Post Office—Additions	16,000 0 0		
	30,350 0 0		
Offices for Inspector-General of Police and Controller-General of Prisons	14,000 0 0		
Government House, Sydney—External rebuilding	1,000 0 0		
		165,003 0 0	
Sewerage Construction—			
Double Bay Storm-water Channel Extension	3,500 0 0		
South Willoughby and Outfall Works, and Land Resumption	15,000 0 0		
Mossman's and Outfall Works	19,000 0 0		
Double Bay Low Level	3,500 0 0		
Storm-water Sewer, Newcastle District, Pasturage Reserve Drainage Extension	3,500 0 0		
Branch Drains—New Lambton, Lambton, Adamstown, and Hamilton	14,700 0 0		
Drainage of Sea Slopes, Bondi and Waverley Extension ...	6,000 0 0		
Storm-water Channel through Callan Park Reclamation ...	700 0 0		
Country Towns Sewerage—			
Parramatta Sewerage, Orange Storm-water Drainage, Liverpool Storm-water Drainage, Picton Storm-water Drainage, Narrandera, Storm-water Drainage, and Country Towns Sewerage generally.....	6,620 0 0		
Northern Slopes, North Sydney	5,000 0 0		
Providing new Sewers, and for elevating Sewerage into Main Bondi Outfall Sewer, at Woolloomooloo	9,000 0 0		
Branch Sewer, draining parts of Randwick and Waverley	33,000 0 0		
Sewerage in Low-level Zone at Rushcutter's Bay	9,000 0 0		
Construction of Drain across Reclamation to connect Main Drain, Long Cove	1,590 0 0		
		130,110 0 0	
Tramways Construction—Electric Tramway from Circular Quay to Redfern Railway Station, and also along Harris-street to the intersection of John-street.....		130,500 0 0	
Railway Construction—			
Nevertire to Warren Railway	32,730 0 0		
Tamworth to Manilla Railway.....	73,170 0 0		
Jerilderie to Berrigan Railway.....	4,300 0 0		
Berrigan to Finley Railway	27,250 0 0		
Railway Trial Surveys	7,000 0 0		
		144,450 0 0	
Water Conservation and Irrigation—For Works in connection with Water Conservation and Irrigation Drainage, and Land Resumptions under the Water Rights Act.....		100,000 0 0	
Carried over			

A 3—continued.

Brought over				
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—				
Water—				
General Reticulation and other works in connection with				
Water Supply within the county of Cumberland	£69,500	0	0	
Improvement to Water Supply of Boroughs of Leichhardt				
and Balmain	14,500	0	0	
Manufacture and erection of Steel Storage Tanks at				
Wahroonga, Pymble, and Hornsby, for Districts along				
Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway Line and Duplicate				
Engine at Chatswood	12,000	0	0	
Erection of Buildings for caretakers, &c., of Depots and				
Water Stations, Additions to Engine-house, Crown-street				
Improvements, &c., to Supply Canal above Prospect Reservoir				
Duplicate Engines and Boiler, Centennial Park Reservoir				
Duplicate Trunk Main, Chatswood to North Sydney (to				
recoup advance from Revenue)	12,000	0	0	
Sewerage—				
Extension of Reticulation in the City	5,000	0	0	
Reticulation in Waverley, Paddington, Randwick, Waterloo,				
and North Sydney	66,000	0	0	
Darling Harbour low-level works	10,000	0	0	
Circular Quay low-level works	9,000	0	0	
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—				
Reticulation and other works	5,000	0	0	
Extension of Water Mains and Constructing a Reservoir to				
supply the Sulphide Corporation, Cockle Creek	10,000	0	0	
Miscellaneous Services—				
For Erection of Country Technical Colleges and Techno-				
logical Museums	7,000	0	0	
For Additions to Technical College, Sydney ..				
For Erection of new School Buildings of a permanent				
character ..	40,000	0	0	
Additions to Art Gallery	6,000	0	0	
Mines—				
To provide Water Supplies for Mining Townships, &c.—				
further sum	15,000	0	0	
For Metallurgical and Assay Works, School of Mines, and				
to promote the development of the Mining Industry ..	20,000	0	0	
Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms—further sum				
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—Construction				
of Works in connection with Artesian Boring and Water				
Supplies on Stock Routes and Crown Lands; for the				
construction of Public Watering Places and appliances				
and expenditure incidental thereto	26,000	0	0	
Miscellaneous Services—Construction and Extension of				
Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally—further sum				
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works				
			£1,997,453	0
			0	0
<i>Other Works.</i>				
To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by				
means of an Annual Sinking Fund.				
Department of Lands—Towards Clearing or otherwise Im-				
proving Crown Lands				Expended.
Roads—Relaying Wood Blocks in King-street, Newtown, from				Balance.
Bligh-street to the Railway Bridge			6,135	0
			0	0
Bridges—				
For Erection of Bridges at the under-mentioned sites—				
Wollondilly River, at Rossi's Crossing; Wollomombi				
River, Armidale to Kempsey; Byron Creek, Road				
Possum Shoot to Brooklet; Deep Creek, Moonee to Con-				
garra; Bargo River, Main South Road; Bree River,				
Molten Plains to Brewarrina; Culgoa River, at Weil				
moringle; Deep Creek, Bega to Nimitybelle; Wilson's				
Creek, Lyttleton to Bembooka; Bega River, at Bega				
Main South Coast Road; Duck Creek, at Canonbar to Pine				
Ridge; Narromne; Broadwater Creek, Broadwater				
Creek to Lawrence; Westbrook Bridge, Camden to Oaks;				
Cowl, at Trangie; Coalbaggie Creek, Dubbo, Coonamble				
to Collie; Warren Creek, Coonamble to Tunderbrine				
Creek; Hunter River, at Morpeth; Rockey Creek,				
Grebent's to Solferino; Fortis Creek, Grebert's to				
Solferino; Carrigatel Creek, Forbes to Marsden and				
Wyalong, including land compensation; Lagoon Creek,				
Kempsey to foot of Jeogla Mountain; Lower Creek,				
Armidale, near 50 Mile; Wheeny Creek, at Blaxland's				
Ridge; Cox's River, at Junction Main West Road; Bow				
Bridge, Main South Coast Road; Weean Creek, Inverell				
to Strathbogie; Gil Gil Creek, at Wilboa; Billabong, at				
Cape Billabong Creek to Urana; Camden Haven, at				
Kendall; Tuross Estuary, Trunkatabella Bridge, Main				
South Coast Road; Twelve-Mile Creek, Pilliga to Walgett;				
Burren Creek, Walgett, <i>via</i> Burren, to Narrabri;				
Nepean River, at Harvey's Crossing (further sum);				
Molonglo River, at Burbong, Goulburn to Cooma; Quean-				
beyan River, at Queanbeyan; Seven Hills, No. 1 near				
Station; Seven Hills, No. 2 near Station; Swamp, Black-				
town Road, Blacktown to Windsor Road; Bluff River,				
Glen Innes to Tenterfield; Sandy Creek, Tenterfield to				
Ballina, Bokhara Road, Walgett to Brenda; and Whitton,				
over Lagoon			58,275	0
			0	0
Carried over				
			44,824	13,451

A 3—continued.

Brought over			Expended.	Balance.
Harbours and Rivers—				
Byron Bay Jetty	£4,000 0 0		4,000	
New Wharf, Circular Quay (late A.S.N. Co.'s Wharf)	12,000 0 0		11,615	385
Conversion of Grab Dredges to Sand-pump Dredges	15,000 0 0		15,000	
Dredge Dock, Richmond River—further sum	1,500 0 0		545	955
Towards fitting Steam Steering Gear on Tugs, and Electric Light on Dredges and "Thetis"	1,800 0 0		643	1,157
Wharf and Crane at Bourke	4,500 0 0		4,500	
New Ballast Jetties at Stockton	2,000 0 0		2,000	
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars	15,000 0 0		15,000	
		55,800 0 0	53,303	2,497
Government Architect—				
Court-houses—Erections, Additions, &c.—Cudal; Pam-bula; Glen Innes; Delegate Court and Watch House; Lismore; Tibbooburra—Purchase of Building; Gilgandra Court-room and Offices; Hillston; Peak Hill Court and Watch House—Additional sum; West Kempsey—Further sum; Albury; Darlinghurst; Water Police Court; Buckley's Crossing Court and Watch House; Armidale; Court-houses generally	13,530 0 0		13,530	
Governor Phillip's Statue, Foundations, &c.	1,000 0 0		1,000	
Botanical Gardens—Drainage of Buildings	800 0 0		800	
Purchase of Site for Court-house and Lock-up at Burwood	623 0 0		623	
Government Printing Office—Installation of a System of Fire Extinction	2,000 0 0		2,000	
Gaols, Additions, &c.—Maitland—Quarters in connection with New Wing for Females; Gaols—Additions, Repairs, &c.; and Cobar Lock-up, Gaol	4,120 0 0		4,120	
Parramatta Hospital—Additions, Medical Superintendent's Quarters	750 0 0		750	
Lock-ups—Erection, Additions, &c.—Cobar, Coolah, Gunnedah, and Rockley	1,825 0 0		1,825	
Police Stations and Quarters—Additions, &c.—Enngonia, Tamworth, Broken Hill, Taree, Forbes, Jindera, Nowendoc, Ungarie, Gloucester, Mungindi, Narrabri, Coolah, Police Buildings generally, and Lock-ups	14,225 0 0		13,882	343
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erection, Additions, &c.—Camden, Warren, Howlong, Bega, Cooma, Boggabri, Moree, and Minor Towns	12,040 0 0		12,040	
		50,913 0 0	50,570	343
Sewerage Construction—				
Construction of Drain between Court-house Hill and Belongil Creek, Byron Bay	500 0 0		500	
Necropolis—Drainage	2,500 0 0		1,720	780
		3,000 0 0	2,200	780
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Sewerage—Improvement for better disposal of sludge at Cook's River, Botany				
Mines—Resumption of Accommodation House, &c., at Jenolan Caves, and provide improved buildings				
Total, Other Works				
<i>Repayment of Loans.</i>				
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1897—In January—				
Railways and Public Works—30 Vic. No. 23		65,800 0 0		
Total, Repayment of Loans		65,800 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works		1,997,453 0 0		
Total, Other Works		208,123 0 0		
Grand Total		2,271,376 0 0		

2. Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding Two million and sixty-three thousand two hundred and fifty-three pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall run *pari passu* and be redeemable concurrently with the Stock issued under the provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day; and, as to a sum not exceeding two hundred and eight thousand one hundred and twenty-three pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1927 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum not exceeding six thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven pounds eight shillings and eight pence shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirtieth day of June in each year, commencing with the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund.

3. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor.

4. The provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892" relating to the dates for the payment of interest and the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with, all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.

Application hereto of certain provisions of Funded Stock Act of 1892.

A 3—continued.

Sums borrowed, how to be accounted for and appropriated. 5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be by him carried to and form part of the General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to any other duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879."

Powert to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock. 6. Debentures or Stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.

Moneys borrowed under special Acts to be subject to Loans Fund Amalgamation Act. 7. (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any special Act, the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to and in respect of all moneys borrowed or which may hereafter be borrowed under the authority of any special Act; and the provisions of any special Act so far as they repeal, amend, or restrict the operation of any of the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 are hereby declared to have been and to be of no effect, and any moneys at credit of the General Loan Account may be applied to any service authorised by a special Act notwithstanding that no money has been raised under such special Act.

Money may be carried to General Loan Account. (ii) It shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer, in anticipation of the exercise of any power to borrow conferred by any special Act, and to meet urgent demands on account of loan services, to carry to the General Loan Account such sums as the Governor may order and direct.

Repayment of said money. (iii) It shall be lawful for the said Treasurer to cause to be transferred from the General Loan Account such sums as the Governor may order and direct by way of refund or discharge of any sums carried to the said account, either before or after the commencement of this Act.

Loans Fund Amalgamation Act to apply to money at credit of account. (iv) Any sums carried to the General Loan Account under the authority of this section or paid into the Treasury by way of refund of advances from the said account, either before or after the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been and to be money included in that account; and the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to the said sums as though those sums had been borrowed under the authority of a special Act.

Definitions. 8. In this Act the expressions "special Act" and "loan services" have the meanings given to them respectively in the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879, "Governor" means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being, and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

Short title. 9. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1896."

B 3.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Sexagesimo Primo, Victoriae Reginae.

No. XLIII. (A.D. 1897.)

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, 10th December, 1897.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Governor may raise money by sale of debentures or issue of stock.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two million and twenty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty-two pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>			
Railways—			
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum	£150,000	0	0
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Work-			
shops; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, in-	150,000	0	0
cluding Safety Appliances.....			
Tramways—			
Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other			
purposes	10,000	0	0
Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for			
other purposes	10,000	0	0
		320,000	0
Wollongong Harbour Works—Cost of Works taken over by			
the Government—further sum.....		12,100	0
Bridges—			
Pyrmont	48,500	0	0
Glebe Island.....	89,100	0	0
		137,600	0
Harbours and Rivers—			
Lighthouse and Quarters, Cape Byron	18,000	0	0
Nambucca River Improvements—further sum.....	5,000	0	0
Richmond River Improvements—further sum	50,000	0	0
Cape Hawke—Improvements to Entrance—further sum ...	5,000	0	0
Manning River Improvements—further sum	15,000	0	0
Clarence River Improvements—further sum	30,000	0	0
Bellinger River Improvements—further sum	6,000	0	0
Macleay River Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0
Camden Haven Improvements—further sum	5,000	0	0
Tweed River Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0
Improvement of the Apsley River	1,600	0	0
Carried over			
Carried over			

B 3—continued

Brought over			
Brought over			
Harbours and Rivers— <i>continued</i>			
Horse Ferry Dock and Landing at Dawes Point—with Roadway thereto—Subject to the North Shore Council constructing a suitable Dock, &c, at Blues Point, North Shore	£7,000 0 0		
Dock for Dredges, Tweed River	2,250 0 0		
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of New Wing, Electric Light, &c.	8,500 0 0		
Landing Silt and forming Ground	25,000 0 0		
Providing extra mooring accommodation for loaded ships, Newcastle Harbour	5,000 0 0		
Deepening of Eastern Channel, Sydney Harbour	10,000 0 0		
Completion of Sea Wall, Rushcutter's Bay, and Reclamation—further sum	600 0 0		
Mosman's Bay—Reclamation Works	2,500 0 0		
Wharf Accommodation, Woolloomooloo Bay, including Cargo Sheds, east side	14,000 0 0		
New Jetty, Circular Quay west side	10,000 0 0		
Reconstruction of Wharf at Eden—further sum	1,500 0 0		
Glebe Island—Levelling, &c	2,500 0 0		
Country Towns—Water Supply, generally	100,000 0 0		
Services of other Departments Advance Account, to provide for Works and Services, carried out for other branches of the Service, and also for repairs to British and Foreign Men of War Ships The value to be replaced from time to time, as the cost of such Works or Services is ascertained—the whole amount to be held available until adjusted	5,000 0 0		
Government Architect—		349,450 0 0	
Public Buildings Generally—Erections, Additions, Alterations, &c			
Court houses — Bowraville; Adamnaby, Coramba, Parkes; Glen Innes, Broken Hill, Kew, Wyalong; Gulgong; Court house generally	15,000 0 0		
Lock ups—Port Macquarie; Burwood, Lock ups generally	2,000 0 0		
Police Stations—Darlinghurst, Manilla; Wardell, Bairnald; Wollongong, Whitton, Moonbi; Dalnoiton, Tuena; Narromine, Eugonia; Captain's Flat, Police Stations generally	15,000 0 0		
Prison for Females—Erection	10,000 0 0		
Parramatta Gaol—Additions, &c	11,500 0 0		
Darlinghurst Gaol—Additions, &c	3,000 0 0		
Kenmore Hospital for Insane, including Fittings, &c—further sum	30,000 0 0		
Parramatta Hospital for Insane—Additions, Fittings, &c	2,000 0 0		
Rydalmere Hospital for Insane—Additions, Fittings, &c	2,000 0 0		
Post and Telegraph Offices—Broken Hill (South), Taree, Wyalong (West), Manilla; Dulwich Hill, Lismore, Newcastle (West), Wentworth, Newcastle, Post and Telegraph Offices generally; Purchase of Sites, Post and Telegraph Offices	17,500 0 0		
General Post Office—Mansard Roof, &c	21,500 0 0		
Art Gallery—Addition—further sum	6,000 0 0		
Lands Office—Strong room	800 0 0		
Board of Health New Offices, including Fittings, &c—further sum	1,400 0 0		
Australian Museum—Additions, &c	1,500 0 0		
Government Printing Office—Additions, Electric Light, Fittings, &c	6,500 0 0		
Royal Mint—Additions—Fittings, &c	1,000 0 0		
Government House—Renewal of Building, &c	1,500 0 0		
Botanic Gardens—Improvements	8,800 0 0		
Sydney Hospital—further sum	450 0 0		
Little Bay Hospital—New Nurses' Quarters, &c	4,300 0 0		
Land Board and District Survey Offices, Tamworth—Erection	4,000 0 0		
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—New Offices	4,000 0 0		
Sewerage Construction—		169,750 0 0	
Compensation for land resumed at Botany, including Costs Carrington or Henson street Branch of Long Cove Creek, purchased from Ashfield Council	280 0 0		
Stormwater Channel—Munn street to Shea's Creek	900 0 0		
Stormwater Channel through Callan Park Reclamation—further sum	500 0 0		
Willoughby and Chatswood Sewerage	200 0 0		
Rookwood Asylum—Sewerage	15,000 0 0		
White's Creek Stormwater Channel—further sum	2,200 0 0		
Jenolan Caves—Drainage Works in connection with Government Buildings	2,500 0 0		
1,000 0 0			
Railway Construction—		22,580 0 0	
Extension of Railway into Rookwood Cemetery—further sum	450 0 0		
Trial Surveys	7,000 0 0		
Tramway Construction—Generally	50,000 0 0		
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—further sum	10,000 0 0		
Berrigan to Finley Railway—further sum	2,725 0 0		
Moree to Inverell Railway	279,500 0 0		
Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway—further sum	5,500 0 0		
		353,175 0 0	
Carried over			

B 3—continued.

Brought over				
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE—				
General Reticulation and Improvements to Water Supply to districts of Canterbury, Surry Hills, Redfern, Botany-road, Rookwood, Glebe; also Trunk Main from Centennial Park Reservoir to the Western and North-western Suburbs	£99,500 0 0			
Additions Upper Canal Banks, above Prospect, and other minor works.....	7,750 0 0			
Raising puddle wall of Prospect Embankment, and works connected therewith	8,500 0 0			
Extension of Water Supply, districts of Camden and Narellan	7,500 0 0			
Extension of Water Supply, district of Carlingford	19,000 0 0			
		142,250 0 0		
Public Instruction—For Public School Buildings and sites		50,000 0 0		
Jenolan Caves—For resumption of Accommodation House and to provide Improved Buildings—further sum		3,900 0 0		
Water Supply—To provide Water Supplies for Minor Townships, and incidental expenses thereto		10,000 0 0		
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, generally		50,000 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works.....	£	1,622,805 0 0		
<i>Other Works.</i>				
(To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.)				
Police—To provide a Steam Launch for the use of the Water Police.....		2,800 0 0		
Military—				
To provide Drill Halls and Buildings, with equipment in connection with Defence Works, Volunteers, and others..	11,240 0 0			
Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for Reserve Stock ...	28,300 0 0			
		39,540 0 0		
Mercantile Explosives Branch—Purchase of a Steam Launch for Towage purposes				
Board of Health—Instruments and Fittings for New Bacteriological Laboratories.....				
Marine Board—Conversion of steamer "Ajax" into Pilot Boat for Newcastle				
Bridges—				
Bridge, Cockburn River, Road Tamworth to Nundle; Albury-street, Murrumburrah, within Municipality; Urana Creek, Road Deniliquin to Urana; Emu Creek, Road Booral to Bulladelah; George's Creek, Road Kempsey to Jeogla Mountain; Rocky Creek, Road Coast Road to Perretts; Cockle Creek, Road Cockle Creek to Teralba; Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley (further sum); Taylor's Creek No. 2, Road Deniliquin via Aratula to Tocumwal; Bong Bong Creek, Road South Grafton to Moonee; Tumut River, Road Tumut via Brungle to Gundagai; Saucy Creek, Road Bombala to Mahratta to Cragie; Stony Creek at Coila, Main South Coast Road; Willandra Creek Approaches, Road Booligal to Ivanhoe; Burrangong Creek, Road Caragabel to Clifton; Wheeny Creek, Road Bells Line to Putty G. N. Road; Bridges (3), Deep Creek and Jackson's Waterholes, Road Narrandera to Buckinbong; Bridge Oakey Creek, Road Tamworth to Barraba; over Burton's Creek, Road Pambula to New Buildings; over Jones' Creek at Gundagai, Road Gundagai to Wantabadgery; over Cudgegong River, at Rylstone; over Jandra Creek, Road Bourke to Louth; over Mehi River, at Moree; over Chandler River; over Byewash at Paroo River, at Wanaaring, Road Bourke to Wanaaring; Plumbago Creek, Road Ballina to Tenterfield; over Burrill Creek, Road Burrill Creek to Kimbriki, Moruya; over Hunter River at Glendon, Road Waddell Orchard to Singleton Road; over Paterson River, at Hinton, Road Hinton to Phoenix Park		59,751 0 0	36,845	22,906
Bridge at Pymont		34,000 0 0		34,000
Punts and Launches—				
New Steam Ferry Punt for Grafton, Clarence River; New Hand Ferry Punt (including approaches), Coraki, Richmond River (Adams-street); New Steam Launch for the Clarence River Ferry Service; New Steam Launch for the Hunter River Ferry Service		7,446 0 0	6,121	1,325
Harbours and Rivers—				
Shallow draft Steamer for Dredge Service.....	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Steamer for Snagging Operations.....	1,500 0 0			1,500
Self-propelled Sand-pump Dredge—further sum	5,000 0 0		5,000	
Improvements, George's River.....	1,000 0 0		1,000	
Wharf, Balranald—Raising; Wharf at Newport, Pittwater (foot of Queen's-parade).....	850 0 0		850	
		9,850 0 0		
Carried over				

B 3—continued.

			Expended.	Balance.	
Brought over					
Government Architect— <i>Public Buildings Generally—Erection, Additions, Alterations, Fittings, &c.—</i>					
Court-houses—Coolaman; Bingera; Oberon; Tamworth; Hay; Mudgee; Bathurst; Goodooga; Grafton; Dele- gate; Darlinghurst; Redfern (fittings, &c.); Armidale; Hill End; Gulgong; Warren; Court-houses generally	£11,500 0 0		£10,940	£560	
Lockups—Narrabri (West); Rozelle (Balmain); Wyalong; Deniliquin (South); Lockups generally	2,000 0 0		1,693	307	
Gaols—Forbes; Moree; Parramatta; Bathurst; Biloela; Installation of Electric Light in the principals Gaols of the Colony, viz.:—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, and Young, Gaols generally	10,000 0 0		10,000		
Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	750 0 0		750		
Police Stations—Collie; Wauchope; Koorawatha; Giril- ambone; Broke; Batlow; Cessnock; Warroo; Boo- ligal; Peat's Ferry; Ellenborough; Mulwala; Bourke; Goolagong; Gunning; Linton (Woods Reef, &c.); Bobadah (Overflow Mines); Albion Park; Bega; Broken Hill; Gresford; Bingera; Police Stations generally	13,000 0 0		11,660	1,340	
Post and Telegraph Offices—Howlong; Nowra; Jerilderie; Boggabri; Junee; Bathurst; Carrington—further sum; Post and Telegraph Offices generally	4,000 0 0		4,000		
Benevolent Asylums, Rookwood, Newington, and Liverpool	9,000 0 0		8,820	180	
Quarantine Station—Additions, &c.	1,000 0 0		1,000		
Custom Houses—Sydney and Broken Bay	460 0 0		460		
Hawkesbury Agricultural College—Irrigation Works	500 0 0		500		
Registrar-General's Offices—Electric Light	800 0 0		800		
Little Bay Hospital—Fittings, &c.	350 0 0		350		
Admiralty House—Additions, &c.	600 0 0		600		
	53,960 0 0		51,573	2,387	
Mines Department— For Erection of Agricultural Colleges and to provide a Recreation Reserve, in lieu of Land taken for Exper- imental Farm purposes					
Jenolan Caves—To provide Fittings, &c., for improved buildings					
Total, Other Works.....£					
<i>Repayment of Loans.</i>					
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1898—in July—Railways and Public Works—31 Vic. No. 27		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
				177,200	0 0
Total, Repayment of Loans				177,200	0 0
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works				1,622,805	0 0
Total, Other Works.....				224,747	0 0
Grand Total.....£				2,024,752	0 0

2. Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding One million eight hundred thousand and five pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall run *pari passu* and be redeemable concurrently with the Stock issued under the provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day; and, as to a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-four thousand seven hundred and forty-seven pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1928 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred and ninety-one pounds eleven shillings and four pence shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirtieth day of June in each year, commencing with the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.
3. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.
4. The provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892" relating to the dates for the payment of interest and the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with, all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.
5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be by him carried to and form part of the General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to any other duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879."
6. Debentures or stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.
7. (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any special Act, the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to and in respect of all moneys borrowed or which may hereafter be borrowed under the authority of any special Act; and the provisions of any special Act so far as they appeal, amend, or restrict the operation of any of the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 are hereby declared to have been and to be of no effect, and any moneys at credit of the General Loan Account may be applied to any service authorised by a special Act notwithstanding that no money has been raised under such special Act.
- (ii) It shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer, in anticipation of the exercise of any power to borrow conferred any special Act, and to meet urgent demands on account of loan services, to carry to the General Loan Account such sums as the Governor may order and direct.
- (iii) It shall be lawful for the said Treasurer to cause to be transferred from the General Loan Account such sums as the Governor may order and direct by way of refund or discharge of any sums carried to the said account, either before or after the commencement of this Act.

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund.

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor.

Application hereto of certain provisions of "Funded Stock Act of 1892."

Sums borrowed, how to be accounted for and appropriated.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

Moneys borrowed under special Acts to be subject to Loans Fund Amalgamation Act.

Money may be carried to General Loan Account.

Repayment of said money

B 3—continued.

Loans Fund Amalgamation Act to apply to money at credit of account.

Definitions.

Short title.

(iv) Any sums carried to the General Loan Account under the authority of this section or paid into the Treasury by way of refund of advances from the said account, either before or after the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been and to be money included in that account; and the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to the said sums as though those sums had been borrowed under the authority of a special Act.

8. In this Act the expressions "special Act" and "loan services" have the meanings given to them respectively in the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879, "Governor" means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being, and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

9. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1897."

C 3.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Sexagesimo Secundo, Victoriæ Reginae.

Act No. 36, 1898.

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes. [Assented to, 23rd December, 1898.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Governor may raise money by sale of debentures or issue of stock.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two million two hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-seven pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>			
<i>Railways—</i>			
Towards the Duplication of portion of existing Railway Lines, and Works in connection therewith	£50,000 0 0		
Towards Improvements of Grades and Curves—further sum	100,000 0 0		
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops; for Rolling Stock, and for other purposes, including Safety Appliances	150,000 0 0		
<i>Tramways—</i>			300,000 0 0
Additions to Workshops and Buildings, and for other purposes, including Duplication of part of existing lines ...	35,000 0 0		
Additions to Tramway Lines and Rolling Stock, and for other purposes	25,000 0 0		
<i>Military—</i>			60,000 0 0
To complete Defences and Works necessary on the Coast, including cost of resuming land	15,700 0 0		
Towards the establishment of a Small Arms Ammunition Factory in New South Wales	19,500 0 0		
<i>Harbours and Rivers—</i>			35,200 0 0
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of quarters	5,600 0 0		
Richmond River Improvements	25,000 0 0		
Moruya River Improvements	6,500 0 0		
Tweed River Improvements	10,000 0 0		
Nambucca River Improvements	5,000 0 0		
Macleay River Improvements	12,000 0 0		
Hastings River Improvements	5,000 0 0		
Camden Haven River Improvements	8,000 0 0		
Bateman's Bay Training-wall	5,000 0 0		
Shea's Creek and Cook's River—Stone pitching along banks	7,000 0 0		
Landing Silt from Dredges, including Special Dredging and Forming Ground	15,000 0 0		
Woolloomooloo Bay Wharf—New Wharfs, Cargo Sheds, Office, and Latrines	5,500 0 0		
Port Kembla Improvements	10,000 0 0		
Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommodation—further sum	5,000 0 0		
Newcastle Wharf and Shipping Appliances, Inner Basin—towards construction of	15,000 0 0		
Naval Station Works, Garden Island—further sum	500 0 0		
Country Towns Water Supply—further sum	25,000 0 0		
George's River Improvements	2,000 0 0		
<i>Railway and Tramway Construction—</i>			167,100 0 0
Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway—Costs, McSharry v. Commissioner for Railways—further sum	1,500 0 0		
Nevertire to Warren Railway—further sum	4,500 0 0		
Koorowatha to Grenfell Railway	96,825 0 0		
The Rock to Green's Gonyah (Lockhart) Railway	65,939 0 0		
Byrock to Brewarrina Railway	146,350 0 0		
Tramways generally	75,000 0 0		
Trial Surveys	16,000 0 0		
Tarrawingee Railway Line at Broken Hill—Purchase of ...	15,500 0 0		
Rosehill Railway, from Clyde to Carlingford, including the branch line to the Parramatta River, timber wharf at the terminating point of the branch line, with the loading appliances upon it, turntable, land, stations, platforms, and siding accommodation, and everything provided or carried out in connection with the railway under Bennett and Simpson's Railway Acts—Purchase of (as recommended by the Public Works Committee in their Report on the proposed Railway from the terminus of the Rosehill Railway to Dural)	20,000 0 0		
			441,614 0 0
Carried over			

C 3—continued.

Brought over		£		
Government Architect—				
Australian Museum—Additions, &c	£13,500 0 0			
National Art Gallery—Additions—further sum	13,000 0 0			
New Offices for Hunter District Water and Sewerage Board, Newcastle—further sum	1,000 0 0			
Government Printing Office—Additions, &c	2,473 0 0			
Custom house Buildings—Additions	19,300 0 0			
Treasury Buildings—Additions—further sum	3,500 0 0			
Rydalmere Hospital for Insane—Additions	4,500 0 0			
Kenmore Hospital for Insane—Erections, &c—further sum	30,000 0 0			
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erection and Additions—West Maitland, Nariandera; Pyrmont, Newcastle, Berri gan; Dulwich Hill, Concord, Balranald, Post and Telegraph Offices generally	27,000 0 0			
General Post Office—Additions—further sum	12,500 0 0			
Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices generally	3,000 0 0			
Gaols—Erection and Additions—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Bathurst, Berrima, East Maitland, Gaols generally	22,000 0 0			
Lock ups—Erection and Additions—Armidale, Mosman, Lock ups generally	4,000 0 0			
Court houses—Erection and Additions—Temoia, Coolamon, Condobolin, Wyalong, Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Goulburn; Wilcannia, Cobar, Moree, Court houses generally	36,000 0 0			
Police Stations—Erections and Additions—Murrumbidgee, Major's Creek, Swamp Oak; Nowra, Condobolin, Jerilderie; Forbes, Cootamundra; Darlinghurst, Police Stations generally	15,000 0 0			
		206,773 0 0		
Sewerage Construction—				
Double Bay Low Level Sewerage—further sum	1,700 0 0			
Brennan street, Easton Park, and Wallsend Stormwater Channels	3,800 0 0			
Willoughby and Chatswood Sewerage—further sum	4,800 0 0			
Rookwood Asylum Sewerage—further sum	1,700 0 0			
Quarantine Station Sewerage and Water Supply	4,500 0 0			
North Sydney and Mosman Sewerage Extension—further sum	12,000 0 0			
		28,500 0 0		
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—				
Water Supply—				
Improvements to Trunk Mains, Reticulation Works, Improvements to existing Reservoirs, strengthening Upper Canal Banks and minor works	90,000 0 0			
Erection of new buildings	6,000 0 0			
Sewerage—				
Western Suburbs, including Balmam, completion of Reticulation Works, and ventilation and minor works, gravitation and low level	180,000 0 0			
Northern Suburbs, including Willoughby, Mosman, and Neutral Bay Divisions	85,000 0 0			
Eastern Suburbs, including Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington	27,000 0 0			
City Sewers	5,000 0 0			
Sewage Farms—Distributing Carriers, undraining Railway Buildings	8,000 0 0			
Administration of Justice—Trial Bay—Harbour Improvements	12,000 0 0			
Postmaster General—Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, generally	50,000 0 0			
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works	£ 1,702,187 0 0			
<i>Other Works</i>				
(To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund)				
Government Printer—Additional Machinery for the Government Printing Office				
Bridges—				
Tumut River, at Oddys; Nepean River, at Camden, Merrowie Creek, at Bellingerambil, Killawarra, Manning River; Cooma Creek, Clarence River, at Tabulam, Little River, Kempsey, Macleay (further sum), Myall Creek; Flood Channel, Bogan River, Dingo Creek, at Cameron's Crossing, Manilla River, at Upper Manilla, Jugiong Creek, Cuttagee Creek, Talbragar River, Condie's Creek, Haslam's Creek, Dignam's Creek, Bottle Creek, Billabong Creek, at Garryowen, Croppa Creek, Lachlan River, at Condobolin, Yass River, at Gundaroo, Orara River, at Sharp's Crossing, St Mary's Crossing, Allyn River, Reedy Creek, at Warialda, Tarlo River, Run of Waters Creek, Muddy Creek, West Botany, Rose dale, Murrumbidgee River, Billabong Creek, Bridges generally			Expended	Balance
		57,000 0 0	£17,668	39,332
Carried over				

C 3—continued.

Brought over	£		Expended	Balance
Harbours and Rivers—				
To provide Water Supplies for Minor Townships (unincorporated)	£10,000 0 0		£430	£9,570
Sea wall, Fort Macquarie	2,000 0 0		1,915	85
Sea walls, Manly—rebuilding	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Dredge Dock, Richmond River—further sum	1,000 0 0			1,000
Dredge Dock, Tweed River—further sum	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Government Warehouse, Circular Quay, West side—alterations	1,250 0 0			1,250
Additional Cargo Sheds and Approaches, Eastern side—Woolloomooloo Bay	8,000 0 0		7,993	7
Fitzroy Dock—Extension and Appliances	7,500 0 0		4,077	3,423
Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works	4,000 0 0		1,366	2,634
Shea's Creek and Cook's River—Wharfs and Bridge at Ricketty street	3,000 0 0		6	2,994
New Hull for S S Thetis	10,000 0 0			10,000
Sea wall, Snail's Bay	1,500 0 0		1,329	171
Bourke Wharf and Crane—further sum	1,000 0 0		568	432
Deepening Duck River	6,500 0 0		308	6,192
Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, and providing for discharge of Flood Waters—further sum	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Government Architect—		60,250 0 0		
Bourke Land Board and Survey Offices—further sum	500 0 0		500	
Royal Mint—Additions and Fittings—further sum	2,000 0 0		1,418	582
Quarantine Station Buildings—Additions and Improvements, Sydney Heads and Woolloomooloo	5,600 0 0		1,163	4,437
Government House, Sydney—Rebuilding	1,500 0 0		1,500	
Conversion of Old Court house, Redfern, into Fire Brigade Station	1,400 0 0		1,400	
Newcastle Hospital for Insane—Additions	1,500 0 0		259	1,241
Parramatta and Gladesville Hospital for Insane—Additions	4,000 0 0			4,000
Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Additions and Water Supply	2,900 0 0		2,827	73
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions—Bourke, Wallsend, Jenildere, Hillgrove, Nowra, Wyalong West, Bathurst, Minor Towns, Post Offices generally, Turret Clocks for Post Offices, Newtown Broken Hill, Lismore, and North Sydney, on condition that the respective Municipal Councils provide one third of total cost	9,000 0 0		2,760	6,240
Lock ups—Erections and Additions—Moree, Narrabri, Erskine street, Sydney, Wyong, Taree, Condobolin, Gundagai, Bingara, Ryde, Bourke, Lock ups generally	6,000 0 0		3,204	2,796
Court houses—Erections and Additions—Bathurst, Albury, Warren, Broken Hill, Wellington, Parkes, Cooperook, Angledool; Whitton, Bourke, Mudgee, Daysdale, Coonamble, Court houses generally	6,500 0 0		2,217	4,283
Police Stations—Erections and Additions—Gosford, Parkes, Currabubula, Glen Innes; Goolagong; Wollongong, Broke, Collie, Gilgandra, Giralbone, Tumbalumbar, Ellenborough, Bathurst, Wardell, Frederickton; Tuena, Chatsworth Island, Koorawatha, Waroo, Balranald, Kempsey, Mt M'Donald, Finley, Merriwa, West Maitland, Canowindra, Wagga Wagga, Camden Haven, Police Stations generally	12,000 0 0		6,775	5,225
Gaols—Erections and Additions—Young, Mudgee, Electric Light installation in Gaols Darlinghurst, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Maitland, and Parramatta (further sums), Gaols generally	8,000 0 0		7,213	787
Board of Health—Disinfecting Station and Machinery	3,500 0 0			3,500
Agriculture—For the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges and Experimental Farms	50,000 0 0	64,000 0 0	31,236	33,164
Public Watering Places, Artesian Wells, &c — Boring for Artesian Water and Minerals, for Public Watering Places generally, and Expenses incidental thereto	100,000 0 0			
		150,000 0 0		
Total, Other Works		£333,650 0 0		
<i>Repayment of Loans</i>				
To meet 5 per cent Debentures falling due in 1899—In January—Railways and Public Works—32 Vic No 13		£197,700 0 0		
Total, Repayment of Loans		197,700 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works		1,702,187 0 0		
Total, Other Works		333,650 0 0		
Grand Total		£2,233,537 0 0		

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund

2 Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding One million eight hundred and ninety nine thousand eight hundred and eighty seven pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall run *par passu* and be redeemable concurrently with the Stock issued under the provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day, and, as to a sum not exceeding Three hundred and thirty three thousand six hundred and fifty pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1899 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty nine, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand one hundred and twenty one pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirtieth day of June in each year, commencing with the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.

C 3—*continue*l.

3. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.

4. The provisions of the "Funded Stock Act of 1892" relating to the dates for the payment of interest and the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with, all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.

5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be by him carried to and from part of the General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to any other duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the "Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879."

6. Debentures or Stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any special Act, the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to and in respect of all moneys borrowed or which may hereafter be borrowed under the authority of any special Act; and the provisions of any special Act so far as they repeal, amend, or restrict the operation of any of the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 are hereby declared to have been and to be of no effect, and any moneys at credit of the General Loan Account may be applied to any service authorised by a special Act notwithstanding that no money has been raised under such special Act.

8. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to warrant any expenditure under this Act in respect of the following services until the Act required under the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888 to authorise the same shall have been passed, namely:—

Tweed River Improvements.....	£10,000
Moruya River Improvements	6,500
Nambucca River Improvements	5,000
Macleay River Improvements	12,000
Hastings River Improvements	5,000

9. In this Act the expressions "special Act" and "loan services" have the meanings given to them respectively in the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879, "Governor" means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being, and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

10. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1893."

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor.

Application hereto of certain provisions of "Funded Stock Act of 1892."

Sums borrowed how to be accounted for and appropriated.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

Moneys borrowed under special Acts to be subject to Loans Fund Amalgamation Act.

Expenditure not to be incurred until Constructing Acts are passed.

Definitions.

Short title.

D 3.

[To Evidence of R. R. P. Hickson, Esq., Under Secretary for Public Works.]

New South Wales, Anno Sexagesimo Tertio, Victoriae Reginae.

Act No. 42, 1899.

An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes. [Assented to 22nd December, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to raise by the sale of Debentures or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, such sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two millions eight hundred and seventy-three thousand nine hundred and eighty-one pounds, as are respectively set against the following Public Works and Services, that is to say:—

<i>Permanent and Reproductive Works.</i>				
<i>Military Service—</i>				
Erection of Drill Sheds in Country Towns	£2,000	0	0	
Additions to Barracks and Defences	2,000	0	0	
To Complete Equipment for Defences	7,300	0	0	
Conversion of Breach-loading Guns into Quick-firers, and Supply of Mountings	5,000	0	0	
Small Arms' Ammunition for Reserve Stock.....	7,500	0	0	
Warlike Stores, &c.	8,750	0	0	
Alteration and Conversion of Small Arms and Completion of Submarine Mining Boat	8,000	0	0	
Purchase of Munitions of War, Reserve Stock	100,000	0	0	
				140,550 0 0
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>				
Additions, &c., to the Newcastle Hospital	6,000	0	0	
Additions, &c., to the Parramatta Hospital	2,000	0	0	
Erection, &c., of Fire Stations	2,000	0	0	
				10,000 0 0
Government Printer—Additional Machinery for Government Printing Office				2,500 0 0
<i>Railways—</i>				
Rolling Stock to meet Additional Traffic and the Equipment of New Lines	120,000	0	0	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops, and other purposes	100,000	0	0	
Towards the Improvement of Grades and Curves—further sum.....	80,000	0	0	
<i>Tramways—</i>				
Towards the Conversion of the Western System of Tram Lines to Electric, and for Rolling Stock.....	80,000	0	0	
Towards amount required to put the Tarrawingee Tramway in Working Order, and necessary Improvements	10,000	0	0	
Extension of Tarrawingee Tramway to Racecourse, and Sidings connected therewith, &c.....	1,000	0	0	
				391,000 0 0
Carried over.....				

D 3—continued.

Brought over			
For Thinning out and otherwise Improving Forest Reserves— further sum		£10,000	0 0
Harbours and Rivers (including Land Resumptions and Costs)— Bateman's Bay—Training-wall at entrance to Clyde River..	£4,000	0	0
Port Kembla Harbour Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0
Port Kembla Harbour Improvements—Purchase of Land and Improvements thereon	55,500	0	0
Moruya River Improvements—further sum	11,000	0	0
Clarence River Improvements	30,000	0	0
Richmond River Improvements	10,000	0	0
Cape Hawke Improvements—further sum	5,000	0	0
Manning River Improvements	15,000	0	0
Bellinger River Improvements	8,000	0	0
Parramatta River Improvements (near the town)	5,000	0	0
Nambucca River Improvements—further sum	10,000	0	0
Macleay River Improvements—further sum	12,000	0	0
Hastings River Improvements	1,700	0	0
Wharf, Darling Harbour, and extending Railway to deep waters of Port Jackson (including land resumptions)— further sum	100,000	0	0
Wharf, Sheds, and Roadway, east side of Woolloomooloo Bay—towards	8,000	0	0
Wharf and Shipping Appliances, Newcastle, including Hydraulic Cranes, Inner Basin—further sum	26,500	0	0
Newcastle Harbour—Providing extra Mooring Accommo- dation—further sum	5,000	0	0
Spectacle Island—Erection of Shell Magazine and Wharf, including Reclamation Works	5,500	0	0
Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers, Snagging and Clearing— further sum	13,000	0	0
Glebe Island Improvements, Wharfage Accommodation, Levelling and Forming Ground—further sum	25,000	0	0
Light-house, Norah Head—with Apparatus and Construction of Approach, Road, and Telegraphic Communication ..	18,000	0	0
Horse Ferry, Dock, and Landing at Dawes Point, with Roadway thereto—further sum	2,000	0	0
Trial Bay Prison—Erection of New Wing and Electric Light Installation—further sum	1,500	0	0
Country Towns Water Supply—further sum	15,000	0	0
Sea-walls, Reclamation, and Dredging—White's Creek, Cook's River, Long Cove, Homebush Bay, North Harbour, Newcastle (including Appliances for Pumping Silt, &c.); Roselle Bay; Double Bay; Manly; Byron Bay; Landing Silt from Sand-pumps and other Dredges, Forming Ground, Special Dredging and Appliances ..	65,500	0	0
Wharfs, Jetties, and Landings—Merimbula, including Bridge, Road, and Shed; Jetty, Pontoon, Waiting- shed and Stage, Circular Quay, east side; Bourke- Shed and Approaches—further sum; Newcastle (Queen's Wharf); White Bay; Bermagui—Extension of; Erskine-street; Princes' Stairs, Circular Quay; Glebe Island	16,200	0	0
New Shallow Draught Screw-steamer for Dredge Service— further sum	1,000	0	0
Pilot Steamer "Ajax"—Electric Light and transfer of present Engine and Dynamo to Dredge Service Vessels	450	0	0
New Steamer to replace "Thetis" (condemned)	15,000	0	0
New Steam Launch for Lunacy Department	1,200	0	0
New Sand-pump Dredge for Reclamation and other Works	18,000	0	0
Self-propelled Steam Sand-pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars—further sum	2,200	0	0
Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works	4,000	0	0
New Steam Launch, Public Works Department	2,000	0	0
Railway and Tramway Construction—		522,250	0 0
Railways—			
Tamworth to Manilla Railway—further sum	7,317	0	0
Cootamundra-Gundagai Railway: Award and Interest Arbitration Case McSharry v. Railway Commissioners.	52,500	0	0
Land resumption on Railway Lines already constructed (old claims)	10,175	0	0
Rosehill Railway from Clyde to Carlingford—Purchase of— further sum	2,500	0	0
Berrigan to Finley Railway—further sum	3,000	0	0
Construction of Siding into General Cemetery, Sutherland	2,500	0	0
Tramways—		77,992	0 0
Conversion of the present Steam Trams into Electrical— further sum	62,749	0	0
Tramways generally	75,000	0	0
Government Architect—		137,749	0 0
Post and Telegraph Office—Erections and Additions— General Post Office, Sydney, and Subway, Martin- place—further sum	18,800	0	0
Gaols—Erections and Additions—Parramatta (Quarters, &c.); Penitentiary for Petty Offenders; Prison for Females—further sum; Electrical Light Installation			
Gaols—Darlinghurst, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Mait- land, Broken Hill, Berrima, and Parramatta	29,000	0	0
Institutions for Insane—Additions, &c.—Kenmore—further sum	10,000	0	0
Callan Park, Parramatta, and Gladesville; Rydalmere; Gladesville—Quarters for Medical Officer	17,500	0	0
Benevolent Asylums—Erections, Additions, &c.—Rook- wood; Newington	15,800	0	0
Botanic Gardens (Additions and Improvements)—further sum	5,800	0	0
Carried over			
Carried over			

D 3—continued.

Brought over				
Brought over				
Government Architect— <i>continued</i> —				
Government House—External Rebuilding and Electric Light—further sum.....	£4,500 0 0			
Jenolan Caves Accommodation House—further sum	4,000 0 0			
National Art Gallery—further sum—Additions	4,000 0 0			
New Offices for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—further sum	500 0 0			
University of Sydney—Additions	12,000 0 0			
Electric Light Installation, Public Buildings generally, including Workshop, Fittings, Machinery, &c.—further sum	4,000 0 0			
Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Erection of Kitchen and Appliances, Residence for Clerk and Storekeeper, Additions Lock Ward, and other Improvements	5,600 0 0			
Custom House Buildings—Additions—further sum.....	2,000 0 0			
Treasury Buildings—Additions, Electric Light, and Fittings—further sum	1,000 0 0			
Sewerage Construction—		134,500 0 0		
Waratah Drainage	2,000 0 0			
Parramatta Drainage	35,000 0 0			
Rookwood Asylum—Sewerage—further sum	800 0 0			
Mosman and South Willoughby Sewerage—further sum ..	3,000 0 0			
Waverley, Randwick, and Bondi Sewerage—further sum ..	11,300 0 0			
Providing new Sewers, and for elevating Sewerage into Main Bondi Outfall Sewer at Woolloomooloo, including other Low Levels—further sum	2,500 0 0			
Darling Harbour Low-level Sewerage—further sum	5,000 0 0			
Construction of Storm-water Channel through Water Reserve in the Town of Kiama	2,500 0 0			
Roads and Bridges Branch—		62,100 0 0		
Bridge, Lane Cove River—Re-vote		3,500 0 0		
Telephone Tunnels—Construction of Telephone Tunnels—further sum		50,000 0 0		
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—				
Water—				
Improvements in Mains, Reticulation, Metropolitan and Country Districts, Stop Valves on Trunk Mains, Valves for Hydrants, Strengthening and Improving Canal, Additions to Caretakers' Cottages, and Works generally, including Purchase of Land, Erection of Tanks, and Improvements in Pumping Stations	90,700 0 0			
Sewerage—				
Under-draining Filter Beds, Extension of Sewage Farm Railway, Buildings on Main Carrier, Retaining Walls and Scour Channel, Erection of Workmen's Cottages, including Purchase of Land, Additions, Settling Tanks, &c., Willoughby Outfall Works, and Additional Sum to provide for carrying out Sewerage Work on deferred-payment system	31,500 0 0			
Technical Colleges and Technological Museums		122,200 0 0		
Board of Exports—For increased facilities for Handling and Export of Agricultural and other Produce; erection of Grain Elevators, and other purposes of a like nature		20,000 0 0		
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally		100,000 0 0		
		87,000 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works		£1,871,341 0 0		
<i>Other Works.</i>				
(To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.)				
Harbours and Rivers—				
Wharfs, Jetties, and Landings—				
Merimbula—Jetty, including Bridge, Road, and Shed; Bay View, Pittwater—Wharf; Narooma, Wagonga River—Wharf and Approaches; Kurnell, Botany Bay; Wharfs and Jetties generally	5,800 0 0		299	5,501
Pilot Station, new entrance, Macleay River	3,000 0 0		.....	3,000
Dredge Docks, Tweed and Clarence Rivers	2,500 0 0		1,093	1,407
Government Architect—		11,300 0 0		
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions—				
Gunnedah, Wentworth (further sum), Molong, Menangle, Nyngan, Kyamba, Broken Hill, Hillgrove, Smithfield, Canterbury, Tibcoburra, Broken Hill Railway Town, Wyalong, Hillston, Post and Telegraph Offices generally, Clocks and Bells for Post and Telegraph Offices	16,709 0 0		250	16,459
Police Stations and Lockups—Erection and Additions—				
Collarendabri, Young, Maude, West Maitland (quarters), Wyalong (barracks), Wyalong (quarters), Gunbar, Ryde, Millthorpe, Wiseman's Ferry, Stockingbingal, Bethungra, Broken Hill, Belmont, Moss Vale (lock-up), Bungendore, Wyalong (lock-up), Gilgandra (further sum), Kingston, Kempsey, Eden, Bulyeroy, Acacia Creek, Kunopia, Bourke, Police Stations generally (erections)	24,700 0 0		24,700
Carried over		£		
Carried over		£		

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			Expended.	Balance.
Brought over				
Brought over				
Government Architect (continued)—				
Court-houses—Erections and Additions—				
Pilliga (including Lock-up), Tuena, Gundagai, Stewart's Brook, Coopernook (including Lock-up, further sum), Temora (further sum), Blayney, Cootamundra (further sum), Braidwood, Nyngan Court-house and Police Buildings, Bathurst Court-house, Narrandera, Cummoock (including Lock-up, further sum), Court-houses generally	20,842 0 0		.....	20,842
Gaols—Erections and Additions—				
Burrowa, Grenfell, Gaols generally.....	2,905 0 0		.....	2,905
Forbes—Land and Survey Offices—Quarters	400 0 0		.....	400
Kurnell—Accommodation House and Caretaker's Quarters	600 0 0		.....	600
Wombeyan Caves—Accommodation House, Additions	1,000 0 0		.....	1,000
Yarrangobilly Caves—Accommodation House, Erection ..	1,000 0 0		.....	1,000
Guard Room at Government House—Erection.....	750 0 0		.....	750
Electric Light and other works, "Sobraon," Nautical School Ship	1,500 0 0		1,395	105
Centennial Park Buildings and Improvements.....	1,300 0 0		.....	1,300
Fire Brigade Station, Redfern	350 0 0		239	111
		72,056 0 0		
Sewerage Construction—				
Botany Storm-water Channel	3,800 0 0		165	3,635
Orange Storm-water Drainage	1,000 0 0		2	998
Sewerage Works generally	7,000 0 0		218	6,782
		11,800 0 0		
Roads and Bridges Branch—				
Roads—				
Roads across Bondi Beach.....	2,500 0 0		914	1,586
Relaying Wood Blocks, King-street, Newtown	1,427 0 0		1,427	
Punt for Spink's Ferry, Wakool River (Road Balranald to Swan Hill Bridge)	450 0 0		350	100
Bridges—				
Harper's Creek, Road Berry to Barrengaray; McDonald's Creek, Road Cudgegong to Hill End; Mulwarree Ponds, at Landsdowne, Road Goulburn to Bungonia; Euroka Creek, Road East Kempsey to Dondingalong; Gil Gil Creek, Road Garah to Kunopia; Parson's Creek, Road Warkworth to Putty; Flyer's Creek, Bulladeelah to Bungwall; Khoribakh Creek, Road Khoribakh to Upper Wallamba; Mandagery Creek, Road Manildra to Toogong; Billabong Creek, at Bolton-street, Jerilderie; Tom Thumb Lagoon, Road Wollongong to Port Kembla; Millie (or Cameron's) Creek, Road Bingera to Barraba; Yass River (Pearce's), Main South Road; Cox's River, at Glenroy, Road Hartley to Jenolan; Belubula River, Road Cowra to Canowindra; Bell River, near Wellington, Road Wellington to Ulundry; Yaven Yaven Creek, at Mount Adrab, Road Adelong to Hillas Creek; Emu Creek, Road Booral to Bulladeelah; Main Arm Brunswick River, at Mullumbimby, Road Hainsville, via Mullumbimby, to Byron Bay; Fish River, at Mutton's Falls, Road Tarana to Oberon, including road deviation; Bowna Creek ("Spurr's"), Road Albury to Cookardinia; Charleyong River, Road Braidwood to Nerriga; Murrumbidgee River, Road Mudgee to Cassilis; Warren Creek, Road Carinda to Brewarrina; Macquarie River, Road Walgett to Brewarrina; Maryland, including road approaches, Road Amosfield to Acacia Creek; Warrah Creek, Road Quirindi to Warrah Ridge; Milmaland Creek, Road Warren to Carinda; Delegate River, Road Delegate, via Currawang, to Wollandibby; Six-mile Creek, Road Cathcart to Pambula; Burreangong Creek, Lynch-street, Young; Cooloongalook River, Bulladeelah, Cooloongalook Road; Bridges generally	33,507 0 0		.....	33,507
Total, Other Works .....	.....	145,540 0 0	.....	.....
<i>Repayment of Loans.</i>				
To meet 5 per cent. Debentures falling due in 1900—In July, 1900—				
Railways and other purposes Act, 34 Vic. No. 2	407,100 0 0			
Debentures raised in 1871 under various Acts to make good loss sustained in negotiation of prior loans	450,000 0 0			
		857,100 0 0		
Total, Repayment of Loans .....	.....	857,100 0 0		
Total, Permanent and Reproductive Works .....	.....	1,871,341 0 0		
Total, Other Works .....	.....	145,540 0 0		
Grand Total .....	.....	£2,873,981 0 0		

Stock may be sold in London or Sydney.

2. The Loans so authorised as aforesaid for permanent and reproductive works and repayment of loans may be negotiated wholly or in part in the form of Debentures or Inscribed Stock in the Colony or in London at such times and for such amounts as may be directed by the Governor.

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3. Any Stock issued within the Colony under this Act shall, as to a sum not exceeding Two million seven hundred and twenty-eight thousand four hundred and forty-one pounds, be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day; and as to a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-five thousand five hundred and forty pounds, shall be styled "New South Wales 1930 Stock," and shall be redeemable on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, by means of a Sinking Fund, for the purpose of which a sum not exceeding four thousand eight hundred and fifty-one pounds six shillings and eight pence shall be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, annually, upon the thirtieth day of June in each year, commencing with the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and one, until the date of redemption; and such Stock shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable in like manner as the Stock hereinbefore mentioned.
4. The Governor may make regulations for dealing with the Sinking Fund established by the last preceding section, and may appoint Commissioners.
5. The provisions of the Funded Stock Act of 1892 relating to the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under such Act, and the forms prescribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, *mutatis mutandis*, in connection with all Stock issued within the Colony under the provisions of this Act.
6. In respect of any Stock issued in London under the provisions of this Act, the Governor may make regulations, not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883, for carrying this Act into effect; and such regulations shall be published in the *Gazette* and laid before Parliament within fourteen days of the publication thereof, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days of the commencement of the next session thereof.
7. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be by him carried to and form part of the General Loan Account, and be appropriated and applied, as required, to the works and services hereinbefore specified, or to any other duly authorised Loan Services, in terms of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879.
8. Debentures or Stock sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities; and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures and Stock any property held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable as for a breach of trust or incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.
9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any special Act, the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 shall be deemed to have applied and to apply to and in respect of all moneys borrowed or which may hereafter be borrowed under the authority of any special Act; and the provisions of any Special Act so far as they repeal, amend, or restrict the operation of any of the provisions of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879 are hereby declared to have been and to be of no effect, and any moneys at credit of the General Loan Account may be applied to any service authorised by a special Act notwithstanding that no money has been raised under such special Act.
10. In this Act the expressions "special Act" and "loan services" have the meanings given to them respectively in the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879, "Governor" means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, "Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer for the time being, and the expression "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.
11. This Act may be cited as the "Loan Act of 1899."

Creation of Stock and establishment of Sinking Fund.

Regulations for dealing with Sinking Fund may be made by the Governor.

Application hereto of certain provisions of Funded Stock Act of 1892 to Stock sold in the Colony.

Regulations to be made in respect of Stock sold in London.

Sums borrowed, how to be accounted for and appropriated.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

Moneys borrowed under special Acts to be subject to Loans Fund Amalgamation Act.

Definitions.

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[To the Evidence of Edward Twynam, Esq., Chief Surveyor, Department of Lands.]

New South Wales, Anno Quinquagesimo Primo, Victoriae Reginae.

No. IX.

An Act to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith. [Assented to 13th July, 1887.]

WHEREAS the appropriation of sites suitable for the purposes of a Public Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Centennial Park") and for the erection of a Building (hereinafter referred to as the "State House") to be devoted to the objects hereinafter specified would be a fitting method of commemorating the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of this Colony And whereas for the carrying out of such objects and in order that the said Park should be opened and the Foundation Stone of the said Building should be laid on such anniversary it is expedient that authority for the appropriation of such sites together with certain necessary provisions in connection therewith as hereinafter set forth should be sanctioned by Parliament Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Centenary Celebration Act" and in its construction the expression "Governor" means the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council—"Chief Minister" means the members of the Executive Council for the time being commissioned to form an Administration and his successors being members of the said Council and similarly commissioned.

Short title and interpretation of terms.

2. Upon the passing of this Act and notwithstanding anything contained in any Statute or in any dedication or notification purporting to vest the lands hereinafter referred to or any part thereof in any corporation or persons or to charge or in any way encumber or deal with the same the portions of land described in the Schedules hereto shall together with all buildings or structures that may be now or hereafter erected thereon and the collections deposited therein vest in the Chief Minister and his successors for ever on behalf of Her Majesty for the purposes of this Act for an estate in fee simple in possession freed and discharged from all trusts obligations estates interests contracts charges securities taxes rates rights-of-way or other easements whatsoever and to the intent that the legal estate therein together with all powers incident thereto or conferred by this Act shall be vested in the Chief Minister And for the purposes of facilitating proceedings in carrying out this Act and giving effect to its provisions generally the Chief Minister shall be a corporation sole and may by that name sue and be sued plead and be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be defended and take any legal proceedings in all Courts and places whatsoever with power to hold lands for the purposes of this Act to sell and dispose of lands as hereinafter provided and to give effectual discharges to purchasers thereof and to set apart any portions for roads avenues or for rail or tramways or for lakes ponds or other ornamental purposes.

Resumption of lands.

3. The lands so vested shall be appropriated and applied to the respective purposes hereinafter set forth—

Purposes or which land are resumed

(a) A suitable portion shall be set apart for the erection thereon according to a plan to be approved by the Governor of a Building commemorative of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony And such building (to be designated "The State House") shall be designed and constructed so as to provide—

A great Hall or Amphitheatre (to be designated the "Phillip Hall") for the holding of national assemblages and commemorative celebrations and services of a national or special character

A museum (to be designated the "Carrington Institute") where shall be deposited as they can be collected all books documents printed or written matter and reliques as may be illustrative of the historical material and industrial stages of the Colony's progress and of the various aboriginal races of Australia their customs languages and ethnological characteristics

A gallery for the reception of statues or pictures of the Governors of the Colony and other persons whose names are honorably associated with the Colony

A Public Mausoleum for the interment of those who have been honoured by a public funeral pursuant to a resolution of both Houses of Parliament.

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- (b) A portion not being less in area than six hundred and forty acres shall be set apart by the Governor as a Public Park. Such park shall be designated "The Centennial Park" and shall be laid out according to plans to be approved by the Governor but so that the same may be opened to the public on the twenty-sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.
- (c) After such portions have been so set apart the remainder of the lands so vested shall be laid out in building sites and sold or leased by public auction in such areas at such times and subject to such conditions and provisions (including if necessary the description of buildings to be erected thereon) as the Governor may prescribe.

And it shall be lawful for the Chief Minister notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act contained to convey the same to the purchasers thereof in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Governor may direct and the proceeds of all such sales or leases shall be paid by the purchasers to the Colonial Treasurer and shall be by him carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Effect of sale or lease on lands resumed by this Act.

4. Upon the sale or other disposition of any land being portion of the lands described in the Schedules to this Act no trust obligation estate interest contract charge security right-of-way or other easement from which such land pursuant to section two of this Act is expressed to be freed and discharged upon the vesting of such land in the Chief Minister shall by reason of such sale or disposition be deemed to revive. Provided that for all purposes of taxation and rating whether public or municipal all lands so sold or demised shall be liable in the same way as ordinary lands alienated by the Crown.

Appropriation of £200,000 for purposes of Act.

5. For the construction of the State House and of the approaches thereto and of all suitable offices in connection therewith and for the laying out planting and enclosure of the Centennial Park and for all necessary works in connection therewith the sum of two hundred thousand pounds sterling is hereby appropriated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund which sum shall be payable by the Colonial Treasurer in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Governor may determine.

Annual appropriation.

6. In addition to the said sum of two hundred thousand pounds hereby appropriated a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds to be payable out of the said last-mentioned fund may in each and every year beginning with the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight be expended by the Chief Minister subject to the approval of the Governor for the purpose of procuring collections to be deposited in the various departments of the State House and for their due preservation and exhibition. Provided that an account of all purchases made by such Minister in each year shall be laid before Parliament.

Appointment of Boards Officers &c.

7. The Governor on the recommendation of the Chief Minister may appoint such Boards of Advice (without remuneration) and may also appoint at such annual salaries or other remuneration as Parliament may sanction such custodians and other officers and servants as he may think necessary for the purposes of this Act and for the due preservation and maintenance of the State House and its collections and of the Centennial Park.

Minister may accept gifts bequests &c.

8. The Chief Minister may accept from any person desirous of dedicating or from the representatives of any person who has bequeathed any books pictures documents plans reliques or other things fit in the opinion of such Minister to be deposited in the State House and all such gifts shall when practicable be inscribed with the names of the donors but in all respects shall be treated in the same manner as if they had been acquired by purchase for the purposes of this Act.

Gratuitous use of Park &c.

9. No money shall be demanded for entrance to the Centennial Park or State House and the same shall be deemed to be "public places." Provided that the public right of using such places shall be subject to such regulations as the Governor may think proper to adopt.

All collections property of Minister.

10. All collections and articles purchased by given or bequeathed to the Chief Minister for the purposes of this Act or being within or upon the premises or lands by this Act vested in the Chief Minister may for the purposes of all legal proceedings be described as the property of the Chief Minister.

Regulations.

11. It shall be lawful for the Governor to frame regulations (which may be enforced by penalties to be summarily recoverable and in no case to exceed fifty pounds for any single breach thereof) for the maintenance of orderly conduct by persons resorting to or using the Centennial Park or State House or any part thereof and for the management and protection thereof. Every such regulation when published in the *Gazette* shall have the full force of law and shall be construed cumulatively with and not as in substitution of any other law.

SCHEDULES.

Schedule A.

Part of Permanent Common.

Description for Resumption.

County of Cumberland parish of Alexandria area about twenty-five acres Commencing at the easternmost corner of a portion of twenty-nine acres twenty perches set apart for a Volunteer Rifle Range for Sydney and bounded thence by a line bearing north thirty-one degrees thirty minutes east to the southern side of Park Road thence by part of that side of that road easterly to the eastern boundary of the four hundred and ninety acres dedicated for a Permanent Common on fifth October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six thence by that boundary southerly to the eastern side of the Randwick Road thence by that side of that road northerly two chains seventy links thence by a line bearing south seventy-six degrees east six chains fifteen links thence by a line bearing north forty degrees east twenty chains seventy-five links thence by a line bearing north sixty-eight degrees west to the eastern side of the Randwick Road aforesaid thence by part of that side of that road northerly to a point where a line parallel to and rectangularly distant one chain twenty-one links from the last described boundary would intersect that road thence by that line bearing south sixty-eight degrees east to the intersection of the north-easterly prolongation of the afore described boundary which bears north forty degrees east thence by a line bearing north forty degrees east nine chains thence by a line bearing north thirty-one degrees thirty minutes east four chains eighty links thence by a line bearing north fifty-eight degrees thirty minutes west to a fence which forms a south-eastern boundary of the Pastoral and Agricultural Society's grounds thence by that fence and the fence forming the eastern boundary of that land and a line in prolongation north-easterly and northerly to the south-eastern boundary of the Volunteer Rifle Range aforesaid and thence by that boundary north-easterly to the point of commencement. Being part of the four hundred and ninety acres dedicated for a Permanent Common on fifth October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six. All the above stated bearings are from the true meridian.

Schedule B.

Water Reserve.

Description for Resumption.

County of Cumberland parish of Alexandria area seven hundred and sixty-seven acres Commencing on the southern side of the Old South Head Road at the north-west corner of a portion of three roods eight perches which forms part of St. James' Glebe and bounded thence on the east and north by the western and southern boundaries of that portion south and east to the western boundary of a portion of eleven acres which also forms part of St. James' Glebe thence again on the east and north by part of the western and the southern boundaries of that portion south and east to its south-east corner thence again on the east by the western boundaries of G. W. Cole's five acres and W. Abercrombie's five acres south to the south-west corner of the latter portion thence again on the north by a line partly forming the southern boundary of the last-named five acres east to a point one chain east of the south-east corner of that portion thence on the west by a line parallel to and rectangularly distant one chain from the eastern boundaries of W. Abercrombie's five acres and G. W. Cole's five acres aforesaid north to a point one chain south of the south-west corner of W. Lawson's senior five acres two roods thence again on the north by a line parallel to and rectangularly distant one chain from the southern boundary of that land east to the north-west corner of T. W. Smart's four acres two roods thence again on the east by the western boundary of that portion south to its south-west corner thence again on the north by a line partly forming the southern boundary of that land the southern boundary of M. Fitzgerald's westernmost five acres two roods twenty perches and part of the southern boundary of M. Fitzgerald's easternmost portion of five acres two roods twenty perches east to a point north of the north-west corner of a portion of two roods set apart for a site for a pound thence again on the east by a line partly forming the western boundary of that land south to its south-west corner thence again

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again on the north by a line partly forming the southern boundary of that land and the southern boundary of a portion of two roods set apart for a Roman Catholic Church east to the south-east corner of the latter portion thence again on the west by a line partly forming the eastern boundary of that land north to the southern boundary of S. H. and J. Pearce's four acres two roods thence again on the north by part of that boundary east to the north-west corner of A. Quinsey's three acres thence again on the east by a line partly forming the western boundary of that portion south to a point west of the north-west corner of G. Smith's five acres thence again on the north by a line east to that corner thence again on the east and north by the western and southern boundaries of that portion south and east to the western boundary of J. B. Jones' ten acres thence again on the east by part of that boundary south to the south-east corner of that portion on the northern side of Boundary-street thence on the south by part of the northern side of that street west to the western side of Avoca-street thence again on the east by part of the western side of Avoca-street south to the northern side of a road forming the northern boundary of section six A being a portion of one acre three roods thirty perches thence again on the south and on the south-east by the northern and north-western sides of that road west and south-westerly to the north-eastern side of Orange-street thence on the south-west by part of that side of that street north-westerly to a point north of the north-west corner of G. W. Newcombe's ten acres on the northern side of King-street thence again on the east by a line partly forming the western boundaries of allotments three four five and six of section seven and allotments seven and six of section eight south to that corner thence again on the south by a line forming the northern side of King-street the northern boundary of the Reserve for Racecourse at Randwick and part of the northern boundary of the Lachlan Mills Estate being five hundred and seventy acres granted to Samuel Terry west to the south-east corner of four hundred and ninety acres dedicated for Permanent Common on fifth October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six thence again on the west by the eastern boundary of that Common being the western limit of the Lachlan water-shed northerly to the southern side of the Old South Head Road aforesaid thence again on the north by that side of that road easterly to the intersection of a line parallel to and rectangularly distant one chain from the western margin of the Woollahra Reservoir thence by that line southerly and by lines parallel to and rectangularly distant one chain from the southern and eastern margins of that reservoir easterly and northerly to the southern side of the old South Head Road aforesaid and thence by that side of that road easterly to the point of commencement Being all that land dedicated for a Water Reserve on fifth October one thousand eight-hundred and sixty-six with the exception of about one and a quarter acre surrounding and including the Woollahra Reservoir All the above stated bearings are from the magnetic meridian.

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[To Evidence of Edward Twynan, Esq., Chief Surveyor, Department of Lands.]

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PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. } By His Excellency The Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight
(L.S.) } Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
FREDK. M. DARLEY, Lieutenant-Governor. } Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Centenary Celebration Act, it is enacted that of the lands thereby vested in the Chief Minister and his successors for ever on behalf of Her Majesty, for the purposes of the said Act, a portion not being less in area than 640 acres, shall be set apart by the Governor as a Public Park, and that such park shall be designated "The Centennial Park": Now, therefore, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales, in pursuance of the authority and power vested in me by the said Act, do, with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby set apart the land described in the Schedule hereto as a Public Park, and declare that such park is hereby designated and is to be known as "The Centennial Park."

Schedule.

County of Cumberland, parish of Alexandria, area 745 acres more or less: Commencing at the junction of the northern side of King-street with the western side of Wentworth-street, Municipality of Randwick; and bounded thence by the first-mentioned street bearing westerly to its junction with the north-eastern side of the Randwick Road; thence by a prolongation of the northern side of King-street aforesaid, bearing westerly, across the Randwick Road, before mentioned, to the northern boundary of the Randwick Racecourse; thence by the northern boundary of the said racecourse and the northern boundary of the Kensington Estate bearing westerly to the eastern boundary of the Sydney Common of 490 acres, dedicated 5th October, 1866; thence by part of the eastern boundary of that area bearing generally northerly to the north-eastern side of the Randwick Road aforesaid; thence by that road bearing north-westerly 2 chains 70 links; thence by lines bearing south 85° 30' east 6 chains 15 links, north 30° 30' east 20 chains 75 links, and north 77° 30' west to the north-eastern side of the Randwick Road before mentioned; thence by that road bearing north-westerly about 142 links; thence by a line bearing south 77° 30' east about 25 chains 68 links; thence by a line bearing north 30° 30' east 9 chains; thence by a line bearing north 22° east 4 chains 80 links; thence by a line bearing north 68° west 3 chains 34 links to the south-eastern boundary of the Agricultural Society's Ground; thence by that boundary bearing north 57° 6' east 6 chains 11 links; thence by the eastern boundary of the said ground, and a line in prolongation thereof bearing north 3° west, in all 7 chains 14 links; thence by part of the south-eastern boundary of the late Volunteer Rifle Range of 29 acres 0 roods 20 perches, bearing north 44° 56' east 3 chains 73 links to the north-eastern corner thereof; thence by a line bearing north 22° east 16 chains 97 links to the southern side of Park Road; thence by that road bearing easterly and the southern side of the Sydney to Waverley tramway, bearing generally easterly to the north-western corner of an area of 3 roods 5 perches, being part of St. James' Glebe, the said point being about 202 links westerly from the junction of the western side of St. James' Road with the southern side of Waverley Road; thence by the western and part of the southern boundaries of the said area of 3 roods 5 perches bearing southerly and easterly to the western side of St. James' Road before mentioned; thence by that road bearing southerly to its junction with the westerly prolongation of the southern boundary of an area of 11 acres, being part of St. James' Glebe; thence by that prolongation and the southern boundary of the said area of 11 acres, bearing easterly to the north-western corner of G. W. Cole's 5-acre grant; thence by the western boundary of that grant and the western boundary of W. Abercrombie's 5-acre grant to the south-western corner of the latter grant; thence by the southern boundary of that grant, and a prolongation thereof bearing easterly to the eastern side of Denison Road; thence by the eastern side of that road bearing northerly to its junction with the south side of Birrell-street; thence by that street bearing easterly to the north-western corner of T. W. Smart's 4 acres 2 roods grant; thence by the western boundary of that grant to the south-western corner thereof; thence by the southern boundary of the said grant and its prolongation easterly, the southern boundary of M. Fitzgerald's 5 acres 2 roods 20 perches grant, part of the south boundary of M. Fitzgerald's 5 acres 2 roods 20 perches grant, bearing easterly to its junction with the northerly prolongation of the western side of an area of 2 roods set apart as Public Pound; thence by that prolongation and the western side of the said pound site bearing southerly to the south-western corner thereof; thence by the southern boundary of the said pound site, and a prolongation thereof, and the southern boundary of an area of 2 roods granted for a Roman Catholic Church, bearing easterly, to the south-eastern corner thereof; thence by the eastern boundary of that area and a prolongation thereof bearing northerly to the southern boundary of S. H. and J. Pearce's 4 acres 2 roods grant; thence by part of the southern boundary of that grant bearing easterly to the north-west corner of A. Quinsey's 3 acres grant; thence by the western boundary of that grant and a prolongation thereof bearing southerly to the southern side of Victoria-street; thence by that street bearing easterly to the north-western corner of George Smith's 5-acre grant; thence by the western boundary of that grant bearing southerly to the south-western corner thereof; thence by part of the southern boundary of that grant bearing easterly to the western boundary of J. B. Jones' 10-acre grant; thence by part of that boundary bearing south to the northern side of Boundary-street; thence by that street bearing

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bearing westerly to the western side of Avoca-street; thence by that street bearing southerly to the northern side of Earl-street; thence by that street bearing westerly to the north-eastern side of Orange-street; thence by that street bearing north-westerly to its junction with the northerly prolongation of the eastern side of Wentworth-street before mentioned; thence by a line bearing westerly to the western side of Wentworth-street last mentioned; and thence by that street bearing southerly, to the point of commencement,—exclusive of the Randwick Road and Bunnerong Road, within the limits before described; also exclusive of the land resumed for the Sydney to Randwick Tramway and the Tramway Workshops; also exclusive of the area of 1 acre 1 rood, used for a reservoir in connection with the Sydney Water Supply; and also exclusive of the area of 7 acres 2 roods 34 perches resumed for a new water reservoir, constructed under Act 58 Victoria No. 12.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. } By His Excellency The Right Honorable WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight Com-
(L.S.) } mander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and
BEAUCHAMP, Governor. } Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by Proclamation published in *Gazette* No. 716, on the thirteenth day of November, 1891, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the "Drainage Promotion Act of 1865," duly declared all the owners for the time being (the Crown excepted) of the tract of land described in Schedule to the said Proclamation to be a Drainage Union for the purposes of draining the said tract of land to be called the "Darkwater Swamp Drainage Union." And whereas by section 19 of the said Act it is enacted that on the receipt of a petition under the hand of not less than one-third part of the members of any such Union in number and value of holdings, and after publication of such petition in the *Gazette* and at least one local newspaper for two months, and no sufficient cause against it shown by other such members more in number and greater in value, the Governor may, with the advice aforesaid, dissolve such Union if then free from all debt, from and after a day to be named in a Proclamation published in like manner, and the Union shall be so dissolved accordingly: And whereas a petition, dated the twenty-fifth day of July, 1899, has been presented by certain persons to the Governor in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, purporting to show that the petitioners are members of the said Darkwater Swamp Drainage Union; that the petitioners are desirous that the said Union may be dissolved; that the petitioners comprise not less than one-third part of the members of such Union in number and value of holdings; and that such Union is free from all debt: And the petitioners pray that such Union may be dissolved: And whereas such petition has been published in the *Gazette* and local newspapers for the prescribed period, and no cause has been shown against it: And whereas by the Statutory Declarations of the Chairman and Secretary respectively of the said Union, declared at Kempsey, in the said Colony, on the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, it has been shown that the said Union is free of all debt: Now, I, WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, the Governor of the said Colony, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Colony, in pursuance of the powers in this behalf given to or vested in me by the said Act, do hereby declare that the said Union shall be dissolved from and after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTION OF LAND UNDER THE "LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES ACQUISITION ACT," AS ADOPTED BY THE "PUBLIC WORKS ACT OF 1888."

PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. } By His Excellency The Honourable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY,
(L.S.) } Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
FREDK. M. DARLEY, Lieutenant-Governor. } Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and
its Dependencies.

WHEREAS I, SIR FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, have directed that a certain public work, that is to say, Harbour Improvement at Stockton, in the said Colony, the estimated cost of which does not exceed twenty thousand pounds, shall be carried out under the provisions of the "Public Works Act of 1888," as an authorised work by the Minister of Public Works as Constructing Authority; and that the land described in the Schedule hereto, which is in my opinion required for carrying out the said work, shall be acquired by taking the same under the "Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," as adopted by the "Public Works Act of 1888": Now, therefore, I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice aforesaid, in pursuance of the "Public Works Act of 1888," do declare by this notification, to be published in the Government Gazette, and in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the Police District wherein the said land is situated, that the Crown Land comprised within the description set forth in the Schedule hereto has been appropriated, and the private property within such description has been resumed, for the public purpose aforesaid, to the intent that upon the publication of this notification in the Gazette, the said land described in the said Schedule hereto shall forthwith be vested in the said Constructing Authority as a corporation sole on behalf of Her Majesty, for the purposes of the "Public Works Act of 1888," for an estate in fee simple in possession, freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interests, contracts, charges, rates, rights-of-way, or other easements whatsoever; and to the further intent that the legal estate therein, together with all powers incident thereto or conferred by the said last-mentioned Act, shall be vested in such Constructing Authority as a Trustee: And I declare that the following is the Schedule of land hereinbefore referred to:—

Schedule.

All that piece or parcel of land situate in the parish of Stockton, private town of Stockton, county of Gloucester, and Colony of New South Wales, being part of James Mitchell's 70 acres, and containing by admeasurement three-quarters of a perch, be the same more or less: Commencing on the south side of Hunter-street, at the intersection with the north-eastern boundary of the 100-foot reservation above high-water mark; and bounded thence on the south-west by part of that boundary bearing south 60 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds east 48 links; thence on the south-east by a line bearing north 2 degrees 37 minutes east 23·7 links to the southern side of Hunter-street aforesaid; and thence on the north by part of that side of that street bearing south 89 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds west 42·8 links, to the point of commencement,—as shown on plan catalogued Ms. 772 Md.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the Colony to be hereto affixed, at Government House, Sydney, this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. W. O'SULLIVAN

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

G 3.

[To Evidence of A. J. Doak, Esq., Controller of the Government Savings Bank and the Money Order Office]

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS' BANK

PROFIT and Loss for the years 1871 to 1899, and Date and Amount of Transfers to Revenue

Year	Debit Balances	Credit Balances	Transfers to Revenue	
	£ s d	£ s d		£
1871	241 12 0			
1872	2 430 18 3			
1873	6,345 10 10			
1874	9,476 15 1			
1875	11,196 9 11			
1876		2 367 14 1		
1877		2,460 5 8		
1878		2,151 15 8		
1879		1,464 7 4		
1880		12,499 3 1		
1881		12,530 10 9		
1882		13 529 11 8		
1883		14,353 11 6		
1884		15,657 4 10		
1885		16,585 7 10		
1886		18,266 16 1		
1887		19,543 2 2		
1888		21,364 8 6		
1889		23,198 19 1		
1890		24,417 12 3		
1891		26,672 12 3		
1892		29,746 2 9		
1893		28,416 4 3	22 Sept, 1893	5 000
1894		9,061 1 4	27 June, 1894	25,000
1895	5,240 18 8		29 June, 1895	5,000
1896		1,250 12 11		
1897		16,667 14 10		
1898		18,668 8 6	28 Sept, 1898	8,000
1899		14,983 14 10	22 June, 1899	10,000

H 3.

[To Evidence of A. J. Doak, Esq., Controller of the Government Savings Bank and Money Order Office.]

New South Wales, Anno tricesimo quarto Victoriae Reginae.

No. XV.

An Act to grant additional facilities for Depositing small Savings at Interest with the Security of the Government for due repayment thereof. [Assented to 6th April, 1871.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to enlarge the facilities now available for the deposit of small savings and to give the direct security of the Consolidated Revenue to every such depositor for repayment of all moneys so deposited by him together with interest due thereon Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows —

1 It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to authorise and direct any Postmaster or other Officer of the Post Office or the Shipping Master at any Port within the Colony to receive deposits for remittance to the General Post Office and to repay the same under such regulations as the Governor with the like advice may prescribe in that respect

2 Every deposit received by any Postmaster or other officer shall be entered by him at the time of such receipt in the Depositor's Pass Book and the entry shall be attested by him and by the dated stamp of his office and the amount of such deposit shall upon the day of such receipt be reported by such Postmaster or other officer to the Postmaster General and the acknowledgment of the Postmaster General signified by the officer whom he shall appoint for the purpose shall be forthwith transmitted to the depositor and the said acknowledgment shall be conclusive evidence of his claim to the repayment thereof with the interest thereon upon demand made by him on the Postmaster General and in order to allow a reasonable time for the receipt of the said acknowledgment the entry by such Postmaster or other officer in the Depositor's Pass Book shall be conclusive evidence of title for twenty days from the lodgment of the deposit and if the said acknowledgment shall not have been received by the depositor through the post within twenty days and he shall before or upon the expiry thereof demand the said acknowledgment from the Postmaster General then the entry in his book shall be conclusive evidence of title during another term of twenty days and so on from time to time Provided always that such deposits shall not be of less amount than one shilling nor of any sum not a multiple thereof nor of greater amount whether by one or by successive payments than two hundred pounds to the credit of any one account

3 On demand of any depositor or person legally entitled to claim on account of a depositor made in such form as shall be prescribed in that behalf for repayment of any deposit or any part thereof the authority for such repayment shall be transmitted to such depositor forthwith and he shall be absolutely entitled to repayment of any sum or sums that may be due to him at any office where deposits are received and paid within ten days at furthest after such demand as aforesaid

4 No officer authorised to receive or pay deposits under this Act shall disclose the name of any depositor or the amount deposited or withdrawn by such depositor without the permission of the Postmaster General or of such other officers or persons as may be appointed to assist in carrying this Act into operation

5 All moneys so deposited as aforesaid shall forthwith be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer and be by him placed to the credit of a Trust Fund to be called the Government Savings Bank Trust Fund and may be invested in any Government securities having Parliamentary authority or deposited with such Incorporated Banking Company as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may from time to time appoint And such moneys shall be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue and all sums withdrawn by depositors or by persons legally entitled to claim on account of depositors shall be repaid to such depositors or persons out of the said Trust Fund or out of the proceeds of such Government securities through the office of the Postmaster General

6 If at any time the moneys received under the authority of this Act shall be insufficient to meet the lawful claims of all depositors and persons as last aforesaid it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid upon being duly informed thereof by the Colonial Treasurer to authorize by warrant under his hand the issue of the amount of such deficiency out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony and the Colonial Treasurer shall report such deficiency to both Houses of Parliament.

Rate of interest payable to depositors.	7. The interest payable to depositors shall be fixed and determined from time to time by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council and shall not exceed the rate of four pounds per centum per annum but such interest shall not be calculated on any amount less than one pound or some multiple thereof and shall not commence until the first day of the calendar month next following the day of deposit and shall cease upon the first day of the calendar month in which such deposit is withdrawn.
Interest how calculated.	8. Interest on deposits shall be calculated to the thirty-first day of December in every year and shall be added to and become part of the principal money.
Deposits of minors.	9. Deposits may be received under this Act from any minor or from a parent or other relative of a minor in the name and on behalf of such minor and such deposits shall be repaid on the application in writing of such parent or other relative or of the minor himself in case he shall have made the deposit and the receipt of any such minor attested by one witness shall be a sufficient discharge notwithstanding the infancy of such minor.
Deposits by married women.	10. Deposits made by a married woman without notice to the Postmaster-General of her marriage may be repaid to her unless the husband of such woman in any case where no order has been made by a Court Judge or Justices of the Peace protecting her earnings or property shall give to the Postmaster-General notice in writing of such marriage and shall require payment to be made to himself as such husband in which case the Postmaster-General may in his discretion pay any such deposit together with any interest due in respect thereof or any portion of the same as he shall think fit to such husband or to such woman respectively.
Transfer of accounts of Penny Savings Banks.	11. When the trustees of any bank commonly known as the Penny Savings Bank shall have determined to close such bank for the receipt of deposits and shall have given public notice of such intention by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the town or district in which such bank is situate such trustees may if they think fit transmit under the hands of a majority of their number to the Postmaster-General a certified list of such depositors as shall not have applied to them to receive their deposits and of the amounts due to them respectively and the Postmaster-General may thereupon receive as a deposit under this Act the moneys remaining in the hands of the trustees if the sum shall be sufficient to discharge the whole of the liabilities of such trustees to the depositors set forth in the said list and the certificate of the Postmaster-General shall be a sufficient discharge to the said trustees in respect of all such moneys so paid over and all such moneys shall be received and held subject to the rights and claims of the depositors named in such list who shall thenceforth be considered to be depositors under the provisions of this Act and shall be entitled subject to the requirements of this Act on presenting their pass-books to any Postmaster or other officer authorised by this Act to receive deposits to claim payment of the sums shown by the said list to be due to them respectively together with the interest accrued thereon.
Regulations.	12. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to make and from time to time as occasion shall require to alter regulations prescribing the mode of keeping and examining the accounts of depositors and for the superintendence and inspection thereof and also with respect to the making and withdrawal of deposits and the interest thereon and to the amount of deposits and the postage and other charges to be paid by depositors and to all other matters incidental to the administration of this Act. And all such regulations shall upon publication in the <i>Government Gazette</i> have the full force of law to the same extent as if such regulations formed part of this Act. And copies of all regulations issued under the authority of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days from the date thereof if Parliament shall be then sitting and if not then within fourteen days from the commencement of the next ensuing session thereof.
Accounts to be laid before Parliament.	13. An annual account of all deposits received and paid under the authority of this Act and of all expenses incurred during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December together with a statement of the total amount due at the close of the year to all depositors and of the cash and securities then held shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament not later than the thirty-first day of March in each year if Parliament be then sitting and if not then within fourteen days from the commencement of the next ensuing Session thereof.
Accounts to be examined by the Auditor-General.	14. The annual accounts to the thirty-first day of December in each year in respect of all moneys deposited and paid under the authority of this Act shall prior to the thirty-first day of March in each year be submitted for examination and audit to the Auditor-General.
Expenses.	15. All expenses incurred in the administration of this Act shall be paid out of the moneys received under the authority of this Act.
Short title.	16. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Government Savings Bank Act of 1870."

I 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

INTEREST calculated on Special Debit Accounts.

THE interest on the Special Debit Accounts, calculated at 3 per cent. with half-yearly rests, would amount to:—

	£	s.	d.
On General Post Office New Street Resumption Account (Suspense Account), to 30th June, 1899.....	112,371	9	7
And if charged would have made the balance at that date.....	580,423	5	2
On Centennial Park Account (Suspense Account), to 30th June, 1899	73,328	14	2
And if charged would have made the balance at that date.....	301,745	11	10

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 9th May, 1900.

J 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.

THE following transfers were made from the Profit and Loss Account of the Government Savings Bank to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz:—

In the financial year 1893.....	£5,000
" " 1894.....	25,000
" half-year 1895	5,000
" year 1898-9	18,000
	£53,000

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Account Branch,
4th May, 1900.

K 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITIES on the Consolidated Revenue Fund as on 31st December, 1894, 30th June, 1895, and 30th June, 1899.

		£		s. d.		£		s. d.	
<i>Liabilities on 31st December, 1894:</i>									
Account Services, 1891	.....			70	3	1			
„ 1892	.....			12,994	13	6			
„ 1893	.....			239,328	17	2			
„ 1894	.....			930,965	3	1			
							1,183,358	16	10
Debit Balance on Consolidated Revenue Fund	.....						464,715	0	0
							£1,648,073	16	10

		£		s. d.		£		s. d.	
<i>Liabilities on 30th June, 1895.</i>									
Account Services, 1891				57	5	1		
„ 1892				4,313	1	6		
„ 1893				155,429	8	10		
„ 1894				158,741	2	7		
„ 1895 (half-year)				653,051	17	1		
							£971,592	15	1

Liabilities on 30th June, 1899.

Owing to the change of system and the lapsing of all Parliamentary Appropriations at the end of the financial year, the outstanding claims on 30th June, 1899, cannot be ascertained.

The amount of Balances of Votes and Repayments written off, which might be taken as an estimate, shows £140,116.

J. VERNON.

L 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

INFORMATION supplied in accordance with instructions of Committee with reference to questions under their consideration.

- No. 1.—See Statement marked (a), appended.
 No. 2.—See Statement marked (b), appended.
 No. 3.—For Committee.
 No. 4.—See Statements (a) and (c), appended.
 No. 5.—For Committee.
 No. 6.—See Statements marked (c), appended.
 No. 7.—See Statement marked (d), appended.

ANSWER TO NO. 8.

Per Annual Statements as audited :—					
Gross amount of Extraordinary Receipts	.....	£2,674,981	12	7	
Less Payments	.....	838,585	9	5	
			1,836,396	3	2
Less—See previous Question	.....	298,264	17	11	
			£1,538,131	5	3

ANSWER TO NO. 9.

The total Deficiency on Consolidated Revenue Fund in terms of Question would be on 31st December, 1894 :—

Cash Debit Balance	.....	£464,715	0	0	
Treasury Bills outstanding	.....	1,752,884	0	0	
Special Suspense Account	.....	535,024	0	2	
			£2,752,623	0	2
Total, inclusive of Suspense Account	.....		£2,217,599	0	0

ANSWER TO NO. 10.

See Statement already supplied.

ANSWER TO NO. 11.

For Committee.

ANSWER TO NO. 12.

Treasury Bills Acts, 53 Victoria No. 9, and 59 Victoria No. 22, supplied.

The operation of the statutes 53 Victoria No. 9 and 59 Victoria No. 22, resulted as follows :—

Reduction of Treasury Bills outstanding, 53 Victoria No. 9, to	.....	£1,152,884	0	0	
New Treasury Bills outstanding under 59 Victoria No. 22	.....	1,024,700	0	0	
			£2,177,584	0	0
Total Bills outstanding	.....		£116,523	5	8
Less—Cash credit on Consolidated Revenue Fund	.....			
			£2,061,060	14	4
Amount of Deficiency, exclusive of Suspense Account	.....			
„ „ inclusive „ „	.....		£2,757,529	7	7

ANSWER TO NO. 13.

Answered by No. 12 (if it be desired to include Treasury Bills as Deficiencies).

ANSWER

APPENDIX.

L 3—*continued.*

ANSWER TO No. 14.
For Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 15.

Account showing Expenditure charged to Treasury Deficiency Bills, marked (E) attached

ANSWER TO No. 16.

See Treasurer's Speech of 9th May, 1895, page 27.
There are no official minutes in connection with the change that I can find.
Copy of Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895. (*See Appendix B*); also Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 (F1.) appended.

ANSWER TO No. 17.
For Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 18.
For Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 19.

Credit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, per Annual Accounts, as audited on 30th June, 1896, was £476,530 ls. 10d, and on 30th June, 1899, was £116,523 5s. 8d.

ANSWER TO No. 20.

Average expenditure proper for the three years immediately preceding was £10,126,261 (see Statement), and the expenditure for 1895-6 was reduced to £8,925,651.

The amount charged to proceeds of Treasury Bills in 1895-6 was :—

	£	s.	d.
For Services of 1891		57	5 1
„ 1892	2,953	13	9
„ 1893	155,429	8	10
„ 1894	144,081	2	7
„ 1895 (half year)	650,689	17	8
Total	£953,211	7	11

ANSWER TO No. 21.

See Treasurer's Speech of 7th November, 1894, pages 27 and 23, and copy of reply to Questions of 12th December, 1899, marked (G) appended.

ANSWER TO No. 22.
Answered in No. 7.

ANSWER TO No. 23.

Copy of Acts 59 Vic. No. 22 (see *Appendix B*), and 53 Vic. No. 24, attached, marked (H); also see Public Accounts for year 1895-6, pages 28 and 41.

ANSWER TO No. 24.

Acts 31 Vic. No. 11 and 53 Vic. No. 24, and Treasurer's Speech of 14th October, 1897, pages 41 and 44; also see *Appendix B*, and (I) attached hereto.

ANSWER TO No. 25.

Treasurer's Speech of 27th August, 1895, pages 23 on; copy of Acts and Statement already supplied, also Acts marked K. to O. (*Appendices Y 2 to C 3, to Evidence of Mr. Hickson*)

ANSWER TO No. 26.
Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 27.

The Credit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Current Account was :—

	Ledger.			Cash.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On 30th June, 1896	333,296	1	2	319,160	11	5
Do 1897	120,092	4	7	99,857	9	2
Do 1898	135,118	17	1	122,144	8	9
Do 1899	147,702	3	5	116,356	12	7

ANSWER TO No. 28.
Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 29.
Committee.

ANSWER TO No. 30.

Discrepancy between Cash and Ledger Balances is covered by Advances to be recovered.

ANSWER TO No. 31.
Copy of Accounts herewith for inspection.

ANSWER

L 3—continued.

ANSWER TO NO. 32.
Committee.

ANSWER TO NO. 33.

See Treasurer's Speech of 27th August, 1895, pages 21 and 22, and Speech of 2nd November, 1898, pages 23 and 24.

Three advances, viz. :—	£
On 9th January, 1895	500,000
„ 10th April, 1895	500,000
„ 28th September, 1895	500,000

making a total of 1,500,000

were made under Executive authority, and in accordance with an old established practice under similar circumstances, nominally from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the General Loan Account in anticipation of loans authorised, to be repaid when the favourable state of the Market invited the placing of a loan.

ANSWER TO NO. 34.
Committee.

ANSWER TO NO. 35.

Indemnity Bill, Act No. 48 of 1899, marked P. (See Appendix S, to Evidence of Mr. Rennie.)

ANSWER TO NO. 36.

On 30th June, 1899, £2,415,000. At date, £2,640,000.

ANSWER TO NO. 37.

Principally at 12 months' deposits, but liable to call on emergency.

ANSWER TO NO. 38.
None.

ANSWER TO NO. 39.

See Treasurer's Speech of 2nd November, 1898, pages 26 and 27.

ANSWER TO NO. 40.

See Correspondence and Loan Transfer Bill—section 3, marked Q. (See Appendix V, to evidence of Mr. Rennie.)

ANSWER TO NO. 41.

Supplied.

J. VERNON.

Statement (a), attached to L 3.

AMOUNT OF REVENUE—exclusive of proceeds of sale of Treasury Bills and transfers from the General Loan Account—and other Receipts received during the four and a half years from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, but including General Post Office and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts. (Compiled from quarterly statements, as ordered.)

Receipts during Quarter ending—	Revenue Proper.	Receipts—G.P.O. and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
31st March, 1895	2,132,640 6 3	.....	2,132,640 6 3
30th June, 1895	2,432,140 6 11	.....	2,432,140 6 11
30th September, 1895	2,397,700 18 11	.....	2,397,700 18 11
31st December, 1895	2,444,020 6 1	.....	2,444,020 6 1
31st March, 1896	1,985,090 3 4	.....	1,985,090 3 4
30th June, 1896	2,425,033 14 6	39 3 1	2,425,072 17 7
30th September, 1896	2,281,431 6 3	.....	2,281,431 6 3
21st December, 1896	3,332,215 6 6	.....	2,332,215 6 6
31st March, 1897	2,103,747 15 3	.....	2,103,747 15 3
30th June, 1897	2,591,874 14 1	.....	2,591,874 14 1
30th September, 1897	2,115,173 3 7	.....	2,115,173 3 7
31st December, 1897	2,297,146 2 8	.....	2,297,146 2 8
31st March, 1898	2,298,075 3 6	250 0 0	2,298,325 3 6
30th June, 1898	2,771,739 19 6	221 19 5	2,771,961 18 11
30th September, 1898	2,226,145 17 6	76 10 0	2,226,222 7 6
31st December, 1898	2,450,835 10 7	375 0 0	2,451,210 10 7
31st March, 1899	2,258,529 9 5	125 0 0	2,258,654 9 5
30th June, 1899	2,818,673 18 10	346 10 7	2,819,020 9 5
Totals	£ 42,362,214 3 8	1,434 3 1	42,363,648 6 9

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 20th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Statement

Statement (b), attached to L 3.

AMOUNT EXPENDED from the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the four and a half years from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, including the General Post Office and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts, and exclusive of other payments. (Compiled from Quarterly Statements, as ordered.)

Payments during Quarter ending—	Expenditure on Votes		Expenditure, G P O and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts		Total Expenditure	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
31st March, 1895	2,576,916	7 1	132,928	1 6	2,709,844	8 7
30th June, 1895	2,353,891	19 5	1 0 0		2,353,892	19 5
30th September, 1895	2,409,472	18 8	0 7 2		2,409,473	5 10
31st December, 1895	2,615,121	3 10	16,920	13 3	2,632,041	17 1
31st March, 1896	2,331,199	11 10	8,101	1 11	2,339,300	13 9
30th June, 1896	2,530,483	12 8	673	16 4	2,531,157	9 0
30th September, 1896	2,232,823	14 3			2,232,823	14 3
31st December, 1896	2,745,910	19 10	25	2 2	2,745,936	2 0
31st March, 1897	2,151,245	12 4			2,151,245	12 4
30th June, 1897	2,376,818	12 4			2,376,818	12 4
30th September, 1897	2,240,559	11 11			2,240,559	11 11
31st December, 1897	2,657,587	19 6			2,657,587	19 6
31st March, 1898	2,197,845	0 11	167	0 11	2,198,012	1 10
30th June, 1898	2,366,358	14 4	10	15 0	2,366,369	9 4
30th September, 1898	2,248,694	10 7			2,248,694	10 7
31st December, 1898	2,660,955	4 6			2,660,955	4 6
31st March, 1899	2,725,287	14 11	4,050	17 11	2,729,338	12 10
30th June, 1899	2,195,236	5 7			2,195,236	5 7
Totals	£ 43,616,409	14 6	162,878	16 2	£ 43,779,288	10 8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 20th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

RECONCILIATION.

Debit Balance, 31st December, 1894—		
Consolidated Revenue Fund	£464,711	0 4
General Post Office New Street Resumption Account (Suspense Account)	335,612	17 4
Centennial Park Account (Suspense Account)	199,415	2 6
Total Debit	£ 999,739	0 2
Credits—		
Revenue Proper	£42,362,214	3 8
Receipts on Suspense Accounts	1,434	3 1
Other Receipts	2,928,495	6 0
	£ 45,292,143	12 0
Credit	£ 44,292,404	12 7
Debits—		
Expenditure from Votes	£43,616,409	14 6
Expenditure on Suspense Accounts	162,878	16 2
Redemption of Treasury Bills	150,000	0 0
Other Payments	943,061	9 6
	£ 44,872,350	0 2
General Post Office	468,051	15 7
Centennial Park	228,416	17 8
	£ Dr. 696,468	13 3
Less—Consolidated Revenue Fund	£ Cr. 116,523	5 8
Balance, 30th June, 1899—Dr.	579,945	7 7

(Compiled from Quarterly Statements.)

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 20th April, 1899.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Statement (c), attached to L 3.

THE amount of EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS taken into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the period of four and a half years from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899.

In March, 1895, quarter, accrued interest on Loans	£345,699	13 9
„ 1896, „ „ „	14,989	13 0
Proceeds of sale of Treasury Bills	1,174,700	0 0
	£1,535,389	6 9
Repayments to credit of votes and Advances Repaid from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899, per detail statement attached	1,393,105	19 3
Total	£2,928,495	6 0

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 20th April, 1900.

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L 3—continued.

	OTHER RECEIPTS.			OTHER PAYMENTS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Quarter ended 31st March, 1895—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	665	12	9			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	186	2	10	678	0	2
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	145,072	9	11			
" " 1895 (half-year).....				6,898	8	8
Stamp Exchange Account, 1894 and previous years	1,562	19	8			
" " 1895 (half-year).....				1,600	0	0
Expenditure Suspense Account, 1894 and previous years.....	7,349	13	7			
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1894 and previous years	136,611	17	10			
" " 1895 (half-year).....				1,216	5	1
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1894 and previous years	39,578	6	4			
Scab in Sheep, 1895 (half-year)				3,686	11	3
	<u>£331,627</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>£14,079</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Quarter ended 30th June, 1895—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years.....	526	4	7			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	527	7	10	866	0	11
Scab in Sheep, 1895 (half-year)	8,247	13	6	4,561	2	3
Stamp Exchange Account, 1894 and previous years	5	0	0			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	87	5	0	5	0	0
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	703	9	4			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	364	4	4	17,045	18	5
State Children's Relief Act, 1894 and previous years.....	13,661	16	9			
	<u>£24,123</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>£22,478</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Quarter ended 30th September, 1895—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years.....	45	6	7			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	640	14	1			
" " 1895-6	334	15	9	1,368	12	3
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	7,143	4	6			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	2,267	15	11			
" " 1895-6	422	9	6	34,107	10	11
Stamp Exchange Account, 1894 and previous years	10	0	0			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	1,517	15	0			
" " 1895-6				1,610	0	0
Scab in Sheep, 1895-6				83	9	8
	<u>£12,382</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>£37,169</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
Quarter ended 31st December, 1895—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	20	8	1			
" " 1895 (half-year)	102	3	8			
" " 1895-6	1,165	13	6	1,289	17	8
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	56,413	18	11			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	343	8	5			
" " 1895-6	8,720	19	1	4,371	19	3
Unexpended Balances, C. R. Votes, transferred from Trust Fund, 1894 and previous years.....	15,750	11	7			
Scab in Sheep, 1895-6				1,891	10	3
	<u>£82,517</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£7,553</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Quarter ended 31st March, 1896—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years.....	34	9	5			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	31	2	4			
" " 1895-6.....	1,071	2	10	546	1	7
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	3,083	0	8			
" " 1895 (half-year).....	1,896	6	4			
" " 1895-6.....	661	19	1	2,795	15	1
Scab in Sheep, 1895-6				3,920	1	9
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1895-6				1,569	0	0
	<u>£6,778</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>£8,830</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>
Quarter ended 30th June, 1896—						
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years.....	407	15	3			
" " 1895-6	497	4	9	7	14	7
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	138	1	11			
" " 1895 (half-years)	17,345	12	7			
" " 1895-6.....	7,234	11	5	4,618	4	9
Scab in Sheep, 1895-6	11,403	2	6	6,973	7	8
Stamp Exchange Account, 1895-6	1,513	15	5			
Balances Advances to Public Officers, 1895-6	10,439	16	11			
Unexpended Balances C. R. Votes transferred from Trust Fund, 1894 and previous years.....	3,139	4	11			
Unexpended Balances C. R. Votes transferred from Trust Fund, 1895 (half-year)	6,023	4	9			
Unexpended Balances C. R. Votes transferred from Trust Fund, 1895-6...	1,912	9	3			
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1895-6				8,856	4	5
	<u>£60,054</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>£20,455</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>

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	OTHER RECEIPTS		OTHER PAYMENTS	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Quarter ended 30th September, 1896—				
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	31	8 5		
„ 1895 (half year)	0	3 4		
„ 1895-6	25	16 5		
„ 1896-7	286	6 2	927	14 7
Advance to Treasurer, 1895 (half-year)	0	19 6		
„ 1895-6	1,279	19 10		
„ 1896-7	1,650	1 6	15,540	3 7
Stamp Exchange Account, 1895-6	96	4 7		
„ 1896-7	20	0 0	1,350	0 0
Balances Advances to Public Officers, 1895-6	9,082	7 1		
Scab in Sheep, 1896-7			4,257	12 1
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1896-7			21,218	12 10
	<u>£12,473</u>	<u>6 10</u>	<u>£43,294</u>	<u>3 1</u>
Quarter ended 31st December, 1896—				
Advances to Contractors, 1895-6		1 19 6		
„ 1896-7	1,012	0 2	1,670	6 2
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years		3 3 9		
„ 1895 (half-year)		0 13 6		
„ 1895-6	27,422	17 7		
„ 1896-7	25,175	16 6	22,538	16 0
Scab in Sheep, 1895-6	14,465	6 10		
„ 1896-7	2	8 0	6,749	0 1
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1895-6	10,425	4 5	37	5 11
„ 1896-7	74,741	9 8	531	0 0
Stamp Exchange Account, 1896-7			10	0 0
	<u>£140,250</u>	<u>19 11</u>	<u>£84,125</u>	<u>8 2</u>
Quarter ending 31st March, 1897—				
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	404	5 8		
„ 1895-6	39	17 2		
„ 1896-7	1,504	18 8	385	11 3
Advance to Treasurer, 1895 (half-year)		4 1 0		
„ 1896-7	1,837	6 4	30,184	4 2
Scab in Sheep, 1896-7			4,120	11 3
	<u>£3,790</u>	<u>8 10</u>	<u>£34,690</u>	<u>6 8</u>
Quarter ending 30th June, 1897—				
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	136	14 2		
„ 1895-6	111	8 3		
„ 1896-7	172	15 3	16	8 0
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	7,208	2 0		
„ 1895 (half-year)	2,151	2 8		
„ 1896-7	6,883	1 7	24,673	11 0
Scab in Sheep, 1896-7	16,041	12 0	6,225	16 8
Stamp Exchange Account, 1896-7	1,303	15 7		
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1896-7	37	0 8	12,090	2 10
	<u>£34,045</u>	<u>12 2</u>	<u>£43,005</u>	<u>18 6</u>
Quarter ending 30th September, 1897—				
Advances to Contractors, 1894 and previous years	41	10 8		
„ 1895 (half-year)	37	7 7		
„ 1895-6	5	7 0		
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	37	15 7		
„ 1896-7	1,152	19 2		
„ 1897-8	2,306	2 8	19,272	4 1
Scab in Sheep, 1896-7	5,312	3 5	3,871	14 10
„ 1897-8				
Stamp Exchange Account, 1896-7	11	4 5	1,435	0 0
„ 1897-8				
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1897-8	1,555	11 9		
Advance to Superannuation Fund, 1897-8			357	14 0
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1897-8			14,984	8 2
	<u>£10,460</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>£39,921</u>	<u>1 1</u>
Quarter ending 31st December, 1897—				
Advance to Treasurer, 1894 and previous years	286	8 8		
„ 1896-7	55,722	3 1		
„ 1897-8	40,520	15 11	33,289	13 1
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1897-8	7,460	9 11		
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1896-7	1,228	8 5		
Advance to Superannuation Fund, 1897-8			357	14 0
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8			5,192	0 2
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1897-8			63,001	10 6
	<u>£105,218</u>	<u>6 0</u>	<u>£101,840</u>	<u>17 9</u>
Quarter ended 31st March, 1898—				
Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8	4,183	2 1	14,711	9 3
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1897-8	8,229	1 11		
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8	40	2 5	5,846	10 5
State Children's Relief Act, 1896-7	6,160	0 0		
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1896-7	12,048	14 7		
„ 1897-8	77,985	18 8		
	<u>£108,646</u>	<u>19 8</u>	<u>£20,557</u>	<u>19 8</u>

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L 3—continued.

	OTHER RECEIPTS.			OTHER PAYMENTS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Quarter ended 30th June, 1898—						
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1897-8	45,547	4	4			
Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8.....	6,178	5	1	122,866	9	9
Stamp Exchange Account, 1897-8	1,254	19	9			
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8	13,020	15	4	7,268	3	8
State Children's Relief Act, 1897-8	29	16	11	9,918	14	8
	<u>£66,031</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£140,053</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
Quarter ended 30th September, 1898—						
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1898-9	4,901	8	0			
Advance to Treasurer, 1896-7.....	509	16	9			
" " 1897-8.....	26	8	2			
" " 1898-9.....	1,972	18	4	47,159	4	3
Stamp Exchange Account, 1897-8	180	0	3			
" " 1898-9				1,385	0	0
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1898-9	8	2	4	24,571	14	8
State Children's Relief Act, 1897-8	9	19	2			
Scab in Sheep, 1898-9				4,236	1	8
	<u>£7,608</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£77,352</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Quarter ended 31st December, 1898--						
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1898-9.....	7,107	5	6			
Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8.....	345	7	2			
" " 1898-9.....	165	13	5	41,713	6	2
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8	5,875	16	9			
" " 1898-9	3	7	3	7,285	8	1
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1898-9	2	5	6	12,186	1	10
State Children's Relief Act, 1897-8	0	10	0			
	<u>£13,500</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>61,184</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>
Quarter ended 31st March, 1899—						
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1898-9	21,027	5	10			
Advance to Treasurer, 1897-8.....	134,223	15	8			
" " 1898-9.....	88,872	10	5	100,000	0	0
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8	1,000	4	8			
" " 1898-9	0	6	8	6,060	19	7
In anticipation of Loan Votes, 1898-9	36,747	8	8			
State Children's Relief Act, 1897-8	10,590	19	4			
Centennial Park Account Transfer, 1896-7	4,050	17	11			
Cooma P. and A. Association, 1895 (half year)	100	0	0			
	<u>£296,613</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>£106,060</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>
Quarter ended 30th June, 1899—						
Repayments to Credit of Votes, 1898-9	62,316	16	7			
Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9.....	2,149	19	11			
Scab in Sheep, 1897-8	2,197	9	11			
" " 1898-9	9,402	1	9	5,790	13	6
Stamp Exchange Account, 1898-9	1,346	10	6			
State Children's Relief Act, 1898-9	171	6	7	12,556	6	7
Expenditure Suspense Account, 1898-9				62,060	13	7
	<u>£77,584</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£80,407</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>
Grand Totals.....	<u>£1,393,105</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£943,061</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

NOTE.

	£	s.	d.
Total other Receipts as below.....	1,393,105	19	3
Add—Accrued Interest on Loans :—			
March, 1895, quarter	345,699	13	9
March, 1896, "	14,989	13	0
	<u>360,689</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>£1,753,795</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Add—Proceeds of sale of Treasury Bills under Act 59 Vic. No. 22	1,174,000	0	0
Total shown on Reconciliation Statement.....	<u>2,928,495</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 9th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

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OTHER RECEIPTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS (exclusive of Transfers of Accrued Interest from Loans and Suspense Accounts) from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899

SUMMARY OF GAZETTE QUARTERLY STATEMENTS.

Services	Account 1894, and previous years		Account 1895 (half year)		Account 1895-6		Account 1896-7		Account 1897-8		Account 1898-9	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments.
	£ s d	£	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d.
Advances to Contractors	2,313 15 7		1,525 1 8	1,544 1 1	3 253 5 2	3 212 6 1	2,976 0 3	3,000 0 0	187,783 16 9	190,139 16 2	93,161 2 1	188,872 10 5
Advance to Treasurer	220,089 15 3		24,374 4 3	23,944 7 1	45,742 16 6	45 893 10 0	92 931 4 11	92 956 14 9	1,435 0 0	1,435 0 0	1,346 10 6	1,385 0 0
Stamp Exchange Account	1,577 19 8		1,600 0 0	1,600 0 0	1,610 0 0	1,610 0 0	1,330 0 0	1,360 0 0				
Expenditure Suspense Account	7,349 13 7											62,060 13 7
In anticipation of Loan Votes, &c	136,611 17 10			1,216 5 1	10,425 4 5	10,425 4 5	88,055 13 4	86,446 1 7	77,980 18 8	77,985 18 8	36,757 16 6	36,757 16 6
Repayment to credit of Votes	39,578 6 4								62,792 7 11		95,352 15 11	...
Unexpended balances of Votes transferred	18,889 16 6		6,023 4 9	8,247 13 6	1,912 9 3	12,868 9 4	21,306 3 5	21,353 0 1	22,184 9 1	22,178 9 1	9,405 15 8	23,373 2 10
Scab in Sheep			8,247 13 6	8,247 13 6	12,368 9 4	12,868 9 4	6,160 0 0		10,631 5 5	9,918 14 8	171 6 7	12,556 6 7
State Childrens Relief Act	13,661 16 9											
Balances Advances to Public Officers					19,522 4 0							
Advance in aid of Superannuation Repeal Fund										715 8 0		
Centennial Park—Repayments to C R Fund					847 4 4		3,203 13 7					
Cooma P and A H Association — Repayments to C R Fund			100 0 0									
	£440,073 1 6		41,875 4	236,557 6 9	96,181 13 0	74,009 9 10	216,017 15 6	205,115 16 5	362,762 17 10	302,373 6 7	236,195 7 3	325,005 9 11

Total other Receipts £1,893,105 19 3
 Total other Payments £943,061 9 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
 Sydney, 24th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
 Accountant.

Statement (d) attached to L 3.

Question The amount of that part of the Cash Debt Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account existing on 31st December, 1894, which was partly extinguished in the first half year of 1895 by excess of Receipts over Expenditure resulting from the transfer of Accrued Interest from the General Loan Account, and partly by the proceeds of the new Issue of Treasury Bills?

Answer The excess of Receipts (including £345,699 13s 9d transfer of Accrued Interest and Other Receipts) over all Expenditure during the half year ending 30th June, 1895, was £298,264 17s 11d

NOTE —The proceeds of sale of Treasury Bills were not credited until 2nd March, 1896.

J. VERNON.

Statement (e) attached to L 3.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Dr. DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT to 30th June, 1895, and previous years Cr.

No	Particulars	Amount	Total	No	Particulars	Amount	Total
1	To Balance at Debt of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th June, 1895	£ s d	£ s d	1	By Proceeds of Treasury Bills issued under the Act 59 Vic No 22, floated in March, 1896	£ s d	£ s d
2	„ Payments, 1st July, 1895, at 30th June, 1896 —		166,450 2 1	2	„ Receipts, 1st July, 1895, at 30th June, 1896 —		1,174,700 0 0
	For Services of 1891	57 5 1			Account Stamp Exchange Advances Repaid	1,527 15 0	
	1892	2,953 13 9			„ Advances to Contractors Repaid	1,391 15 8	
	1893	150,429 8 10			„ Treasurers Advance Repaid	88,631 9 3	
	1894	144,081 2 7			Repayments to Credit of Votes of 1891, transferred from Trust Fund	15,750 11 7	
	1895, half year	650,689 17 8	953,211 7 11				107,301 11
	„ Payments, 1st July, 1896 at 30th June 1897 —			3	„ Receipts, 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897 —		
	For Services of 1892	1,309 7 9			Account Treasurer's Advance—Repayment	9,368 2 5	
	1894	360 0 0			„ Advances to Contractors—Repayment	27 13 1	
	1895, half year	2,362 17 1	4,082 4 10		„ Repayment to Credit Vote of 1892 .	1,359 7 9	
							10,755 3 3
4	„ Treasury Bills issued under Act 59 Vic No 22, with drawn and cancelled, 14th August, 1896		150,000 0 0	4	„ Receipts, 1st July, 1897, at 30th June, 1898 —		
5	„ Payments, 1st July, 1897, at 30th June, 1898 — Extinction of Milbon Loan		14,300 0 0	5	Account Treasurer's Advance—Repayment		324 4 3
					„ „ 1st July, 1898, at 30th June, 1899 —		
					Account Repayment to Credit of Vote "Cooma Agricultural Association," 1895, half year		100 0 0
					„ Advances to be recovered — Treasurer's Advance Account		13,000 0 0
	„ Balance carried down		£ 18,137 4 2				£ 1,306,180 19 0
			£ 1,306,180 19 0		„ Balance brought down		£ 18,137 4 2

Cash in hand £ 5,137 4 2
 To be recovered from Penrith Municipal Council 13,000 0 0
 £18,137 4 2

The Treasury, New South Wales,
 Sydney, 26th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
 Account.
 Statement.

Statement (f), attached to L 3.

TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY ACT OF 1895.

See Appendix B to evidence of Mr. Vernon.

Statement (f1), attached to L 3.

AUDIT.

AN ACT to regulate the Receipt Custody and Issue of the Public Moneys and to provide for the Audit ^{33 Victoria,} of the Public Accounts. [7 May, 1870.] ^{No. 18.}

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assombly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

PART I.—COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

1. All persons who by any law regulation or appointment are now or shall hereafter be charged with the duty of collecting or receiving revenue or with the duty of disbursing moneys on account of the Public Service shall become and be "Public Accountants" and shall perform all such duties and render such accounts as this Act prescribes and as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall from time to time direct. Collectors receivers and disbursers of public money to be "Public Accountants."
2. Every such Public Accountant collecting or receiving revenue in Sydney shall pay weekly or at such times as may be otherwise specially appointed into the Treasury or into such bank as the Governor with the advice aforesaid may direct all sums of money collected or received by him on account of the revenue accompanied by vouchers bearing his signature and containing a full and accurate description of the services for which such sums shall have been collected or received and unless otherwise specially directed shall not later than the tenth day after the expiration of each month transmit to the Auditor-General a return in the form contained in the first Schedule to this Act with such particulars in each case as may be required by the Auditor-General of all moneys collected or received by him during the preceding month and shall make and subscribe the solemn declaration directed by the Act ninth Victoria number nine. Public Accountants in Sydney to pay into Treasury or bank.
3. Every such Public Accountant collecting or receiving revenue out of Sydney shall transmit or pay monthly or at such times as may be otherwise specially appointed into the Treasury or into such bank as the Governor with the advice aforesaid may direct all sums of money collected or received by him on account of the revenue accompanied by vouchers bearing his signature and containing a full and accurate description of the service for which such sums shall have been collected or received and unless otherwise specially directed shall on or before the tenth day after the expiration of each quarter transmit to the Auditor-General a return in the form contained in the first Schedule to this Act with such particulars in each case as may be required by the Auditor-General of all moneys collected or received by him during the preceding quarter and shall make and subscribe the solemn declaration directed by the Act ninth Victoria number nine. Public Accountants out of Sydney to pay into Treasury or bank.
4. When under any Act now or hereafter to be in force any money (which by such Act is or shall be directed to be paid into the Treasury) shall come to the possession or control of any person in the Public Service by virtue of his office or employment for or on account of or for the use or benefit of any other person such first-mentioned person shall pay the same and act in respect thereof and in regard thereto in like manner as every such Public Accountant aforesaid is hereinbefore required to pay and act with reference to moneys which shall come to his possession or control for or on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or as near thereto as the circumstances of the case will permit and such moneys shall be placed to the credit of an account to be kept in the Treasury for such purpose to be called "The Trust Fund" under such separate heads as the provisions of any existing or future law may render necessary. Disposal of private moneys collected under Acts of Parliament.
5. When by virtue of his office or employment or of any legal process whatsoever any moneys shall come to the possession or control of any person in the Public Service for or on account of or for the use or benefit of any other person and shall have remained in such possession or under such control for seven days such first mentioned person shall pay the same into such bank at such place and in such manner as the Treasurer shall from time to time by writing under his hand appoint and such moneys shall be paid by such person as aforesaid to a Public account to be opened by him in such bank and all interest which shall become due from such bank for or in respect of the said moneys shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue and if any such person as aforesaid shall fail to pay the said moneys as lastly hereinbefore directed he shall incur a penalty not exceeding *one hundred pounds* to be recovered in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace but no such person shall be answerable or accountable for any loss that may happen through any such bank. Public servants collecting private moneys to place them to their credit in bank.
6. When any such moneys as last aforesaid shall have remained in such bank or under such control as last aforesaid for three months next after the time at which the person entitled thereto could and might have received the said moneys such first mentioned person shall pay the same and act in respect thereof and in regard thereto in like manner as every such collector as aforesaid is hereinbefore required to do with reference to moneys which shall come to his possession or control for or on account of the Consolidated Revenue or as near thereto as the circumstances of the case will permit and such moneys shall be placed to the credit of the said trust fund. And after three months to be paid to the Public Account.
7. On the death resignation or removal of any such Public Accountant the balances remaining at the credit of their Public Accounts shall upon the appointment of their successors unless otherwise directed by law vest in and be transferred to the Public Accounts of such successors at the said banks and shall not in the event of the death of any such Public Accountants constitute assets of the deceased or be in any manner subject to the control of their legal representatives. Transfer of balances on decease resignation or removal of Public Accountants.
8. Unless expressly enacted to the contrary all such sums as shall have been placed to the credit of the said trust fund and as shall have remained unclaimed for the period of *two* years after the same shall have been so placed shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and no person shall be entitled to receive any sum which shall have remained unclaimed for *two* years but no time during which the person entitled to receive such sum shall have been an infant or *femme covert* or of unsound mind or beyond the seas shall be taken into account in estimating the said period of *two* years Provided also that any sum the claim to which shall be established to the satisfaction of the Governor and the Executive Council after the same has been carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund may be withdrawn therefrom and refunded upon the authority of the Governor with the advice aforesaid. Unclaimed trust fund to be carried to revenue.
9. The Auditor-General shall transmit to the Treasurer the name of any Public Accountant or other person failing to comply with any of the provisions contained in sections two to six of this Act inclusively and thereupon and until such failure shall have been made good to the satisfaction of the Auditor-General all salary or other moneys that may be due and payable to such Public Accountant or other person shall be withheld, and the Auditor-General shall from time to time communicate with the Treasurer upon all matters relating to the collection receipt and expenditure of the public and other moneys under the operation of this Act. Auditor-General to report defaulters.
10. The Treasurer or his deputy shall from day to day pay into the bank keeping the Government account all moneys received into the Treasury to an account in such bank to be called "the Public Account" and such moneys shall be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned and not otherwise. Treasurer to pay daily into bank.
11. All moneys paid into such bank to the Public Account as hereinbefore directed shall be deemed and taken to be money lent by Her Majesty to the person or persons to whom such bank may belong and such moneys shall be drawn from the said account in the following manner only (that is to say) the Treasurer shall as often as occasion may require calculate the amount of moneys likely to become due and payable out of the said account during a period not exceeding *one month* next after such calculation and shall thereupon prepare an instrument in the form contained in the Second Schedule to this Act and shall set forth therein the said amount classifying and arranging it (if for the Public Service) under the same divisions and heads that shall have been employed in the appropriation thereof or stating (if not for the Public Service) the purpose for which it is payable and after having signed such instrument shall transmit the same to the Auditor-General and such instrument when countersigned by him in the form contained in the same Schedule and approved by the Governor as hereinafter directed but not otherwise shall be the warrant for the making of the order next hereinafter mentioned. How moneys are to be issued.
12. Before countersigning any such instrument as aforesaid such Auditor-General shall ascertain that the sums therein mentioned are then legally available for and applicable to the service or purpose mentioned in such instrument and after countersigning such instrument shall return the same to the Treasurer who shall thereupon submit it to the Governor for his approval and signature. Provided that in case the said Auditor-General shall find that the sums therein mentioned Auditor-General to be guided by appropriation.

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Statement (f 1) attached to L 3—continued.

or any of them are not then legally available or applicable to the services or purposes therein set forth he shall return the said instrument to the Treasurer for correction attaching thereto a paper setting forth in writing the sum or sums not found by him to be legally available or applicable as aforesaid.

Treasurer on receipt of warrant to issue orders for payment.

13. When the said warrant shall have been signed by the Governor the Treasurer or such officer or officers as he may authorise may from time to time issue drafts or cheques upon the said Public Account in such form as shall be directed by the Treasurer and such drafts or cheques shall be sufficient authority to the bank in which the said Public Account is kept to debit the said Public Account with the amounts mentioned therein and no moneys shall be drawn or paid out of the said account in any other manner. Provided always that the amounts mentioned in such drafts or cheques shall in no case exceed collectively the amount of the items set forth in the said warrant.

Further requirements as to payments.

14. No draft or cheque drawn as prescribed in the next preceding section shall be issued except in payment of such accounts as form part of expenditure which shall have been duly authorised and at the time of paying every such account the Treasurer or such officer or officers as he may appoint shall for the amount so paid obtain from the persons to whom the same was payable acquittances under their hands or those of their duly authorised agents or bankers.

Authority defined.

15. Every account shall be considered duly authorised that is in accordance with any existing law or regulation or has been directly sanctioned by one or other of the responsible Ministers of the Crown or by the Governor with the advice aforesaid and if chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund is covered by any Appropriation Act in force at the time of payment. Provided that such authorities shall not be held as extending to the computations and rates of charges unless expressly mentioned therein.

Officer certifying responsible for accuracy of the account.

16. The correctness of every account in regard to computations castings rates of charge and the faithful performance of the services charged for shall be specially certified to by the officer incurring the expense who shall be surcharged by the Auditor-General the amount of any overpayment that may be made on the faith of the correctness of such officer's certificate.

Lapsed votes.

17. Unless expressly enacted to the contrary all sums of money which shall be appropriated to the Public Service for any year and which shall not be expended during such year or within the first three months of the following year shall lapse and shall not be issued or applied in any future year to the particular service for which the appropriation shall have been so made unless a contract or engagement shall have been made and entered into before the expiration of such year by which a liability so to issue or apply the same shall have been incurred.

Temporary application of surplus balances of grants.

18. If the exigencies of the Public Service render it necessary the Governor with the advice aforesaid shall have power to authorise the application of any Balances under the head of any Service for fixed establishments other than special votes for public works remaining unexpended for the purpose of supplementing any Votes for other Services found insufficient to meet the requirements thereof. And a statement of all such applications of Balances as well as copies of all Minutes of the Governor in Council relative thereto shall be submitted by the Auditor-General to Parliament within seven days if in Session and if not then within seven days after the commencement of the next ensuing Session.

Bankers to forward "Bank Sheet."

19. The manager or person in charge of the bank keeping the Public Account shall on every day on which such bank is open deliver or send to the Treasurer and Auditor-General respectively a copy (to be called the "Bank Sheet") of so much of the debit and credit sides of the Public Account respectively as he shall not have previously sent to the Treasurer and Auditor-General respectively.

Treasurer to keep Cash Book and send Cash Sheet &c. to Auditor-General.

20. The Treasurer shall keep at the Treasury a book to be called the "Cash Book" with such sub-divisions as the Treasurer may deem fit and shall enter therein daily under specific heads the several sums received from Public Accountants or others and his several drafts or cheques upon the Public Account and shall on every day on which the public offices are open send to the Auditor-General a copy (to be called the "Cash Sheet") of so much of the said book as he shall not have previously sent to the said Auditor-General so that the said "Cash Sheet" shall not contain any entries of older date than four days previous to the day on which it is so sent and with such sheet shall transmit the several vouchers and documents relating to the moneys so received and paid out of the Public Account.

Treasurer to make quarterly statement of receipts and payments.

21. The Treasurer as soon as conveniently may be after the expiration of every quarter of the financial year shall publish in the *Gazette* a statement in detail of the receipts and expenditure as well of the Consolidated Revenue Fund as of the said Trust Fund during such quarter together with a comparative statement of such receipts during the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year and in like manner at the expiration of the financial year shall publish an Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure with a comparative statement of such receipts during the previous financial year.

Treasurer to prepare statement of receipts and expenditure.

22. The Treasurer shall not later than three months after the end of every financial year prepare a full and particular statement of the expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for such year (classified under the same several divisions and heads that shall have been employed in the appropriation thereof) and of the said Trust Fund for the same period under the several heads of account of such fund and also of the receipt of the said Revenue and Trust Fund for the same year and shall transmit such statements to the Auditor-General.

PART II.—AUDIT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Appointment of Auditor-General.

23. The Auditor-General for the time being shall hold his office and have exercise and perform the same privileges salary power authority and duties and be subject to the same disabilities as if he had been appointed after the coming into operation of this Act and in case of the death resignation or removal of any Auditor-General for the time being it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to appoint some other fit person in his stead.

How Auditor-General removed from office or suspended.

24. The Auditor-General shall hold his office during good behaviour. Provided nevertheless that the Governor with the advice aforesaid may remove any Auditor-General upon the Address of both Houses of the Legislature of this Colony. Provided also that at any time it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid to suspend the Auditor-General from his office for incompetency or misbehaviour and when and so often as the same shall happen a full statement of the cause of such suspension shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament if Parliament be then sitting and if Parliament be not sitting then within seven days after the commencement of the next Session thereof and if an Address shall at any time during that Session be presented to the Governor by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively praying for the restoration of such Auditor-General to his office such Auditor-General shall be restored accordingly but if no such Address shall be so presented it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid either to restore such Auditor-General to his office or to confirm such suspension and to declare the office of such Auditor-General to be and the same shall thereupon become and be vacant.

Auditor General to make a declaration.

25. The Auditor-General before he shall enter upon the duties or exercise the powers vested in him by this Act shall make and subscribe before one of the Judges of the Supreme Court a declaration in the form of the fourth Schedule hereto and every such declaration shall be kept among the records of the said Court.

Appointment of deputy.

26. In the case of the illness suspension or absence of the Auditor-General it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid to appoint some other person to act as the deputy of such Auditor-General during such illness suspension or absence and every such person shall make and subscribe a declaration in the form last aforesaid and shall during the time for which he shall act as such deputy have all the powers and perform all the duties of such Auditor-General.

Auditor-General to examine accounts of Public Accountants receiving or collecting moneys and to discharge or surcharge.

27. The Auditor-General on receipt by him of the returns required to be furnished by Public Accountants receiving or collecting moneys as hereinbefore provided shall examine or compare the same with the said Cash Sheets and with the said vouchers and documents and shall allow and discharge every such Public Accountant for all sums shown to have been by him respectively received or collected and duly paid into the Treasury or into a bank as hereinbefore provided and shall disallow and surcharge such Public Accountant all sums wilfully or negligently omitted to be received or collected by him which under any law or regulation it was his duty to receive or collect and all sums not duly paid in by him to the credit of the proper head of receipt in the Treasury and all such unsatisfied surcharges shall be transmitted by the said Auditor-General to the Treasurer to be by him enforced against such Public Accountant.

Further as to examination of accounts.

28. The Auditor-General on receipt by him of the Cash Sheet referred to in section twenty of this Act shall in the first place compare the debit and credit entries with the supporting vouchers and documents forwarded therewith and examine their correctness as to rates computations and castings and in the next place examine the supporting vouchers as to whether they bear upon the face of them a correct description of the proper heads of receipt or of expenditure to which the moneys mentioned therein have been debited or credited respectively and in the next place ascertain whether the moneys mentioned on the debit side of the said Cash Sheet have been duly paid over to the Public Account and whether the sums mentioned as paid on the credit side of the said Cash Sheet have been actually and duly disbursed under competent authority and on the prescribed certificates and the Auditor-General shall allow and discharge the Treasurer monthly for all receipts which shall be found correct in the particulars hereinbefore mentioned and for all payments made in pursuance of the warrants under the hand of the Governor prescribed by the eleventh section of this Act and accompanied by the receipts or acquittances of the respective persons to whom such payments have been so made.

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29. In the examination of the Cash Sheet Bank Sheet and all other documents produced as vouchers or as subordinate vouchers the Auditor-General shall make such queries and observations addressed to Public Accountants officers certifying accounts or persons in any way concerned with the receipt or the disbursement of the moneys or funds referred to in this Act and shall call for such further accounts vouchers statements and explanations as he may think necessary and after such queries and observations have been answered and after such further accounts and explanations have been rendered the Auditor-General shall disallow and surcharge all sums not duly credited to the proper Fund and paid over to the Public Account and shall disallow and surcharge all sums disbursed in excess or not duly vouched and authorized and shall forward to the Treasurer a statement of all such unsatisfied surcharges to be enforced by him against such Public Accountants officers certifying accounts or other persons through whose default such surcharges have arisen.
30. In all cases in which a Public Accountant may be dissatisfied with any disallowance or surcharge in his accounts made by the Auditor-General such Public Accountant shall have a right of appeal to the Governor in Council, who after such investigation as may by him be considered equitable, may make such order directing the relief of the appellant wholly or in part from the disallowance or surcharge in question as shall appear to the Governor in Council to be just and reasonable and the Auditor-General shall govern himself accordingly.
31. No sum shall be allowed to have been duly received or paid without a written voucher for the actual receipt, or payment of every sum so claimed to be allowed notwithstanding any allegation of papers having been lost or destroyed or of the impossibility of obtaining the prescribed voucher or vouchers except on application to the Governor in Council who upon satisfactory evidence being produced that the requisite papers have been lost or destroyed or that it is not possible to replace them shall order that the said sum shall be allowed or disallowed as the case may be and shall make such other order in the premises as he shall think fit which order shall be binding on Her Majesty and all other parties and be acted on accordingly.
32. When a voucher produced for a sum of money disbursed shall be defective from the want of any certificate or other document which ought to have accompanied it or in any other particular it shall be lawful for the Auditor-General upon proof being made to his satisfaction that the Public Accountant did not wilfully neglect to procure such certificate or document and that the sum specified in the voucher has been actually and properly disbursed to admit such voucher as a sufficient discharge of the said Public Accountant and to allow the amount of the same to his credit.
33. In all cases where any sum of money shall be disallowed in consequence of the absence of a written voucher or upon an imperfect voucher or of an incorrect certificate the particulars and amount of such disallowance shall be reported to the Treasurer by the Auditor-General and the amount thereof shall be returned or stopped from any moneys payable to such Public Accountant and shall be deemed and taken to be money paid by Her Majesty to the use of such Public Accountant at his request subject to appeal to the Governor in Council as hereinbefore provided under section thirty-one.
34. It shall be lawful for the Auditor-General in the examination of any accounts to admit and allow in cases where it shall appear to him to be reasonable and expedient for the Public Service vouchers for any moneys expressed therein although such vouchers be not stamped according to law.
35. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid to exempt from detailed audit by the Auditor-General but not from appropriation audit by him the accounts of receipt and expenditure of any department the peculiar duties constitution or circumstances of which may render such exemption expedient. Provided that a report setting forth the department so exempted shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly if Parliament be then sitting within seven days after such exemption shall have been directed as aforesaid and if Parliament be not then sitting then within seven days after the next meeting of Parliament.
36. The Auditor-General upon receipt of the annual statement of receipts and expenditure referred to in section twenty-two of this Act shall cause the same to be examined and shall within six months from the receipt thereof prepare and sign a report explaining such statement in full and showing in what particulars such statement agrees with or differs from the accounts of the Treasurer furnished to him under the provisions hereinbefore contained and containing full particulars of every case in which the forms prescribed by this Act shall not have been adopted or shall in any manner have been varied or departed from and of every case in which default shall have been made in accounting for public or other moneys and of all sums disallowed in the absence of vouchers or upon imperfect vouchers or upon incorrect certificates and of any proceedings that may have been taken by or against any person in pursuance of the provisions herein contained.
37. The Auditor-General shall annex or append to the said report a copy of every Order in Council exempting from detailed audit as provided in the thirty-sixth section of this Act the accounts of receipt and expenditure of any department and also a copy of every case or statement of facts laid by him before the Law Officers of the Crown or either of them for their or his opinion together with a copy of the opinion thereon given by the said Law Officers or either of them.
38. The Auditor-General shall within seven days after making and signing the said statement and report if Parliament be sitting and if Parliament be not sitting then within seven days after the next meeting of Parliament transmit to the Legislative Assembly the said statement accompanied by such report and by the said copies hereinbefore directed to be appended thereto.
39. It shall be lawful for the Auditor-General in such yearly report or in any special report which he may at any time think fit to make to recommend any plans and suggestions that he may think worthy of adoption for the better collection and payment of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and other moneys as aforesaid and the more effectually and economically auditing and examining the public accounts and any improvement in the mode of keeping such accounts that may at any time be brought to his notice and generally to report upon all matters relating to the public accounts.

Auditor-General to make observations and queries on accounts and to discharge or surcharge.

Accountants to have right of appeal to the Governor in Council.

No sum to be allowed without voucher unless by order of the Governor in Council.

Proviso for imperfect vouchers.

Disallowances for want of vouchers or for imperfect vouchers to be reported.

Vouchers may be allowed although not stamped.

Certain departments may be exempted from detailed audit.

Auditor-General to audit and report on Treasurer's annual statement.

Copies of Orders in Council and Law Officer's opinions to be appended.

Statement and report to be laid before Legislative Assembly.

Auditor-General to make suggestions for collection and payment.

PART III.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

40. All Public Accounts shall provide security for such sum and in such manner and form as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall from time to time direct for the due performance of their several officers and for the due accounting for and payment of all moneys which shall come to their respective possession or control by reason or virtue of their respective offices services or employments.
41. The Governor with the advice aforesaid may frame and promulgate such regulations not inconsistent with this Act as may appear to be necessary for the due care and management of the public moneys and for the more effectual record check and audit of all receipts and disbursements on account of the public service by Public Accountants. And all such regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if not then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.
42. This Act shall commence on the first day of January next and may be cited as the "Audit Act of 1870."

Security to be given.

Governor in Council may frame regulations—

To be laid before Parliament Commencement of this Act.

SCHEDULES.

The First Schedule.

Sections 2 and 3.

ACCOUNT of all Moneys collected by	as	from the	
to the	18	both days inclusive.	
From whom Received.		Total.	
Total	£		

Attested Account.

Statement (f1) attached to F3—continued.

SETTLEMENT OF THE ABOVE COLLECTIONS WITH THE COLONIAL TREASURER.

Date of Payment or Remittance.	Head of Receipt on Account of which Remittance is made.	Amount.
Total		£

I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above is a true and faithful Account of all Moneys collected by me as _____ from the _____ to the _____ 18 _____ both days inclusive and that I have paid over the whole amount to the Colonial Treasurer and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Made and signed before me at this _____ day of _____ 18 _____ }
Signature of Justice of the Peace _____

The Second Schedule.
Warrant.

To the Auditor-General.
The amount of moneys likely to become due and payable out of the Public Account during now next is _____ pounds _____ shillings and _____ pence and the services and purposes for which the same will be required are as follows (that is to say) :—

For Services payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.	For Services payable out of the Trust Fund.	Amount.
Head of Appropriation.	Purpose.	
Total.....		£

Dated this _____ day of _____ 18 _____ Treasurer.

I CERTIFY that the sums above-mentioned are now legally available for and applicable to the services and purposes respectively above set forth.

Dated this _____ day of _____ Auditor-General.

To the Treasurer of New South Wales.

You are hereby authorised to issue out of the Public Account the amount above set forth and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand the _____ day of _____ Governor.

The Third Schedule.

Section 6. I _____ do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that according to the best of my skill and ability I will faithfully impartially and truly execute the office and perform the duties of Auditor-General.
(Signature.)

An Act to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870. [14 December, 1870.]

34 VICTORIA, BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and No. 7. Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—
Sections 25 33 and 37 verbally amended. I. In lieu of the word "fourth" in the twenty-fifth section "thirty-one" in the thirty-third section and "thirty-sixth" in the thirty-seventh section of the Audit Act of 1870 there shall be substituted respectively the words "third" "thirty" and "thirty-fifth."

59 VICTORIA, An Act to regulate the appropriation and application of Public Moneys to Public Purposes ; to amend the No. 10. Audit Act ; and for other purposes. [18 November, 1895.]

Preamble. WHEREAS in past years much confusion has arisen in regard to the true condition of the public accounts, and it is desirable that the public income and expenditure should be put on a cash basis ; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Repeal. 1. Section seventeen of the Act thirty-third Victoria number eighteen is hereby repealed.
Appropriation Acts to lapse at end of financial year. 2. Every appropriation made after the commencement of this Act out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony for the service of any financial year shall lapse and cease to have effect for any purpose at the close of that year, and any balance of the moneys so appropriated which may be unexpended at the close of such financial year shall be surrendered to the revenue for the general use of the Colony : Provided that in the case of public works the full amount of the estimated expense of completing each work shall be included in the Estimates of Expenditure on which the item appears, divided into the amounts estimated to be required for expenditure in each financial year over which the work is expected to extend ; and these amounts shall be provided for as follows—the estimated expenditure for the first year in the Appropriation Act for that year ; and the estimated expenditure for any following year shall be provided for as a special appropriation for that year.

Contingent authority of Treasurer to pay moneys for Public Service pending passing of Appropriation Act. 3. If before the close of any financial year no Act is passed granting and appropriating moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony to meet the requirements of the next succeeding financial year, the Treasurer may pay or make advances against such sums as may be necessary to meet such requirements, current and accruing, subject to the following conditions :—

- (i) That the authority of the Treasurer hereunder shall cease immediately upon the passing of the Appropriation Act for such next succeeding financial year within which such authority may be exercised, and shall not in any event extend beyond the period of the first month thereof.
- (ii)

Statement (f1) attached to F 3—continued.

- (ii) That upon the passing of such Appropriation Act all payments made under the authority of this section shall be regarded and treated for all purposes as payments made out of the supply granted by such Act under the head or class of service appropriate thereto.
- (iii) That the payments hereby authorised shall be at such rates and shall not in the whole exceed such an amount as would be equivalent to the authorised expenditure under the Appropriation Act for the immediately preceding financial year for a corresponding period of time in respect of all salaries, pay, wages, allowances, contracts for supplies or services, rents, Treasurer's advance and other recurrent charges, and of all ordinary contingencies of any office or department, provided for by the Appropriation Act for such immediately preceding financial year and set forth in the Estimates relating thereto: Provided always that if the Estimates of Expenditure for such succeeding financial year shall have been presented to the Legislative Assembly before the thirtieth day of June in any year, and the rate of expenditure in such Estimates is, in any case, lower for any service than the rate of expenditure authorised in the last Appropriation Act, the expenditure under the authority of this Act shall not exceed such lower rates.
4. The Treasurer shall make the payments authorised by this Act in such manner and in such proportions as the Governor by warrants or orders in writing under his hand and directed to the said Treasurer shall from time to time order and direct, and the payments so to be made shall be charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony.
5. For the purposes of this Act, the expression "financial year" shall mean the period from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of June, and the first of such financial years shall be the period from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. And the term "Special Appropriation" shall be deemed to mean a provision which shall be included amongst appropriations by statute, not requiring to be voted.
6. This Act may be cited as the "Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895."

Treasurer to pay under Governor's warrant or order.

Interpretation.

Short title.

Statement G, attached to L 3.

MEMORANDUM.

In reply to Question, "When was the Roads Vote of 1893, which was charged back, expended?"

Answer: Transferred in November, 1895—

From Votes of 1895 to Votes of 1893:—

Unclassified	£5,000	0	0
Minor Roads under Department, as per Schedule D 3.....	29,411	4	1
			£34,411 4 1

From Votes of 1895-6 to Votes of 1893:—

Unclassified	39,732	12	3
Minor Roads under Department, as per Schedule D 3.....	43,267	7	9
			83,000 0 0

Total transferred to 1893 Votes £117,411 4 1

The above transfer, before final action was taken, was submitted to the Auditor-General, who expressed his approval in the following terms:—

"I consider the 15th clause of the Act 58 Vic. No. 13 as practically a Vote for expenditure 1895, and the unexpended balance of the Vote for 1894 is likewise open for expenditure as for 1895. The intention being to expend the whole amount for Roads purposes, it is immaterial to what year's Vote it may now be charged, and quite immaterial to have a Statement of Accounts paid as out of 1895 money for the purpose of transfer, as such Statement at best can only be an arbitrary one, and must be taken on the authority of the Secretary for Public Works in lump sums as representing postponed expenditure of 1893 and 1894.—E. A. R., B. C., 4/11/95."

J. VERNON.

ROADS VOTES.—SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

Charged direct to Vote of 1893, from 1st May, 1894, to 30th October, 1895	£98,989	14	5
Charged to Vote of 1895, from 1st January, 1895, to 30th November, 1895, and transferred to Vote of 1893 on 30th November, 1895	34,411	4	1
Charged to Vote of 1895-6, from 1st July, 1895, to 30th November, 1895, and transferred to Vote of 1893 on 30th November, 1895	83,000	0	0
			£216,400 18 6

Note—

Voted in 1895-6	450,000	0	0
Expended in 1895-6.....	387,207	0	8

Balance written off £62,792 19 4

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 9th May, 1900.

Statement H attached to L 3.

New South Wales. Anno Quinquagesimo Tertio Victoriae Reginae.

No. XXIV.

An Act to provide for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorise the application thereof. [Assented to 10th October, 1889.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an annual sum in reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, and to authorise the application thereof. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. On the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the sum of seventy-five thousand pounds shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of a Special Trust Fund Account in a bank doing the Government business, and the like sum shall be paid to the said Special Trust Fund Account annually thereafter until a sufficient amount shall have accumulated to pay off and extinguish One million pounds of the Public Debt for Railways, and the Colonial Treasurer shall so apply such accumulated funds and for no other purpose whatsoever. Provided always that such Special Trust Fund, to the extent of moneys at the credit thereof, shall be available from time to time to pay off and extinguish Government Debentures issued on account of Railways and becoming due in the meantime.

2. This Act may be cited as the "Railway Loan Redemption Act of 1889."

Preamble.

Annual payment of £75,000 to a Special Trust Fund Account.

To be applied in payment of Debentures issued on account of Railways. Short title.

Statement

Statement (i) attached to L 3—31 Vic. No. 11.

New South Wales, Anno Tricesimo Primo, Victoriae Reginae.

No. XI.

An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan of One Million Pounds towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned. [Assented to, 23rd December, 1867.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of One Million Pounds for the purpose hereinafter specified Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Loan of
£1,000,000.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to raise by the sale of Debentures secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum a sum of money not exceeding one million pounds towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned.

Payment of
interest and
extinction of
Loan.

2. From the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight to the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one inclusive the sum of Fifty thousand pounds shall be appropriated and applied by the Government of New South Wales each year towards the payment of interest on the said Loan and thereafter the sum of Seventy thousand pounds shall be appropriated and applied each year during the currency of the Loan in the following manner namely :—

(1.) Towards the payment of interest on the Loan

(2.) Towards the reduction and final extinction of the Loan by the payment of Twenty thousand pounds as a sinking fund of two per centum to be determined by annual drawings at par.

(3.) Towards the purchase of the Debentures of the Loan.

Money borrowed
how to be
accounted for.

3. The money borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Colonial Treasurer and shall be by him placed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and shall be applied towards the purpose hereinbefore mentioned and shall be accounted for in the same manner as if it had formed part of the current annual Revenue of the Colony.

Treasurer to pay
under
Governor's
warrant.

4. The said Treasurer shall issue and pay the said sum for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned in such manner and in such proportions as the Governor by any warrant or order in writing under his hand and directed to the said Treasurer shall from time to time order and direct And the payments so to be made shall be charged upon and payable out of the sum so borrowed as aforesaid.

And to receive
credit for same.

5. The said Treasurer shall in his accounts from time to time be allowed credit for every sum of money paid by him in pursuance of such warrant or order in writing as aforesaid And the receipt of each and every person to whom the same shall be so paid shall be a full and valid discharge to the said Treasurer in passing his said accounts for each sum therein mentioned and he shall receive credit for the same accordingly.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the "Railway Loan Act of 1867."

Statement (k), attached to L 3.

The Loan Act of 1894 (No. 2).

See Appendix Y 2, to evidence of Mr. Hickson.

Statement (l), attached to L 3.

The Loan Act of 1895.

See Appendix Z 2, to evidence of Mr. Hickson.

Statement (m), attached to L 3.

The Loan Act of 1896.

See Appendix A 3, to evidence of Mr. Hickson.

Statement (n), attached to L 3.

The Loan Act of 1897.

See Appendix B 3, to evidence of Mr. Hickson.

Statement (o), attached to L 3.

The Loan Act of 1898.

See Appendix C 3, to evidence of Mr. Hickson.

Statement (p), attached to L 3.

The Treasury Indemnity Bill, 1899.

See Appendix S, to evidence of Mr. Rennie.

Statement (q), attached to L 3.

The Loan Account (Transfer) Act, 1899.

See Appendix V, to evidence of Mr. Rennie.

M. 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq, Treasury Accountant.]

SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS

Centennial Park Account				General Post Office New Street Resumption			
Year.	Treated Public Account	Treated Ways and Means	Treasurer	Year	Treated Public Account	Treated Ways and Means	Treasurer
1887 .	Consolidated Rev. Fd	Consolidated Rev. Fd	Burns				
1888	" "	" "	"				
1889	" "	" "	McMillan	1890	Consolidated Rev. Fd	Consolidated Rev. Fd	McMillan.
1890	" "	Suspense Account	"	1891	" "	Suspense Account	See
1891	" "	Consolidated Rev. Fd	See	1892	Suspense Account	" "	"
1892	" "	" "	"	1893	" "	" "	"
1893	" "	" "	"	1894	" "	" "	Reid
1894 .	Suspense Account	Suspense Account	Reid	1895	" "	" "	"
1895	" "	" "	"	½ year	" "	" "	"
1895-6	" "	" "	"	1895-6	" "	" "	"
1896-7	" "	" "	"	1896-7	" "	" "	"
1897-8	" "	" "	"	1897-8	" "	" "	"
1898-9	" "	" "	Reid and Carruthers	1898-9	" "	" "	Reid and Carruthers.

J. VERNON, Accountant.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 2nd December, 1899

CENTENNIAL PARK ACCOUNT, 51 VICTORIA NO 9—SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.
In account with the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Dr.

Cr.

To Expenditure under Act 51 Victor a No 9, as below							By Receipts as below		
Year.	Formation of Park	Sydney Municipal Council	Walls, Railings, Gates, &c	Hire Trucks, Motors, &c	Sheep	Total	Year	Particulars	Total.
	£ s d	£ s d.	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d			£ s d.
1887	20,285 0 0					20,285 0 0			
1888	61,769 2 1	767 9 4	4,250 0 0			66,786 11 5	1888	Repayment of Advances	2 0 0
1889	49,498 2 0		5,677 11 6	1,739 9 2		56,915 2 8	1889	" "	1 18 6
1890	20,909 5 0		5,156 0 0		185 0 0	26,250 5 0	1890	" "	0 1 2
1891	11,147 10 10		16,892 10 8			28,040 1 6	1891	Sale of Sheep, &c	479 4 3
1892	1,629 2 5					1,629 2 5	1892	Sale of Metal Boxes	11 16 3
To transfer of Expenditure charged under Appropriation Acts, 1895-6 and 1896-7.									
1895-6	25,000 0 0					25,000 0 0	1895-6	Repayment of Advances	39 3 1
1896-7	4,050 17 11					4,050 17 11	1897-8	Rent of Land	6 0 0
	194,289 0 3	767 9 4	31,976 2 2	1,739 9 2	185 0 0	228,957 0 11			540 3 3
						£ 228,957 0 11		By Balance, 20th June, 1899	£ 228,416 17 8
						£ 228,416 17 8			£ 228,957 0 11

To balance brought down, 1st July, 1899

The Treasury, Sydney, 24th April, 1900.

J. VERNON, Accountant.

GENERAL POST OFFICE NEW STREET RESUMPTION ACCOUNT, 53 VIC. NO. 13—SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.
In account with the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Dr.

Cr.

To Expenditure—Particulars					By Receipts—Particulars				
Year	Compensation and Interest	Legal Expenses, Valuations, &c	Improvements	Total	Year	Sales, Land	Rents, Sale, Material, &c	Contributions towards Improvements	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1890	158,532 0 8	1,115 14 0		159,647 14 8	1890		5,811 7 6		5,811 7 6
1891	174,056 18 10	683 16 0	2,989 15 6	177,730 10 4	1891		23 14 2		23 14 2
1892	76,960 6 3	1,928 2 10	8,926 4 5	87,814 13 6	1892	27,216 0 0			27,216 0 0
1893	29,142 8 1	26 12 5	778 2 6	29,947 3 0	1893	102,523 5 3			102,523 5 3
1894	15,850 8 4	196 14 5		16,047 2 9	1894				
1895 } ½ year	132,925 0 0	4 1 6		132,929 1 6	1895 } ½ year				
1895-6		435 18 8	260 0 0	695 18 8	1895-6				
1896-7		4 8 6	20 13 8	25 2 2	1896-7				
1897-8			177 15 11	177 15 11	1897-8		465 19 5		465 19 5
1898-9					1898-9		846 10 7	76 10 0	923 0 7
	537,467 2 2	4,395 8 4	13,152 12 0	605,015 2 6		129,739 5 3	7,147 11 10	76 10 0	136,963 6 11
				£ 605,015 2 6					463,051 15 7
				£ 468,051 15 7					£ 605,015 2 6

To balance brought down

By balance, 30th June, 1899

The Treasury, Sydney, 24th April, 1900.

J. VERNON, Accountant.

N 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

EXPLANATION.

THE average expenditure, as shown by this Statement (A), is £9,913,676, and differs from that shown in reply to Question No. 20, viz., £10,126,261, by £212,585.

The difference is accounted for by the fact that the attached Statement is compiled from the Quarterly Statements, and comprises payments during each quarter and year for services of the current as well as the previous years, while the Answer No. 20 is derived from payments for the services of each year charged during the year and subsequent years.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 26th April, 1900.

A.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

REVENUE PROPER and EXPENDITURE chargeable thereto Quarterly from 1st January, 1892, to 31st December, 1894.

Quarter ended—	Revenue Proper.			Expenditure chargeable to Revenue.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31st March, 1892	2,410,013	14	6	1,937,123	15	6
30th June, 1892	2,857,673	5	10	3,308,678	18	3
30th September, 1892	2,597,375	8	1	2,563,231	12	10
31st December, 1892 ..	2,643,031	3	2	2,603,751	12	7
31st March, 1893	2,269,345	7	10	2,278,063	3	3
30th June, 1893	2,449,128	3	10	2,809,916	2	8
30th September, 1893	2,400,359	14	6	2,318,429	15	11
31st December, 1893 ..	2,637,243	0	10	2,644,182	12	10
31st March, 1894	2,136,116	0	4	2,184,750	16	10
30th June, 1894	2,500,711	17	2	2,630,149	6	6
30th September, 1894	2,288,862	6	2	2,499,050	1	0
31st December, 1894	2,551,170	15	8	2,192,268	2	10
Totals	£ 29,741,030	17	11	29,969,596	1	0

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, 25th April, 1900.

B.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

OTHER PAYMENTS and OTHER RECEIPTS (exclusive of Suspense Accounts), from 1st January, 1892, to 31st December, 1894.

Quarter ended.	Other Receipts.			Other Payments.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31st March, 1892	2,285	11	7	346,548	0	0
30th June, 1892	218,478	14	7	111,660	8	2
30th September, 1892	2,736	12	9	262	4	6
31st December, 1892	150,454	8	0	100,000	0	0
31st March, 1893	2,054	7	7	374,943	0	3
30th June, 1893	216,856	9	10	156,748	15	4
30th September, 1893	308,039	3	0	301,486	12	8
31st December, 1893	164,744	4	4	63,878	0	0
31st March, 1894	50,074	14	0	197,481	15	11
30th June, 1894	211,188	14	8	105,815	4	4
30th September, 1894	13,910	17	11	48,120	12	5
31st December, 1894	171,236	8	6	139,547	7	5
Totals	£ 1,512,060	6	9	1,946,492	1	0

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, 25th April, 1900.

03.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

ACCOUNT of ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE during period 1st January, 1895, at 30th June, 1896.

Dr.				Cr.			
Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.	Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.
To—				By—			
Balance brought forward from 31st December, 1894			£ 464,715 0 0	Revenue and Receipts from 1st January at 30th June, 1895	£ 4,558,569 8 9		
Payments from 1st January at 30th June, 1895—				Advances repaid do do	315,571 17 11		
For Services of 1891	£ 12 18 0			Other receipts do do	345,699 13 9		
„ 1892	8,681 12 0			Repayments to credit of Votes, 1894, from 1st January at 30th June, 1895	39,578 6 4		5,259,419 6 9
„ 1893	83,899 8 4			By—			
„ 1894	772,224 0 6			Revenue and Receipts from 1st July, 1895, at 30th June, 1896		£ 9,253,938 16 2	
„ 1895, half-yr.	4,059,535 2 6			Advances repaid do do	91,151 19 11	23,318 3 7	
Other payments of account 1895 half-year	36,801 7 6		4,961,154 8 10	Miscellaneous Receipts (including proceeds of Treasury Bills) from 1st July, 1895, at 30th June, 1896	1,190,849 11 7		10,569,258 11 3
Payments from 1st July, 1895, at 30th June, 1896—							
For Services of 1891	57 5 1						
„ 1892	2,953 13 9						
„ 1893	155,429 8 10						
„ 1894	144,081 2 7						
„ 1895, half-yr.	650,285 18 8						
Other payments of account 1895 half-year	403 19 0		953,211 7 11				
For Services of 1895-6	8,899,411 8 7		8,973,066 19 8				
Other payments	73,655 10 10		476,530 1 10				
Balance on 30th June, 1896—Carried forward			£ 15,828,677 18 0	By Balance brought forward			£ 476,530 1 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 26th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

ACCOUNT of ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1897.

Dr.				Cr.			
Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.	Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.
To—				By—			
Payments from 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897—				Balance brought forward from 30th June, 1896			£ 476,530 1 10
For Services of 1892	£ 1,359 7 9			Revenue and Receipts from 1st July, 1896, at 30th June, 1897		£ 9,286,999 12 1	
„ 1894	360 0 0			Advances repaid do do	9,395 15 6	171,939 4 0	
„ 1895, half-yr.	2,362 17 1			Miscellaneous receipts do	1,359 7 9		9,469,693 19 4
„ 1895-6, in adjustment of Advance Vote		26,239 15 5					
For Services of 1896-7		9,439,820 3 7					
Other payments of Account, 1896-7		211,637 0 10					
Treasury Bills issued under Deficiency Act of 1895—withdrawn and cancelled	150,000 0 0		9,831,779 4 8				
Balance on 30th June, 1897—Carried forward			£ 9,946,224 1 2	By Balance 30th June, 1897—Brought forward			£ 114,444 18 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 27th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

ACCOUNT of ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1898.

Dr.				Cr.			
Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.	Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.	On Current Account.	Total.
To—				By—			
Payments from 1st July, 1897, at 30th June, 1898—				Balance, 30th June, 1897—Brought forward			£ 114,444 18 6
For Services of 1895, June half-year, and previous years	£ 14,300 0 0			Revenue and Receipts, from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898		£ 9,482,092 9 3	
For Services of 1896-7, in adjustment of Advance Vote		55,027 12 1		Advances repaid, from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898	324 4 3	264,787 7 10	9,747,204 1
For Services of 1897-8		9,328,094 18 7					
Other payments on account, 1897-8		262,805 5 10					
In anticipation and chargeable to Loan Votes Account, 1897-8		77,985 18 8					
Other payments of account Loan Services		1,224 0 10	9,739,437 16 0				
Balance on 30th June, 1898—Carried forward			£ 9,861,643 17 10	By Balance, 20th June, 1898—Brought forward			£ 122,211 1 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney 27th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

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CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899.
Dr. Cr.

Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.		On Current Account.		Total.	Particulars.	On Deficiency Account.		On Current Account.		Total.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To—						By—						
Payments 1st July, 1898, at 30th June, 1899.—						Balance on 30th June, 1898—						
For Services of 1897-8—						Brought forward						122,211 1 10
In adjustment of Advance Vote				134,223 15 8		Revenue and Receipts from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899			9,754,184 16 4			.....
For Services of 1898-9				9,662,582 11 1		Advances—Repaid from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	100 0 0		210,906 0 2			9,965,190 16 6
Other payments on account 1898-9				137,314 9 5								
In anticipation and chargeable to Loan Votes on account 1898-9				36,757 16 6	9,970,878 12 8							
					116,523 5 8							
Balance 30th June, 1899, carried forward					£10,087,401 18 4							£10,087,401 18 4
						Balance 30th June, 1899, brought forward						£116,523 5 8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 27th April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

P 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

PARTICULARS OF PAYMENTS made after the 30th June, 1895, and charged to Proceeds of Treasury Bills, as per published Public Accounts.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1896, OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.		
		Salaries.	Contingencies.				
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1891.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	<i>Special Appropriations.</i>						
	Allowances to Parliamentary Representatives, 53 Vic. No. 12				57 5 1		57 5 1
	Total, Special Appropriations	£			57 5 1		57 5 1
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Year 1891	£			57 5 1		57 5 1
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1892.						
	<i>No. VI.—Secretary for Lands.</i>						
266	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)— Acquisition of Land for Public Parks in various parts of the Colony, being in lieu of an equivalent sum voted under Loan Act, 54 Vic. No. 33				1,809 19 7		1,809 19 7
	Total, Secretary for Lands	£			1,809 19 7		1,809 19 7
	<i>No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.</i>						
305	Architect, as per Schedule (see page)				607 10 7		607 10 7
	Total, Secretary for Public Works	£			607 10 7		607 10 7
	<i>No. IX.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.</i>						
393	School of Mines and Assay Works				236 3 7		236 3 7
	Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	£			236 3 7		236 3 7
	<i>Special Appropriations.</i>						
	Allowances to Parliamentary Representatives, 53 Vic. No. 12				300 0 0		300 0 0
	Total, Special Appropriations	£			300 0 0		300 0 0
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Year 1892	£			2,953 13 9		2,953 13 9

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No of Appropriation.	Head of Service	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1893.					
<i>No. III—Chief Secretary.</i>					
11	Registrar-General	£ 29 0 0	£	£	£ 29 0 0
17	New South Wales Artillery	214 2 7	.....	.....	214 2 7
23	Military Secretary, Ordnance Branch	60 0 0	401 16 1	.....	461 16 1
26	Naval Forces—Torpedo Defence .....	.....	136 7 8	.....	136 7 8
41	Medical Adviser to the Government .....	.....	4 13 0	.....	4 13 0
95	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—				
	Rent of premises known as "Victoria Lodge" adjoining "Moorcliff," in connection with the Sydney Hospital .....	.....	.....	33 6 8	} 252 19 5
96	Rent of "Moorcliff," Miller's Point, in connection with the Sydney Hospital .....	.....	.....	33 6 8	
	Interest at rate of 4 per cent., from 1st January, 1891, to 25th February, 1892, on £3,000, gratuity to widow of Hon. J. Sutherland .....	.....	.....	139 13 5	
	Compensation to Robert Smith, late Navigating Lieutenant, Wolverine, on retirement through abolition of office .....	.....	.....	46 12 8	
	Total, Chief Secretary	£ 303 2 7	542 16 9	252 19 5		1,098 18 9
<i>No. VI—Secretary for Lands.</i>					
192	Minor Roads— Claims for Compensation for Land taken for proclaimed roads and extension of streets .....	.....	.....	29 2 10	29 2 10
206	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)— Jane Ann Jamieson, compensation for about 33 acres of land, parish of Uringalla, county of Argyle, forming part of 360 acres originally granted to Joseph Peters in 1883, and subsequently, in 1851, sold to M. Spelesy .....	.....	.....	113 10 7	113 10 7
	Total, Secretary for Lands .....	£ .....	.....	142 13 5	142 13 5
<i>No. VII—Secretary for Public Works.</i>					
232	Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, as per Schedule (see page 142) .....	.....	.....	99 5 6	99 5 6
235	Roads and Bridges, as per Schedule (see page 142) .....	.....	.....	153,513 14 6	153,513 14 6
	Total, Secretary for Public Works .....	£ .....	.....	153,613 0 0	153,613 0 0
<i>No. IX—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.</i>					
302	School of Mines and Assay Works .....	.....	.....	274 16 8	274 16 8
	Total, Secretary for Mines .....	£ .....	.....	274 16 8	274 16 8
<i>Special Appropriations</i>					
	Allowances to Parliamentary Representatives, 53 Vic. No 12 .....	.....	.....	300 0 0	300 0 0
	Total, Special Appropriations .....	£ .....	.....	300 0 0	300 0 0
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Year 1893	£ 303 2 7	542 16 9	154,583 9 6	155,429 8 10
SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1894					
<i>No. II—Executive and Legislative.</i>					
	His Excellency the Governor .....	.....	26 11 8	.....	26 11 8
	Total, Executive and Legislative	£	26 11 8	.....	26 11 8
<i>No. III—Chief Secretary</i>					
12	Registrar General	9 0 0	200 0 0	.....	209 0 0
15	Military and Naval Expenditure .....	.....	.....	2,826 2 6	2,826 2 6
16	Police .....	.....	735 2 11	.....	735 2 11
31	Coast Hospital .....	.....	3 16 0	.....	3 16 0
32	Analytical Branch .....	.....	0 10 10	.....	0 10 10
33	Maintenance of Sick Paupers .....	.....	.....	1,293 19 6	1,293 19 6
34	Government Statistician .....	.....	0 18 0	.....	0 18 0
35	Agent-General for the Colony .....	.....	337 4 10	.....	337 4 10
43	Shutte-bury Reformatory for Girls .....	.....	0 15 0	.....	0 15 0
81	Charitable Allowances (irrespective of date of claims)— Sydney Hospital—Special grant for furnishing .....	.....	.....	110 7 11	} 926 19 5
	Hospital for Sick Children, Glebe Point—special grant .....	.....	.....	514 14 1	
	Sydney Rescue Work Society—grant in aid, on the usual conditions .....	.....	.....	301 17 5	
	Carried forward .....	£ .....	.....	.....	.....
	Carried forward .....	£ .....	.....	.....	.....

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services	Total Payments		
		Salaries	Contingencies				
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1894—continued.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward... ..	£					
	No. III.—Chief Secretary—continued.						
	Brought forward	£					
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims) —						
83	Newspapers, almanacs, books, &c			16	10	5	
92	To pay Municipal rates on Government buildings			2	15	7	
	Relief to and conveyance by Railway of the Unemployed—further sum			1,271	10	1	
	The World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago—towards expenses in connection with the Commission—further sum			27	2	3	
	Expenses in connection with compilation of Historical Records of New South Wales—further sum			379	13	5	
	Amount expended by Agent-General for copies of correspondence, "Costa Rica Packet" case			32	12	0	
	Expenses in London in connection with report on grading butter, and production and marketing of Colonial dairy produce generally			30	0	0	
	Legal Expenses in London, M'Intosh v Wilson, &c, &c.			60	9	7	
	Expenses in connection with Appeals to Privy Council			309	5	7	
	Expenses in connection with the Exhibits of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London—further sum			600	17	2	6,140 3 8
	Rent of Moorcliff and Victoria Lodge, in connection with Sydney Hospital			546	12	11	
	Proportion payable by this Colony to the Government of Western Australia for expenditure incurred in connection with the maintenance of the Garrison at Albany			250	13	10	
	Payments in connection with the erection of Colossal Statue of Governor Phillip			2,505	15	0	
	Advance to Fisheries Commission to enable summonses to be issued to persons in arrears of rent			10	0	0	
	Special Grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities, equal to 5s. per £ of the total amount of the general rates collected for the municipal half-year ending 2nd February, 1895			95	10	10	
108	Cost of Conveyance of Unemployed for Government Labour Bureau			0	15	0	
	Total, Chief Secretary	£	9 0 0	1,278	7 7	11,192 5 1	12,479 12 8
	No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.						
129	Government Printer's Department			3	6	8	3 6 8
130	Stores and Stationery		196 15 9				196 15 9
131	Ordnance and Barrack Department—Civil and Magazine Branch		0 11 4				0 11 4
132	Board of Health		5 9 0				5 9 0
135	Glebe Island Abattoirs		6 18 10				6 18 10
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—						
148	Advertising for the Public Service			74	6	8	
149	Transmission of Telegraphic Messages			32	9	2	
151	Insurance, &c, on English Shipments			80	0	3	
167	Sewerage Rates, Public Buildings			7	5	10	
168	Water Rates, &c, various Public Buildings, Sydney and Country Towns			1	0	8	
174	Interest, at 4 per cent, on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account			1,644	15	10	
	Gratuity to Philip Kelly, late boatman, Goat Island, Mercantile Explosives Department, on his retirement from the Public Service through ill health			219	0	0	2,530 17 6
	Interest, at 4 per cent, on daily credit balances of Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account, from 1st July to 31st December			5	15	8	
	Discount on Bills of Exchange remitted to London			345	3	11	
	Expenses in connection with Annual Drawings of Debentures issued under Act 31 Vic. No 11			18	18	0	
	Premium on Debentures purchased on account of Railway Loan, 31 Vic. No 11			15	13	6	
	Abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act, have been deducted from the pension paid to Mr. J. J. Mason, late Deputy Shipping Master, Newcastle, whose services have been dispensed with			86	8	0	
	Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	£		209	14	11	2,534 4 2
	Carried forward						2,743 19 1
	Carried forward	£					

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c—continued

No of Appropriation	Head of Service.	Establishments		Other Services	Total Payments.
		Salaries	Contingencies		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	<i>SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1894—continued.</i>				
	Brought forward £				
	<i>No. IX.—Public Instruction.</i>				
256	Public Instruction under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23			1307 15 9	1,307 15 9
257	Nautical School-ship "Sobraon"		408 8 5	...	408 8 5
258	Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta		4 4 0	...	4 4 0
259	Observatory		3 0 0	...	3 0 0
	Grants in aid of Public Institutions (irrespective of date of claims)—				
272	Geographical Society of New South Wales—Amount in proportion of £1 for every £1 raised by private contributions			43 15 4	43 15 4
278	In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions			143 9 10	143 9 10
279	In aid of Buildings (Educational Institutions), in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings			370 13 7	370 13 7
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims) —				
	Gratuity to Mrs Ethel B Cavaye, late Teacher, Provisional School, Lord Howe Island, on her retirement through abolition of office			21 5 0	21 5 0
	Total, Public Instruction £		415 12 5	1,885 19 6	2,302 11 11
	<i>No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.</i>				
285	Department of Mines	24 17 8	2,312 11 9	..	2,337 9 5
	Miscellaneous Services—				
293	For the purposes of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act			115 1 6	115 1 6
297	Compensation for cancellation of sale of lease of land in terms of section 45 Land Act, 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act, 1889			939 4 2	939 4 2
298	Expenses of subsidising the Agricultural Societies of the Colony which received during the year annual subscriptions of members amounting to not less than £100, in proportion of 10s for every £1 raised by private contributions			314 0 9	314 0 9
	Expenses in connection with Tasmanian Exhibition			26 18 0	26 18 0
	Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture £	24 17 8	2,312 11 9	1,395 4 5	3,732 13 10
	<i>No. XI.—Postmaster-General.</i>				
300 {	Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	1 13 8	143 0 10	...	144 14 6
	Conveyance of Mails			271 3 10	271 3 10
	Total, Postmaster-General	1 13 8	143 0 10	271 3 10	415 18 4
	<i>Special Appropriations.</i>				
	Interest on and Extinction of Railway Loan of 1867 (£1,000,000) 31 Vic. No 11			17 10 0	17 10 0
	Parliamentary Representatives Allowances, 53 Vic. No 12			145 16 8	145 16 8
	Total, Special Appropriations			163 6 8	163 6 8
	Total Expenditure for the Services of the Year 1894 £	40 11 4	5,180 13 0	138,859 18 3	144,081 2 7
	<i>SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895.</i>				
	<i>No. I.—Schedules to Imperial Act, 18 and 19 Victoria, cop. 54</i>				
	Schedule A			3 0 0	3 0 0
	Schedule B—				
	Pensions to Judges			87 10 0	312 10 0
	Pensions to Political Officers			225 0 0	
	Schedule C—				
	Church of England			320 1 5	566 1 5
	Roman Catholic Church			187 10 0	
	Presbyterian Church			58 10 0	
	Total, Schedules A, B, and C £			881 11 5	881 11 5
	<i>Supplement to Schedule B.</i>				
	Schedule B—Supplement—				
1	Pensions to Judges, 46 Vic No. 19...			215 16 8	377 1 8
2	Pensions to Widows and others			56 5 0	
	Pensions to Military			165 0 0	
	Total, Supplement to Schedule B £			377 1 8	377 1 8
	Carried forward £				

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.				
		Salaries.	Contingencies.						
SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>									
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward.....	£							
<i>No. II.—Executive and Legislative.</i>									
3	His Excellency the Governor.....	1	5 0	244	9 11			245	14 11
4	Executive Council	3	7 2					3	7 2
5	Legislative Council	9	3 4	5	1 8			14	5 0
6	Legislative Assembly	18	8 0	9	14 6			28	2 6
7	Legislative Council and Assembly.....	1	1 3	210	12 10			211	14 1
8	Parliamentary Library	3	15 10	103	18 6			107	14 4
9	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	18	3 3	30	5 10			48	9 1
	Total, Executive and Legislative.....	£	55 3 10	604	3 3			659	7 1
<i>No. III.—Chief Secretary.</i>									
10	Chief Secretary.....	36	10 3	179	6 6			215	16 9
11	Department of Audit	30	4 6	120	16 10			151	1 4
12	Registrar-General.....	62	15 3	2,124	16 10			2,187	12 1
13	Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	1	4 8					1	4 8
14	Aborigines Protection Board	0	6 8	2,338	15 7			2,339	2 3
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—									
15	Head-quarter Staff			2	10 0			2	10 0
16	Military Secretary, Finance Branch	6	14 1	24	14 4			31	8 5
18	Military Secretary, Ordnance Branch			3,447	13 0			3,447	13 0
19	Mounted Brigade			169	16 5			169	16 5
20	New South Wales Artillery	54	2 1	1,195	4 3			1,249	16 4
21	Partially-paid Artillery			368	19 11			368	19 11
22	Commanding Engineer	49	0 0	174	13 4			223	13 4
23	Military and Defence Works					307	8 3	307	8 3
24	Permanent Submarine Miners	183	17 2	138	13 10			322	11 0
25	Partially-paid Engineers	18	9 1	112	9 9			130	18 10
26	Partially-paid Submarine Miners	317	1 1					317	1 1
27	Partially-paid Electricians			57	0 0			57	0 0
28	Infantry, 1st Regiment	43	9 4	40	7 2			83	16 6
29	Infantry, 2nd Regiment	55	10 7	93	16 0			149	6 7
30	Infantry, 3rd Regiment.....			583	10 2			583	10 2
31	Infantry, 4th Regiment.....			612	3 9			612	3 9
32	Infantry, 5th Regiment.....			184	13 2			184	13 2
33	Permanent Medical Staff Corps	42	0 0	7	7 9			49	7 9
34	Partially-paid Medical Staff Corps			33	19 4			33	19 4
35	Army Service Corps	62	14 9	85	8 10			148	3 7
36	Barrack Section			204	4 8			204	4 8
37	General Contingencies			1,525	12 10			1,525	12 10
Naval Forces—									
38	Naval Brigade.....	112	7 3	49	15 9			162	3 0
39	Volunteer Naval Artillery	32	0 0	37	11 2			69	11 2
40	Torpedo Defence			177	6 1			177	6 1
41	Police	24	15 2	11,175	0 2			11,199	15 4
Lunacy—									
42	Official Visitors					138	6 8		
43	Institutions for the Insane generally	4	10 10	49	1 0				
44	Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville	836	4 11						
45	Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta	9	14 11						
46	Hospital for the Insane, Callan Park	7	2 3						
47	Hospital for the Insane, Newcastle	1	18 1						
48	Hospital for the Insane, Rydalmere	3	17 10						
49	Hospital for the Insane, Kenmore, Goulburn	3	0 0						
50	Hospitals for Insane generally—Contingencies			4,744	6 2				
51	Reception-house for the Insane, Darlinghurst	7	1 9	50	10 0				
52	Lunatic Patients (irrespective of date of claims)					138	2 0		
53	Master in Lunacy.....	11	11 7	21	1 6				
54	Medical Board	8	6 8					8	6 8
55	The Medical Adviser to the Government.....	231	13 10	1,458	1 3			1,689	15 1
56	Coast Hospital	2	11 4	442	6 9			444	18 1
57	Analytical Branch	2	10 8	22	15 1			25	5 9
58	Maintenance of Sick Paupers.....					21	6 11	21	6 11
59	Government Statistician	173	15 9	91	7 10			265	3 7
60	Agent-General for the Colony	853	8 4	728	8 9			1,581	17 1
61	Charitable Institutions	3	11 8					3	11 8
62	Asylums for Infirm and Destitute	40	18 5	2,474	6 7			2,515	5 0
63	State Children's Relief Branch	4	9 0	187	8 10			191	17 10
64	Fisheries Commission	2	16 8	320	16 10			323	13 6
65	Fire Brigades	4	12 7					4	12 7
66	Civil Service Board	4	19 4					4	19 4
67	Botanic Gardens	3	11 10	153	6 8			156	18 6
68	Nursery Garden, Campbelltown.....	0	15 0	13	14 8			14	9 8
69	Government Domains	0	19 8	40	2 6			41	2 2
70	Garden Palace Grounds			34	0 6			34	0 6
	Carried forward	£							
	Carried forward	£							

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>					
	Brought forward	£			
<i>No. III.—Chief Secretary—continued.</i>					
	Brought forward	£			
71	Centennial Park	0 14 8	130 10 9	.....	131 5 5
	City of Sydney Improvement Board	125 0 0	19 3 5	.....	144 13 5
72	Charitable allowances (irrespective of date of claims)— Charitable Institutions—Aid on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private annual contributions, and also that the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved Officers, had the right of recommend- ing the admission of Patients .....	.....	.....	70 0 0	70 0 0
73	Country and Suburban Hospitals Building Fund—aid, on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private subscriptions .....	.....	.....	441 1 8	
76	Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney—aid, on the usual con- ditions .....	.....	.....	165 1 2	
77	Infants' Home, Ashfield—aid, on the usual conditions .....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
78	Carrington Centennial Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions .....	.....	.....	228 5 6	
82	Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred institutions— for support of Women and Children .....	.....	.....	907 10 0	
84	Newcastle Benevolent Society—Special grant .....	.....	.....	500 0 0	
85	Berrima District Cottage Hospital—Special grant for erection of Fever Ward .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
87	Collarendabri Hospital—Special grant towards erection of... ..	.....	.....	100 0 0	
101	Nyngan Hospital—Special grant .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
105	Tamworth Ladies' Benevolent Society—Special grant for erection of cottage homes for aged poor .....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
106	Wallsend Mining District Hospital—Special grant in aid of building and furnishing .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
107	Wentworth Hospital—Special grant for erection of female ward and further accommodation for the nursing staff Leichhardt Ladies' Benevolent Society—Special grant in aid of .....	.....	.....	120 0 0	
	Brewarrina Hospital—Special grant in aid of .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
	Collarendabri Hospital—Special grant in aid of .....	.....	.....	50 0 0	
	Walgett Hospital—Special grant in aid of .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	
	Sydney Rescue Work Society—Grant in aid, on the usual conditions .....	.....	.....	515 0 8	
Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—					
112	Expenses in connection with Electoral System .....	.....	.....	547 5 5	
113	Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c. ....	.....	.....	7 4 0	
114	Burial of destitute persons in cases where inquests were not held .....	.....	.....	74 14 9	
115	Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, charitable, relief, &c. ....	.....	.....	193 6 3	9,896 6 4
118	Animals Protection Society—aid on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private contributions .....	.....	.....	28 17 0	
119	New South Wales Zoological Society—aid on condition of an equal amount having been raised by private subscrip- tions .....	.....	.....	30 15 0	
122	Wages for gardener, and tools and incidental expenses for East Maitland Gaol Reserve .....	.....	.....	3 17 9	
123	Protectorate of New Guinea—Proportion of the Colony's share of expense of—as agreed at the Convention .....	.....	.....	2,500 0 0	
126	Expenses in connection with Local Government .....	.....	.....	240 3 9	
129	Inspector of Scaffolding .....	.....	.....	0 13 4	
131	Expenses in connection with relief and sheltering of the unemployed .....	.....	.....	89 4 10	
132	Expenses in connection with the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London .....	.....	.....	154 12 7	
134	Cost of conveyance by railway, &c., of unemployed from Government Labour Bureau .....	.....	.....	14 7 6	
135	Completion of contracts and outstanding liabilities in con- nection with immigration .....	.....	.....	67 17 0	
138	Proportion paid by this Colony to the Government of Western Australia for expenditure incurred in con- nection with the maintenance of the Garrison at Albany .....	.....	.....	715 0 0	
139	Proportion paid by this Colony to the Government of Queensland for expenditure incurred in connection with the maintenance of the Garrison at Thursday Island .....	.....	.....	1,001 8 4	
142	Expenses in connection with the Consolidation and Amend- ment of Statutes of New South Wales .....	.....	.....	125 0 0	
143	Rent of Moorcliff and Victoria Lodge, Miller's Point, in connection with Sydney Hospital .....	.....	.....	175 0 0	
	Carried forward	£			
	Carried forward	£			

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payment
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>					
	Brought forward.....	£ 55 3 10	604 3 3	1,258 13 1	1,918 0 2
<i>No. III.—Chief Secretary—continued.</i>					
	Brought forward	£ 3,483 9 6	36,248 6 6	10,571 10 2	50,303 6 2
<i>Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—continued.</i>					
150	Expenses in connection with Commission of Inquiry, Bay View Asylum.....			198 9 0	} 35,749 1 6
152	Expenses in connection with Commission of Inquiry into state of the Civil Service			37 10 10	
153	Special Grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities, equal to 5s. per £ of the total amount of the general rates collected for the Municipal half-year ending 2nd August, 1895			30,027 16 8	
	Expenses in connection with and relief to sufferers by the recent floods in country districts.....			350 9 4	
	Expenses in connection with compilation of "Historical Records of New South Wales"			391 1 0	
	Expenses in connection with the revision of the List of Fishes of Australia			77 11 4	
	New South Wales Zoological Society—Unconditional grant of Gratuity, at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service, to John Sanderson, late Gardener-in-charge, Rookwood Asylum, upon the abolition of his position			126 6 6	
	Rent of premises, Bent-street, to 31st May			270 16 8	
	Rewards for destruction of sharks caught in the waters within the heads of Port Jackson			8 10 0	
	Law costs, <i>McLeod v. Attorney-General, re Fortifications, Bare Island</i>			126 4 4	
	Expenses of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Dean case			3,015 0 4	
	Compensation to E. Hall, widow of the late Phillip Hall, who was shot whilst assisting to capture a burglar at Fifield			100 0 0	
	Expenses of General Court-martial on Captain Close			96 0 3	
	Expenses in London in connection with Report on exporting Butter and production and marketing of Colonial Dairy Produce generally			56 13 11	
	Legal Expenses in London—J. B. Rundle, &c.....			29 8 4	
	Expenses in connection with Appeals to Privy Council			337 3 0	
	Total, Chief Secretary	£ 3,483 9 6	36,248 6 6	46,320 11 8		86,052 7 8
<i>No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.</i>					
154	Treasury	74 1 11	63 0 5		137 2 4
155	Stamp Duties	9 9 0	0 17 6		10 6 6
156	Customs	204 2 11	603 18 11		808 1 10
157	Gold Receivers.....	22 7 0			22 7 0
158	Gold and Escort (irrespective of date of claims)			24 13 0	24 13 0
159	Government Printer's Department			1,973 15 3	1,973 15 3
160	Stores and Stationery	16 16 9	11,713 0 2		11,729 16 11
161	Mercantile Explosive Department	10 9 1	223 0 4		233 9 5
162	Board of Health	15 9 3	1,018 8 6		1,033 17 9
163	Glebe Island Abattoirs	2 13 0	567 18 6		570 11 6
164	Board of Pharmacy		5 0 0		5 0 0
165	Shipping Masters	8 5 10			8 5 10
<i>Marine Board of New South Wales—</i>					
166	Marine Board, Sydney	98 1 8			} 1,506 7 8
167	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	4 11 3			
168	Harbour Masters	3 2 2			
169	Colonial Light-houses	31 9 2			
170	Sea and River Pilots	57 15 9			
171	Boatmen	39 14 9			
172	Telegraph Stations.....	4 2 2			
173	Australian Coast Light-houses (irrespective of date of claims).....	232 10 2			
174	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)			944 4 1	
175	Life Boats (irrespective of date of claims)			90 16 6	
176	Public Wharfs	5 13 2			5 13 2
	Carried forward	£ 840 15 0	14,195 4 4	3,033 8 10	18,069 8 2
	Carried forward	£ 3,538 13 4	36,852 9 9	47,579 4 9	87,970 7 10

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No of Appropriation.	Head of Service	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.				
		Salaries	Contingencies.						
	SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward	£	3,538 13 4	36,852 9 9	47,579 4 9	87,970 7 10			
	No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade— <i>continued.</i>								
	Brought forward	£	840 15 0	14,195 4 4	3,033 8 10	18,069 8 2			
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—								
177	Postage of Public Departments				31 14 3				
178	Advertising for the Public Service				71 17 4				
179	Transmission of Telegraphic Messages				334 8 6				
180	Commission on payments in England by Government financial agents				1,002 13 9				
181	Insurance, &c, on English Shipments				97 11 3				
182	Management of and Expenses in connection with payment of Half yearly dividends on Inscribed Stock by the Bank of England				8,495 6 7				
183	Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony				173 13 6				
184	Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney				7 5 0				
187	Subsidising Tug-boats for Northern Rivers and Harbours				530 6 8				
188	Subsidising Tug boat for Clarence River				63 0 0				
189	Interest, at 4 per cent, on Funds in the temporary possession of the Government, belonging to Sutors in Equity and Lunacy Patients				476 6 3				
192	Interest, at 4 per cent., on the uninvested Funds at the credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account				3,189 9 10				
193	Interest, at 4 per cent, on the balance uninvested at the credit of the Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund Account				259 17 11			21,479 12 3	
194	Interest, at 3 and 4 per cent., on balance at the credit of the Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund				41 9 3				
195	Interest, at 3 and 4 per cent, on the uninvested balance at the credit of the Bankruptcy Estates Account				150 0 0				
196	Sewerage Rates, Public Buildings				3 5 7				
197	Water Rates, &c, various Public Buildings, Sydney and Country Towns				85 13 9				
198	Interest, at 4 and 4½ per cent., on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales				6,138 15 9				
199	Legal Expenses				42 8 8				
201	Interest, at 3 and 4 per cent, on daily credit balance of Colonial Treasurer's Registrar in Bankruptcy Account				39 4 5				
203	Unforeseen Expenses, 1895— Expenses connected with the death of Sir R W Duff, viz, State funeral, £171 10s, and part cost of erection of retaining wall, coping stone, &c, at Waverley Cemetery, £31 11s 11d.				203 1 11				
	Other expenses, under £20				37 2 1				
204	Expenses connected with payment of Imperial Military and Naval Pensioners in the Colony	1	5 4	0 7 6		1 12 10			
205	New System of Direct Taxation, Expenses in connection with the introduction of the Land and Income Assessment, &c				553 11 0				
	Gratuity to Bridget Martin, widow of the late Richard M. Martin, late employé, Glebe Island Abattoirs, who was killed whilst on duty				50 0 0				
	Interest, at 3 per cent, on Special Deposit, Sydney University Challis bequest, from 2st January, to 13th February				90 8 2				
	Insurance on Wharf and Buildings, resumed from A.S.N. Co, from 25th February, 1895, to 24th February, 1896				47 10 3				
	Insurance on Admiralty House, Kirribilli Point, from 28th February, 1875, to 27th February, 1896				8 4 0				
	Gratuity to widow of Charles Townsend, late 1st assistant Light-keeper, Montague Island, who was accidentally killed whilst on duty				50 0 0				
	Abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act, have been deducted from the Pension paid to William Tipping, late Pressman, Government Printing Office, upon his retirement				229 0 4			2,256 19 2	
	Expenses in connection with the compilation of 2nd volume of History of New South Wales from the records				400 0 0				
	Discount on Treasury Bills of Exchange remitted to London				207 3 9				
	Verdict and Taxed Costs in case <i>Normoyle v Reid</i> , for compensation for injuries received at Glebe Island Abattoirs through the breaking of a rope				453 1 8				
	Premium on Debentures purchased on account of Railway Million Loan Act, 31 Vic No. 11				100 0 0				
	Purchase of Boat for Wharfinger, Byron Bay				18 0 0				
	Gratuity to Joseph Graham, late Clerk, Treasury, on his retirement after 10 years service				50 0 0				
	Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	842	0 4	14,195 11 10	26,770 0 3	41,807 12 5			
	Carned forward	£	4,380 13 8	51,048 1 7	74,349 5 0	129,778 0 3			

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>				
	Brought forward	4,380 13 8	51,048 1 7	74,349 5 0	129,778 0 3
	<i>No. IV.—Railways.</i>				
207	Railways and Tramways— Existing Lines—Working Expenses (irrespective of date of claims)— Railways			59,951 7 10	} 75,446 7 5
	Tramways			15,494 19 7	
210	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)— Abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act have been deducted from the Pensions of officers whose services have been dispensed with, also gratuities to Weekly Wages Staff dispensed with			37 7 7	} 287 7 7
211	Gratuities to relatives of Employees fatally injured while in the execution of their duty			250 0 0	
	Total, Railways			75,733 15 0	75,733 15 0
	<i>No. V.—Attorney-General.</i>				
212	Attorney-General	3 1 2	221 3 10		224 5 0
213	Parliamentary Draftsman	5 18 0	16 8 0		22 6 0
214	Crown Solicitor	21 5 3	232 16 9		254 2 0
215	Quarter Sessions	7 15 0			7 15 0
	Total, Attorney-General	37 19 5	470 8 7		508 8 0
	<i>No. VI.—Secretary for Lands.</i>				
216	Department of Lands	214 1 2	2,161 3 10		2,375 5 0
217	Minor Roads— Fencing Public Roads when proclaimed through enclosed land			231 17 9	} 525 6 7
218	Claims for Compensation for Land taken for Proclaimed Roads and Extension of Streets			293 8 10	
219	Land Agents, Appraisers, and others	76 3 11	3,229 14 7		3,305 18 6
220	Land Appeal Court	2 19 11	107 2 7		110 2 6
	Miscellaneous Service (irrespective of date of claims)—				
221	Public Cemeteries, Purchase and Resumption of Sites, fencing, clearing, building, &c			38 14 0	} 1,604 12 2
222	Cost of Resumption of Land for and Construction of Railway Siding in the Woronora Cemetery at Sutherland for the Southern Suburbs of Sydney			125 0 0	
	Liabilities incurred in connection with the Woronora Cemetery at Sutherland			146 11 0	} 1,604 12 2
224	Improvement and General Maintenance of Public Parks and Recreation Grounds			966 8 10	
233	Legal Expenses			263 18 4	} 1,604 12 2
	Royal Commission of Inquiry into G. D. Hay's connection with the Conditional Lease at Lithgow taken up by G. B. adbury			50 0 0	
	James Stevenson—Compensation for Improvements on Additional Conditional Purchase, 40 acres (8,458), at Boorowa, declared void			9 0 0	} 12,587 6 11
234	Survey of Lands	260 12 11	12,326 14 0		
235	Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony	4 18 8	130 10 9		135 9 5
236	Detail Surveys of Cities, Towns, and Suburbs	16 9 4			16 9 4
237	Labour Settlements			250 0 0	250 0 0
	Total, Secretary for Lands	575 5 11	17,955 5 9	2,379 18 9	20,910 10 5
	<i>No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works</i>				
238	Department of Public Works	261 15 7	211 14 6		473 10 1
	Railway Construction Branch	23 9 0	274 15 0		298 4 0
239	Dock Establishment	2 13 4	55 1 5		57 14 9
240	Dredge Service	17 2 4	7,461 2 6		7,478 4 10
241	Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply as per Schedule (see page 144)			4,539 10 10	4,539 10 10
242	Architect, as per Schedule (see page 145)			12,192 4 10	12,192 4 10
243	Roads and Bridges, as per Schedule (see page 145)			102,678 15 5	102,678 15 5
244	Sewerage, as per Schedule (see page 146)			34 5 10	34 5 10
245	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	2 6 4	19 5 7		21 11 11
246	Board of Water Supply and Sewerage			1,381 7 1	1,381 7 1
247	Richmond Water-works			147 0 9	147 0 9
248	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	219 0 0			219 0 0
	Miscellaneous Services — Abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act, be deducted from Pensions paid to officers whose service have been dispensed with			324 1 0	324 1 0
	Total, Secretary for Public Works	526 6 7	8,021 19 0	121,297 5 9	129,845 11 4
	Carried forward	5,520 5 7	77,495 14 11	273,760 4 6	356,776 5 0

P 3—continued.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No of Appropriations.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.				
		Salaries.	Contingencies.						
	SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
	Brought forward £	5,520	5 7	77,495	14 11	273,760	4 6	356,776	5 0
	<i>No. VIII.—Administration of Justice.</i>								
249	Department of Justice	84	16 8	47	3 4			132	0 0
250	Master-in-Equity	9	8 1	7	16 5			17	4 6
251	Prothonotary	11	9 0	323	13 5			335	2 5
252	Divorce Courts	0	12 0					0	12 0
253	Curator	4	14 5					4	14 5
254	Sheriff	25	11 4	322	3 10			347	15 2
255	Bankruptcy Court	8	11 4	5	7 0			13	18 4
256	Probate Office	4	6 0					4	6 0
257	District Courts	436	13 10	472	13 4			907	7 2
258	Coroners	20	7 10	225	7 9			245	15 7
259	Petty Sessions	353	12 1	3,201	10 1			3,560	2 2
260	Prisons	181	5 4	3,763	9 3			3,944	14 7
261	Patents and Copyrights	6	16 8	35	11 9			42	8 5
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—								
262	Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14					124	11 8	124	11 8
263	Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates, Newspapers, Law Books, &c.					11	15 6	11	15 6
266	Purchase of 50 bound Copies of N.S.W. Weekly Notes					53	0 0	53	0 0
267	Purchase of 100 Copies of Supreme Court Law Report					105	0 0	105	0 0
270	Rent of Addition Office Accommodation for Ministerial Department					49	10 0	49	10 0
271	Necropolis—Forming Roads and Draining in connection with Extension of the Cemetery					375	0 0	375	0 0
273	Purchase of 50 Copies of Australian Magistrate, 6th edition. Law Costs in the matter of Prohibition in case of Lenthall v. Gazzard, in connection with prosecution under Licensing Act					138	2 6	138	2 6
	Law Costs in the matter of prohibition in case of alleged breach of the Licensing Act at Railway Refreshment Rooms, Junee, Walsh v. Davies					92	16 8	92	16 8
	Law Costs in case Von Hagen & Co. v. Pentecost and James Giles, P.M., at Newtown Police Court					29	4 8	29	4 8
	Claim for Liquor purchased by the Licensing Inspector for the purpose of analysis re Adulteration of Liquors					31	8 6	31	8 6
	Gratuity to T. H. Bower, Sheriff's Officer, whose services have been dispensed with					64	8 10	64	8 10
	Total, Administration of Justice	1,153	4 7	8,404	16 2	1,113	4 2	10,671	4 11
	<i>No. IX.—Public Instruction.</i>								
276	Public Instruction under Act 43 Vic. No. 23					17,379	7 1	17,379	7 1
277	Nautical School Ship "Sobraon"	5	10 5	642	17 0			648	7 5
278	Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta	1	19 2	297	13 10			299	13 0
279	Observatory	119	15 6	62	14 0			182	9 6
281	Free Public Library	10	4 7	259	17 11			261	2 6
	Grants in aid of Public Institutions (irrespective of date of claims):—								
	Sydney University:—								
283	Additions, Repairs, and Furniture					238	4 8	238	4 8
286	Matriculation and other Fees for Students of the Training Schools under the Department who are attending University Lectures					394	17 6	394	17 6
291	Royal Society—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions					250	0 0	250	0 0
295	Providing Mechanics' Institutes and kindred Institutions with maps, &c.					5	10 7	5	10 7
296	In aid of Educational Institutions, in proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions					2,239	7 2	2,239	7 2
297	In aid of buildings (Educational Institutions), in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings					488	15 7	488	15 7
	Labour and Industry.								
	Relief Works, Centennial Park					8,885	8 7	8,885	8 7
	Conveyance by rail, &c., of Unemployed from Government Labour Bureau					11,620	13 4	11,620	13 4
	Incidental Expenses in connection with the establishment of Labour Industrial Agencies and Contingencies					88	18 4	88	18 4
	Total, Public Instruction	137	9 8	1,254	2 9	41,591	2 10	42,982	15 3
	Carried forward	6,810	19 10	87,154	13 10	316,464	11 6	410,430	5 2

P 3—continued.
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, &c.—continued.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments		Other Services	Total Payments.
		Salaries	Contingencies		
SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895— <i>continued.</i>					
	Brought forward	£ 6,810 19 10	£ 87,154 13 10	£ 316,464 11 6	£ 410,430 5 2
<i>No. X.—Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.</i>					
299	Department of Mines	906 9 4	10,251 6 3	.. .....	11,157 15 7
301	Imported Stock	0 6 8	102 6 3	.. .....	102 12 11
302	Registration of Brands	12 6 7	.. .....	.. .....	12 6 7
303	Management of Pounds and Commons (irrespective of date of claims) ..	.. ..	.. ..	23 3 7	23 3 7
304	Public Watering places and Artesian Boring	10 17 4	1,554 7 7	.. ..	1,565 4 11
305	Agriculture and Forestry (irrespective of date of claims)	87 17 1	2,578 5 6	.. ..	2,666 2 7
306	School of Mines and Assay Works .....	.. ..	.. ..	617 3 2	617 3 2
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—				
307	For the purposes of Pastures and Stock Protection Act ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,052 12 10	1,052 12 10
309	Control and marking and fencing of Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves, purchase of Land for Crossing-places, improvement of access to Water Reserves, removal of obstructions, and suppression of trespass .....	.. ..	.. ..	102 11 0	102 11 0
310	Expenses in connection with the Reclamation of Sand Drift, Newcastle .....	.. ..	.. ..	14 7 0	14 7 0
312	Expenses of subsidising the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, which received during the year annual subscriptions of members amounting to not less than £100, in proportion of 10s. for every £1 raised by private contributions ..	.. ..	.. ..	4,422 16 0	4,422 16 0
313	Expenses of working Vine Diseases Act .....	.. ..	.. ..	31 2 0	31 2 0
	Central Cumberland A. and H. Association—Special grant ..	.. ..	.. ..	230 0 0	230 0 0
	Walcha Pastoral and Agricultural Association—Special grant ..	.. ..	.. ..	200 0 0	200 0 0
	Dapto Agricultural Society—Special grant ..	.. ..	.. ..	300 0 0	300 0 0
	St. George's Horticultural Society—Special Grant ..	.. ..	.. ..	25 0 0	25 0 0
	Total, Secretary for Mines and Agriculture .. £	1,017 17 0	14,486 5 7	7,018 15 7	22,522 18 2
<i>No. XI.—Postmaster-General.</i>					
314	Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	1,250 1 5	3,266 11 1	.. ..	4,516 12 6
	Convoynance of Mails .....	.. ..	.. ..	30,395 18 3	30,395 18 3
	Cable Subsidies—				
	British and Australian .....	.. ..	.. ..	5,479 9 10	} 6,698 1 1
	New Caledonian .....	.. ..	.. ..	1,000 0 0	
	New Zealand .....	.. ..	.. ..	218 11 3	
	Miscellaneous Services (irrespective of date of claims)—				
	Abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act, have been deducted from pension paid to officers on retirement through abolition of office .....	.. ..	.. ..	876 9 5	876 9 5
	Gratuity to Peter Plesner, late Mes-enger, General Post Office, on his retirement through abolition of office .....	.. ..	.. ..	70 0 0	70 0 0
	Total, Postmaster-General	1,250 1 5	3,266 11 1	33,040 8 9	42,557 1 3
<i>Special Appropriations.</i>					
	Interest on and Extinction of the Railway Loan of 1867, under 31 Vic No 11 .....	.. ..	.. ..	19,485 0 0	19,485 0 0
	Interest on Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 (Deficiency of 1886 and Previous Years) .....	.. ..	.. ..	28,235 15 2	28,235 15 2
	Endowment of the Affiliated Colleges .....	.. ..	.. ..	83 6 8	83 6 8
	Endowment of the Women's College, Sydney University, Act 53 Vic. No. 10 .....	.. ..	.. ..	41 13 4	41 13 4
	Pensions under the District Court Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, 46 Vic. No. 16 .....	.. ..	.. ..	262 10 0	262 10 0
	Pensions under Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873, 36 Vic No. 29 .....	.. ..	.. ..	295 17 4	295 17 4
	Pensions under the Railway Act, 51 Vic. No. 35 .....	.. ..	.. ..	78 2 6	78 2 6
	Commissioners of Customs, 42 Vic. No. 19 .....	.. ..	.. ..	150 0 0	150 0 0
	Allowance to Parliamentary Representatives 53 Vic No 12 ..	.. ..	.. ..	264 4 1	264 4 1
	Remuneration to Parliamentary Public Works Committee, 53 Vic No 11 .....	.. ..	.. ..	278 5 0	278 5 0
	Redemption of Treasury Bills (53 Vic. No. 9) issued under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1889 .....	.. ..	.. ..	75,000 0 0	75,000 0 0
	Reduction of the Public Debt for Railways, 53 Vic No 24 ..	.. ..	.. ..	37,500 0 0	37,500 0 0
	Proportion paid by Colony of New South Wales in terms of "The Australasian Naval Force Act of 1887" ..	.. ..	.. ..	13,101 0 0	13,101 0 0
	Total, Special Appropriations ..	.. ..	.. ..	174,775 14 1	174,775 14 1
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895 .. £	9,078 18 3	104,907 10 6	536,299 9 11	650,285 18 8

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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS, IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1897, OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, &c.

No. of Appropriation.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1892. <i>No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.</i>	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
305	Architect:— Post and Telegraph Offices—Purchase of Sites.....	.....	.....	1,359 7 9	1,359 7 9
	Total, Secretary for Public Works .....	£	.....	1,359 7 9	1,359 7 9
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Year 1892 .....	£	.....	1,359 7 9	1,359 7 9
	(Provided for by Treasury Bills issued under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, 59 Vic. No. 22.)				
	SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1894. <i>No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.</i>				
218	Architect, as per Schedule (see page 129) .....	.....	.....	360 0 0	360 0 0
	Total, Secretary for Public Works .....	£	.....	360 0 0	360 0 0
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Year 1894 .....	£	.....	360 0 0	360 0 0
	SERVICES OF THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895. <i>No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.</i>				
	Miscellaneous Services:— Extra Gratuity to A. G. Kenway, late Superintendent, Glebe Island Abattoirs, being a fortnight's pay for each year's temporary service, calculated on the average salary, from 1st August, 1876, to 30th June, 1889 .....	.....	.....	153 3 7	153 3 7
	Total, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade ..	£	.....	153 3 7	153 3 7
	<i>No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works.</i>				
241	Harbours and Rivers Navigation and Water Supply, as per Schedule (see page 129) .....	.....	.....	812 1 4	812 1 4
242	Architect, as per Schedule (see page 129) .....	.....	.....	1,168 18 7	1,168 18 7
	Roads and Bridges:— Further compensation to A. J. C. Single, late Road Superintendent, Cowra, on his retirement, through loss of sight whilst in execution of his duty .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	100 0 0
	Total, Secretary for Public Works .....	£	.....	2,080 19 11	2,080 19 11
	<i>No. IX.—Public Instruction.</i>				
278	Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta .....	.....	9 6 5	.....	9 6 5
	Grants in aid of Public Institutions (irrespective of date of claims):—				
292	Royal Geographical Society of Australasia—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions.....	.....	.....	19 7 2	19 7 2
	Total, Public Instruction	£	9 6 5	19 7 2	28 13 7
	Other Payments (to be recovered):— Cooma Pastoral and Agricultural Association—In anticipation of revote of special grant to protect Show Ground from floods .....	.....	.....	100 0 0	100 0 0
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895, from proceeds of Sales of Treasury Bills	£	9 6 5	2,353 10 8	2,362 17 1
	Treasury Bills issued under Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, 59 Vic. 22, withdrawn and cancelled .....	£	.....	150,000 0 0	150,000 0 0

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS IN THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1895, OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, &c.

No. of Appropriations.	Head of Service.	Establishments.		Other Services.	Total Payments.
		Salaries.	Contingencies.		
	(Provided for by Treasury Bills issued under the Treasury Bills Deficiency Act of 1895, 59 Vic. No. 22)				
	<i>Special Appropriations.</i>	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Reduction of Public Debt—Railway Loan (£1,000,000 of 1867, 31 Vic. No. 11) .....	.....	.....	14,300 0 0	14,300 0 0
	Total Expenditure for Services of the Half-year ended 30th June, 1895, from proceeds of Sales of Treasury Bills	£	14,300 0 0	14,300 0 0

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[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

ACTUAL EXPENDITURE from short-dated Loans.

Year.	Appropriations under Acts of Parliament.		Particulars of Appropriation.	Gross Expenditure to 30th June, 1899.		Repaid.	Net Expenditure to 30th June, 1899.		Balances—	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Retained for Expenditure 30th June, 1899.
			58 VICTORIA No. 14.							
			<i>To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.</i>							
			Provided for by 1924 Stock.							
1894	25,000	0 0	Military and Defence Works—							
	20,000	0 0	Magazine and Torpedo Vessel Depot, Bradley's Head	215	13 0		215	13 0		24,784 7 0
	3,430	0 0	Defence Works, Armaments, &c.	17,871	17 6		17,871	17 6		2,128 2 6
	10,000	0 0	Defence Works generally	1,498	5 2		1,498	5 2		1,981 14 10
			For Local Land Board and District Surveyors' Offices (including sites)	7,287	11 3		7,287	11 3		2,712 8 9
	6,500	0 0	Harbours and Rivers Branch—							
			Conversion of Grab Dredge "Sigma" into a Sand pump Dredge	6,500	0 0		6,500	0 0		
	1,825	0 0	Government Architect—							
	1,000	0 0	Additions to Lands Offices at Goulburn and Grafton	1,825	0 0		1,825	0 0		
	750	0 0	Clarence Heads Pilot Station—Erection—further sum						1,000	0 0
	2,000	0 0	Corowa Custom House—Erection—further sum	750	0 0		750	0 0		
			Lismore Police Lockup	2,000	0 0		2,000	0 0		
			Gaols—							
	1,200	0 0	Maitland Gaol—Additions	1,200	0 0		1,200	0 0		
	1,200	0 0	Mudgee Gaol—Additions	1,177	7 0		1,177	7 0		22 13 0
	1,500	0 0	Wicannia Gaol—Additions	1,498	16 2		1,498	16 2		6 3 10
			Court Houses—							
	5,700	0 0	West Maitland Court House—Erection—further sum	5,538	8 11		5,538	8 11		166 11 1
	600	0 0	Milparinka Court House—Erection—further sum	253	16 10		253	16 10		346 3 2
	2,300	0 0	Nowra Court House—Erection—further sum	2,300	0 0		2,300	0 0		
	550	0 0	Boggabilla Court House—Erection	550	0 0		550	0 0		
	1,000	0 0	Bowral Court House—Erection	1,000	0 0		1,000	0 0		
	1,500	0 0	Greta Court House—Erection	1,220	11 9		1,220	11 9		279 8 3
	2,300	0 0	Katoomba Court House—Erection	2,300	0 0		2,300	0 0		
	800	0 0	Lithgow Court House—Additions	800	0 0		800	0 0		
	1,650	0 0	Milton Court House—Erection	1,308	15 7		1,308	15 7		341 4 5
	950	0 0	Moulamein Court House—Erection							950 0 0
	13,300	0 0	Parramatta Court House and Police Buildings—Erection	13,300	0 0		13,300	0 0		
	600	0 0	Cootamundra Court House—Additions	586	12 3		586	12 3		13 7 9
	1,000	0 0	Drake Court and Watch House—Erection	977	2 9		977	2 9		22 17 3
	17,500	0 0	Erection of and additions to Post and Telegraph Offices at Adamstown, Homebush, Annandale, Camperdown, Enngonia, Glen Innes, Murrumbidgee, Parramatta, North Parramatta, North Sydney, Robertson, Wagga Wagga, and at minor towns	17,173	6 0		17,173	6 0		326 14 0
	28,910	0 0	Erection of and additions to Police Buildings, &c., at Broadwater, Kogarah, Fernmount, Murrumburrah, Penrith, Rylstone, Sofala, Berry, Darlinghurst, Pambula, Surry Hills, Tilpa, Tumut, Alexandria, Coonamble, Crookwell, Daysdale, Forbes, Gerogety, Jindera, Kiamba, Maclean, Marrickville, Mar-den, Moruya, Mount Drysdale, Trundle, Tweed River Heads, Yandarlo, Cumnock, Mathoura	26,188	7 6	2 6 0	26,186	1 6		2,723 18 6
	25,000	0 0	Department of Mines and Agriculture—							
	20,000	0 0	Forest Branch—For thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves	25,001	17 9	1 17 9	25,000	0 0		
			Agricultural Branch—Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations—further sum	20,000	0 0		20,000	0 0		
£	198,065	0 0	Total under Act 58 Vic., No. 14	£ 160,313	9 5	4 3 9	160,309	5 8	2,358 11 8	35,397 2 8
			59 VICTORIA No. 6.							
			<i>To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.</i>							
			Provided for by 1925 Stock.							
1895	1,500	0 0	Harbours and Rivers Branch—							
	1,000	0 0	New Lighter for Newcastle Harbour	668	16 10		668	16 10		831 3 2
	1,500	0 0	Improvements to Entrance, Cape Hawke	1,000	0 0		1,000	0 0		
	12,000	0 0	Dock at the Richmond River	96	8 7		96	8 7		1,403 11 5
	5,000	0 0	Towards conversion of Grab Dredges into Sand-pump Dredges	12,000	0 0		12,000	0 0		
	3,000	0 0	Straightening Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, and erection of Shed, &c., thereon	5,000	0 0		5,000	0 0		
			New Wharf at Manly Beach	3,000	0 0		3,000	0 0		
	5,100	0 0	Government Architect—							
	6,000	0 0	Post Offices—Erection—Five Dock, Petersham, Stockton, and Mount Victoria	3,715	4 8	0 2 0	3,715	2 8		1,884 17 4
	3,000	0 0	Post Offices, minor towns—Erection	6,000	0 0		6,000	0 0		
	2,000	0 0	Post Offices—Purchase of Sites	3,000	0 0		3,000	0 0		
	600	0 0	Court-houses—Erection—Peak Hill and Bowral	1,896	16 4		1,896	16 4		103 3 8
	7,700	0 0	Court-houses, &c.—Additions—Bellingen						600	0 0
	3,000	0 0	Lock-ups—Erection and Sites—Dubbo, Burwood, Junee, Wee Waa, and Surry Hills	4,256	12 1		4,256	12 1		3,443 7 11
	1,000	0 0	Police Stations—Erection—Wyalong, Ford's Bridge, and Pallamallawa	1,883	1 3		1,883	1 3		1,116 18 9
	3,500	0 0	Hospital for Insane, Callan Park—Further Accommodation	1,000	0 0		1,000	0 0		
	3,300	0 0	Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere—Additional Accommodation	3,477	3 0		3,477	3 0		22 17 0
	3,000	0 0	Benevolent Asylum, Rookwood—Two (2) Additional Pavilions	2,328	1 10		2,328	1 10		971 18 2
	3,000	0 0	Coast Hospital, Little Bay—Accommodation for Infectious Diseases	2,390	8 4		2,390	8 4		609 11 8
	500	0 0	Gaols—Additions, &c.—Young and Tamworth	3,000	0 0		3,000	0 0		
			Justice Department Offices, Sydney—Additions—further sum	461	4 0		461	4 0		38 16 0
£			Carried forward	£						
£			Carried forward	£						

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Year	Appropriations under Acts of Parliament	Particulars of Appropriation	Gross Expenditure to 30th June, 1899	Repaid	Net Expenditure to 30th June, 1899	Balances —	
						Written off	Retained for Expenditure 30th June, 1899
	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
	188,065 0 0	Brought forward	160,313 9 5		160,309 5 8	2,368 11 8	35,397 2 8
		59 VICTORIA No 6—continued					
	65,700 0 0	Brought forward	55,173 16 11	0 2 0	55,173 14 11	661 13 0	9,864 12 1
1895	45,200 0 0	Roads and Bridges— Bridges (3) Warrambrook on Road Walgett towards Bie warrina, &c Falls Creek, Ellenboroughn River, Matta Creek, near Butterbone, Gobarralong, Murrumbidgee River, Fish River at O Connell, Bogan River at Monkcy, Namoi River at Walgett, Giant's Creek, Murray River at Albury (Moety), Turon River at Wallaby Rocks, Cuttaburra Creek (3), Road Bourke to Wanaaring, Molonglo River at Foxlow, Adelong Creek at Moore's Crossing, Colombo Creek, Nunnock Creek, Tantawang'e River, Cooladigbee Creek, Ten terfield Creek, Penterfield Narran River at Angle dool or Yerambah, Pages River near Blandford Station, Marra Creek at Hermitage, Bogan River at Buddabadah	36,986 3 6	23 4 6	36,957 19 0		8,242 1 0
	2,270 0 0	Windsor Bridge—Raising and Repairs—further sum	2,220 0 0		2,220 0 0		
	2,000 0 0	North Bourke Bridge—Approaches	2,000 0 0		2,000 0 0		
	18,500 0 0	Gundagai Bridge—Reconstruction, &c	14,486 19 5	6 15 0	14,480 4 5		4,019 15 7
	2,500 0 0	Denison Bridge, Bathurst—Protection of Macquarie River, Bank at	1,591 0 0		1,591 0 0		909 0 0
	1,150 0 0	Road—Fitzroy Falls, via Belmore Falls, to Robertson— Deviations	1,150 0 0		1,150 0 0		
	2,610 0 0	Road—Main Western—Wood blocking portion between City Boundary and Glebe Road	2,370 6 9		2,370 6 9	239 13 3	
	1,500 0 0	Road through Grand Arch—Jenolan Caves	1,500 0 0		1,500 0 0		
	5,000 0 0	Enmore Road—Contributions towards cost of wood blocking	5,000 0 0		5,000 0 0		
	3,800 0 0	New Steam Ferry Punt for George's River	3,103 6 4	62 7 0	3,040 19 4	759 0 8	
	6,600 0 0	Bridge at Morpeth—Hunter River	6,600 0 0		6,600 0 0		
	1,225 0 0	Bridge at Melville Ford—Hunter River	1,068 4 11		1,068 4 11	156 15 1	
	1,750 0 0	Bridge at Blackland's Crossing over Napean River	1,743 2 10		1,743 2 10	6 17 2	
	1,500 0 0	Bridge—Napean River—at Harvey's Crossing					1,500 0 0
	1,000 0 0	Road—Granville to Southern Road (Woodville Road)	954 11 1		954 11 1	45 8 11	
	10,000 0 0	Department of Mines— Compensation for cancellation of Sale or Lease of Land in terms of section 45, Land Act of 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889	4,882 12 0		4,882 12 0		5,117 8 0
	50,000 0 0	Forest Branch— For thinning out and otherwise improving Forest Reserves	49,301 9 5	2,319 13 4	46,981 16 1		3,018 3 11
	222,255 0 0	Total under Act 59 Vic No 6	190,181 13 2	2,417 1 10	187,714 11 4	1,869 8 1	32,671 0 7
		60 VICTORIA No 32					
		<i>To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of the Annual Sinking Fund</i>					
		Provided for by "1927 Stock"					
1896	25,000 0 0	Department of Lands— Towards Clearing or otherwise Improving Crown Lands	4,567 17 7	6 11 6	4,561 6 1		20,438 13 11
	6,135 0 0	Roads— Relaying Wood Blocks in King street, Newtown, from Bligh street to the Railway Bridge	6,835 0 0	700 0 0	6,135 0 0		
	58,275 0 0	Bridges— For Erection of Bridges at the undermentioned sites— Wollondilly River, at Rossi's Crossing, Wollomombi River, Armidale to Kempsey, Byron Creek, Road Possum Shoot to Brooklet, Deep Creek, Moonee to Congarram, Baigo River, Main South Road, Bree River, Molten Plains to Brewarrina, Culgoa River, at Weilmoringle, Deep Creek, Bega to Nimyibelle, Wilson's Creek, Lyttleton to Bembooka, Bega River, at Bega Main South Coast Road, Duck Creek, at Canonbar, Canonbar to Pine Ridge, Narromine, Broadwater Creek, Broadwater Creek to Lawrence Westbrook Bridge, Camden to Oaks Cowal, at Trangie, Coalbaggie Creek, Dubbo, Coonamble to Colhe, Warren Creek, Coonamble to Tunderbrine Creek, Hunter River, at Morpeth, Rockey Creek Grebets to Solferino, Fortis Creek, Grebets to Solferino, Cairngat Creek, Forbes to Marsden and Wyalong, including land compensation, Lagoon Creek, Kempsey to foot of Jeogla Mountain, Lower Creek, Armidale near 59 Mile, Wheeney Creek at Blackland's Ridge, Cox's River, at Junction Main West Road, Bow Bridge Main South Coast Road Weean Creek, Inverell to Strathborne Gil Gil Creek at Wilboa Billabong, at Cape Billabong Creek to Urana, Camden Haven, at Kendall, Turross Estuary, Trunkatabelle Bridge Main South Coast Road, Two mile Creek, Pilliga to Walgett, Burren Creek, Walgett, at Burien, to Narrabri, Nepean River, at Harvey's Crossing (further sum) Molonglo River, at Burbong, Goulburn to Cooma, Queanbeyan River, at Queanbeyan Seven Hills, No 1 near Station Seven Hills, No 2 near Station, Swamp Blacktown Road Blacktown to Windsor Road, Bluff River, Glen Innes to Tenterfield, Sandy Creek, Tenterfield to Ballina, Bokhara Road, Walgett to Brenda and Whittm over Lagoon	41,351 17 5	133 19 0	41,217 18 5		17,057 1 7
		Harbours and Rivers — Byron Bay Jetty	4,000 0 0		4,000 0 0		
	12,000 0 0	New Wharf, Circular Quay (late A S N Co's Wharf)	11,614 7 3		11,614 7 3		385 12 9
	15,000 0 0	Conversion of Grab Dredges to Sand pump Dredges	14,982 13 4	2 7 9	14,980 5 7	19 14 5	
	1,500 0 0	Dredge Dock Richmond River—further sum					1,500 0 0
	1,800 0 0	Towards fitting Steam Steering Gear on Tugs, and Electric Light on Dredges and "Thetis"	642 7 7		642 7 7		1,157 12 5
	4,500 0 0	Wharf and Crane at Bourke	4,500 0 0		4,500 0 0		
	2,000 0 0	New Ballast Jetties at Stockton	1,829 10 9		1,829 10 9		170 9 3
	15,000 0 0	Self propelled steam Sand pump Dredge for deepening Shallow Bars	15,000 0 0		15,000 0 0		
		Carried forward					
		Carried forward					

Q 3—continued.

Year.	Appropriations under Acts of Parliament.		Particulars of Appropriations.	Gross Expenditure to 30th June, 1890.	Repaid.	Net Expenditure to 30th June, 1890.	Balances—	
	£	s. d.					Written off.	Retained for Expenditure 30th June, 1889.
£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
			Brought forward	£				
			66 VICTORIA No. 32—continued.					
			Brought forward	£				
1896	13,530	0 0	Government Architect— Court houses—Erections, Additions, &c—Cudal; Pambula; Glen Innes; Delegate Court and Watch House, Lismore; Tiboburra—Purchase of Building; Gulgandra Court-room and Offices; Hillston, Peak Hill Court and Watch House—Additional sum; West Kempsey—Further sum; Albury; Darlinghurst, Water Police Court; Buckley's Crossing Court and Watch House; Armidale, Court Houses generally.	12,670	3 0	12,670	3 0	859 17 0
"	1,000	0 0	Governor Phillip's Statue, Foundations, &c.	997	18 2	997	18 2	2 1 10
"	800	0 0	Botanical Gardens—Drainage of Buildings	800	0 0	800	0 0	
"	623	0 0	Purchase of Site for Court house and Lock-up at Burwood	607	1 0	607	1 0	15 19 0
"	2,000	0 0	Government Printing Office—Installation of a System of Fire Extinction	2,000	0 0	2,000	0 0	
"	4,120	0 0	Gaols, Additions, &c—Maitland—Quarters in connection with New Wing for Females, Gaols—Additions, Repairs, &c; and Cobar Lock-up, Gaol	4,120	0 0	4,120	0 0	
"	750	0 0	Parramatta Hospital—Additions, Medical Superintendent's Quarters	699	7 3	669	7 3	50 12 0
"	1,825	0 0	Lock ups—Erection, Additions, &c—Cobar, Coolah, Gundah, and Rockley	1,825	0 0	1,825	0 0	
"	14,225	0 0	Police Stations and Quarters—Additions, &c—Erngonia, Tamworth, Broken Hill, Taree, Forbes, Jindera, Nowendoc, Ungarie, Gloucester, Mungindi, Narrabri, Coolah, Police buildings generally, and Lock-ups	13,747	19 11	13,744	17 2	480 2 10
"	12,040	0 0	Post and Telegraph Offices—Erection, Additions, &c—Camden, Warren, Howlong, Bega, Cooma, Boggabri, Moree, and Minor Towns	12,057	7 11	12,040	0 0	
"	500	0 0	Sewerage Construction— Construction of Drain between Court house Hill and Belongal Creek, Byron Bay	500	0 0	400	0 0	100 0 0
"	2,500	0 0	Necropolis—Drainage	812	3 5	812	3 5	1,687 16 7
"	3,000	0 0	Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— Sewerage—Improvement for better disposal of Sludge at Cook's River, Botany					3,000 0 0
"	6,000	0 0	Mines— Resumption of Accommodation House, &c., at Jenolan Caves, and to provide improved buildings	6,000	0 0	6,000	0 0	
£	208,123	0 0	Total under Act 60 Vic. No. 32	162,160	5 7	161,197	5 8	188 8 0
			61 VICTORIA No. 43.					
			To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years, by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.					
			Provided for by "1923 Stock."					
1897	2,800	0 0	Police—To provide a Steam Launch for the use of the Water Police	1,650	0 0	1,650	0 0	1,150 0 0
"	11,240	0 0	Military— To provide Drill Halls and Buildings, with equipment in connection with Defence Works, Volunteers and others	8,820	15 11	8,820	15 11	2,419 4 1
"	23,300	0 0	Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for Reserve Stock	23,300	0 0	23,300	0 0	
"	800	0 0	Mercantile Explosives Branch—Purchase of a Steam Launch for Towing purposes	699	17 4	699	17 4	100 2 8
"	1,500	0 0	Board of Health—Instruments and Fittings for New Bacteriological Laboratories	1,197	8 5	1,197	8 5	302 11 7
"	9,500	0 0	Marine Board—Conversion of steamer "Ajax" into Pilot Boat for Newcastle	4,929	1 7	4,929	1 7	4,570 18 5
"	59,751	0 0	Bridges— Bridge, Cockburn River, Road Tamworth to Nundle, Albury street, Murrumburrah, within Municipality, Urana Creek, Road Denihquin to Urana; Lmu Creek, Road Booral to Bulladelah, George's Creek, Road Kempsey to Jeogla Mountain; Rocky Creek, Road Coast Road to Perrett's; Cockle Creek, Road Cockle Creek to Teralba; Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley (further sum); Taylor's Creek No. 2, Road Denihquin via Aratula to Tocumwal; Bong Bong Creek, Road South Grafton to Moonee, Tumut River, Road Tumut via Brungle to Gundagai; Saucy Creek, Road Bombala to Mahratta to Craigie; Stony Creek at Coila, Main South Coast Road, Willandra Creek Approaches Road Boolgal to Ivanhoe; Burrangong Creek, Road Caragabel to Clifton; Wheeny Creek, Road Bell's Line to Putty, G. N. Road; Bridges (3), Deep Creek and Jackson's Waterholes, Road Narrandera to Buckinbong; Bridge, Oakey Creek, Road Tamworth to Barraba; over Burton's Creek, Road Pambula to New Buildings; over Jones' Creek at Gundagai, Road Gundagai to Wantabadgery, over Cudregong River at Rivstone; over Jandra Creek, Road Bourke to Louth, over Melhi River, at Moree; over Chandler River, over Byewash at Paroo River, at Wanaaring, Road Bourke to Wanaaring; Plumbago Creek, Road Ballina to Tenterfield; over Burrill Creek, Road Burrill Creek to Kimbriki, Moruya, over Hunter River at Glendon, Road Waddell Orchard at Singleton Road; over Paterson River, at Hinton, Road Hinton to Phoenix Park	22,327	8 9	22,327	8 9	37,423 11 3
"	34,000	0 0	Bridge at Pymont					34,000 0 0
"	7,446	0 0	Punts and Launches— New Steam Ferry Punt for Grafton, Clarence River, New Hand Ferry Punt (including approaches), Coraki, Richmond River (Adams-street); New Steam Launch for the Clarence River Ferry Service; New Steam Launch for the Hunter River Ferry Service	1,602	14 0	1,602	14 0	5,843 6 0
£			Carried forward					
£			Carried forward					

Q 3—continued.

Year.	Appropriations under Acts of Parliament.		Particulars of Appropriations.	Gross Expenditure to 30th June, 1899.		Repaid.		Net Expenditure to 30th June, 1899.		Balances—		
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Written off.	Retained for Expenditure 30th June, 1899.	
			Brought forward	£								
			61 VICTORIA No. 43—continued.									
			Brought forward	£								
1897.	1,500	0 0	Harbours and Rivers— Shallow-draft Steamer for Dredge Service	1,500	0 0			1,500	0 0		1,500 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Steamer for Snagging Operations									
"	5,000	0 0	Self-propelled Sand-pump Dredge—further sum	5,016	17 1	16	17 1	5,000	0 0			
"	1,000	0 0	Improvements, George's River	1,000	0 0			1,000	0 0			
"	850	0 0	Wharf, Balranald—Raising; Wharf at Newport, Pitt-water (foot of Queen's-parade)	553	19 2			553	19 2		296 0 10	
			Government Architect—									
			Public Buildings Generally—Erection, Additions, Alterations, Fittings, &c —									
"	11,500	0 0	Court-houses—Coolaman; Bingera; Oberon; Tamworth; Hay, Mudgee; Bathurst; Goodooga; Grafton; Delegate; Darlinghurst, Redfern (Fittings, &c.); Armidale; Hill End; Gulgong; Warren; Court-houses generally	6,678	13 10			6,678	13 10		4,821 6 2	
"	2,000	0 0	Lock-ups—Narrabri (West); Rozelle (Balman); Wyalong; Deniliquin (South); Lockups generally	1,692	14 0			1,692	14 0		307 6 0	
"	10,000	0 0	Gaols—Forbes, Moree; Parramatta; Bathurst, Biloela; Installation of Electric Light in the principal Gaols of the Colony, viz —Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Goulburn, Bathurst, East Matland, and Young Gaols generally	10,010	0 0	10	0 0	10,000	0 0			
"	750	0 0	Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	750	0 0			750	0 0			
"	13,000	0 0	Police Stations—Colhe; Wauchope. Koorawatha; Girilambone; Broke; Batlow, Cessnock; Warroo; Boolgal; Peat's Ferry; Ellenborough, Mulwala, Bourke, Goolagong, Gunning; Linton (Wood's Reef, &c.); Bobadah (Overflow Mines), Albion Park, Bega; Broken Hill; Gresford; Bungara Police Stations generally	7,832	1 9			7,832	1 9		5,167 18 3	
"	4,000	0 0	Post and Telegraph Offices—Howlong, Nowra, Jeilanderie; Bogabri, Junee, Bathurst; Carrington—further sum; Post and Telegraph Offices generally	4,000	0 0			4,000	0 0			
"	9,000	0 0	Benevolent Asylums—Rookwood, Newington, and Liverpool	6,396	2 2			6,396	2 2		2,603 17 10	
"	1,000	0 0	Quarantine Station—Additions, &c								1,000 0 0	
"	460	0 0	Custom Houses—Sydney and Broken Bay	460	0 0			460	0 0			
"	500	0 0	Hawkesbury Agricultural College—Irrigation Works	500	0 0			500	0 0			
"	800	0 0	Registrar-General's Offices—Electric Light	800	1 0	0	1 0	800	0 0			
"	350	0 0	Little Bay Hospital—Fittings, &c.	350	0 0			350	0 0			
"	600	0 0	Admiralty House—Additions, &c.	600	0 0			600	0 0			
"	5,000	0 0	Mines Department— For erection of Agricultural Colleges, and to provide a Recreation Reserve, in lieu of Land taken for Experimental Farm Purposes	3,014	19 4	14	19 4	3,000	0 0		2,000 0 0	
"	600	0 0	Jenolan Caves—To provide Fittings, &c, for improved Buildings	596	17 10			596	17 10	3	2 2	
£	224,747	0 0	Total under Act 61 Vic. No. 43	£	121,279	12 2	41	17 5	121,237	14 9	3	2 2
			62 VICTORIA No. 36.									
			To be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund.									
			Provided for by "1929 Stock."									
1898	2,000	0 0	Government Printer— Additional Machinery for the Government Printing Office								2,000 0 0	
"	57,000	0 0	Bridges — Tumut River, at Oddy's; Nepean River, at Camden; Merrowie Creek, at Bellingerambil; Killawarra, Manning River, Cooma Creek; Clarence River at Tabulam; Little River, Kempsey, Macleay River (further sum), Mvall Creek; Flood Channel, Bogan River; Dingo Creek, at Cameron's Crossing; Manila River, at Upper Manila; Jugiong Creek; Cuttagree Creek; Talbragar River; Condie's Creek; Haslam's Creek; Dignam's Creek; Bottle Creek; Billabong Creek, at Garrwoven; Croppa Creek; Lachlan River, at Condoobohn; Yass River, at Gundaroo, Orara River, at Shaip's Crossing; St Mary's Crossing, Allvn River; Reedy Creek, at Warialda; Tarlo River; Run of Waters Creek; Muddy Creek, West Botany; Rosedale, Murrumbidgee River; Billabong Creek; Bridges generally	1,054	10 10			1,054	10 10		55,945 9	
"	10,000	0 0	Harbours and Rivers— To provide Water Supplies for Minor Townships (unincorporated)								10,000 0 0	
"	2,000	0 0	Sea-wall, Fort Macquarie								2,000 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Sea-wall, Manly—rebuilding	1,250	7 11			1,250	7 11		249 12 1	
"	1,000	0 0	Dredge Dock, Richmond River—further sum								1,000 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Dredge Dock, Tweed River—further sum								1,500 0 0	
"	1,250	0 0	Government Warehouse, Circular Quay, West side—alterations								1,250 0 0	
"	8,000	0 0	Additional Cargo Sheds and Approaches, Eastern side Woolloomooloo Bay								8,000 0 0	
"	7,500	0 0	Fitzroy Dock—Extension and Appliances	1,011	0 0			1,011	0 0		6,489 0 0	
"	4,000	0 0	Punts for Harbour and Reclamation Works	36	0 0			36	0 0		3,964 0 0	
"	3,000	0 0	Shea's Creek and Cook's River—Wharfs and Bridge at Ricketty street								3,000 0 0	
"	10,000	0 0	New hull for s.s. "Thetis"								10,000 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Sea wall, Snail's Bay	983	7 11	5	6 4	978	1 7		521 18 5	
"	1,000	0 0	Bourke Wharf and Crane—further sum	533	8 8			533	8 8		466 11 4	
"	6,500	0 0	Deepening Duck River								6,500 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Improvements to Cook's River, near Tempe, and providing for discharge of Flood Waters—further sum	755	12 4			755	12 4		744 7 8	
			Government Architect—									
"	500	0 0	Bourke Land Board and Survey Offices—further sum	500	0 0			500	0 0			
"	2,000	0 0	Royal Mint—Additions and Fittings—further sum	1,249	0 4			1,249	0 4		750 19 8	
"	5,600	0 0	Quarantine Station Buildings—Additions and Improvements, Sydney Heads and Woolloomooloo								5,600 0 0	
"	1,500	0 0	Government House, Sydney—Rebuilding	1,233	8 4			1,233	8 4		216 11 8	
£			Carried forward	£								
£			Carried forward	£								

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Year	Appropriations under Acts of Parliament	Particulars of Appropriation	Gross Expenditure to 30th June, 1899	Repaid	Net Expenditure to 30th June, 1899	Balances—	
						Written off	Retained for Expenditure 30th June, 1899
	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
		Brought forward	£				
		62 VICTORIA No 36—continued					
		Brought forward	£				
1898	1,400 0 0	Conversion of Old Court house, Redfern, into Fire Brigade Station					1,400 0 0
"	1,500 0 0	Newcastle Hospital for Insane—Additions					1,500 0 0
"	4,000 0 0	Parramatta and Gladesville Hospitals for Insane—Additions					4,000 0 0
"	2,900 0 0	Coast Hospital Little Bay—Additions and Water Supply	497 8 6		497 8 6		2,402 11 6
"	9,000 0 0	Post and Telegraph Offices—Erections and Additions—Bourke Wallsend, Jerilderie Hillgrove, Nowra Wyalong West, Bathurst, Minor Towns, Post Offices generally, Turret Clocks for Post Offices, Newtown, Broken Hill, Lismore, and North Sydney, on condition that the respective Municipal Councils provide one third of total cost	1,808 14 3		1,808 14 3		7,191 5 9
"	6,000 0 0	Lock ups—Erections and Additions—Moree, Narrabri, Erskine street Sydney, Wyong, Taree Condobolin Gundagai, Bingara, Ryde, Bourke, Lock ups generally					6,000 0 0
"	6,500 0 0	Court Houses—Erections and Additions—Bathurst, Albury, Warren, Broken Hill, Wellington, Parkes Cooperook Angledool Whitton, Bourke Mudree, Dysdale Coonamble, Court houses generally					6,500 0 0
"	12,000 0 0	Police Stations—Erections and Additions—Gosford, Parkes, Currabubula Glen Innes, Goolagong, Wollongong, Broke, Collie Gulgandra, Gungahlin, Tumburumba, Ellenborough, Bathurst, Wardell, Frederickton, Tuena, Chatsworth Island, Koorawatha, Waroo, Balranald, Kempsey, Mt McDonald Finley, Merriwa, West Maitland Canowindra, Wagga Wagga, Camden Haven, Police Stations generally	1,174 0 4		1,174 0 4		10,825 19 8
"	8,000 0 0	Gaols—Erections and Additions—Young, Mudgee, Electric Light installation in Gaols, Darlinghurst Goulburn Bathurst, East Maitland, and Parramatta—further sum, Gaols generally	1,846 4 2		1,846 4 2		6 153 15 10
"	3,500 0 0	Board of Health—Disinfecting Station and Machinery					3,500 0 0
"	50,000 0 0	Agriculture— For the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges and Experimental Farms	4,443 19 7		4,443 19 7		45,556 0 5
"	100,000 0 0	Public Watering Places, Artesian Wells, &c — Boring for Artesian Water and Minerals, for Public Watering Places generally, and Expenses incidental thereto	6,809 11 6	15 14 0	6 798 17 6		93,206 2 6
£	333,650 0 0	Total under Act 62 Victoria No 36	£ 25,236 14 8	21 0 4	25,215 14 4		308,434 5 8
£	1,186,840 0 0	Grand Total	£ 609,121 15 0	3,447 3 3	655,674 11 9	4,419 9 11	526,745 18 4

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 28th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

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[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq, Treasury Accountant]

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9.

SCHEDULE OF SAVINGS ON APPROPRIATIONS.

No of Item as per Appropriation Act	Head of Appropriation	Savings	
		Amount	Total
	No I.	£ s d.	£ s. d.
	Schedule A.	385 16 7	
	Schedule C.	146 0 7	
2	Supplement to Schedule B. (Military Pensions)	15 1 6	546 18 8
	No II.		
3	His Excellency the Governor	104 5 8	
4	Executive Council	6 3 0	
5	Legislative Council	4 15 3	
6	Legislative Assembly	179 0 10	
7	Legislative Council and Assembly	0 8 6	
8	Parliamentary Library	11 3 5	
9	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	246 10 7	
10	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	124 13 0	
	Carried forward		677 0 3

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No of Item as per Appropriation Act	Head of Appropriation	Savings			
		Amount		Total	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Brought forward				
	No III				
11	Chief Secretary	158	6 8		
12	Auditor General	690	13 1		
15	Police	214	11 4		
	Lunacy—				
16	Institutions for the Insane generally	1,563	14 6		
17	Lunatic Patients	406	2 11		
18	Master in Lunacy	53	12 0		
19	Medical Board	27	0 0		
20	The Medical Adviser to the Government	998	13 6		
21	Coast Hospital	529	15 11		
22	Analytical Branch	200	10 10		
24	Government Statistician	311	15 8		
25	Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions	6	8 5		
26	Agent General for the Colony	902	7 7		
27	Charitable Institutions (Government Asylums)	2,770	14 1		
28	State Children's Relief Branch	118	10 6		
29	To recoup amount paid out of the Consolidated Revenue during year 1897-8 in connection with section 10 of State Children's Relief Act of 1881	42	0 8		
30	Fisheries Commission	160	14 0		
31	Fire Brigades	278	5 3		
32	Re-organization of the Public Service	2	15 10		
33	Botanic Gardens	36	3 6		
34	Nursery Garden, Campbelltown	2	15 3		
37	Centennial Park	12	16 0		
38	Electoral Office	284	18 4		
	Charitable Allowances —				
39	Charitable Institutions—Aid, on condition that an equal amount 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	4	18 10		
40	Country and Suburban Hospitals, Building Fund—Aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions	84	13 4		
44	Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney—Aid, on the usual conditions	74	12 4		
46	Carrington Centennial Hospital—Aid, on the usual conditions	232	10 3		
47	Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—Aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions	1,041	11 7		
50	Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred institutions—For support of Women and Children	2	3 6		
55	Special grants to Country and Suburban Hospitals	12	0 0		
58	Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special grant for unemployed relief	532	8 4		
	Miscellaneous Services —				
64	Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.	148	0 8		
65	Burial of destitute persons in cases where inquests are not held	2	10 0		
66	Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, charitable relief, &c	4	9 7		
68	Animals Protection Society—Aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions	59	14 6		
69	New South Wales Zoological Society—Aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions	176	18 0		
70	Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island—Expenses in connection with administration of	45	19 0		
71	To pay municipal rates on Government Buildings	1,754	8 4		
72	Wages for Gardener, and Tools and Incidental Expenses, for East Maitland Gaol Reserve	1	8 2		
73	Expenses in connection with the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London	289	8 3		
75	To complete contracts and outstanding liabilities in connection with Immigration	152	14 3		
77	Freight, Insurance, carriage of goods, incidental, unforeseen, and petty expenses, &c, of Department	48	18 2		
81	To meet rent of Government premises occupied by various sub-departments	3	16 5		
82	Maintenance, &c, of Telephones	27	18 6		
84	Special grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades	70	0 0		
85	Expenses in connection with revising list of Australian Fishes	200	0 0		
88	Pension to Constable J F Alford, in addition to the Pension payable to him from the "Police Superannuation Fund," upon his retirement, through being injured in the execution of his duty	0	7 6		
89	Expenses in connection with and relief to Sufferers by Floods	249	14 2		
90	Boundary Road, Centennial Park—Cost of Construction	26	12 10		
91	To meet payments to Commissioners for Railways for Railway claims, for transmission of destitute persons, &c	32	0 1		
92	Board of International Exchange—Expenses in connection with	0	6 7		
93	Expenses in connection with Federal Conference—further sum	8	5 6		
94	Expenses in connection with Record Reign celebrations	15	11 6		
95	Expenses in connection with the late Federal Election—further sum	13	7 6		
97	Special Grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities, 1896 7, portion of claims not paid during financial year	169	3 10		
98	Improvements, Dawes Point Battery Reserve	24	13 0		
99	Royal Commission on Charities—Expenses in connection with	220	5 9		
100	Royal Commission—Levien Charges—Expenses in connection with	12	0 8		
101	Expenses incurred in conducting a practical test of the Deep Sea Fisheries of the Colony	25	4 6		
	Carried forward	£			

R 3—continued.

No of Item as per Appropriation Act	Head of Appropriation	Savings.			
		Amount		Total	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
103	Towards erection of Fire Station, Chatswood, on condition of balance of cost being provided by Fire Brigade Board	150	0 0		
106	Metropolitan Fireman's Association—Grant for Demonstration and Railway Fares	21	12 9		
108	Federal Constitution Bill Referendum—Expenses in connection with	9	11 0		
109	Expenses in connection with Conveyance of Representatives to People's Convention, Bathurst	0	6 7		
110	Governor Phillip Statue, foundations—further sum	0	10 0		
116	Municipal Rates on Government Land and Buildings in Martin-place, arrears from 1892 to 1897 inclusive	1,522	17 6		
117	Amount due to late Superintendent of Fire Brigades, W. D. Bear, being salary unpaid at date of resignation	0	13 4		
118	Cost of proceedings in Extradition Case—Frank Butler	0	2 4		
				17,247	14 9
	No IV				
120	Treasury	135	14 5		
121	Stamp Duties	162	7 1		
123	Customs	687	12 0		
124	Gold Receivers	10	15 5		
125	Gold and Escort	6	13 4		
126	Government Printer's Department	3,816	1 1		
127	Stores and Stationery	309	15 9		
128	Mercantile Explosives Department	194	14 6		
129	Board of Health	4,208	7 7		
130	Glebe Island Abattoirs	756	0 7		
131	Shipping Masters	60	4 3		
	Marine Board of New South Wales —				
132	Marine Board, Sydney	25	6 0		
133	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	0	2 0		
134	Harbour Masters	0	12 7		
135	Colonial Light houses	0	13 4		
136	Sea and River Pilots	0	13 10		
137	Boatmen	14	1 0		
138	Telegraph Stations	0	12 3		
140	Australian Coast Light houses	286	7 0		
141	Miscellaneous	236	7 4		
142	Life Boats	10	8 11		
143	Public Wharfs	98	4 5		
	Miscellaneous Services —				
145	Advertising for the Public Service	73	5 7		
146	For the transmission of Telegraphic Messages	10	5 4		
147	Commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents	2	16 11		
148	Insurance, &c, on English Shipments	102	2 9		
152	For the relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports, or from Wrecked Vessels, &c	2	10 2		
155	For interest on funds in the temporary possession of the Government, belonging to Suitors in Equity and Lunacy Patients	0	16 2		
157	To pay interest on the uninvested Funds at the credit of the Civil Service Superannuation Account	1	0 0		
158	To pay interest on the balance uninvested at the credit of the Municipal Council of Sydney—Sinking Fund Account	0	8 1		
159	To pay interest on balance at the credit of the Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund	3	15 0		
160	To pay interest on the uninvested balance at credit of the Bankruptcy Estates Account	0	13 3		
161	Sewerage and Water Rates, &c, various Public Buildings, &c, Sydney and Country Towns	43	9 8		
163	To meet Legal Expenses, Treasury Department	10	11 0		
164	To pay interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account	0	17 11		
165	To pay interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Registrar in Bankruptcy Account	6	12 1		
166	To pay interest on daily credit balance of the Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account	9	5 6		
167	To meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for	10	16 1		
169	To meet claims for the refund of Pilotage, Harbour and Light Rates, and Wharfage and Tonnage Dues in certain cases	53	18 2		
170	To meet the cost of Private Letter boxes for Public Departments	73	2 6		
172	Expenses connected with Rocket Apparatus, Newcastle	46	1 0		
173	To meet Gratuities to Officers upon retirement through abolition of office	534	6 5		
174	To meet adjustments of Salaries on revision by Public Service Board	903	5 11		
175	To meet increased cost of living allowance to officers stationed in remote districts	163	3 2		
176	Amount due to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund for Abatements and Compensation to retired officers, charged to that fund in 1895-96 and 1896-97	0	2 0		
177	To defray expenses in connection with the Greater Britain Exhibition to be held in 1899	2,818	17 1		
184	Proportion payable to Government of Queensland for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island	0	1 9		
192	Passes for Competitors, Rifle Association Meetings	325	8 8		
194	Rent of premises for Secretary to His Excellency the Admiral and Staff, as agreed upon when Naval Station was formed	200	0 0		
				16,419	6 10
	Carried forward	..	..	..	..

R 3—continued.

No of Item as per Appropriation Act.	Head of Appropriation.	Savings					
		Amount.		Total.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward						
	Military and Naval Forces—						
196	Military Secretary	288	12	1			
197	Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	801	16	8			
	Naval Forces—						
198	Naval Brigade	11	19	5			
199	Volunteer Naval Artillery	60	18	8			
200	Torpedo Defence	12	19	2			
201	Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Naval Forces	95	1	9			
					1,271	7	9
	Railways and Tramways—						
202	Existing Lines—Working Expenses	95	12	4			
							95 12 4
	No. V.						
203	The Attorney-General	1,793	2	5			
					1,793	2	5
	No. VI.						
204	Department of Lands	2,836	1	1			
205	Department of Land—Contingencies	5,117	10	3			
206	Land Appeal Court—Contingencies	147	3	8			
207	Church and School Lands—Contingencies	183	10	9			
	Miscellaneous Services :—						
208	Public Cemeteries—Purchase and Resumption of sites, fencing, clearing, building, &c.	15	14	4			
209	Towards construction of Railway Siding, including cost of resuming land and for drainage, Woronora Cemetery, near Sutherland, for southern suburbs. (Re-vote of 1895)	2,409	0	0			
210	For the purchase and resumption of sites for, and Improvement and General Maintenance of Public Parks, Recreation Grounds and Bathing-places	0	0	6			
219	For the improvement and maintenance of the Recreation Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria	10	0	0			
220	Legal Expenses	900	9	5			
221	To pay compensation in connection with the resumption of land for roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897	206	0	6			
222	Alignment-posts for Towns	50	0	0			
224	Survey of Lands—Contingencies	1,900	15	1			
225	Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony—Contingencies	41	9	1			
226	Special Services—Labour Settlements	8	5	11			
					13,826	0	7
	No. VII.						
227	Department of Public Works—Establishment	23	12	6			
	Public Works and Services :—						
228	Roads and Bridges	23,522	16	6			
229	Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service	180	15	5			
230	Government Architect	199	4	11			
231	Miscellaneous	8	6	8			
232	Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	672	18	4			
233	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	40	17	5			
					24,648	11	9
	No. VIII.						
234	Department of Justice	425	9	3			
235	Master in Equity	74	11	4			
236	Prothonotary and Divorce Court	318	18	7			
237	Sheriff	702	2	9			
238	Bankruptcy Court	96	7	2			
239	Probate and Intestate Estates Office	87	19	1			
240	District Courts	187	16	9			
241	Coroners	477	12	7			
242	Petty Sessions	687	11	7			
243	Prisons	766	13	11			
244	Registrar General and Examiner of Patents	1,040	16	8			
	Miscellaneous Services :—						
246	Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates, Newspapers, Law Books, &c.	0	1	3			
249	For expenses of Inquiries under Commission Act, 44 Vic. No. 1, and Inquiries under Criminal Law Amendment Act, sec. 383	75	3	11			
254	Purchase of Copies of Addison and Thompson's "Small Debts Recovery Acts" for supply to Country Courts	0	1	6			
256	To meet Legal Expenses, Justice Department	4	7	4			
257	For purchase of Cox's Criminal Cases	66	4	0			
					5,011	17	8
	No. IX.						
258	Public Instruction	52	16	0			
	Industrial Schools :—						
259	Nautical School-ship "Sobraon"	808	3	4			
260	Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta	39	0	1			
261	Carpenterian Reformatory	292	3	2			
262	Shattesbury Reformatory	194	3	10			
263	Observatory	154	0	11			
264	Museum	399	0	1			
265	Public Library of New South Wales	21	6	7			
266	National Art Gallery	168	15	4			
267	Labour and Industry Branch	5,631	14	8			
	Carried forward						

R 3—continued.

No. of Item as per Appropriation Act.	Head of Appropriation.	Savings.					
		Amount.		Total.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward.....						
	Grants in aid of Public Institutions :—						
	Sydney University :—						
268	For Additions, Repairs, and Furniture	5	15	11			
271	Matriculation and other Fees for Students of the Training Schools under the Department who are attending University Lectures	138	0	3			
276	The Royal Geographical Society of Australasia—Amount in proportion to £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions	100	0	0			
277	Instruction to the Blind—Amount in proportion of £2 to every £1 raised by private contributions.....	133	9	6			
278	In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions	260	13	10			
279	In aid of Buildings (Educational Institutions) in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings	850	2	7			
281	Miscellaneous Services :—To amount due to Department of Lands for survey of School sites	145	7	11			
					9,394	14	0
	No. X.						
282	Department of Mines	2,968	0	11			
284	Imported and Introduced Stock	118	10	0			
285	Registration of Brands	306	12	7			
286	Management of Pounds and Commons	337	11	7			
287	Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring.....	555	1	9			
288	Agriculture	2,327	12	3			
289	School of Mines and Assay Works	69	12	5			
290	Board of Exports	155	7	0			
	Miscellaneous Services :—						
291	For the purposes of Pastures and Stock Protection Act	1,209	16	10			
292	Control, marking, fencing, and improving Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves, removal of obstructions and suppression of trespass, and to meet expenses in connection with the acquiring of land for the benefit of travelling stock	536	3	5			
293	To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies receiving annual subscriptions (from 50 members) amounting to not less than £50, the subsidy not to exceed 10s. on every £1 awarded in prizes for Agricultural or other approved objects, and to meet the claims unpaid of duly qualified Agricultural Societies	401	19	9			
295	Special Prizes to be devoted to the improvement of Agriculture.....	176	4	3			
296	To meet expenses in connection with the reclamation of the Sand-drift, Newcastle.....	163	7	6			
297	Administration of the Act for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries	153	2	4			
298	Ambulance Classes.....	147	7	0			
299	Eradication of Prickly Pear on Water, Camping, and Travelling Stock Reserves	1,000	0	0			
302	Providing Four Scholarships—School of Mines	289	4	11			
303	Special Grant to Agricultural Societies.....	25	0	0			
305	Vine Diseases Act—Expenses in connection with the eradication of Phyl- loxera and administration of the Vine Diseases Act	0	9	0			
					10,941	3	6
	No. XI.						
306	Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	15,616	7	10			
					15,616	7	10
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.						
	Interest at 3 per cent. on uninvested Funds at credit of Government Savings Bank in the Treasury, 34 Vic. No. 15	194	5	4			
	Charges on Collections	247	5	10			
	Endowment of the Australian Museum, 17 Vic. No. 2	129	15	5			
	Endowment under the Municipalities Act, 61 Vic. No. 23.....	8,894	14	7			
	Preliminary Expenses of Municipal Institutions, 61 Vic. No. 23.....	193	10	3			
	Pensions under the Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873, 36 Vic. 29.....	256	16	8			
	Pensions under the District Court Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, 46 Vic. No. 16	62	10	0			
	Commissioners of Customs, 42 Vic. No. 19.....	225	0	0			
	Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, 43 Vic. No. 32, and 51 Vic. No. 28	67	3	2			
	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, 55 Vic. No. 27	82	15	0			
	Expenses of Parliamentary Witnesses, 45 Vic. No. 5	28	13	6			
	Remuneration to Parliamentary Public Works Committee, 53 Vic. No. 11 ..	4,217	4	0			
	Allowances to Parliamentary Representatives, 53 Vic. No. 12	4,090	7	3			
	Parkes Family Grant, 60 Vic. No. 3	291	13	4			
					18,981	14	4
	Add—Special Grant to Municipalities—Revote of 1897-8				136,471	12	8
					3,644	15	7
	Total Savings	£			140,116	8	3

The Treasury, New South Wales,
23rd August, 1899.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

S 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

TREASURER'S ADVANCE VOTE, 1898-9.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Vote				100,000	0	0
Voted in adjustment of payments made for services of the year	80,926	5	4			
To be recovered—						
£16,806 19s. 8d. {						
Collectable, {						
£15,765 4s. 4d. {						
Temporary payments on account of various Departments	1,041	15	4			
Payments on account of Imperial and Colonial Governments for Pensions, &c.—to be repaid	1,118	14	11			
Payments in anticipation of Loans, subsequently voted on Loan Estimates	14,646	9	5			
Balance of Vote of £100,000 unexpended	2,266	15	0			
Total voted.....				100,000	0	0

The Treasury, Sydney,
25th May, 1900J. VERNON,
Accountant.

T 3.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Treasury Accountant.]

BALANCES OF ADVANCES OUTSTANDING of the undermentioned Accounts on 30th June, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Book Credit—Stamp Exchange Account, 1898-9	33	9	6
Substantial Credit—Scab in Sheep Account, 1898-9	13,967	7	2
Book Credit—State Children's Relief Account, 1898-9	12,385	0	0

The Treasury, Sydney,
25th May, 1900.J. VERNON,
Accountant.

U 3.

[To Evidence of J. R. Martin, Esq., Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

New South Wales. Anno sexagesimo tertio Victoriae Reginae.

Act No. 43, 1899.

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, 1899, to the 30th day of June, 1900, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9," for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1898, to the 30th day of June, 1899, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects. [Assented to 22nd December, 1899.]

WHEREAS we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, have granted to your Majesty the several sums hereinafter mentioned for the service of the year from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, to the thirtieth day of June, of the year one thousand nine hundred (inclusive of both dates), and for supplementing the grants made by the present Parliament, in its First Session, and in adjustment of the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9," for charges during the period from the first day of July, of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to the thirtieth day of June, of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (inclusive of both dates): And whereas we desire to make good out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the several sums granted to your Majesty as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund there shall be further appropriated, and are hereby appropriated, and shall be issued and applied for or towards the several uses and purposes hereafter expressed—

FOR THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR FROM FIRST JULY, 1899, TO THIRTIETH JUNE, 1900.

I. Schedules:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding One thousand three hundred and thirty-seven pounds, to supplement the Schedule to Schedule (1) to the Act of the Imperial Parliament, eighteenth and nineteenth Victoria, chapter fifty-four, as follows:—

1. Supplement to Schedule B (<i>Pension</i>)	£325	0	0	
2. Supplement to Schedule B (<i>Military Pension</i>)	1,012	0	0	
				1,337 0 0

II. Executive and Legislative:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Thirty-two thousand seven hundred and seven pounds, to defray the Salaries and Contingencies of the Executive and Legislative Establishments following:—

3. His Excellency the Governor.....	£1,922	0	0	
4. Executive Council	975	0	0	
5. Legislative Council	5,832	0	0	
6. Legislative Assembly	10,198	0	0	
7. Legislative Council and Assembly.....	4,320	0	0	
8. Parliamentary Library	2,013	0	0	
9. Parliamentary Reporting Staff	6,172	0	0	
10. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	1,275	0	0	
				32,707 0 0

Amount carried over 34,044 0 0

U 3—continued.

Amount brought over..... £34,044 0 0

III. Chief Secretary :—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding one million and seventy-five thousand and forty-six pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following :—

11. Chief Secretary	£7,211	0	0
12. Auditor-General	15,715	0	0
13. Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	250	0	0
14. Aborigines Protection Board	13,565	0	0
15. Police.....	368,344	0	0

Lunacy—

16. Institutions for the Insane generally	£106,338	0	0
17. Lunatic Patients.....	2,350	0	0
		108,688	0
18. Master in Lunacy		3,813	0
19. Medical Board		205	0
20. The Medical Adviser to the Government.....	12,423	0	0
21. Coast Hospital	14,608	0	0
22. Analytical Branch	1,491	0	0
23. Maintenance of Sick Paupers	12,000	0	0
		40,522	0
24. Government Statistician		4,500	0
25. Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions.....		941	0
26. Agent-General for the Colony		5,763	0
27. Charitable Institutions, Government Asylums.....	60,941	0	0
28. State Children's Relief Branch	59,950	0	0
29. To recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue during year 1898-9 in connection with section 10 of State Children's Relief Act of 1881	12,400	0	0
		133,291	0
30. Fisheries Commission		3,524	0
31. Fire Brigades		1,175	0
32. Botanic Gardens		7,568	0
33. Nursery Garden, Campbelltown.....		925	0
34. Government Domains		3,180	0
35. Garden Palace Grounds		1,184	0
36. Centennial Park		4,276	0
37. Electoral Office.....		2,108	0

Military and Naval Forces—

38. Military Secretary	2,010	0	0
39. Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	187,717	0	0

Naval Forces—

40. Naval Brigade.....	4,734	0	0
41. Volunteer Naval Artillery	2,466	0	0
42. Torpedo Defence	1,745	0	0
43. Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Naval Forces	2,000	0	0
		10,945	0

Charitable Allowances—

44. Charitable Institutions—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	42,000	0	0
44A. In aid of Charitable Institutions	1,500	0	0
45. Country and Suburban Hospitals, Building Fund—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private sub- scriptions	1,000	0	0
46. Sydney Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	4,000	0	0
47. Sydney Hospital—grant in aid of the annual cost of the Regent-street Dispensary	700	0	0
48. Prince Alfred Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	4,000	0	0
49. Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney,—aid, on the usual conditions.....	1,200	0	0
50. Infants' Home Ashfield—aid, on the usual conditions	500	0	0
51. Carrington Centennial Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	1,000	0	0
52. Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private con- tributions	2,000	0	0
53. Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special grant for outdoor relief	1,500	0	0
54. Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.....	450	0	0
55. Sydney Rescue Work Society—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions	1,000	0	0
56. Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred institutions— for support of Women and Children	5,000	0	0
57. Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant towards Out-door Relief	1,500	0	0
58. Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant for Building Fund	500	0	0
59. Newcastle Hospital—Cost of maintenance of sea-borne destitute patients	300	0	0
60. Salvation Army—Grant in aid of	500	0	0
61. Special grants to Country and Suburban Hospitals	9,000	0	0
62. Metropolitan Charities Association—Special grant	250	0	0
		77,900	0

Carried over..... £1,004,920 0 0

Amount carried over £34,044 0 0

U 3—continued.

	Amount brought over	£34,044 0 0
	Chief Secretary—continued	
	Brought over	£1,004,920 0 0
Miscellaneous Services—		
63	Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.	£700 0 0
64	Burial of destitute persons in cases where inquests are not held	700 0 0
65	Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, charitable relief, &c.	9,500 0 0
66	Rewards for apprehension of Offenders	225 0 0
67	Animals Protection Society—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions	250 0 0
68	New South Wales Zoological Society—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions	200 0 0
69	New South Wales Zoological Society—Special grant in aid of	1,000 0 0
70	New South Wales Zoological Society—Grant towards meeting expenses of opening Gardens on Sunday	1,000 0 0
71	Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island—Expenses in connection with administration of	1,200 0 0
72	To pay Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	12,000 0 0
73	Expenses in connection with the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London	700 0 0
74	Hospital for Sick Children—Rent of Premises	250 0 0
75	To complete contracts and outstanding liabilities in connection with Immigration	200 0 0
76	Preparation of Statistics containing information respecting the resources and industrial capabilities of the Colony, for publication in the United Kingdom	400 0 0
77	Freight, Insurance, carriage of goods, incidental, unforeseen, and petty expenses, fuel, light, &c., of Department	750 0 0
78	National Shipwreck Relief Society of New South Wales—Special grant in aid of	250 0 0
79	General improvements, National Park	4,000 0 0
80	Rent of Moorecliff and Victoria Lodge, Miller's Point, in connection with Sydney Hospital	350 0 0
81	To meet rent of Government premises occupied by various sub-departments	2,000 0 0
82	Maintenance, &c., of Telephones	250 0 0
83	Special grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades	3,000 0 0
84	Expenses in connection with revising list of Australian Fishes	200 0 0
85	Wollongong Sand-drift Trust—Special grant for improvements	100 0 0
86	Lady Robinson's Beach Sand-drift Trust—Special grant for improvements	100 0 0
87	Pension to Constable J. F. Alford, in addition to the Pension payable to him from the "Police Superannuation Fund," upon his retirement, through being injured in the execution of his duty	46 0 0
88	Expenses in connection with and relief to Sufferers by Floods	300 0 0
89	Cost of construction of Roads in and around Centennial Park	300 0 0
90	To meet payments to Commissioners for Railways for Railway claims, for transmission of destitute persons, &c.	3,500 0 0
91	Board of International Exchange—expenses in connection with	100 0 0
92	For Steam Service with and among the Pacific Islands	1,400 0 0
93	Royal Commission on Charities—Expenses in connection with	550 0 0
94	Federal Constitution Bill Referendum—Expenses in connection with	1,000 0 0
95	Additional sum for Religious Attendance to Inmates of Asylums and other Government Institutions	500 0 0
96	Royal Commission Coal Cargoes—further sum	360 0 0
97	Minmi Ambulance Society—Grant towards purchase of Ambulance Waggon	50 0 0
98	Salary of Interpreter under Immigration Restriction Act	50 0 0
99	Reception of His Excellency the Governor—Expenses in connection with	350 0 0
100	Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade—Grant towards purchase of Horse Ambulance	200 0 0
101	British New Guinea—Contribution towards Expenses of Government for period ending 10th September, 1893	5,973 0 0
102	Intercolonial Band Contest—Expenses in connection with	250 0 0
103	Federal Band Contest, Bathurst—Expenses in connection with	250 0 0
104	Proportion payable to Government of Western Australia for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Albany	1,300 0 0
105	Albany Garrison—Proportion of cost for increased accommodation required	540 0 0
106	Proportion payable to Government of Queensland for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island	2,500 0 0
107	Thursday Island Garrison—Proportion payable by New South Wales to make up deficiency caused by South Australia refusing to contribute to maintenance	2,230 0 0
108	Defence Force Rifle Association	750 0 0
109	National Rifle Association of N.S.W.—Grant in aid of	1,000 0 0
110	Northern Rifle Association—Grant in aid of	250 0 0
111	Southern Rifle Association—Grant in aid of	250 0 0
112	Western Rifle Association—Grant in aid of	250 0 0
113	South Coast Rifle Association—Grant in aid of	250 0 0
114	Passes for Competitors, Rifle Association Meetings	750 0 0
115	Royal Naval House—Special grant in aid of	200 0 0
116	Formation of Military Road and Approaches for Field Firing Range (Re-vote)	700 0 0
117	Colonial Ammunition Co. v Brunker—Verdict, taxed costs, and other expenses	1,050 0 0
	Carried over	
	Carried over	
	Amount carried over	

U 3—continued

		Amount brought over	...
		Chief Secretary—continued	
		Brought over	
Miscellaneous Services—continued			
Brought over			
118	Rent of Premises for Secretary to His Excellency the Admiral and Staff, as agreed upon when Naval Station was formed	£300 0 0	
119	National Antarctic Expedition—New South Wales share of proposed Colonial Contribution of £5,000	1,504 0 0	
120	Royal Commission on Diseases in Stock, &c—Expenses in connection with	1 000 0 0	
121	Anthropological Society of Australia—Special Grant in aid of	100 0 0	
122	Grant in aid of Kindergarten classes	150 0 0	
123	Friendly Societies Association—Special Grant in aid of	2 0 0 0	
124	Subsidy to Lithgow Municipal Council upon rates collected but not accounted for by the late Council Clerk	118 0 0	
125	Election of Federal Delegates, March, 1897—Expenses in connection with—further sum	20 0 0	
126	Fire Brigades Demonstration, Bathurst—Grant in aid of	100 0 0	
		70,126 0 0	
			1,075,016 0 0
IV Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding seven hundred and two thousand eight hundred and six pounds, to defray the salaries, contingencies, and other expenses of the establishments and services following—			
127	Treasury	£20,543 0 0	
128	Stamp Duties	4,594 0 0	
129	Land and Income Tax	35,300 0 0	
130	Customs	55,744 0 0	
131	Gold Receivers	90 0 0	
132	Gold and Escort	550 0 0	
133	Government Printer	96,075 0 0	
134	Stores and Stationery	69,063 0 0	
135	Mercantile Explosives	10,035 0 0	
136	Board of Health	£22,365 0 0	
137	Glebe Island Abattoirs	10,031 0 0	
		32,456 0 0	
138	Shipping Masters	2,130 0 0	
Marine Board of New South Wales—			
139	Marine Board Sydney	£5,778 0 0	
140	Local Marine Board, Newcastle	1,672 0 0	
141	Harbour Masters	847 0 0	
142	Colonial Light houses	6,411 0 0	
143	Sea and River Pilots	13,294 0 0	
144	Boatmen	11,541 0 0	
145	Telegraph Stations	1,116 0 0	
146	Towards placing the salaries for 1899-1900 of Pilots, Boatmen, and others at the rates to which the officers were entitled when the late Regulations were cancelled	1,100 0 0	
147	Australian Coast Light houses	800 0 0	
148	Miscellaneous	15,327 0 0	
		53,386 0 0	
149	Life boats	600 0 0	
150	Public Wharfs	8,163 0 0	
Miscellaneous Services—			
151	Postage of Public Departments	33,875 0 0	
152	Advertising for the Public Service	6 500 0 0	
153	For the transmission of Telegraphic Messages	18,000 0 0	
154	Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents	1,500 0 0	
155	Insurance &c on English Shipments	300 0 0	
156	Management of, and expenses in connection with payment of half yearly dividends on Incribed Stock by the Bank of England	19,400 0 0	
157	Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	15,000 0 0	
158	Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney	400 0 0	
159	For the relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports, or from Wrecked vessels, &c	100 0 0	
160	In aid of the Sailors' Home, Newcastle	350 0 0	
161	In aid of the Sailors' Home, Sydney	350 0 0	
162	Amount payable to Railway Department for conveyance, with out charge, of Members of Parliament, Distinguished Visitors, School Children, and others	18,000 0 0	
163	To pay interest on uninvested cash balances at the credit of various Trust Accounts in the temporary possession of the Government	8,600 0 0	
164	Sewerage and Water Rates, &c, various Public Buildings, &c, Sydney and Country Towns	9,000 0 0	
165	To pay interest on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales	72,100 0 0	
166	To meet Legal Expenses, Treasury Department	500 0 0	
167	To meet Unforeseen Expenses to be hereafter accounted for	2,000 0 0	
168	To meet claims for the refund of Pilotage, Harbour and Light Rates, and Wharfage and Tonnage Dues in certain cases	500 0 0	
169	To meet the cost of Private Letter boxes for Public Departments	450 0 0	
170	Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales	500 0 0	
171	Expenses connected with Rocket Apparatus, Newcastle	300 0 0	
		207,775 0 0	
Carried over			393,784 0 0
Amount carried over			1,109,090 0 0

U 3—*continued.*

	Amount brought over	£1,109,090	0	0			
	Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade— <i>continued.</i>						
	Brought over	£393,784	0	0			
	Miscellaneous Services— <i>continued.</i>						
	Brought over	£207,775	0	0			
172.	Towards cost of furniture for new Treasury Buildings .. .	£500	0	0			
173.	Refunds of Civil Service Superannuation deductions, payable to officers who have voluntarily resigned the Service .. .	200	0	0			
174.	Contribution towards foundation and maintenance of Meteorological Station, Mount Kosciusko, and Merambula	300	0	0			
175.	Contribution towards expense of computations, results of observations taken at Kosciusko and Low-level Observatories .. .	100	0	0			
176.	Circular Quay Pontoon Accident—Expenses of Inquiry	147	0	0			
			209,022	0	0		
177.	Advance to Treasurer—To enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation. The whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1901 .. .		100,000	0	0		
				702,806	0	0	
IV. Railways—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Two million and forty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-four pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following—							
Railways and Tramways—							
178.	Existing Lines—Working Expenses .. .			£2,044,274	0	0	
V. The Attorney General—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Seventy-two thousand nine hundred and six pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following—							
179.	The Attorney-General .. .		£47,362	0	0		
180.	Public Service Board .. .		6,000	0	0		
Miscellaneous Services—							
181.	To meet Gratuities to Officers upon retirement through abolition of office .. .		£4,400	0	0		
182.	Adjustments of Salaries under the provisions of the Increment Regulations; of Salaries of Professional Officers receiving less than £300 per annum; and to meet new appointments found to be required, under £100 per annum .. .		14,000	0	0		
183.	To meet increased cost of living allowances to Officers stationed in remote districts (formerly voted under Treasury) .. .		1,144	0	0		
				19,544	0	0	
					72,906	0	0
VI. Secretary for Lands—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Three hundred and eighteen thousand and fifty-one pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following:—							
184.	Department of Lands .. .		£215,946	0	0		
185.	Land Appeal Court—Contingencies .. .		1,400	0	0		
186.	Church and School Lands—Contingencies .. .		500	0	0		
187.	Advances to Settlers Board .. .		1,104	0	0		
Miscellaneous Services—							
188.	Public Cemeteries—Purchase and Resumption of sites, fencing, clearing, building, &c. .. .		£1,500	0	0		
189.	For the purchase and resumptions of sites for, and Improvement and General Maintenance of Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Bathing places .. .		10,000	0	0		
For improvement and maintenance of the following Parks and Recreation Grounds—							
190.	Wentworth Park .. .		250	0	0		
191.	Victoria Park .. .		250	0	0		
192.	Parks, North Sydney .. .		250	0	0		
193.	Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks .. .		1,000	0	0		
194.	Rushcutter Bay Park .. .		250	0	0		
195.	Islands in Port Jackson .. .		250	0	0		
196.	Rodd Island .. .		100	0	0		
197.	For the improvement and maintenance of Kuring-gai Chase .. .		1,000	0	0		
198.	For the improvement and maintenance of the Recreation Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria .. .		500	0	0		
199.	Legal Expenses .. .		2,500	0	0		
200.	To pay compensation in connection with the resumption of land for roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897 .. .		4,000	0	0		
201.	Alignment Posts for Towns .. .		50	0	0		
202.	June Racing Club—Compensation for improvements made by the Club on the old racecourse reserve of 360 acres, resumed by the Crown for settlement purposes .. .		150	0	0		
203.	Crothers, W. W.—Refund of 10 per cent deposit paid by him on account of Crown improvements on Improvement Lease No. 284, block 183, parish of Tawaggan, county of Culgoa, such lease having been declared null and void .. .		41	0	0		
204.	McCosker, Owen—Towards payment of Costs in the Trespass Action, Cooper v. McCosker, in connection with Preferential Occupation Licenses, Cope's Creek .. .		100	0	0		
205.	For cost of acquisition of land in connection with Captain Cook's Landing Place at Kurnell, improvement of the Reserve, &c. .. .		1,000	0	0		
206.	Towards purchase of site for Public Recreation Ground in Municipality of Mosman .. .		3,000	0	0		
207.	Trustees of Casino Common—To recoup the amount expended by them in fencing and making improvements on the Common .. .		500	0	0		
				26,691	0	0	
208.	Survey of Lands—Contingencies .. .		68,530	0	0		
209.	Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony—Contingencies .. .		3,630	0	0		
210.	Special Services—Labour Settlements .. .		250	0	0		
					318,051	0	0
Amount carried over .. .							

U 3—continued.

Amount brought over

VII. Secretary for Public Works:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Nine hundred and thirteen thousand three hundred and forty-one pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following:—

211. Department of Public Works—Establishment.....	£127,456	0	0	
Less Value of quarters occupied by certain officers	£325	0	0	
Less Amount of Salaries chargeable to Loan Votes	36,631	0	0	
		36,356	0	0
			91,100	0
Public Works and Services—				
212. Roads and Bridges	£570,000	0	0	
213. Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service	110,000	0	0	
214. Government Architect.....	42,150	0	0	
215. Miscellaneous	10,000	0	0	
			732,150	0
216. Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage			80,200	0
217. Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board			9,891	0
				913,341

VIII. Administration of Justice:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-two pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following:—

218. Department of Justice.....	£10,508	0	0	
219. Master in Equity	2,466	0	0	
220. Prothonotary and Divorce Court	3,148	0	0	
221. Sheriff	29,875	0	0	
222. Bankruptcy Court	3,119	0	0	
223. Probate and Intestate Estates Office.....	2,860	0	0	
224. District Courts.....	3,813	0	0	
225. Coroners	7,870	0	0	
226. Petty Sessions	80,188	0	0	
227. Prisons	97,675	0	0	
228. Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	28,668	0	0	
Miscellaneous Services—				
229. Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, under Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14.....	£600	0	0	
230. For expenses of Inquiries under Commission Act, 44 Vic. No. 1, and Inquiries under Criminal Law Amendment Act, sec. 383.....	150	0	0	
231. For Services of a Law Reporter for Bankruptcy and Probate Courts	150	0	0	
232. Necropolis—for general maintenance of Cemetery	500	0	0	
233. Waverley Cemetery—General Maintenance	150	0	0	
234. Gore Hill Cemetery—General Improvements	150	0	0	
235. To meet Legal Expenses—Justice Department	150	0	0	
236. Purchase of Law Books, Almanacs, &c., for Courts of Quarter Sessions.....	750	0	0	
237. Refund of fees paid for Licenses issued under the Liquor Act, &c.....	100	0	0	
238. Refund equivalent to the sum contributed to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund by James Dwyer	70	0	0	
239. Maintenance of Naval Sections of the Necropolis	12	0	0	
240. Amount (as per recommendation of Select Committee) to compensate Rachael Dawson for actual loss sustained and wrong done through a miscarriage of justice. (In full of all demands)	250	0	0	
			3,032	0
				273,222

IX. Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty eight pounds, to defray the salaries, contingencies, and other expenses of the establishments and Services following:—

241. Public Instruction	£703,985	0	0	
Industrial Schools—				
242. Nautical School-ship "Sobraon"	£9,989	0	0	
244. Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta	3,542	0	0	
244. Carpenterian Reformatory	3,378	0	0	
245. Shaftesbury Reformatory.....	676	0	0	
			17,585	0
246. Observatory			4,741	0
247. Museum.....			6,411	0
248. Public Library of New South Wales			8,928	0
249. National Art Gallery			4,485	0
250. Labour and Industry Branch.....			13,522	0
Grants in aid of Public Institutions—				
Sydney University—				
251. For Additions, Repairs, and Furniture	£1,000	0	0	
252. For Additional Endowment.....	4,000	0	0	
253. To provide for the establishment of Evening Lectures (including University Extension Lectures, and Lectures in Law).....	2,000	0	0	
254. Matriculation and other Fees for Students of the Training Schools under the Department who are attending University Lectures	200	0	0	

Carried over.....

Carried over.....

Amount carried over

U 3—*continued.*

Amount brought over

Grants in aid of Public Institutions— <i>continued</i> —		
255. Towards the maintenance of the Art Society of New South Wales	£100 0 0	
256 Towards the maintenance of the Society of Artists	400 0 0	
257. Linnean Sydney	100 0 0	
258. Royal Society—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions	500 0 0	
259. The Royal Geographical Society of Australasia—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions	100 0 0	
260. In aid of Institutions for the Blind—Amount in proportion of £2 to every £1 raised by private contributions	500 0 0	
261. In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions	6,000 0 0	
262. In aid of Buildings (Educational Institutions), in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings	2,000 0 0	
263. In aid of the "Women's Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," to assist it in its work in connection with Public Schools	50 0 0	
		17,250 0 0
Miscellaneous Services—		
264. Unemployed Advisory Board—Fees, travelling expenses, &c.	750 0 0	
265. To amount due to Department of Lands for survey of School sites	300 0 0	
		1,050 0 0
		777,958 0 0

X. Secretary for Mines and Agriculture —Any sum or sums of money not exceeding One hundred and eighty-eight thousand and eighty-six pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following —

263. Department of Mines	£74,086 0 0	
267. Prevention of Scab in Sheep	23,552 0 0	
268. Imported and Introduced Stock	15,417 0 0	
269. Registration of Brands	880 0 0	
270. Management of Pounds and Commons	685 0 0	
271. Agriculture	31,982 0 0	
272. School of Mines and Assay Works	1,500 0 0	
273. Board of Exports	3,200 0 0	
Miscellaneous Services—		
274. For the purposes of Pastures and Stock Protection Act	£7,500 0 0	
275. Control, marking, fencing, and improving Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves, removal of obstructions and suppression of trespass, and to meet expenses in connection with the acquiring of land for the benefit of travelling stock	1,000 0 0	
276. To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies receiving annual subscriptions (from 50 members) amounting to not less than £50, the subsidy not to exceed 10s on every £1 awarded in prizes for Agricultural or other approved objects	10,000 0 0	
277. To meet expense of subsidising Horticultural Societies	500 0 0	
278. Special Prizes to be devoted to the improvement of Agriculture	1,000 0 0	
279. To meet expenses in connection with the reclamation of the Sand-drift, Newcastle	300 0 0	
280. Administration of the Act for the Regulation of the Coal-mines and Collieries	1,000 0 0	
281. Ambulance Classes	250 0 0	
282. Eradication of Prickly Pear on Water, Camping, and Travelling Stock Reserves—Re-vote	1,000 0 0	
283. Providing Four Scholarships—School of Mines	400 0 0	
284. Special Grant to Agricultural Societies	4,000 0 0	
285. Allowance to Mr John Dixon for Services as Acting-Examiner of Coal-fields	184 0 0	
286. Erection of Buildings on the Royal Agricultural Society's Show-ground for Departmental Exhibits	600 0 0	
287. For improvement of road from Muswellbrook towards Jerry's Plains	100 0 0	
288. Costs of opposing appeal by Australian Gold Recovery Company, to amend patent of Cyanide process	500 0 0	
289. Seed wheat for distressed farmers	4,500 0 0	
290. Vine Diseases Act—Expenses in connection with the eradication of Phylloxera and administration of the Vine Diseases Act, and to provide a vineyard to propagate resistant stocks	4,000 0 0	
		36,834 0 0
		188,086 0 0

XI. The Postmaster-General —Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Seven hundred and twenty-eight thousand one hundred and seventy-four pounds, to defray the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following —

291. Postal and Electric Telegraph Department	£728,174 0 0
(Total Amount appropriated for the Service of the Year from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900)	£7,127,908 0 0

U 3—continued.

FOR THE SERVICE OF THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1898, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

XII. In Adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9," on Account of Services of the Year 1898-9:—Any sum or sums of money not exceeding Eighty thousand nine hundred and twenty-six pounds five shillings and four pence, for Supplementary Charges made during the period from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899, for the Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses of the Establishments and Services following:—

Schedules:—

Supplement to Schedule B—Mrs. Julia Robinson, widow of the late Pilot Robinson	£12 10 0	£12 10 0	
Executive and Legislative:—			
Legislative Council and Assembly—Contingencies—Incidental expenses	111 12 10	111 12 10	
Chief Secretary:—			
Aborigines Protection Board—Contingencies—Aid for the Maintenance of Old and Infirm Aborigines, &c.....	799 0 4		
Lunacy—Institutions for the Insane generally—Salaries—Junior Clerk, Callan Park, difference between £65 per annum and £50 voted, from 7th December, 1898	8 10 2		
Medical Adviser:—			
Coast Hospital—Contingencies—Maintenance of patients and ambulance services and other contingencies, including material for minor repairs	1,000 9 5		
Analytical Branch—Salaries—Cleaner—Difference between £60 per annum and £38 voted, from 4th October, 1898	16 6 4		
Maintenance of Sick Paupers—For support of Destitute Persons in the Sydney, Prince Alfred, Carrington Centennial Convalescent, and other Hospitals, and contingent expenses connected therewith	1,030 3 1		
Agent-General—Salaries—Secretary—Difference between £900 per annum and £830 voted, from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898	70 0 0		
Fisheries Commission—Salaries—Junior Clerk, at £50 per annum, from 23rd September, 1898 ...	38 12 2		
Reorganisation of the Public Service	1,570 19 7		
Botanic Gardens—Salaries—Amount inadvertently deducted from salary of clerk as house rent ...	30 0 0		
Government Domains—Contingencies—Incidental expenses	2 0 4		
Garden Palace Grounds—Contingencies—Wages to Gardeners, &c.	49 12 10		
Centennial Park—Contingencies—Wages to Gardeners, Labourers, &c.....	297 13 2		
Charitable Allowances—			
Sydney Rescue Work Society—Special grant	£300 0 0		
Metropolitan Charities Association—Special grant	525 0 0		
City Night Refuge and Reformatory—Special grant	50 0 0		
		875 0 0	

Miscellaneous Services—

Maintenance of Deserted Children, Paupers taken charge of for Protection, Expenses of Transmission, Charitable Relief, &c.	2,978 8 4		
Compensation for land resumed at Tuggerah Lakes as a site for Cottage of Inspector of Fisheries	20 17 2		
Anthropological Society of Australasia—Special grant	100 0 0		
Expenses incurred by the Unemployed Advisory Board	50 0 0		
Expenses in connection with the Immigration Restriction Act	25 0 0		
Expenses incurred in connection with the Reception of His Excellency the Governor	192 0 0		
Expenses incurred in connection with Conference of Premiers at Melbourne, considering amendments in the Federal Enabling Bill	126 0 0		
Expenses incurred in connection with the Australasian Federation Enabling Act of 1899	17,927 1 1		
Expenses of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Hastings and Macleay Election.....	351 12 4		
Expenses of Royal Commission on Coal Cargoes	62 15 8		
Wilcannia Municipal Council—Special grant, being on account of Endowments and Grants unpaid for the municipal half-years, ended 3rd February, 1896, 3rd August, 1896, 1st February, 1897, and 2nd August, 1897	255 14 2		
New Lambton Fire Brigade—Special grant	30 0 0		
East Maitland Water Brigade—Special grant	30 0 0		
Morpeth Water Brigade—Special grant	30 0 0		
Waterloo Volunteer Fire Brigade—Special grant	50 0 0		
Rookwood Fire Brigade—Special grant	100 0 0		
		22,329 8 9	28,117 16 2

Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade:—

Land and Income Tax—To meet expenses in connection with the administration of the Land and Income Tax Assessments, &c.	4,045 1 4		
Stores and Stationery—Contingencies—			
Stores, Stationery, and Furniture for the Public Service generally	£10,997 3 11		
Taxation Department Furniture	147 5 11		
		10,244 9 10	

Board of Health—Salaries—

Member of Board of Health, at £100 per annum, from 14th March, 1899	29 16 9		
Laboratory Assistant, at £175 per annum, from 1st February, 1899	72 18 4		
Cleaner, Biological and Bacteriological Laboratory, at £75 per annum, from 9th December, 1898	42 2 9		
		144 17 10	

Carried over

Carried over.....

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Brought over			
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade— <i>continued</i> :—			
Brought over			
Glebe Island Abattoirs—Salaries—			
Senior Sub-Inspector—Difference between £250 per annum and £200 voted, from 1st July, 1898	£50 0 0		
Sub-Inspector—Difference between £236 per annum and £186 voted, from 1st July, 1898	50 0 0		
Three Sub-Inspectors—Difference between £206 per annum and £156 voted, from 1st October, 1895	150 0 0		
One Sub-Inspector—Difference between £206 per annum and £156 voted, from 1st October, 1898	37 10 0		
		287 10 0	
Miscellaneous Services—			
Contribution towards maintenance of Meteorological Station at Mount Kosciusko and Merimbula	350 0 0		
Expenses in connection with the charter of the schooner "Eastward Ho," sent to the relief of Professor David's Expedition to Funafuti for the investigation of the formation of the Coral Islands—further sum	40 14 0		
Refund of Civil Service Superannuation deductions payable to officers who have voluntarily resigned from the Service	1,179 2 11		
To meet pensions to Superannuated Police Officers	10,704 10 0		
To meet pensions to Inspectors of Stock, Department of Mines	676 15 0		
Late Sir H. Parkes—Family Grant—Payments pending appointment of Trustee	375 0 0		
Expenses incurred in editing and publishing a Handbook on Spontaneous Combustion of Coal	100 0 0		
		13,426 1 11	
Items connected with Defence—Proportion payable to Government of Western Australia for expenses of maintenance of Garrison, Albany		556 5 5	
			28,704 6 4
Military and Naval Forces—			
Military Secretary—Salaries—			
1 Probationer, at £50 per annum, from 16th November, 1898	27 1 8		
1 Probationer, at £50 per annum, from 17th November, 1898	26 18 11		
		54 0 7	
Volunteer Forces—			
First Australian Horse—Capitation allowance at £5 per head, for 125 men		625 0 0	
National Guard—Band Allowance		50 0 0	
General Contingencies—			
Cost of Installation of Major-General French's Defence Scheme	80 16 3		
Clearing Scrub on Randwick Rifle Range	46 1 7		
Expenses in connection with holding Volunteer Camps of Instruction during Easter Holidays	1,254 17 7		
		1,381 15 5	
			2,110 16 0
Attorney-General :—			
Attorney-General—Salaries—			
Acting Judges of Supreme Court	188 10 0		
Clerk, at £300 per annum, from 1st May, 1899	50 0 0		
Clerk, at £250 per annum, from 1st January, 1899	125 0 0		
		363 10 0	
			363 10 0
Secretary for Lands :—			
Department of Lands—Trigonometrical Branch—Salaries—Piling Overseer, at £200 per annum, from 8th March, 1899		62 18 1	
Miscellaneous Services—			
For the purchase and resumption of sites for, and improvement and general maintenance of Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Bathing Places	132 18 11		
Kuring-gai Chase—Special grants towards improvements	750 0 0		
Compensation for Improvements on Village and Suburban Lands at Gilgunnia, and for the withdrawal of 770 acres from the Leasehold Area of Wirchilleba Pastoral Holding	178 5 10		
Compensation for Improvements and for the withdrawal of about 1,300 acres from the Leasehold Area of Wirchilleba Pastoral Holding for extension to Gilgunnia Temporary Common	267 3 2		
Amount awarded by the Arbitrators, Land Appeal Court, as compensation for value of land taken by the Government for Lower Avenue Road and Bay View Road, Mosman's Bay	1,630 0 0		
		2,958 7 11	
			3,021 6 0
Secretary for Public Works :—			
Government Architect—			
Painting Centennial Park gates and railings	1,683 13 3		
Painting Railings, Public Parks	9,054 2 1		
		10,737 15 4	
Carried over			

APPENDIX.

U 3—continued.

	£	s.	d.
Amount brought over	£		
Secretary for Public Works— <i>continued</i> :—			
Brought forward	£	10,737	15 4
Miscellaneous Services—			
Compensation to Mrs. R. Bastian, widow of the late Captain H. Bastian, who lost his life owing to the foundering of the steamer "Little Nell" whilst proceeding from Sydney to Newcastle.....	75	0	0
Gratuity to John Jackson, Maintenance Man, Roads Branch, equal to two weeks' pay for each year of service	80	0	0
Waller v. Young—Verdict and costs	1,150	0	0
Drummoyne Municipal Council—Grant for repairing damage to roads and footpaths of the Borough caused by cattle passing through to the Abattoirs...	200	0	0
Five Dock Municipal Council—Grant for repairing damage to roads and footpaths of the Borough caused by cattle passing through to the Abattoirs...	200	0	0
	1,705	0	0
Administration of Justice :—			
Prothonotary and Divorce Court—Salaries—Acting Chief Clerk, at £400 per annum, from 22nd February, 1899	141	13	3
District Court—Salaries—Junior Clerk, at £50 per annum, from 5th December, 1898	28	12	7
Petty Sessions—Salaries—			
Clerk of Petty Sessions, White Cliffs, at £175 per annum, from 7th June, 1899	£11	13	4
Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Newcastle, at £50 per annum, from 1st October, 1898	37	10	0
Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Gunnedah, at £50 per annum, from 11th October, 1898	36	3	1
	85	6	5
Registrar-General—Salaries—			
Examiner of Titles, at £600 per annum, from 29th May, 1899	54	16	9
Junior Clerk—Difference between £57 per annum and £50 voted, from 23rd September, 1898	5	8	1
	60	4	10
Miscellaneous Services—			
Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under Licensing Act, 45 Vic. No. 14	107	12	4
Necropolis—Maintenance of the Naval section of the Church of England Cemetery	5	10	0
	113	2	4
			428 19 5
Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry :—			
Grants in aid of Public Institutions—The Kindergarten Union of New South Wales—Special grant.....	100	0	0
			100 0 0
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture :—			
Imported and Introduced Stock—Contingencies—Transfer of Stock and Forage, incidental expenses, for expenses connected with investigation of outbreaks and prevention of diseases amongst live stock, &c.....	2,161	4	8
Miscellaneous Services—			
James M. Conroy—Refund of portion of rent lodged in connection with application for leases Nos. 87, 88, and 89, at Gundagai (Mining on Private Lands Act) which were declared forfeited	25	0	0
Distribution of seed wheat to distressed farmers, to be repaid by the farmers	2,926	8	7
	2,951	8	7
			5,112 13 3
The Postmaster-General :—			
Miscellaneous Services—Purchase of Land and Buildings at Murwillumbah, to be used as a Post and Telegraph Office	400	0	0
			400 0 0
			80,926 5 4
Total amount appropriated in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1898-9"	£80,926	5	4
Total amount appropriated for the Service of the Year from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900	£7,127,908	0	0
Gross Total	£7,208,834	5	4

XIII. The Treasurer of the said Colony shall issue and pay the said several sums to such persons for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned in such manner and in such proportions as the Governor by any warrant or order in writing under his hand and directed to the said Treasurer shall from time to time order and direct, and the payments so to be made shall be charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the said Colony. Treasurer shall pay by warrant or order.

XIV. The said Treasurer shall in his Accounts from time to time be allowed credit for any sum or sums of money paid by him in pursuance of such warrant or order in writing as aforesaid, and the receipt or receipts of the respective persons to whom the same shall be so paid shall be a full and valid discharge to the said Treasurer in passing his said Accounts for any such sum or sums as shall be therein mentioned, and he shall receive credit for the same accordingly. Treasurer shall be allowed credit for moneys paid by him.

XV. This Act may be cited as the "Appropriation Act of 1899-1900."

Short title.

V 3.

[To Evidence of J. R. Martin, Esq., Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE PROPER.

1895.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Jan.	To balance							464,711	0	4	464,711	0	4
31 Mar.	By expenditure	2,576,916	7	1									
31 "	By revenue				2,132,640	6	3	908,987	1	2			
30 June	To expenditure	2,353,891	19	5									
30 "	By revenue				2,432,140	6	11	830,738	13	8			
30 Sept.	To expenditure	2,409,472	18	8									
30 "	By revenue				2,397,700	18	11	842,510	13	5			
31 Dec.	To expenditure	2,615,121	3	10									
31 "	By revenue				2,444,020	6	1	1,013,611	11	2	1,013,611	11	2
1896.													
31 Mar.	To expenditure	2,331,199	11	10									
31 "	By revenue				1,985,090	3	4	1,359,720	19	8			
30 June	To expenditure	2,530,483	12	8									
30 "	By revenue				2,425,033	14	6	1,465,170	17	10			
30 Sept.	To expenditure	2,232,823	14	3									
30 "	By revenue				2,281,431	6	3	1,416,563	5	10			
31 Dec.	To expenditure	2,745,910	19	10									
31 "	By revenue				2,332,215	6	6	1,830,258	19	2	1,830,258	19	2
1897.													
31 Mar.	To expenditure	2,151,245	12	4									
31 "	By revenue				2,103,747	15	3	1,877,656	16	3			
30 June	To expenditure	2,376,818	12	4									
30 "	By revenue				2,591,874	14	1	1,662,700	14	6			
30 Sept.	To expenditure	2,240,559	11	11									
30 "	By revenue				2,115,173	3	7	1,788,087	2	10			
31 Dec.	To expenditure	2,657,587	19	6									
31 "	By revenue				2,297,146	2	8	2,148,528	19	8	2,148,528	19	8
1898.													
31 Mar.	To expenditure	2,197,845	0	11									
31 "	By revenue				2,298,075	3	6	2,048,298	17	1			
30 June	To expenditure	2,366,358	14	4									
30 "	By revenue				2,771,739	19	6	1,642,917	11	11			
30 Sept.	To expenditure	2,248,694	10	7									
30 "	By revenue				2,226,145	17	6	1,665,466	5	0			
31 Dec.	To expenditure	2,660,955	4	6									
31 "	By revenue				2,450,835	10	7	1,875,585	18	11	1,875,585	18	11
1899.													
31 Mar.	To expenditure	2,725,287	14	11									
31 "	By revenue				2,253,529	9	5	2,342,344	4	5	2,342,344	4	5
30 June	To expenditure	2,195,236	5	7									
30 "	By revenue				2,818,673	18	10	1,718,906	11	2	1,718,906	11	2
1900.													
30 Sept.	To expenditure	2,555,140	6	4									
30 "	By revenue				2,843,987	14	0	2,030,059	3	6			
31 Dec.	To expenditure	2,523,476	0	5									
31 "	By revenue				2,519,720	11	2	2,038,814	12	9	2,038,814	12	9
1900.													
31 Mar.	To expenditure	2,638,147	18	6									
31 "	By revenue				2,601,432	11	6	2,075,529	19	9			
		£51,338,173	19	9	49,727,355	0	4						

T. A. DIBBS.

W 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

THE Public Instruction Endowment Account, instituted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880, was closed by the Church and School Lands Act of 1897, which repealed the former Act and diverted the Revenue received from Church and School Lands to the Consolidated Revenue Fund—*vide* Section 14 of the latter Act.

The amounts of £6,251 14s. 4d., page 12, Public Accounts of 1897-8, and £6,032 16s. 1d., page 12, Public Accounts of 1898-9, are the collections credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in obedience to Section 14, above quoted.

The Treasury, Sydney,
25th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

TRANSFERS to Consolidated Revenue Fund.

To carry out the provisions of Section 6 of Act. 44 Vic. No. 18, the surplus receipts, *i.e.*, Receipts to the Account during the year after deducting payments, were annually transferred to Consolidated Revenue Fund as a contribution towards the cost of Public Instruction.

The following were made:—

	£	s.	d.
Transferred in 1895 (half-year) on account of 1894		230	2 4
Do in 1895-6 to 30th June, 1896		4,600	0 0
Do in 1896-7 to 30th June, 1897		13,000	0 0
* Do in 1897-8 Account closed			
* Do from erection and maintenance of Public School Buildings Account, 1898-9, to 20th December, 1897		8,615	4 0

* It was considered for some time that the Church and School Lands Act of 1897 finally closed the Public Instruction Endowment Account, when the question was reopened by the Auditor-General and transfers of surplus receipts made accordingly, to 20th December, 1897.

The Treasury, Sydney,
25th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

X 3.

X 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.

Transfer from Trust Fund in 1896-7 from Government Savings Bank Account.—Estimated amount of Departmental expenses for the year 1896-7, pursuant to clause 15 of Savings Bank Act of 1870..... £8,000

Annual transfer made by the Savings Bank.—As the officers perform the Bank duties as well as those of the Money Order Department, and their salaries and office expenses are not separately voted, an estimate is, therefore, made each year by the Controller, and a lump sum paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following sums have been so transferred :—

1895 (half-year), nil ; estimated to 31st December.	
1895-6	£8,000
1896-7	8,000
1897-8	8,500
1898-9	8,500

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Sydney, 25th May, 1900.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.

THE undermentioned amounts consist of the estimated surplus cash to the credit of the Government Savings Bank, Profit and Loss Account, viz. :—

In the Financial half-year, 1895.....	£5,000
„ year 1898-9	18,000

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Sydney, 25th May, 1900.

Y 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

ACCRUED INTEREST.

On Loan of £4,000,000 raised in England 10th October, 1895, under Acts 50 Vic. No. 28, 52 Vic. No. 17, £ s. d.
53 Vic. No. 23, and 59 Vic. No. 5, viz. 14,989 13 0

PREMIUM ON LOAN.

Premium on Loan of £1,120,000, raised in 1881, under Act 41 Vic. No. 7, viz. 25,116 18 9

INTEREST ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS OF INSTALMENTS.

Interest on deferred payments of instalments of Loans raised during the years from 1881 to 1893 164 14 11

LOANS RAISED UNDER ACT 50 VIC. NO. 28.

£1,122,600	Negotiated in London 10th October, 1895.
£1,500,000	do do 11th January, 1898.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Sydney, 25th May, 1900.

Z 3.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

BALANCES OF INTTESTATE ESTATES.

BALANCES in the hands of the Curator, unclaimed for a period of six years, are paid in to the Treasury, pursuant to section 3 of the Act 13 Vic. No. 44.

The following sums have been received since 1894, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.	
1895—Half-year on account of 1888 ..	12,556	7	0	
1895-6 on account of 1888-1889	12,917	12	7	
1896-7 „ 1890	10,016	8	3	
1897-8 „ 1891	5,414	10	9	
1898-9 „ 1892	12,161	14	8	not received unt.
September, 1899.				

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Sydney, 25th May, 1900.

A 4.

[To Evidence of Francis Kirkpatrick, Esq., Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

FUNDED STOCK ACT OF 1892—56 VIC. NO. 1—£3,000,000.

THIS Stock was placed on the Sydney market, and the amount sold during the period from 8th November, 1892, to 2nd September, 1896, was £2,549,350, the premium amounting to £9,896 14s., the balance of which (after deduction of expenses for commission on sales—£2,363 9s. 6d.) was, under Executive Authority of 30th October, 1896, transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz., £7,533 4s. 6d.

The proceeds were distributed to the purposes of the following Acts, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
52 Vic. No. 17.....	323,691	10	0
53 „ 23.....	15,000	0	0
55 „ 35.....	699,778	10	0
56 „ 24.....	879,800	0	0
55 „ 17.....	631,080	0	0
	£2,549,350	0	0

Stock to the extent of £450,650 still remains available, and on sale under Act 56 Vic No. 1.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

The Treasury, Sydney, 28th May, 1900.

B 4.

[To Evidence of J. R. Martin, Esq., Special Clerk to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.]

BRITISH NEW GUINEA PROTECTORATE.

Contributions by New South Wales.

STATEMENT showing amounts voted, expended, and written off, 1894 to 1899-1900.

Year.	Amount voted.	Expended.	Date of Payment.	Period of Contribution.	Written off.	Date written off.
1894	£ 5,000	£ 5,000 0 0	16 March, 1895 ..	Jan.-Dec., 1894.		
1895 } (half-year)	2,500	2,500 0 0	16 October, 1895.....	Jan.-June, 1895.		
1895-6.....	2,500	Nil .....	.....	.....	2,500 0 0	30 June, 1896.
1896-7.....	7,500	5,000 0 0	9 October, 1896.....	July, 1895, to June, 1896.	2,500 0 0	30 June, 1897.
1897-8.....	5,000	5,000 0 0	25 February, 1898 ...	July, 1896, to June, 1897.		
1898-9.....	Nil.....	Nil.....	.....	.....
1898-1900 ...	5,973	5,972 4 6	12 January, 1900 ...	July, 1897, to 10th Sept., 1898.	0 15 6	To be written off 30th June, 1900.
£	23,473	23,472 4 6	.....	.....	5,000 15 6	

Note.—Agreement closed on 10th September, 1898, but was not finally settled for until January 12th, 1900.

The Treasury, Sydney, 31st May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

C 4.

[To Evidence of C. G. L. Boyce, Esq., Sub-Accountant, The Treasury.]

PAYMENTS for INTEREST, &c., made in the Financial Year 1895-6, charged back.

THE amounts for interest, &c., shown in the Public Accounts for 1895-6, as charged to Services of the half-year ended 30th June, 1895, included in the total sum of £650,285 18s. 8d., were for interest and claims accrued to 30th June, 1895, and provided for by Treasury Bills to cover Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, and previous years.

The reasons the first year of the new system carried only one moiety of such payments are as follows :—

1. All appropriations made prior to the passing of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895 did not lapse, and certain appropriations were retained to meet the payments under consideration.
2. By virtue of section 2 of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895, all appropriations made after the passing of that Act lapse on the 30th June in each year.
3. So that payments made on and after 1st July, 1895, for interest and other claims accrued to 30th June, 1895, preceding, were charged to retained Appropriations of 1895 and previous years, and interest accrued to 31st December, 1895, payable on 1st January, 1896, were charged to Appropriations of 1895-6, and interest for half-year accrued to 30th June, 1896, being payable on 1st July following, were charged to the year 1896-7 as Votes of 1895-6, had lapsed on the 30th of the preceding month.

Out of the sums included in the total of £650,285 18s. 8d., as for the items of 1895 half-year paid during 1895-6, there were only three which were claims due in one amount, and which were divided at the Treasury as between 1895 and 1895-6, viz. :—

Treasury Bills Redemption,
Railway Loan Redemption, and
Naval Force Contribution.

To show that such was anticipated, the following extract from Estimates, as laid on the Table of the House, is given, viz. :—

	Estimated Half-year, 30th June, 1895.	Estimated Year, 1895-6.
Interest on Treasury Bills	£28,238	£28,236
Redemption of Treasury Bills	75,000	75,000
Reduction of Public Debt for Railways.....	37,500	37,500
Australian Naval Force Act.....	18,860	24,860

The rest of the items included in the total referred to are in the same category, being liabilities of the year 1895 which were provided for and covered by Treasury Bills.

The Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales,
4th June, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

D 4.

[To Evidence of C. G. L. Boyce, Esq., Sub-Accountant, The Treasury.]

IN consequence of the change of system and of the change of the financial year, the two periods, covering eighteen months from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1896, were only charged with one year's payments on account of the following :—

Redemption of Treasury Bills.
Redemption of Railway Debentures.
Interest on old Treasury Bills.
Naval Subsidy.
Cable Subsidies.
Management of and Expenses of Payment of Dividends on Inscribed Stock in London.
Interest on Civil Service Superannuation Funds.
Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales.
Interest on Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund Account.
Commission on payments in England by Government financial agents.
Interest on Uninvested Balances, Bankruptcy Estates Account.
Interest on Funds belonging to Suitors in Equity and Lunacy Patients.
Interest on Balance, Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund.
Interest on Uninvested Funds, Government Savings Bank.

See figures attached.

The Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales,
6th June, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

STATEMENT

D 4—continued.

STATEMENT of AMOUNTS charged to Votes, 1895 (half-year) and 1895-6, from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1896, on account of the following Services :—

Management.	Charged to Votes, 1895—half-year.		Charged to Votes, 1895-6.	
	Amount.	Period.	Amount.	Period.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Management, &c., Inscribed Stock	8,495 6 7	January-June, 1895	8,428 0 0	July to Dec., 1895.
Interest, Civil Service Superannuation Account	3,189 9 10	" " ...	3,608 8 3	" "
" Municipal Council Sinking Fund	259 17 11	" " ...	301 5 7	" "
" Uninvested Balance, Bankruptcy Estate Account	150 0 0	" " ...	147 9 0	" "
" Special Deposit, Savings Bank of New South Wales ...	6,138 15 9	" " ...	12,524 14 1	" "
			23,696 5 11	" "
			365 14 7	January-June, 1896.
Commission on Payments in England—Government Financial Agents.	1,002 13 9	" " ...	464 8 0	July-Dec., 1895.
Interest Funds—Suitors in Equity, &c.	876 6 3	" " ...	771 8 4	" "
" Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund	41 9 3	" " ...	44 2 10	" "
" Uninvested Funds, Government Savings Bank	28,141 17 1	January to December, 1894.	41,384 17 9	January-Dec., 1895.
" Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	28,235 15 2	January-June, 1895	28,235 15 2	July-Dec., 1895.
" " 55 Vic. No. 7 (for Loan purposes)	55,949 10 0	July, 1894, to June, 1895.	112,099 0 0	January, 1895-June, 1896.
Naval Subsidy	5,758 6 6	Year to March, 1895		
	13,101 0 0	" 1896	24,860 0 0	Year, March, 1896.
Cable Subsidies.....	6,698 1 1	January-June, 1895	9,764 2 1	July, 1895-January, 1896.
Redemption Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	75,000 0 0	To 31st Dec., 1895	75,000 0 0	To 31st Dec., 1895.
" Railway Debentures	37,000 0 0	" 1895	37,500 0 0	" "

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 6th June, 1900.

J. VERNON.

E 4.

[To Evidence of C. G. L. Boyce, Esq., Sub-Accountant, the Treasury.]

PROPORTION PAYABLE by the Colony of New South Wales in terms of the Australasian Naval Forces Act of 1887—55 Vic. No. 27.

Under Article 7.—Colonies to pay the Imperial Government interest at 5 per cent. on first cost of vessels, such payment not to exceed the annual sum of £35,000.

Colonies, in addition, to bear actual charges for maintenance; provided always that the claim made by the Imperial Government under this head does not exceed the annual payment of £91,000.

Under Article 10 the payments shall be considered in advance.

The payment by the Colony is made annually in London to the Imperial Government through the Agents-General on the basis of population.

The following have been made by New South Wales, viz. :—

Date of Payment in London.	Amount.	For Imperial Government Year.
	£	
11 May, 1892.....	37,340	31 March, 1892.
30 May, 1892, to }	37,656	31 " 1893.
20 March, 1893 }		
24 February, 1894.....	37,720	31 " 1894.
9 March, 1895.....	37,889	31 " 1895.
4 October, 1895.....	37,961	31 " 1896.
9 July, 1896.....	37,989	31 " 1897.
12 May, 1897.....	37,820	31 " 1898.
20 July, 1898.....	37,812	31 " 1899.
22 July, 1899.....	37,886	31 " 1900.

Detail accounts are not received.

The Treasury, Sydney,
25th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

F 4.

[To Evidence of John Vernon, Esq., Accountant, The Treasury.]

TRUST FUNDS.

THE total balances shown in the accompanying analysis of Trust Fund Accounts, as on 30th June, 1899, viz. :—

Invested	£5,380,271 13 2
Liable for investment	376,618 0 10
Not liable for investment	2,833,814 5 6
Total	£8,610,703 19 6

may be classed under the following heads, viz. :—

1. *Trust Funds Proper—i.e., Funds for which the Government is, by statutory obligation, trustee—as follows :—*

	Invested.	Uninvested.
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act	£172,090 0 0	£4,448 18 9
Civil Service Superannuation Fund	313,000 0 0	15,917 2 1
Government Savings Bank	4,771,348 13 2	336,814 18 6
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund	31,500 0 0	544 17 0
Permanent Trustee Company (Ltd.)	20,000 0 0	
Perpetual Trustee Company (Ltd.)	20,000 0 0	
Bankruptcy Estates Account	7,000 0 0	1,000 0 0
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund		7,181 4 8
Public Service Assurance Fund		24 10 10
Police Reward Fund		443 14 9
Police Superannuation Fund		925 7 7
Testamentary and Trust Fund		126 14 9
Bankruptcy Suitors' Fund		826 14 2
Country Towns Water Supply Works, Repayments, Loan Trust Account		2,050 13 2
Public Schools Property Fund		1,517 12 2
Trust Money, 20 Vic. No. 11		268 6 4
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debentures, Loan Sinking Fund		3,788 2 1
	£5,334,938 13 2	£375,878 16 10

2. *Departmental Working Accounts, i.e. :—*

A. Stores Accounts.

B. Advances Accounts.

C. Accounts of sums deposited by private individuals to carry out certain works and duties not chargeable to votes of the Service.

The Store and Advance Accounts were opened by advances from votes, and are therefore strictly public moneys. These accounts amount to seventeen, with a large number of small subsidiary ones, with a total in cash of £435,204 12s. 3d., and in securities £41,333.

3. *Treasury Accounts of moneys borrowed to assist the General Bank Account, of moneys borrowed or taken at the request of depositors—i.e., Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Funds and Sydney University Bequest Trusts—upon which the Treasury, by arrangement, pay interest, and which are also used for purposes of the General Banking Account.*

The whole in this class amounts to—in cash	£2,419,348 17 3
And invested	4,000 0 0

The Accounts comprised in the second and third classes might with advantage, as a question of book-keeping, and to prevent misunderstanding as to their character, be separated from those of the first class, and united under a general head to be called, say, "Special Deposits Account." It was in consequence of the absence of such an account that they have hitherto been included in the Trust Funds.

With regard to the Trust Funds proper, it may be observed that of the large aggregate balance at credit of these Funds, viz., £5,710,817 10s., the uninvested cash was on 30th June last only £375,878 16s. 10d., which was considered the margin of safety to be retained to meet daily operations on the Accounts.

Whenever the Cash Balance has risen above requirements investments in Government securities have always been made of the surplus amounts.

The Cash Balances of the foregoing Accounts are included in the Public Account, the only Account known or provided for in the Audit Act of 1898; and should it at any time be suggested that a separate bank account should be kept for the Trust Funds proper, legislation will be required for the purpose.

It may be mentioned that the accompanying analysis and remarks thereon do not include what are known as the Special Trust Accounts, which comprise the Redemption Funds and Supreme Court Accounts, for each of which there is a separate banking account and statutory provisions.

The Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales,
29th June, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

ASSURANCE FUND REAL PROPERTY ACT.

Balance at credit of the account	£176,538 18 9
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This balance includes the following investments, viz. :—

	£
N.S.W. Government Debentures issued under Act 39 Vic. No. 18—4 per cent.	58,600
Do Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1—4 per cent.	42,490
Do do 58 do 14—3 do	30,000
Do do 60 do 32—3 do	25,000
Do Treasury Bills, 53 do 9—3 do	16,000
Total invested	172,090 0 0
Uninvested cash—to meet claims on the account	4,448 18 9

The whole of the Trust Funds, upon which the Government are, under statutory obligation, to pay interest, are invested in Government securities to the limit of safety—i.e., uninvested balance retained only sufficient to meet estimated claims.

The interest paid on recent investments, where not fixed by Statute, has been reduced where opportunity offered to 3 per cent. per annum.

The interest-bearing Trust Funds could not, I think, be placed on a better footing so far as the Treasury management is concerned, as may be observed from the accompanying analysis of the Trust Funds.

As supplied to the ex-Treasurer in July, 1899.

The Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales, 19th July, 1899.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS of the TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS of the 30th June, 1899, showing those upon which interest is payable, and those upon which no interest is paid.

Account.	Ledger Balances.		Investments.						Cash Balances of Investing Accounts	Remarks.
	Investing Balances.	Not liable for Investment.	Nature of Investment.	Rate per cent.	Amount Invested.	Rate per cent.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
Assurance Fund, Real Property Act.	176,538 18 9		New South Wales Debentures.	..	4	58,600 0 0			Invested in terms of section 28 of the Act 26 Vic No. 9. No interest allowed on uninvested balance.	
			do Funded Stock	56	1	42,490 0 0				
			do " "	58	14	30,000 0 0			Rate prescribed by Civil Service Act of 1884.	
			do Treasury Bills	60	32	25,000 0 0				
Civil Service Superannuation Fund.	328,917 2 1		Treasury Bills	53	9	16,000 0 0	Nil	4,448 18 9	Rate prescribed by Civil Service Act of 1884.	
Government Savings Bank .	5,108,163 11 8		Treasury Bills	53	9	313,000 0 0	4	16,917 2 1		
			New South Wales Debentures.	..	4	165,800 0 0			Interest allowed on uninvested balance, and investments made by virtue of section 5 of the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870.	
			do 4 per cents.	56	1	403,248 13 2				
			do Funded Stock	59	6	1,000,000 0 0			Lodgments made and rate prescribed by section 4 of Act 50 Vic. No. 13.	
			do " "	60	32	880,000 0 0				
			do Treasury Bills	53	9	500,000 0 0			By arrangement with University.	
			do " "	59	22	527,600 0 0				
			1924 Stock	58	14	1,024,700 0 0			By virtue of section 6 of Co.'s Authorisation Act.	
			1925 " "	59	6	20,000 0 0				
			Advances to Settlers.	..	3	150,000 0 0			By virtue of Co.'s Authorisation Act.	
			Treasury Bills	53	9	100,000 0 0	3	336,814 18 6		
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund.	32,044 17 0		Treasury Bills	53	9	31,500 0 0	4	544 17 0	By virtue of section 104 of Bankruptcy Act of 1898.	
University of Sydney—Wm Roberts' Bequest Trust.	4,000 0 0		Treasury Bills ...	53	9	4,000 0 0				
Permanent Trustee Co. of New South Wales (Ltd.)	20,000 0 0		" "	53	9	20,000 0 0			No interest on cash working balance.	
Perpetual Trustee Co. (Ltd.)	20,000 0 0		" "	53	9	20,000 0 0				
Bankruptcy Estates Account .	8,000 0 0		" "	53	9	7,000 0 0	3	1,000 0 0	No interest on cash working balance.	
Volunteer Military Forces—Clothing Account.	13,629 11 8		Fixed Deposit, Bk. of N. S. Wales.	..	3	10,000 0 0		3,629 11 8		
Volunteer Military Forces—Deferred Pay Account.	4,212 3 0		" "	..	3	3,000 0 0		1,212 3 0	No interest on cash working balance.	
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund.	7,181 4 8		" "	..	3	7,181 4 8		7,181 4 8		
Public Service Assurance Fund	24 10 10		" "	..	3	24 10 10		24 10 10	By arrangement with Public Service Board	
Savings Bank of New South Wales.		2,415,000 0 0	" "	..	3	2,415,000 0 0				
			" "	..	3	2,415,000 0 0			Special deposits, 12 months (at 3 per cent.) currency by the Bank, to be used by the Treasurer as temporary loan for general purposes of the banking account.	
Police Reward Fund	443 14 9		" "	..	3	443 14 9		443 14 9		
Police Superannuation Fund	925 7 7		" "	..	3	925 7 7	Nil	925 7 7	Moribund funds. Not sufficient cash to invest. No interest allowed on cash balance.	
Testamentary and Trust Fund.	126 14 9		" "	..	3	126 14 9	Nil	126 14 9		
			" "	..	3	126 14 9			Unclaimed balances of estates held by Permanent and Perpetual Trustee Co awaiting legal advice as to interest.	
Municipal Council of Sydney—Moore-street Improvement Loan Sinking Fund.	118 15 0		" "	..	3	118 15 0		118 15 0		
Town Hall Loan Sinking Fund	1,267 0 2		" "	..	3	1,267 0 2		1,267 0 2	Taken over by the Treasury under arrangement with the Mayor of Sydney.	
Public Markets Loan Sinking Fund.	103 19 5		" "	..	3	103 19 5		103 19 5		
Streets Loan Sinking Fund	2,379 14 10		" "	..	3	2,379 14 10		2,379 14 10	Liabli for claims under section 132 of Bankruptcy Act of 1898	
Cattle Sale yards Loan Sinking Fund.	482 7 10		" "	..	3	482 7 10		482 7 10		
Bankruptcy Suitors' Fund		826 14 2	" "	..	3	826 14 2			Bill being drafted for proposed legislation on this account.	
Country Towns Water Supply Works Repayments Loan Trust Account		2,050 13 2	" "	..	3	2,050 13 2				
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Store Advance Account.		1,000 0 0	" "	..	3	1,000 0 0			Departmental Working Account.	
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—Deferred Payment Account.		181 2 11	" "	..	3	181 2 11				
Immigration Remittances		101 10 0	" "	..	3	101 10 0			do do	
Imperial Pension Account		321 3 2	" "	..	3	321 3 2				
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debentures Sinking Fund.		3,738 2 1	" "	..	3	3,738 2 1			Immigrants' deposits	
Poundage Account		1,383 3 9	" "	..	3	1,383 3 9				
Public Schools Property Fund		1,517 12 2	" "	..	3	1,517 12 2			Departmental Working Account.	
Railway Store Account		257,759 19 4	" "	..	3	257,759 19 4				
Railway Construction Store Account.		78,633 14 0	" "	..	3	78,633 14 0			Balance of Old Sinking Fund taken over with Water Works to be used in part payment of the Debentures on maturity.	
Revenue Suspense Account ..		11,894 14 2	" "	..	3	11,894 14 2				
Seamen's Wages Account		135 18 9	" "	..	3	135 18 9			Unclaimed seamen's wages paid to applicants	
Sheep Account		507 14 7	" "	..	3	507 14 7				
			" "	..	3	507 14 7			Derived from contributions from sheep owners for purposes of Diseases in Sheep Act.	
Sewerage Contractor's Advance Account.		954 11 8	" "	..	3	954 11 8				
Store Advance Account, Harbours and Rivers Department.		515 2 2	" "	..	3	515 2 2			Departmental Account.	
Tender Board Deposit Trust Account.		2,549 7 0	" "	..	3	2,549 7 0				
Trust Moneys		268 6 4	" "	..	3	268 6 4			Balances on old insolvent estates paid in and drawn upon by the Official Assignees.	
Water Supply and Sewerage Board Store Advance Account.		12,139 15 7	" "	..	3	12,139 15 7				
Sundry Deposits		62,285 0 6	Various			28,333 0 0			Departmental Account.	
									Made up of a large number of small accounts for deposits for work to be done, and securities held by the Government on account of Contractors, &c.	
Add Securities	£ 5,728,556 14 0	2,853,814 5 6				5,380,271 13 2		376,618 0 10		
		28,333 0 0								

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 19th July, 1899.

J. VERNON, Accountant.

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[To Evidence of the Hon. Henry Norman MacLaurin, M.L.C., LL.D., M.D.]

THE STATE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1ST JANUARY, 1895, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

DURING the last four years the people of New South Wales were led to believe that the finances of the Colony were in a flourishing condition. Mr. Reid had remodelled the system of dealing with the Public Accounts, and placed these on a sound cash basis; he had defrayed the liabilities left outstanding by the Dibbs Government; as provided by Statute, he had redeemed Treasury Bills by something like £600,000 in reduction of the deficiency in the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account; he had taken three-quarters of a million in Customs duties off the shoulders of the workers, and placed £450,000 in land and income taxes on the shoulders of those better able to bear the cost of government, thus relieving the people as a whole of £300,000 in taxation; he had reformed the Public Service, and effected economies in that direction to the extent of £300,000 annually; and in face of all this, and of the severe drought through which the Colony had passed, the financial position of the country was so satisfactory that he had been able to announce a succession of large surpluses, every one of which represented cash in the bank. It is true that the surpluses thus announced were not always confirmed by the Auditor-General to the amount claimed by the Government. And this for several reasons. Mr. Reid had made a division of the Public Accounts, so that part of the ordinary liabilities of the Colony should be defrayed from the proceeds of a new issue of Treasury Bills, and part from the current revenue received into the Treasury. It is claimed that for this proceeding Parliamentary authority was obtained under the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895; and in virtue of this Act, the Auditor-General, while continuing to keep account of the transactions as a whole, divided the accounts into two, naming the first the "Old Deficiency Account," and the second the "New Account Current." It is the second of these accounts that has always been regarded with pride by Mr. Reid; in its operations he has taken a very great interest, because it is on these operations that he has based his claim to a series of surpluses. The first or "Old Deficiency Account" he has repudiated, because it was supposed to represent the iniquities of his predecessors. Still, that was no reason why it should not be used by him if it could be made useful; so, as there was, according to the Auditor-General, a sum of about £34,000 remaining at the credit of this account in 1896-7 after the Treasury Bills had been issued and all the liabilities met which could safely be charged to their proceeds, even under the extraordinary authority said to have been granted by Parliament, that balance of £34,000 has been used to magnify the "surplus" on the transactions of the "New Account Current." That is one of the reasons why Mr. Reid's "surplus" has not always agreed with the amount afterwards established by the Auditor-General. In the first place, it was not a surplus at all, but merely a ledger credit; and in the second place, the amount was not that stated by Mr. Reid in his various financial statements in Committee of Ways and Means, namely, £333,296 in June, 1896; £120,092 in June, 1897; and £135,109 in June, 1898; for not only did the last two amounts include the balance at the credit of the "Old Deficiency Account," but even then they did not represent the balances at 30th June, but larger sums obtained by taking into account advances recovered after the financial year closed, and, therefore, on the cash system of accounts, included in the revenue and receipts of the following year. As a matter of fact, if we follow the lead of the late Government in debiting the Suspense Accounts with large payments, and in this way relieve the current revenue, the actual ledger balance at the credit of the "New Account Current" for the periods mentioned was £300,535 in June, 1896; £84,831 in June, 1897; and £92,274 in June, 1898. Then Mr. Carruthers comes forward in the usual manner to proclaim another "surplus" of £147,702 in June, 1899, and in so doing he makes two explanations, which are highly instructive. This "surplus" is based on the credit balance of £135,109 stated by Mr. Reid to have been in existence in June, 1898, and therefore brought forward from that year, but as the sum of £135,109 so brought forward is very much larger than the amount at which the credit balance on 30th June, 1898, has been placed by the Auditor-General, he first explains that this official has wrongfully charged the "New Account Current" with a sum that ought to have been charged to the year 1895-6, which, as will presently be seen, is a very misleading statement to make, as the Auditor-General's action did not affect the Treasury balance in the slightest degree, the true explanation being that Mr. Carruthers increased his "surplus" in the usual way by bringing forward the ledger credit of the "Old Deficiency Account"—actually, the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills, the £34,000 already referred to. Then Mr. Carruthers asked the question, "Where is this surplus?" and he replied that, with the exception of about £31,346 of advances to be recovered, it represented cash in the Bank; actually, there was a sum of £116,356 12s. 7d. lying in the Bank—there was no deception on the part of the Government. Here an important fact immediately becomes apparent—that even after swelling the credit balance at the end of the financial year by the amount at the credit of the "Old Deficiency Account," that balance was, on Mr. Carruthers' own showing, only £116,357 (actually, the correct figure obtained in this way was £116,523), and the sum of £147,702 was obtained by taking into account advances recovered, or to be recovered, during the present financial year of 1899-1900. And this proceeding was misleading, because it gave the people the impression that there was a credit balance of £147,702 existing at the 30th June, 1899, whereas there was nothing of the kind. Further, in regard to the statement that the smaller sum of £116,357 was in the Bank, either this assertion was a fact, or it was not a fact. There is no use mincing matters: it was not a fact. On the 30th June, 1899, the total amount of money in the various Banks, both in Sydney and London, and in the hands of the Receiver at the Treasury, was only £1,596,737. To Trust Funds there was due a total sum of £3,514,595. To the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there was not a single penny; on the contrary, that account was indebted to Trust Funds to the extent of £703,140. To the credit of the General Loan Account there was a sum of £66,882; but £1,500,000 had been taken from Trust Funds for this account, so that it was in debt to the Trust Accounts to the extent of £1,433,118. Against this, there was a sum of £218,400 at credit for Advances to Settlers, representing borrowings from Trust Funds under a special Act. In short, all the money in the possession of the Colony represented Trust Funds, and even then £2,136,258 less than the cash balances of the Trust Funds. Not only that, but the General Loan Account was further indebted to the Curator of Intestate Estates for a sum of £50,000 borrowed with the sanction of the Probate Judge. Still further, the Trust Funds included a sum of £2,415,000 borrowed by the Government from the Savings Bank of New South Wales; so that all the money in the Banks and in the Treasury was £818,263 less than the amount owing to the Barrack-street institution alone. Yet the people are asked to believe that Mr. Reid placed the accounts of the Colony on a cash basis; and Mr. Carruthers gets up in the Legislative Assembly and makes the assertion that on the 30th June, 1899, he had a sum of £116,356 12s. 7d. at credit in the Bank, and that this amount was to be afterwards increased to a surplus of £147,702. This is an extraordinary state of affairs, and the people of New South Wales have a right to demand that they shall be told how it arose. That is the course I intend to pursue.

Now, in order to give the taxpayers a clear idea of the present condition of the finances of the Colony, it is necessary to enter into an explanation of the Public Accounts in some detail. The accounts may be said to be divided into three. First, there are the Trust Accounts, representing funds to be applied towards specific purposes, which only come into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer as a Trustee. Some of these moneys, it might be said, come from outside sources, such as the money borrowed from the Savings Bank of New South Wales and the deposits in the Government Savings Bank, and some from inside sources, such as the Sinking Funds formed for the redemption of short-dated loans. If there were in existence a body of Public Trustees, appointed for the purpose of dealing with these Funds, then the moneys would not be administered by the Colonial Treasurer; but, under present circumstances, he is enabled, when he runs short of revenue or of Loan Funds, to carry on affairs with the trust moneys, and even to point to a surplus in the Bank. Secondly, there is the General Loan Account, representing the transactions in connection with the money borrowed for the purpose of erecting permanent reproductive works, and occasionally used by Government for many purposes towards which, in the judgment of prudent people, only revenue should be applied; also, in connection with this account, a Treasurer has been known, when the loan moneys have run short, and it has been inconvenient to raise the question of placing sufficient loans, to borrow from the Trust Funds without authority in order to maintain the General Loan Account in credit and allow expenditure to go on. Thirdly, and lastly, there is the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, in which the Treasurer is debited with the ordinary revenue of the Colony, and credited with its ordinary expenditure. When Mr. Reid assumed office towards the close of 1894, the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account had been divided into two branches. In the first place, there was the ordinary Revenue Account of the country; and, secondly, there was a Special Suspense Account—the Post Office New Street Resumption Account—representing the net expenditure on the resumption of land in Martin-place. This expenditure had been removed from the ordinary account by the Dibbs Government, when it was determined

determined to hold over the sale of the remaining blocks of land until a more favourable opportunity offered, because it was recognised that when the land should be sold the proceeds would go very far in the direction of wiping out the deficiency arising from the transactions in connection with the formation of the new Post Office Street. After Mr. Reid took office, he formed another Special Suspense Account of the transactions in connection with the Centennial Park, as there was a quantity of land there which it was intended to sell in order to make up the difference between the revenue and expenditure. Still, although it was decided by the Government of the day to deal with the special transactions in connection with these matters in the way described, the action thus taken had not the effect of removing the debit balances on the two series of transactions from the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account. The Auditor-General, as in duty bound to do, has still kept cognizance of the two accounts, and taken into consideration the debit balances thereon in arriving at the financial position of the Colony at any given date. Indeed, he cannot do otherwise; for although it may be convenient for the Government of the day to be relieved of a cash deficit of half a million without conversion into Treasury bills, yet they cannot get away from that deficit in their banking account, and there it has always stood, and is staring every one in the face at the present day. Further, even on the so-called cash basis, the London accounts have only been brought up to the 30th April in each year; and apart altogether from the Special Suspense Accounts, the credit on the Consolidated Revenue Fund has never actually existed, because for the last three years it has always been less than the London payments in May and June. What, therefore, can be thought of a Treasurer who tells the people that he has placed the accounts on a cash basis, and has a surplus in the Bank, when he is aware that, first, there is a permanent cash overdraft of over half a million of money on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, which wipes out any ledger credit which may be claimed to exist; and, secondly, that at the end of the financial year, with the London payments brought to account, there has never been even a ledger credit? That is the state of affairs at the present day, and that is the state of affairs which has existed throughout Mr. Reid's administration, while all the time he has been proclaiming that he had a surplus in the Bank. Certainly, there was money in the Bank, but it was not standing at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, but at the credit of Trust Funds, and actually represented part of the sum owing to the Savings Bank of New South Wales. Of course, Mr. Reid was not responsible for some of these transactions; but he has largely added to the balance at the debit of the Special Suspense Accounts during his tenure of office, and has boasted that he had a cash credit balance, which was not correct. But while the facts I have recited strike at the very root of Mr. Reid's cash system of accounts, they are not the chief cause of his offending. It is in the ordinary revenue and expenditure of the country, apart from the transactions mentioned, that Mr. Reid has found his greatest opportunity. In order to indicate the exact position of affairs, it is necessary to explain that the revenue is set down under the four heads of taxation—Land Revenue, Receipts from Services Rendered (such as the Railways), and General Miscellaneous Receipts. These headings cover the ordinary revenue coming into the Treasury from outside sources—the only sources of actual income. But, in addition to these moneys, there are certain advances recovered and brought to account by every Treasurer when the liabilities in connection with which they have been made are properly charged; while, as an example of what may also be taken into revenue, it may be said that in 1895 and 1895-6 Mr. Reid thought it a fitting opportunity to transfer to the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the General Loan Account accrued interest and premiums on loans amounting to £366,436—a windfall such as no future Treasurer can hope to find—while a further sum of £25,117 from this source was carried direct to revenue. Against the revenue as thus set forth, there is placed the expenditure of the country, consisting of the expenses incurred in the administration of the great service with which the State has charged itself, such as the railways and tramways, and of the actual cost of governing the people, set down under the headings of Special Appropriations and Annual Appropriations, the latter again being distributed between the various Departments of the State owning a Ministerial head, to which have to be added advances made and to be subsequently recovered as explained. This is the constitution of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the operations of which Mr. Reid claimed to have conducted so successfully as to secure an uninterrupted series of "surpluses," representing, according to his statements in Committee of Ways and Means, £333,296 in 1895-6, £120,092 in 1896-7, and £135,109 in 1897-8, but in reality, according to the Auditor-General, ledger credits of £300,535 in the year 1895-6, £84,831 in 1896-7, and £92,274 in 1897-8; and lastly, which have produced Mr. Carruthers' surplus of £147,702 in 1898-9, to which reference has been made. Before subjecting the processes by which these alleged surpluses were obtained to a strict scrutiny, there is one further point in connection with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account which must be explained. That has reference to the Church and School lands, which under the new Act of 1897 were transferred to the control of the Minister for Lands, and the future income derived from their alienation or use ordered to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be treated as ordinary revenue of the Colony—another device to secure revenue in order to make provision for the stereotyped surplus. Prior to that date the revenue from these lands had been placed to the Public Instruction Endowment Account, which formed part of the Trust Funds; and under the new Act of 1897 the accumulated amount at the credit of this Fund, £202,500, although carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, could not be treated as ordinary receipts, but was to be kept separate in order to be applied solely to the purpose of the erection and maintenance of Public School Buildings. To that purpose it is being applied. The securities in which part of the Funds were invested are being converted into cash, and in June, 1898, the amount at credit was £154,568, of which £119,272 was represented by securities and £35,296 by cash; and in June, 1899, the total amount at credit was £78,126, all of which was represented by cash, the whole of the securities having been converted—£92,500 advanced to the Under Secretary for Public Instruction, and £8,615 transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Current Account—on the plea that this sum represented "surplus receipts" to 20th December, 1897, derived from Church and School Lands. It will, therefore, be understood that as the reduced credit of £78,126 was not treated as ordinary revenue it did not affect directly the balances of the ordinary operations on the Consolidated Revenue Fund; but as it represented so much cash in the Bank, the sum in question must be taken into consideration when dealing with the Bank balances. Accordingly the cash overdraft of £703,140 on the Consolidated Revenue Fund at 30th June, 1899, as already stated, actually represents £781,266, brought down to that amount by the credit of £78,126 for Public School buildings.

The first question to be put specifically by the people in connection with Mr. Reid's surpluses is this: Did they, or did they not, represent cash in the Bank, as was stated? To that question the information already given supplies the answer: They did not. First, because the London payments in May and June had not been brought to account in the financial year; and, secondly, because the cash overdraft on the Special Suspense Accounts was, in any case, larger than the credit claimed. But that simply proves that Mr. Reid's cash system of accounts was a delusion—it does not prove that he had not an excess of revenue over expenditure during his tenure of office. Had he such an excess of revenue? Let the Auditor-General answer this question down to June, 1893, and let the Treasury statements answer it for the following year. Mr. Reid assumed office in the latter part of 1894. At the end of that year, according to the Auditor-General (see page 149 of his latest Report), the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole—that is, including the Special Suspense Accounts—was £2,735,511, while in June, 1898 (see page 151 of the same Report) the deficiency had increased to £2,898,713. That represented an increase of £163,202 in 3½ years. According to the Treasury statements, there was, including advances and the Suspense Accounts, an excess of expenditure last year of £8,816; so that if we accept this sum as correct (subject, of course, to after investigation by the Auditor-General), we have the deficiency on the 30th June, 1899, increased to £2,907,529. From this sum, however, we must deduct £150,000 for the Treasury bills redeemed during the year, bringing the amount down to £2,757,529. Therefore, during the 4½ years from December, 1894, to June, 1899, a sum of £22,018 was added to the accumulated deficiency. That is sufficiently startling in face of Mr. Reid's vaunted surpluses. But that is not all. By statute, the Government of the day is compelled to redeem annually from current revenue—as indicated above—Treasury bills to the amount of £150,000, in redemption of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account. Therefore, by the operation of statute, the deficiency of £2,735,511 existing at the end of 1894 ought to have been reduced by £675,000 in 4½ years, bringing the amount in June, 1899, down to £2,060,511. At this date, however, the actual deficiency was £2,757,529, so that a fresh deficit of £697,018 had been created since the 31st December, 1894—that is, provided £675,000 had been paid off. This, however, was not done. The Act says that the sum of £150,000 shall be appropriated in December of each year for redemption purposes, and as there were only four Decembers in the period under review, Mr. Reid redeemed Bills to the amount of £600,000. But bills to the amount of £600,000 he boasts that he has redeemed; therefore, at the least the new deficiency created, according to the actual balances, was £622,018, in addition to a failure to redeem £75,000 of these bills. Yet Mr. Reid tells the country that it has been paying its way, and that he has had a surplus every year. Surely the people have a right to know the circumstances under which this state of things has been made possible.

APPENDIX.

Dealing with the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account as a whole, including Suspense Accounts, I find that the actual revenue and expenditure, excluding advances and transfers, in the 4½ years under review, were :—

	Actual Revenue.	Actual Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure.
1895 (6 months)	£4,533,452	£5,057,282	£523,830
1895-6	9,232,371	9,877,875	645,504
1896-7	9,287,903	9,474,217	186,314
1897-8	9,477,450	9,397,601	*79,849
1898-9	9,755,108	9,734,417	*20,691
Total	£42,286,284	£43,541,392	£1,255,108

* Excess of Revenue

These figures are based on an independent examination of the Public Accounts, and differ slightly from those of the Treasury. During the first six months of 1895 there was an excess of expenditure of £523,830; during the year 1895-6, an excess of expenditure of £645,504; during 1896-7, an excess of expenditure of £186,314; during 1897-8, an excess of revenue of £79,849; and during 1898-9, an excess of revenue of £20,691. In the whole period of 4½ years the revenue fell short of the expenditure by £1,255,108. But we have seen that the new deficiency created in that time was only £622,019, casting aside the £75,000 Treasury Bills which Mr. Reid did not redeem. Therefore, there is a difference of £633,090 to be accounted for before the revenue can balance the expenditure, and when that is done, Mr. Reid's surpluses have to be found. Part of the difference was made up by the advances recovered and brought to account, as given below. According to the Treasury, there was, apart from the Suspense Accounts, a cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account of £464,718 at the 31st December, 1894, while, according to the Auditor-General, the amount was £447,603. During the period under review this difference was adjusted, and the balances brought into harmony; but in order to avoid the introduction of a further disturbing element, and thus secure simplicity as far as possible, the advances have been adjusted here, the matter being an important one :—

	Net Advances Recovered.	Net Advances Made.
1895 (6 months)	£318,347	.....
1895-6	50,310	.....
1896-7 .....	.....	£27,612
1897-8 .....	.....	76,902
1898-9 .....	.....	29,507
Total	£234,636	.....

Thus, the excess of expenditure is reduced from £1,255,108 to £1,020,472; and as there is a good deal to be said in favour of treating the advances recovered as revenue in this investigation, seeing that the corresponding liabilities are in part brought to account at the same time, the latter sum of £1,020,472 may be regarded as the Reid deficiency, with this important proviso—that this sum is obtained on the basis of the actual operations on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, and is still further increased by any operations not carried out or brought to account, such as the £75,000 already referred to, and another extraordinary case in which a charge of £150,000 on current revenue for redemption purposes was met from Trust Funds. But accepting, for the moment, the deficit of £1,020,470 established on the actual operations, this must be reconciled with the actual sum of £622,018 added to the deficiency. It is evident, of course, that Mr. Reid must have taken into revenue a sum of money which was not derived from one of the legitimate sources already described. This is what he actually did. He took into revenue the following sums of accrued interest and premiums on loans, about £366,436, representing direct transfers from the General Loan Account in 1895 and 1895-6 :—

	Accrued Interest and Premiums on Loans.
1895 (6 months)	£370,817
1895-6	22,067
1896-7	456
1897-8	5,114
1898-9	Nil
Total	398,454

In this way the deficiency, on the basis of the actual operations on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, was reduced from £1,020,472 to £622,018—the sum proved to exist by the ledger balances on the 30th June, 1899. The results may be brought together in this form, including in the deficiency the £150,000 taken from Trust Funds, which will be fully explained later on :—

(Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899.)

Actual Expenditure charged to Account	£43,541,392
Redemption of Loans from Trust Funds instead of Revenue, not charged	150,000
Total Expenditure, 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1899	£43,691,392
Less Actual Revenue from proper sources	42,286,284
Excess of Expenditure in 4½ years	£1,405,108
Less Advances recovered in excess of Advances made (adjusted)	234,636
Deficit created by Mr. Reid, on true cash basis, without considering relief of revenue by expenditure wrongly charged to loans	£1,170,472
Reduced by :—	
Accrued Interest and Premiums on Loans—	
Transferred from General Loan Account 1895 and 1895-6	£366,436
Taken direct into Revenue	32,018
	£398,454
Amount taken from Trust Funds and not charged to Consolidated Revenue Fund	£150,000
	£548,454
Reduced Deficiency, according to actual balances	£622,018
Shown thus :—	
Deficiency, December, 1894 (page 149, Auditor General's Report)	£2,735,511
Less Treasury Bills Redemption, four years	600,000
	£2,135,511
Deficiency, June, 1898 (page 151 of Report)	£2,898,713
Add Excess of Expenditure in 1898-9, including Advances and Suspense Accounts	8,816
	£2,907,529
Less Treasury Bills redeemed in 1898-9	150,000
Deficiency, June, 1899	£2,757,529
New Deficiency, according to actual Balance	£622,018

Now, the people will ask how, in face of these figures, has Mr. Reid been enabled to show a succession of surpluses:—has it been due to the exclusion of the operations on the Special Suspense Accounts from the transactions of which the Treasurer took cognizance in establishing his balances? In part, yes; but only to a small extent. The additions to both Suspense

Suspense Accounts between the 31st December, 1894, and the 30th June, 1899, only represented a net expenditure of £177,472; therefore, there is left a sum of £444,546 by which the current revenue was further relieved. Consequently, a division of the ordinary liabilities of the Colony must have been made, and only part met from current revenue. Such a division was made—under cover of the Audit Act Amendment Act of 1895—on the plea that the course followed was necessary in order to place the accounts on a cash basis. Rightly, to get down to a cash basis it was only necessary to do one thing—to treat as revenue for a year all the moneys received within that year, and to treat as expenditure for a year all the moneys paid away in that year. For although the year in which the change was made would be burdened by liabilities in connection with business started in previous years, yet these liabilities would be counterbalanced by those carried forward to the following year. And this state of things would always continue, for it is plain that you cannot finish up all the State business transactions on the 30th June of each year. It was decided to make the change from the 1st July, 1895; and Mr. Reid, by the aid of his Parliamentary majority, obtained permission to make a further issue of Treasury Bills, not merely to take up the cash overdraft existing at the end of 1894, not merely to take up the cash overdraft existing at the end of his own half-year of 1895, but also to meet those ordinary liabilities in connection with business started prior to the 1st July, 1895, which, in the ordinary course of business, would come to be presented for payment after that date. This division of the ordinary liabilities of the Colony—liabilities which all previous Governments had to meet from current revenue—enabled Mr. Reid to begin the production of an unreal surplus. Part of the ordinary liabilities of the year 1895-6 were met from current revenue, and part charged to the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills. The first series of transactions were treated under the "New Account Current"; the second under the "Old Deficiency Account." As Mr. Reid in this way only charged to revenue a portion of the ordinary liabilities of the Colony falling due in 1895-6, he was enabled at the end of that year to secure a nominal "surplus" of £300,535 on his "New Account Current," after further relieving that account by the expenditure which he charged to the Suspense Accounts. For that year, and the next two years, I take the balances on Mr. Reid's "New Account Current" as established by the Auditor-General, adding the amount deducted by that officer for the Suspense Accounts; and for the year 1898-9, I take the sum of £147,702 mentioned by Mr. Carruthers in his financial statement, and which I have already shown to be incorrect: then we have—

So-called surplus	£300,535, on 30th June, 1896 (Auditor-General.)
Reduced to	84,831, on 30th June, 1897 do
Increased to	92,274, on 30th June, 1898 do
Increased to	147,702, on 30th June, 1899 (Carruthers).

First of all, attention is directed to the fact that it has been claimed that every one of these balances was a "surplus," and that this represented cash in the Bank. As a matter of fact, the credit of £300,535 on the 30th June, 1896, obtained in the way described after charging part of the ordinary liabilities of the year to Treasury Bills, had been reduced to £84,831 on the 30th June, 1897; therefore, there was an actual deficit of £215,704 on the transactions of the year 1896-7, while Mr. Reid boasted that what remained of his former ledger credit represented another large surplus. In the following year the ledger credit on the "New Account Current" was increased to £92,274, a credit balance £7,443 on the operations charged to that account, while Mr. Reid again came forward and claimed the total existing ledger credit as a "surplus." Of course, the credits claimed by Mr. Reid were actually larger than these, because he took into account, in order to make up his balance, the unexpended proceeds of the Treasury Bills. This, however, may be clearly brought out in connection with Mr. Carruthers' "surplus" of £147,702. Even the combined ledger credit balances of the "New Account Current" and the "Old Deficiency Account" on the 30th June, 1899, were only £116,523, apart from the Suspense Accounts; therefore, we have to deduct from £147,702 the sum of £31,179, representing advances recovered and to be recovered after the close of the financial year; then, still further, we have to deduct £34,141, being the credit on the "Old Deficiency Account" on the 30th June, 1899, bringing the ledger credit on the Account Current at that date down to £82,382. So that the ledger balance at the credit of this account at the end of each of the last four years was:—

So-called surplus	£300,535 on 30th June, 1896 (Auditor-General.)
Reduced to	84,831 on 30th June, 1897 do
Increased to	92,274 on 30th June, 1898 do
Reduced to	82,382 on 30th June, 1899 (Calculated).

Well, one would think that this would have been sufficient for Mr. Reid. To obtain a credit balance of £300,535 on 30th June, 1896, in the way described, was no common feat, and as will be seen, it was subsequently of immense service in staving off an acknowledged deficit. But even the device of charging part of the ordinary liabilities falling due in 1895-6 to Treasury Bills was not sufficient to preserve the "surplus" from extinction; consequently, other means had to be resorted to. First of all, there is the redemption of £150,000 Treasury Bills annually in extinction of the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to which reference has already been made. We have seen that during the four and a half years Bills to the amount of £600,000 have been redeemed, so that nothing has been allowed for the first half year of 1895. This may be excusable, since the Act authorises the appropriation of £150,000 in each December towards redemption, and no December fell within the period of January-June, 1895. But here is an extraordinary fact. Of the £150,000 redeemed during 1895-6—that is to say, in December, 1895—the sum of £75,000 only was charged to the "New Account Current," and £75,000 was charged to the "Old Deficiency Account," or, in other words, to the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills. So that, for the last four complete years, only £525,000 Treasury Bills have been redeemed from the current revenue instead of £600,000. Deducting the difference of £75,000 short charged from Mr. Reid's credit balance, we get these results:—

So-called surplus	£225,535, 30th June, 1896
Reduced to	9,831, 30th June, 1897
Increased to	17,274, 30th June, 1898
Reduced to	7,382, 30th June, 1899

Another of the transactions by which the "surplus" on the "New Account Current" was obtained was the charging back to the year 1893 of a sum of £153,514 expenditure on roads in 1895-6, thereby actually defraying this item from the New Treasury Bills, on the extraordinary plea that the previous Government had failed to maintain the roads in a state of proper repair. The unfairness of this proceeding is manifest from a comparison of the amounts spent on roads out of revenue during the four years 1891 to 1894 with the amount so expended during the four years from 30th June, 1895, to 30th June, 1899. In the first period the amount was £2,716,123; and in the second period, £2,309,509. But even this sum of £2,309,509, representing expenditure within the years 1895-99, was not all charged to current revenue; only £1,977,226, or an average of £494,306 per annum, was dealt with in the "New Account Current," the balance of £332,283 being charged to the "Old Deficiency Account." If we take the smaller sum of £153,514 spent in 1895-6, and charged back to Treasury Bills, and place it against Mr. Reid's Account—a very fair proceeding—then his credit balance becomes:—

So-called surplus	£72,021, 30th June, 1896.
Converted into a deficiency of	143,683, 30th June, 1897.
Reduced to deficiency of	136,240, 30th June, 1898.
Increased to a deficiency of	146,132, 30th June, 1899.

In the third place, there is the fact that the sand-shifting work given to the unemployed at the Centennial Park was not charged to current revenue, but to the Special Suspense Account, so that the burden was really passed on to the present Ministry. The sum spent in this manner and charged to the Centennial Park Account was about £25,000, which would affect the balance thus:—

So-called surplus	£47,021, 30th June, 1896.
Converted into a deficiency of	168,683, 30th June, 1897.
Reduced to a deficiency of	161,240, 30th June, 1898.
Increased to a deficiency of	171,132, 30th June, 1899.

And in the fourth place, there is a transaction in connection with the Railway Loan Resumption Fund which must be mentioned. Under the Railway Loan Act of 1867 (31 Vic. No. 11) a sum of one million pounds was borrowed for the completion of certain railway lines, the debentures bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent., and having a currency of 30 years. It was provided that for the first four years the sum of £50,000 should be appropriated for the payment of interest, and afterwards the sum of £70,000 annually towards (1) payment of interest; (2) reduction and final extinction of loan by payment of £20,000 as a Sinking Fund of 2 per cent. by annual drawings; (3) purchase of debentures. Afterwards, the Act 53 Vic. No. 23 (1889) authorised the issue of a loan for a large amount, including one million pounds for the reconstruction and improvement of railway rolling-stock and permanent way, and in order to recoup this amount from revenue a short Act, 53 Vic. No. 24, was passed at the same time, providing for the appropriation annually of a further

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sum of £75,000, to be placed to a Sinking Fund to be used for the extinction of a million pounds of the public debt of the railways, the money to be applied from time to time in redemption of debentures as they might become due. For the first eight years after the loan of 1867 was issued, the full appropriation was used as provided by the Act; but from 1867 down to 1890 small balances, ranging from £267 to £5,135, were unused, and, of course, the revenue account got the advantage of these. In 1891 the payments became much less, dropping to £55,675; and during Mr. Reid's tenure of office only £15,670, instead of £70,000, was paid in 1895-6, and £38,235, instead of £70,000, in 1896-7, his "New Account Current" benefiting to the extent of £90,095 in those two years. Consequently, when the outstanding debentures matured at the 1st January, 1898, it was found that instead of the last annual appropriation of £70,000 being sufficient to meet all the liabilities, the total liability actually existing amounted to £206,700, of which £204,300 was paid in 1897-8, and £2,400 carried forward to 1898-9. But the sum of £204,300 was not provided out of current revenue, as should have been the case, the revenue having benefited to a very large extent by the short payments; instead, Mr. Reid took £150,000 standing at the credit of the Railway Loan Redemption Fund established under Acts 53 Vic. Nos. 23 and 24, and charged only the balance of £54,300 to the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account—£15,700 less than the ordinary annual appropriation of £70,000. And, as the Auditor-General says, this amount of £150,000 must be paid back to the Trust Funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in order to extinguish the second million, the redemption of which was provided for under the 1889 Act—one of the burdens passed on to the present Government. If we charge Mr. Reid's "New Account Current" with this sum of £150,000 taken from Trust Funds, we have:—

So-called surplus	£ 47,021, 30th June, 1896.
Converted into a deficiency of	168,683, 30th June, 1897.
Increased to a deficiency of	311,240, 30th June, 1898.
Increased to a deficiency of	321,182, 30th June, 1899.

Well, so much for Mr. Reid's "New Account Current" and his succession of "surpluses." The transactions which I have recited have been necessary in order to maintain those "surpluses" even after the issue of Treasury Bills to meet current liabilities. The amount of Bills thus issued was £1,174,700, but £150,000 were afterwards cancelled, leaving the net sum at £1,024,700. At the end of 1894 there was, according to the Auditor-General, whose figures differed slightly from those of the Treasury, a cash overdraft of £982,627 on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, or one of £447,603 if the Suspense Accounts be left out of consideration. Then, in the half-year of 1895, there were payments and advances made on account of that period and previous years amounting to £4,961,154, while the revenue and receipts in the six months January-June, 1895, including the transfer of accrued interest on loans from the General Loan Account, amounted to £5,259,419, reducing the amount of the cash overdraft on the operations, exclusive of suspense, to £149,342 according to the Auditor-General, at the 30th June, 1895. During the year 1895-6 the new issue of Treasury Bills was brought to account; yet, although Mr. Reid professed to establish the accounts on a cash basis, and to get down to the bank balances, he left a sum of between £500,000 and £600,000 remaining at the debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the Suspense Accounts, and only converted into Treasury Bills the overdraft on ordinary operations of £149,342. That is to say, Mr. Reid issued Treasury Bills to the amount of £1,174,700, afterwards reduced to £1,024,700, to extinguish a cash overdraft of £149,342, the balance of £874,358 being intended to cover a deficiency of the future, as Mr. McMillan aptly stated when the course thus taken was proposed. Of this amount of £874,358 a sum of £33,988 was still unexpended at 30th June, 1898, according to the Auditor-General, and by recoveries in the following year this was probably £34,141 in June, 1899; this balance, however, has not been without its usefulness, for, as we have seen, it was found handy in magnifying the amount of the perennial surplus. That leaves a net sum of £840,217, which was expended in meeting the liabilities of 1894 and January-June, 1895, which ought to have been charged to the current revenue, including, of course, the advances recovered and taken to revenue; for it must not be forgotten that the cash overdraft existing at June, 1895, included a sum of advances which were afterwards recovered and brought to account, and in allowing these to be taken to credit of subsequent years provision is made for the establishment of the true cash system of accounts, namely, for all the moneys received within a year to constitute the revenue for that year, and all moneys paid away within a year, including business started in preceding years, to constitute the expenditure for that year.

Now, in connection with the "Old Deficiency Account" there is an important point to which attention must be directed. This is the fact that Mr. Reid did not make the change in the accounts at the end of 1894, but at June, 1895, so that he could meet liabilities of his own creation from Treasury Bills, and as a consequence of this action he has always protested against a comparison with the accounts at the end of 1894, preferring to deal with them from 1st July, 1895, after a great deal of mischief had been wrought. But, dealing with the Accounts at 30th June, 1895, it is found that the net payments from Treasury Bills since that date on account of the services of 1894 and previous years have been less than a quarter of a million, the great bulk of the proceeds from the Bills being applied towards the liquidation of the liabilities of the half-year of 1895. It is claimed in some quarters that only £153,000 was paid on account of this half-year, and that the balance was paid on account of 1894 and previous years; but this contention involves the supposition that a cash sum of nearly half a million was carried forward from 30th June, 1895, to the year 1895-6, to meet the liabilities of 1895 paid in that year, and that a corresponding amount of liabilities of 1894 and previous years, actually paid in 1895, was paid out of nothing. The operations on the proceeds of the Treasury Bills will be clearly seen in the following statement, which has been compiled from the Treasury returns; but it must be explained that the cash overdraft with which the operations open differs from the amount established at 31st December, 1894, by the Auditor-General, and already used in this investigation, while, according to that official, part of the later charges against the proceeds should be charged to current revenue. This accounts for the fact that the sum of £1,019,158 is shown to have been expended out of the net proceeds of £1,024,700, while the Auditor-General has a balance of about £34,000 left of the proceeds; the statement only being submitted to show the allocation of the proceeds, without admitting the accuracy of the Treasury contention:—

Treasury Bills Deficiency Account, 1895 (half-year) and previous years.

Cash Debit Balance, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 31st December, 1894, exclusive of Suspense Accounts. (See Public Accounts for 1894, page 3)	£464,715
Add Payments, half-year ended 30th June, 1895	£4,059,535
Add Advances to be repaid, half-year	36,801
	£4,096,336
Add Payments for Services, 1894, and previous years	864,818
	£5,425,869
<i>Deduct:—</i>	
Revenue and Receipts for half-year 1895	£4,558,569
Advances recovered and Repayments, 1895	10,616
Advances recovered, 1894, and previous years	344,534
Accrued Interest on Loans transferred from Loan Account, &c.	345,700
	£5,259,419
Cash Debit Balance, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1st July, 1895. (See Public Accounts, 1896, page 2).....	£166,450

Payments from Treasury Bills since 1st July, 1895 (according to Treasury Statements):—

During:—	On Account	On Account	Total.
	of 1894 and previous years.	of 1895 (6 months).	
	£	£	£
1895-6	302,521	650,286	952,807
1896-7	1,719	2,363	4,082
1897-8	14,300	Nil.	14,300
	318,540	652,649	971,189
Deduct Receipts, 1895-6 to 1898-9	92,105	26,376	118,481
Net Payments since 1st July, 1895.....	226,435	626,273	852,708
			£852,708

Total Payments from Treasury Bills, according to Treasury Statements..... £1,019,158

It is contended by the late Government that the course pursued in issuing Treasury Bills to meet all liabilities falling due after the 30th June, 1895, on account of business begun prior to that date, was the proper course to take in establishing the accounts on a cash basis, and it is denied that this action had the effect of relieving current revenue in 1895-6 and following years of a portion of the ordinary liabilities of the country. Fortunately, the question is one which can be decided by an examination of the facts of the case. It is true that when the previous lot of Treasury Bills were issued in aid of revenue the deficiency was made up by including all liabilities which would afterwards be presented for payment on account of the period dealt with. That was right and proper, because on the old system of accounts these liabilities would be charged back to the years included in the period for which the deficiency was established, and the succeeding years so relieved would be correspondingly burdened by the liabilities which would subsequently be charged back to them. But when the second deficiency was established by Mr. Reid, he included in the amount of the deficiency all the liabilities which would, in the ordinary course of business, be presented in the year 1895-6, and in this way largely relieved that year's revenue of a portion of the ordinary expenses of government, while at the same time he instituted a new system of keeping the public accounts which prevented the year 1895-6 from being charged with liabilities in connection with business started in that year, and falling due in 1896-7 and following years. The proper course to pursue, in view of the change to the cash basis system, was simply to issue Treasury Bills for the amount of the cash debit balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account at the 30th June, 1895, for although 1895-6 would be burdened by liabilities coming forward from previous years, yet it would be relieved by liabilities carried forward to 1896-7, and so on in each of the following years.

The only argument which can be advanced against this contention is, that it was possible, under the new system, to charge the year 1895-6 with its full expenditure; but if this argument were founded on fact, then the expenditure of the Colony charged to 1895-6 would be equal to the ordinary annual expenditure, unless it could be shown that certain economies had been permanently effected. On the other hand, if my contention is correct, then we might expect the following to happen:—(1) As the net liabilities defrayed from Treasury Bills in 1895-6 amounted to £845,506, then the expenditure charged to 1895-6 would be about £850,000 below the average annual expenditure; (2) in 1896-7 there would be very little expended from Treasury Bills, but as economies to the amount of £300,000 were effected by the Public Service Board, the expenditure charged to the year would be about £300,000 below the average, and as taxation was reduced by about the same amount, and the diminished expenditure of 1895-6 only produced a ledger surplus of £300,000, we might expect that most of that ledger surplus would be necessary for the year 1896-7; (3) in 1897-8 the expenditure would be normal, that is, the average of previous years, less the £300,000 savings in the Public Service, but as taxation was still reduced by £200,000, then we might expect all kinds of expedients to be resorted to in order to preserve the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure; (4) these expedients would be fairly successful at first, but in 1898-9 we might expect discovery, and a deficit actually foreshadowed by the Government for the following year.

Now, is this not what actually happened? Look at the expenditure, exclusive of Suspense Accounts, charged to each year since 1893:—

1893	£9,817,000
1894	9,695,000
1895 (six months).....	4,712,000
1895-6	8,899,000
1896-7	9,466,000
1897-8	9,398,000
1898-9	9,734,000

Then, the following results are established:—(1) The average expenditure charged to 1893 and 1894 was £9,756,000, and the expenditure charged to 1895-6 was £857,000 less than that average; (2) in 1896-7 the expenditure should be the average, less £300,000 represented by economies effected by the Public Service Board, that is, £9,456,000; it was actually £9,466,000; an expenditure of £8,899,000 having given a ledger surplus of £300,000 in 1895-6, an expenditure of £9,466,000 ought to produce a deficit of a quarter of a million—there was actually a deficit of £216,000; (3) the expenditure was normal in 1897-8, less the economies of £300,000, and we have seen the expedients which were resorted to; (4) the expenditure in 1898-9 now begins to approach the figure of 1893 and 1894, in consequence of the expansion of services, and the Government submits estimates foreshadowing a deficit; the true state of the Colony's finances cannot longer be concealed, as the advantages gained from the change in the system of accounts and the retrenchment knife of the Public Service Commissioners have all been reaped.

Before examining the bank balances, and showing the true financial position of the country, apart from the ledger balances which have been dealt with, reference must again be made to Mr. Carruthers' "surplus" of £147,702, in order to show that his explanation of the difference between the amount brought forward and the credit as given by the Auditor-General was altogether incorrect; and I may further be excused for again referring to the matter, for as the amount has been carried forward to meet liabilities in the current year, it becomes of great interest. The manner in which that "surplus" of £147,702 was obtained has already been indicated. The amount brought forward by Mr. Carruthers from 30th June, 1898, is £135,109, while the Auditor-General states that the credit on the "New Account Current" at that date was only £62,363. How is the difference accounted for? Mr. Carruthers is explicit on that point. He said in his Financial Statement that in 1897-8 the Auditor-General discovered that it was right to charge against the "New Account Current" a sum of £75,000 which should have been actually charged against 1895-6, being half of the £150,000 Treasury Bills redeemed in that year; that this sum of £75,000 had already been charged to Current Account by the Treasurer in 1895-6; and that it was, therefore, unfair on the part of the Auditor-General to come forward now and take away £75,000 from the Treasurer's "surplus"; and if you add £75,000 to the balance of £62,363 stated by the Auditor-General to be at the credit of the "New Account Current" on the 30th June, 1898, you practically get the "surplus" of £135,109 brought forward to the year 1898-9. Now, all this is very plausible, but it is not correct. The difference, as already shown, is to be accounted for in quite another direction. It is true that the Auditor-General transferred £75,000 from the "New Account Current," to the "Old Deficiency Account" in 1897-8 on account of the year 1895-6. I have set down above the balances at credit of the "New Account Current," as stated by the Auditor-General, at £300,535 on 30th June, 1896; £84,831 on 30th June, 1897; and £92,274 on 30th June, 1898. Of course, these are the amounts after we withdraw the Suspense Account transaction. The Auditor-General does not recognise the right of the Treasurer to place the expenditure at the Centennial Park and at Martin-place in Suspense; therefore, he takes this expenditure prior to 1st July, 1895, into consideration in striking the balance on the "Old Deficiency Account," and in striking the balance on the "New Account Current" he also takes cognizance of similar expenditure since 1st July, 1895. Excluding the Suspense Accounts, the balances of the Auditor-General on the "New Account Current" were as I have stated, and placing them alongside his balances on the "Old Deficiency Account," we get these results:—

	Ledger Credit on "Old Deficiency Account."	Ledger Credit on "New Account Current."
30th June, 1896.....	*£177,354	£300,535
30th June, 1897.....	33,664	84,831
30th June, 1898.....	33,988	92,274

* £150,000 Treasury Bills afterwards cancelled.

The amounts in the first column represent unexpended proceeds from the new issue of Treasury Bills. Now, it is the case that the balances as stated are only found after taking into consideration an adjustment made by the Auditor-General in 1897-8. At first they stood as follows in the statements of that official:—

	Ledger Credit on "Old Deficiency Account."	Ledger Credit on "New Account Current."
30th June, 1896.....	£102,354	£375,535
30th June, 1897 (Dr.)	41,336	159,831

In 1897-8 a sum of £75,000 was transferred by the Auditor-General from the New Account to the Old, and for this reason. As I have pointed out, Mr. Reid charged £75,000 of the £150,000 Treasury Bills redeemed in December, 1895, to the "Old Deficiency Account"—to the proceeds of Treasury Bills in fact—and only £75,000 to his "New Account Current.

Current" In some way or other in the Audit Office the whole sum of £150,000 was charged back to the "Old Deficiency Account," and in 1897 8 the re transfer of £75,000 was made, bringing the Audit Office figures into line with those of the Treasury. The charge had already been made on the New Account by the Treasurer, and the Auditor General's adjustment had not the effect of making a *second* charge on the new account; so that Mr Carruthers' explanation is entirely wrong. As a matter of fact, the difference is accounted for in this way. The Auditor General gave the Account Current a ledger credit balance of £62,363 on the 30th June, 1898. Adding to this the expenditure in connection with the Special Suspense Accounts since the 1st July, 1895, to the amount of £23,911, charged by the Auditor General but not by the Treasurer, we get a ledger credit of £92,274 to be brought forward to the year 1898 9. The "Surplus" actually brought forward was £135,109. What did this amount include? It included the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the new issue of Treasury Bills, £33,988, standing at the credit of the "Old Deficiency Account," according to the Auditor General. Together these sums make £126,262. The actual ledger credit balance of the Treasury at 30th June, 1898, as shown in the public accounts, was £122,211, which is brought up to the Auditor General's figure by adding a sum of £4,051, which was charged to the current account by Mr Reid instead of to suspense, and which was brought back to credit in 1898 9. The sum of £135,109 brought forward by Mr Carruthers did not represent the ledger credit at 30th June, 1898, at all, but the balance struck in Committee of Ways and Means by including advances recovered, or to be recovered, in 1898 9.

In this way Mr Carruthers brought forward a "surplus" of £135,109, which afforded a basis for the creation of another "surplus" of £147,702 to be carried forward to the current year, 1899-1900. That is the amount the Government are asked to regard as available to meet current liabilities. It includes a sum of £34,141 (adding to £33,988 at 30th June, 1898, £153 recovered and taken into revenue in 1898-9) which we cannot fairly use at all, if we follow the Auditor General, as it represents proceeds of Treasury Bills. And it further includes a sum of £31,179 which represents advances recovered or to be recovered after the financial year closed, and which, on the cash basis, are brought to account in the current year. That is to say, as previously explained, Mr Carruthers had not a ledger credit of £147,702 on 30th June, 1899, but one of £116,523, and this latter sum included £34,141 standing at the credit of the "Old Deficiency Account," leaving £82,382 as the balance at the credit of the Account Current. And this sum of £82,382, like the credit of £34,141 to the "Old Deficiency Account," is purely a Ledger Balance, and has no existence except in the books of the Treasury. As a matter of fact, here is the state of the Cash Accounts at 30th June, 1899. In addition to the debit shown, it is to be remembered that the General Loan Account owes £50,000 to the Curator of Intestate Estates, so that the Debit Balance of that Account was actually £1,483 118 —

		£
Consolidated Revenue Fund Account	Dr	703,140
Loan Funds—		
General Loan Account (after deducting £1,500,000 taken from Trust Funds)	Dr	1,433,118
Advances to Settlers' Fund	Cr	218,400
		1,214,718
Net Debit Balance		1,214,718
Total Debit Balance		1,917,858
Trust Funds (adding £1,500,000 taken to General Loan Account)	Cr	3,514,595
		£1,596,737

It is difficult to find any surplus there, seeing that the total Credit Balance in the Banks in Sydney and London, and in hands of the Receiver at the Treasury, was £1,917,858 less than the amount which should be there on account of Trust Funds, not a penny of Revenue, not a penny of Loan moneys except the sum of £218,400 available for the purposes of advances to settlers. The actual state of the ledger balances at the 30th June, 1899, was —

<i>Consolidated Revenue Fund Account</i>			
		Dr.	Cr.
Special Suspense Accounts		£696,468	
New Account Current			£82,382
Old Deficiency Account			*34,141
Church and School Lands			78,126
		£501,819	
Net Debit Balance			
<i>Loan Funds</i>			
General Loan Account		Dr.	Cr.
Less borrowed from Trust Funds		£1,500,000	£78,102
		£1,421,898	
Leaving			
Advances to Settlers			£218,400
		£1,203,498	
Net Debit Balance			
<i>Trust Funds</i>			
General Trust Funds	Cr	£3,230,432	
Special Trust Funds	Cr	328,630	
		£3,559,062	
Distributed —		Dr	Cr
Used as Fixed Deposits and Working Balances			£1,730,432
Special Trust Funds not available			328,630
Add Sum taken to General Loan Account			1,500,000
			£3,559,062
Total Credit Balance			£3,559,062
Net Credit Balance on all Accounts			£1,853,743

* Will be increased to £47,141 by £13,000 to be recovered from Pemith Council

Now, it will be seen these balances do not agree with the cash balances, and this is proof that, apart altogether from the Special Suspense Accounts, Mr Reid never got down to the cash basis claimed. As a matter of fact, as before explained, the accounts, as they are made up at the close of the financial year under the present system, only bring the London transactions down to the 30th April, and to arrive at the cash balances on the 30th June it is necessary to bring to account the transactions of May and June. This is not a condition of things for which Mr Reid is responsible—it has been in existence for a great many years, but it was certainly Mr Reid's boast that he had established the accounts on a cash basis and had a surplus in the bank, when actually the affairs of the Colony were only carried on because there was a sufficiently

sufficiently large sum of Trust Funds in the bank to afford working balances for the Revenue and Loan Accounts. What would be the result if these Trust Funds were withdrawn to morrow and placed in the hands of a body of independent Commissioners is evident. Bringing the London transactions in May and June, 1899, to account, we have the following —

<i>Consolidated Revenue Fund Account</i>		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Special Suspense Accounts		£696,468	
New Account Current		118,939	
Old Deficiency Account			* £34,141
Church and School Lands			78,126
Net Debit Balance		£703,140	.
 <i>Loan Funds</i>			
General Loan Account		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Less borrowed from Trust Funds		£1,500,000	£66,882
Leaving		£1,433,118	
Advances to Settlers			£218,400
Net Debit Balance		£1,214,718	.
 <i>Trust Funds</i>			
General Trust Funds	<i>Cr.</i> £3,185,965		
Special Trust Funds	<i>Cr.</i> 328,630		
	£3,514,595		
Distributed —		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Used as Fixed Deposits and Working Balances			£1,685,965
Special Trust Funds not available			328,630
Add sum taken to General Loan Account			1,500,000
Total Credit Balance			£3,514,595
Net Credit Balance on all Accounts			£1,596,737

* Will be afterwards increased to £47,141 by sum of £13,000 to be recovered from Penwith Council

That was the state of affairs on the 30th June, 1899, when Mr Carruthers proclaimed that he had a surplus of £147,702, and said — "Now, Honorable Members may ask that very pertinent question which I have heard so frequently asked, 'Where is this surplus?' There is a cash balance to the credit of the fund in the banks of £116,356 12s 7d." At the date mentioned there was in reality a debit balance on the "New Account Current" of £118,939, being part of a debit balance of £703,140 on the Consolidated Revenue Fund Account, or £781,266 after taking away the sum standing at the credit of Church and School Lands, which ought to be strictly applied to the erection and maintenance of public school buildings. Not only that, but the debit balance on the General Loan Account was actually £1,483,118, in consequence of £50,000 having been borrowed from the Curator of Intestate Estates; and all the moneys in the banks and the Treasury were £1,917,858 less than the cash balances of the trust funds ought to have been, and £818,263 less than the amount owing to the Barrack street Savings Bank.

H. N. MACLAURIN,
4th October, 1899.

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Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1900-1901, together with a statement of payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on account of services for the year 1899-1900, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote,— and a Statement of payments from the "Expenditure Suspense Account" during the period 12th to 30th June, 1899, for urgent claims, on account of services of the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd October, 1900.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

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ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

30TH JUNE, 1901.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

ABSTRACT of the ESTIMATES of the EXPENDITURE of the GOVERNMENT of
NEW SOUTH WALES, for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.

Page.	GENERAL HEADS OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4-6	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,692,046 10 4	2,747,113 10 4
6	Do do (<i>In reduction of Public Debt</i>)	261,561 6 8	269,412 13 4
7	I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT ...	44,440 0 0	43,041 0 0
11	II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE	32,707 0 0	33,177 0 0
15	III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY	*1,069,360 0 0	a959,892 0 0
	IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—		
61	DEPARTMENTS GENERALLY	*608,492 0 0	b673,627 0 0
83	RAILWAYS	2,014,274 0 0	2,200,052 0 0
87	V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL	72,906 0 0	80,598 0 0
91	VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS	303,756 0 0	303,468 0 0
101	VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS	†938,701 0 0	1,085,205 0 0
109	VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	273,222 0 0	280,483 0 0
129	IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR AND IN- DUSTRY	766,893 0 0	776,703 0 0
145	X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE	164,534 0 0	161,449 0 0
155	XI.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL	728,174 0 0	743,199 0 0
	TOTAL CHARGEABLE TO THE REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1900-1	£10,004,066 17 0	10,357,420 3 8

* £4,195, Account Audit Department } Transferred to Treasury. † £11,065, on account Labor Bureau, voted last year under Public Instruction,
* £1,491, Account Analyst } and £14,235 on account of Public Watering Places, &c., voted last year under Department of Lands.
(a) Excludes £100,989, moiety of Military and Naval expenditure estimated to be transferred Federal Government.
(b) Excludes £28,640, moiety of Customs expenditure estimated to be transferred Federal Government.

*The Treasury, New South Wales.
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.			Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock	2,245,000	0	0	2,225,000	0	0
Interest at 3 per cent. on uninvested Funds at credit of Government Savings Bank in the Treasury, 34 Vic. No. 15	17,500	0	0	20,000	0	0
Interest on Treasury Bills (deficiency of 1886 and previous years), 53 Vic. No. 9	38,471	10	4	32,781	10	4
Interest on Treasury Bills (deficiency debt to 30 June, 1895), Act 59 Vic. No. 22	30,741	0	0	30,741	0	0
Interest on Treasury Bills (Public Works), 63 Vic. No. 46 ... ..	.....			87,000	0	0
Drawbacks and Refund of Duties	14,000	0	0	*8,500	0	0
Revenue and Receipts returned	175,000	0	0	175,000	0	0
Charges on Collections... ..	750	0	0	750	0	0
Endowment of the University of Sydney, 14 Vic. No. 31	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
Endowment of the Australian Museum, 17 Vic. No. 2	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
Endowment of the Sydney Grammar School, Private Act, 2nd December, 1854	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
Endowment of the Affiliated Colleges, 18 Vic. No. 37	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
Endowment of the Women's College, Sydney Univer- sity, Act 53 Vic. No. 10	500	0	0	500	0	0
Endowment of "The Public Library," 63 Vic. No. 54	.....			2,000	0	0
Endowment of "The National Art Gallery," 63 Vic. No. 54 ... ..	.....			2,000	0	0
Endowment under the Fire Brigades Act, 47 Vic. No. 3	8,000	0	0	8,000	0	0
Endowment under the Municipalities Act, 61 Vic. No. 23	23,000	0	0	18,000	0	0
Preliminary Expenses of Municipal Institutions, 61 Vic. No. 23	240	0	0	240	0	0
Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, 28 Vic. No. 3 ...	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Pensions under the Superannuation Act Repeal Act of 1873, 36 Vic. No. 29	2,028	0	0	2,028	0	0
Carried forward	£ 2,579,230	10	4	2,636,540	10	4

* For six months only.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—*continued.*

SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.			Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	£	2,579,230	10	4	2,636,540	10	4
Pensions under the District Court Judges Salaries and Pensions Act, 46 Vic. No. 16		3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0
Judges under the District Courts Act (Salaries), 46 Vic. No. 16		10,500	0	0	10,500	0	0
Commissioners of Customs, 42 Vic. No. 19		600	0	0	300	0	0
Proportion payable by Colony of New South Wales, in terms of "The Australasian Naval Force Act of 1887," 51 Vic. No. 22		37,886	0	0	37,973	0	0
Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, 43 Vic. No. 32 and 51 Vic. No. 28		100	0	0	100	0	0
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, 55 Vic. No. 27		100	0	0	100	0	0
Railway Commissioners, 51 Vic. No. 35 and 52 Vic. No. 5... ..		5,500	0	0	5,500	0	0
Expenses of Parliamentary Witnesses, 45 Vic. No. 5... ..		100	0	0	300	0	0
Remuneration to Parliamentary Public Works Committee, 53 Vic. No. 11 and 61 Vic. No. 6... ..		5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
Allowances to Parliamentary Representatives, 53 Vic. No. 12		34,300	0	0	34,300	0	0
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 56 Vic. No. 38		6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0
President and Members, Land Appeal Court, 55 Vic. No. 26		4,000	0	0	4,000	0	0
Australasian Federation Convention Expenses, 59 Vic. No. 24		2,100	0	0	.....	
Public Service Board, 59 Vic. No. 25		3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0
Parkes Family Grant, 60 Vic. No. 3		500	0	0	500	0	0
Compensation for land taken under the provisions of the Act 44 Vic. No. 16.		130	0	0	.....	
TOTAL	£	2,692,046	10	4	2,747,113	10	4
Carried forward	£	2,692,046	10	4	2,747,113	10	4

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—*continued.*

SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.			Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	£	2,692,046	10	4	2,747,113	10	4
<i>In reduction of the Public Debt.</i>							
Towards the redemption of Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 (Deficiency of 1886 and previous years) ...		150,000	0	0	150,000	0	0
Towards the redemption of the Railway Loan, 53 Vic. No. 24		75,000	0	0	75,000	0	0
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1924 Stock," issued under Act 58 Victoria No. 14 ...		6,602	3	4	6,602	3	4
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1925 Stock," issued under Act 59 Vic. No. 6		7,408	10	0	7,408	10	0
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1927 Stock," issued under the Act 60 Vic. No. 32 ...		6,937	8	8	6,937	8	8
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1928 Stock," issued under the Act 61 Vic. No. 43 ...		7,491	11	4	7,491	11	4
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1929 Stock," issued under the Act 62 Vic. No. 36 ...		11,121	13	4	11,121	13	4
Towards the redemption of "New South Wales 1930 Stock," issued under Act 63 Vic. No. 42...			4,851	6	8
TOTAL	£	264,561	6	8	269,412	13	4
TOTAL, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	£	2,956,607	17	0	3,016,526	3	8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

I.

Schedules A, B, and C, to Schedule 1,

OF ACTS 18 & 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ACT.	PROVIDED BY COLONIAL ACTS.	ESTIMATED.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Authorized Expenditure.				
	SCHEDULE A:—				
8	Salaries, as per annexed Statement...	17,870 0 0	14,220 0 0	.....	32,090 0 0
	SCHEDULE B:—				
8	Pensions, as per annexed Statement...	4,550 0 0	770 0 0	.....	5,320 0 0
	SCHEDULE C:—				
9	Public Worship, as per annexed Statement	4,303 0 0	.....	.....	4,303 0 0
		26,723 0 0	14,990 0 0	.....	41,713 0 0
	Expenditure to be Authorized.				
	SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE B:—				
9	Pensions, as per Statement attached	.....	.....	325 0 0	} 1,328 0 0
9	Military Pensions do.	.....	.....	1,003 0 0	
	TOTAL	£ 26,723 0 0	14,990 0 0	1,328 0 0	43,041 0 0

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.										
	PROVIDED IN SCHEDULE.		PROVIDED BY COLONIAL ACTS.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Schedule.		Colonial Act.			
SCHEDULE A.					£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
His Excellency the Governor	7,000	0 0	.....	7,000	0 0	.....	7,000	0 0	.....	.....
The Chief Justice	2,000	0 0	1,500 0 0	2,000	0 0	1,500 0 0	2,000	0 0	1,500	0 0
Six Puisne Judges, at £2,600	3,000	0 0	12,600 0 0	3,000	0 0	12,600 0 0	3,000	0 0	12,600	0 0
The Colonial Secretary	1,820	0 0	.....	1,820	0 0	.....	1,820	0 0	.....	.....
The Colonial Treasurer	1,250	0 0	120 0 0	1,250	0 0	120 0 0	1,250	0 0	120	0 0
The Auditor-General	900	0 0	.....	900	0 0	.....	900	0 0	<i>a</i>.....	.....
The Attorney-General	1,500	0 0	.....	1,500	0 0	.....	1,500	0 0	<i>b</i>.....	.....
The Governor's Private Secretary	400	0 0	.....	400	0 0	.....	400	0 0	.....	.....
TOTAL SCHEDULE A	£ 17,870	0 0	14,220 0 0	17,870	0 0	14,220 0 0	17,870	0 0	14,220	0 0
SCHEDULE B.										
Pensions.										
To JUDGES, who have retired from office:—										
W. J. Foster, late Puisne Judge	1,050	0 0	770 0 0	1,050	0 0	770 0 0	1,050	0 0	770	0 0
	1,050	0 0	770 0 0	1,050	0 0	770 0 0	1,050	0 0	770	0 0
To THE UNDEMENTIONED PENSIONERS, according to the Scale and Rates fixed by the Superannuation Act of the Imperial Parliament, 4 and 5 Gul. IV., cap. 24, viz.:—										
Thomas Reilly, late Sergeant to Governor-General's Orderlies	32	13 4	.....	32	13 4	.....	32	13 4	.....	.....
Hannah Pope, late Housekeeper in the Colonial Secretary's Office	22	17 6	.....	22	17 6	.....	22	17 6	.....	.....
J. S. Adam, late Chief Draftsman, Surveyor-General's Department	228	11 5	.....	228	11 5	.....	228	11 5	.....	.....
Hy. Broderick, late Engineer, &c., Marine Board	196	0 0	.....	196	0 0	.....	196	0 0	.....	.....
James H. Palmer, late Shorthand-writer, Legislative Assembly	321	8 6	.....	321	8 6	.....	321	8 6	.....	.....
John B. Martin, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Camden	157	17 0	.....	157	17 0	.....	157	17 0	.....	.....
Robert Dawson, late Police Magistrate, Cooma	262	10 0	.....	262	10 0	.....	262	10 0	.....	.....
Robert Blake, late Inspector of Distilleries... ..	263	12 4	.....	263	12 4	.....	263	12 4	.....	.....
James D. Cronin, late Paymaster, Treasury	407	8 1	.....	407	8 1	.....	407	8 1	.....	.....
William Newcombe, late Receiver, Treasury	453	14 0	.....	453	14 0	.....	453	14 0	.....	.....
William Brennan, late Chief Messenger, Chief Secretary's Office	128	11 0	.....	128	11 0	.....	128	11 0	.....	.....
John James Lee, Clerk in Charge, Criminal Branch, Crown Solicitor's Office	277	1 0	.....	277	1 0	.....	277	1 0	.....	.....
Charles Moore, late Director of the Botanic Gardens	277	8 4	.....	277	8 4	.....	277	8 4	.....	.....
Wm. Wilberforce Stephen, late Secretary to the Attorney-General	379	3 0	.....	379	3 0	.....	379	3 0	.....	.....
Wm. R. Logan, late Sub-Collector of Customs, Newcastle	91	4 6	.....	91	4 6	.....	91	4 6	.....	.....
	3,500	0 0	.....	3,500	0 0	.....	3,500	0 0	.....	.....
TOTAL SCHEDULE B	£ 4,550	0 0	770 0 0	4,550	0 0	770 0 0	4,550	0 0	770	0 0

(a) £20 provided under Chief Secretary's Department.

(b) £320 provided under Attorney-General's Department.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. I.—SCHEDULES.

	PROVIDED IN SCHEDULE.		PROVIDED BY COLONIAL ACTS.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
					Schedule C.		Colonial Act.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
SCHEDULE C.								
Public Worship—								
Church of England	2,141	0 0	.....	.....	2,141	0 0	.....	.....
Presbyterian Church	552	0 0	.....	.....	552	0 0	.....	.....
Wesleyan Methodist Church	450	0 0	.....	.....	450	0 0	.....	.....
Roman Catholic Church	1,160	0 0	.....	.....	1,160	0 0	.....	.....
TOTAL SCHEDULE C	£ 4,303	0 0	.....	.....	4,303	0 0	.....	.....

SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE P.**Pensions.**

	Amount voted for the year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Widow of the late Pilot Edwards	50	0 0	50	0 0
Mrs. Julia Robinson, Widow of the late Pilot Robinson	150	0 0	150	0 0
Mrs. Jane Reeder, Widow of the late Pilot Reeder	75	0 0	75	0 0
Mrs. Shanks, Widow of the late Pilot Shanks	50	0 0	50	0 0
	£ 325	0 0	325	0 0

Military Pensions.

R. A. Nathan, Captain, Partially Paid Artillery	9	0 0*	.....	.....
Colonel Warner Wright Spalding, C.M.G.	275	0 0	275	0 0
Colonel George John Airey	250	0 0	250	0 0
J. W. Hofflick, 1st Garrison Division Artillery (1s. 6d. per diem)	28	0 0	28	0 0
Mrs. E. Hammond, Widow of Lieutenant T. Hammond	200	0 0	200	0 0
Mrs. E. M'Kee, Widow of Corporal J. A. M'Kee	80	0 0	80	0 0
Mrs. Jane Bennett, Mother of Bugler Charles Bennett	50	0 0	50	0 0
Trustees of the Children of the late R. J. E. Bedford	120	0 0	120	0 0
	£ 1,012	0 0	1,003	0 0
TOTALS	£ 1,337	0 0	1,328	0 0

* Deceased.

II.

Executive and Legislative.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ending 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
		£	£	£	£
12	His Excellency the Governor	1,047	875	1,062	875
12	Executive Council	965	10	965	10
12	Legislative Council	5,657	175	5,657	175
13	Legislative Assembly	9,873	325	9,873	625
13	Legislative Council and Assembly	2,495	1,825	2,495	1,925
14	Parliamentary Library	1,253	760	1,268	730
14	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	5,567	605	5,567	600
14	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works ...	925	350	950	400
		27,782	4,925	27,837	5,340
	TOTAL	£	32,707	.....	33,177

*The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. of Persons.		No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.										
1899-1900	1900-1					Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
							Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
									£	£		
His Excellency the Governor.												
PRIVATE SECRETARY.												
1	1	Private Secretary. (Provided in Schedule.)				.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
i	1	Clerk to Private Secretary... ..				Clerical	..	A	275	290	.....	.....
1	1	Messenger and Hall Porter				General	..	..	160	160	.....	.....
									435	450		
MOUNTED ORDERLIES.												
1	1	Sergeant, at 10s. 6d. per diem ... ..				.....	..	..	192	192	.....	.....
1	1	Orderly, at 8s. do ... ..				.....	..	..	146	146	.....	.....
2	2	Orderlies, at 7s. 6d. do ... ..				.....	..	..	274	274	.....	.....
									612	612		
Contingencies.												
									1,047	1,062		
		Forage for four Horses for Orderlies ... ..				.....	..	..	120	120	.....	.....
		To meet Incidental and Unforeseen Expenses ... ..				.....	..	..	180	180	.....	.....
		Fuel, Light, &c. ... ..				.....	..	..	575	575	.....	.....
									875	875		
7	7	TOTAL... ..				£	.....	..	.....	1,922	1,937	
Executive Council.												
1	1	Clerk of the Executive Council				Clerical	A1	..	600	600	.....	.....
1	1	Clerk				"	..	B	240	240	.....	.....
1	1	Messenger				General	..	..	125	125	.....	.....
									965	965		
Contingencies.												
		Incidental Expenses ... ..				.....	..	..	.....	10	10	
3	3	TOTAL... ..				£	.....	..	.....	975	975	
Legislative Council.												
1	1	President ... ..				.....	..	..	1,100	1,100	.....	.....
1	1	Chairman of Committees ... ..				.....	..	..	470	470	.....	.....
1	1	Clerk of the Parliaments ... ..				.....	..	..	740	740	.....	.....
1	1	Clerk Assistant ... ..				.....	..	..	560	560	.....	.....
1	1	Usher of the Black Rod ... ..				.....	..	..	428	*428	.....	.....
1	1	First Clerk ... ..				.....	..	..	438	438	.....	.....
1	1	Second Clerk ... ..				.....	..	..	390	390	.....	.....
1	1	Third Clerk ... ..				.....	..	..	343	343	.....	.....
1	1	Fourth Clerk ... ..				.....	..	..	248	248	.....	.....
1	1	Principal Messenger ... ..				.....	..	..	200	200	.....	.....
1	1	Door-keeper... ..				.....	..	..	160	160	.....	.....
4	4	Assistant Messengers, at £145 ... ..				.....	..	..	580	580	.....	.....
									5,657	5,657		
Contingencies.												
		Incidental Expenses ... ..				.....	..	..	75	75	.....	.....
		Expenses in connection with Select Committees ... ..				.....	..	..	100	100	.....	.....
									175	175		
15	15	TOTAL... ..				£	5,832	5,832	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Legislative Assembly.					
1	1	Speaker	1,370	1,370	
1	1	Chairman of Committees...	740	740	
1	1	Clerk of Assembly	960	960	
1	1	Clerk Assistant	723	723	
1	1	Second Clerk Assistant	604	604	
1	1	Sergeant-at-Arms	533	533	
1	1	Clerk of Records	476	476	
1	1	Do Select Committees	428	428	
1	1	Do Printing Branch	381	381	
1	1	Clerk in charge of Printed Papers	333	333	
4	4	Clerks—1 at £333, 1 at £262, 1 at £200, 1 at £150	915	915	
1	1	Principal Messenger	220	220	
1	1	Do Doorkeeper	180	180	
13	13	Messengers, 1 at £170, 6 at £160, 5 at £140, and 1 at £100	1,930	1,930	
1	1	Lavatory Attendant	50	50	
				9,873	9,873
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Expenses of Witnesses summoned before Select Committees	75	75	
		Incidental Expenses	150	150	
		Erection and Maintenance of Telephones	100	100	
		Gratuity to Messenger, William Johnson, on retirement through ill-health	.....	300	
				325	625
30	30	TOTAL...	£	10,198	10,498
Legislative Council and Assembly.					
1	1	Steward	250	*250	
1	1	Housekeeper	90	*90	
1	1	Watchman	160	*160	
1	1	House Servant	145	*145	
1	1	Stableman	145	*145	
1	1	Assistant Stableman and Assistant Night Watchman	145	145	
1	1	Out-door Servant	145	145	
3	3	Female Servants, at £80	240	*240	
1	1	Cook	210	210	
3	3	Waiters—1 at £175, 1 at £160, and 1 at £145	480	480	
3	3	Waiters, at £135	405	405	
1	1	Scullery-maid	80	*80	
				2,495	2,495
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		For occasional assistance during the Session	850	850	
		Incidental Expenses	150	150	
		Service in connection with Fire-extinguishing appliances	25	25	
		Maintenance, &c., of Telephones	100	100	
		Fuel and Light	700	700	
		Gratuity to Thomas Ahern (Assistant Stableman) on retirement through ill-health	.....	100	
				1,825	1,925
18	18	TOTAL...	£	4,320	4,420

* For allowances, see Schedule.

No. of Persons.								SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1							Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
								£		£	
Parliamentary Library.											
1	1	Librarian ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	476		*476	
1	1	First Assistant ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	367		367	
1	1	Second do ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	295		295	
1	1	Messenger ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	115		130	
									1,253		1,268
<i>Contingencies.</i>											
		Books and Periodicals ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	450		450	
		Periodicals, Newspapers, &c., for Council Reading-room ...	...	...	...	...	...	100		100	
		Do do for Assembly Reading-room ...	...	...	...	...	...	100		100	
		Insurance of Books ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	60		30	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	50		50	
									760		730
4	4	TOTAL... ..	...	...	...	...	£	.....	2,013		1,998
Parliamentary Reporting Staff.											
1	1	Principal Shorthand-writer ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	865		865	
1	1	Second Shorthand-writer... ..	...	...	...	...	...	675		675	
3	3	Shorthand-writers, at £533 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1,599		1,599	
1	1	Shorthand-writer ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	457		457	
1	1	Do ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	438		438	
3	3	Shorthand-writers, 1 at £457, 2 at £438 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1,333		1,333	
1	1	Type-writer ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	200		200	
									5,567		5,567
<i>Contingencies.</i>											
		Sessional Shorthand-writing ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	600		600	
		Incidental expenses ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	5		.....
									605		600
11	11	TOTAL... ..	...	...	...	...	£	.....	6,172		6,167
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.											
1	1	Secretary ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	600		600	
1	1	Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	200		200	
1	1	Do ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	125		150	
									925		950
<i>Contingencies.</i>											
		Extra Clerical Assistance as required, including travelling allowance to shorthand-writers accompanying Sectional Committees ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	200		250	
		Incidental Expenses, including expenses of Witnesses ...	...	...	...	...	...	150		150	
									350		400
3	3	TOTAL... ..	...	...	...	...	£	.....	1,275		1,350

* For allowance, see Schedule.

III.

Colonial Secretary.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
16	Colonial Secretary	£ 7,211	£	£ 7,525	£
17	Auditor-General*	10,440	1,080	10,579	1,115
18	Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	250	.....	302	.....
18	Aborigines Protection Board	75	13,490	88	13,340
18-19	Police	291,883	76,461	301,833	76,295
20-21	Lunacy	54,698	53,990	58,370	56,240
22	Master in Lunacy	3,063	250	3,168	250
22	Medical Board	170	35	170	35
23-24	The Medical Adviser to the Government†	11,436	27,595	9,676	30,518
25-26	Government Statistician	4,651	890	6,214	1,090
25	Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions				
26	Agent-General for the Colony	4,238	1,525	4,308	1,525
27-29	Charitable Institutions (Government Asylums, &c.)	14,941	118,350	15,088	90,950
29	Fisheries Commission	2,464	1,060	3,140	1,935
30	Fire Brigades	800	375	800	306
30	Botanic Gardens	1,240	6,328	1,600	6,206
31	Nursery Garden, Campbelltown	225	700	225	700
31	Government Domains	295	2,885	295	3,015
31	Garden Palace Grounds	245	939	264	1,047
32	Centennial Park	175	4,101	175	4,101
32	Electoral Office	2,108	.....	2,060	.....
	Charitable Allowances ... ..	.....	77,900	.....	79,375
	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	70,126	.....	64,979
		410,608	458,080	425,880	433,022
	TOTAL ... .. £	.....	868,688	.....	858,902
	Military and Naval Forces. —(See note, page 33.)				
33	Military Secretary	1,885	125	1,930	125
	Total £		2,010		2,055
	Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—				
33	Head-quarter Staff	5,766	1,458	5,497	1,433
34	Pay Branch	1,292	157	1,479	.....
34	Ordnance Branch	3,843	12,639	4,309	12,723
35-37	New South Wales Artillery	34,363	27,857	31,026	23,431
38	Staff Office for Engineer Services	4,844	750	4,918	850
38	Military and Defence Works ... ..	.....	7,000	.....	6,000
38-39	Permanent Submarine Miners	2,655	890	3,591	1,314
39	Permanent Army Medical Corps	1,442	883	1,442	906
40	Permanent Army Service Corps	1,065	1,373	1,344	2,964
41	Veterinary Department	200	167	200	117
41-51	Partially-paid Forces	50,670	37,426	60,086	35,853
52-55	Volunteer Forces	6,277	24,700	13,017	15,497
		112,417	115,300	126,909	101,088
			227,717		227,997
	Less Estimated Saving		40,000		40,280
	Permanent and Volunteer Forces, Total £		187,717		187,717
	Naval Forces—				
55-56	Naval Brigade	4,284	450	4,846	1,150
56	Volunteer Naval Artillery	2,186	280	2,186	280
56	Torpedo Defence	975	770	975	770
56	Warlike Stores for Naval Forces ... ..	.....	2,000	.....	2,000
		7,445	3,500	8,007	4,200
	Naval Forces ... Total £	.....	10,945	.....	12,207
		.....	200,672	.....	201,979
	Less one moiety to be transferred to the Federal Government (see pages 33, 55, 56)	.....	.....	.....	100,989
	TOTAL, MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES ... £	.....	200,672	.....	100,990
	TOTAL, COLONIAL SECRETARY ... £	.....	1,069,360	.....	959,892

* £4,195 transferred to Treasury. † £1,491, Analytical Branch, transferred to Board of Health.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£			£	
Colonial Secretary.									
1	1	Colonial Secretary. (Provided in Schedule.)							
1	1	Principal Under Secretary	Special...			1,010		1,010	
1	1	Chief Clerk	Clerical	A1		600		600	
1	1	Senior Clerk—Correspondence Branch	"	A2		400		400	
1	1	Examiner	"	A2		350		400	
1	1	Clerk of Records	"	A3		300		300	
1	1	Senior Clerk—Miscellaneous Branch... ..	"	A3		300		300	
1	1	Clerk	"	A		280		290	
1	1	Clerk in Charge of Parliamentary and Printing Work	"	B		250		250	
1	1	Shorthand Writer	"	B		260		325	
2	2	Clerks, 1 at £230, 1 at £220	"	B		435		450	
3	3	Do 1 at £190, 2 at £170	"	C		500		530	
6	7	Do 2 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £110, 1 at £95, 2 at £90	"	D		695		825	
1	1	Chief Messenger	General			180		180	
6	6	Messengers, 3 at £125, 1 at £120, 1 at £105, 1 at £90	"			676		690	
4	4	Corridor-cleaners, 1 at £113, 3 at £104	"			425		425	
2	2	Doorkeepers, at £125	"			250		*250	
1	1	Office-keeper	"			70		70	
4	4	Office-cleaners, 3 at £60, 1 at £50	"			230		230	
							7,211		7,525
39	40	TOTAL... ..	£				7,211		7,525

* For allowances, see Schedule.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADES.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
			Hi. her.	Lower.	£		£	£	
		Auditor-General.							
1	1	Auditor-General. (£900 Provided for in Schedule.)	.....	...	.....	20		20
1	1	Chief Examiner and Secretary	Clerical	A1	...	500	500		
4	4	Inspectors of Railway and Tramway Station Accounts, 1 at £425, 1 at £385, and 2 at £350	"	A3	...	1,460	1,510		
2	2	Senior Examiners, at £400	"	A2	...	800	800		
3	3	Junior Examiners, 1 at £375 and 2 at £325	"	A3	...	1,025	1,025		
1	1	Correspondence Clerk and Clerk of Records	"	A3	...	325	325		
5	5	Clerks—1 at £299, 1 at £290, 1 at £275, and 2 at £270... ..	"	A	...	1,365	1,404		
6	6	Clerks—2 at £250, 1 at £240, 1 at £230, 1 at £225, and 1 at £220	"	B	...	1,395	1,415		
11	11	Clerks—4 at £200, 4 at £190, 2 at £170, and 1 at £160	"	C	...	2,010	2,060		
12	12	Clerks—3 at £150, 2 at £125, 3 at £110, 1 at £100, 2 at £65, and 1 at £50	"	D	...	1,205	1,310		
1	1	Messenger	General	...	...	120	120	
1	1	Housekeeper and Cleaner ... ..	"	...	...	90	90*	210
		Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	210 100	
		<i>Adjustment of Salaries.</i>							
		Inspector of Public Accounts, for year ended 30th June, 1899 ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	25	.....
							10,085	10,349	
							10,440	10,579	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		Rent of Offices ... ..	.....	...	...	500	500	
		Travelling Expenses of Inspectors ... ..	.....	...	...	550	550	
		Incidental Expenses—Fuel, Light. &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	30	65	
							1,080	1,115	
48	48	TOTAL... ..	.....	...	...	.....	11,520†	11,694

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No of Persons.		GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
					£	£
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.						
Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council.						
1	1	Secretary to the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	.....	.....	250	250
...	1	Messenger ... ..	.....	.....	.....	52
					250	302
1	2	TOTAL... ..	.....	.....	250	302
Aborigines Protection Board.						
		Secretary ... ..	.....	.....	75	+88
<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Aid for the maintenance of old and infirm Aborigines, and for other assistance to Aborigines—to be expended under the authority of the Board ... ..	.....	.....	9,000	9,000
		Expenses of maintaining the Aboriginal Stations at Warangesda, Cumeroo-gunga, and Brewarrina ... ..	.....	.....	2,850	2,850
		Expenses of maintaining the Home for Aborigines, Clarence River District ... ..	.....	.....	650	650
		Establishment of a Home for Aborigines, Richmond River District ... ..	.....	.....	650	500
		Cost of the fares of Aborigines travelling on the Railways of the Colony ... ..	.....	.....	300	300
		Payment to Lands Department for survey of Reserves for Aborigines ... ..	.....	.....	40	40
		Medical attendance on Aborigines ... ..	.....	.....	.....^a	.....^a
					13,490	13,340
		TOTAL... ..	.....	.....	13,565	13,428
Police.						
GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT.						
1	1	Inspector-General ... ..	.....	.....	920	*920
1	1	Secretary	Clerical ..	A1	550	550
1	1	First Clerk and Secretary, Aborigines Protection Board	"	A3	312	312
2	2	Clerks, at £299	"	A	589	598
1	1	Clerk	"	B	225	225
1	1	Clerk	"	B	220	230
1	1	Do ... ..	"	.....	50	50
1	1	Office-cleaner ... ..	.....	.....	40	40
1	1	Do ... ..	.....	.....	50	50
					2,036	2,055
10	10					
CONSTABULARY.						
3	3	Superintendents, at £500 ... ..	.....	.....	1,500	1,500*
3	3	Do at £450 ... ..	.....	.....	1,350	1,350*
4	4	Do at £400 ... ..	.....	.....	1,600	1,600*
12	12	Inspectors, at £325 ... ..	.....	.....	3,900	3,900*
8	8	Sub-Inspectors, 1st Class, at £275 ... ..	.....	.....	2,200	2,200*
18	18	Do 2nd Class, at £250 ... ..	.....	.....	4,500	4,500*
1	1	Sub-Inspector and Police Storekeeper ... ..	.....	.....	275	275*
1	1	Do and Drill Instructor ... ..	.....	.....	250	250*
65	67	Sergeants, 1st Class, at 10s. 6d. per diem				
120	125	Do 2nd Class, at 9s. 3d. do				
305	310	Senior-constables, at 8s. do				
560	570	Constables, 1st Class, at 7s. 6d. do	.....	.....	268,412	274,293
750	770	Ordinary Constables, at 7s. do				
130	130	Probationary Constables, at 6s. do				
70	70	Trackers, 35 at 4s. and 35 at 3s. do				
2050	2092				283,987	289,868
2060	2102	Carried forward ... ..	.....	.....	286,943	292,843

* For allowance, see Schedule.

† Also 1st Clerk, Police Department.

^a See Medical Vote.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADE.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
			Higher.	Lower.	£		£		
		Police—continued.							
2060	2102	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	286,943	.....	292,843
		DETECTIVES.							
1	1	Superintendent ... ..	£	.....	.....	400	.....	400*
...	1	Inspector ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	325*
1	...	Sub-Inspector, 1st Class ... ..	£	.....	.....	275	.....	.....
1	1	Do 2nd Class ... ..	£	.....	.....	250	.....	250*
4	4	Detectives, Senior, at 13s. per diem	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	4	Do 1st Class, at 12s. per diem	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	4	Do do at 11s. do	£	.....	.....	4,015	.....	4,015
4	4	Do 2nd Class, at 10s. do	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	4	Do 3rd Class, at 9s. do	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	...	Police Surgeon ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....^a	.....^a
23	23	TOTAL, SALARIES ... ..	£	.....	.....	291,883	.....	297,833
		To meet Cost of Police employed to carry out the provisions of the Metropolitan Transit Act ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000
								301,833	
		Contingencies.							
		Allowance to Members of the Police Force when absent from their Quarters on duty	£	.....	.....	8,500	.....	8,250
		Provisions for Prisoners in Lock-ups ... ..	£	.....	.....	2,000	.....	1,750
		Fuel, Light, and Water, to Lock-ups and Police Stations ... ..	£	.....	.....	2,000	.....	2,000
		Rental of Premises for Police purposes ... ..	£	.....	.....	5,000	.....	5,000
		Forage ... ..	£	.....	.....	16,000	.....	16,000
		Remount Horses ... ..	£	.....	.....	1,500	.....	1,500
		Shoeing, Veterinary Attendance, and Medicine ... ..	£	.....	.....	2,000	.....	2,000
		Conveyance of Police and Prisoners ... ..	£	.....	.....	6,250	.....	6,250
		Fencing Paddocks ... ..	£	.....	.....	500	.....	500
		Incidental Expenses—Boats, Vehicles, Repairs to Saddlery and Carts, Re- pairs to Steam Launches, Destroying Dogs, and for Miscellaneous Items ... ..	£	.....	.....	3,275	.....	3,275
		Allowances to Members of the Force un- provided with Quarters, at 1s. per diem	£	.....	.....	14,500	.....	14,500
		Cleaning Cesspits ... ..	£	.....	.....	500	.....	500
		Maintenance, &c., of Telephones ... ..	£	.....	.....	750	.....	750
		Special Allowance to 50 Police employed on plain clothes duty ... ..	£	.....	.....	920	.....	920
		Special Allowance to Police in Expensive Districts ... ..	£	.....	.....	2,100	.....	2,500
		Coal for Steam Launches at Sydney and Newcastle ... ..	£	.....	.....	300	.....	300
		For erection of "Lethal Chamber" ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
		To defray Legal Costs incurred in action Riordan and another v. McKee ... ..	£	.....	.....	303	.....	.....
		To defray Legal Costs incurred in action Brewster v. Dawe ... ..	£	.....	.....	52	.....	.....
2083	2125	Compensation to widow of late Police Pensioner Patrick Smyth ... ..	£	.....	.....	11	.....	.....
		To meet payment of Police Pensions ... ..	£	.....	.....	10,000	.....	10,000
		TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	76,461	.....	76,295
						368,344	.....	378,128

* All these officers receive allowance as per Schedule.

^a See Medical Vote.

No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADE.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
			Higher.	Lower.			
		Lunacy.				£	£
1	1	Inspector-General of Insane ...	Special ...		974	974	
1	1	Medical Superintendent, Callan Park ...	Professional	A1	650	650*	
1	1	Do do Gladesville ...	"	A1	650	650*	
1	1	Do do Parramatta ...	"	A1	650	650*	
1	1	Do do Kenmore ...	"	A1	650	650*	
1	1	Do do Rydalmere ...	"	A1	610	610*	
1	1	Do do Newcastle ^a ...	"	A1	359	359*	
1	1	Senior Medical Officer, Gladesville ...	"	A1	390	390*	
1	1	Do do Callan Park ...	"	A1	390	390*	
1	1	Do do Parramatta ...	"	A1	390	390*	
1	1	Do do Kenmore... ...	"	A1	390	390*	
1	1	Do do Pathologist ...	"	A1	390	390*	
1	1	Junior Medical Officer, Callan Park ...	"	A3	270	270*	
1	1	Do do Parramatta ...	"	A3	270	270*	
1	1	Do do Gladesville ...	"	A3	270	270*	
1	1	Do do (Relieving) ...	"	A3	270	270*	
1	1	Dispenser, Callan Park ...	General..	B2	174	174*	
1	1	Dispenser and Chief Attendant, Rydalmere ...	"		214	200*	
1	1	Assistant Superintendent, Gladesville ...	Clerical..	A2	390	390*	
1	1	Do do Callan Park ...	"	A2	340	340*	
1	1	Do do Parramatta ...	"	A2	340	340*	
1	1	Do do Kenmore ...	"	A2	250	250*	
1	1	Superintendent and Dispenser, Reception House ...	Professional		240	275*	
1	1	Clerk and Accountant, Inspector General's Office ...	Clerical..	B	250	250	
1	1	Clerk ...	"	C	160	170	
1	1	Clerk, Kenmore ...	"		224	100	
1	1	Clerk, Parramatta ...	"	B	250	250	
1	1	Do Callan Park ...	"	B	250	250	
1	1	Clerk and Storekeeper, Rydalmere ...	"	B	224	224*	
1	1	Clerk, Gladesville ...	"	B	224	224*	
1	1	Do Newcastle ...	"	C	200	200	
1	1	Do Gladesville ...	"	D	100	100	
1	1	Do Callan Park ...	"	D	100	100	
...	1	Do Rydalmere ...	"	D	.....	100
1	1	Chief Attendant and Storekeeper, Newcastle ...	General...		174	164*	
4	4	Chief Attendants, at £164, Gladesville, Parramatta, Callan Park, and Kenmore ...	"		656	656*	
4	4	Matrons, at £164, Gladesville, Callan Park, Parramatta, and Kenmore ...	"		656	656*	
2	2	Matrons, at £134, Rydalmere and Newcastle ...	"		268	268*	
1	...	Matron, Reception House... ...	"		80		
1	1	Messenger and Boatman, Inspector-General's Office ...	"		136	136	
5	5	Official Visitors—1 at £200, 1 at £150, 2 at £100, 1 at £50 ...	Unclassified		600	600	
...	2	Lady Official Visitors, at £100 each ...	"		.....	200
4	4	Church of England Chaplains, at £50, Gladesville, Callan Park, Parramatta, and Rydalmere... ...	"		200	200	
4	4	Roman Catholic Chaplains, at £50, Gladesville, Callan Park, Parramatta, and Rydalmere ...	"		200	200	
2	2	Church of England Chaplains, at £30, Newcastle and Kenmore ...	"		60	60	
2	2	Roman Catholic Chaplains, at £30, Newcastle and Kenmore ...	"		60	60	
63	65	Carried forward ...	£		14,598	14,710	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

^a Also Officer Board of Health.

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
		Lunacy—continued.						
63	65	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	...	14,593		14,710
...	3	Presbyterian Chaplains, at £26, at Gladesville, Callan Park, and Parramatta ...		Unclassified	...	.....		78
...	3	Wesleyan Chaplains, at £26, at Gladesville, Callan Park, and Parramatta ...		"	...	.....		78
212	220	Attendants		General..	...	23,231		25,930*
155	162	Nurses		"	...	11,312		11,976*
138	142	Outdoor Staff		"	...	14,404		15,069*
						63,540		67,841
		<i>Less amount charged for Rations, &c.</i> ...		.....	...	8,842		9,471
							54,698	58,370
		<i>Hospital for Insane, generally—Contingencies.</i>						
		Provisions, Medical Comforts, Fuel, Light, Water, Forage, Medicines, and urgent minor repairs, &c. ... ..		.....	...	46,000		48,000
		Incidental Expenses, Burials, Timber, Paint, and Materials for employment of Patients and Artisan Attendants, Books, Periodicals, and to provide Amusement for Patients, &c. ...		.....	...	4,500		4,500
		Maintenance of Steam Launch "Mabel"...		.....	...	250		250
		<i>Inspector-General's Office (Contingencies).</i>						
		Travelling Expenses ... ..		.....	...	160		160
		Incidental Expenses ... ..		.....	...	80		80
		<i>Contingencies (Reception House).</i>						
		Provisions, Medical Comforts, Fuel, Light, urgent Minor Repairs, &c. ... ..		.....	...	450		450
		Incidental Expenses, Occasional Additional Attendants, transferring Patients to Hospitals, Burials, &c. ... ..		.....	...	200		200
		LUNATIC PATIENTS.						
		For Maintenance of Patients in Temporary or Branch Establishments, to meet unforeseen expenses, and to supplement the Votes for the existing Asylums in the event of the increase of Patients, pending erection of new establishments, for Maintenance of Patients in Public Hospitals and under the care of friends, under sections 55 and 98 of the Lunacy Act, and in other Colonies under agreements made with the Governments thereof... ..						
				.....	...	2,350		2,600
							53,990	56,240
568	595	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	...	108,688		114,610

* For allowances, see Schedule.

No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.										
1899-1900	1900-					Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
							Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
									£	£	£	
Master in Lunacy.												
1	1	Master in Lunacy ... ..	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	335	.....	335*
1	1	Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	Clerical	A1	...	500		500	
1	1	First Clerk and Accountant ... ..	...	...	...	"	A3	...	350		350	
1	1	Second Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	"	A	...	290		290	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £200, 1 at £180 ... ..	...	...	...	"	C	...	570		580	
9	10	Do 2 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £110, 2 at £100, 2 at £65, 2 at £50...	...	...	...	"	D	...	885		980	
1	1	Probationer ... ..	...	...	...	"	D	...	50		50	
1	1	Messenger ... ..	...	...	...	General	...	...	83		83	
										2,728		2,833
										3,063		3,168
<i>Contingencies.</i>												
		Contingencies ... ..	...	...	...	.....	...	...	250		250	
18	19	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,313		3,418	
Medical Board.												
1	1	Secretary ... ..	...	...	...	Unclassified.	...	...	150		150	
1	1	Office-cleaner ... ..	...	...	...	General	...	...	20		20	
										170		170
<i>Contingencies.</i>												
		Incidental Expenses, &c. ... ..	...	...	...	.....	...	...	35		35	
2	2	TOTAL... ..	£	205		205	

* Also receives £1,010 per annum as Master in Equity. (See page 88.)

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901:
					£		£
The Medical Adviser to the Government.							
1	1	The Chief Medical Officer of the Government					£
1	1	Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator for Sydney	Professional	A1	800		800†
1	1	Pathologist, Second Government Medical Officer, and Vaccinator, Sydney	"	A1	560		560
1	1	1st Visiting Medical Officer, Government Institutions, Parramatta	"	A1	650		650 ^a
1	1	2nd Visiting Medical Officer, Government Institutions, Parramatta	"	A1	600		550 ^a
1	1	Surgeon and Dispenser, Trial Bay Prison... ..	"	A2	400		400†
1	...	Dispenser, Sydney Gaol	"	B1	225		.....^b
1	...	Dispenser, Parramatta District	"	B2	190		.....^b
1	...	Do Biloele Gaol	"	B2	160		.....^b
1	1	Surgeon, Biloele Gaol, N.S.S. "Sobraon," and Magazines		†	335		335
1	...	Surgeon and Dispenser, Berrima Gaol		†	200		.....^b
1	...	Do do Maitland Gaol		†	200		.....^b
1	...	Do Goulburn Gaol		†	120		.....^b
1	...	Do Bathurst Gaol		†	120		.....^b
1	...	Dispenser, Goulburn Gaol	Professional	B3	100		.....^b
1	...	Do Bathurst Gaol	"	B3	100		.....^b
5	...	Surgeons and Dispensers to various Country Gaols, at £50 per annum each, including Mudgee, Broken Hill, Bourke, Coonamble, and Orange		†	250		.....^b
15	...	Surgeons and Dispensers to various Country Gaols, at £40 per annum, including Albury, Armidale, Casino, Cootamundra, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Forbes, Grafton, Hay, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wilcannia, Wollongong, Yass, and Young		†	600		.....^b
9	9	Medical Attendants on Aborigines at Grafton, £60; Cummerooogunga, £50; Warangesda, £60; Macleay River, £50; Tumut, £50; Kiama, £40; Singleton, £40; Taree, £40; Wingham, £25		†	415		415
...	1	Medical Attendant on Aborigines, Casino, at £40 per annum, from 1st October, 1899					70
1	...	Dispensers, Parramatta and Biloele Gaols; increases to salaries from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900, £10 and £50, respectively					60
1	...	Cleaner, Hospital Admission Depot			30		.....
		Less amount charged for quarters, &c.			6,055		3,840
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			197		180
		To payment of fees for Medical Attendance upon Aborigines				5,858	3,660
		For payment of fees for Medical Attendance in minor Country Gaols			155		155
		Fees to Medical Practitioners, Vaccination, Coroners' Inquests, Lunacy Cases and Medical Attendance, and Expenses contingent on Outbreak of Disease... ..			500		500
		Rent of office and quarters for the Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator for Sydney			5,610		5,610
		Travelling Expenses of the Government Pathologist, January, 1897, to June, 1898, hitherto unpaid... ..			200		200
		Incidental Expenses					53
					100		100
						6,565	
46	17	Carried forward				12,423	10,278

* Provided for under Public Health as "President of Board of Health and Chief Medical Officer," page 72.
 † Services only partly at disposal of Department; Officers therefore unclassified. ‡ For deductions, see Schedule. (a) For allowances see Schedule.
 (b) Transferred to Department of Justice.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.										
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1899.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
The Medical Adviser to the Government—continued.										
46	17	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	...	...	£	12,423	£	10,278
COAST HOSPITAL.										
1	1	Medical Superintendent	Professional	A1	...	750		750*		
...	1	Senior Medical Officer ... ..	"	...	...	.....		450*		
...	1	Junior Medical Officer ... ..	"	...	...	.....		350*		
4	...	House Surgeons and Dispensers	"	...	2B	750		.....	
1	1	Clerk and Storekeeper	Clerical	...	B	240		250*		
1	1	Dispenser	Professional	...	2B	165		165*		
1	1	Office Assistant	Clerical	...	D	110		120*		
1	...	Storekeeper... ..	General	...	...	134		.....	
...	1	Assistant to Clerk and Storekeeper ... ..	"	...	...	.....		115*		
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	...	...	300		300*		
47	47	Nurses ... ..	"	...	...	4,075		4,121*		
1	1	Needlewoman ... ..	"	...	...	100		100*		
7	7	Wardsmen and Attendants ... ..	"	...	...	882		882*		
6	6	Cooks and Kitchenman ... ..	"	...	...	693		693*		
11	11	Laundresses and General Servants ... ..	"	...	...	965		965*		
7	7	Ambulance Drivers and Stableman ... ..	"	...	...	816		880*		
2	2	Artisan Attendants ... ..	"	...	...	282		282*		
1	1	Church of England Chaplain ... ..	.....	†	...	50		50		
1	1	Roman Catholic Chaplain ... ..	.....	†	...	50		50		
1	1	Messenger ... ..	.....	...	...	66		66*		
...	...	Salary, Ambulance Driver, 1st May to 4th June, 1899 ... ..	.....	...	...	5		.....	
...	1	Engineer	General	...	...	.....		150*		
...	...	Salary of Engineer from 1st December, 1899, to 30th June, 1900 ... ..	.....	...	...	.....		32		
94	93	Less amount charged for quarters, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	10,433		10,721		
						4,855		4,705		
							5,578			6,016
Contingencies.										
		Maintenance of Patients and Ambulance Services and other contingencies, including material for minor additions and repairs ... ..	.....	...	...	8,200		8,200		
		Additions to Mortuary, Coast Hospital (Revote) ... ..	.....	...	...	130		.....	
		To provide substitutes for Officers sick or on leave of absence, and extra assistance for the Hospital, &c., &c., ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100		
		Fuel and Light for Coast Hospital ... ..	.....	...	...	600		600		
							9,030			8,900
MAINTENANCE OF THE DESTITUTE SICK.										
		For support of Destitute Persons in the Sydney, Prince Alfred, Carrington Centennial Convalescent, and other Hospitals, and contingent expenses connected therewith ... ..	.....	...	...	12,000		15,000		15,000
140	110	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	...	.....		39,031		40,194

* For deductions, see Schedule.

† Services only partly at disposal of Department, therefore unclassified.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
					£	£
Government Statistician.						
1		Statistician			425	
1		Assistant Statistician	Clerical..	A2	425	
1		Sub-Editor of Statistical Year Books	"	A3	300	
1		Chief Compiler	"	A3	300	
1		Assistant Compiler... ..	"	A	275	
1		Assistant Computer	"	A	270	
3		Assistant Compilers—1 at £250, 1 at £225, and 1 at £200	Clerical..	B	675	
3		Assistant Compilers—1 at £190 and 2 at £180	"	C	550	
1		Assistant Compiler... ..	"	D	140	
1		Clerk	"	C	170	
1		Clerk	"	D	100	
1		Messenger	General		75	
1		Housekeeper	"		70	
<i>Contingencies.</i>						3,775
Incidental Expenses					175	
Extra clerical assistance, as required					100	
Compiling Stock and Crop Returns and preparation of Pamphlets illustrative of the resources of the Colony (for distribution in Europe)					550	
					825	
17		TOTAL... ..			4,600	
Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions.						
1		Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions, and Actuary to Public Service Board	Professional	A2	500	
2		Clerks, 1 at £190, 1 at £160	Clerical..	C	350	
1		Office Cleaner	General		26	
<i>Contingencies.</i>						876
Incidental expenses, &c.					65	
					65	
4		TOTAL... ..			941	
The Government Statistician.						
(<i>As Re-arranged.</i>)						
GENERAL STATISTICS.						
1		Statistician*				900
1		Assistant Statistician	Clerical..	A2		425
1		Sub-Editor of Statistical Year Books	"	A3		300
1		Chief Compiler	"	A3		300
1		Assistant Compiler... ..	"	A		280
1		Assistant Computer	"	A		270
1		Assistant Compiler... ..	"	B		240
1		Do do	"	B		200
1		Do do	"	C		190
3		Do do at £180	"	C		540
1		Do do	"	D		150
1		Clerk	"	C		180
1		Do	"	D		100
1		Messenger	General..			83
1		Housekeeper	"			70
17		Carried forward				4,228
						4,228

* Also Registrar of Friendly Societies.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
The Government Statistician—continued.									
(As Re-arranged.)									
	17	Brought forward ... ..	.....	.....	£	.....	£	.....	4,228
GENERAL STATISTICS—continued.									
		Brought forward ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
VITAL STATISTICS.									
	1	Assistant Compiler... ..	.....	C	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
	1	Do do	Clerical..	C	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
	1	Do do	"	C	.....	.....	180	.....	.....
	1	Do do	"	D	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
			"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*630
FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.									
		Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	†.....	.....	.....
	1	Actuary ... ..	.....	A2	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
	1	Assistant Actuary	Professional	B	.....	.....	250	.....	.....
	1	Clerk	"	C	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
	1	Do	Clerical..	C	.....	.....	170	.....	.....
	1	Do	"	C	.....	.....	160	.....	.....
	1	Do	"	D	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
	1	Office-cleaner ... ..	"	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....
			General	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,356
			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,214
General Contingencies.									
		Rent of offices ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
		Incidental expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	.....
		Extra Clerical Assistance, as required ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
		Compiling Stock and Crop Returns, and preparation of Pamphlets illustrative of the resources of the Colony (for distribution in Europe) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	550	.....	.....
		Incidental expenses, &c. (Friendly Societies)... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....
			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,090
	28	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,304
Agent-General for the Colony.									
	1	Agent-General, to represent the Colony, resident in London ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,820	1,820	.....	.....
	1	Secretary	Clerical..	A1	.....	830	900	.....	.....
	1	Accountant	"	A2	.....	400	400	.....	.....
	2	Clerks at £260	"	A	.....	520	520	.....	.....
	1	Clerk	"	B	.....	250	250	.....	.....
	1	Do	"	C	.....	200	200	.....	.....
	2	Messengers—1 at £120, 1 at £97 10s. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	218	218	.....	.....
			.....	.....	.....	.....	4,238	.....	4,308
Contingencies.									
		Rent... ..	.....	.....	.....	625	625	.....	.....
		Fuel and light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....
		Cleaning ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....
		Stationery and Printing ... ..	.....	.....	.....	400	400	.....	.....
		Unforeseen Office Expenses, Travelling, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	150	.....	.....
		Extra Official Expenses incidental to the Office ... ..	.....	.....	.....	250	250	.....	.....
			.....	.....	.....	.....	1,525	.....	1,525
	9	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	5,763	.....	5,833

* Transferred from Department of Justice (Registrar-General).

† See Government Statistician.

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Charitable Institutions.								
1	1	Director of Government Asylums and Boarding-out Officer, Chief Officer under Children's Protection Act ...	Professional	A1	750		750	
1	1	Chief Superintendent of Asylums	Clerical	A1	600		600	
1	1	Surgeon Superintendent, at Liverpool Asylum ...	Professional	A1	600		600	
1	1	Chief Clerk, Head Office ...	Clerical	A3	325		350	
1	1	Senior Inspector, Head Office ...	"	A3	300		300	
1	1	Assistant Superintendent at George-street Asylum ...	General		260		260	
1	1	Accountant, Head Office ...	Clerical	A	260		270	
1	...	Clerk, Head Office ...	"	B	240		.....
1	1	Matron Superintendent, at Liverpool Asylum ...	General		220		220	
1	1	Matron Superintendent, at Rookwood Asylum ...	"		220		220	
1	...	Inspector, Head Office ...	Clerical	B	208		.....
1	1	Inspector and Clerk to Board, Head Office	"	C	200		200	
1	1	Clerk, Head Office ...	"	C	210		220	
1	1	Matron Superintendent, Macquarie-street	General		200		200	
1	1	Matron Superintendent, Newington	"		200		260	
1	1	" Ormond House ...	"		180		180	
1	1	Inspector, Head Office ...	Clerical	C	175		200	
1	3	Inspectors, Head Office, at £200...	General		175		600	
2	...	Inspectors, at £175 (from 1st Nov., 1899)	"		234		.....
1	2	Officers, C.P. Act, Head Office, at £200 ...	"		175		400	
1	1	Clerk, Liverpool Asylum ...	Clerical	C	170		125	
1	1	Do Head Office ...	"	C	170		180	
1	1	Dispenser, Liverpool Asylum ...	Professional	B3	160		160	
1	1	Matron, George-street Asylum ...	General		160		160	
2	2	Clerks, Head Office, at £170 ...	Clerical	C	330		340	
1	1	Clerk, George-street Asylum ...	"	C	160		160	
1	1	Clerk and Foreman, Newington Asylum..	"	C	160		170	
1	1	Farm Overseer, Mittagong ...	General		156		156	
1	...	Officer, Children's Protection Act, Head Office ...	"		155		.....
2	2	Clerks at Head Office—1 at £170, 1 at £150	Clerical	D	310		320	
1	1	Clerk, Rookwood Asylum ...	"	D	150		150	
1	1	Baker, Macquarie-street ...	General		145		145	
1	1	Clerk and Storekeeper, Newington Asylum	Clerical	D	144		90	
1	1	Clerk, Head Office ...	"	D	140		140	
1	1	Senior Lady Inspector under the Children's Protection Act ...	General		156		175	
2	2	Inspectors under State Children's Act, 1 at £150, and 1 at £132 ...	"		264		282	
1	1	Dispenser, Parramatta Asylum ...	Professional	B2	130		130	
1	1	Baker, Liverpool Asylum ...	General		130		130	
1	1	Builder, Newington ...	"		132		132	
1	...	Matron, Boys' Home ...	"		125		.....
1	1	Attendant, Rookwood ...	"		125		125	
1	1	Matron, Cottage Homes for Aged Couples	"		125		125	
1	...	Driver, Ormond House ...	"		120		.....
1	1	Attendant, Macquarie-street, Asylum ...	"		120		120	
1	1	Housekeeper, Newington Asylum ...	"		105		105	
1	1	Hospital Attendant, Liverpool Asylum ...	"		110		110	
1	1	Carpenter, Rookwood Asylum ...	"		120		120	
2	2	Gardeners, at £120, Rookwood Asylum ...	"		240		240	
1	1	Carpenter, George-street Asylum...	"		120		120	
1	1	Chief Attendant, George-street Asylum ...	"		115		115	
55	51	Carried forward... ..	£	10,479		10,095	

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
					£	£	£
Charitable Institutions—continued.							
55	51	Brought forward... ..			10,479		10,095
1	1	Yard Attendant, Liverpool Asylum ...	General		108		108
1	1	Baker (Assistant), Macquarie-st. Asylum	"		104		104
2	2	Clerks—1 at £125, and 1 at £110, Head Office	Clerical..	D			235
2	2	Attendants, at £100, George-st. Asylum...	General		200		200
1	1	Nurse and Dispenser, Newington ...	"		102		102
2	2	Attendants at £100, Macquarie-st. Asylum	"		200		200
1	1	Night Attendant, Liverpool	"		100		100
1	1	Attendant, Rookwood	"		95		95
1	1	Herdsmen, Newington	"		120		120
1	1	Nurse in Charge, Ophthalmic Home, Mittagong	"		127		127
1	1	Senior Nurse and Dispenser, Rookwood ...	"		97		109
1	1	Night Watchman, Rookwood Asylum ...	"		97		97
2	2	Attendants, George-street Asylum, at £95	"		190		190
1	...	Dispenser, Rookwood Asylum	Professional	3B	104		.....
...	1	Attendant, George-street Asylum...	General		.....		110
7	6	Attendants, at £90, George-street Asylum	"		630		540
6	6	Nurses, at £90, Newington Asylum ...	"		540		540
1	1	Teacher, Cottage Homes, Mittagong ...	"		90		90
1	1	Attendant, Newington Asylum	"		85		85
3	3	Attendants, at £90, Liverpool and Rookwood Asylums	"				270
3	3	Nurses, at £90, Rookwood Asylum	"		270		270
3	3	Nurses, Liverpool Asylum, at £90 ...	"		270		270
1	1	Attendant, Ormond House	"		95		95
1	1	Laundress, Ormond House	"		79		79
1	1	Head Wardswoman, Newington	"		77		77
8	8	Mothers, at £77 each, of Cottage Homes, Parramatta and Mittagong	"		616		616
1	1	Clerk, Ormond House	Clerical..	D	75		75
1	1	Attendant, Newington	General		80		80
1	1	Housekeeper, Richmond Terrace	"		72		72
1	1	Baker (improver), Macquarie-street ...	"		65		75
1	1	Relieving Mother and Needlewoman, Cottage Homes, Mittagong	"				57
2	2	Clerks, Head Office, at £80	Clerical..	D	130		160
2	2	Do do 1 at £100, 1 at £50...	"	D	150		150
1	1	Assistant Cleaner, Head Office	General		40		50
1	1	Messenger, Head Office	"		52		52
1	1	Junior Messenger, Head Office	"		26		26
1	1	Farm Assistant, Mittagong	"		52		52
1	1	Probationary Nurse, Rookwood	"		75		75
...	1	Junior Clerk, Head Office... ..	Clerical	D	.....		50
2	2	Chaplains, Church of England and Roman Catholic, Parramatta Asylum, at £50 each	Unclassified		100		100
2	2	Chaplains, Church of England and Roman Catholic, Newington Asylum, at £50 each	"		100		100
2	2	Chaplains, Church of England and Roman Catholic, Liverpool Asylum, at £50 each	"		100		100
2	2	Chaplains, Church of England and Roman Catholic, Rookwood Asylum, at £50 each	"		100		100
...	4	Presbyterian Chaplains at Parramatta, Newington, Rookwood, and Liverpool, at £40 each ... ..	"		.....		160
...	4	Wesleyan Chaplains at Parramatta, Newington, Rookwood, and Liverpool, at £40 each ... ..	"		.....		160
Less amounts chargeable for fuel, light, rations, &c.					16,639		16,618
					1,698		1,530*
						14,941	15,088
130	134	Carried forward...	14,941	15,088

* For deductions, see Schedule.

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Charitable Institutions—continued.								
130	134	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	14,941	.....	15,088
GENERAL CONTINGENCIES.								
<i>Government Asylums and State Children.</i>								
		Rations, Medical Comforts, minor repairs, and other contingencies at George-street, Macquarie-street, Liverpool, Newington, and Rookwood Asylums, Cottage Homes for Aged Couples, and Boys' Home ... ..	.....	.....	.....	46,000	.....	46,000
		Maintenance of Children under State Children's Relief Act of 1881 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	53,500	.....	38,500
		Outfits ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,250	.....	1,250
		Conveyance ... ..	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	350
		Medical Attendance ... ..	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	400
		Travelling ... ..	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	600
		Maintenance of 150 Ophthalmic, Delicate, and Crippled Children, removed from Metropolitan and other Hospitals and Public Asylums to 9 Cottage Homes at Parramatta and Mittagong ... ..	.....	.....	.....	3,200	.....	3,200
		Expenses in connection with the Administration of the Children's Protection Act ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	150
		Maintenance and Clothing of Children at Ormond House ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	500
		To recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue during year 1898-9 in connection with section 10 of State Children's Relief Act of 1881 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	12,400	.....	.....
						118,350		90,950
130	134	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	133,291	.....	106,038
Fisheries Commission.								
1	1	Secretary and Chief Inspector	Clerical	A2	.....	*300	.....	450
1	1	Clerk	"	C	.....	200	.....	200
1	1	Do ... ..	"	.....	.....	50	.....	65
1	1	Travelling Inspector	General	.....	.....	200	.....	200
8	8	Inspectors, at £140 ... ..	"	.....	.....	1,120	.....	1,120
2	3	Do at £130 ... ..	"	.....	.....	260	.....	390
2	4	Do at £108 ... ..	"	.....	.....	216	.....	432
1	1	Messenger ... ..	"	.....	.....	118	.....	118
...	2	Engineers for Launches—1 at £100, 1 at £65 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165
						2,464		3,140
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
		Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	500
		Incidental Expenses, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	120
		Reward for destruction of Sharks ... ..	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	30
		Purchase of Trout Ova and distribution of Fry ... ..	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	200
		Preparation of Oyster Leases ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
		Erection of Inspector's residence at Tuggerah ... ..	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	.....
		Erection of Fish Hatcheries ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	750
		Purchase of Oil Launch ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	285
						1,060		1,935
17	22	TOTAL... ..	£	3,524	5,075

* Also £150 per annum as Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island.

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No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
Fire Brigades.									
1	1	Chairman ... ..	.....	*	...	200		200	
1	1	Superintendent	Professional	A1	...	600		600 ^a	
							800		800
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
		Allowance to Fire Brigades Board for care of fire-extinguishing appliances in Public Buildings ... ..	.....	...	...	160		160	
		Allowance in lieu of Uniform to Superintendent ... ..	.....	...	...	20		20	
		Incidental and Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	126		126	
		Payment to Acting Superintendent for period from 7th May to 26th September, 1898 ... ..	.....	...	...	69		.....
							375		306
2	2	TOTAL... ..					1,175		1,106
Botanic Gardens.									
1	1	Director	Professional	A1	...	620		620*	
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	...	C	160		150	
1	1	Superintendent	General	...	...	295		295*	
1	1	Botanical Assistant... ..	Professional	...	2B	200		250	
...	1	Do do ... ..	"	...	...	.....		130	
1	1	Bailiff	General	...	...	120		120	
...	1	Junior Clerk ... ..	.....	...	...	.....		50	
...	1	Office cleaner	General	...	...	.....		64	
...	1	Messenger ... ..	.....	...	...	.....		26	
1	...	Increase to Botanical Assistant (£200 to £250) for 1899-00 ... ..	.....	...	...	.....		50	
		Less amounts chargeable for house-rent, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	1,395		1,755	
			.....	...	...	155		155	
34	38	<i>Contingencies.</i>					1,240		1,600
		Wages to Gardeners, Labourers, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	3,768		4,011	
		Travelling and other Expenses for Collecting Forage for Horses ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100	
		Cases for Plants, and Expenses of Transmission ... ..	.....	...	...	75		75	
		Towards the Formation of a Public Botanical Library... ..	.....	...	...	40		40	
		Coals and Manure ... ..	.....	...	...	50		50	
		Cost of Aviary ... ..	.....	...	...	80		80	
		Additional Seats ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100	
		Labelling and Lettering the names of the Plants and Shrubs ... ..	.....	...	...	50		50	
		Pots for Plants ... ..	.....	...	...	50		50	
		Timber for Repairs ... ..	.....	...	...	70		70	
3	3	Expenses in connection with the Grounds of Hill View (the Governor's Residence) ... ..	.....	...	...	60		60	
2	2	Expenses in connection with the Grounds of Wotonga (the Admiral's Residence)... ..	.....	...	...	341		341	
		Distribution of plants for public places within the Colony ... ..	.....	...	...	264		264	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100	
		Gravel and Asphalting ... ..	.....	...	...	150		150	
		Watching ... ..	.....	...	...	200		200	
		New Plant-frame ... ..	.....	...	...	190		190	
		Preparing new Ground, and additional soil ... ..	.....	...	...	40		.....
		Appliance and apparatus for new Herbarium ... ..	.....	...	...	200		200	
		Furniture and Fittings for new offices ... ..	.....	...	...	200		.....
		Appliances for New Botanical Museum ... ..	.....	...	...	200		.....
							6,328	75	6,206
44	52	TOTAL... ..					7,568		7,806

* Unclassified services only partly at disposal of Government. † For deductions, see Schedule. ^a For allowances, see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Division of Service.	GRADE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
				Higher.	Lower.	£	£		
Nursery Garden, Campbelltown.									
1	1	Superintendent	General	...	...	275	275*	
		Less amount chargeable for House Rent	.....	...	...	50	50	
						225		225	
4	4	<i>Contingencies.</i> Wages to Workmen and Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	700	700	700
5	5	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	...	925		925
Government Domains.									
1	1	Overseer	General	...	...	225	225*	
1	1	Bailiff ... ..	"	...	...	160	160*	
						385	385		
		Less amount chargeable for House Rent	.....	...	...	90	90	
						295		295	
15	15	<i>Contingencies.</i> Wages to Labourers and Attendants ... ..	.....	...	...	1,670	1,680	
		Forage for one Horse ... ..	.....	...	...	30	30	
		Material to keep in repair Roads and Paths	.....	...	...	300	300	
		Repairs to Gates and Fences, and additional Seats ... ..	.....	...	...	120	120	
		Soil and Manure ... ..	.....	...	...	50	50	
		Painting Gates and Fences ... ..	.....	...	...	50	50	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	100	100	
		Fencing and trenching new Plantations...	.....	...	...	100	100	
		New Water-mains, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	100	100	
		Asphalting Main Avenue ... ..	.....	...	...	200	200	
		Improvements, Government House Grounds (Re-vote) ... ..	.....	...	...	165	165	
		New Mowing Machine, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	50	
		Drinking Fountain and Horse-trough ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	70	
						2,885		3,015	
17	17	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	...	3,180		3,310
Garden Palace Grounds.									
1	1	Overseer	General	...	...	155	174*	
1	1	Bailiff ... ..	"	...	...	120	120	
						275	294		
		Less amount chargeable for House Rent	.....	...	...	30	30	
						245		264	
7	7	<i>Contingencies.</i> Wages to Gardeners and Labourers ... ..	.....	...	...	764	772	
		Asphalting Paths ... ..	.....	...	...	50	50	
		Forage for one Horse ... ..	.....	...	...	30	30	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	50	50	
		Watching ... ..	.....	...	...	45	45	
		Preparing New Ground, and Additional Soil	100		
						939		1,047	
9	9	TOTAL... ..	£	1,184		1,311	

* For deductions, see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
Centennial Park.									
1	1	Overseer	General..	...	...	225*		225*	
		Less amount chargeable for House Rent .....		...	...	50		50	
							175		175
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
24	24	Wages to Gardeners and Labourers ... ..	.....	...	...	2,747		2,747	
3	3	Wages to Special Constables ... ..	.....	...	...	439		439	
		Forage for three Horses ... ..	.....	...	...	92		92	
		Material to keep in repair Roads and Paths .....	.....	...	...	250		250	
		Soil and Manure ... ..	.....	...	...	150		150	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100	
		Metal and Tar for Roads ... ..	.....	...	...	250		250	
		Watching ... ..	.....	...	...	73		73	
							4,101		4,101
28	28	TOTAL... ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	4,276	.....	4,276
Electoral Office.									
1	1	Chief Electoral Officer	Clerical .	A2	...	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	B	...	250		250	
6	6	Clerks—3 at £170, 3 at £150	"	D	...	920		960	
1	1	Record Clerk	"	D	...	113		125	
1	1	Shorthand and Type-writer	"	D	...	150		50	
1	1	Registrar of City Electorates	"	D	...	200		200	
1	1	Messenger	General..	75		75	
							2,108		2,060
12	12	TOTAL...	£	2,108	2,060

* For deductions, see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADES.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
			Higher.	Lower.	£	£	£	£	
		<i>Estimated Military and Naval Expenditure, One Moiety to be transferred to the Federal Government under section 114 Federal Enabling Act.</i>							
		MILITARY SECRETARY.							
1	1	Military Secretary	Professional	...	800		800		
1	1	Examiner of Accounts	Clerical	A3	325		325		
1	1	Senior Clerk	"	A3	260		300		
4	4	Clerks—1 at £180, 3 at £65	"	D	370		375		
1	1	Messenger and Cleaner	General	...	130		130		
					1,885			1,930	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		Incidental Expenses, &c., &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	125
					2,010			2,055	
		<i>Less Moiety to be transferred</i>	1,027
8	8	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	2,010	.....	1,028
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces.							
		HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF.							
1	1	General Officer Commanding Forces ... ..	.....	.....	1,250		1,250*	
1	1	Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief Staff Officer ... ..	.....	.....	457		457*	
1	1	Assistant Quartermaster-General ... ..	.....	.....	457		457*	
1	1	Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General and Inspector of Musketry ... ..	.....	.....	384		384*	
1	1	Chief Clerk ... ..	.....	.....	300		300	
9	10	To meet Salaries of Clerical Staff, pending Reorganisation ... ..	.....	.....	1,610		1,536	
1	1	Messenger ... ..	.....	.....	130		130	
					4,588			4,514	
		WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.							
1	1	Garrison Sergeant-Major, at 9s. 9d. per diem ... ..	.....	.....	178		178*	
1	1	Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, at 7s. 4d. per diem ... ..	.....	.....	134		134*	
					312			312	
		RIFLE RANGE STAFF.							
1	...	Superintendent, Randwick Range ... ..	.....	.....	195		.....	
1	1	Assistant Superintendent, Randwick Range ... ..	.....	.....	153		153*	
1	1	Sergeant, at 7s. 4d. per diem ... ..	.....	.....	134		134*	
1	1	Marker, at 7s. 4d. do ... ..	.....	.....	134		134*	
2	2	Markers, at 6s. 10d. per diem ... ..	.....	.....	250		250*	
					866			671	
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		Allowance in lieu of quarters ... ..	.....	.....	308		308	
		Forage Allowance, A.A.-G. and A.Q.M.-G. (2 horses each), and D.A.A.-G., at £34 ... ..	.....	.....	170		170	
		Stable Allowance ... ..	.....	.....	28		28	
		Rations ... ..	.....	.....	165		140	
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	.....	110		110	
		Uniform Allowance ... ..	.....	.....	40		40	
		Remounts for Field Artillery and Army Service Corps ... ..	.....	.....	300		300	
		Furniture Allowance, G.O.C. ... ..	.....	.....	137		137	
		Table Allowance, G.O.C. ... ..	.....	.....	200		200	
					1,458			1,433	
23	23	TOTAL, HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF	£	7,224	6,930	
		Carried forward				£	7,224	6,930

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward...	£	7,224	6,930
PAY BRANCH.					
5	5	To meet Salaries, &c., pending Reorganisation...	£	1,419	1,479
5	5	TOTAL, PAY BRANCH	£	1,449	1,479
ORDNANCE BRANCH.					
<i>Staff Office, &c.</i>					
1	1	Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance	438	474*	
1	1	Lieutenant and Quartermaster (Receiver and Issuer of Stores)	275	275*	
3	3	Clerks—1 Chief at £275, 1 at £170, and 1 at £140	585	585	
1	1	Clerk	125	125	
				1,423	1,459
<i>Armoury.</i>					
1	1	Lieutenant and Quartermaster (Superintending Clerk)	300	300	
		Clerk	75	75	
1	1	Chief Armourer (Warrant Officer Sergeant-major)	230	230	
1	1	Armourer Staff Sergeant	225	225	
1	1	Armourer Sergeant	145	145	
4	4	Labourers, at £135	376	540	
				1,276	1,515
<i>Ordnance Stores.</i>					
1	1	Saddler	155	155	
1	1	Overseer (Warrant Officer, Conductor of Stores)	128	155	
4	4	Labourers, at £135	376	540	
				659	850
<i>Magazine, Goat Island.</i>					
1	1	Laboratory Overseer (Warrant Officer, Conductor of Stores)	175	175*	
1	1	Labourer	155	155	
1	1	Watchman	155	155	
				485	485
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Extra Labour and Incidental Expenses...	100	100	
		Rations	19	19	
		Fuel and Light	14	27	
		Charge Pay	37	37	
		Lodging Allowance	129	200	
		Uniform Allowance	40	40	
				339	423
		General Stores, including Warlike Stores and Ammunition for Guns	12,000	12,000	
		Proportion of Salary and Allowances for Inspector of Warlike Stores in England	300	300	
				12,300	12,300
23	24	TOTAL, ORDNANCE BRANCH	£	16,482	17,032
		Carried forward...	£	25,155	25,441

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward...	£	25,155	25,441
NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY.					
<i>Artillery Staff.</i>					
1	1	Officer Commanding Artillery Forces	730		547*
1	1	Firemaster and Chief Instructor School of Gunnery	356		356*
1	1	Inspector of Ordnance Machinery	400		400
1	1	Quartermaster	200		200*
1	1	Warrant Officer Assistant Firemaster, at 9s. 9d. \mathcal{P} diem	178		178
1	1	Do Master Gunner, 3rd Class, at 6s. 10d. \mathcal{P} diem	125		125
1	1	Do Superintending Clerk, at 8s. 4d. \mathcal{P} diem	143		153
1	1	Brigade Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 7s. 10d. per diem	111		143
1	...	Sergeant Instructor in Gunnery, at 5s. per diem	92		.....
...	1	Warrant Officer Instructor in Gunnery, at 7s. 10d. per diem... ..	.....		143
1	1	Orderly Room Sergeant, at 6s. per diem	101		110
10	10			2,436	2,355
BRIGADE DIVISION FIELD ARTILLERY.					
<i>Brigade Division Staff.</i>					
1	1	Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding	420		420*
1	1	Captain and Adjutant	321		321*
1	1	Sergeant-Major, at 6s. 4d. per diem	116		116
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 6s. 1d. per diem	111		111
1	1	Farrier Sergeant, at 5s. per diem	92		92
1	1	Wheeler Sergeant, at 5s. per diem	92		92
1	1	Collar-maker Sergeant, at 5s. per diem	92		92
8	...	Drivers for Partially-paid Section, at 2s. 3d. per diem	330		.....
15	7			1,574	1,244
<i>A. Battery.</i>					
2	2	Lieutenants, at 11s. 10d. per diem	432		432*
1	1	Lieutenant, at 9s. 10d. per diem... ..	180		180*
6	6	Sergeants, at 4s. per diem	438		438
6	6	Corporals, at 3s. 6d. do	384		384
6	6	Bombardiers, at 3s. 2d. do	347		347
3	3	Acting Bombardiers, at 2s. 8d. do	146		146
2	2	Trumpeters, at 2s. 3d. do	83		83
1	1	Collar-maker, at 3s. 3d. do	60		60
1	1	Shoeing-smith, at 3s. 3d. do	60		60
1	1	Wheeler, at 3s. 3d. do	60		60
64	64	Drivers and Gunners, at 2s. 3d. do	2,628		2,628
93	93			4,818	4,818
		Carried forward...	£	8,828	8,417
118	110		£	25,155	25,441

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
		£		£		
		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.				
		Brought forward... ..	£	25,155	£	25,441
		NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY—continued.				
118	110	Brought forward... ..	£	8,828	£	8,417
		<i>Garrison Division—Regimental Staff.</i>				
1	1	Adjutant and Staff Captain	321		321*	
1	1	Warrant Officer Armament Clerk, at 9s. 9d. per diem	178		178	
1	1	Warrant Officer Sergeant Major Artificer, at 9s. 9d. per diem	178		178	
2	2	Warrant Officers 2nd Class Master Gunners, at 7s. 10d. per diem	286		286	
1	1	Master Gunner, 3rd Class, at 6s. 10d. per diem	125		125	
8	8	Sergeant Artificers, at 6s. 10d. per diem	1,000		1,000	
2	2	Park Sergeants, at 5s. per diem	183		183	
17	17	Musicians, 6 at 3s., 5 at 2s. 9d., and 6 at 2s. 6d. per diem	854		854	
4	4	Musicians, at 2s. 3d. per diem	165		165	
2	2	Supernumerary Musicians, at 1s. 6d. per diem	55		55	
1	1	Warrant Officer Bandmaster, at 8s. 4d. per diem	153		153	
1	1	Band Sergeant, at 5s. per diem	92		92	
1	...	Corporal Trumpeter, at 3s. 10d. per diem	70		.....
...	1	Trumpet Major, at 4s. 6d. per diem ... ..	.....		83	
1	1	Record Clerk, at 4s. 2d. per diem	77		77	
1	1	Band Corporal, at 4s. per diem	60		73	
				3,797		3,823
44	44	<i>Garrison Companies' Officers.</i>				
3	3	Majors, at 19s. 6d. per diem	1,068		1,068*	
3	3	Captains, at 17s. 7d. per diem	963		963*	
6	6	Lieutenants, at 11s. 10d. per diem	1,296		1,296*	
3	3	Lieutenants, at 9s. 10d. per diem	540		540*	
				3,867		3,867
		WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, TRUMPETERS, AND GUNNERS.				
3	3	Company Sergeants-Major, at 5s. 5d. per diem	297		297	
3	3	Company Quartermaster-Sergeants, at 5s. 2d. per diem	283		283	
15	15	Sergeants, at 4s. per diem	1,095		1,095	
15	15	Corporals, at 3s. 6d. per diem	949		949	
12	12	Bombardiers, at 3s. 2d. per diem	694		694	
12	12	Acting Bombardiers, at 2s. 8d. per diem	584		584	
9	9	Trumpeters, 6 at 2s. 3d., and 3 at 1s. 6d. per diem	330		330	
3	3	Artificers, at 4s. 3d. per diem	233		233	
4	4	Artificers, at 3s. 3d. per diem	238		238	
314	242	Gunners, at 2s. 3d. per diem	12,894		9,942	
15	15	Boys, at 1s. per diem	274		274	
				17,871		14,919
405	333			34,363		
		ADDITIONAL SERVICE PAY, AS PER ROYAL WARRANT.				
		<i>Good Conduct Pay.</i>				
		Non-commissioned Officers, Trumpeters, Gunners, and Drivers—Good Conduct Pay, at 3d. per badge				
			1,500		1,200	
		<i>Re-engaging Pay.</i>				
		Increase Pay on re-engagement to Trumpeters, Gunners, and Drivers, at 3d. per diem				
			1,000		800	
				2,500		2,000
582	502	Carried forward... ..	£	36,863	£	33,026
		Carried forward... ..	£	25,155	£	25,441

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward... ..	£ 25,155		25,441
NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY—continued.					
582	502	Brought forward... ..	36,863		33,026
		<i>Extra Duty Pay.</i>			
		Command Pay—4 Officers Commanding	200	200	
		Allowance to Adjutants	65	65	
		7 Orderly Room Clerks	65	65	
		Telephone Operators, 1 at 1s. per diem, and 9 at 3d. per diem	60	60	
		Pioneer, Dawes' Battery, at 1s. per diem	19	19	
		District Storemen	533	533	
		Gymnastic Instructor	39	39	
			981		981
		<i>Printing Office.</i>			
		1 Printer, at 1s. 9d. per diem	32	32	
		1 Assistant Printer, at 9d. per diem	14	14	
			46		46
		<i>Fire Service.</i>			
		1 Non-commissioned Officer as Fireman, at 6d. per diem ...	10	10	
			10		10
		<i>Specialists.</i>			
		22 Gunlayers, at 3d. per diem	101	101	
		22 Range-finders, at 3d. per diem	101	101	
		16 Signallers, at 3d. per diem	73	73	
		4 Company Pay Sergeants, at 1s. per diem	73	73	
		Acting Staff Captain	65	65	
		Do Firemaster	46	46	
			459		459
			38,359		34,522
CONTINGENCIES.					
		Forage allowance—Officers' Horses	476	400	
		Forage allowance—100 Field Battery Horses, at £20 ...	2,000	2,000	
		Uniforms, as per Clothing Regulations	3,300	3,000	
		Free Rations of bread, meat, groceries, and vegetables, at 10d. per ration per diem	10,000	8,000	
		Fuel and Light under Allowance Regulations	850	750	
		Incidental Expenses	1,500	1,000	
		Band Allowance and Instruments	100	150	
		Mess Allowance	100	100	
		Artillery Association (Prizes)	140	140	
		Steamer Hire—Troops to Batteries	100	100	
		Free kits for Recruits	400	150	
		Travelling Expenses for Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men on duty	500	400	
		Books for Garrison Library	50	50	
		Guard Boat Service	920	920	
		Removing and Mounting, Examination and Cleaning, &c., of Ordnance and Munitions of War	1,000	500	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters	1,500	1,500	
		Towards maintaining Apparatus in Gymnasium	50	50	
		Purchase of Tools, &c., Artillery Workshops	100	100	
		Helmets and Great Coats	350	300	
		Medical Attendance at Out Stations	125	125	
		Stipend Allowance to Ministers of various Denominations ...	200	200	
		Uniform Allowance—Officers on 1st appointment	100		
			23,861		19,935
582	502	TOTAL, ARTILLERY... ..	£ 62,220		54,457
		Carried forward... ..	£ 87,375		79,898

		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
No. of Persons.				Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
1899-1900	1900-1			£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward... .. £		.....	87,375	£	79,898
		ENGINEERS.					
		STAFF OFFICE FOR ENGINEER SERVICES.					
1	1	Staff Officer	496		496		
1	1	Chief Surveyor	350		350*		
1	1	Surveyor	292		292		
2	2	Division Officers, at £312 10s. (North and South)	625		625		
1	1	Chief Draftsman	250		250		
1	1	Submarine Mining, Storekeeper	183		183*		
1	1	Staff Instructor to Field Companies and Quartermaster	220		240*		
1	1	Do Electricians	183		183*		
1	1	Sergeant-Artificer, Electricians	143		143*		
2	2	Corporal-Artificers, at 6s. 10d. per diem	250		250*		
3	3	Clerks of Works, at £250	750		750		
1	1	Superintending and Record Clerk	235		235		
2	2	Division Clerks, 1 at £200, 1 at £180	370		380		
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk	190		200		
1	1	Messenger	120		130		
1	1	Storeman-Carpenter, at 7s. 10d. per diem	125		143		
2	2	Coxswains for Submarine Mining Steamers, 1 at 1s. and 1 at 8d. per diem	25		31		
2	2	Engine-drivers Submarine Mining Steamers, at 1s. per diem... ..	37		37		
					4,844		4,918
		<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Stores for instructional purposes for Nos. 1 & 2 Field Companies	100		100		
		Stores for instructional purposes for No. 3 Submarine Mining Co.	100		100		
		Stores for instructional purposes for No. 4 Electric Company...	100		100		
		Stores and Incidental Expenses for Submarine Mining Steamers and Boats	200		300		
		Uniforms for Non-commissioned Officers	70		70		
		Quarters	85		85		
		Rations for 2 Warrant Officers and 1 Non-commissioned Officer	70		70		
		Fuel and Light	25		25		
					750		850
25	25	TOTAL STAFF OFFICE ENGINEERS... .. £	.....	5,594		5,768	
		MILITARY AND DEFENCE WORKS.					
		Fortifications, Survey Expenses, Military Roads, Lands, Buildings, Randwick Rifle Range, Repairs, Painting, Alterations, and Incidental Expenses connected with ... .. £		.....	7,000		6,000
		ENGINEER, NO. 3, COMPANY, SUBMARINE MINERS, PERMANENT.					
1	1	Officer Commanding	384		384*		
1	1	Company Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 4d. per diem	153		153		
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant and Pay Sergeant, at 7s. 4d. per diem	134		134		
2	2	Sergeants, at 7s. 4d. per diem	268		268		
2	3	1st Corporals, at 6s. 4d. per diem	232		347		
3	4	2nd Corporals, at 5s. per diem	274		365		
1	1	Bugler, at 2s. 3d. per diem	42		42		
16	26	Sappers, at 4s. per diem	1,168		1,898		
					2,655		3,591
27	39	Carried forward £	2,655	3,591	
		Carried forward... .. £		99,969		91,666

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
27	39	Brought forward... ..	£	99,969	91,666
		ENGINEERS—continued.			
		Brought forward	£	2,655	3,591
		ENGINEER, No. 3 COMPANY, SUBMARINE MINERS, PERMANENT—continued.			
		<i>Additional Service Pay, as per Royal Warrant.</i>			
		Good Conduct Pay	70	95	
		Re-engagement Pay to Sappers and Bugler	73	87	
		<i>Extra Duty Pay.</i>			
		Orderly Room Clerk, at 1s. per diem	19	19	
		Pay Corporal, at 1s. per diem	19	19	
			181	220	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Allowance for Uniform, &c.	200	325	
		Free rations, fuel, and light	450	650	
		Forage allowance, 1 Officer Commanding	34	34	
		Incidental expenses	25	25	
		Free Kits for Recruits ... ..	.....	60	
			709	1,094	
27	39	TOTAL PERMANENT SUBMARINE MINERS	£	3,545	4,905
		PERMANENT ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.			
1	1	Colonel and Principal Medical Officer	609	609*	
1	1	Warrant Officer, Garrison Compounder, in charge of Hospital, at 9s. 9d. per diem	178	178	
1	1	Sergeant, Assistant Ward-master, Compounder, and Store-keeper, at 6s. 4d. per diem	116	116	
1	1	Corporal, at 5s. 5d. per diem	99	99	
2	2	2nd Corporals, at 4s. 6d. per diem	166	166	
5	5	Privates, at 3s. per diem	274	274	
			1,442	1,442	
		<i>Additional Service Pay, as per Royal Warrant.</i>			
		Command Pay	15	15	
		Pay Sergeant, at 6d. per diem	10	10	
		Re-engaging Pay	40	53	
		Good Conduct Pay at 3d. per Badge	55	65	
		Orderly Room Clerk, at 6d. per diem	10	10	
		Storeman, at 1s. per diem	19	19	
		Cook, at 6d. per diem	10	10	
			159	182	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Incidental expenses	50	50	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters	226	226	
		Forage Allowance	34	34	
		Stable do	14	14	
		Maintenance and Renewal of Ambulance Equipment... ..	50	50	
		Uniform for the Corps and Kits... ..	100	100	
		Rations, Fuel, and Light	250	250	
			724	724	
11	11	TOTAL PERMANENT ARMY MEDICAL CORPS	£	2,325	2,348
		Carried forward... ..	£	105,889	98,919

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				
1899-1900	190-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
		£		£		
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.						
		Brought forward	£	105,839	£	98,919
PERMANENT ARMY SERVICE CORPS.						
1	1	Adjutant Pay and Quartermaster		277		277*
1	...	Warrant Officer, Regimental Sergt.-Major (1st class S. S. M.)		170		.....
...	1	Warrant Officer, 1st class Staff Sergt.-Major ... ..		.....		178
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 7s. 10d. per diem		143		143
...	1	Sergeant, at 4s. per diem .. ..		.....		73
1	2	Corporal, at 3s. 6d. per diem		64		128
10	10	Drivers, at 2s. 3d. per diem		411		411
				1,065		1,210
<i>Additional Pay.</i>						
		Pay Sergeant, at 6d. per diem		10		10
		Re-engaging Pay		16		19
		Good Conduct Pay		64		73
		Corps Pay		157		216
				247		318
<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters		250		250
		Forage Allowance		34		34
		Stable do		14		14
		Uniform and Kits for Corps		100		180
		Rations		290		310
		Fuel and Light		38		45
		Forage for 10 Garrison Horses at £20... ..		200		200
		Repairs to Harness, Vehicles, and Renewals		50		100
		School of Field Cookery		150		.....
		Incidentals ... ..		.....		25
				1,126		1,158
			£	2,438		2,686
BARRACK SECTION.						
...	1	Barrack Sergeant, at 7s. 4d. per diem ... ..		.....		134*
						134
<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Allowance in lieu of Uniform ... ..		.....		5
		Rations ... ..		.....		18
		Fuel and Light ... ..		.....		5
		Bed-making by Contract ... ..		.....		30
		Sanitation, Water Supply, Sewerage, and sweeping Chimneys, &c. ....		.....		1,150
		Washing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing ... ..		.....		100
		Working Pay, Airing, Shaking, and Repairing Blankets ... ..		.....		50
		Repairing Hospital and Barrack Bedding ... ..		.....		40
...	1	Office-cleaner, H. Q. S. Offices ... ..		.....		40
...	3	Office-cleaners, Regtl. Office, Volunteer Force, and Pay Office ... ..		.....		50
						1,488
14	21	TOTAL, PERMANENT ARMY SERVICE CORPS		2,438		4,308
		Carried forward	£	108,277		103,227

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.			SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
			£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.				
		Brought forward... ..	£	108,277	£	108,227
		VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.				
1	1	Captain and Principal Veterinary Surgeon ... ..	.....	200	.....	200*
		<i>Contingencies.</i>				
		Forage allowance for 1 Captain	34		34	
		Stable Allowance	14		14	
		Uniform allowance to P. V. S. on appointment to Staff	50		.....
		Drugs for Horses	50		50	
		Allowance for Clerk, at 1s. per diem	19		19	
				167		117
1	1	TOTAL, VETERINARY DEPARTMENT	£	367		317
		TOTAL, PERMANENT FORCES		108,644		108,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES.				
		LANCERS REGIMENT.				
1	1	Officer Commanding, at £56	35		35	
1	1	Major, at £40	25		25	
8	12	Captains, at £32	160		240	
8	12	1st Lieutenants, at £24	120		180	
8	12	2nd do at £20	100		150	
1	1	Quartermaster, at £32	15		20	
4	6	Squadron Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s....	34		51	
4	6	Do Quarter-master Sergeants, at £13 12s.	34		51	
16	24	Sergeants, at £12	120		180	
8	6	Farrier Sergeants, at £12	60		45	
1	1	Saddler Sergeant at £12... ..	8		8	
1	1	Trumpeter do at £12... ..	8		8	
32	24	Corporals, at £11 4s.	224		168	
7	11	Trumpeters, at £8	38		55	
8	12	Shoing Smiths, at £9 12s.	48		72	
7	11	Saddlers, at £9 12s.	42		66	
288	462	Troopers and Privates, at £9 12s.	1,728		2,772	
1	1	Band Sergeant, at £12	8		8	
1	1	Band Corporal, at £11 4s.	7		7	
23	23	Bandsmen, at £9 12s.	138		138	
		Command Pay	30		30	
428	628	(Calculated less Camp Pay.)		2,982		4,309
		Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days' pay ... ..	.....	688		999
		<i>Permanent Staff.</i>				
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 18s. per diem	329		329*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160		160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160		160*	
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. do.	143		143*	
4	5	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d do.	572		715*	
...	1	Do at 7s. 4d. do ... ..	.....		134*	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>		1,364		1,611
		Forage allowance, 1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major, at £17	34		34	
		Do 1 Staff Officer and 9 Non-commissioned				
		Officers, at £34	272		340	
		Stable allowance, 1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, and 1 Staff				
		Officer, and 9 N.C. Officers... ..	140		165	
		Allowance in lieu of quarters, Staff Officer and 9 N.C. Officers	294		351	
		Rations	43		43	
		Fuel and light	17		17	
		Capitation allowance for Uniform, &c.	1,105		1,615	
		Cleaning Regimental Offices	12		12	
		Band allowance	50		50	
		Allowance towards keep of Regimental Band Horses... ..	175		175	
		Capitation Allowance for new Squadrons ... ..	.....		500	
				2,142		3,302
436	638	Carried forward... ..	£	7,176		10,251
		Carried forward	£	108,644		108,544

		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
			108,644		103,544
PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.					
436	638		7,176		10,251
1ST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.					
...	1	Officer Commanding, at £56			35
...	1	Major, at £40			25
...	12	Captains, at £32			240
...	12	1st Lieutenants, at £24			180
...	12	2nd do at £20			150
...	1	Quartermaster, at £24			15
...	6	Squadron Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s.			51
...	6	Do Quartermaster-Sergeants, at £13 12s.			51
...	24	Sergeants, at £12			180
...	6	Farrier-Sergeants, at £12			45
...	1	Saddler-Sergeant, at £12			8
...	1	Trumpeter-Sergeant, at £12			8
...	24	Corporals, at £11 4s.			168
...	11	Trumpeters, at £8			55
...	12	Shoeing-smiths, at £9 12s.			72
...	11	Saddlers, at £9 12s.			66
...	462	Troopers and Privates, at £9 12s.			2,772
...	1	Band-Sergeant, at £12			8
...	1	Band-Corporal, at £11 4s.			7
...	23	Bandsmen, at £9 12s.			138
		Command Pay			30
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
...	628	Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days' pay			4,304 997
Permanent Staff.					
...	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 18s. per diem			329*
...	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem			160*
...	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem			160*
...	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem			143*
...	5	Sergeant-Instructors, at 7s. 10d. do			715*
...	1	Do at 7s. 4d. do			134*
					1,641
Contingencies.					
		Forage Allowance—1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major, at £17			34
		Do 1 Staff Officer, and 9 Non-Commissioned Officers, £34			340
		Stable Allowance—1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, and 1 Staff Officer, and 9 Non-Commissioned Officers			165
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters—Staff Officer, and 9 Non-Commissioned Officers			351
		Rations			43
		Fuel and Light			17
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c.			1,615
		Cleaning Regimental Offices			12
		Band Allowance			50
		Allowance towards keep of Regimental Band Horses			175
					2,802
...	638	Carried forward	7,176		19,995
436	1276	Carried forward	108,644		103,544

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward...	£	108,644	103,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES.			
436	1276	Brought forward	£	7,176	19,995
		MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.			
1	1	Officer Commanding, at £56 per annum	...	35	35
1	1	Major, at £40	...	25	25
8	8	Captains, at £32	...	160	160
8	8	1st Lieutenants, at £24	...	120	120
8	8	2nd do at £20	...	100	100
1	1	Quartermaster, at £24	...	15	15
4	4	Squadron Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s.	...	34	34
4	4	Do Quartermaster-Sergeants, at £13 12s.	...	34	34
16	16	Sergeants, at £12	...	120	120
8	8	Farrier Sergeants, at £12	...	60	60
32	32	Corporals, at £11 4s.	...	224	224
8	8	Trumpeters, at £8	...	44	44
8	8	Shoing Smiths, at £9 12s.	...	48	48
4	4	Saddlers, at £9 12s.	...	24	24
292	292	Troopers and Privates, at £9 12s.	...	1,752	1,752
1	1	Band Sergeant, at £12	...	8	8
1	1	Band Corporal, at £11 4s.	...	7	7
20	20	Bandsmen, at £9 12s.	...	120	120
...	...	Command Pay	...	30	30
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
425	425	Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days' pay	.....	688	688
		<i>Permanent Staff.</i>			
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 18s. per diem	...	329	329*
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	...	160	160*
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	...	160	160*
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	...	143	143*
4	4	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	...	572	572*
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Forage allowance—1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major, at £17	34	34	
		Do Staff Officer and 7 Non-commissioned Officers, at £34	272	272	
		Stable allowance—1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, 1 Staff Officer, and 7 Non-commissioned Officers	140	140	
		Allowance in lieu of quarters—Staff Officer and 7 Non-commissioned Officers	294	294	
		Rations	48	48	
		Fuel and light	17	17	
		Band allowance	50	50	
		Capitation allowance—Uniform, &c.	885	1,098	
		Special clothing allowance for increased strength	.....	55	
433	433	Rent and cleaning Regimental Offices	67	67	
				1,807	2,075
1	...	Officer Commanding Mounted Brigade	.....	350	
		Carried forward	£	14,340	27,077
870	1709	Carried forward	£	108,644	103,544

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward...	£	108,644	103,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.			
870	1709	Brought forward...	£	14,340	27,077
		NEW SOUTH WALES ARTILLERY—PARTIALLY-PAID.			
		<i>Field Artillery Brigade.</i>			
2	2	Majors, at £40	50	50	
2	2	Captains, at £32	40	40	
2	2	1st Lieutenants, at £24	30	30	
4	4	2nd do at £20	50	50	
2	2	Battery Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s.	17	17	
2	2	Do Quartermaster-Sergeants, at £12 16s.	16	16	
2	2	Farrier Sergeants, at £12	15	15	
8	8	Sergeants, at £12	60	60	
8	8	Corporals, at £11 4s.	56	56	
8	8	Bombardiers, at £10 8s.	52	52	
4	4	Trumpeters, at £8... ..	20	20	
94	94	Gunners and Drivers, at £9 12s.	564	564	
2	2	Shoeing-smiths, at £9 12s.	12	12	
1	1	Surgeon (attached)	32	32	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
141	141	Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days	230	230	
		GARRISON DIVISION.			
4	4	Majors Commanding Companies, at £40	100	100	
4	4	Captains, at £32	80	80	
8	8	1st Lieutenants, at £24	120	120	
4	4	2nd do at £20	50	50	
1	...	Trumpet-Major, at £13 12s.	9	.....
4	4	Company Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s.	34	34	
4	4	Do Quartermaster-Sergeants, £12 16s.	32	32	
16	16	Sergeants, at £12... ..	120	120	
24	24	Corporals, at £11 4s.	168	168	
22	22	Bombardiers, at £10 8s.	143	143	
8	8	Trumpeters, at £8... ..	40	40	
344	344	Gunners, at £9 12s.	2,064	2,064	
3	3	Surgeons (attached)	96	96	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
446	445	Towards Continuous Training	691	689	
		<i>Permanent Staff.</i>			
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 17s. 7d. per diem	321	321*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-major, at 9s. 9d. per diem.	178	178*	
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 8s. 2d. per diem	150	150*	
			649	649	
3	3				
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Allowance in lieu of quarters—1 Adjutant and 2 N.C. Officers	128	128	
		Rations	48	48	
		Fuel and light	17	17	
		Capitation allowance for Uniform, &c.	1,186	1,186	
		Artillery Association (Prize-firing)	100	100	
		Hire of Steamers for conveyance to and from the Heads	150	150	
		Forage allowance—1 Adjutant	34	34	
		Stable do do	14	14	
		Horse allowance, 10 Field Battery Officers, at £17 each	170	170	
		Extra Duty Pay to Artillery Instructors	100	100	
		Horse allowance	68	68	
		Adjutant's allowance	46	46	
		Extra Labour and Incidentals	50	50	
			2,111	2,111	
1460	2298	Carried forward...	£	22,091	34,817
		Carried forward ...	£	108,644	103,544

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward...	£	108,644	108,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.			
1460	2298	Brought forward	£	22,091	34,817
		CORPS OF ENGINEERS.			
		<i>Regimental Staff.</i>			
1	...	Director of Military Telegraphs ...	.....	90	.....
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Forage Allowance...	17		.....
		Stable do ...	14		.....
1	...			31	
		PARTIALLY-PAID ENGINEERS—Nos. 1 AND 2 FIELD COMPANIES.			
1	1	Major (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) Commanding ...	32		32
2	2	Captains, at £40 ...	54		54
2	2	First Lieutenant, at £28 ...	38		38
2	2	Second Lieutenants, at £24 ...	32		32
2	2	Company Sergeants-Major, at £16 ...	21		21
2	2	Quartermaster-Sergeants, at £16 ...	21		21
4	4	Sergeants, at £13 12s. ...	36		36
4	4	First Corporals, at £12 ...	32		32
4	4	Second Corporals, at £11 4s. ...	30		30
4	4	Buglers, at £9 12s. ...	26		26
91	100	Sappers, at £10 8s. ...	619		680
2	2	Storemen, at 7s. 4d. per diem ...	270		270*
		Command Pay ...	30		30
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
		Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days ...	.....	1,241	1,302
				193	205
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Forage Allowance...	17		17
		Stable do ...	14		14
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c. ...	246		264
		Quarters ...	64		64
		Horse Hire for Carts and Wagons ...	60		60
		Special Clothing Allowance for increased strength ...	.....	401	439
120	129				
		PARTIALLY-PAID SUBMARINE MINERS—No. 3 COMPANY.			
1	1	Captain ...	42		42
1	2	1st Lieutenant ...	31		62
2	2	2nd Lieutenants ...	42		42
1	1	Company Sergeant-Major ...	19		19
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant ...	17		17
2	2	Sergeants ...	30		30
2	2	1st Corporals ...	25		25
1	1	2nd Corporal ...	10		10
1	1	Bugler ...	8		8
67	67	Sappers ...	563		563
		Command Pay ...	15		15
		Allowance for Extra Proficiency as Submarine Miners ...	263		272
				1,065	1,105
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c. ...	...	160	160
79	80				
1660	2507	Carried forward...	£	25,272	38,028
		Carried forward	£	108,644	108,544

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1					Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
				£	£	£	£	£	£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.								
1660	2507			Brought forward...	£	.....	108,644		103,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.								
				Brought forward	£	.....	25,272		38,028
		PARTIALLY-PAID ENGINEERS—No. 4 COMPANY ELECTRICIANS.								
1	1	Captain, at £40		...	...	30		30	
2	2	1st Lieutenants, at £28		...	...	42		42	
2	2	2nd do at £24		...	...	35		35	
1	1	Company Sergeant-Major, at £16		...	...	12		12	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at £16		...	...	12		12	
5	5	Sergeants, at £13 12s.		...	...	50		50	
4	6	1st Corporals, at £12		...	...	36		54	
3	3	2nd do at £11 4s.		...	...	25		25	
2	2	Buglers, at £9 12s.		...	...	14		14	
76	80	Sappers, at £10 8s.		...	...	578		609	
2	2	Storemen, at 6s. 10d. per diem		...	...	250		250*	
		Command Pay		...	...	15		15	
		Extra Proficiency		...	...	155		157	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)					1,254		1,305	
		Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days...		...	...	.....	164	.....	174
		<i>Contingencies.</i>								
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c....		...	...	204		216	
		Special Clothing Allowance for increased strength		...	...	.....		54	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters		...	...	58		58	
		Horse Hire for Cart and Waggon		...	...	60		.....	
		Forage Allowance, 1 Mounted Officer		...	...	17		17	
		Stable do 1 do		...	...	14		14	
		Hire of Horses and Steamers		...	...	.....		90	
99	105						353		449	
		INFANTRY REGIMENTS.								
		INFANTRY.—1ST REGIMENT.								
1	1	Officer Commanding, at £56 per annum		...	...	35		35	
1	1	Major, at £40		...	...	25		25	
10	10	Captains, at £32		...	...	200		200	
10	10	1st Lieutenants, at £24		...	...	150		150	
10	10	2nd Lieutenants, at £20		...	...	125		125	
1	1	Quartermaster, at £25		...	...	15		15	
1	1	Bugle-Major, at £13 12s.		...	...	10		10	
10	10	Colour-Sergeants, at £13 12s.		...	...	85		85	
30	30	Sergeants, at £12...		...	...	225		225	
40	40	Corporals, at £11 4s.		...	...	280		280	
20	20	Buglers, at £8		...	...	109		109	
470	470	Privates, at £9 12s.		...	...	2,820		2,820	
1	1	Band Sergeant, at £12		...	...	8		8	
1	1	Band Corporal, at £11 4s.		...	...	7		7	
23	23	Bandsmen, at £9 12s.		...	...	138		138	
...	...	Command Pay		...	...	30		30	
1	1	Surgeon (attached)		...	...	32		32	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)								
		Towards Continuous Training, 3½ days' pay		...	...	985		985	
							5,279		5,279	
630	630	Carried forward...		£		32,322		45,235	
1759	2612	Carried forward		£		108,644		103,544	

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No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
1759	2612	Brought forward	£	108,644	103,544
PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.					
630	630	Brought forward	£	32,322	45,235
630	630	INFANTRY, 2ND REGIMENT ... ..	.....	5,279	5,279
630	630	INFANTRY, 3RD REGIMENT ... ..	.....	5,279	5,279
630	630	INFANTRY, 4TH REGIMENT ... ..	.....	5,279	5,279
2520	2520	INFANTRY.—1ST REGIMENT.			
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 20s. 3d. per diem	370	370*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 8s. 4d. per diem	153	153*	
4	6	Sergeants, at 7s. 10d. per diem	572	858*	
2	...	Sergeants, at 7s. 4d. per diem	268	.....
10	10		1,683		1,701
INFANTRY.—2ND REGIMENT.					
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 18s. 3d. per diem	334	334*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	143	143*	
5	5	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	715	715*	
1	1	Sergeant Instructor, at 7s. 4d. per diem	134	134*	
10	10		1,646		1,646
INFANTRY.—3RD REGIMENT.					
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 20s. 3d. per diem... ..	370	370*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 8s. 9d. per diem	153	160*	
3	6	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	572	858*	
4	1	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 4d. per diem	402	134*	
11	11		1,817		1,842
INFANTRY.—4TH REGIMENT.					
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Adjutant and Paymaster, at 18s. 3d. per diem... ..	334	334*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	143	143*	
4	5	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	572	715*	
3	2	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 4d. per diem	402	268*	
11	11		1,771		1,780
Carried forward					
4821	5174		£	108,644	103,544

* For allowances, see Military Schedule,

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
4321	5174	Brought forward	£	108,644	103,544
PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.					
		Brought forward	£	55,076	68,041
INFANTRY.—1ST REGIMENT.					
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Forage Allowance—1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major at £17, and 1 Adjutant at £34	68	68	
		Stable Allowance—1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, and 1 Adjutant	42	42	
		Allowance in lieu of quarters—1 Adjutant and 9 Non-commissioned Officers	394	394	
		Rations	60	60	
		Fuel and Light	27	27	
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c....	1,305	1,305	
		Band Allowance	50	50	
		Horse Allowance—1 Surgeon (attached)	17	17	
			1,963	1,963	
INFANTRY.—2ND REGIMENT.					
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Forage Allowance—1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major at £17, and 1 Adjutant at £34	68	68	
		Stable Allowance—1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, and 1 Adjutant	42	42	
		Allowance in lieu of quarters—1 Adjutant and 9 Non-commissioned Officers	358	358	
		Rations	46	46	
		Fuel and Light	20	20	
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c....	1,305	1,305	
		Band Allowance	50	50	
		Horse Allowance—1 Surgeon (attached)	17	17	
			1,906	1,906	
INFANTRY.—3RD REGIMENT.					
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Forage Allowance—1 Officer Commanding and 1 Major at £17, and 1 Adjutant at £34	68	68	
		Stable Allowance—1 Officer Commanding, 1 Major, and 1 Adjutant	42	42	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters—1 Adjutant and 10 Non-commissioned Officers	417	417	
		Rations	48	48	
		Fuel and Light	27	27	
		Capitation Allowance for Uniform, &c....	1,310	1,310	
		Band Allowance	50	50	
		Rent, &c., Regimental Stores	62	100	
		Horse Allowance—1 Surgeon (attached)	17	17	
			2,041	2,079	
		Carried forward... ..	£	60,986	73,989
4321	5174	Carried forward	£	108,644	103,544

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1901	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
5321	5174		£	108,644	103,544
Brought forward					
PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.					
			£	60,986	73,989
Brought forward					
INFANTRY.—4TH REGIMENT.					
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
			£	68	68
				42	42
				390	390
				46	46
				20	20
				1,310	1,310
				50	50
				114	300
				17	17
				2,057	2,243
PARTIALLY-PAID ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.					
1	1		£	48	48
2	3			64	96
2	3			48	72
1	1			15	15
2	3			17	26
1	1			9	9
1	2			9	17
5	7			38	53
10	14			70	98
3	3			15	15
114	154			684	924
				10	10
				1,027	1,383
				200	270
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1			178	178*
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
				51	68
				42	42
				289	389
				50	50
				50	50
					148
				482	747
143	193		£	64,930	78,810
4464	5367		£	108,644	103,544
Carried forward					
Carried forward					

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward	£ 108,644	£ 103,544	
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.			
4464	5367	Brought forward	£ 64,930	£ 78,810	
		ARMY SERVICE CORPS.			
1	1	Major, at £40	25	25	
2	3	Captains, at £32	40	60	
2	3	1st Lieutenants, at £24	30	45	
2	3	2nd Do. at £20	25	38	
1	1	Warrant Officer, at £13 12s.	9	9	
2	3	Company Sergeant-Majors, at £13 12s.	17	26	
2	3	Company Quartermaster Sergeants, at £13 12s.	17	26	
12	12	Sergeants, at £12... ..	90	90	
8	12	Corporals, at £11 4s.	56	84	
2	3	Buglers, at £8	10	15	
88	138	Privates and Drivers, at £9 12s... ..	528	828	
		Command Pay	15	15	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			
		Towards continuous training, 3½ days' pay	862	1,261	
			198	291	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Special Clothing Allowance for new Company, at £2		120	
		Capitation Allowance for Uniforms	244	364	
		Stable Allowance—1 Officer Commanding	14	14	
		Horse Allowance, 10 Officers, at £17	119	170	
		Hire of Horses for Instructional purposes	200	100	
		To provide first issue of Cloaks		102	
122	182		577	870	
		BARRACK SECTION.			
1		Barrack Sergeant, at 7s. 4d. per diem	134*	134	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Allowance in lieu of Uniform	5		
		Rations	18		
		Fuel and Light	5		
		Bed-making by Contract	30		
		Sanitation, Water Supply, Sewerage, and Sweeping Chimneys	1,150		
		Washing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing	100		
		Working Pay, Airing, Shaking, and Repairing Blankets	50		
		Repairing Hospital and Barrack Bedding	40		
1		Office-cleaner, H.Q.S. Offices	40		
3		Office-cleaners, Regimental Office, Volunteer Force, and Pay Office	50		
5			1,488		
		Carried forward	£ 68,189	£ 81,232	
4591	5549	Carried forward... ..	£ 108,644	£ 103,544	

* For allowances, see Military Schedule. † See page 40

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward	£	108,644	103,544
		PARTIALLY-PAID FORCES—continued.			
4591	5549	Brought forward	£	68,189	81,232
		GENERAL CONTINGENCIES.			
		Schools of Instruction	600	350	
		Freight and Incidental expenses... ..	1,800	1,500	
		Constructing new Butts and keeping in repair the several Ranges in the Colony	1,000	1,000	
		Travelling expenses, Officers and Non-commissioned Officers on duty	2,500	2,000	
		Rent of Small Armouries for Country Corps and cleaning spare arms	850	1,000	
		Maintenance of Telephones	250	250	
		Railway Passes for Camps, Shooting purposes, Military Instruction, &c.	4,000	2,500	
		Grant to United Service Institute	100	100	
		Postage and Office allowance to Companies of Regiments	680	800	
		Allowance to extra Markers for Musketry	350	350	
		Capitation allowance to Senior Cadets to assist in providing Uniforms, at £1 each	180	180	
		Instructor of Massed Bands, at 2s. 6d. per diem	46	46	
		Deferred Pay to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and others, after 10 and 15 years' satisfactory service	440	465	
		Instruction of Officers and Warrant Officers with Imperial Troops	100	100	
		Allowance due to Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers, according to classification by examination and maturity..	120	120	
		To meet expenses in connection with Medical Examination, &c., of Recruits	250	200	
		Expenses in connection with Local Camps for short course of continuous training	5,000	2,500	
		Allowance to efficient Medical Staff Corps Reservists, at 20s. per annum	100	100	
		Musketry Prizes	750	500	
		Army Nursing Staff Reserve	26	26	
		Cost of Resumption of Land at Kiama	175	.....
		Supply of Gas in Military Buildings	510	540	
		Medallists, Meritorious Services, &c., at £20 each	80	80	
				19,907	14,707
4591	5549	Total, Partially-paid Forces	£	88,096	95,939
		TOTAL	£	196,740	199,483
		Carried forward	£	196,740	199,483

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.			
		Brought forward...		£ 196,740	£ 199,483
		VOLUNTEERS.			
1	1	Staff Officer for Volunteer Forces		420	420*
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters		102	102
		Forage Allowance... ..		34	34
		Stable do		14	14
		Rations		19	19
		Fuel and Light		17	17
1	1			186	186
		1ST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.			
625		Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men		3,125	
		<i>Permanent Staff.</i>			
1		Adjutant and Quartermaster, at 14s. 4d. per diem		262*	
1		Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem		160*	
1		Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 4d. per diem		153*	
4		Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem		572*	
2		Orderly Room Clerks, 1 at £128, and 1 at £110		238	
				1,385	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters		253	
		Forage Allowance—1 Adjutant and 6 Non-commissioned Officers, at £34 per annum... ..		238	†
		Stable Allowance—1 Adjutant and 6 Non-commissioned Officers		98	
		Rations		43	
		Fuel and Light		17	
		Uniform Allowance to 6 Non-commissioned Officers		30	
		Band Allowance		50	
		Allowance towards keep of Regimental Horses for Band		100	
634				829	
		5TH REGIMENT (SCOTTISH RIFLES).			
		<i>Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men.</i>			
629	629	Scottish Rifles, at £3 per annum		1,887	1,887
				1,887	1,887
		<i>Permanent Staff.</i>			
1	1	Adjutant and Quartermaster, at 18s. 3d. per diem		334	334*
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-major, at 8s. 9d. per diem		160	160*
1	1	Quartermaster Sergeant, at 8s. 4d. per diem		153	153*
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem		143	143*
2	2	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem		286	286*
...	1	Do do at 7s. 4d. per diem ... ..		.....	134*
				1,076	1,210
635	636				
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Forage Allowance, 1 Adjutant		34	34
		Stable do		14	14
		Allowance in lieu of quarters to 1 Adjutant and 6 Non-commissioned Officers		230	289
		Rations		43	43
		Fuel and Light		18	18
		Uniform Allowance—6 Non-commissioned Officers		25	30
		Band Allowance		50	50
				414	478
		Carried forward		£ 9,322	4,181
1270	637	Carried forward		£ 196,740	199,483

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.						
No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1901-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
		£		£		
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.						
		Brought forward	£	196,740	.....	199,483
VOLUNTEERS—continued.						
1270	637	Brought forward	£	9,322		4,181
6TH REGIMENT VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (AUSTRALIAN RIFLES).						
629	629	Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men at £3 per annum	1,887	1,887	1,887	1,887
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>						
1	1	Lieutenant and Adjutant at 14s. 2d. per diem... ..	259		259*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160		160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 4d. per diem	153		153*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	143		143*	
2	2	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	286		286*	
1	1	Sergeant Instructor, at 7s. 4d. per diem	134		134*	
				1,135		1,135
<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Allowances in lieu of quarters	253		253	
		Forage Allowance... ..	34		34	
		Stable do	14		14	
		Rations	43		43	
		Fuel and light	18		18	
		Uniform Allowance—6 Non-commissioned Officers	30		30	
		Band Allowance	50		50	
636	636			442		442
7TH REGIMENT VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (ST. GEORGE'S RIFLES).						
629	629	Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men, at £3 per annum... ..	1,887	1,887	1,887	1,887
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>						
1	1	Lieutenant and Adjutant, at 14s. 2d. per diem... ..	259		259*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160		160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 4d. per diem	153		153*	
1	1	Orderly Room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	143		143*	
2	2	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 10d. per diem	286		286*	
...	1	Sergeant Instructor, at 7s. 4d. per diem ... ..	.....		134*	
				1,001		1,135
<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Allowance in lieu of quarters	221		253	
		Forage Allowance	34		34	
		Stable do,	14		14	
		Rations	43		43	
		Fuel and light	18		18	
		Uniform Allowance—6 Non-commissioned Officers	25		30	
635	636	Band Allowance	50		50	
				405		442
		Carried forward	£	16,079	.....	11,109
2541	1909	Carried forward	£	196,740	199,483

* For allowances, see Military Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward	£	196,740	199,483
VOLUNTEERS—continued.					
2541	1909	Brought forward	£	16,079	11,109
8TH REGIMENT (IRISH RIFLES).					
429 200	629	Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men, at £3 per annum	1,287	1,887	
		Capitation for two Companies to be raised in Illawarra District, at 30s. per annum... ..	300	.....	1,887
				1,587	
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Lieutenant and Adjutant, at 14s. 2d. per diem... ..	259	259*	
1	1	Regimental Sergeant-Major, at 8s. 9d. per diem	160	160*	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant, at 8s. 9d. per diem	153	160*	
1	1	Orderly-room Clerk, at 7s. 10d. per diem	143	143*	
3	3	Sergeant Instructors, at 7s. 4d. per diem	402	402*	
				1,117	1,124
636	636				
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Forge Allowance... ..	34	34	
		Stable Allowance	14	14	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters, Adjutant and 6 Non-commissioned Officers	253	253	
		Rations	43	43	
		Fuel and Light	18	18	
		Uniform Allowance, 1 Adjutant and 6 Non-commissioned Officers	80	80	
		Band Allowance	50	50	
				492	492
NATIONAL GUARD.					
201	201	Officers, Non commissioned Officers, and men, at £1 10s. per annum	302	302	302
<i>Permanent Staff.</i>					
1	1	Sergeant Instructor, at 7s. 10d. per day	143	143*	143
202	202			143	
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Allowance in lieu of quarters	32	32	
		Uniform allowance to Non-commissioned Officers	5	5	
		Band Allowance	50	50	
				87	87
		Carried forward	£	19,807	15,144
3379	2747	Carried forward	£	196,740	199,483

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces—continued.					
		Brought forward	£ 196,740		199,483
VOLUNTEERS—continued.					
3379	2747	Brought forward	£ 19,807		15,144
VOLUNTEER CONTINGENCIES.					
		Ammunition for Volunteers, including 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Regiments, National Guard, and Reserves	4,000	2,350	
		Freight and Incidental expenses... ..	500	500	
		Travelling expenses, Officers and Non-commissioned Officers on duty	500	500	
		Railway passes for shooting purposes, Military Instruction, &c.	1,000	500	
		Cleaning Regimental Offices	70	70	
		Stationery and Office allowance to Companies of Regiments	100	100	
		Allowance to extra Markers for Musketry	150	150	
		Hire of Drill Halls	400	400	
		Allowance for Extra Instructors... ..	300	300	
		Musketry Prizes	500	500	
		Reservists—Special Allowance for Uniforms at 20s.	500	750	
		Incidentals and Medical Examination of Reservists	100	150	
150	600	New Volunteer Corps—450 Infantry at £3, and 150 Mounted Rifles at £5	550	2,100	
		Expenses in connection with Local Camps for short course of Continuous Training	2,500	2,500	
		To provide Ranges, Targets, and Supplies for Country Corps ... ..	.....	1,000	
		To replace ammunition sold at half-price ... ..	.....	1,500	
			11,170		13,370
		Total Volunteers	£ 30,977		28,514
		Total	£ 227,717		227,997
		Less Estimated Savings ... ..	.....	.....	40,280
			£ 187,717		187,717
		Less Moiety to be transferred to Federal Government ... ..	.....	.....	93,858
3529	3347	TOTAL, PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER FORCES	£ 187,717		93,859
Naval Forces.					
NAVAL BRIGADE.					
1	1	Captain Commanding Naval Forces, at 5s. per diem	78	78	
1	1	Paymaster, at 3s. 6d.	54	54	
7	7	Commanders and Lieutenants, at 4s. per diem... ..	428	428	
5	5	Sub-Lieutenants, at 2s. per diem	154	154	
7	7	Midshipmen, at 1s. per diem	108	108	
1	1	Bugler and Bandmaster, at £75 per annum	64	64	
10	10	Warrant Officers, at £18 per annum	150	150	
10	10	Petty Officers, at £15 per annum	126	126	
230	230	A.B's., at £12 per annum	2,300	2,300	
53	53	Newcastle Company	622	622	
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)			4,084
AMBULANCE CORPS.					
<i>Sydney.</i>					
...	1	Fleet Surgeon ... ..	.....	61	
...	1	Staff Surgeon ... ..	.....	61	
...	1	Surgeon ... ..	.....	31	
...	1	First Class Petty Officer... ..	.....	15	
...	1	Second Class Petty Officer ... ..	.....	13	
...	18	A.B's., at £10 ... ..	.....	180	
<i>Newcastle.</i>					
...	1	Staff Surgeon ... ..	.....	61	
...	1	First Class Petty Officer	15	
...	10	A.B's., at £10	100	
					176
325	360	Carried forward	£ 4,084		4,621

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No. of Persons.		No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.					
1899-1900.	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
						Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
						£	£
		Naval Forces*—continued.					
325	360	Brought forward				£ 4,084	4,621
		NAVAL BRIGADE— <i>continued.</i>					
		Brought forward ... ..				£ .....	.....
		PERMANENT STAFF.					
1	1	Gunnery Instructor, Sydney				200	225
						200	225
		Contingencies.					
		Erection Drill Shed, Newcastle ... ..				.....	600
		Uniforms for Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, and A.B.'s				300	300
		Incidental Expenses				150	200
		Allowance Senior Commander for Executive Duties ... ..				.....	50
						450	1,150
326	361	TOTAL, NAVAL BRIGADE				£ 4,734	5,996
		VOLUNTEER NAVAL ARTILLERY.					
1	1	Commander, at £100 per annum				72	72
1	1	Senior Lieutenant, at £50 per annum				38	38
1	1	Surgeon, at £30 per annum				24	24
1	1	Secretary, at £25 per annum				20	20
4	4	Lieutenants, at £40 per annum				120	120
8	8	Sub-Lieutenants, 4 at £30 and 4 at £25 per annum				166	166
7	7	Chief Petty Officers, at £16 per annum				84	84
8	8	First Class Petty Officers, at £14 per annum				84	84
8	8	Second Class Petty Officers, at £11 per annum				66	66
1	1	Bugler and Signalman, at £12 per annum				10	10
1	1	Bugler, at £6 per annum				6	6
16	16	Leading Seamen, at £9 per annum				108	108
164	164	A.B.'s., at £8 per annum				984	984
1	1	Bandmaster, at £18 per annum				14	14
1	1	Band Sergeant, at £13 per annum				10	10
18	18	Bandsmen, at £11 per annum				150	150
		(Calculated less Camp Pay.)				1,956	1,956
		PERMANENT STAFF.					
1	1	Instructor ... ..				.....	230
		Contingencies.					
		Expenses of Instruction and Clothing				230	230
		Incidental Expenses				50	50
						280	280
242	242	TOTAL, VOLUNTEER NAVAL ARTILLERY				£ 2,466	2,466
		TORPEDO DEFENCE.					
1	1	Officer-in-Charge of Torpedoes and Plant				280	280*
1	1	Engineer for Torpedoes				223	223*
1	1	Artificer				208	208
2	2	Stokers, at £132 per annum				264	264
		Contingencies.				975	975
		Incidental Expenses and maintenance of Boats				150	150
		Rent of Torpedo Boat-shed				100	100
		Quarters allowance—2 Officers				240	240
		Rations, Fuel, and Light—2 Officers				80	80
		General repairs to Torpedo Boat				200	200
						770	770
5	5	TOTAL, TORPEDO DEFENCE				£ 1,745	1,745
		WARLIKE STORES AND AMMUNITION FOR NAVAL FORCES					
						£ 2,000	2,000
		<i>Less</i> Moiety to be transferred to Federal Government				10,945	12,207
						6,104
573	608	TOTAL, NAVAL FORCES				£ 10,945	6,108

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Charitable Allowances.				
Charitable Institutions—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	42,000		44,500	
Country and Suburban Hospitals, Building Fund—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions	1,000		800	
Sydney Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	4,000		4,000	
Sydney Hospital—Grant in aid of the annual cost of the Regent-street Dispensary	700		700	
Prince Alfred Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	4,000		4,000	
Hospital for Sick Children, Sydney—aid, on the usual conditions	1,200		1,200	
Infants' Home, Ashfield—aid, on the usual conditions	500		500	
Carrington Centennial Hospital—aid, on the usual conditions	1,000		1,000	
Benevolent Society of New South Wales, Sydney—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions	2,000		1,800	
Benevolent Society of New South Wales—Special grant for outdoor relief	1,500		1,500	
Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution—aid, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions	450		450	
Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, and other kindred Institutions—for support of Women and Children	5,000		5,000	
Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant towards outdoor relief	1,500		1,500	
Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society—Special grant for Building Fund	500		500	
Newcastle Hospital—Cost of maintenance of sea-borne destitute patients	300		300	
Salvation Army—Grant in aid of	500		500	
Special grants to Hospitals, &c.	9,000		9,000	
Metropolitan Charities Association—Special grant	250		500	
Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives—Subsidy, on the usual conditions	.....		600	
Queen's Jubilee Fund—Grant towards travelling expenses of Inspector..	.....		25	
Labour Home, Harris-street—Special grant ... ..	.....		200	
Women's Hospital—Special grant in aid of ... ..	.....		300	
Central Mission Children's Home—Aid on usual conditions ... ..	.....		200	
Central Mission Children's Home—Special grant in aid of ... ..	.....		200	
Church Rescue Home—Special grant		100	
Other votes, 1899-1900	2,500		
		77,900		79,375
TOTAL...	£	77,900		79,375

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	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Miscellaneous Services.				
Newspapers, Almanacs, Books, &c.	700		750	
Burial of destitute persons, in cases where inquests are not held ...	700		800	
Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, charitable, relief, &c.	9,500		10,000	
Rewards for apprehension of Offenders	225		225	
Animals Protection Society—aid on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions... ..	250		250	
New South Wales Zoological Society—aid on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions... ..	200		200	
New South Wales Zoological Society—Special grant in aid of	1,000		2,000	
New South Wales Zoological Society—Grant towards meeting expense of opening Gardens on Sunday... ..	1,000		1,000	
Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island—Expenses in connection with administration of	1,200		1,200	
To pay Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	12,000		12,000	
Expenses in connection with the Exhibit of this Colony at the Imperial Institute, London	700		700	
Hospital for Sick Children—Rent of Premises	250		250	
To complete contracts and outstanding liabilities in connection with Immigration	200		100	
Preparation of Statistics containing information respecting the resources and industrial capabilities of the Colony, for publication in the United Kingdom... ..	400		400	
Freight, Insurance, carriage of goods, incidental, unforeseen, and petty expenses, fuel, light, &c., of Department	750		950	
National Shipwreck Relief Society of N.S.W.—Special grant in aid of... ..	250		250	
General improvements, National Park	4,000		4,000	
Rent of Moorcliff and Victoria Lodge, Miller's Point, in connection with Sydney Hospital... ..	350		350	
To meet rent of Government premises occupied by various sub-depart- ments	2,000		2,000	
Maintenance, &c., of Telephones	250		250	
Special grants in aid of Suburban and Country Fire Brigades	3,000		3,000	
Expenses in connection with revising list of Australian Fishes	200		200	
Wollongong Sand-drift Trust—Special grant for improvements... ..	100		100	
Lady Robinson's Beach Sand-drift Trust—Special grant for improvements Pension to Constable J. F. Alford, in addition to the Pension payable to him from the "Police Superannuation Fund," upon his retirement, through being injured in the execution of his duty	46		46	
Expenses in connection with and relief to Sufferers by Floods	300		250	
Cost of construction of Roads in and around Centennial Park	300		300	
To meet payments to Commissioners for Railways for Railway claims for transmission of destitute persons, &c.	3,500		4,000	
Board of International Exchange—Expenses in connection with	100		100	
For steam service with and among the Pacific Islands	1,400		1,400	
Carried forward	£ 44,971		47,171	

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No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Miscellaneous Services—continued.				
Brought forward	£	44,971		47,171
Royal Commission Coal Cargoes—further sum		360		80
Proportion payable to Government of Western Australia for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Albany		1,300		1,500
Proportion payable to Government of Queensland for expense of maintenance of Garrison, Thursday Island ..		2,500		4,500
Defence Force Rifle Association		750		750
National Rifle Association of N.S.W.—Grant in aid of		1,000		1,000
Northern Rifle Association—do		250		250
Southern Rifle Association—do		250		250
Western Rifle Association—do		250		250
South Coast Rifle Association—do		250		250
Passes for Competitors, Rifle Association Meetings		750		900
Royal Naval House—Special Grant in aid of		200		200
Formation of Military Road and Approaches for Field Firing Range ...		700		700
Rent of Premises for Secretary to His Excellency the Admiral and Staff, as agreed upon when Naval Station was formed		300		300
Grant in aid of Kindergarten classes		150		200
Year Book of New South Wales, 1900 and 1901, for distribution by the Agent-General		250
Purchase of 2,000 Pamphlets, "New South Wales Contingents to South Africa," for distribution by the Agent-General		100
West Wallsend Rifle Club—Special Grant for Improvements to Range		100
Cost of Translation in connection with Report on Old-age Pensions and State Insurance		142
Friendly Societies Dispensary—for purchase of site for building		1,000
Centennial Park—Repairs to road connecting Ocean and Queen Streets		800
Purchase of site for Rifle Range, Sherbrooke, and general improvements		400
Expenses Mafeking Day Celebrations		650
To reimburse Mrs. Sarah Wirrell legal expenses incurred in connection with Royal Commission of Inquiry into charges made against Sub-Inspector Fowler		63
Mrs. Charlotte Douglass, late Nurse-in-Charge, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta—Special retiring allowance after 28 years' service		200
British New Guinea—N. S. Wales' contribution towards expenses of administration to 30 June, 1901		2,350
Royal Commission <i>re</i> Jas. Roberts, Tramway Manager—Legal expenses incurred		86
Allowances to Members for Hastings-Macleay and Sydney-Phillip between date of returning writ and meeting of Parliament (F. Clarke, Esq., £72 17s. 6d.; D. O'Connor, Esq., £43 6s. 8d.)		117
Expenses of Candidates (S. Smith and T. Taylor) at second election. Canterbury, rendered necessary through error of Returning Officer (£100 each)		200
Wyalong Fire—compensation to owners of property destroyed for safety of the town		220
Other Votes, 1899-1900		16,145		.....
			70,126	64,979
TOTAL... ..	£	70,126	64,979

IV.

Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies.	Salaries.	Contingencies.
62	Treasury	£ 23,038	£ 1,700	£ 24,243	£ 1,700
63	Stamp Duties	4,424	170	4,424	1,170
63	Land and Income Tax	800	34,500	800	33,850
64	Customs	50,743	5,001	25,640	23,226
67	Gold Receivers	90	.....	90	.....
68	Gold and Escort ... ..	.....	550	.....	550
68	Government Printer	66,573	29,502	66,424	30,698
70	Stores and Stationery	5,563	63,500	5,930	67,500
71	Mercantile Explosives	6,673	3,412	6,483	3,500
72	Board of Health (<i>See note, page 72</i>)	18,182	15,765	21,529	15,821
74	Shipping Masters	2,110	25	2,130	106
74	Navigation (<i>See note, page 74</i>)	41,759	{ 800 15,827 }	43,836	{ *800 +17,927 }
79	Life-boats ... ..	.....	600	25	600
80	Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties	4,296	3,867	4,862	12,142
81	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	209,022	.....	277,621
81	Advance to Treasurer ... ..	.....	100,000	.....	100,000
81	Deduct Advances to the Treasurer which do not form permanent charges	224,251	484,241	206,416	567,211
		.....	100,000	.....	100,000
		£ 224,251	384,241	206,416	467,211
	TOTAL	£	608,492		673,627

* Australian Coast Light-houses. † Miscellaneous services. ‡ £4,195 voted under Colonial Secretary's Estimates last year (Audit Department).

a Includes £1,370, Analytical Branch, voted under Colonial Secretary's Estimates last year.

b Includes £121 do do do do do

c One Moiety to 1st January, 1901.

*The Treasury, New South Wales.
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Treasury.								
1	1	Colonial Treasurer (Provided in Schedule) ...						
1	1	Under Secretary	Special...		920		a 920	
...	1	Special Clerk to the Under Secretary ...	Clerical	A2			450	
ACCOUNT BRANCH.								
1	1	Accountant	"	A1	750		750	
1	1	Sub-Accountant	"	A1	500		500	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	325		375	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £280, 1 at £270	"	A	815		830	
8	8	Clerks—6 at £250, 2 at £225	"	B	1,940		1,950	
2	2	Clerks—at £180	"	C	350		360	
5	6	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £125, 1 at £110, 1 at £80, 2 at £50	"	D	465		565	
...	1	Chief Inspector	"	A1	*700		700	
...	2	Inspectors—1 at £600, 1 at £550	"	A1	*1,150		1,150	
...	3	Inspectors—1 at £470, 1 at £450, 1 at £425	"	A2	*1,345		1,345	
						8,340		8,525
REVENUE BRANCH.								
1	1	Receiver	"	A1	700		700	
1	1	Cashier and Senior Clerk	"	A2	400		400	
1	1	Registrar of Conditional Purchases	"	A2	400		400	
1	1	Registrar of Leases	"	A3	350		350	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	300		300	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £290, 1 at £280	"	A	550		570	
6	6	Clerks—3 at £250, 1 at £240, 1 at £230, 1 at £220	"	B	1,410		1,440	
6	6	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £190, 1 at £185, 1 at £170, 2 at £160	"	C	1,045		1,065	
9	9	Clerks—3 at £140, 3 at £110, 1 at £100, 1 at £80, 1 at £65	"	D	940		995	
						6,095		6,220
PAY BRANCH.								
1	1	Paymaster	"	A1	600		600	
1	1	Chief Clerk	"	A3	375		375	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	300		300	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £250, 1 at £210	"	B	460		460	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	200		200	
4	4	Clerks—2 at £125, 1 at £110, 1 at £50	"	D	380		410	
1	1	Clerk in charge of Imperial Pensions	"	A3	300		300	
1	1	Banking Clerk	"	A	280		290	
						2,895		2,935
EXAMINING BRANCH.								
1	1	Examiner of Accounts	"	A2	450		450	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	350		350	
3	4	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £110, 1 at £65, 1 at £50	"	D	300		375	
						1,100		1,175
CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BRANCH.								
1	1	Officer-in-Charge and Registrar of Stock ..	"	A2	400		400	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £250, 1 Deputy Registrar of Stock at £250... ..	"	B	750		750	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £175	"	C	375		375	
4	4	Clerks—2 at £140, 1 at £125, 1 at £80	"	D	425		485	
						1,950		2,010
78	87	Carried forward... ..	£			21,300		22,235

* Voted last year under Audit Department—Colonial Secretary's Estimates.

a For allowances, see Schedule.

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NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Treasury—continued.								
78	87	Brought forward...			£	21,300	£	22,235
MESSENGERS, &c.								
1	1	Chief Messenger	General		180		180	
5	6	Messengers—1 at £125, 1 at £120, 1 at £115, 1 at £98, 1 at £52, 1 Telephone Boy at £26			428		536	
2	2	Housekeepers—1 at £140,* 1 at £45*	"		185		185*	
4	8	Cleaners—1 at £104, 6 at £50, 1 at £12... ..	"		254		416	
4	4	Constables—as Day and Night Watchmen, 2 at 7s. 6d. and 2 at 7s. per diem each				1,047		1,317
		Extra Assistance				531		531
						200		200
		Less amount chargeable for value of quarters				23,078		24,283
						40		40
						23,038		24,243
Contingencies.								
		Incidental Expenses			400		400	
		Fuel and Light			300		300	
		Travelling Expenses of Inspectors of Public Accounts			61,000		1,000	
						1,700		1,700
94	108	TOTAL... ..				24,738		25,943
Stamp Duties.								
1	1	Commissioner of Stamp Duties and Taxation	Professional	A1		800		800
1	1	Deputy Commissioner of Stamp Duties	Clerical	A2		450	450	
1	1	Accountant	"	A3		300	300	
1	1	Clerk in charge of Stampers	"	A		299	299	
1	1	Entry and Issue Clerk	"	B		240	240	
2	2	Clerks 1 at £190, 1 at £180	"	C		360	370	
4	4	Clerks—2 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £50... ..	"	D		500	490	
						2,149		2,149
1	1	Foreman of Stampers	General			190	190	
7	7	Stampers—1 at £175, 6 at £150	"			1,075	1,075	
1	1	Messenger	"			120	120	
1	1	Housekeeper	"			90	90†	
						1,475		1,475
						4,424		4,424
Contingencies.								
		Incidental Expenses, including Fuel and Light			a170		a170	
		Machinery, &c., for Colour Printing of Embossed Stamps					1,000	
						170		1,170
21	21	TOTAL... ..				4,594		5,594
Land and Income Tax.								
1	1	Commissioner of Taxation	Professional	A1		800	800	800
		To meet expenses in connection with the administration of the Land and Income Tax, Assessment, &c.				34,000	33,350	
		Towards expenses of Court of Review in Land and Income Tax Assessments				500	500	
						34,500		33,850
1	1	TOTAL... ..				35,300		34,650

* For deductions, see Schedule.

† For allowances, see Schedule.

a This expenditure will be reimbursed to the extent of £60.

b Voted last year, under Colonial Secretary's Estimates.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£	£	
		Customs.							
		<i>Sydney.</i>							
1	1	Collector of Customs, Registrar of Shipping, Chief Inspector of Distilleries and Refineries, and First Commissioner of Taxation	Professional	A1	.....	920		920
		<i>Indoor Branch.</i>							
1	1	Chief Clerk	Clerical	A2	...	450		450	
1	1	Cashier	"	A2	...	425		425	
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	280		290*	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £190*, 1 at £170	"	C	...	350		360*	
6	6	Do 1 at £95, 1 at £80, 4 at £65	"	D	...	387		435	
1	1	Typewriter ... ..	.....	D	...	110		125
						2,002		2,085	
		<i>Statistical Branch.</i>							
1	1	First Clerk	"	A3	...	325		325*	
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge, Import Statistics	"	A3	...	325		325*	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £170, 1 at £160	"	C	...	320		330	
5	5	Do 2 at £140, 1 at £125, 1 at £110, 1 at £100	"	D	...	585		615	
						1,555		1,595	
1	1	Shipping Clerk	"	A3	...	300		300*	
1	1	Do	"	B	...	275		225*	
						575		525	
		<i>Jerquer's Room.</i>							
1	1	Jerquer	"	B	...	250		250*	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	...	170		180	
1	1	Do	"	D	...	90		95	
						510		525	
		<i>Laboratory.</i>							
1	1	Examining Officer	"	B	...	240		250	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	...	160		160	
						400		410	
		<i>Drawback Room.</i>							
1	1	Clerk	"	C	...	170		180	
1	1	Do	"	D	...	95		110	
						265		290	
		<i>Registry of Shipping.</i>							
1	1	Clerk	"	C	...	200		200	
1	1	Do	"	D	...	90		95	
						290		295	
		<i>Landing Branch.</i>							
1	1	Inspector	"	A1	...	550		700	
1	1	Assistant Inspector	"	A3	...	350		350	
3	3	Examining Officers—2 at £350, 1 at £300	"	A3	...	1,000		1,000	
2	2	Do 1 at £200, 1 at £160	"	C	...	360		360	
1	1	Gauger	"	A3	...	350		350	
1	1	Do	"	C	...	200		200	
7	7	Landing Waiters—1 at £350, 5 at £325, 1 at £300	"	A3	...	2,275		2,275	
5	5	Landing Waiters—at £275	"	A	...	1,375		1,375	
7	7	Do 3 at £250, 4 at £225..	"	B	...	1,650		1,650	
7	7	Do at £200	"	C	...	1,225		1,400	
						9,335		9,660	
		<i>Warehouse Branch.</i>							
1	1	Inspector and Warehouse Keeper	"	A1	...	500		500	
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	275		280*	
1	1	Do	"	B	...	230		230	
1	1	Do	"	C	...	175		180	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £130, 1 at £110	"	D	...	230		210	
1	1	Inspecting Locker	"	B	...	250		250*	
10	10	Lockers—4 at £250, 5 at £225, 1 at £220	"	B	...	2,335		2,345	
15	15	Do 8 at £200, 7 at £175	"	C	...	2,825		2,825	
7	7	Do at £150	"	D	...	1,050		1,050	
						7,870		7,900	
107	107	Carried forward	£	23,722		24,205	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

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NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
107	107	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	23,722	£	24,205
		<i>Tide Surveyor's Branch.</i>							
1	1	Tide Surveyor	Clerical	A3	400		400		
1	1	Clerk	"	D	150		150		
1	1	Chinese Inspector and Assistant Emigration Officer	"	C	200		200		
1	1	Assistant Chinese and Baggage Inspector	"	C	175		175		
1	1	Baggage Inspector	"	C	160		160		
2	2	Tide Surveyors Assistants, at £160	"	C	320		320		
10	10	Searchers—2 at £133, 8 at £110	General		1,146		1,146		
26	26	Tide Waiters—2 at £150, 12 at £140, 12 at £130	"		3,540		3,540		
						6,091		6,091	
		<i>Excise Branch.</i>							
1	1	Senior Inspector	Clerical	A2	450		450		
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	325		325		
1	1	Inspector of Tobacco Factories	"	A3	300		300		
1	1	Inspector of Distilleries	"	A3	325		325		
5	5	Inspectors of Distilleries and Excise—3 at £240, 1 at £220, 1 at £170	"	B	1,180		1,110		
10	10	Lockers—3 at £200, 1 at £175, 1 at £170, 5 at £160	"	C	1,735		1,745		
						4,315		4,255	
		<i>Miscellaneous.</i>							
1	1	Relieving Officer	"	A	280		290		
1	1	House Messenger	General		150		150*		
10	13	Junior Messengers—1st grade, at £52 each	"		520		676		
5	4	Do 2nd do at £39 do	"		195		156		
6	4	Do 3rd do at £26 do	"		156		104		
2	2	Watchmen, at £120	"		240		240		
2	2	Porters, 1 at £120,* and 1 at £82 10s.	"		195		203‡		
5	5	Office-cleaners, at £50	"		250		250		
3	3	Acting Officers of Customs at Parcels Office, General Post Office, at £25	Clerical		75		75		
1	1	Attendant at Lift	General		99		106		
						2,160		2,250	
		<i>Steam-launch and Boatmen.</i>							
1	1	Engine-driver	"		150		150		
6	6	Boatmen, at £133	"		798		798		
						948		948	
		<i>Outport Branch.</i>							
		Newcastle.							
1	1	Sub-collector	Clerical	A1	500		500		
1	1	Tide Surveyor	"	A3	350		350*		
1	1	Clerk	"	A	280		280		
1	1	Do	"	B	250		250		
1	1	Do	"	D	100		110		
2	2	Lockers, at £175	"	C	350		350		
2	2	Assistant Landing Waiters, at £160	"	C	320		320		
1	1	Engine-driver, Steam-launch	General		150		150		
3	3	Boatmen, at £133	"		399		399		
1	1	Messenger	"		120		120*		
1	1	Housekeeper	"		30		30		
1	1	Switch Attendant	"		26		39		
1	1	Customs Officer, Stockton Wharf	"		20		20		
2	2	Searchers, at £110	"		220		220		
3	3	Tide Waiters—1 at £140, 2 at £130	"		400		400		
		Morpeth and Maitland.							
1	1	Sub-collector	Clerical	A3	300		300*		
		Broken Bay.							
1	1	Coast Waiter	"	B	215		215*		
2	2	Boatmen, at £120	General		240		240*		
		Eden.							
1	1	Sub-collector	Clerical	B	250		250*		
239	239	Carried forward ...	£	.....	4,520	37,236	4,543	37,749

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.										
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
Customs—continued.										
239	239	Brought forward... .. £	.....	...	...	£	4,520	37,236	4,543	£ 37,749
<i>Outport Branch—continued.</i>										
<i>Tweed River.</i>										
1	1	Sub-collector	Clerical	...	B	250			*250	
1	1	Boatman	General	...	...	120			*120	
<i>Botany.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	166			*166	
<i>Bateman's Bay.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	10			10	
<i>Byron Bay.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	20			20	
<i>Bellambi.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	20			20	
<i>Port Kembla.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	20			20	
<i>Wollongong.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	175			*175	
<i>Port Stephens.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	30			30	
<i>Richmond River.</i>										
1	1	Officer of Customs	Clerical	...	D	30			30	
<i>Clarence River.</i>										
1	1	Officer of Customs	"	...	D	30			30	
<i>Border Branch.</i>										
<i>Delegate.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer	General	...	...	10		5,391	10	5,414
<i>Albury.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	A3	...	350			350	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £125, 1 at £75	"	...	D	200			200	
1	1	Bridge Watchman	General	...	...	120			120	
2	2	Preventive Officers, Upper Murray, at £10	"	...	...	20			20	
<i>Hawk's View Bridge.</i>										
1	1	Preventive Officer ... ..	"	...	...	75			75	
<i>Moama.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	A3	...	325			*325	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	C	200			200	
1	1	Second-class Locker	"	...	C	200			*200	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	D	75			75	
2	2	Bridge Watchmen—1 at £120, 1 at £108	General	...	...	228			228	
1	1	Tide Waiter ... ..	"	...	...	110			110	
<i>Wentworth.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	A3	...	350			*350	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	C	200			*200	
1	1	Acting Officer (Murthoo)	"	...	D	25			25	
1	1	Messenger	General	...	...	52			52	
<i>Swan Hill.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	A3	...	300			*300	
1	1	Night Watchman	General	...	...	120			*120	
<i>Euston.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	...	B	250			*250	
<i>Howlong.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	"	A3	...	300			300	
1	1	Bridge Watchman... ..	General	...	...	120			120	
<i>Corowa.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	A3	...	350			350	
1	1	Bridge Watchman	General	...	...	120			120	
<i>Tocumwal.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	...	B	250			*250	
1	1	Bridge Watchman	General	...	...	75			75	
<i>Cobram.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	Clerical	...	C	200			*200	
<i>Mulwala.</i>										
1	1	Sub-Collector	"	A3	...	300			300	
1	1	Bridge Watchman	General	...	...	120			120	
281	281	Carried forward £	5,045	42,627		5,045	43,163

* For deductions, &c., see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.		GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1			Division of Service.	Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
							£		£	
		Customs—continued.								
281	281		Brought forward...	£	.....	...	5,045	42,627	5,045	43,163
		<i>Border Branch—continued.</i>								
		Tooleybuc.								
1	1		Preventive Officer ...	General	...	...	25		25	
		Willyama, Broken Hill.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	Clerical	A3	...	350		*350	
3	3		Clerks—2 at £240 and 1 at £230	"	...	...	710		*710	
1	1		Acting Officer (Silverton)...	"	...	...	25		25	
1	1		Clerk (Burn's) ...	"	...	...	125		*125	
		<i>Queensland Border.</i>						6,280		6,280
		Boggabilla.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	Clerical	...	C	200		*200	
		Wallangarra.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	"	...	...	240		*240	
		Barrington.								
1	1		Preventive Officer ...	General	...	...	30		30	
		Mungindi.								
1	1		Preventive Officer ...	"	...	...	10		10	
		<i>Inland Bonded Warehouses.</i>						480		480
		Bourke.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	Clerical	A3	...	350		*350	
1	1		Assistant Sub-Collector ...	"	...	...	125		*125	
		Deniliquin.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	"	...	A3	300		*300	
		Wilcannia.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	"	...	A3	325		*325	
1	1		Clerk ...	"	...	...	150		*150	
		Brewarrina.								
1	1		Sub-Collector ...	"	...	...	250		*250	
		Allowances to Pilots acting as preventive officers at Kiama, Shoalhaven, Macleay, Nambucca, Bellinger, and Manning Rivers and Port Macquarie—1 at £20 and 6 at £10 per annum ...						1,500		1,500
		Allowance to Sub-collector at Willyama as Inspector of Tobacco Factories, Distilleries, and Excise ...						80		80
		Less—Amount chargeable on account of quarters ...						50,987		51,523
								244		244
								50,743		51,279
		CONTINGENCIES.								
		Contingent and Incidental Expenses ...					4,360		4,360	
		Fuel and Light for Customs, Taxation, and Shipping Office ...					175		175	
		To meet increased cost of living in remote districts ...					466		466	
		Extra Clerical Assistance in connection with Federation ...							1,000	6,001
		<i>Deduct One Moiety from date taken over by Commonwealth, viz., 1st January, 1901</i> ...								57,280
		Gratuities to F. W. Twine and H. L. Low (retired from the Service) in lieu of leave of absence ...								28,640
		Gratuity to the widow of late W. Hare, Jerquer, Customs Department, equal to six months' salary ...							101	28,640
								5,001	125	226
298	298		TOTAL...	£	.....	.....		55,744		28,866
		Gold Receivers.								
		Receivers at Gundagai, Adelong, Sofala, Braidwood, Tumberumba, Wyalong, and Bathurst, at £10 each, and to meet new appointments as required, £20 ...		£		90		90

* For allowances, see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
Gold and Escort.									
		Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts... .. £	.....	...	.....	£	550	£	\$550
Government Printer.*									
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.									
1	1	Government Printer and Inspector of Stamps... ..	Professional	A1	..	800	800		
1	1	Superintendent	"	A2	...	500	500		
						1,300		1,300	
DRAFTING BRANCH.									
1	1	Draftsman-in-charge	"	...	B1	290	290		
1	1	Assistant Draftsman	"	...	B3	165	165		
						455		455	
LITHOGRAPHIC ARTISTS.									
1	1	Lithographic Artist	"	...	B1	290	290		
...	1	Wood Engraver	G e r e l	...	...	.....	208		
						290		498	
CLERICAL DIVISION.									
CLERICAL BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Clerk and Cashier	Clerical	A3	...	350	350		
7	6	Clerks—							
		1 at £220... ..	"	...	B	210	220		
		1 at £200... ..	"	...	C	360	200		
		1 at £140, 1 at £110	"	...	D	220	250		
		1 at £156, 1 at £39	General	...	...	195	195		
ACCOUNT BRANCH.									
1	1	Accountant	Clerical	A3	...	380	380		
3	4	Clerks—							
		2 at £190, 1 at £160	"	...	C	370	540		
		1 at £78	General	...	...	78	78		
						2,163		2,213	
1	1	Expert Clerk to deal with Requisitions	Clerical	A3	..	400	400		400
COMPUTING BRANCH.									
1	1	Computer	"	...	A3	300	300		
1	1	Assistant Computer	"	...	B	225	230		
8	8	Clerks—							
		2 at £200, and 1 at £190	"	...	C	370	590		
		3 at £156, 1 at £65, 1 at £52	General	...	...	735	585		
						1,630		1,705	
ADVERTISING BRANCH.									
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	Clerical	...	A	260	270		
4	4	Clerks—							
		1 at £200, 1 at £160	"	...	C	350	360		
		1 at £125, 1 at £80	"	...	D	175	205		
						785		835	
PUBLISHING AND SALES BRANCH.									
1	1	Sales Clerk	"	...	C	180	180		
9	9	Clerks—							
		3 at £150, 1 at £125, 1 at £80	"	...	D	640	655		
		1 at £156, 1 at £146, 1 at £78, 1 at £39	General	...	...	419	419		
						1,239		1,254	
43	44	Carried forward ... .. £	.....	...	.....	8,262		8,660	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

§ This expenditure will be reimbursed in part by Gold Escort Charges.

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
		Government Printer—continued.							
43	44	Brought forward ...	£	.....	.....	8,262	.....	8,660
		GENERAL DIVISION.							
		STORES BRANCH.							
9	9	Storekeeper, Assistant Storekeeper, Assistant, and Labourers ...	.....	.....	1,459	1,459	1,472	1,472
		READING AND REVISING BRANCH.							
20	25	Readers, Reviser, and Assistants ...	.....	.....	4,180	4,180	4,117	4,117
		COMPOSING BRANCHES.							
132	131	Sub-Overseers, Assistant Sub-Overseers, Clerks, Compositors, and Improvers	.....	.....	21,274	22,274	21,014	22,014
		Overtime as per Regulations ...	.....	.....	1,000		1,000	
		MACHINE AND PRESS BRANCH.							
32	32	Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Machinists, Assistant Machinists, and Cutter ...	.....	.....	4,650	4,650	4,650	4,650
		BOOKBINDING BRANCH.							
81	82	Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Finishers, Bookbinders, Rulers, Assistants, Cutters, Forewoman, Assistant Forewoman, Sewers, Improvers, and Labourers ...	.....	.....	10,532	10,532	10,533	10,533
		WAREHOUSE BRANCH.							
49	53	Foreman, Assistants, Clerk, Cutters, Vanmen, Forewoman, Assistant Forewoman, and Folders ...	.....	.....	3,915	3,915	3,870	3,870
		LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING BRANCH.							
14	13	Overseer, Printers, Assistants, and Stone Polishers ...	.....	.....	1,893	1,893	1,729	1,729
		REVENUE PRINTING BRANCH.							
16	15	Foreman, Sub-Overseer, Printers, Cutter, Assistants ...	.....	.....	2,351	2,351	2,322	2,322
		PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH.							
12	12	Overseer, Operators, Assistants, and Improver ...	.....	.....	1,966	1,966	1,966	1,966
		MECHANICAL BRANCH.							
9	9	Foreman, Fitters, Turner, Joiner, and Labourers ...	.....	.....	1,564	1,564	1,564	1,564
		ELECTROTYPING, STEREOTYPING, AND TYPE-FOUNDING BRANCH.							
11	11	Foreman, Electrotypers, Stereotypers, Casters, Moulders, Engravers, Founders, and Dressers ...	.....	.....	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,747
		RAILWAY TICKET BRANCH.							
8	8	Foreman, Assistant Foreman and Printer, Compositor and Printer, Printers, Checkers, Counters, and Numberers...	.....	.....	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260
		MESSENGERS, &c.*							
4	4	Messengers, Watchmen, and Labourers	520	520	520	520	
440	448	Carried forward ...	£	66,573	66,424	

For allowances, see Schedule.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900.	1901-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Government Printer—continued.								
440	448	Brought forward ...	£	.....	.....	66,573	.....	66,424
CONTINGENCIES.								
		Repairs to Machinery and Incidental Expenses ...	.....	.....	.....	550	.....	550
		Water Supply ...	.....	.....	.....	365	.....	500
		Rent of Store for printed Public Documents, &c. ...	.....	.....	.....	589	.....	589
		Telephone Maintenance ...	.....	.....	.....	98	.....	150
		Cartage (Dray Hire) ...	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
		Casting Rollers ...	.....	.....	.....	204	.....	204
		Forage ...	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	25
		Printing Specifications for Government Architect ...	.....	.....	.....	1,071	.....	1,071
		Fuel and Light ...	.....	.....	.....	1,550	.....	1,550
		Paper, Printing Material, and General Stores ...	.....	.....	.....	25,000	.....	25,000
		Arrears of Salary to W. D. Johnston (Financial year 1898-9) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
		Material for Census Forms ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
						29,502		30,698
440	448	TOTAL ...	£	.....	.....	96,075	.....	97,122
Stores and Stationery.								
<i>Public Service Tender Board.</i>								
...	1	Secretary and Executive Member...	Clerical	A1	.....	.....	.....	600
1	...	Secretary ...	"	A3	.....	300	.....	.....
1	1	Chief Inspector ...	General	.....	.....	500	.....	500
1	1	Inspector ...	Clerical	A3	.....	300	.....	300
...	1	Out-door Inspector...	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
1	1	Accountant ...	"	A3	.....	350	.....	350
1	1	Clerk ...	"	A	.....	260	.....	270
2	2	Clerks—1 at £240, 1 at £225 ...	"	B	.....	465	.....	465
5	6	Do 5 at £200, 1 at £190 ...	"	C	.....	980	.....	1,190
5	5	Do 1 at £110, 3 at £95, 1 at £80 ...	"	D	.....	420	.....	475
						3,575		4,450
<i>Store Branch.</i>								
1	1	Stationer ...	General	.....	.....	245	.....	245
1	1	Stock-keeper ...	"	.....	.....	200	.....	200
1	1	Assistant Stock-keeper ...	"	.....	.....	150	.....	150
1	1	Supervisor of Fuel and Light ...	"	.....	.....	200	.....	200
1	...	Carter ...	"	.....	.....	127	.....	.....
1	...	Watchman ...	"	.....	.....	127	.....	.....
1	1	Junior Messenger ...	"	.....	.....	50	.....	50
7	5	Labourers, at £127 per annum ...	.....	.....	.....	889	.....	635
						1,988		1,480
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
		Stores, Stationery, and Furniture for the Public Service generally ...	.....	.....	.....	58,500	.....	65,000
		Fuel and Light for Departments—outstanding claims ...	.....	.....	.....	2,500	.....	.....
		Conveyance of Stores	2,000	2,000
		Packing and other Expenses	500	500
						63,500		67,500
31	29	TOTAL...	£	69,063	73,430

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
					£		£
Mercantile Explosives.							
1	1	Superintendent	Clerical	A2	400		400*
GENERAL STAFF.							
2	2	Analysts and Inspectors of Magazines, 1 at £250, 1 at £240	Professional	B1	500		490
...	1	Inspector of Magazines	General		210		210
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	B	240		250
3	3	Clerks—1 at £160	"	C	160		160
		2 at £80	"	D	130		160
1	1	Messenger	General		108		108
2	1	Carter	"		250		125
MAGAZINE, MIDDLE HARBOUR.							
1	1	Officer-in-charge	General		250		2125
...	1	Overseer and Second-in-charge	"				2175
...	1	Carpenter	"				2150
...	1	Carpenter and Warder	"				2140
4	13	Warders—4 at £140, 9 at £130	"		530		21,730
LIGHTERAGE AND STEAM SERVICE.							
1	1	Master, steam-launch "Kate"	General		160		160
1	1	Engineer, steam-launch "Kate"	"		140		140
1	1	Stoker and Deckhand, steam-launch "Kate"	"		120		120
2	2	Boatmen at £130	"		260		260
MAGAZINE, GOAT ISLAND.							
1	1	Officer-in-charge	General		285		2260*
1	...	Magazine Carpenter	"		150		.....
9	...	Warders—2 at £140, 7 at £130	"		1,190		.....
MAGAZINE, BROKEN BAY.							
1	...	Overseer	General		175		.....
3	...	Warders—1 at £140, 2 at £130	"		400		.....
...	1	Warder—eight months' salary only ... ..	"		.....		90
MAGAZINE, NEWCASTLE.							
1	1	Overseer and Clerk	Clerical	C	200		200
4	5	Warders—1 at £140, 4 at £130	General		530		2660
1	1	Coxswain, steam-launch "Beatrice"	"		130		130
1	1	Engineer do do	"		140		140
VARIOUS.							
1	...	Inspector of Magazine, Broken Hill	General		200		.....
1	1	Supervising Officer, Newcastle ... ..	.....		50		50
1	1	Supervising Shipwright, for Hulks, &c. ... ..	.....		50		50
		Less amount chargeable for quarters ... ..	.....		.....	6,748 75	6,483
Contingencies.							
		Travelling Expenses, Inspectors of Magazines ... ..	.....		200		400
		Fuel, Oil, Repairs, &c., two Steamers ... ..	.....		400		400
		Rent of Offices ... ..	.....		100		100
		General Incidental Expenses attending Maintenance of Public Magazines, and the analyses, safe custody, and transport of Explosives ... ..	.....		1,600		1,100
		Repairs to Public Magazine "Pride of England" ... ..	.....		512		.....
		Repairs to "Lady Alicia" and "Behring" ... ..	.....		600		.....
		Towards cost of removing Public Magazine from Goat Island, and providing additional facilities for working explosives from Middle Harbour ... ..	.....		.....		1,500
						3,412	3,500
45	44	TOTAL... ..	£		.....	10,085	9,983

* For allowances, see Schedule. a Transferred from Broken Hill to Sydney. b Retired—six months' salary, on leave. c Overseer at £175, and 2 Warders, 1 at £140 and 1 at £130, transferred from Broken Bay; Carpenter and 8 Warders, 3 at £140 and 5 at £130, from Goat Island. d Appointed Officer-in-charge at Middle Harbour in place of late Officer-in-charge, retired. e One Warder at £130 transferred from Goat Island.

No. of Persons.		Estimated Expenditure for Quarantine for the Year will be subject to reduction from date taken over by the Commonwealth within Financial Year.	Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
Board of Health.									
1	1	Chief Medical Officer and President of Board of Health	Professional	A1	...	920		920	
1	1	Principal Assistant Medical Officer and Micro-Biologist	"	A1	...	800		800	
...	1	Assistant Medical Officer of the Government ... ..	"	...	...	.....	1,720	600	2,320
7	9	Members of Board of Health ... ..	.....	...	...	600		800	
		Fees for two Extra Members of Board of Health, from 1 April, 1900 ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	600	50	850
INSPECTORIAL STAFF.									
1	1	Port Health Officer, Port Jackson	Professional	A1	...	575		*575	
1	1	Do Newcastle	"	A1	...	226		226	
1	1	Chief Veterinary Inspector	"	A1	...	635		635	
6	6	Veterinary Inspectors—1 at £325; 2 at £300; 3 at £275	"	A3	...	1,750		1,750	
1	1	Sanitary Inspector... ..	General	...	B	240		300	
							3,426		3,486
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.									
1	1	Secretary	Clerical	A3	...	350		†350	
2	2	Clerks—1 (in charge of Accounts) at £250, 1 at £220	"	...	B	450		470	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	C	190		200	
6	6	Clerks—1 at £140, 1 at £110, 2 at £100, 1 at £65, 1 at £50	"	...	D	525		565	
1	1	Shorthand Writer and Typist	"	...	D	125		140	
2	2	Laboratory Assistants—1 at £175, 1 at £150	General	...	...	325		325	
2	2	Messengers—1 at £68, 1 at £52 ... ..	"	...	...	99		120	
4	4	Cleaners—1 at £75, 2 at £50, 1 at £30 ... ..	"	...	...	205		205	
							2,269		2,375
LEPER LAZARETTE.*									
1	1	Senior Attendant (Males)	General	...	...	180		180	
1	1	Female 1st Attendant ... ..	"	...	...	135		105	
2	2	Attendants—1 at £150, 1 at £144 ... ..	"	...	...	294		294	
1	1	Attendant (Females) ... ..	"	...	...	105		95	
1	1	Cook... ..	"	...	...	144		144	
							858		818
QUARANTINE STAFF.*									
1	1	Superintendent ... ..	"	...	...	365		365	
1	1	Assistant Storekeeper ... ..	"	...	...	190		190	
10	10	Quarantine Officers and Boatmen, 5 at £160, 5 at £148 ... ..	"	...	...	1,540		1,540	
1	1	Wardsman ... ..	"	...	...	160		160	
1	1	Forewoman ... ..	"	...	...	100		100	
1	1	Caretaker, Woolloomooloo Depôt (minor duties) ... ..	"	...	...	12		12	
							2,367		2,367
Less amounts chargeable for value of quarters							11,240		12,216
							969		954
							10,271		11,262
ANALYTICAL BRANCH.(a)									
1	1	Government Analyst	Professional	A1	...	a560		560	
1	1	Second Government Analyst	"	A2	...	a400		400	
1	1	Assistant Government Analyst	"	A3	...	a300		300	
1	1	Junior Assistant	General	...	...	a50		90	
1	1	Cleaner ... ..	"	...	...	a60		60	
							1,370		1,410
64	67	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	...	.....	11,641	.....	12,672

* For deductions, see Schedule.

† Allowed quarters, el, and light.

(a) Voted under Chief Secretary's Estimates last year.

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
					£		£			
		Board of Health—continued.								
64	67	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	11,641	£	12,672
		PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.								
1	1	Medical Officer (Metropolitan) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	750	750	
...	1	Assistant Medical Officer (Metropolitan)	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	
1	1	Medical Officer (Hunter River District)...	.....	.....	.....	700	700	
...	3	Sanitary Inspectors, at £190 each ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	570	
		1,450							2,620	
		GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS.								
1	1	Consulting Engineer ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	150	
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	110	
1	1	Inspector ... ..	.....	.....	.....	400	*400	
1	1	Senior Sub-Inspector ... ..	.....	.....	.....	250	*250	
1	1	Sub-Inspector ... ..	.....	.....	.....	236	*236	
6	6	Sub-Inspectors, at £206 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,226	1,236	
1	1	Stock and Gatekeeper ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	*120	
1	1	Carpenter ... ..	.....	.....	.....	126	126	
1	1	Night Watchman ... ..	.....	.....	.....	117	117	
4	4	Foremen, Stokers, &c., at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	504	504	
18	18	Labourers, at 7s. per diem... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,972	1,972	
		5,211							5,221	
		Less amount chargeable for value of quarters							120	
		5,091							5,101	
...	6	<i>Inspection of Suburban Slaughter-houses.</i> Sub-Inspectors—4 at £206, 2 at £156 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,136
		CONTINGENCIES.								
		<i>Board of Health.</i>								
		Expenses in connection with the administration of the Quarantine Act, Infectious Disease Supervision Act, Diseased Animals and Meat Act, Dairies Supervision Act, Noxious Trades and Cattle Slaughtering Act, Public Health Act, Leprosy Acts, and other Contingencies, including purchase of Oil Launch for use of Health Officer, Newcastle							6,250	7,000
		Fuel and light for office and branches							332	400
		<i>Public Health Act.</i>								
		Reimbursement to Municipal Local Authorities of a moiety of expenses incurred, and payment of <i>bonâ fide</i> expenses incurred by Police Local Authorities when administering the Act ..							3,000	3,000
		Payment of fees for Notification of Infectious Diseases, and to Medical Men for Special Services, as required							1,000	1,000
		Erection of Rabbit Hutches for Experimental purposes							62	
		<i>Analytical Branch</i>								
		Incidental Expenses—Apparatus, Chemicals, Material, fuel, light, and Analytical Branch... ..							†121	121
		<i>Abattoirs.</i>								
		Expenses of Management and Maintenance of the Abattoir, including improvements							5,000	4,000
		<i>Suburban Slaughter-houses.</i>								
		Incidental and other Expenses of Supervision, &c.	300
		15,765							15,821	
102	115	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	33,947	37,350	

* For deductions, see Schedule. † Voted last year under Chief Secretary.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
		Shipping Masters.							
		<i>Sydney.</i>							
1	1	Shipping Master	Clerical..	A2	470		470*		
1	1	Deputy Shipping Master and Accountant	"	A3	300		300*		
1	1	Cashier	"	B	250		250		
1	1	Clerk	"	C	180		190		
2	2	Clerks, 1 at £80, 1 at £50	"	D	135		130		
1	1	Messenger	General		150		150		
1	1	Office-keeper	"		60		60		
						1,545		1,550	
		<i>Newcastle.</i>							
1	1	Shipping Master	Clerical..	A3	375		375		
2	2	Clerks, 1 at £80, 1 at £65	"	D	130		145		
1	1	Messenger and Office-keeper	General..		60		60		
						565		580	
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		Alterations to Outside Buildings, Water Closets, and Rates				2,110		2,130	
		Incidental Expenses				25		76	
						25		30	
						106			
12	12	TOTAL...				2,135		2,236	
<p><i>The Estimated Expenditure on Account of Lighthouses, Beacons, and Buoys for the year will be subject to reduction from date taken over by Commonwealth within the Financial Year.</i></p>									
		Navigation.							
1	...	President			740				
...	1	Superintendent					840		
...	1	Deputy-Superintendent					466*		
8	...	Fees to the Wardens			874				
...	...	Fees to Assessors					800		
1	1	Secretary			470		470		
...	...	Arrears of Salaries of Superintendent, £27 8s. 5d.; Deputy-Superintendent, £13 14s. 2d.; and Secretary, £5 9s. 9d.; from 23rd May to 30th June, 1900					47		
<p>[Subject to alterations on grading by the Public Service Board, under provisions of Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899.]</p>									
1	1	Accountant			236		236*		
1	1	Engineer Surveyor, Inspector, and Examiner			560		560		
1	1	Assistant Engineer Surveyor			371		371		
2	2	Do Surveyors 1 at £308, 1 at £300			608		608		
1	1	Shipwright Surveyor and Inspector			326		326		
1	1	Examiner in Navigation, Pilotage, and Seamanship			380		380		
...	1	Inspector, Sydney					†300		
2	2	Inspectors and Surveyors—1 at £298, 1 at £200			463		498		
1	1	Clerk			150		150		
1	3	Messengers—1 at £150, 1 at £75 (a), 1 at £26			150		251		
...	...	Surveyors at the Out Ports			450		450		
						5,778		6,753	
21	17	Carried forward				5,778		6,753	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

† Transferred from Newcastle.

(a) Previously paid from Miscellaneous Vote.

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
Navigation—continued.									
21	17								
		Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	5,778	£	6,753	
<i>Subject to alterations on grading by Public Service Board, under provisions of Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899.</i>									
NEWCASTLE.									
6	...	Harbour Master and Fees, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	745	.....	.....
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	200		
1	1	Inspector ... ..	.....	.....	.....	45	45*		
1	1	Inspector and Surveyor ... ..	.....	.....	.....	308	343		
1	1	Boatman ... ..	.....	.....	.....	144	144		
1	1	Messenger and Office-keeper ... ..	.....	.....	.....	130	130*		
11	5						1,672		862
HARBOUR MASTERS.									
1	1	Harbour Master, Sydney ... ..	.....	.....	.....	371	371		
1	1	Assistant Harbour Master, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	326	326*		
1	1	Clerk, Sydney ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	150		
3	3						847		847
COLONIAL LIGHT-HOUSES.*									
<i>Principal Light-keepers.</i>									
1	1	Port Jackson—Macquarie Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	157		
1	1	Engineer—Electric Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	263	270		
1	1	Assistant Engineer—Electric Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	150		
1	1	Port Jackson—Hornby Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	245	250		
1	1	Newcastle (acting also as Signal Master)... ..	.....	.....	.....	236	157		
1	1	Cape St. George ... ..	.....	.....	.....	197	232		
1	1	Port Stephens ... ..	.....	.....	.....	177	212		
1	1	Seal Rock Point ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	157		
1	1	Solitary Islands ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	157		
1	1	Montague Island ... ..	.....	.....	.....	245	157		
1	1	Green Cape ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	157		
1	1	Broken Bay—Stewart's Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	182		
1	1	Light-ship "Bramble," Sydney Harbour... ..	.....	.....	.....	245	250		
1	1	Light-ship, "Newcastle" ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Fort Denison Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	133	133		
1	1	Ulladulla ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Nelson's Bay, Port Stephens ... ..	.....	.....	.....	134	157		
1	1	Smoky Cape ... ..	.....	.....	.....	187	222		
18	18						3,237		3,240
<i>First Assistant Light-keepers.*</i>									
1	1	Port Jackson—Macquarie Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	157		
1	1	Do Hornby Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	148	157		
1	1	Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	157	132		
1	1	Cape St. George ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Port Stephens ... ..	.....	.....	.....	127	152		
1	1	Seal Rock Point ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Solitary Islands ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Montague Island ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Green Cape... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
1	1	Light-ship "Bramble,"—Mate ... ..	.....	.....	.....	127	120		
1	1	Broken Bay... ..	.....	.....	.....	134	157		
1	1	Smoky Cape ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	120		
12	12						1,570		1,595
65	55	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	13,104		13,297

* For allowances, see Schedule.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
65	55		£		£		£		
		Navigation—continued.							
		Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	13,104	£	13,297
		[Subject to alterations on grading by Public Service Board, under provisions of Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899.]							
		COLONIAL LIGHT-HOUSES—continued.							
		Second Assistant Light-keepers.*							
1	1	Port Jackson—Macquarie Light				120		120	
1	1	Do Hornby Light				120		120	
1	1	Newcastle				120		120	
1	1	Cape St. George				96		96	
1	1	Port Stephens				106		120	
1	1	Seal Rock Point				96		96	
1	1	Solitary Islands				96		96	
1	1	Montague Island				96		96	
1	1	Green Cape... ..				96		96	
1	1	Broken Bay... ..				120		120	
1	1	Smoky Cape... ..				106		106	
3	3	Light-ship "Bramble,"—Crew, 3 at £96...				312		288	
1	1	Pile Light, Newcastle				120		120	
							1,604	1,594	
15	15								
		SEA AND RIVER PILOTS.*							
		Port Jackson.							
2	2	Assistant Harbour Masters—1 at £326, 1 at £281				607		607	
4	4	Crew for do., at £144				572		576	
		Pilot Service of Port Jackson.							
		Pilot Steamer "Captain Cook"—							
1	1	Master				416		416	
1	1	Mate				175		175	
1	1	2nd Mate... ..				150		150	
1	1	1st Engineer				272		280	
1	1	2nd Engineer				200		200	
4	4	Firemen, 1 at £144, 1 at £141, 1 at £133, 1 at £120				506		538	
6	6	A.B. Seamen, 1 at £101, 5 at £96				576		581	
4	4	Boatmen, 2 at £144, 1 at £139, 1 at £96				503		523	
2	2	Lookout-men, at £144				286		288	
1	1	Cook and Provodore				143		144	
5	6	Sea Pilots—4 at £433, 1 at £300, 1 at £250				1,842		2,282	
		Newcastle.							
7	10	Pilots—2 at £388, 3 at £300, 5 at £250... ..				2,059		2,926	
		Pilot Steamer "Ajax"—							
1	1	Master				250		250	
1	1	Mate				175		175	
1	1	2nd Mate... ..				150		150	
1	1	1st Engineer				200		252	
1	1	2nd Engineer				150		200	
3	3	Firemen, at £132				360		396	
2	2	A.B. Seamen, at £114				192		228	
1	1	Cook and Provodore				96		114	
51	55	Carried forward... ..	£		9,880		11,451	
80	70	Carried forward... ..	£			14,708	14,891	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

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NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
80	70				£		£	
		Navigation—continued.						
		Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	14,708	£	14,891
		[Subject to Alterations on grading by Public Service Board, under provisions of Navigation Amendment Act 1899.]						
		SEA AND RIVER PILOTS*—continued.						
		Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	9,880		11,451
		<i>Manning River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	160		195
		<i>Macleay River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Clarence River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Richmond River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	180		215
		<i>Port Macquarie.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	150		150
		<i>Moruya.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Bellinger River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	160		195
		<i>Tweed River.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	150		150
		<i>Shoalhaven.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Nambuccra.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Camden Haven.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Lake Macquarie.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Cape Hawke.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	241		250
		<i>Wollongong.</i>						
1	1	Pilot... ..	£	.....	.....	215		215
		<i>Kiama.</i>						
1	1	Pilot in charge of the Light, Port, and Moorings	£	.....	.....	236		245
		<i>Twofold Bay.</i>						
1	1	Pilot in charge of the Light, Port, and Moorings	£	.....	.....	160		195
		<i>Gerringong.</i>						
1	1	Person in charge of the Port and Moorings	£	.....	.....	25		25
		<i>Shellharbour.</i>						
1	1	Person in charge of Port and Moorings	£	.....	.....	50		50
69	73	BOATMEN.*				13,294		15,086
		<i>Port Jackson. (Boatswain's Yard.)</i>						
1	1	Boatswain in charge	£	.....	.....	199		200
14	16	Boatmen, 11 at £144, 1 at £141, 1 at £119, 1 at £106, 2 at £96	£	.....	.....	1,869		2,142
		<i>Newcastle.</i>						
24	30	Boatmen, 1 at £154, 14 at £126, 1 at £124, 1 at £120, 2 at £114, 11 at £96	£	.....	.....	2,851		3,446
1	1	Carpenter	£	.....	.....	167		167
40	48	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	5,086		5,955
149	143	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	28,002		29,977

* For allowances, see Schedule.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
Navigation—continued.									
[Subject to Alterations on grading by Public Service Board, under provisions of Navigation (Amendment) Act, 1899.]									
149	143	Brought forward... .. £	.....	.....	.....	23,002	.....	29,977	
BOATMEN*—continued.									
40	48	Brought forward... .. £	.....	.....	.....	5,086	.....	5,955	
<i>Manning River.</i>									
5	5	Boatmen, 4 at £126, 1 at £96 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	580	.....	600	
<i>Macleay River.</i>									
4	4	Boatmen, 1 at £124, 1 at £101, 2 at £96...	.....	.....	.....	424	.....	417	
<i>Clarence River.</i>									
5	5	Boatmen, 3 at £126, 1 at £124, 1 at £101	.....	.....	.....	580	.....	603	
<i>Richmond River.</i>									
6	6	Boatmen, 4 at £126, 2 at £124 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	706	.....	752	
<i>Port Macquarie.</i>									
5	5	Boatmen, at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	630	.....	630	
<i>Moruya.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	252	.....	252	
<i>Bellingen River.</i>									
4	4	Boatmen, 1 at £126, 1 at £119, 2 at £101	.....	.....	.....	419	.....	447	
<i>Tweed River.</i>									
5	5	Boatmen, 4 at £126, 1 at £124 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	610	.....	628	
<i>Shoalhaven.</i>									
4	4	Boatmen, at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	504	.....	504	
<i>Twofold Bay.</i>									
4	4	Boatmen, 3 at £126, 1 at £96 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	494	.....	474	
<i>Nambucca River.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	252	.....	252	
<i>Camden Haven.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, 1 at £126, 1 at £96 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	222	.....	222	
<i>Lake Macquarie.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	252	.....	252	
<i>Cape Hawke.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, 2 at £126 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	242	.....	252	
<i>Wollongong.</i>									
2	2	Boatmen, at £144 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	288	.....	288	
94	102					11,541		12,528	
TELEGRAPH STATIONS.*									
1	1	Signal Master, Fort Philip ... ..	.....	.....	.....	245	.....	245	
1	1	Signal Master's Assistant ... ..	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	120	
1	1	Signal Master, South Head ... ..	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	150	
1	1	Night Look-out-man, Signal Hill, New- castle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	144	.....	144	
1	1	2nd Night Look-out-man, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	131	.....	131	
1	1	Signal Master, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	175	
...	1	Assistant Signal Master, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	
1	1	Junior Operator and Clerk, South Head...	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100	
1	1	Operator, Port Stephens ... ..	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	26	
...	1	Signal Attendant, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	
8	10					1,116		1,331	
Towards placing the Salaries for 1899-1900 of Pilots, Boatmen, and others at the rates to which the officers were entitled when the late Regulations were cancelled									
						1,100		
251	255	Carried forward... .. £	41,759	43,836	

* For allowances, see Schedule.

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
		Navigation—continued.							
251	255	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	41,759	.....	43,836	
		MISCELLANEOUS.							
		Expenses in connection with Courts of Marine Inquiry, including witnesses' expenses, counsel fees, &c. ....	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	1,500	
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	400	
		Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	150	
		New Boats and Repairs, and Repairs to Boat-sheds and Pilot Stations ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	800	
		Forage and Farriery for Light-house Horses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	150	
		Expense of communication ... ..	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	100	
		For the maintenance of the Leading Lights in the Eastern Channel, Port Jackson ... ..	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	60	
		For the maintenance of the four Leading Lights on the Beacons erected in the Port of Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	48	
		For the maintenance of the Breakwater and Tide Lights, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	72	
		For the maintenance of Position Light, Trial Bay ... ..	.....	.....	.....	700	.....	52	
		For the purchase and maintenance of Buoys, Beacons, and Moorings for the Department generally ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....	700	
		For erecting and maintaining Beacon Lights, Lower Flats, Newcastle, Clarence River, Richmond River, Cook's River, and other places ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,800	.....	1,000	
		Coals and other Contingent Expenses connected with the Steam Pilot Service, Port Jackson ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	1,800	
		To erect and repair Boatmen's Quarters at Newcastle and other Out Ports ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	300	
		Allowance in lieu of Quarters to Harbour Master and Pilots, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	150	
		Engineer and other Expenses in connection with the Electric Light, South Head, Port Jackson ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	300	
		Additional Moorings for the Harbour of Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	300	
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,500	
		Coal and other Contingent Expenses connected with the Steam Pilot Service, Newcastle ... ..	.....	.....	.....	5,309	.....	1,200	
		To subsidise Tug-boats for Northern Rivers and Harbours ... ..	.....	.....	.....	750	.....	5,309	
		To subsidise Tug-boat for Clarence River ... ..	.....	.....	.....	336	.....	750	
		To subsidise Tug-boat for Wollongong ... ..	.....	.....	.....	650	.....	336	
		Telegraph Line to Lighthouse, Point Perpendicular. (Re-vote) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650	
		Towards providing telegraphic or telephonic communication between Montagu Island and mainland ... ..	.....	.....	.....	15,827	.....	950	
		AUSTRALIAN COAST LIGHT-HOUSES.							
		Contribution towards the maintenance of Lights on King's Island, Kent's Group, and other places in Bass Straits ... ..	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	800	
251	255	TOTAL... ... ..	£	.....	.....	58,886	.....	62,563	
		Life-boats.							
		Officer-in-charge of Life-saving Appliances ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	
		Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Life-boats, and Life-saving Apparatus and other Expenses in connection therewith ... ..	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	600	
		TOTAL... ... ..	£	.....	.....	600	.....	625	

No. of Persons.		GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties.						
1	1	Manager and Collector	Clerical	A1	£ 500	£ 500*
1	1	Assistant Manager... ..	"	A3	325	325
1	1	Clerk	"	B	225	225
1	1	Bookkeeper	"	C	200	200
1	1	Outdoor Officer	General		170	170
8	10	Watchmen	"		832	1,040
3	4	Junior Clerks, 3 at £65, 1 at £50	Clerical	D	150	245
1	1	Outdoor Collector	General		130	130
1	1	Office-cleaner	"		39	39
1	1	Watchman	"		130	130
<i>Cowper Wharf.</i>					2,701	3,004
1	1	Wharfinger	Clerical	A	275	275
1	1	Clerk	"	D	100	110
<i>Pymont Wharf.</i>					375	385
1	1	Wharfinger	"	C	175	185
1	1	Clerk	"	D	140	150
<i>Blackwattle Bay Wharf.</i>					315	335
...	1	Caretaker ... ..	.....		.....	145
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	D	150	150
1	...	Day Watchman	General		125	.....
<i>Darling Harbour Wharf.</i>					275	295
...	1	Caretaker ... ..	"		.....	145
<i>Woolgoolga Wharf.</i>					145	145
1	1	Caretaker	"		145	145*
<i>Coff's Harbour Jetty.</i>					145	145
1	1	Caretaker	"		145	145*
<i>White Bay Wharf.</i>					145	145
1	1	Wharfinger	Clerical	D	140	140
<i>Stockton Wharf.</i>					140	140
1	1	Wharfinger	"	D	145	145
<i>Bourke Wharf.</i>					145	145
1	1	Caretaker	General		145	145
To bring salaries of J. Platt and J. Quinn up to amount as graded by Board					.....	18
<i>Less—</i>					4,386	4,902
Amount chargeable for value of Quarters					90	40
					4,296	4,862
CONTINGENCIES.						
Commissions and Rebates					2,000	1,500
Incidental Expenses, including Water Supply and Coal for Northern Wharfs, &c.					450	500
Cleaving Public Wharfs					432	432
Lighting and Maintenance of Lights on Wharfs, Stockton, Wollongong, and Kiama					85	160
Rent of Punt for use at Jetty at Meat Markets, Darling Harbour					50	.....
Fire Insurance on Buildings					300	150
Maintenance of Electric Lighting of Circular Quay					550	550
Incidental Expenses resumed properties generally ... ..					.....	300
					3,867	3,592
RESUMED PROPERTIES—DARLING HARBOUR, &c.						
Expenses in connection with Wharfs—Salaries, wages, &c. ... ..					.....	4,000
Collection of rents and Clerical work ... ..					.....	1,050
Repairs and alterations ... ..					.....	1,500
Insurance on buildings, &c.	2,000
					8,550
					12,142
30	34	TOTAL	£	8,163	17,004

* For deductions, &c., see Schedule.

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No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	£
Miscellaneous Services.				
Postage of Public Departments	33,875		33,875	
Advertising for the Public Service	6,500		6,500	
For the transmission of Telegraphic Messages	18,000		18,000	
Commission on Payments in England, by the Government Financial Agents	1,500		1,500	
Insurance, Shipping Charges, &c., on English Shipments	300		300	
Management of, and expenses in connection with payment of half-yearly dividends on Inscribed Stock by the Bank of England	19,400		19,400	
Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	15,000		15,000	
Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney	400		400	
For the relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports, or from Wrecked Vessels, &c....	100		100	
In aid of the Sailors' Home, Newcastle	350		350	
In aid of the Sailors' Home, Sydney	350		350	
Amount payable to Railway Department for conveyance, without charge, of Members of Parliament, Distinguished Visitors, School Children, and others	18,000		18,000	
Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns	9,000		9,000	
To pay interest on uninvested cash balances at the credit of various Trust Accounts in the temporary possession of the Government	8,650		10,300	
To pay interest on special deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales	72,100		86,100	
To meet Legal Expenses, Treasury Department	500		500	
To meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for	2,000		2,000	
To meet claims for the refund of Pilotage, Harbour and Light Rates, and Wharfage and Tonnage Dues in certain cases	500		500	
To meet the cost of Private Letter-boxes for Public Departments	450		450	
Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales	500		500	
Expenses connected with Rocket Apparatus, Newcastle	300		300	
Towards cost of furniture for new Treasury Buildings	500		.....
Refunds of Civil Service Superannuation deductions, payable to Officers who have voluntarily resigned the Service	200		71	
Contribution towards foundation and maintenance, expense of computations, and results of observations taken at Kosciusko and Low-level Observatories	400		250	
Circular Quay Pontoon Accident—Expenses of Inquiry	147		.....
Federal Celebrations—Towards cost of ... ..	.....		20,000	
Grafton Bond Warehouses—Expenses in connection with ... ..	.....		7,500	
Gratuity to Miss Ada M. Moffitt, niece of late G. J. Moffitt, Signalmaster, Fort Phillip (half year's salary) ... ..	.....		125	
Proportion of Expenditure on account of Naval and Military Contingents and Plague ... ..	.....		26,250	
		209,022		277,621
TOTAL	£	209,022		277,621
Advance to Treasurer.				
To enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation. The whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1902	£	100,000		100,000

IV.

Railways.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
84-86	Railways and Tramways:—	£	£
	Existing Lines—Working Expenses	2,044,274	2,200,052
	TOTAL	£ 2,044,274	2,200,052

*The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. of Persons.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
No. IV.—RAILWAYS.			
Railways.			
WORKING EXPENSES.			
Schedule showing the distribution of expenditure on the Vote for the year ending 30th June, 1900, and the amount estimated to be expended during the year ending the 30th of June, 1901, but subject to any alterations which the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.			
GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT.			
1	1	Secretary	900
2	2	Clerks	66
11	11	Clerks, and wages of Messengers	2,290
			3,850
<i>Account Branch.</i>			
1	1	Chief Accountant	1,000
1	1	Paymaster	600
1	1	Cashier	500
2	2	Book-keepers	850
4	4	Clerks	1,015
30	31	Clerks, and wages of Messenger... ..	6,391
			10,356
<i>Existing Lines and Maintenance Branch.</i>			
1	1	Engineer for Existing Lines	1,060
1	1	Chief Clerk	470
11	11	Engineers and Surveyors	5,400
11	15	Draftsmen and Cadets	2,800
46	46	Inspectors and Clerical Staff	7,435
6	6	Permanent-way Accountant and Staff	1,215
			18,380
		Salaries and Wages of Employees generally, Renewals, and Maintenance of Way and Works (including Materials)...	367,590
			385,970
<i>Signal and Interlocking Branch.</i>			
1	1	Interlocking Engineer	600
3	3	Draftsmen and Cadet	525
9	9	Inspecting and Clerical Staff	1,705
		Wages and Salaries of Employees, Maintenance, and Repairs of Signals and Interlocking (Materials included)	7,255
			10,085
<i>Locomotive Branch.</i>			
1	1	Locomotive Engineer	1,200
8	8	Draftsmen	2,195
1	1	Chief Clerk	500
22	22	Inspecting and Clerical Staff and Office Expenses	5,985
22	22	Locomotive Accountant and Staff	3,865
			13,745
		Salaries of General Staff, Wages of Employees generally, Running Expenses and Repairs of Locomotives, Carriages, and Waggons (Materials included)	776,955
			790,700
196	201	Carried forward... ..	£
			1,200,961
			1,282,604

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. IV.—RAILWAYS.

No. of Persons.		RAILWAYS.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Railways—continued.			
196	201	Brought forward	£ 1,200,961		1,282,604
		EXISTING LINES.*			
		<i>Traffic Branch.</i>			
1	1	Chief Traffic Manager	900		900
9	9	Out-door Superintendents, Goods Manager, District Superintendents, and Coal Overseer	5,155		5,155
1	1	Clerk	450		450
1	1	Berthing Master	215		230
152	149	Station-masters	32,300		32,000
		Allowances for House-rent	1,500		1,500
		Salaries and Wages of General Staff, Officers-in-Charge, Night Officers, Goods and Station Clerks, Guards, Signalmen, Shunters, Porters, &c., with all Stores and Materials required for Working Traffic and Compensation	438,480		452,760
			479,000		492,995
		<i>General Charges.</i>			
1	1	Traffic Auditor	600		600
4	4	Audit Inspectors	1,395		1,395
55	56	Clerical Staff—Messengers, &c.	6,935		7,415
			8,930		9,410
1	1	Comptroller of Stores	800		800
23	24	Clerical Staff—Stores Branch	3,510		3,240
		Wages, &c., Store Labourers and Sheet Repairers	3,667		3,690
			7,977		7,730
1	1	Electrical Engineer	900		900
		Telegraphic and Electrical Staff	13,100		13,400
			14,000		14,300
1	1	Property and Estate Agent, also Advertising Agent	450		475
		Do do Branch charges (including Advertising)	1,714		1,774
			2,164		2,249
1	1	Solicitor and Staff	1,540		1,675
		Medical Officer	900		900
		Contingencies	1,750		1,750
		Stationery, Printing, Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Advertising, &c	14,000		14,000
		Miscellaneous Services, Gratuities to Staff dispensed with, and to Relatives of Employees fatally injured	7,500		7,500
			25,790		25,825
		TOTAL, GENERAL	£ 58,861		59,514
147	451	TOTAL, RAILWAYS... ..	£ 1,738,822		1,835,113
447	451	Carried forward... ..	£ 1,738,822		1,835,113

RAILWAYS.

Particulars.	Estimated Expenditure from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Percentage to estimated Revenue, from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Expenditure from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	Percentage to estimated Revenue, from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.
Locomotive Branch	£ 790,700	24.94	£ 821,900	24.91
Maintenance do	396,055	12.49	446,261	13.52
Traffic do	479,000	15.11	492,895	14.94
General Charges, &c.	73,067	2.31	73,957	2.24
Amount advanced in excess of Vote	60,000	1.80	.....	.....
	1,798,822	56.75	1,835,113	55.61

Estimated Revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1901 £3,300,000
 Revenue, as estimated, for the year ended 30th June, 1900 3,170,000

Estimated Increase £130,000

* For Allowances, see Schedule.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. of Persons.		No. IV.—RAILWAYS.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900.	1900-1					Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
		Railways—continued.							
447	451	Brought forward ... ..				£	.....	1,738,822	1,835,113
		GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.* (Including Steam, Cable, and Electric.)							
		<i>Power Branch.</i>							
1	1	Superintendent (Locomotive)					700	700	
14	14	Clerical Staff					2,400	2,400	
		Wages and Salaries of Employees, Running Expenses, and Repairs to Motors and Rolling Stock (including Materials)					170,680	150,478	
							173,780		153,578
		<i>Maintenance Branch.</i>							
1	1	Engineer					550	550	
2	2	Inspectors					475	475	
4	4	Clerks and Cadet					555	625	
		Wages and Salaries of Employees, Maintenance and Renewals of Way and Works, &c. (including Materials)					51,763	60,013	
							53,343		61,663
		<i>Traffic Branch.</i>							
1	1	Tramway Superintendent					700	700	
1	1	District Superintendent					500	500	
6	10	Auditor, Inspecting and Clerical Staff					1,130	2,175	
		Stationery and Printing, Rent, &c.					1,600	2,200	
		Wages and Salaries of Employees, Conductors, Shunters, Flagmen, &c., &c., including Stores for working the Traffic					74,399	144,123	
							78,329		149,693
30	34	TOTAL, TRAMWAYS ... ..				£	.....	305,452	364,939
477	485	GRAND TOTAL, RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS ... ..				£	.....	2,044,274	2,200,052

TRAMWAYS.

Particulars.	Estimated Expenditure from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Percentage to estimated Revenue from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Expenditure from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	Percentage to estimated Revenue from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.
	£		£	
Locomotive Branch	173,780	46·96	153,578	33·38
Maintenance do	53,343	14·42	61,663	13·41
Traffic do	78,329	21·17	149,698	32·54
	305,452	82·55	364,939	79·33

Estimated Revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1901 £460,000

Revenue, as estimated, for the year ended 30th June, 1900 370,000

Estimated Increase £90,000

*For Allowances see Schedule.

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The Attorney-General.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
		£	£	£	£
88	The Attorney-General	25,282	22,080	26,268	*22,230
90	Public Service Board	3,717	2,283	4,300	2,000
90	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	19,544		25,800
		28,999	43,907	30,568	50,030
	TOTAL... ..	£	72,906		80,598

* £100 estimated to be recovered.

*The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. of Persons.		No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.				GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
The Attorney-General.									
1	1	Attorney-General	£1,820						
		Less—Provided for in Schedule	1,500						
				.....	...	.....	320		320
1	1	Secretary to the Attorney-General ...		Special...	...	920		920	
1	1	Senior Clerk		Clerical	A3	375		375	
1	1	Accountant		do	A3	350		350	
1	1	Clerk		do	A	263		280	
1	1	Do		Professional	B1	250		250	
2	3	Clerks, 1 at £100, 1 at £65, and 1 at £50		Clerical	D	150		215	
							2,308		2,390
1	1	Parliamentary Draftsman		Professional	A1	830		830	
1	1	Professional Assistant		do	1B	350		350	
							1,180		1,180
1	1	Chief Messenger		General	...	150		150	
1	1	Assistant do		do	...	108		115	
							258		265
1	1	Master in Equity ... ..		.....	...	.....	1,010		1,010*
<i>Central Criminal Court.</i>									
1	1	Crown Prosecutor ... ..		.....	...	800		800	
<i>Sydney Quarter Sessions.</i>									
1	1	Crown Prosecutor ... ..		.....	...	740		740	
<i>Suburban and Country Quarter Sessions.</i>									
6	6	Crown Prosecutors, at £515 ... ..		.....	...	3,090		3,090	
							4,630		4,630
The Judges.									
		The Chief Justice	} (Provided for in Schedule A, and by Colonial Acts—page 8.)						
		The Puisne Judges							
		District Court Judges	} (Provided for by Act 46 Vic. No. 16.) page 5.)						
1	1	Associate to Chief Justice...	290		290
1	1	Do to Judge in Divorce ... ..	.....	...	...	290		290	
5	5	Associates, at £254 ... ..	.....	...	...	1,270		1,270	
							1,850		1,850
1	1	Tipstaff to Chief Justice ... ..		.....	...	175		175	
6	6	Tipstaves, at £150... ..		.....	...	900		900	
							1,075		1,075
		Acting Judges of Supreme Court		.....	...	1,500		1,500	
		Do District Court ... ..		.....	...	1,500		1,500	
							3,000		3,000
35	36	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	...	.....	15,631		15,720

* Also receives £335 per annum as Master in Lunacy, page 22.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1			Division of Service.	GRADE.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					Higher.	Lower.					
							£	£			
		Attorney-General—continued.									
35	36	Brought forward...		£	.....	.....	15,631	£	15,720	
1	1	Crown Solicitor		Professional	A1	...	1,640	1,640			
		CIVIL BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Clerk		Professional	A1	...	650	650			
3	3	Clerks—1 at £525, 2 at £400		"	A2	...	1,325	1,325			
4	3	Do 1 at £350, 2 at £300		"	A3	...	1,100 ^a	950 ^a			
1	1	Clerk		Clerical	A	...	260	270			
3	1	Do		"	B	...	220	245			
3	3	Clerks—1 at £220, 1 at £200, 1 at £180		"	B,C	...	580	600			
4	4	Do 3 at £150		Professional	2 E	}	500	575			
		1 at £125		Clerical	D						
		RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION (LOAN VOTES).									
1	1	Clerk		"	A2	...	425	425			
		MESSENGERS.									
1	1	Messenger		General	...	...	125	125		
1	1	Assistant Messenger ... ..		"	...	...	108	115		
2	2	Probationary Messengers, at £52... ..		.....	.....	.....	104	104		
		CRIMINAL LAW BRANCH.									
1	1	Clerk of the Peace		Professional	A1	...	750	750			
1	1	Prosecuting Officer... ..		"	A1	...	500	500			
1	1	Clerk		"	A3	...	360	360			
1	1	Do		Clerical	A	...	299	299			
1	1	Do		"	B	...	250	250			
1	1	Do		"	C	...	180	190			
1	1	Do		"	D	...	150	150			
1	1	Messenger		General	...	...	125	125		
								9,651	9,648		
		TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS.									
...	2	Conveyancing Solicitors—1 at £500, 1 at £400	900	900		
		Contingencies.									
		Legal Expenses of Prosecutions, &c., Purchase of Books and Law Reports, and Unforeseen Expenses generally	2,500	2,500		
		Defences of Impecunious Prisoners on Capital Charges	500	500		
		For Law Revision and Consolidation of Statutes	2,100	2,100		
		Allowances to Witnesses—Central Criminal Court, Circuit Courts, and Quarter Sessions, and Travelling Expenses	12,050	12,050		
		Engrossing, Searches, and Incidental Expenses, and extra clerical assistance...	1,000	1,000		
		Travelling Expenses of the Supreme Court Judges	1,330	1,330		
		Towards Formation of Library, Supreme Court	300	300		
		Towards formation of Library, Equity Court	100*		
		Towards formation of Library, District Court	50*		
		Travelling Expenses, District Court Judges	2,000	2,000		
		Supreme Court Judges—Incidental	200	200		
		Fees for Copying Documents, &c., for the Public	100	100†		
								22,080	22,230		
66	68	TOTAL...		£	.....	.....	47,362	.....	48,498	

* Previously provided for in Estimates of Justice Department.

† £100 estimated to be collected from the Public.

^a Officer transferred to Registrar General's Department.

No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
Public Service Board (a).									
					£		£		
1	...	Secretary	Clerical...	A1	600		.....	
1	...	Registrar	"	A2	400		.....	
1	...	Chief Clerk	"	A3	300		.....	
2	...	Senior Clerks, at £270	"	A	530		.....	
1	...	Clerk	"	B	200		.....	
6	...	Clerks—2 at £200, 2 at £180, 3 at £150..	"	C	1,010		.....	
5	...	Do —2 at £140, 1 at £80, 1 at £65, and 1 at £50	"	D	455		.....	
...	...	Typist	"	D	.....		.....
2	...	Messengers—1 at £105, 1 at £52	General..		150		.....	
...	...	Junior Messenger ... ..	"		.....		.....
1	...	Housekeeper	"		72		.....	
						3,717			
<i>As Rearranged.</i>									
...	1	Secretary	Clerical...	A1	.....			600	
...	1	Registrar	"	A2	.....			400	
...	1	Examiner*	"	A3	.....			350	
...	1	Chief Clerk	"	A3	.....			300	
...	1	Senior Clerk	"	A3	.....			300	
...	1	Shorthand Writer	"	A3	.....			300	
...	1	Clerk	"	B	.....			225	
...	5	Clerks—2 at £180, 1 at £160, 2 at £150...	"	C	.....			820	
...	1	Clerk (new position)	"	C	.....			150	
...	6	Clerks—2 at £140, 1 at £80, 1 at £65, 2 at £50	"	D	.....			525	
...	1	Typist (new position)	"	D	.....			75	
...	2	Messengers—1 at £105, 1 at £52	General..		.....			157	
...	1	Junior Messenger (new position)...	"		.....			26	
...	1	Housekeeper ... ..	"		.....			72	
									4,300
CONTINGENCIES.									
Incidental and Contingent expenses, including Rent, Travelling of Board and Staff, Witnesses at Inquiries, Extra Clerical Assistance, &c.									
					2,283		2,000†		
						2,283			2,000
20	24	TOTAL... ..			.....	6,000	.....	6,300	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.									
To meet Gratuities to Officers upon retirement through abolition of office									
					4,400			4,400	
To meet gratuities in special cases to widows and families of officers left in necessitous circumstances									
					.....			1,400	
Adjustments of Salaries under the provisions of the Increment Regulations; of Salaries of Professional Officers receiving less than £300 per annum; and to meet new appointments found to be required, under £100 per annum									
					14,000			14,000	
To meet Increases which may be granted in the Regrading of the Service during the present Financial Year (to be applicable to all grades)									
					.....			6,000	
To meet increased cost of living allowances to Officers stationed in remote districts (formerly voted under Treasury)									
					1,144				
						19,544			25,800
		TOTAL... ..			.....	19,544	.....	25,800	

* Previously paid £300 per annum from Contingencies. † Part of this sum will be recovered from fees paid for examinations, (a) For allowances, &c., see Schedule.

VI.

Secretary for Lands.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
		£	£	£	£
	DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.				
92-98	Department of Lands	165,301	36,350	160,543	36,350
98	Land Appeal Court ... ..	.....	1,400	.....	1,300
99	Church and School Lands ... ..	.....	500	.....	350
99	Advances to Settlers' Board ... ..	.....	1,104	.....	1,300
99	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	26,691	.....	31,725
	<i>Total</i>	£ 165,301	66,045	160,543	71,025
	SURVEY OF LANDS.				
100	Survey of Lands ... ..	.....	68,530	.....	68,480
100	Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony ... ..	.....	3,630	.....	3,370
	<i>Total</i>	£	72,160	.....	71,850
		£ 165,301	138,205	160,543	142,875
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	£	303,506	.....	303,418
	SPECIAL SERVICES—				
100	Labour Settlements ... ..	.....	250	.....	50
	TOTAL SECRETARY FOR LANDS	£	303,756	.....	303,468

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. of Persons.		No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.				GRADES.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.				Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
								£		£			
Department of Lands.													
1	1	Secretary for Lands	...	...	Special	...	...	1,370	...	1,370	
1	1	Under Secretary	...	...	Special	...	...	920	...	920	
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.													
1	1	Chief Inspector	...	...	Clerical	A1	..	605	...	605	
1	1	Chief Clerk	...	...	"	A1	...	550	...	550	
1	1	Inspector of Land Board and District Survey Offices	...	...	Professional	A1	...	550	...	550	
1	1	Inspector of Land Board and District Survey Offices	...	...	Clerical	A2	...	400	...	400	
1	1	Inspector of Crown Lands Agents' Offices	...	...	"	A3	...	350	...	350	
								2,455		2,455			
ACCOUNT BRANCH.*													
1	1	Accountant	...	...	"	A1	...	500	...	500	
1	1	Sub-Accountant	...	...	"	A3	...	325	...	325	
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	A3	...	300	...	300	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £290, a 1 at £270	...	...	"	A	...	820	...	850	
5	5	Do 3 at £250, 1 at £240, a 1 at £230	...	...	"	B	...	1,210	...	1,220	
3	3	Do 2 at £200, 1 at £190	...	...	"	C	...	580	...	590	
								3,735		3,785			
STORES—SUB-BRANCH.													
1	1	Clerk	...	...	Clerical	...	B	240	...	240	
1	1	Attendant	...	...	General	...	...	70	...	70	
								310		310			
SALES DIVISION.													
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	...	...	Clerical	A2	...	475	...	475	
Conditional Purchase Branch.													
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	...	...	"	A2	...	400	...	400	
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	A3	...	325	...	325	
1	1	Do	...	...	"	A	...	260	...	270	
8	7	Clerks—2 at £250, a 1 at £230, a 4 at £225	...	...	"	B	...	1,855	...	1,630	
4	4	Do 3 at £200, 1 at £170	...	...	"	C	...	760	...	770	
2	2	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £125	...	...	"	D	...	260	...	275	
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	...	...	254	...	254	
								4,114		3,924			
Conditional Purchase Record Branch.													
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	A3	...	300	...	300	
1	1	Do	...	...	"	B	...	230	...	230	
3	3	Clerks at £200	...	...	"	C	...	600	...	600	
3	3	Do 3 at £150	...	...	"	D	...	440	...	450	
1	1	Junior Clerk	...	...	"	D	...	50	...	50	
								1,620		1,630			
Conditional Lease Branch.													
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	...	...	"	A3	...	335	...	335	
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	B	...	230	...	230	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £200, 1 at £190	...	...	"	C	...	580	...	590	
1	1	Clerka	...	...	"	D	...	110	...	125	
								1,255		1,280			
Alienation Branch.													
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	...	...	"	A3	...	350	...	350	
1	1	Clerka	...	...	"	A	...	280	...	290	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £240, a 1 at £220	...	...	"	B	...	440	...	460	
3	3	Do 1 at £200, 2 at £180	...	...	"	C	...	560	...	560	
4	4	Do 1 at £150, a 1 at £125, a 1 at £95, a 1 at £65	...	...	"	D	...	395	...	435	
								2,025		2,095			
Deeds Branch.													
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	...	...	"	A3	...	375	...	375	
1	1	Clerka	...	...	"	A	...	260	...	270	
1	1	Do	...	...	"	B	...	250	...	250	
1	1	Do	...	...	"	C	...	200	...	200	
2	2	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £125	...	...	"	D	...	260	...	275	
								1,345		1,370			
74	73	Carried forward				£	19,624	19,614		

* For allowances, see Schedule.

(a) Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote, £14,000 (Item 182).

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

No. of Persons.		Department of Lands—continued.	Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
74	73	Brought forward... .. £	.....	...	...	.....	19,624	£	19,614
		LEASE DIVISION.							
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	Clerical	A2	...	.....	475		475
		<i>Miscellaneous Branch.</i>							
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	"	A3	...	350		350	
2	2	Clerk and Shorthand Writer, at £299; clerk, at £270a	"	...	A	540		569	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £230a, 1 at £220a	"	...	B	435		450	
4	4	Do 3 at £200a, 1 at £190a	"	...	C	770		790	
5	5	Do 3 at £150a, 1 at £140a, 1 at £110a	"	...	D	665		700	
		<i>Miscellaneous Lease Branch.</i>					2,760		2,859
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	"	A3	...	325		325	
2	1	Clerka	"	...	A	520		270	
1	...	Clerk	"	...	B	230		.....
4	5	Clerks—3 at £200, 1 at £190a, 1 at £170a	"	...	C	740		960	
2	2	Do 1 at £140a, 1 at £80a	"	...	D	200		220	
1	2	Junior Clerks, at £50	"	...	D	50		100	
		<i>Occupation Branch.</i>					2,065		1,875
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	"	A3	...	350		350	
5	5	Clerks—3 at £250, 1 at £230, 1 at £220a	"	...	B	1,190		1,200	
3	3	Do 2 at £200, 1 at £180	"	...	C	580		580	
3	3	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £110a, 1 at £100	"	...	D	350		360	
		MINISTERIAL BRANCH.*					2,470		2,490
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	"	A3	...	325		325	
4	4	Clerks—2 at £250a, 1 at £230a, 1 at £220a	"	...	B	925		950	
3	3	Do 2 at £190a, 1 at £180	"	...	C	540		560	
4	4	Do 1 at £150a, 2 at £110, 1 at £50	"	...	D	410		420	
		INFORMATION BUREAU AND MAP SALES BRANCH.*					2,200		2,255
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge	"	A2	...	350		350	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	A	270		270	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £200a, 1 at £190a	"	...	C	370		390	
4	4	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £125a, 1 at £110a, 1 at £65a	"	...	D	410		450	
...	1	Junior Clerk ... ..	"	...	...	.....		50	
1	1	Attendant	General	...	...	75		75	
1	1	Telephone Operator ... ..	"	...	...	52		65	
		CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS BRANCH.					1,527		1,650
1	1	Senior Clerk	Clerical	A3	...	300		300	
1	...	Clerk	"	...	C	200		.....
1	1	Do	"	...	D	100		100	
		RABBIT BRANCH.					600		400
1	1	Clerk-in-Chargea	"	A3	...	325		250	
1	...	Clerk	"	...	B	250		.....
		ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD.					575		250
...	...	Chairman†	Clerical	A1	...	.....		.....
...	1	Secretary	"	A3	...	.....		†350	
...	1	Accountant	"	...	A	.....		†260	
...	1	Messenger	General	...	...	.....		§104	
...	1	Office Cleaner ... ..	"	...	...	.....		§50	
		LOCAL LAND BOARD OFFICES.					.....		764
12	12	Chairmen, at £650	Clerical	A1	...	7,800		7,800	
12	12	Clerks-in-Charge—6 at £350, 1 at £335, 3 at £325, and 2 at £300	"	A3	...	4,010		4,010	
2	2	Clerks, at £300a	"	A3	...	600		600	
3	4	Do 2 at £290a, 2 at £260	"	...	A	800		1,100	
9	8	Do 2 at £250, 1 at £225, 4 at £220a, 1 at £210	"	...	B	1,985		1,815	
16	17	Do 10 at £200, 1 at £190a, 2 at £180a, 2 at £170a, 2 at £160	"	...	C	2,970		3,210	
24	24	Clerks, 6 at £150, 2 at £140a, 8 at £125a, 1 at £110, 1 at £100, 4 at £65a, 2 at £50	"	...	D	2,600		2,750	
							20,765		21,285
217	220	Carried forward ... .. £	.....	...	...	.....	53,031		53,917

* For allowances, see Schedule. † Salary voted as Chairman of Local Land Board. ‡ Voted under Rabbit Branch for 1899-1900.
 § Paid from Contingencies for 1899-1900. a Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote, £14,000 (Item 182).

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.								
Department of Lands—continued.								
217	220	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	53,061		53,917
CONDITIONAL PURCHASE INSPECTORS AND FORESTERS.*								
9	9	Conditional Purchase Inspectors and Foresters at £275		Clerical	... A	2,475		2,475
28	28	Conditional Purchase Inspectors, and Foresters—17 at £250, 1 at £235, 10 at £225		"	... B	6,700		6,735
1	...	1 at £225		General	... ..	225		.....
						9,400		9,210
RELIEVING OFFICERS.								
1	1	Relieving Officer		Clerical	A3 ...	300		300
2	2	Do at £250		"	... B	500		500
						800		800
RANGERS.*								
1	1	Ranger		"	... C	200		200
1	1	Do		"	... D	150		150
1	1	Do		General	... ..	110		110
						460		460
CROWN LANDS AGENTS.								
22	22	Crown Lands Agents—11 at £350, 3 at £325, 8 at £300a		Clerical	A3 ...	7,225		7,225
8	6	Crown Lands Agents—1 at £290a, 2 at £280a, 2 at £275, 1 at £270a		"	... A	2,230		1,670
2	3	Crown Lands Agents—1 at £250, 1 at £230, 1 at £220a		"	... B	460		700
1	1	Crown Lands Agent a		"	... C	180		190
2	2	Assistant Land Agents, 1 at £65a, 1 at £50		"	... D	150		115
...	1	Junior Clerk		"	... D	.....		50
						10,245		9,950
FORESTRY.								
<i>Field Staff.</i>								
1	1	Inspecting Forester		"	... A	250		275
1	1	Assistant Forester		"	... C	200		200
7	7	Assistant Foresters at £150		"	... D	1,050		1,050
<i>Office Staff.</i>								
1	1	Senior Clerk		"	A3 ...	350		350
2	2	Clerks, at £250		"	... B	500		500
2	2	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £190a		"	... C	380		390
1	1	Clerk a		"	... D	125		140
...	1	Cadet		"	... D	.....		50
1	1	Carpenter		General	... ..	140		140
						2,995		3,095
PUBLIC WATERING PLACES AND ARTESIAN BORING.†								
312	315	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	76,961		77,432

* For allowances, see Schedule. † Transferred to Department of Public Works.
 a Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote £14,000 (Item No. 182).

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No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1899.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1900.	
						£		£	
		Department of Lands—continued.							
312	315	Brought forward ...	£	.....	.....	76,961	.....	77,482
		LAND APPEAL COURT.							
1	1	Registrar ...	Clerical	A2	470		470		
1	1	Clerk ...	"	A	260		.....	
1	1	Do <i>a</i> ...	"	C	180		200		
...	1	Typist ...	"		.....		120	
		Do (Salary, 4th to 30th June, 1900)...	"		.....		9	
						910		799	
		MESSENGRERS, OFFICE CLEANERS, &c.*							
		HEAD OFFICE.							
1	1	Chief Messenger ...	General		180		180		
16	16	Messengers—1 at £140, 7 at £125, 1 at £120, 1 at £115 <i>a</i> , 1 at £107 10s., 1 at £100, 1 at £60, 1 at £52 <i>a</i> ; 1 at £39 <i>a</i> , 1 at £26 ...	"		1,601		1,635		
5	5	Corridor-cleaners—1 at £144, 3 at £104, 1 at £84 ...	"		540		540		
1	1	Housekeeper ...	"		110		110		
14	14	Office-cleaners, at £52 ...	"		728		728		
3	3	Constables at 7s. 6d. per diem ...	.....		411		411	
						3,570		3,604	
		LOCAL OFFICES.							
1	1	Messenger and Office-cleaner ...	General		160		160 <i>c</i>		
1	1	Do do ...	"		136		136 <i>c</i>		
1	1	Do do ...	"		113		113 <i>c</i>		
...	2	Do do at £105 ...	"		.....		210	
...	1	Do do ...	"		.....		96	
1	1	Do do ...	"		77		77 <i>c</i>		
6	6	Messengers, &c.—1 at £90 <i>a</i> , 1 at £82 10s., 1 at £67 10s. <i>a</i> , 2 at £52 <i>a</i> , 1 at £26...	"		342		370		
9	9	Cleaners, &c.—1 at £75, 1 at £65, 2 at £60, 2 at £52, 2 at £30, 1 at £7 ...	"		431		431 <i>b</i>		
					1,259		1,593		
		Less value of quarters ...	.....		86		86	
						1,173		1,507	
		SURVEY DIVISION.							
1	1	Chief Surveyor, Director of Trigonometrical Surveys, and Metropolitan District Surveyor ...	Professional	A1	.....	800	800	800
1	1	Chief Draftsman ...	"	A1	.....	500	500	500
		TRIGONOMETRICAL BRANCH.							
1	1	Trigonometrical Surveyor ...	Professional	A2	475		475		
1	1	Surveyor ...	"	A3	325		350		
1	1	Clerk ...	Clerical	D	150		150		
3	3	Piling Overseers at £200 ...	General		600		600		
1	1	Chief Computer ...	Professional	A2	475		475		
1	1	Computer ...	"	A3	350		350		
1	1	Assistant Computer ...	"		150		150		
						2,525		2,550	
		OCCUPATION DRAFTING BRANCH.							
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge ...	Professional	A3	350		350		
1	1	Draftsman ...	"	2A	270		270		
2	2	Draftsmen at £250... ..	"	2B	500		500		
1	1	Do ...	"	2C	220		230		
3	4	Do 3 at £200, 1 at £170 ...	"	2D	600		770		
2	...	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £90 (Cadet) ...	"	2E	240		.....	
...	1	Probationer ...	"	2E	.....		50	
						2,180		2,170	
395	402	Carried forward...	£	.....	.....	88,619	.....	89,362

a Cleaners at Forbes and Dubbo allowed quarters. *c* Salary subject to a deduction for value of quarters. * For allowances see Schedule.
a Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote, £14,000 (Item No. 182).

No. of Persons.		No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Division of Service.	GRADES.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
				Higher.	Lower.	£	£		
395	402	Brought forward...	£ .....	...	...	88,619	89,362	
Department of Lands—continued.									
MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT BRANCH.									
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge	Professional	2A	290	290			
1	2	Draftsmen, 1 at £250, 1 at £240...	"	2B	250	490			
1	1	Do	"	2C	230	220			
3	2	Draftsmen at £200...	"	2D	600	400			
1	...	Draftsman	"	2E	150	.....		
1	1	Cadet	"	2E	65	65			
						1,585		1,465	
CHARTING BRANCH.									
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge	"	A3	375	375			
1	1	Draftsman	"	A3	300	300			
5	5	Draftsmen—2 at £280, 3 at £270	"	2A	1,370	1,370			
6	6	Do 2 at £260, 3 at £250, 1 at £240	"	2B	1,500	1,510			
4	5	Draftsmen—3 at £230, 1 at £220, 1 at £210	"	2C	910	1,120			
2	2	Draftsmen—1 at £200, 1 at £190	"	2D	400	390			
2	4	Do 3 at £150, 1 at £130	"	2E	300	580			
1	3	Cadets	"	2E	110	150			
2	2	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £110	Clerical	D	260	260			
1	1	Attendant	General		150	150			
						5,675		6,205	
ROADS BRANCH. (*)									
1	1	Draftsman-in-charge	Professional	A2	450	450			
2	2	Draftsmen—1 at £335, and 1 at £300	"	A3	635	635			
1	1	Do	"	2A	270	270			
2	2	Do at £250	"	2B	500	500			
3	3	Do at £230	"	2C	680	690			
1	1	Clerk a	Clerical	B	230	240			
1	1	Do a	"	D	110	125			
						2,875		2,910	
LITHOGRAPHIC BRANCH.									
1	...	Draftsman-in-Charge (to 31 December)	Professional	A2	200	.....		
1	1	Chief Lithographer	"	A3	350	350			
1	1	Draftsman	"	A3	325	325			
3	3	Draftsmen—1 at £260, 2 at £240	"	2B	740	740			
...	2	Cadets at £50	"		.....	100		
1	1	Clerk a	Clerical	D	125	65			
						1,740		1,580	
PARISH MAP COMPILING BRANCH.									
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge	Professional	A3	375	375			
3	3	Draftsmen—1 at £299, 1 at £290, 1 at £270	"	2A	859	859			
8	8	Draftsmen—8 at £250	"	2B	1,990	2,000			
8	9	Do 4 at £230, 4 at £220, 1 at £210	"	2C	1,800	2,010			
9	9	Draftsmen—6 at £200, 2 at £190, 1 at £180	"	2D	1,745	1,760			
...	2	Draftsmen—1 at £90, 1 at £50	"	2E	.....	140		
1	1	Cadet	"	2E	65	70			
						6,834		7,214	
MISCELLANEOUS COMPILING BRANCH. (*)									
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge	Professional	A3	375	375			
1	1	Draftsman	"	A3	310	310			
7	7	Draftsmen—3 at £290, 4 at £275	"	2A	1,970	1,970			
7	5	Do 3 at £260, 2 at £250	"	2B	1,790	1,280			
1	1	Draftsman	"	2C	220	220			
2	2	Draftsmen at £200	"	2D	385	400			
...	1	Draftsman	"	2E	.....	90		
1	1	Clerk...	Clerical	C	175	175			
						5,225		4,820	
DEEDS BRANCH.									
1	1	Noting Draftsman	Professional	2B	250	260			
1	1	Do do	"	2D	185	200			
						435		460	
198	512	Carried forward...	£ .....	...	...	112,988	114,016	

(*) For allowances, see Schedule.

a Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote, £14,000 (Item No. 182).

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No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
498	512	Department of Lands—continued.						
		Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	112,988	£	114,016
		PLAN RECORD BRANCH.						
1	1	Custodian of Plans...		Clerical..	B	250	250	
1	1	Clerk		"	C	200	200	
2	1	Clerk		"	D	160	150	
1	2	Probationers— at £50		"		50	100	
		SUBVEY BRANCH—CLERICAL.*					660	700
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge, Correspondence Branch (a)		"	A	280	290	
1	1	Clerk, Correspondence Branch (a)		"	B	210	220	
1	1	Do do		"	C	200	200	
		LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING BRANCH.					690	710
1	1	Printer		General..		250	250	
2	2	Printers—1 at £210, 1 at £200		"		400	410	
2	2	Do at £175		"		350	350	
2	2	Do at £160		"		320	320	
1	1	Printer		"		150	150	
1	1	General Assistant and Engineer		"		125	125	
2	1	Assistant Litho. Printer		"		235	125	
...	1	Litho. Printer ... ..		"		.....	110	
1	1	Stone Polisher		"		104	104	
1	1	Litho. Printer		"		104	104	
1	1	Assistant Litho. Printer		"		85	104	
		PLAN MOUNTING BRANCH.					2,123	2,152
1	1	Plan Mounter		"		180	180	
1	1	Assistant Plan Mounter		"		25	39	
		DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICES.*					205	219
12	12	District Surveyors—8 at £600, 2 at £550, and 2 at £500		Professional	A1	6,900	6,900	
5	5	Surveyors, at £400		"	A2	2,000	2,000	
27	27	Do 2 at £375, 8 at £350, 8 at £325, and 9 at £300		"	A3	8,850	8,850	
3	3	Surveyors, at £250		"	1B	750	750	
7	7	Assistant Surveyors, at £185		"	1C	1,295	1,295	
2	2	Field Assistants, at £100		"		200	200	
...	1	Do do ... ..		"		.....	70	
2	2	Foremen, at £100		General..		200	200	
3	3	Draftsmen-in-Charge, at £400		Professional	A2	1,200	1,200	
10	10	Do 4 at £375, 6 at £350		"	A3	3,600	3,600	
6	6	Draftsmen—3 at £310, 3 at £300		"	A3	1,830	1,830	
12	12	Do 5 at £280, 2 at £275, 5 at £270		"	2A	3,300	3,300	
16	17	Do 4 at £260, 11 at £250, 2 at £240		"	2B	4,030	4,270	
24	25	Draftsmen—12 at £230 (a), 10 at £220, 3 at £210		"	2C	5,340	5,590	
18	20	Draftsmen—8 at £200, 4 at £190, 3 at £180, 5 at £170		"	2D	3,375	3,750	
15	9	Draftsmen—1 at £150, 5 at £130, 1 at £110, 2 at £50		"	2E	1,830	1,010	
8	8	Clerks—1 at £230 (a), 1 at £225, 4 at £220 (a), 2 at £210		Clerical..	B	1,730	1,755	
5	5	Do at £200		"	C	1,000	1,000	
1	3	Junior Clerks		"	D	50	150	
1	1	Plan-keeper... ..		General..		26	26	
		To meet adjustment of salaries of Officers of the Professional Staff for the financial year 1898-9 ... ..		.....		47,506	47,746	
						1,129	.....	.....
		Less Estimated Savings on Salaries ... ..		.....		165,301	165,543	5,000
699	714	TOTAL ... ..	£	.....		165,301	160,543	

* For allowances see Schedule.

a Increments for 1899-1900 paid from Attorney-General's Miscellaneous Vote, £14,000 Item No 182).

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.							
SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES:							
Department of Lands.							
<i>Contingencies.</i>							
Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.							
Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.							
£							
£							
Department of Lands.							
<i>Contingencies.</i>							
Preparation of Deeds	...	...	...	...	...	600	600
Salaries and Wages of persons temporarily employed	...	...	...	...	...	700	1,700
Travelling Expenses of Chairmen of Local Land Boards, Land Agents, Appraisers, and others	...	...	...	...	...	18,000	17,000
Fees to Members of Local Land Boards	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	5,000
Rent and Incidental Expenses of Local Land Board and Land Offices, including climatic allowances to officers	...	...	...	...	...	4,000	3,000
Appraisal Fees and reports of valuations of Pastoral and other Leases, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	3,000	1,000
Incidental and Unforeseen Expenses in connection with the administration of the Department	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	4,000
						32,300	32,300
RABBIT BRANCH.							
Towards erection (including Yarraldool to Narrabri Barrier Fence) and maintenance of Rabbit-proof Fences generally, and Destruction of Rabbits on public lands, salaries, wages, and other contingencies in connection with the administration of the Rabbit Act							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	2,000
FOREST BRANCH.							
Wages of Foreman and Labourers and Incidental Expenses of Gosford Nursery							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	350
Salaries and Wages of Acting Foresters and other persons temporarily employed							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	500
Forage and Equipment Allowances, Travelling and Unforeseen Expenses							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	1,200
						2,050	2,050
PUBLIC WATERING PLACES AND ARTESIAN BORING.*							
					
TOTAL						36,350	36,350
Land Appeal Court.							
<i>Contingencies.</i>							
Travelling Witnesses' and Legal Expenses							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	800
Incidental Expenses							
.....	500	500
						1,400	1,300
TOTAL						1,400	1,300

* Transferred to Department of Public Works.

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No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
Church and School Lands.*					
<i>Contingencies.</i>					
Fees to Appraisers for inspections, reports, &c., in connection with Church and School Lands Act of 1897		250		100	
Travelling Expenses and Incidental Expenses		50		50	
Wages of Ranger, temporarily employed		200		200	
			500		350
		£	500		350
Advances to Settlers Board.					
Temporary Clerical assistance when necessary		500		800	
Wages of Messenger		104		.....^a	
Travelling, Incidental and Unforeseen Expenses, including Valuation fees and Rent of Offices		500		500	
			1,104		1,300
		£	1,104		1,300
Miscellaneous Services.					
Legal Expenses		2,500		2,000	
To pay compensation in connection with the resumption of land for roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897		4,000		3,000	
Alignment Posts for Towns		50		50	
For cost of acquisition of land in connection with Captain Cook's Landing Place at Kurnell, improvement of the Reserve, &c. (£498, re-vote)		1,000		1,000	
For the acquisition of portion 39, of 30 acres, parish of Gosford, county of Northumberland, granted in 1857 to Robert Creighton, with a view to the adjustment of the boundaries of adjoining portions		.....		123	
Williamson, Charles—Compensation for improvements made on 6½ acres, excised from his C.P. 77-6, Wellington, originally 57 acres, but reduced to 50½ acres (Re-vote of 1887)		.....		31	
Ritchie, Henry—Compensation for improvements made by him on an area of 7 acres, portion of C.P. 67-1,605, Bega, resumed in 1879 for a road, under Section 15, Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1875		.....		21	
For the resumption of land for a Public Watering Place, and for access to the Dart Brook, near Scone		.....		50	
For Improvement and Maintenance of the following Parks and Recreation Grounds:—					
Wentworth Park		250		250	
Victoria Park		250		250	
Parks, North Sydney		250		250	
Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks		1,000		1,000	
Rushcutter Bay Park		250		250	
Islands in Port Jackson		250		250	
Rodd Island		100		200	
Towards Cost of erecting Railing and Coping, and otherwise improving Redfern Park		.....		500	
For the improvement and maintenance of Kuring-gai Chase		1,000		1,000	
For the Improvement and Maintenance of the Recreation Reserves between Glenbrook and Mount Victoria		500		800	
Towards Cost of formation of New Sports Ground, at site of Old Rifle Range, Paddington, for Public Schools and other Athletic Bodies		.....		500	
Towards the purchase, acquisition, and Resumption of Sites for Cemeteries, Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, Bathing Places, &c.		.....		8,000	
Public Cemeteries—Fencing, clearing, building, &c.		1,500		1,500	
For the Improvement and General Maintenance of Public Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Bathing-places		10,000		10,000	
Hay Athletic Society—Improvements to Ground—Special Grant		.....		150	
Gratuity to Mrs. Roberts, wife of late Staff Surveyor who was killed by lightning whilst engaged on duty		.....		250	
Gratuity to widow of late J. Guilfoyle, Forester, of Moama, who died of pneumonia contracted whilst on duty		.....		300	
Other Votes of 1899-1900		3,791		.....
			26,691		31,725
		£	26,691		31,725

* To be charged to Consolidated Revenue under Act 61 Vic. No. 20.

^a Provided under Department of Lands Salaries.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.				
	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Survey of Lands.				
<i>Contingencies.</i>				
Fees to Licensed Surveyors	40,000		40,000	
Salaries and Wages of persons temporarily employed	1,500		2,000	
Travelling Expenses at authorised rates for District Surveyors, and one man each when required	1,000		800	
Wages and provisions for Surveyors' Labourers at current rates ...	10,000		10,000	
Equipment Allowance for Surveyors... ..	5,150		5,200	
Passage and Freight	1,500		1,500	
Forage for Surveyors' Horses	2,500		2,500	
Surveying and Drawing Instruments, Materials, and Books	300		150	
Lithographic Drawing, Printing by Contract, and Contingencies ...	200		100	
Towards cost of lithography of a new Map of the Colony	350		300	
Miscellaneous Drawings, &c., under Contract	3,500		3,500	
Photo-lithography performed at the Government Printing Office ...	800		700	
Fees to Draftsmen for drawing Diagrams on Deeds	500		500	
Rent of Branch Survey Offices	30		30	
Incidental and unforeseen Expenses, including climatic allowances to Officers	1,200		1,200	
		68,530		68,480
TOTAL... ..	£	<u>63,530</u>	.....	<u>68,480</u>
Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony.				
<i>Contingencies.</i>				
Equipment Allowance for Surveyors (2) and Piling Overseers (3) ...	570		570	
Forage for horses for Survey and Piling Parties	500		450	
Wages for do do	2,200		2,200	
Miscellaneous Contingencies	360		150	
		3,630		3,370
TOTAL	£	<u>3,630</u>	.....	<u>3,370</u>
Special Services.				
LABOUR SETTLEMENTS.				
Contributions to Boards of Labour Settlements, in terms of the Labour Settlements Act, 56 Victoria No. 34, and Amendment Act, 57 Victoria No. 26, and to provide for the maintenance and actual necessaries of life for the members of Labour Settlements, and other expenses in connection with such Settlements in some cases beyond the terms of the above Acts	£	250	.....	50

VII.

Secretary for Public Works.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies	
		£	£	£	£	
102	ESTABLISHMENT	130,176	.....	136,575	.....
107	Do . Adjustment of Salaries, &c. ...	.....	.....	2,054	2,624
	PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES:—					
107	Roads and Bridges, as per Schedule A ... ..	.....	570,000	.....	700,000
107	Harbours and Rivers, as per Schedule B ... ..	.....	110,000	.....	115,000
107	Dreige Service, as per Schedule B1 ... ..	.....	42,150	.....	45,000
107	Government Architect, as per Schedule C ... ..	.....	†21,250	.....	†20,500
		£	130,176	743,400	128,629	883,124
106	Less Amount of Salaries chargeable to Loan Votes	36,031	.....	43,752	.....
		91,145	743,400	91,877	883,124	
107	Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage...	11,605	68,595	11,472	73,030	
108	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board...	1,750	8,141	1,600	8,252	
108	Labour Bureau*	1,765	9,300	1,800	11,050	
		109,265	829,436	109,749	975,456	
	TOTAL	£	938,701	1,085,205

* Voted last year under Public Instruction, &c.

† Includes Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring.

No. of Persons.		No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1	Establishment.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					Higher.	Lower.	£		£		
1	1	Secretary for Public Works	...	.....	...	...	.....	1,370	£	1,370
1	1	Under Secretary for Public Works and Commissioner for Roads	...	Special	...	...	.....	1,100		1,100
*ROADS.											
1	1	Principal Assistant Engineer	...	Professional	A1	...	650		650		
6	6	1st-class Assistant Engineers—3 at £550, 3 at £500	...	"	A1	...	3,150		3,150		
57	58	Road Superintendents—	...	"	A2	...	1,275		1,700		
		4 at £425...	...	"	A3	...	6,225		6,100		
		2 at £375, 5 at £350, 12 at £300	...	"	1A	...	5,855		6,090		
		2 at £285, 4 at £275, 17 at £260	...	"	1B	...	3,225		2,925		
		9 at £250, 3 at £225	...	"	1C	...	860		1,765		
22	24	Assistant Road Superintendents—	...	"	1D	...	2,245		1,965		
		3 at £200, 1 at £175, 6 at £165	...	"	1C	...	.....		200	
		2 at £150, 11 at £140, 1 at £125	...	"	D	...	640		†415		
...	1	Surveyor	...	Clerical	...	2E	.....		325	
5	3	Clerks, Roads Staff—1 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £125	...	Professional	...	...	.....		890	
...	5	Cadets—1 at £125, 4 at £50	...	General	...	...	2,128		1,088	
...	6	Overseers—5 at £150, 1 at £140	...	"	...	...	210		225	
13	6	Foremen—4 at £194, 2 at £156	...	"	2C	...	185		200		
2	2	Draftsmen—	...	Professional	2D	...	125		.....	
		1 at £225...	...	"	...	...	.....		27,688	
1	...	Puntman	...	.....	...	...	.....		.....
107	112	PUBLIC WATERING PLACES AND ARTESIAN BORING.									
1	1	Superintendent	...	Clerical	A1	...	500		500		
1	1	Chief Inspector	...	"	A3	...	300		300		
5	5	Inspectors at £245...	...	"	B	...	1,225		1,225*		
1	1	Draftsman	...	Professional	B1	...	250		250		
1	1	Clerk	...	Clerical	B	...	225		230		
1	1	Do	...	"	B	...	210		220		
...	1	Do	...	"	C	...	.....		170	
1	2	Clerks—1 at £150a, 1 at £110a	...	"	D	...	95		260		
...	1	Relieving Clerk	...	"	B	...	.....		250†	
2	2	Field Assistants at £120	...	Professional	B3	...	240		240*		
13	16							3,045		3,645	
*BRIDGES.											
2	1	1st-class Assistant Engineer	...	Professional	A1	...	1,050		550		
3	4	2nd-class Assistant Engineers—1 at £350, 3 at £300	...	"	A3	...	950		1,250		
3	2	3rd-class Assistant Engineers, at £250	...	"	1B	...	799		500		
13	15	Draftsmen—	...	"	A3	...	650		650		
		1 at £350, 1 at £300	...	"	2A	...	840		840		
		3 at £280...	...	"	2B	...	250		250		
		1 at £250...	...	"	2C	...	440		440		
		1 at £230, 1 at £210	...	"	2D	...	955		970		
		3 at £200, 2 at £185	...	"	2E	...	.....		235	
		1 at £125, 1 at £110	...	"	...	...	200		50	
2	1	Cadet	...	"	A3	...	300		300		
1	1	Timber Inspector	...	General	...	...	466		466	
2	2	Bridge Inspectors—1 at £235, 1 at £231	...	"	...	...	365		365	
2	2	Bridge Overseers—1 at £190, 1 at £175	...	"	...	...	.....		1,097	
8	8	Bridge Caretakers—1 at £195, 1 at £156, 1 at £143, 2 at £130, 1 at £125, 2 at £109	...	"	...	...	1,097		1,097	
36	36							8,362		7,963	
158	166	Carried forward...						40,650		41,766	

* For allowances, see Schedule. † Increments to salaries of clerks for 1899-1900 paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000." Increases to salaries of Professional officers (Roads and Bridges Branches) receiving less than £300 per annum for 1899-1900 paid from Vote for "Adjustment of salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000," 1899-1900. ‡ Voted under Treasury Department last year.

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No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Establishment—continued.								
158	166	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	40,650	.....	41,766
ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF FOR PUBLIC WORKS.								
1	1	Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works	Professional	A1	.....	1,100	.....	1,100
HARBOURS AND RIVERS, WATER CONSERVATION, AND COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY.(a)								
2	2	Principal Assistant Engineers	Professional	A1	.....	1,400	.....	1,400
1	1	Superintending Engineer of Dredges	"	A1	.....	560	.....	560
8	9	1st class Assistant Engineers—	"	A1	.....	1,175	.....	2,675
		1 at £625,* 1 at £550, 3 at £500	"	A2	.....	2,750	.....	1,750
		2 at £450,† 2 at £425	"	A2	.....	1,250	.....	1,650
8	8	2nd class Assistant Engineers—	"	A2	.....	1,550	.....	1,200
		1 at £450,‡ 3 at £400	"	A3	.....	260	.....	260
		4 at £300...	"	1A	.....	950	.....	1,930
7	11	3rd class Assistant Engineers—	"	1B	.....	400	.....	400
		1 at £260...	"	1C	.....	450	.....	450
		5 at £250, 1 at £230, 2 at £225	"	A1	.....	350	.....	350
		2 at £200...	"	A3	.....	.....	.....	380
1	1	General Superintendent, Fitzroy Dock	"	A3	.....	705	.....	325
1	1	Engineer and Manager (Irrigation Works)	"	1A	.....	.....	.....	275
...	1	Hydrographic Surveyor	"	1B	.....	945	.....	725
6	5	Surveyors—	"	1C	.....	400	.....	.....
		1 at £325...	"	A2	.....	425	.....	425
		1 at £275...	"	A3	.....	300	.....	325
		2 at £250, 1 at £225	"	A3	.....	350	.....	350
2	...	Assistant Surveyor...	"	A3	.....	325	.....	325
1	1	1st class Assistant Architect	"	2A	.....	810	.....	820
1	1	Naval Architect	"	2B	.....	1,475	.....	990
1	1	Draftsman-in-charge	"	2C	.....	1,140	.....	1,135
20	18	Draftsmen—	"	2D	.....	765	.....	765
		1 at £325...	"	2E	.....	150	.....	125
		1 at £280, 2 at £270	"	2E	.....	223	.....	415
3	6	Cadets—2 at £90, 1 at £85, 3 at £50	"	A3	.....	300	.....	300
1	1	Officer-in-charge of Cement Testing	General	.....	.....	156	.....	156
1	1	Cement Tester	"	.....	.....	202	.....	202
1	1	Instrument-maker	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
...	1	Inspector, Government Wharfs, Jetties, Pontoons, and Stages...	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,301
10	10	Inspectors—1 at £235, 8 at £234, 1 at £194	"	.....	.....	2,301	.....	2,301
1	1	Docking Master (Fitzroy Dock)	"	.....	.....	350	.....	375§
1	1	Foreman Fitter	"	.....	.....	320	.....	320
1	1	Do Boilermaker	"	.....	.....	320	.....	320
1	1	Storekeeper...	"	.....	.....	200	.....	225||
1	...	Master, Launch "Unara"	"	.....	.....	125	.....	.....
1	...	Engine-driver	"	.....	.....	125	.....	.....
81	84					23,507		24,454
240	251	Carried forward ...	£	.....	.....	65,257	.....	67,320

(a) For allowances, see Schedule.
 * Includes quarters valued at £75 per annum. † Includes quarters valued at £25 per annum. ‡ Includes quarters valued at £50 per annum.
 § Includes quarters valued at £50 per annum (Docking Master). || Includes quarters valued at £25 per annum (Storekeeper).
 Increases to salaries of Professional Officers (Harbours and Rivers Branch) receiving less than £300 per annum, for 1899-1900, paid from Vote or "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000," 1899-1900.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.									
No. of Persons.		Establishment—continued.	Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£	£	£	£
240	251	Brought forward...	£	.....	...	.....	65,257	.....	67,320
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION.*									
1	1	Engineer-in-Chief	Professional	A1	...	1,100		1,100	
2	2	Principal Assistant Engineers—1 at £700, 1 at £600	"	A1	...	1,300		1,300	
5	4	1st-class Assistant Engineers— 2 at £560... ..	"	A1	...	1,680		1,120	
		2 at £470... ..	"	A2	...	940		940	
4	14	2nd-class Assistant Engineers— 1 at £380, 1 at £375, 1 at £350, 4 at £334, 1 at £325, 6 at £300	"	A3	...	1,270		4,570	
3	2	3rd-class Assistant Engineers— 2 at £250... ..	"	1B	...	700		500	
12	3	Surveyors— 2 at £300... ..	"	A3	...	3,250		600	
		1 at £250... ..	"	1B	...	500		250	
1	1	Chief Draftsman	"	A2	...	470		470	
1	1	Draftsman-in-charge	"	A3	...	375		375	
21	23	Draftsmen— 1 at £350, 2 at £335, 1 at £312, 1 at £300	"	A3	...	1,632		1,632	
		1 at £299, 1 at £290	"	2A	...	589		589	
		1 at £260, 1 at £258, 2 at £250, 1 at £240	"	2B	...	1,253		1,258	
		1 at £215, 2 at £210	"	2C	...	420		635	
		3 at £200, 1 at £187, 3 at £185, 1 at £156	"	2D	...	1,235		1,498	
1	3	Cadets— 1 at £90, 1 at £65, 1 at £50	"	2E	...	90		205	
...	3	Assistants—Drafting-room, at £52	General	...	...	.....		156	
1	1	Custodian of Plans... ..	Clerical	D	...	150		150	
1	1	Inspector	General	...	...	250		250	
53	59						17,204		17,598
*GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.									
1	1	Government Architect	Professional	A1	...	1,064		1,064	
1	1	Principal Assistant Architect	"	A1	...	700		700	
		1st Class Assistant Architects— 4 at £400	"	A2	...	1,200		1,600	
7	8	2nd Class Assistant Architects— 1 at £335, 1 at £325	"	A3	...	660		660	
		1 at £270... ..	"	1A	...	270		270	
		1 at £220... ..	"	1B	...	220		220	
11	10	District Architects— 1 at £400... ..	"	A2	...			400	
		1 at £393, 1 at £350, 2 at £335	"	A3	...			1,413	
		2 at £290, 1 at £275	"	1A	...	3,413		855	
		1 at £250... ..	"	1B	...			250	
		1 at £218... ..	General	...	...			218	
20	20	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	...	7,527		7,650	
293	310	Carried forward...	£	.....	...	.....	82,461	.....	84,918

* For allowances, see Schedule.

Increases to salaries of Professional Officers (Railway and Tramway Construction Branch) receiving less than £300 per annum for 1899-1900, paid from Vote for
" Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000—1899-1900."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.		GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.									
Establishment—continued.									
293	316					£	82,461	£	84,918
Brought forward... .. £									
*GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT—continued.									
20	20					£	7,527	£	7,650
Brought forward... .. £									
1	1	2nd-Class Assistant Engineer	Professional	A2		375		400	
1	...	Chief Architectural Draftsman	"			400			
13	14	Draftsmen—							
		4 at £300...	"	A3		900		1,200	
		1 at £207...	"	2C				207	
		2 at £200, 1 at £185, 1 at £175, 1 at £165; 3 at £156	"	2D		1,538		1,393	
		1 at £130...	"	2E		260		130	
6	5	Clerks of Works—							
		1 at £231...	"	1B				231	
		1 at £290, 1 at £240, 1 at £225; 1 at £200	General			1,342			
...	4	Overseers at £180 each	"					720	
1	1	Inspector of Works	"			235		235	
1	...	Overseer (Bathurst Gaol)	"			160			
...	10	Engineers, Electric Lighting, 1 at £208; 3 at £170; 5 at £156; 1 at £132	"						1,630
1	1	Specification Clerk...	Clerical	C		200		200	
1	1	Time-keeper	General			78		78	
1	1	Engine-driver (Lands)	"			156		156	
4	4	Lift Attendants—							
		2 at £119 (Works), 2 at £119 (Lands)	"			446		476†	
50	62						13,617		15,661
*SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION.									
1	1	Engineer-in-Chief	Professional	A1		800		800	
2	2	1st Class Assistant Engineers—	"	A2		850		850	
		1 at £450, 1 at £400	"						
5	8	2nd Class Assistant Engineers—	"	A2		800		1,200	
		3 at £400	"	A3		1,000		1,600	
		2 at £350, 3 at £300	"						
3	2	3rd Class Assistant Engineers—	"	1B				250	
		1 at £250	"	1C		750		200	
		1 at £200	"						
6	6	Surveyors—	"	A3		1,250		1,250	
		2 at £325, 2 at £300	"	1B		485		469	
		1 at £235, 1 at £234	"						
1	1	Draftsman-in-Charge	"	A2		400		400	
14	13	Draftsmen—	"	2B				500	
		1 at £260, 1 at £240	"	2C				860	
		1 at £230, 3 at £210	"	2D		2,830		585	
		2 at £200, 1 at £185	"	2E				600	
		4 at £150...	"						
1	1	Clerk (Plan Room)...	Clerical	D		150		150	
1	1	Inspector	General			194		194	
34	35						9,509		9,908
CLERICAL.*									
1	1	Chief Clerk	Clerical	A1		550		550	
1	1	Clerk-in-charge of Bonds and Contracts	Professional	A1		500		500	
1	1	Clerk-in-charge of Records and Correspondence	Clerical	A2		400		400	
57	55	Clerks—	"	A3		1,310		1,310	
		1 at £360, 1 at £350, 2 at £300	"	A		840		870	
		3 at £290...	"	B		2,400		2,430	
		7 at £250, 1 at £240, 2 at £220	"	C		2,260		2,280	
		6 at £200, 4 at £190, 2 at £160	"						
		7 at £150, 2 at £140, 1 at £125, 2 at £110, 3 at £100, 1 at £95, 1 at £80, 5 at £65, 4 at £50	"	D		2,855		2,675	
60	58						11,115		11,015
437	465						116,702		121,502
Carried forward £									

* For allowances, see Schedule.

† Increments to Salaries of Lift Attendants for 1899-1900 paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries on revision by Public Service Board, £14,000, 1899-1900."
 Increases to Salaries of Professional Officers (Sewerage Branch) receiving less than £300 per annum for 1899-1900, paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000, 1899-1900."
 Increments to Salaries of "Clerical" Officers for 1899-1900, paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000, 1899-1900."

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
		No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.								
		Establishment—continued.								
437	465	Brought forward ...			£	.....	116,702	£	.....	121,502
		ACCOUNTS.*								
1	1	Accountant ...	Clerical	A1	550			550		
1	1	Paymaster ...	"	A1	500			500		
1	1	Assistant Accountant ...	"	A2	400			400		
1	1	Examiner ...	"	A2	400			400		
1	1	Statistical Clerk ...	"	A3	360			360		
38	46	Clerks—								
		1 at £350, 1 at £300 ...	"	A3	650			650		
		1 at £290, 1 at £280, 1 at £270 ...	"	A	815			815		
		3 at £250, 6 at £240, 1 at £220 ...	"	B	2,350			2,410		
		4 at £200, 4 at £190, 1 at £180, 1 at £175, 1 at £160 ...	"	C	2,035			2,075		
		4 at £150, 4 at £125, 1 at £110, 2 at £95, 1 at £80, 1 at £75, 6 at £50 ...	"	D	930			1,855		
		Store Assistant—1 at £140 ...	General..		140			140		
43	51						9,130			10,180
		LAND VALUER.								
1	1	Land Valuer ...	Professional	A1	800			800		
...	1	Assistant Land Valuer ...	"	A3	350			380		
1	1	Draftsman-in-charge ...	"	A3	350			380		
2	2	Draftsmen—								
		1 at £250 ...	"	2B	200			250		
4	5	1 at £175... ..	"	2D	150			175		
							1,500			1,955
		PHOTOGRAPHER AND HELIOGRAPHER.								
1	1	Photographer ...	General		250			250		
1	1	Heliographer and Plan-mounter ...	"		156			156		
3	3	Assistants to Heliographer—								
		1 at £120, 1 at £90, 1 at £67 10s. ...	"		260			278		
5	5						666			684
		†MESSENGERS, HOUSE-KEEPERS, CLEANERS, &C.								
1	1	Principal Messenger ...	Senior		210			210		
...	1	Hall Porter ...	"		115			115		
16	15	Messengers—1 at £130, 1 at £120, 1 at £115, 1 at £110, 3 at £90, 1 at £82 10s., 1 at £60 ...								
		4 at £52, 2 at £26 ...	Junior		970			888		
1	1	Watchman ...	General..		281			200		
5	5	Housekeepers—1 at £122†, 4 at £72 ...	"		143			143		
7	9	Cleaners—1 at £98, 1 at £84, 3 at £72, 1 at £65, 1 at £40, 1 at £26, 1 at £24								
			"		489			553		
30	32						2,503			2,579
		Less value of quarters occupied by certain officers ...								
							325			325
		Less amount of salaries chargeable to Loan Votes ...								
							130,176			136,575
		To meet adjustment of salaries of the Professional Staff for the Financial Year, 1898-9 ...								
							94,145			92,823
		To meet adjustment of salaries of the Professional and Clerical Staffs for the Financial Year, 1899-1900 ...								
								1,254		
								800		2,054
519	558	TOTAL SALARIES ...			£		94,145			94,877
		To recoup Civil Service Superannuation Fund, on account of Abatements and Gratuities to Works Officers, retired in 1895 and 1896 ...								
										2,624

* For allowances, see Schedule. † Increments to messengers for 1899-1900 paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000, 1899-1900." ‡ Includes quarters, valued at £50 per annum.
 Increments to salaries of "Clerical" officers for 1899-1900, paid from Vote for "Adjustment of Salaries by Public Service Board, £14,000, 1899-1900."
 " " "Accounts" officers for 1899-1900, " " " " " "
 " " Assistants to Heliographer " " " " " "
 increases to Professional Officers (Land Values Branch) " " " " " "

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

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No. of Persons.		No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.						SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1							Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Public Works and Services.						£		£	
		<i>(Approximate appropriation only, but subject to such alterations within the limit of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>									
		Roads and Bridges, as per Schedule A ...	...	...	...	...	570,000		700,000	
		Harbours and Rivers, as per Schedule B...	...	...	...	...	110,000		115,000	
		Dredge Service, as per Schedule B1 ...	...	...	...	...	42,150		45,000	
		Government Architect, as per Schedule C ...	...	...	...	...	21,250*		20,500†	
		Miscellaneous, as per Schedule D ...	...	...	...	...	
		TOTAL...	...	...	...	...	£ 743,400		880,500	
		Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.									
		<i>(Under the management of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, the revenue being paid direct to Treasury.)</i>									
1	1	President ...	...	...	...	...	600		600	
6	6	Members of Board—Fees ...	...	...	...	...	1,500		1,500	
1	1	Secretary and Chief Clerk ...	...	...	...	...	550		550	
1	1	Solicitor ...	...	...	...	...	400		400	
...	1	Medical Officer ...	...	...	...	...	...		250	
1	1	Auditor and Examiner of Accounts ...	...	...	...	...	450		450	
1	1	Accountant ...	...	...	...	...	500		500	
1	1	Assessor ...	...	...	...	...	400		400	
18	26	Clerks—2 at £300, 5 at £250, 5 at £225, 2 at £210, 5 at £200, 1 at £143, 1 at £91, 2 at £80, 1 at £60, 2 at £25 ...	...	...	...	...	4,065		4,899	
1	1	Engineer ...	...	...	...	...	1,000		1,000	
2	2	Assistant Engineers, 1 at £600, 1 at £500 ...	...	...	...	...	1,100		1,100	
1	1	Resident Engineer, Prospect ...	...	...	...	...	370		370	
1	1	Draftsman ...	...	...	...	...	320		320	
1	1	Comptroller of Stores and Paymaster ...	...	...	...	...	350		350	
							11,605		12,689		
		Less amount of Salaries chargeable to Loan Votes ...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1,217	
							11,605		11,472		
		Contingencies.									
		Wages of Draftsmen, Inspectors, Pumping Engineers, Turncocks, Gangers, Maintenance Men, Engine-drivers, Firemen, Cleaners, Waste-water Inspectors, Meter-readers, Mechanics, Chainmen, Clerks, Messengers, Labourers, &c.; Working Expenses, Repairs, Renewals, and Contingencies	...	...	...	...	68,095		72,430	
		Richmond Water Supply.									
		Wages, Coal, Oil, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	500		600	
							68,595		73,030		
36	45	TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	£ 80,200		84,502	

* Includes £11,250 voted last year under Lands Department.

† Includes £10,500 Account Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring, transferred from Lands Department.

No. of Persons.		No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.				GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.				Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
		Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.						£	£
1	1	President	...	...	...	...	...	100	100
6	6	Members of Board—Fcos...	...	...	...	...	...	300	300
1	1	Secretary and Accountant	...	...	...	...	...	350	350
1	1	Engineer	...	...	...	...	...	400	400
1	1	Assessor	...	...	...	...	...	250	250
1	1	Chief Clerk	...	...	...	...	...	200	200
		<i>Salaries (Supplementary).</i>						150	.....
		<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		Wages of Clerical Staff, Mechanical Staff, Coals, Stores, Materials, &c.				.....	.....	6,424	6,572
		Incidental and Travelling Expenses				.....	.....	600	600
		Rent				.....	.....	50	50
		Forage allowance				.....	.....	30	30
		Renewals, Repairs, and Contingencies				.....	.....	350	350
		Legal Expenses				.....	.....	100	100
		To provide for Legal Expenses against New Assessments under the Amending Act, and Recovery of Rates on such properties				.....	.....	550	550
		Gratuity to Widow of the late T. Lynch				.....	.....	37	.....
								8,141	.....
11	11	TOTAL				.....	.....	9,891	9,852
		*Labour Bureau.							
1	1	Superintendent of Labour Bureau, Relief &c.	...	...	Clerical	A2	...	400	400
1	1	Clerk	...	...	"	C	...	160	170
5	5	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £132, 1 at £130, 1 at £65	...	...	"	D	...	592	617
		Salaries, in connection with the Relieving and Sheltering of, and providing Occupation for, the Unemployed				.....	.....	500	500
1	1	Caretaker—Labour Bureau	...	...	General..	.....	.....	a113	a113
								1,765	.....
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		Expenses in connection with Relief and Sheltering of, and providing Occupation for, the Unemployed				.....	.....	4,550	5,500
		Cost of Conveyance by Rail, &c., of Unemployed from Government Labour Bureau, and conveyance of goods				.....	.....	4,000	4,000
		Unemployed Advisory Board—Fees, travelling expenses, &c.				.....	.....	750	.....
		Labour Commissioners for the Unemployed—Fees, travelling expenses, &c.				.....	.....	.....	1,250
		Secretary to the Labour Commissioners for the Unemployed				.....	.....	.....	300
								9,300	.....
8	8	TOTAL				.....	.....	11,065	11,050
								11,065	12,850

(a) With quarters provided.

* Transferred from Public Instruction, Labour and Industry Department.

VIII.

Administration of Justice.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
		£	£	£	£
110	Department of Justice	10,103	405	7,504	400
110	Master-in-Equity	2,116	350	2,153	400 ^a
111	Prothonotary and Divorce Court	2,923	225	2,620	625 ^b
111	Sheriff	12,865	17,010	13,027	17,010
112	Bankruptcy Court	2,283	836	2,305	868 ^c
112	Probate and Intestate Estates Office	2,310	550	2,425	600 ^d
112	District Courts	3,058	755	3,113	580
113	Coroners	1,570	6,300	1,580	6,300
113	Petty Sessions	65,838	14,350	69,460	14,600
121	Prisons	67,675	30,000	70,013	30,000
126	Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	21,763	6,905	24,052	7,032
127	Registrar of Copyright ... ..	.....	.....	.....	45 ^e
128	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	3,032	.....	3,771
		192,504	80,718	198,252	82,231
	TOTAL	£	273,222		280,483

^a £350 estimated to be recovered. ^b £75 estimated to be recovered. ^c £200 estimated to be recovered. ^d £200 estimated to be recovered.
^e £40 of this amount will be recovered.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
 Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
 Treasurer.

No. of Persons.				GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-			Division of Service.	Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
							£		£	
Department of Justice.										
1	1	Minister of Justice ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,370	.....	1,370
1	1	Under Secretary ... ..	.....	Special...	.....	.....	920		920	
1	1	Chief Clerk ... ..	.....	Clerical ..	A1	.....	550		550	
CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BRANCH.										
1	1	Clerk in Charge ... ..	.....	" ..	A2	..	400		400	
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	" ..	A3	..	300		325	
1	1	Do ... ..	.....	" ..	A	..	270		299	
3	3	Clerks—1 at £245, 1 at £230, 1 at £210...	.....	" ..	B	..	680		685	
3	4	Do 2 at £200, 1 at £180, 1 at £175...	.....	" ..	C	..	580		755	
5	4	Do 1 at £125, 1 at £100, 2 at £80.	.....	" ..	D	..	535		385	
ACCOUNT BRANCH.										
1	1	Accountant ... ..	.....	" ..	A2	..	400		400	
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	" ..	B	..	250		250	
2	1	Do ... ..	.....	" ..	C	..	310		160	
2	3	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £110, 1 at £50...	.....	" ..	D	..	160		310	
EMERGENCY BRANCH.										
1	...	Chief Emergency Officer and Police Magistrate ... ..	.....	Professional	A1	..	450*		.....
2	...	Relieving Police Magistrates—1 at £450, 1 at £425 ... ..	.....	" ..	A2	..	850*		.....
1	...	Relieving Clerk of Petty Sessions...	.....	Clerical...	A3	..	350*		.....
1	...	Do do ... ..	.....	" ..	A3	..	325*		.....
1	...	Do do ... ..	.....	" ..	A3	..	300*		.....
1	...	Do do ... ..	.....	" ..	A	..	275*		.....
1	...	Assistant do at £160...	.....	" ..	D	..	160*		.....
MESSENGERS, &C.										
4	4	Messengers—1 at £160, 1 at £115, 1 at £72, 1 at £26 ... ..	.....	General	.....	.....	366		373	
1	1	Caretaker ... ..	.....	" ..	.....	.....	140		140†	
3	3	Cleaners, at £50 ... ..	.....	" ..	.....	.....	150		150	
1	1	Cleaner ... ..	.....	" ..	.....	.....	52		72	
							8,773		6,174	
							10,143		7,544	
							40		40	
							10,103		7,504	
<i>Contingencies.</i>										
							300		300	
							100		100	
							5		.....
							405		400	
40	32	TOTAL .. ..	£	.....	.....	.....	10,508		7,904	
Master in Equity.										
1	1	Master in Equity ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	†.....		†.....
1	1	Deputy Registrar and Assistant Taxing Officer ... ..	.....	Clerical	A1	..	600		600	
1	1	Chief Clerk ... ..	.....	" ..	A2	..	380		400	
1	1	Accountant and Second Clerk ... ..	.....	" ..	A	..	280		290	
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	" ..	B	..	218		218	
1	1	Do ... ..	.....	" ..	C	..	180		180	
2	2	Clerks, at £150 ... ..	.....	" ..	D	..	300		300	
1	1	Messenger ... ..	.....	General	.....	.....	108		115	
							2,066		2,103	
							50		50	
<i>Contingencies.</i>										
							250		400§	
							100		.....
							350		400	
8	8	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	2,466		2,553	

* Transferred to Petty Sessions Staff. † Includes Quarters, &c.; see Schedule. ‡ Provided for under Attorney-General's Department, page 83. § £350 of this sum will probably be recovered.

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Prothonotary and Divorce Court.								
1	1	Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce ...	Professional	A1	800		800	
1	1	Chief Clerk and Deputy Registrar in Divorce ...	"	A2	400		400	
1	1	Chief Clerk in Divorce ...	Clerical	A3	350		350	
1	1	Clerk ...	"	B	250		250	
2	2	Clerks—at £200 ...	"	C	390		400	
2	2	Do at £150 ...	"	D	300		300	
1	1	Messenger ...	General		120		120	
		Salary of Acting Chief Clerk and Deputy Registrar in Divorce, from 1 July, 1899, to 11 April, 1900, at £400 per annum ...			313			
						2,923		2,620
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
		Incidental Expenses ...			225		325	
		To meet cost of taking evidence in shorthand in Superior Courts ...				225	300	625*
9	9	TOTAL...				3,148		3,245
Sheriff.								
1	1	Sheriff ...	Professional	A1	750		750	
1	1	Under Sheriff and Chief Clerk ...	Clerical	A2	400		400	
2	2	Clerks, 2 at £280 ...	"	A	555		560	
1	1	Accountant ...	"	A	280		290	
1	1	Clerk ...	"	C	180		190	
3	3	Clerks, 1 at £150, 1 at £125, 1 at £50 ...	"	D	325		325	
1	1	Chief Sheriff's Officer ...	General		200		200†	
33	31	Sheriff's Officers, 1 at £190, 7 at £186, 19 at £160, 2 at £130, 1 at £100, 1 at £80 ...	"		5,240		4,972†	
28	30	Sheriff's Officers, 4 at £100, 1 at £96, 1 at £95, 1 at £82, 1 at £80, 3 at £76, 5 at £75, 1 at £70, 1 at £65, 2 at £62, 1 at £60, 9 at £50 ...	Unclassified		1,617		2,125†	
2	2	Messengers, 1 at £107 10s., 1 at £52 ...	General		147		160	
35	35	Court Keepers and Cleaners, 2 at £156, 1 at £139, 1 at £130, 3 at £126, 4 at £120, 1 at £117 10s., 1 at £115, 1 at £113, 1 at £110, 1 at £90, 1 at £83, 1 at £80, 6 at £72, 1 at £62, 2 at £52, 2 at £50, 6 at £39 ...	"		3,079		3,083†	
24	19	Court and Office Cleaners, 1 at £82, 1 at £60, 10 at £30, 7 at £26 ...			759		624†	
		Salary of Sheriff's Officer, at £16 per annum, from 1 October, 1899, to 30th June, 1900 ...					12	
		Salary of Court-cleaner, at £4 per annum, from 1st January, 1900, to 30th June, 1900 ...					2	
		Salary of Court-cleaner, at £4 per annum, from 1st May, 1900, to 30th June, 1900 ...					1	
		<i>Less Value of Quarters</i> ...			13,532		13,694	
					667		667	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>				12,865		13,027
		Jurors Fees at Central Criminal, Circuit, and Quarter Sessions Courts...			12,650		12,650	
		Expenses of Jurors other than Fees ...			850		850	
		Incidental Expenses ...			3,350		3,350	
		Maintenance of Court-house Reserves at East Maitland ...			100		100	
		Living Allowance authorised to Officers ...			60		60	
						17,010		17,010
132	127	TOTAL...				29,875		30,037

* £75 of this sum will probably be recovered.

† See Schedule.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Bankruptcy Court.								
1	1	Registrar in Bankruptcy	Professional	A1	800		800	
1	1	Chief Clerk	Clerical ..	A2	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	B	250		250	
2	2	Clerks, 1 at £190, 1 at £180	"	C	360		370	
3	3	Do 2 at £150, 1 at £65	"	D	355		365	
1	1	Messenger	General		118		120	
<i>Contingencies.</i>						2,283		2,305
		Incidental Expenses			295		*295	
		Rent and cleaning new offices in Citizens' Life Assurance building			541		573	
						836		868
9	9	TOTAL... ..				3,119		3,173
Probate and Intestate Estates Office.								
1	1	Registrar of Probates and Curator of Intestate Estates	Professional	A1	700		700	
1	1	Deputy Registrar of Probates and Curator of Intestate Estates	Clerical ..	A3	350		350	
1	1	Clerk and Accountant	"	B	250		250	
2	2	Clerks—2 at £250	"	B	470		500	
4	5	Do 1 at £150, 2 at £110, 1 at £80, 1 at £65	"	D	420		515	
1	1	Messenger	General		120		90	
		Increase of salary payable to 1 Clerk, at rate of £10 per annum, from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1900					20	
<i>Contingencies.</i>						2,310		2,425
		Incidental Expenses			250		†250	
		Allowance for Copying Clerks			300		300	
		To meet expenses of Curator's agents in connection with estates in which the assets are insufficient					50	
						550		600
10	11	TOTAL... ..				2,860		3,025
District Courts.								
1	1	Registrar	Clerical ..	A2	500		500	
1	2	Clerks, at £300	"	A3	300		600	
1	...	Clerk	"	A3	300		.....
1	1	Do	"	C	175		175	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £110, 1 at £65	"	D	145		175	
1	1	Tipstaff and Crier			130		130	
26	27	Bailiffs—1 at £200, 2 at £130, 1 at £75, 1 at £55, 1 at £50, 9 at £40, 3 at £35, 2 at £30, 5 at £25, 1 at £20, 1 at £5			1,316		†1,315	
1	1	Messenger	General		120		120	
...	1	Junior Messenger	"				26	
1	1	Court Keeper and Cleaner			98		§98	
					3,084		3,139	
		<i>Less Value of Quarters</i>			26		26	
<i>Contingencies.</i>						3,058		3,113
		Allowances to Jurors			380		380	
		Incidental Expenses, including Fuel and Light			225		200	
		Towards formation of Library			50		.....
		Expenses in connection with the preparation and issue of new District Court Rules and Index			100		.....
						755		580
35	37	TOTAL... ..				3,813		3,693

* £200 of this will probably be recovered.

† £200 will probably be recovered.

‡ See Schedule.

§ Includes quarters; see Schedule.

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Coroners.								
1	1	City Coroner	Professional	A1	750		750	
1	1	Deputy Coroner	Clerical		200		200	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	180		190	
1	1	Coroner, Newcastle	"		200		200	
1	1	Caretaker of Morgue	General		120		120	
1	1	Do do	"		120		120	
						1,570		1,580
<i>Contingencies.</i>								
		Fees and Travelling Expenses of Coroners and Magistrates for Inquests and Inquiries ... ..	.....		2,100		2,100	
		Burials and Incidental expenses ... ..	.....		750		750	
		Jurors' Fees and Witnesses ... ..	.....		3,450		3,450	
						6,300		6,300
6	6	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	7,870	.....	7,880
Petty Sessions.								
<i>Sydney.</i>								
6	6	Stipendiary Magistrates, at £750... ..	Professional	A1	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
EMERGENCY BRANCH.*								
...	1	Chief Emergency Officer and Police Magistrate	Professional	A1	.....		450	
...	2	Relieving Police Magistrates—2 at £425	"	A2	.....		850	
...	1	Relieving Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	Clerical	A3	.....		350	
...	1	Do do	"	A3	.....		325	
...	1	Do do	"	A3	.....		300	
...	1	Do do	"	A	.....		280	
...	1	Assistant do	"	C	.....		170	
...	1	Do do	"	C	.....		160	
						.....		2,885
<i>Central Police Office.</i>								
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate	Professional	A1	550		550	
1	1	Chief Clerk and Accountant	Clerical	A2	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	300		300	
1	1	Do	"	A	280		270	
2	1	Do at £240	"	B	475		240	
2	3	Clerks—2 at £200, 1 at £180	"	C	350		580	
4	5	Do 2 at £150, 1 at £125, 1 at £65, 1 at £50	"	D	490		540	
1	...	Probationer	"	D	52		.....
1	1	Messenger	General		83		90	
1	1	Court-keeper	"		72		72	
2	2	Court-cleaners, at £52	"		104		104	
1	1	Government Interpreter and Translator of Foreign Correspondence	Clerical	A	260		350	
						3,446		3,496
24	33	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	7,946	.....	10,881

* Transferred from Head Office Staff.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
Petty Sessions—continued.									
24	33	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	7,946	.....	10,881	
<i>Water Police Office.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	500	500		
1	1	Chief Clerk and Accountant	Clerical	A2	...	400	400		
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	275	280		
3	2	Clerks—1 at £250, 1 at £240	"	B	...	690	490		
2	2	Do 1 at £200, 1 at £180	"	C	...	340	380		
3	5	Do 1 at £150, 2 at £140, 1 at £95, 1 at £50	"	D	...	356	575		
1	...	Probationer	"	D	...	51	.....	
1	1	Messenger	General	...	...	120	*120		
1	1	Court-keeper ... ..	"	...	...	52	52		
1	1	Court-cleaner ... ..	"	...	...	52	52		
		Balance of salary due to 1 Clerk, 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1900 ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	40		
						2,836		2,889	
<i>Albury.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	475	475		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A	...	280	280		
...	1	Junior Clerk	"	D	...	.....	50		
						755		805	
<i>Armidale.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	475	475		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	...	300	300		
						775		775	
<i>Ballina.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	C	...	180	190		
						180		190	
<i>Balmain.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	B	...	250	250		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	D	...	100	125		
		Balance of salary due to Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, 1 April, 1900, to 30 June, 1900, @ £10 per annum ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	3		
						350		378	
<i>Balranald.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	400	*400		
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	...	a.....	a.....		
						400		400	
<i>Barmedman.</i>									
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	"	...	...	a.....	a.....		
<i>Bathurst.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	500	500		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A2	...	400	400		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	D	...	110	110		
1	1	Probationer ... ..	.....	D	...	50	*50		
						1,060		1,060	
<i>Bega.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	425	425		
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	...	a.....	a.....		
						425		425	
<i>Bellingen.</i>									
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	"	...	...	a.....	a.....		
<i>Bingara.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	400	*400		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A	...	275	*280		
						675		680	
54	64	Carried forward	£	15,402	18,483	

* See Schedule.

a Provided under Lands Department.

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Petty Sessions—continued.								
54	64	Brought forward ...	£	.....	.....	15,402	.....	18,483
<i>Blayney.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	b.....		650	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions...	"	...	D	140	140	190
<i>Bombala.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	a.....		a.....	
<i>Bourke.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	450	*450	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A3	...	300	*260	
<i>Braidwood.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	450	450	710
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A3	...	300	300	
<i>Brewarrina.</i>								
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	200	*200	750
<i>Broken Hill.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	500	*500	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A2	...	400	*400	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	C	200	*200	
2	1	Clerks—1 at £170 ...	"	...	C	200	170	
...	2	Clerks—1 at £80, 1 at £50 ...	"	...	D	.....	130	
...	...	Balance of salary due to 1 Clerk at £25, from 11 January to 30 June, 1900 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	
<i>Burrow.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	1,300	a.....	1,412
<i>Burwood.</i>								
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	A	195	200	
<i>Campbelltown.</i>								
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	C	180	180	200
<i>Carcoar.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	180	a.....	180
<i>Casino.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	a.....	a.....	
<i>Cassilis.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	a.....	a.....	
<i>Cobar.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	425	*425	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	...	B	230	*260	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	D	100	*100	
...	...	Balance of salary due to Clerk of Petty Sessions, 1 July, 1899, to 30 June, 1900, at £30 per annum ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	
<i>Condobolin.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	755	a.....	815
<i>Cooma.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	400	400	
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	...	...	a.....	a.....	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	D	110	125	
...	1	Probationer ...	"	...	D	.....	*50	
<i>Coonabarabran.</i>								
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	...	...	510	a.....	575
<i>Coonamble.</i>								
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	...	400	*400	
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	...	...	a.....	a.....	
1	1	Junior Clerk ...	"	...	D	100	*65	
...	...		.....	.....	.....	500	.....	465
74	86	Carried forward ...	£	.....	.....	20,682	.....	23,980

* See Schedule. ... a Provided for under Lands Department. ... b Also receives salary as Postmaster.

No. of Persons.		No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.									
1899-1900	1900-1			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
					Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
							£		£		
74	86	Brought forward... ..		£	.....	...	.....	20,682	£	23,980
<i>Cootamundra.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	475		475		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	A3	...	350		350		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	D	...	110		125		
<i>Corowa.</i>											
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	...	...	a.....	935	a.....	950
<i>Cowra.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	425		425		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	A3	...	350		350		
1	1	Probationer		"	D	...	*50		*50		
<i>Deniliquin.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	475		*175		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	A3	...	350		*350		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	D	...	150		*150		
...	...	Salary of Police Magistrate, at £25, from 1st December, 1898, to 30th June, 1899		.....	...	...	15		.....	
<i>Dubbo.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	500		500		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	A3	...	300		300		
...	1	Junior Clerk		"	D	...	.....		50	
<i>Dungog.</i>											
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..		"	...	...	a.....	800	a.....	850
<i>Eden.</i>											
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	C	...	180		190		
<i>Forbes.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	475		475		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	B	...	260		260		
<i>Germanton.</i>											
1	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..		"	...	...	b.....	735	b.....	735
<i>Glebe.</i>											
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	A	...	270		280		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	D	...	140		170		
1	1	Junior Clerk		"	D	...	52		50		
<i>Glen Innes.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	450		450		
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	...	...	a.....		a.....	
...	1	Junior Clerk		"	D	...	.....		50	
...	...	Salary of Police Magistrate, from 1st December, 1898, to 30th June, 1899, at £25 ... ..		"	...	...	15		...	
<i>Gosford.</i>											
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	C	...	175		220		
<i>Goulburn.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	500		500		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	A2	...	400		400		
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	D	...	110		125		
...	1	Probationer		"	D	...	.....		*50	
<i>Grafton.</i>											
1	1	Police Magistrate		Professional	A2	...	425		425		
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		Clerical	B	...	280		280		
1	1	Clerk		"	D	...	50		50		
<i>Grenfell.</i>											
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	A3	...	350		350		
...	1	Probationer		"	D	...	.....		*50	
<i>Gundagai.</i>											
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..		"	...	...	a.....	350	a.....	400
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	D	...	110		100		
<i>Gunmadah.</i>											
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions		"	A3	...	350		350		
1	1	Junior Clerk		"	D	...	50		*65		
<i>Gunning.</i>											
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..		"	...	...	a.....	400	a.....	415
104	119	Carried forward ... ..		£	.....	...	.....	28,874		32,470

* See Schedule. a Provided for under Lands Department. b Salary paid as Postmaster.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
		Petty Sessions—continued.						
104	119	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	28,874		32,470
		<i>Hay.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	400		400*
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	350		350*
							750	750
		<i>Hillgrove.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		B	250		210
		<i>Hillston.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	450		400*
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	..	..	a.....		a.....
							450	400
		<i>Inverell.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	450		450
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	350		350
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions...	"		D	100		100
							900	900
		<i>Junee.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		B	250		250
							250	250
		<i>Kempsey.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	425		400
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	..	..	a.....		a.....
							425	400
		<i>Kiama.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		A	200		200
							200	200
		<i>Lismore.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	425		425
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	350		350
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions...	"		D	150		150
							925	925
		<i>Lithgow.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		A	280		290
							280	290
		<i>Liverpool.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		C	200		200
							200	200
		<i>Maclean.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		D	160		170
							160	170
		<i>Maitland (East).</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	475		475
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	260		260
							735	735
		<i>Maitland (West).</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		B	260		270
							260	270
		<i>Milparinka.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions	Professional	A3	..	350		350*
							350	350
		<i>Milton.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	..	A	275		275
							275	275
		<i>Molong.</i>						
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		..	a.....		a.....
		<i>Moree.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions	Professional	A2	..	400		400*
1	1	Junior Clerk	Clerical	..	D	100		78*
							500	478
		<i>Moruya.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A3	..	350		350
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	300		300
							650	650
		<i>Moss Vale.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		A	280		290
							280	290
		<i>Mudgee.</i>						
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	..	400		400
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	..	350		350
1	1	Junior Clerk	"		D	65		65
							815	815
		<i>Murrumburrah.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		C	175		175
							175	175
		<i>Murrurundi.</i>						
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"		A	280		290
							280	290
135	150	Carried forward	£	37,984		41,493

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
					£		£			
Petty Sessions—continued.										
135	150	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	...	...	.....	37,984	.....	41,493
<i>Murwillumbah.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions	Professional	A3	...	...	350	350	350	350
<i>Muswellbrook.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	A	...	280	290	290	290
<i>Narrabri.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	...	425	425	425	425
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	...	...	a.....	a.....	a.....	a.....
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	D	...	100	100	100	100
<i>Narrandera.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	A3	...	350	350	350	350
1	1	Junior Clerk	"	...	D	...	65	*65	*65	*65
<i>Newcastle.</i>										
2	2	Stipendiary Magistrates, at £620... ..	Professional	A1	...	...	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A2	...	...	425	425	425	425
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	C	...	150	170	170	170
2	2	Clerks—1 at £125, 1 at £65	"	...	D	...	190	190	190	190
<i>Newtown.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	A2	...	425	425	425	425
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	B	...	250	250	250	250
1	1	Deposition Clerk	"	...	C	...	210	220	220	220
4	4	Clerks—2 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £110... ..	"	...	D	...	520	550	550	550
1	1	Junior Clerk ... ..	"	...	...	...	52	50	50	50
<i>North Sydney.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	A	...	270	280	280	280
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	D	...	125	180	180	180
<i>Nourra.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	...	400	400	400	400
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	A	...	280	290	290	290
<i>Nymagee.</i>										
1	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	D	...	b10	b10	b10	b10
<i>Nyngan.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	A	...	275	*260	*260	*260
<i>Orange.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	...	475	475	475	475
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A3	...	...	300	300	300	300
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	C	...	160	170	170	170
<i>Paddington.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	A	...	270	280	280	280
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	D	...	125	150	150	150
<i>Parkes.</i>										
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	"	...	...	...	a.....	a.....	a.....	a.....
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions... ..	"	...	D	...	100	100	100	100
<i>Parramatta.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	...	500	500	500	500
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	A2	...	...	400	400	400	400
2	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	D	...	175	150	150	150
...	1	Junior Clerk	"	...	D	...	65	65	65	65
<i>Paterson.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	C	...	200	200	200	200
<i>Penrith.</i>										
1	1	Police Magistrate	Professional	A2	...	...	425	425	425	425
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	Clerical	...	C	...	180	180	180	180
<i>Picton.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	C	...	180	190	190	190
<i>Port Macquarie.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	C	...	180	190	190	190
<i>Queanbeyan.</i>										
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	"	...	...	...	a.....	a.....	a.....	a.....
<i>Quirindi.</i>										
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions	"	...	B	...	250	250	250	250
Carried forward										
177	191	£	48,296	52,038

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No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
177 191		Petty Sessions—continued.							
		Brought forward...	£	.....			48,296	£	52,038
		<i>Raymond Terrace.</i>							
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	400			400	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	C	210			170	
		<i>Reäfern.</i>				610			570
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	A2	425			425	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	D	140			170	
1	1	Junior Clerk ...	"	D	80			95	
		<i>Ryde.</i>				645			690
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	B	250			250	
		<i>Rylstone.</i>				250			250
		Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"		a.....			a.....	
		<i>Scone.</i>							
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	400			400	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A	280			290	
		<i>Singleton.</i>				680			690
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	A3	350			350	
1	1	Probationer ...	"	D	50			*50	
		<i>Stroud.</i>				400			400
		Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"		a.....			a.....	
		<i>Swamp Oak.</i>							
		Clerk of Petty Sessions (Acting)...	"	D	c 10			c 10	
		<i>Tamworth.</i>				10			10
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	400			400	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A3	300			300	
1	1	Junior Clerk ...		D	50			*50	
		<i>Taree.</i>				750			750
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A3	350			350	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	D	110			170	
		<i>Temora.</i>				460			520
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	B	250			250	
		<i>Tenterfield.</i>				250			250
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A3	350			350	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	D	250			250	
		<i>Trunkey.</i>				600			600
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	425			425	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions (Acting)...	Clerical	D	c 10			c 10	
		<i>Tumut.</i>				435			435
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A3	350			350	
1	1	Junior Clerk ...		D	110			*50	
		<i>Tumbarumba.</i>				460			400
1	1	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Professional	A3	350			350	
		<i>Uralla.</i>				350			350
		Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical		b.....			b.....	
		<i>Urana.</i>							
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	A3	300			a.....	
		<i>Wagga Wagga.</i>				300			
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A2	500			500	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical	A3	300			300	
1	1	Probationer ...	"	D	50			*50	
		<i>Walcha.</i>				850			850
		Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"		a.....			a.....	
		<i>Walgett.</i>							
1	1	Police Magistrate ...	Professional	A3	350			*350	
		Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	Clerical		a.....			a.....	
		<i>Wallsend and Plattsburg.</i>				350			350
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	B	250			250	
		<i>Warialda.</i>				250			250
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	"	A	280			*280	
1	1	Junior Clerk ...	"	D	65			*65	
						345			345
208	222	Carried forward...	£			56,291	59,748

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1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
Petty Sessions—continued.									
208	222	Brought forward...	£	.....	..	.....	56,291		59,748
<i>Warren.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	A	275	300	300
<i>Wellington.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	"	..	A	280	290	
...	1	Probationer... ..	..	.....	..	.....	.....	*50	
<i>Wentworth.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A2	..	400	*400	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	D	160	*160	
<i>White Cliffs.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	"	..	C	175	*175	
<i>Wilcannia.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A3	..	350	*350	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	C	145	*175	
<i>Windsor.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	"	..	C	175	180	
<i>Wollombi.</i>									
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	"	..	C	180	180	
<i>Wollongong.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A2	..	500	500	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	A	280	280	
<i>Wyalong.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A2	..	425	*425	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	B	230	260	
<i>Yass.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A2	..	400	400	
...	...	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	..	..	a ...	a ...	
<i>Young.</i>									
1	1	Police Magistrate ... ..	..	Professional	A2	..	450	450	
1	1	Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	Clerical	A3	..	350	350	
1	1	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions ... ..	..	"	..	D	110	125	
<i>Weights and Measures Office, Sydney.</i>									
1	1	Inspector of Weights and Measures ... ..	..	"	..	A	425	*125	
1	1	Assistant to Inspector ... ..	..	"	..	D	110	110	
1	1	Attendant ... ..	..	General	..	..	52	52	
1	1	Probationer ... ..	..	Clerical	..	D	50	50	
							637		637
Allowances to Court and Office Cleaners							2,050		2,050
Allowances to Police acting as Clerks of Petty Sessions, &c....							1,800		1,800
Adjustment of Police Magistrates Salaries in connection with proposed re-arrangement.							200		200
							65,863		69,485
Less value of quarters							25		25
							65,838		69,460
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
Travelling Expenses							7,250	7,250	
Fees to Interpreters							100	100	
Rent of Court-houses							1,300	1,300	
Fuel, Light, Water, and Removal of Night-soil							600	600	
Incidental Expenses							3,500	3,500	
Allowances to witnesses attending Courts of Petty Sessions							600	750	
Living and District Allowances authorised to Officers							1,000	1,100	
							14,350		14,600
229	244	TOTAL	£	80,188	84,060

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1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
							£
Prisons.							
1	1	Comptroller-General	Professional	A1	850	850	
1	1	Deputy Comptroller and Inspector ...	Clerical	A1	500	500	
1	1	Accountant and Statist	"	A3	300	300	
1	1	Clerk—1 at £260	"	A	260	260	
1	1	Do 1 at £230	"	B	220	230	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £190, 1 at £160	"	C	340	350	
3	3	Do 1 at £140, 1 at £110, 1 at £100...	"	D	325	350	
1	1	Messenger	General		125	a125	
1	1	Housekeeper	"		30	30	
					2,950	2,995	
12	12	SYDNEY GAOL.					
1	1	Governor	Clerical	A1	525	a 525	
1	1	Deputy Governor	"	A3	300	a 300	
1	1	Clerk	"	B	250	250	
1	1	Do	"	C	200	200	
3	3	Clerks—1 at £125, 2 at £65	"	C	255	255	
1	1	Librarian and Schoolmaster	"	D	160	170	
1	1	Special Visiting Justice for Darlinghurst and Biloela Gaols	General		175	200	
1	1	Director of Labour... ..	"		300	300	
1	1	Principal Storekeeper	"		200	200	
1	1	Messenger	"		160	160	
1	1	Carter	"		120	120	
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	"		120	120	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	"		120	120	
1	1	Do Presbyterian	"		50	60	
1	1	Do Wesleyan	"		50	50	
1	1	Do Jewish	"		50	b 50	
...	1	Dispenser ... ..	"		.....	*225
					3,035	3,305	
18	19	ALBURY GAOL.					
1	1	Gaoler	General		300	a 300	
1	1	Matron	"		48	48	
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	"		20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	"		20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	"		.....	*40
					388	428	
4	5	ARMIDALE GAOL.					
1	1	Gaoler	General		300	a 300	
1	1	Matron	"		12	12	
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	"		20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	"		20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	"		.....	*40
					352	392	
4	5	BATHURST GAOL.					
1	1	Governor	Clerical	A2	480	a 480	
1	1	Deputy-Governor	"	A	275	a 275	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	170	170	
1	1	Do	"	D	75	65	
1	1	Schoolmaster and Storekeeper	General		170	150	
1	1	Superintendent of Female Division	"		250	a 250	
1	1	Carter	"		120	120	
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	"		60	60	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	"		60	60	
1	1	Do Presbyterian	"		40	40	
...	1	Dispenser	Professional	B3	.....	*100
...	1	Surgeon ... ..	"		.....	*120
					1,700	1,890	
10	12	Carried forward					
48	53				8,425	9,010	

* Transferred from Chief Secretary's Department. a Quarters included. b Visits also Biloela and Parramatta Gaols.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
Prisons—continued.								
48	53	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	8,425	.....	9,010
BERRIMA GAOL.								
1	1	Governor	Clerical..	A3	.....	320	.....	320 ^a
1	1	Deputy-Governor	"	B	.....	250	.....	250 ^b
1	1	Clerk and Schoolmaster	"	C	.....	170	.....	180
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100
1	1	Do Roman Catholic ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100
1	1	Visiting Justice ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200*
6	7					990		1,200
BILOELA GAOL.								
1	1	Governor	Clerical..	A2	.....	400	.....	400 ^b
1	1	Deputy Governor	"	B	.....	250	.....	250 ^b
1	1	Clerk	"	C	.....	180	.....	190
1	1	Superintendent, Female Division... ..	General	C	.....	200	.....	200 ^b
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	40
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	40
...	1	Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180
6	7					1,110		1,300
BROKEN HILL.								
1	1	Gaoler	General	.....	.....	300	.....	300 ^b
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	.....	.....	48	.....	48
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50*
4	5					388		438
DENILQUIN.								
1	1	Gaoler	General	.....	.....	275	.....	275 ^a
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	.....	.....	48	.....	48
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40*
4	5					363		403
DUBBO.								
1	1	Gaoler	General	.....	.....	300	.....	300 ^a
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	.....	.....	48	.....	48
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	20
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40*
4	5					388		428
FORBES.								
1	1	Gaoler (Acting)	General	.....	.....	174	.....	174 ^b
1	1	Matron do ... ..	"	.....	.....	10	.....	10
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40*
4	5					204		244
76	87	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	11,868	.....	13,023

* Transferred from Chief Secretary's Department.

^a Allowances; see Schedule.^b Includes Quarters

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1900-1.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
76	87				£		£			
		Prisons—continued.								
		Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	11,868	.....	13,023
		GOULBURN GAOL.								
1	1	Governor	Clerical	A3	380		a380			
1	1	Deputy Governor	General		210		a210			
2	2	Clerks, 1 at £150, 1 at £50	Clerical	D	200		200			
1	1	Schoolmaster and Storekeeper	"	C	180		190			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		60		60		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....		60		60		
1	1	Do Presbyterian ... ..	.....		40		40		
...	1	Surgeon ... ..	.....		.....		*120	
...	1	Dispenser	Professional	B3	.....		*100		
8	10					1,130		1,360		
		GRAFTON GAOL.								
1	1	Gaoler	General		240		a240			
1	1	Matron	"		12		12			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		30		30		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....		30		30		
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....		.....		*40	
4	5					312		352		
		HAY GAOL.								
1	1	Gaoler (Acting)	General		184		b184			
1	1	Matron (Acting)	"		10		10			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		20		20		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic ... ..	.....		20		20		
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....		.....		*40	
4	5					234		274		
		MAITLAND GAOL.								
1	1	Governor	Clerical	A2	400		b400			
1	1	Clerk and Schoolmaster	"	C	170		170			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		30		30		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....		30		30		
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....		.....		*200	
4	5					630		830		
		MUDGE GAOL.								
1	1	Gaoler (Acting)	General		174		a174			
1	1	Matron (Acting)	"		10		10			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		20		20		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic... ..	.....		20		20		
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ... ..	.....		.....		*50	
4	5					224		274		
		PARRAMATTA GAOL.								
1	1	Governor	Clerical	A1	500		a500			
1	1	Deputy-Governor	"	A	275		a275			
1	1	Clerk	"	C	200		200			
1	1	Do	"	D	100		100			
1	1	Schoolmaster and Storekeeper	General		200		200			
1	1	Messenger and Carter	"		130		130			
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England ... ..	.....		60		60		
1	1	Do Roman Catholic ... ..	.....		60		60		
1	1	Do Presbyterian ... ..	.....		40		40		
1	1	Do Wesleyan ... ..	.....		40		40		
...	1	Dispenser ... ..	.....		.....		*200	
10	11					1,605		1,805		
110	128	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	16,003	.....	17,918

a Allowances; see Schedule.

b Includes quarters.

* Transferred from Chief Secretary's Department.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.											
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.						
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.				
					£		£				
110	128	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	16,003	.....	17,918
TAMWORTH GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler	General	...	...	300	a300		
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	...	...	48	48		
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic...	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	...	*40	
4	5					388		428			
TRIAL BAY PRISON.											
1	1	Superintendent	Clerical	A2	...	400	b400				
1	1	Deputy-Superintendent ...	"	...	A	275	a275				
1	1	Clerk	"	...	B	250	a250				
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	80	80	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic	.....	.....	.....	80	80	
5	5					1,085		1,085			
WAGGA GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler (Acting)	General	...	...	174	b174		
1	1	Matron do ... ..	"	...	...	10	10		
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	10	10	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic	.....	.....	.....	10	10	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	*40	
4	5					204		244			
WILCANNIA GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler	General	...	...	295	a295		
1	1	Matron ... ..	"	...	...	48	48		
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic...	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	*40	
4	5					383		423			
WOLLONGONG GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler (Acting)	General	...	...	174	a174		
1	1	Matron do ... ..	"	...	...	10	10		
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic...	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	*40	
4	5					224		264			
YASS GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler (Acting) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	174	b174	
1	1	Matron do ... ..	.....	.....	.....	10	10	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	...	*40	
2	3					184		224			
YOUNG GAOL.											
1	1	Gaoler	General	...	...	300	a300		
1	1	Chaplain, Church of England	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
1	1	Do Roman Catholic...	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
...	1	Surgeon and Dispenser ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	*40	
3	4					340		380			
136	160	Carried forward ...	.....	.....	.....	18,811	.....	20,966

a Includes quarters.

b Allowances; see Schedule

* Transferred from Colonial Secretary's Department.

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
		Prisons—continued.							
136	160	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	18,811	.....	20,966
		POLICE GAOLS—COUNTRY DISTRICTS.							
35	35	Acting Gaolers—10 at £20, 25 at £15 ...	General	...	575		575		
35	35	Do Matrons—21 at £10, 14 at £5 ...	„	...	285		280		
4	4	Chaplains at £10 ... ..	.....	.....	40		40	
...	5	Surgeons and Dispensers—3 at £50, 2 at £40 ... ..	.....	.....	.....		†230	
74	79					900		1,125	
		PRISON SERVICE GENERALLY.*							
4	5	Chief Warders—1 at £192, 4 at £184 ...	General	...	744		a 928		
22	22	Senior Warders—1 at £186, 1 at £184, 12 at £174, 4 at £168, 4 at £162 ...	„	...	3,796		a 3,778		
44	43	1st Class Warders—1 at £176, 1 at £168, 1 at £162, 1 at £160, 26 at £156, 5 at £150, 8 at £144	„	...	6,780		a 6,624		
35	33	2nd Class Warders—2 at £150, 1 at £144, 20 at £138, 10 at £134	„	...	4,830		a 4,544		
182	182	3rd Class Warders—6 at £149, 9 at £141, 11 at £139, 1 at £133, 119 at £129, 1 at £127, 12 at £123, 23 at £117 ...	„	...	23,424		a 23,470		
30	30	Probationary Warders—1 at £122, 1 at £120, 28 at £110 ... ..	.....	.....	3,334		a 3,322	
4	3	Principal Female Warders, at £150 ... ..	.....	.....	600		a 450	
2	1	Forewoman, at £110 ... ..	.....	.....	220		a 110	
14	12	Female Warders—11 at £104, 1 at £76 ... ..	.....	.....	1,456		a 1,220	
3	6	Probationary Female Warders, at £70 ... ..	.....	.....	210		a 420	
4	4	Chief Overseers—1 at £210, 2 at £180, 1 at £168 ... ..	.....	.....	750		738	
10	12	Overseers—8 at £160, 4 at £154 ... ..	.....	.....	1,594		1,896	
1	2	Foremen, at £186 ... ..	.....	.....	186		372	
13	13	Foremen—1 at £170, 1 at £160, 7 at £150, 2 at £144, 2 at £138 ... ..	.....	.....	1,944		1,944	
		To provide Substitutes for Officers sick or on leave of absence, and Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	.....	.....	1,000		1,000	
						50,868		50,816	
368	368	Less value of quarters, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	70,579	.....	72,907
						2,904		2,894	
						67,675		70,013	
		Contingencies.							
		For Gratuities to Prisoners on their discharge from Gaols ... ..	.....	.....	2,000		2,000	
		Books for Library ... ..	.....	.....	150		150	
		Rent of Office ... ..	.....	.....	250		250	
		Photography in Gaols ... ..	.....	.....	25		25	
		Towards formation of Library for Warders in Principal Gaols ... ..	.....	.....	50		50	
		Provisions, Travelling Expenses, Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	27,525		27,525	
						30,000		30,000	
578	607	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	97,675	.....	100,013

* For deductions, &c., see Schedule.

a Includes quarters.

† Transferred from Colonial Secretary's Department.

No. of Persons.		No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.							
1899-1900.	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
		Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents.							
1	1	Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents	Professional	A1	£	1,000	£	1,000	
1	1	Deputy Registrar-General and Chief Clerk	Clerical	A1		600		600	
						1,600			1,600
		LAND TITLES BRANCH.							
3	3	Examiners of Titles—2 at £800, 1 at £600	Professional	A1		2,200		2,200	
1	1	Chief Draftsman	"	A2		500		500	
1	...	Deputy Registrar-General...	Clerical	A1		500		.....
1	1	Do do	"	A2		400		400	
1	1	Search Clerk	Professional	A		400		299	
1	1	Deputy Registrar-General and Accountant	Clerical	A3		350		350	
1	1	Assistant Search Clerk	"	A		260		270	
1	1	Sub-Accountant	"	A		260		270	
						4,870			4,289
		DEEDS REGISTRATION BRANCH.							
1	1	Deputy Registrar-General...	"	A2		.....		400	400
		BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES BRANCH.							
...	1	Deputy Registrar-General and Registrar of Vital Statistics	"	A1		.....		.....	500
13	13								
		DRAFTSMEN.							
14	16	Draftsmen—1 at £375, 1 at £335, 1 at £300	Professional	A3		.....		.....	.....
...	...	1 at £263, 1 at £260, 1 at £250	"	2B		.....		.....	.....
...	...	2 at £240, 2 at £220, 1 at £210	"	2C		3,282		3,613	
...	...	1 at £200	"	2D		.....		.....	.....
...	...	3 at £150, 1 at £50	"	2E		.....		.....	.....
1	1	Draftsman (Cadet)	"	2E		50		50	
						3,332			3,663
15	17	Adjustment of Draftsmen's Salaries to 30th June, 1899				.....		.....	96
		OFFICERS.							
4	4	Clerks—at £300	Clerical	A3		1,200		1,200	
2	2	Do 2 at £270	"	A		520		540	
7	7	Do 2 at £250, 1 at £240, 2 at £230, 1 at £220, 1 at £210	"	B		1,600		1,630	
19	19	Do 6 at £200, 2 at £190, 1 at £185, 2 at £180, 5 at £170, 3 at £160	"	C		3,365		3,455	
26	26	Do 2 at £150, 6 at £140, 5 at £125, 3 at £110, 3 at £80, 6 at £65, 1 at £50	"	D		2,542		2,775	
...	1	Shorthand Writer	"	A		.....		260	
...	...	Special Clerks for copying Deeds Indexes..				.....		600	
...	...	Extra Clerical Assistance				.....		450	
						9,227			10,910
58	59								
		Salary due to 1 Clerk, from 31st August, 1897, to 29th October, 1897, at £175 per annum (8 weeks and 4 days)							
						.....		.....	29
4	5	Record Attendants—1 at £120, 1 at £105, 1 at £75, 1 at £67 10s., 1 at £26	General			.....		360	394
		MESSENGERS.							
...	1	Chief Messenger	"			.....		120	
1	1	Printer and Caretaker	"			175		175	
6	6	Messengers—4 at £52, 2 at £39	"			234		286	
1	1	Officekeeper...	"			100		100	
1	1	Do Branch Office	"			50		50	
						559			731
13	15								
99	104	Carried forward	£			20,348		22,612

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No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
		Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents—continued.						
99	104	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	20,348	.....	22,612
		PATENTS OFFICE.						
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	A2	400		400	
1	1	Do	"	A3	340		340	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £190	"	C	380		390	
3	3	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £80, 1 at £50	"	D	265		280	
1	1	Cleaner	General		30		30	
8	8					1,415		1,440
						21,763		24,052
		<i>Contingencies (Registrar-General).</i>						
		Presses for District Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages	.....	.....	200		200	
		Fire Brigades Board — Allowance or services of a Night Watchman	.....	.....	130		157	
		Allowance to District Registrars, &c.	.....	.....	2,600		2,600	
		Fees to Engrossers...	.....	.....	800		850	
		Cost of Binding and Repairing Books	.....	.....	700		700	
		Inspecting and Checking Descriptions and Measurements of Land comprised in Plans deposited under the Provisions of the Real Property Act, also for purchase of Maps, &c.	.....	.....	200		200	
		Purchase of Law Books, &c.	.....	.....	75		75	
		Rent of additional Premises, at £500 per annum	.....	.....	500		500	
		Fuel and Light and Incidental expenses...	.....	.....	550		550	
		Copying Indexes	.....	.....	.....		50	
					5,755		5,882	
		<i>Contingencies (Patents Office).</i>						
		Printing and Bookbinding	.....	.....	300		430	
		Fees to Expert (Special)	.....	.....	175		150	
		Incidental expenses, including additions to Library, and Electric Lighting and Fuel	.....	.....	150		150	
		Rent of Office, Phillip-street, from 1 April, 1899, at £420 per annum	.....	.....	525		420	
					1,150		1,150	
						6,905		7,032
107	112	TOTAL	£	.....	.....	28,668	.....	31,084
		Registrar of Copyright.						
		Registrar of Copyright.				a.....		a
		<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Incidental Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	b45	45

a Salary voted as Principal Librarian under Department of Public Instruction.

b £40 of this amount will be recovered.

No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.				
	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Miscellaneous Services.				
Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, under Liquor Act of 1898	600		700	
For expenses of Inquiries under Commission Act, 44 Vic. No. 1, and Inquiries under Criminal Law Amendment Act, sec. 383	150		150	
For Services of a Law Reporter for Bankruptcy and Probate Courts ...	150		150	
Necropolis—for general maintenance of Cemetery	500		500	
Waverley Cemetery—General Maintenance	150		.....
Gore Hill Cemetery—General Improvements	150		100	
To meet Legal Expenses, Justice Department	150		150	
Purchase of Law Books, Almanacs, &c., for Courts of Quarter Sessions, District Courts, and Courts of Petty Sessions	750		750	
Refund of fees paid for Licenses issued under the Liquor Act, &c. ...	100		100	
Refund equivalent to the sum contributed to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund by James Dwyer	70		.....
Maintenance of Naval Sections of the Necropolis	12		11	
Amount (as per recommendation of Select Committee) to compensate Rachel Dawson for actual loss sustained and wrong done through a miscarriage of justice (In full of all demands)	250		.....
Long Bay Cemetery—General Maintenance ... ..	.....		50	
Gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, Stipendiary Magistrate ... ..	.....		300	
Gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. J. J. Spruson, Registrar of Copyright ... ..	.....		428	
Gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. C. G. Gibson, C.P.S., &c., Broken Hill—equal to six months' salary ... ..	.....		182	
Robert Hogan and Mrs. Catherine Ahearn—Compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment in cattle-stealing case (£100 each) ...	.....		200	
		3,032		3,771
TOTAL... ..	£	3,032	.....	3,771

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.									
No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£	£		
Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23.									
1	1	Minister of Public Instruction ... ..	.....	...	...	.....	1,370	.....	1,370
1	1	Under Secretary	Special...	...	...	.....	920	.....	920
MINISTERIAL OFFICE.									
1	1	Chief Clerk	Clerical	A1	...	550		550	
1	1	Accountant	"	A1	...	500		500	
1	1	Cashier	"	A2	...	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	A2	...	400		400	
1	1	Clerk in Charge of Records	"	A3	...	300		300	
4	4	Clerks—1 at £360, 1 at £350, and 2 at £300	"	A3	...	1,310		1,310	
5	5	Clerks—2 at £299, 1 at £290, and 2 at £270	"	A	...	1,389		1,428	
5	5	Clerks—4 at £250, and 1 at £225	"	B	...	1,205		1,225	
17	17	Clerks—10 at £200, 2 at £180, 4 at £170, and 1 at £160	"	C	...	3,100		3,200	
19	21	Clerks—3 at £150, 2 at £140, 4 at £125, 1 at £110, 1 at £104, 2 at £95, 1 at £90, 1 at £80, 3 at £65, and 3 at £50	"	D	...	1,870		2,149	
1	1	Architect	Professional	A2	...	400		400	
2	1	Assistant Architects at £260	"	1A	...	520		260	
1	1	Draftsman	"	D2	...	200		200	
1	1	Do	"	E2	...	150		150	
5	5	{ Clerks of Works—1 at £300 Do 4 at £250	General	...	...	300		300	
1	1	School Attendance and Payments Officer ... ..	"	...	...	1,000		1,000	
4	4	Messengers—1 at £160 (a), 1 at £125, 1 at £105, and 1 at £67 10/- ... ..	"	...	...	200		200	
4	4	Office-keepers and Cleaners—1 at £100 (a) and 3 at £72 (b) ... ..	"	...	...	442/10		a453	
1	1	Storeman and Packer ... ..	"	...	...	5316		ab316	
3	3	Cleaners—1 (with horse and cart) at £182, 1 at £132, and 1 at £96 ... ..	"	...	...	115/10		120	
...	...	Increase of salary to Assistant Architect from 1 July, 1898, to 30 June, 1899..	.....	...	...	410		410	
						.....	15,078	10	15,286
CHIEF INSPECTOR'S BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Inspector of Schools	Educational	...	...	750		750	
1	1	Deputy Chief Inspector of Schools and Assistant Examiner ... ..	"	...	...	650		650	
9	9	District Inspectors of Schools, at £560 ... ..	"	...	...	5,040		5,040	
3	3	Inspectors of Schools and Assistant Examiners, at £560 ... ..	"	...	...	1,680		1,680	
22	22	Inspectors of Schools—10 at £470, 5 at £400, and 7 at £380	Educational	...	...	9,360		9,360	
...	...	Salary for July and August, 1900—1 District Inspector, £93 10s.; and special living allowance for 1 Inspector, £40.	.....	...	...	.....		134	
						.....	17,480		17,614
116	117	Carried forward...	34,848		35,190

(a) With quarters provided.

(b) One with quarters provided.

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No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
		Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23—continued.						
116	117	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	34,848	.....	35,190
		TRAINING SCHOOLS.						
1	1	Lecturer on Elementary Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, Fort-street and Hurlstone	Unclassified	...	...	200		200
1	1	Lecturer, Fort-street and Hurlstone, and Assistant Examiner	Educational	...	...	413		443
1	1	Messenger, Caretaker, and Cleaner, Fort-street Training School and Public School	General	...	...	193		193*
						836		836
		HURLSTONE TRAINING SCHOOL.						
1	1	Principal	Educational	...	...	300		300*
1	1	Assistant ... ..	"	...	...	170		170*
1	1	Teacher of Drawing ... ..	"	...	...	100		100
1	1	Matron	General	...	...	175		175*
1	1	Cook ... ..	"	...	...	78		78*
2	2	Housemaids at £56 ... ..	"	...	...	112		112*
1	1	General Servant ... ..	"	...	...	52		52*
1	1	Kitchen Maid ... ..	"	...	...	52		52*
1	1	Caretaker and Gardener ... ..	"	...	...	113		113*
						1,152		1,152
		TEACHERS' SALARIES (a) (In accordance with the grading of the Public Service Board, and with the regulations providing for the payment of Teachers under the Rules and Regulations of the Public Instruction Act of 1880.)						
1	1	Teachers (see Schedule page 143) ...	Educational	...	.....	553,905	.....	580,595
1	1	Superintendent of Music ... ..	"	...	...	400		400
1	1	Do of Drawing ... ..	"	...	...	450		450
1	1	Directress of Needlework ... ..	"	...	...	220		220
						1,070		1,070
		COOKERY INSTRUCTION.						
8	12	Teachers of Cookery—1 at £142, 5 at £114, 3 at £100, and 3 Assistant Teachers at £30 ... ..	"	...	...	912		1,102
						912		1,102
		HIGH SCHOOLS.						
...	1	Salaries of Teachers ... ..	"	...	...	5,400	(b) 5,363	
...	1	Caretaker (c)	General	...	...	.....	(c) 64	
								5,427
		TOTAL SALARIES ... ..	£	.....	.....	598,123	.....	625,372
		Less amounts chargeable to officers for value of quarters, &c.						
140	146	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	416	.....	416
						597,707	.....	624,956

*This salary is subject to deduction for quarters, &c.

(a) See Schedule, page 143.

(b) Subject to a deduction of £110 for quarters.

(c) Formerly paid from Contingent Vote, with quarters provided.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	L.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
Public Instruction under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23—continued.									
140	146	Brought forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	597,707	.....	624,956	
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
		High Schools—maintenance of ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	300	
		Chief Inspector's Branch—							
		Inspectors' Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	5,000	.....	5,000	
		Allowances to Students in Training,							
		Fort-street ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	1,500	
		Maintenance of Hurlstone Training							
		College and Allowances to Students	.....	.....	.....	1,150	.....	1,150	
		Examination Fees ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	150	
		Clerks of Works' Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	1,500	
		School Books, Printing, Stationery, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	12,000	.....	11,000	
		School Buildings, Sites, Additions, and							
		Repairs to Schools and Teachers' Resi-							
		dences, Furniture for Schools, and							
		Weathersheds ... ..	.....	.....	.....	13,000	.....	.....
		Rent of Schools ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,300	.....	.....
		Rent of Offices ... ..	.....	.....	.....	520	.....	750	
		Rent of Residences ... ..	.....	.....	.....	9,000	.....	9,000	
		Water and Sewerage Rates and Cleaning							
		Closets ... ..	.....	.....	.....	5,500	.....	5,500	
		Teachers' Forage Allowance ... ..	.....	.....	.....	2,700	.....	2,700	
		Teachers' Travelling Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	3,750	.....	3,750	
		Contingencies ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	500	
		Cookery Instruction—Miscellaneous <i>a</i> ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,400	
		Cleaning allowance to Teachers ... ..	.....	.....	.....	10,000	.....	10,000	
		Fuel Allowance ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,700	.....	1,700	
		State Scholarships and Bursaries ... ..	.....	.....	.....	3,850	.....	4,000	
		Amount due to Commissioner for Stamps							
		on account of impressed stamps ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
		Expenses in connection with conveyancing							
		and other legal matters, including							
		impressed stamps ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	150	
							75,070		60,050
140	146	TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION UNDER THE	£	.....	.....	672,777	.....	685,006	
		ACT 43 VIC. NO. 23							
Technical Education Branch.									
TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH.									
1	1	Superintendent of Technical Education		Educational	.....	625	.....	625	
		and Examiner ... ..	.....	.....	.....	
1	1	Registrar ... ..	.....	Clerical	.....	290	.....	299	
4	5	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £125, 1 at £110,							
		1 at £65, and 1 at £50 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	415	.....	500	
2	2	Library Attendant at £60, and Messenger		General	.....	99	.....	99	
		at £39 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	
1	1	Operator ... ..	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	240	
2	2	Assistant Operators—1 at £120 and 1 at £78		.....	.....	240	.....	198	
1	1	Modeller ... ..	.....	.....	.....	156	.....	156	
1	1	Assistant Teacher in Modelling ... ..	.....	.....	.....	156	.....	156	
13	14	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	2,221	.....	2,273	
140	146	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	672,777	.....	685,006	

a Fees received in connection with this expenditure are paid to Revenue.

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1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
140	146	Brought forward...	£	.....	..	.....	672,777	.....	685,006
Technical Education Branch—continued.									
13	14	Brought forward...	£	.....	..	.....	2,221	.....	2,273
TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH—continued.									
...	1	Foundryman	General	..	..	.....			130
1	...	Assistant Mechanical Engineer ... ..	"	..	..	132			.....
2	2	Junior Mechanical Engineers, 1 at £52, and 1 at £60 ... ..	"	..	..		80		112
1	1	Mechanical Assistant ... ..	"	..	..		132		100
1	...	Junior Assistant, Fitting and Turning ... ..	"	..	..		40		.....
1	1	Carpenter ... ..	"	..	..		144		144
1	1	Assistant Carpenter ... ..	"	..	..		60		100
1	1	Caretaker and Cleaner ... ..	"	..	..		150		150*
5	5	Cleaners—2 at £120, 1 at £108, 1 at £80, and 1 at £70 ... ..	"	..	..		486		498
1	1	Watchman ... ..	"	..	..		132		132
1	1	Charwoman ... ..	"	..	..		52		60
1	1	Night-watchman, Newcastle Technical College... ..	"	..	..		104		104
1	1	Cleaner, West Maitland ... ..	"	..	..		90		52
1	1	Cleaner and Caretaker, Bathurst Technical College... ..	"	..	..		100		100*
1	1	Caretaker and Assistant in Laboratory, Broken Hill ... ..	"	..	..		50		50
1	1	Caretaker, Petersham	General	..	..		20		20
...	...	Lecturers, Teachers, and Assistants	Educational	..	..	12,000			13,000
33	33					15,993			17,025
TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM.									
1	1	Curator	Professional	A3	..	350			350
1	1	Assistant Curator	"	..	B1	275			275 ^a
1	1	Economic Zoologist	"	..	B2	165			165
1	1	Botanical Collector... ..	"	..	B2	150			150
1	...	Botanical Assistant	"	..	B2	130			..
...	1	Museum Colorist	General..	..	..	.....			120
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	..	D	150			150
1	1	Do	"	..	D	120			125
3	3	Attendants—1 at £150, 1 at £125, and 1 at £120	General	..	..	372			395
2	2	Junior Attendants—1 at £72 and 1 at £50 ... ..	"	..	..	122			122
2	2	Carpenters, 1 at £175, and 1 at £144 ... ..	"	..	..	288			319
2	2	Night-watchmen, at £104 ... ..	"	..	..	208			208
1	1	Printer ... ..	"	..	..	156			156
1	1	Caretaker ... ..	"	..	..	52			52
...	1	Attendant, Albury... ..	"	..	..	..			78
1	1	Do Goulburn ... ..	"	..	..	116			116
1	1	Do Bathurst ... ..	"	..	..	100			100
1	1	Caretaker and Attendant, West Maitland ... ..	"	..	..	90			108
1	1	Attendant, Newcastle ... ..	"	..	..	104			104
1	1	Charwoman, Newcastle ... ..	"	..	..	39			39
...	...	Increases of Salaries—1 Attendant, £108 to £125, and 1 Carpenter, £144 to £175, from 1 July, 1899 ... ..	.....	..	..	.....			48
23	24					2,987			3,180
TOTAL SALARIES, TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH									
		£	.....	..	..	18,980			20,205
		Less amount chargeable on account of quarters ... ..	.....	..	..	50			50
						18,930			20,155
56	57	Carried forward...	£	.....	..	.....	18,930	.....	20,155
140	146	Carried forward	£	.....	..	.....	672,777	.....	685,006

* Less deduction for quarters, &c.

(a) Also receives £50 per annum as Teacher of Organic Chemistry,

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1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
140	146				£		£		
		Brought forward... ..	.....	.....	.....	672,777	.....	685,006	
56	57	Technical Education Branch—continued.							
		Brought forward ..	.....	.....	.....	18,930	.....	20,155	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		Apparatus, Fittings, and Materials ...	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	1,500	
		Lighting, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	800	
		Examination Fees ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	300	
		Prizes, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	200	
		Library ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	100	
		Rent, Repairs, Freight, Cartage, Travelling Expenses, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,200	
		Special Vote for Apparatus for Departments of Physics and Electrical Engineering ... ..	.....	.....	.....	550	.....	.....
		For Fittings to Country Technical Schools ... ..	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....
		For purchase of Specimens and Materials for Museums, Contingent Expenses, and maintenance of Branch Museums ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,200	
		Special Vote for purchase of Show-cases for Country Museums ... ..	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
		For the Extension of Technical Education ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	1,500	
		Printing of Notes and Tables for Chemistry Students ... ..	.....	.....	.....	168	.....	.....
						7,968		6,800	
		TOTAL, TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH £	.....	.....	.....	26,898	.....	26,955	
56	57	Cadet Branch.							
1	1	Chief Staff Officer and Superintendent of Drill	General	.....	.....	300	.....	300	
1	1	Staff Officer and Drill Instructor ... ..	"	.....	.....	275	.....	275	
1	1	Brigade Sergeant-Major and Drill Instructor ... ..	"	.....	.....	225	.....	225	
1	1	Quartermaster-Sergeant and Drill Instructor ... ..	"	.....	.....	200	.....	200	
1	1	Assistant in Armoury ... ..	"	.....	.....	120	.....	120	
						1,120		1,120	
5	5	<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		For purchase of arms ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	1,500	
		For purchase of ammunition ... ..	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	500	
		Travelling expenses of Officers, Instructors, and Cadets, carriage of arms and ammunition, and incidental expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	800	
		Grant for Annual Prize Meeting ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	150	
		To pay Military Instructors attending Country Schools, at per drill ... ..	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	500	
		To complete the equipment of School Cadets ... ..	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	350	
		Allowance to Battalion Commanders, Captains, and Subalterns, in accordance with Regulations 35 and 66 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	500	
		Rifle Practice, Musketry Instruction, Musketry Badges, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	250	
		School Drum and Fife Bands ... ..	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	60	
						3,190		4,610	
		TOTAL, CADET BRANCH ... £	4,310	5,730	
201	208	TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ... £	703,985	717,691	

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1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
						£		£
		Industrial Schools.						
		NAUTICAL SCHOOL SHIP "SOBRAON."						
1	1	Commander and Superintendent ...	Professional	A1	500		500*	
...	...	Visiting Surgeon ...	"	...	...	<i>a</i>	...
1	1	Lieutenant ...	"	A3	300		300*	
1	1	Clerk and Emergency Officer ...	Clerical	C	190		200*	
...	1	Clerk ...	"	D	...		50	
1	1	Chief Schoolmaster ...	Educational	...	240		240*	
1	1	Second do. ...	"	...	160		160*	
1	1	Third do. ...	"	...	120		140*	
1	1	Second Officer ...	General	...	220		220*	
1	1	Carpenter and Emergency Officer ...	"	...	200		200*	
1	1	Boatswain and Drill Master ...	"	...	172		172*	
1	1	Bandmaster and Emergency Officer ...	"	...	172		172*	
1	1	First Assistant Boatswain and Drill Master ...	"	...	144		144*	
1	1	Second Assistant Boatswain and Drill Master ...	"	...	135		135*	
1	1	Chief Seaman Instructor ...	"	...	131		131*	
1	1	Laundryman and Stoker ...	"	...	175		175*	
...	1	Seaman ...	"	...	...		143*
1	1	Do ...	"	...	137		137*	
1	1	Do ...	"	...	131		131*	
4	4	Do at £119 ...	"	...	476		476*	
1	1	Cook and Steward ...	"	...	143		143*	
1	1	Assistant Cook and Steward ...	"	...	119		119*	
1	1	Second Assistant Cook ...	"	...	119		119*	
		<i>Less</i> amount chargeable on account of quarters, rations, &c. ...	...	...	3,984		4,207
			...	...	985		1,020
23	25					2,999	3,187	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Duplicating Steam Boiler in Bath-house...	...	...	150		150
		Rations for boys and Ship's Company ...	...	...	5,000		4,500
		School Books ...	...	...	30		30
		Stationery, including General Stores ...	...	...	100		100
		Gratuities to Good-conduct Boys, and for recreative purposes ...	...	...	100		100
		Incidental Expenses and Contingencies generally ...	...	...	50		50
		Water Rate ...	...	...	150		150
		Travelling Expenses for Inspection of Apprentices ...	...	...	100		100
		Hospital and Nursing Expenditure ...	...	...	60		60
		For maintaining the Ship and Moorings in good repair ...	...	...	350		350
		For renovating and repairing Shore Premises, including Boys' Swimming Baths ...	...	...	...		200
		For fencing, laying on-water, and completion of work authorized to shore premises ...	...	...	300		...
		Outfits and Fares of Apprentices ...	...	...	400		400
		Fuel and light ...	...	...	200		200
						6,990	6,390	
		Total, "Sobraon" ...	£	...	...	9,989	9,577
23	25	Carried forward ...	£	...	...	9,989	9,577

(a) See Medical Vote.

*The salary shown is subject to deduction for value of quarters, &c.

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No. of Persons.		1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
					Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
Industrial Schools—continued.												
23	25			£	.....	...	...	£	9,989	£	.....	9,577
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, PARRAMATTA.												
1	1			Superintendent	Clerical	A3	...	350		300 ^b		
...	...			Visiting Surgeon	Professional	...	...	.....^a		.....^a		
1	1			Teacher	Educational	...	...	162		150 ^b		
1	1			Assistant Teacher ... ..	"	...	...	150		100 ^b		
1	1			Matron	General	...	...	120		120 ^b		
1	1			Assistant Matron ... ..	"	...	...	96		96 ^b		
1	1			First Attendant ... ..	"	...	...	88		88 ^b		
3	3			Attendants—2 at £82, 1 at £50 ... ..	"	...	...	214		214 ^b		
1	1			Gardener, &c. ... ..	"	...	...	90		90 ^b		
1	1			Carter ... ..	"	...	...	104		104		
								1,374		1,262		
				Less amount chargeable on account of quarters, rations, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	162		.....	
11	11								1,212			1,262
Contingencies.												
				Outfits and Travelling Expenses of Apprentices ... ..	.....	...	...	100		100		
				Rations ... ..	.....	...	...	1,450		1,450		
				School Books, Stationery, &c. ... ..	.....	...	...	20		20		
				Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	...	...	150		150		
				Good conduct Gratuities ... ..	.....	...	...	60		60		
				Buildings, Repairs, Furniture, Additions and Alterations ... ..	.....	...	...	500		300		
				Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	...	...	50		50		
									2,330			2,130
				Total, Industrial School, Parramatta...£	.....	...	...		3,512			3,392
CARPENTERIAN REFORMATORY.												
1	1			Superintendent	Educational	...	...	300		300 ⁺		
1	1			Clerk and Storekeeper	Clerical	D	...	125		140 ⁺		
1	1			Orchardist	General	...	...	130		130		
3	3			Attendants—1 at £115 and 2 at £100 each	"	...	...	315		315 ⁺		
1	1			Schoolmaster	Educational	...	...	159		159 ⁺		
1	1			Artisan Attendant—Teacher of Joinery ...	General	...	...	138		138 ⁺		
1	1			Do —Teacher of Tailoring..	"	...	...	100		100 ⁺		
1	1			Servant ... ..	"	...	...	76		76 ⁺		
1	1			Cook ... ..	"	...	...	100		100 ⁺		
1	1			Night Watchman ... ..	"	...	...	100		100 ⁺		
1	1			Instructor in the Boot Shop ... ..	"	...	...	78		78 ^c		
								1,621		1,636		
				Less—Quarters and rations ... ..	.....	...	...	400		400		
									1,221			1,236
13	13			Carried forward... ..	£	.....	...	.....	1,221	.....		1,236
34	36			Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	...	.....	13,531	.....		12,969

The salary shown is subject to deduction for value of quarters, & man and rations provided.

(a) See Medical Vote.

(b) With quarters provided.

(c) With quarters for single

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1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
						£		£	
34	36	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	13,531	.....	12,969
CARPENTERIAN REFORMATORY.									
13	13	Brought forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	1,221	.....	1,236
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
		Gratuities to Teachers of Tinsmithing and Bootmaking, and to Boys ... ..	.....	.....	.....	68		68	
		Provisions ... ..	.....	.....	.....	831		831	
		Water, Fuel, and Light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	153		153	
		Rent... ..	.....	.....	.....	550		550	
		Farm and Orchard Implements and Sugar for Jam-making ... ..	.....	.....	.....	260		260	
		Repairs and Incidental Expenses... ..	.....	.....	.....	200		200	
		Petty and Library Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	.....	95		95	
							2,157		2,157
13	13	Total, Carpenterian Reformatory £	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,378	.....	3,393
SHAFTESBURY REFORMATORY.									
1	1	Matron Superintendent	General	.....	.....	132		132*	
1	1	Teacher	Educational	.....	.....	100		100*	
1	1	Attendant	General	.....	.....	77		77*	
1	1	Laundress (a) ... ..	"	.....	.....	39		39	
4	4					348		348	
		Less—Value of quarters and rations ... ..	.....	.....	.....	112		112	
							236		236
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
		Rations ... ..	.....	.....	.....	250		250	
		Fuel and light ... ..	.....	.....	.....	60		60	
		Clothing ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50		50	
		Fodder ... ..	.....	.....	.....	30		30	
		Contingent Expenses in connection with the Maintenance of the Reformatory ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50		50	
							440		440
		Total, Shaftesbury Reformatory £	.....	.....	.....	.....	676	.....	676
51	53	TOTAL, INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS £	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,585	.....	17,038

No. of Persons.		No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
1899-1900	1900-1	Division of Service.	GRADE.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
			Higher.	Lower.			
		Observatory.			£	£	
1	1	Government Astronomer	Professional	A1	800	800*	
1	1	Astronomical Assistant	"	A2	490	490	
1	...	Do Observer	"	A3	325	.....
1	1	First Meteorological Assistant	"	1A	285	285	
2	2	Meteorological Assistants—1 at £200, and 1 at £165	"	1C	365	365	
...	1	Assistant Observer and Computer	"	1C	.....	180
1	1	Computer	"	1D	130	130	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £125 and 1 at £50	Clerical	D	220	175	
...	2	Boy Computers, at £50 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	100
1	1	Instrument-maker	General	.....	218	250
1	1	Messenger, cleaner, and carpenter ... ..	"	.....	146	146*
1	1	Attendant on Photo. Telescope ... ..	"	.....	150	150
1	1	Attendant at £72 10s. ... ..	"	.....	65	73
...	2	Messengers, at £39 ... ..	"	.....	.....	78
36	36	Meteorological Observers—1 at £50, and 35 at £12 ... ..	.....	.....	470	470
...	...	Extra Clerical Assistance as required ... ..	.....	.....	76	76
...	...	To place Attendant on Salary, graded from 1st July, 1899 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	8
					3,740	3,776	
		<i>Less</i> Rent chargeable on account of houses occupied by officers ... ..	.....	.....	126	126
					3,614	3,650	
...	...	Increases of Salaries to 30th June, 1899, as approved by the Public Service Board ... ..	.....	.....	.....	49
						3,699	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>					
		Extra Messenger Assistance required by expansion of Weather Map Service... ..	.....	.....	52	.....^a
		Purchase of Books ... ..	.....	.....	40	40
		Purchase and Maintenance of Instruments ... ..	.....	.....	360	360
		Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	.....	100	100
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	.....	65	65
		Photographic Apparatus, Star-mapping Telescope ... ..	.....	.....	50	50
		Special Vote for erecting Photographic Apparatus at Pennant Hills Reserve..	.....	.....	200	45
		Special Vote for the Purchase and Erection of a Seismological Instrument ... ..	.....	.....	60	60
		Towards cost of Photographic Chart of the Heavens (Re-vote) ... ..	.....	.....	200	200
					1,127	920	
49	53	TOTAL... ... ..	£	.....	4,741	4,619

* The salary is subject to a deduction for value of quarters &c.

(a) Transferred to Salaries as 2 Messengers at £39.

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No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
Museum. (a)									
1	1	Curator ... ..	.....	...	...	650		650	
6	7	Scientific Assistants—4 at £275, 2 at £250, and 1 at £150... ..	.....	...	...	1,600		1,750	
1	1	Editor of Book on Fishes ... ..	.....	...	...	160		160	
7	8	Attendants ... ..	.....	...	...	650		650	
2	2	Night Watchmen ... ..	.....	...	...	180		180	
							3,240		3,390
<i>Contingencies.</i>									
		To meet the Expenses of the Museum on Sundays and Holidays ... ..	.....	...	...	230		230	
		Collecting and purchasing Specimens ... ..	.....	...	...	300		300	
		Purchasing and binding Books ... ..	.....	...	...	300		300	
		Scientific Catalogues, Museum Records, Printing, and Binding ... ..	.....	...	...	500		400	
		Expenses in connection with the preparation of Book on Fishes ... ..	.....	...	...	75		75	
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	...	...	40		40	
		Additional Endowment for General Purposes ... ..	.....	...	...	876		876	
		Travelling Expenses, Shipping, Carriage, &c. ....	.....	...	...	100		100	
		Show Cases, including Repairs ... ..	.....	...	...	200		400	
		For publication of the Scientific Results of the "Thetis" Trawling Expedition ... ..	.....	...	...	350		(b)200	
		Towards cost of publishing Descriptive Catalogue of Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds ... ..	.....	...	...	200		100	
							3,171		3,021
17	19	TOTAL... ..	£ .....	...	...	.....	6,411		6,411

(a) The Museum does not come under the provisions of the Public Service Act of 1895.

(b) Re-vote.

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1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
Public Library of New South Wales.									
					£		£		
1	1	Principal Librarian and Secretary	Professional	...	630		630		
1	1	Librarian, Lending Branch, and Editor of the Historical Records of N.S.W.	Clerical..	A2	400		400		
1	1	First Assistant Librarian	"	A	260		270		
1	1	Second Assistant Librarian, and Clerk to Board for International Exchanges	"	B	260		270		
1	1	Assistant Librarian, Lending Branch	"	C	200		200		
5	5	Library Assistants—1 at £200, 2 at £190, 1 at £180, and 1 at £170	"	C	910		930		
13	16	Library Assistants—2 at £150, 1 at £140, 2 at £125, 3 at £110, 3 at £95, 1 at £80, 1 at £65, and 3 at £50	"	D	1,365		1,600		
2	2	Compositors, 1 at £180, and 1 at £158	General..	...	338		338		
1	1	Book Repairer	"	...	120		120		
1	1	Cleaner and Messenger	"	...	144		144		
1	1	Carpenter and Special Constable	"	...	144		144*		
2	2	Cleaners—1 at £108 and 1 at £104	"	...	212		212		
7	5	Junior Attendants—1 at £65, 1 at £52, and 3 at £26	"	...	272		195		
		Arrears of Salary for 2 Library Assistants from 1st January to 30th June, 1900 ... ..	"	...	.....		17		
					5,255		5,470		
		<i>Less amount chargeable on account of quarters ... ..</i>	.....	...	36		36		
						5,219		5,434	
		<i>Contingencies.</i>							
		Indicator for Lending Branch ... ..	.....	...	229		.....	
		Steel Book-presses for Mitchell Library ... ..	.....	...	100		.....	
		Special Binding for Lending Branch ... ..	.....	...	100		.....	
		Books, Periodicals, &c., for Reference Library; Books, &c., for Lending Branch; and Books for Country Libraries ... ..	.....	...	2,000		†		
		Conveyance of Books to Country Libraries ... ..	.....	...	300		300		
		Fire Insurance ... ..	.....	...	90		90		
		Incidental Expenses, including Occasional Assistance, Furniture, Freight, Marine Insurance, and Shipping Charges ... ..	.....	...	150		150		
		Special Vote for new Type, &c. ... ..	.....	...	50		50		
		To meet the Expenses of Urgent Repairs, Accidents, &c.... ..	.....	...	50		50		
		Rent of rooms for Lending Library ... ..	.....	...	300		300		
		Stores and Stationery ... ..	.....	...	.....		100		
		Installation and Maintenance of Telephone Service ... ..	.....	...	40		40		
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....	...	300		300		
						3,709		1,380	
		TOTAL... ..	.....	...	.....	8,928		6,814	
37	38								

* The salary shown is subject to deduction for value of quarters. † Provided for under Act No. 54 of 1879.

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No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		National Art Gallery.			£	£		
1	1	Secretary to Trustees	Clerical	B	250		300	
1	1	Custodian	General		208		224	
3	3	Attendants—1 at £170, 1 at £150, 1 at £144	"		403		464	
1	1	Caretaker	"		a75		a75	
						936		1,063
		For Purchase of Works of Art for the National Art Gallery, and for the encouragement of Colonial Art ... ..	.....		2,000		†	
		Towards the Maintenance of the National Art Gallery ... ..	.....		1,500		1,500	
		Fuel and Light ... ..	.....		50		50	
						3,550		1,550
		TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	4,486	.....	2,613
6	6							
		Labour and Industry Branch. (a)						
1	1	Clerk-in-charge	Clerical	A2	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	C	200		200	
4	4	Inspectors of Factories—2 at £225, 1 at £200, and 1 at £180	General		805		830	
1	1	Messenger	"		52		52	
		*Salaries in connection with the administration of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act and Early Closing Act of 1899 ... ..	.....		.....		1,000	
...	1	Office-keeper—Head Office	General		.....		b50	
						1,157		2,532
		<i>Contingencies.</i>						
		Incidental expenses in connection with the administration of the Department of Labour and Industry, Factories and Shops Act, Early Closing Act of 1899, &c. ... ..	.....		1,750		750	
						1,750		750
7	8	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	3,207	.....	3,282

* Formerly paid from Contingencies.

† Provided for under Act No. 54 of 1899.

(a) Labour Bureau transferred to control Works Department.

(b) With quarters provided

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.				
	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
	£		£	
Grants in aid of Public Institutions.				
Sydney University—				
For Additions, Repairs, and Furniture	1,000		1,000	
For Additional Endowment	4,000		4,000	
To provide for the establishment of Evening Lectures (including University Extension Lectures and Lectures in Law)	2,000		2,000	
Matriculation and other Fees for Students of the Training Schools under the Department, who are attending University Lectures	200		200	
Towards the maintenance of the Art Society of New South Wales ...	400		.....
Towards the maintenance of the Society of Artists	400		.....
For the encouragement of Art ... ..	.....		800	
Linnean Society	100		100	
Royal Society—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions	500		500	
The Royal Geographical Society of Australasia—Amount in proportion of £1 to every £1 raised by private contributions	100		100	
In aid of Institutions for the Blind—Amount in proportion of £2 to every £1 raised by private contributions	500		500	
In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions... ..	6,000		6,000	
In aid of Buildings (Educational Institutions), in the proportion of £1 to every £1 raised and expended on new and additional buildings	2,000		2,000	
In aid of the "Women's Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" to assist it in its work in connection with Public Schools	50		50	
	.....	17,250	.....	17,250
TOTAL... ..	£	17,250	.....	17,250
Miscellaneous Services.				
To meet the abatement which should, in terms of the Civil Service Act of 1884, be deducted from the pension payable to Mr. William Dwyer, District Inspector of Schools ... ..	.....		465	
To meet payment of amount retained in error by the Board of National Education in 1856, from moneys then due to Mr. J. H. Murray, late Inspector of Schools ... ..	.....		20	
Grant towards cost of replacing Public Library at Wilcannia destroyed by fire ... ..	.....		200	
To amount due to Department of Lands for survey of School sites	300		300	
	300	985
TOTAL... ..	£	300	985

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No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

SCHEDULE (referred to on page 131) showing Number of Teachers in each Grade (Educational Division), with Salaries as graded by the Public Service Board.

Number of Teachers.	Classification of Work.	Class of School.	Salary.	Total of Salaries in each Class.
	TEACHERS.		£	£
1	Training-master and Master Fort-street Model School		600	600
40	Principal Male Teachers	1	350	14,000
42	Do do	2	300	12,600
1	Master in charge Fort-street Practising School		360	360
32	Principal Male Teachers	3	224	7,168
59	Do do	4	216	12,744
121	Do do	5	204	24,684
220	Do do	6	195	42,900
240	Do Married Male Teachers	7	171	41,040
16	Do Female or Unmarried Male	7	159	2,544
271	Do Married Male Teachers	8	148	40,108
92	Do Female or Unmarried Male Teachers	8	136	12,512
253	Do Married Male Teachers	9	125	31,625
307	Do Female or Unmarried Male Teachers	9	113	34,691
10	Do Married Male Teachers	10	103	1,030
21	Do Female or Unmarried Male Teachers	10	91	1,911
1	First Assistant, Male, Fort-street	1	255	255
24	Do do with First-class Certificate	1	225	5,400
63	Do do with Second-class Certificate	1, 2	171	10,773
84	Assistants, Male, with Second-class Certificate	1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	136	11,424
38	Do do with Third-class Certificate	1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	113	4,294
22	Male ex-Students of Training School, 1st Year		96	2,112
16	Do do do 2nd Year		104	1,664
74	Do do do 3rd Year or later Years		113	8,362
4	Assistant ex-Pupil Teachers, Male		90	360
4	Do do failed at Examination		72	288
1	Mistress Fort-street Model Girls' School		300	300
28	Mistresses in charge of Girls' Departments	1	250	7,000
34	Do do	2	220	7,480
32	Do do	3	180	5,760
7	Do do	4	170	1,190
1	Mistress Fort-street Model Infants' School		250	250
7	Mistresses in charge of Infants' Departments, holding 1A Certificate	1	220	1,540
3	Do do holding 1B Certificate	1	200	600
37	Do do holding 2A Certificate	1	194	7,178
40	Do do	2	182	7,280
21	Do do	3	171	3,591
16	Do do	4	160	2,560
	Carried forward			£ 370,178
2,283				

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.				
Number of Teachers.	Classification of Work.	Class of School.	Salary.	Total of Salaries in each Class.
	<i>TEACHERS—continued.</i>		£	£
2,283	Brought forward.....	£		370 178
.....	First Assistant, Female, with First-class Certificate	1	150	.....
13	Second Assistant, Female, with Second-class Certificate	1	108	1,404
123	First Assistant, Female, with Second-class Certificate	1, 2	130	15,990
360	Assistants, Female	1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	104	37,440
151	Do do	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.	90	13,590
32	Do do	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.	72	2,304
23	Do ex-Students of Training School, Female, 1st Year		84	1,932
23	Do do do do 2nd Year		90	2,070
107	Do do do do 3rd Year and later Years		96	10,272
1	Work Mistress, Fort-street, also at Girls' High School, Sydney		160	160
25	Work Mistresses	1	114	2,850
19	Do	1	95	1,805
14	Do	2	86	1,204
76	Pupil Teachers, Male, 1st Class		68	5,168
118	Do do 2nd Class		57	6,726
104	Do do 3rd Class		46	4,784
113	Do do 4th Class		40	4,520
178	Pupil Teachers, Female, 1st Class		46	8,188
189	Do do 2nd Class		34	6,426
172	Do do 3rd Class		30	5,160
120	Do do 4th Class		24	2,880
198	Teachers of Public Schools at Provisional rates	Average attendance, 16 & over.	88	17,424
97	Do do	Between 10 & 16.	72	6,984
153	Do Provisional Schools.....	Average attendance, 16 & over.	88	13,464
268	Do do	Between 10 & 16.	72	19,296
20	Do House-to-house Schools, with maximum of £90 per annum.....	£4 10s. per head.		1,800
8	Do do do £72 per annum.....	per annum.		576
(a)	Do Half-time Schools	To be paid the same rate of salary as Teachers of Public Schools of corresponding classification.		
(b)	Do Evening Schools			500
6	Do on leave of absence in South Africa. Provision for half-year's salary			500
	Special allowances to teachers stationed in remote localities, on account of high cost of living			3,000
	To meet increases of salary consequent on promotion of teachers by examination and of schools by attendance; to provide for salaries of teachers appointed to new schools; to pay special allowance on account of high cost of living, as occasion may arise; to provide for special salaries when granted in terms of the Public Service Act; and generally to meet any increase or alteration in the above Schedule of Salaries, in every case subject to the provisions of the Public Instruction and Public Service Acts and the Rules and Regulations thereunder			7,000
	To meet increases to salaries of (c) classified teachers in charge of Ninth and Tenth Class Public Schools, (d) ex-Students of more than three years standing, and (e) Third-class Male Assistants, and for the uniform payment of £88 per annum to Teachers of Provisional Schools, from 1st January, 1901			5,000
4,994	TOTAL		£	580,595

NOTE.—In addition to these salaries, residences, vested or rented, shall be provided for classified married male teachers in charge of classified public schools.

(a) Included amongst Public School teachers of corresponding classification.

(b) Included amongst Public School teachers and assistants.

(c) £125 to £132; (d), (e), £113 to £120; (c) £103 to £120; (c) £91 to £100; (d) £86 to £100.

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Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ending 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
		£	£	£	£
146	Department of Mines	34,986	39,050	35,032	39,050
149	Prevention of Scab in Sheep	16,752	6,800	16,899	6,800
149	Imported and Introduced Stock	1,217	14,200	1,260	14,200
150	Registration of Brands	630	250	640	250
150	Management of Pounds and Commons	185	500	185	500
151	Agriculture	12,382	19,600	12,407	19,100
152	School of Mines and Assay Works ... ..	.....	1,500	.....	1,500
152	Board of Exports	600	2,600	756	2,600
153	Miscellaneous Services ... ..	.....	36,834	.....	33,969
		66,752	121,334	67,179	117,969
149	Deduct Expenditure chargeable to the Prevention of Scab in Sheep—Special Account	16,752	6,800	16,899	6,800
		£ 50,000	114,534	50,280	111,169
	TOTALS	£	164,534		161,449

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. of Persons.		No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1	Department of Mines.	Division of Service.	GRADES.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
				Higher.	Lower.	£		£	
1	1	Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	.....	.....	.....	1,370	£	1,370
1	1	Under Secretary	Special...	.....	.....	920		920
INSPECTORIAL BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Inspector of Mines	Professional	A1	.....	750		750
7	7	Inspectors of Mines—	.....	.....	.....	} 1,990		2,040†
		2 at £350, 1 at £300	.....	A3	.....			
		2 at £275, 2 at £245	.....	B2	.....			
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	B	.....	250		250
1	1	Storekeeper and Assistant Engineer	General	.....	.....	245		245
1	1	Assistant Engineer and Blacksmith	.....	.....	.....	124		124
		Increase to salary of Inspector, granted by P. S. Board from 14th February to 30th June, 1900	.....	.....	.....	.....		19
						3,359		3,428	
GEOLOGICAL AND ASSAY STAFF.									
1	1	Government Geologist	Professional	A1	.....	800		800
2	2	Geological Surveyors at £450	.....	A2	.....	900		900
1	1	Geological Surveyor	.....	A3	.....	350		350
1	1	Curator and Mineralogist	.....	A3	.....	350		350
1	1	Palaeontologist	.....	B1	.....	300		300
3	3	Field Assistants—1 at £185, 1 at £150, and 1 at £135	.....	.....	.....	470		470
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	B3	.....	137		137
1	1	Fossil and Mineral Collector	General	B3	.....	140		140
1	1	Lapidary	.....	.....	.....	125		125
1	1	Lapidist and Polisher	.....	.....	.....	186		186
1	1	Assistant, Museum	.....	.....	.....	75		80
1	1	Carpenter	.....	.....	.....	156		156
1	1	Cadet	Clerical	.....	.....	50		50
1	1	Analyst and Assayer	Professional	A2	.....	400		400
1	1	Assistant Assayer	.....	B1	.....	300		300
1	1	Do do	.....	B2	.....	200		200
1	1	Chemist	.....	B1	.....	245		245
1	1	Assayer	.....	B2	.....	200		200
1	1	Laboratory Assistant	General	.....	.....	104		104
2	2	Assistants—1 at £150, 1 at £125	.....	.....	.....	275		275
						5,763		5,768	
COAL-FIELDS BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Inspector of Collieries	Professional	A1	.....	800		800
1	1	Inspector of Mines	.....	A2	.....	400		400
3	3	Do do at £325	.....	A3	.....	975		975
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	C	.....	200		200
						2,375		2,375	
CHARTING BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Mining Surveyor and Chief Draftsman	Professional	A2	.....	450		450
4	4	Mining Surveyors—at £300	.....	A3	.....	1,200		1,200
1	1	Surveyor	.....	A1	.....	275		275
1	1	Examiner	.....	A2	.....	300		350
2	2	Draftsmen at £280	.....	A2	.....	560		560
1	...	Do at £275	.....	.....	.....	275		.....
4	4	Do at £250	.....	B2	.....	1,000		1,000
3	3	Do at £240	.....	B2	.....	720		720
3	3	Do at £220	.....	C2	.....	640		660*
2	2	Do at £200	.....	D2	.....	400		400
1	1	Do at £175	.....	D2	.....	165		175*
1	1	Do at £163	.....	D2	.....	163		163
1	1	Cadet	.....	E2	.....	65		65
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	D	.....	160		170*
1	1	Custodian of Plans	.....	D	.....	150		150
1	1	Plan Moulder	General	.....	.....	175		175
		To meet adjustment of salaries of Officers of the Professional Staff for the Financial Year, 1898-9	.....	.....	.....	.....		123
						6,698		6,636	
71	70	Carried forward	£	£	20,485	£	20,497

* Increase 1899-1900 paid from Vote, "Adjustment of Salaries."

† For allowances, see Schedule.

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No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
					£		£			
		Department of Mines—continued.								
71	70	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	20,485	.....	20,497
		CLERICAL STAFF.								
1	1	Chief Clerk ...	Clerical	A1	550		550			
1	1	Clerk and Secretary to Coal Mines Board	"	A3	350		350			
...	1	Do ...	"	A3	.....		†350		
1	1	Registrar ...	"	A2	450		450			
1	1	Clerk ...	"	B	250		250			
		Clerks—								
1	1	1 at £200...	"	C	190		*200			
...	1	1 at £200...	"	.....	.....		*†200	
4	4	1 at £150, 2 at £140, 1 at £65...	"	D	455		*495			
					2,245		2,845			
		ACCOUNT BRANCH.								
1	1	Accountant ...	Clerical	A2	400		400			
3	3	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £190, 1 at £180...	"	C	540		*570			
3	2	Do 1 at £150, 1 at £50	"	D	340		200			
1	1	Examiner ...	"	A2	400		400			
1	1	Clerk...	"	C	180		*190			
3	3	Clerks—2 at £125, 1 at £65	"	D	360		*315			
					2,220		2,075			
		RECORDS.								
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge ...	Clerical	A3	300		300			
1	1	Clerk ...	"	A	255		255			
1	1	Do ...	"	C	210		*220			
6	5	Clerks—1 at £170, 1 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £110, 1 at £65	"	D	785		*635			
					1,550		1,410			
		LEASE BRANCH.								
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge ...	Clerical	A3	375		375			
1	1	Clerk...	"	A3	320		320			
1	...	Do ...	"	A3	350		†			
4	3	Clerks—1 at £220, 1 at £200, 1 at £190	"	C	780		*610			
3	3	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £140, 1 at £65	"	D	355		355			
1	1	Engrossing Clerk ...	"	.....	140		*150		
					2,320		1,810			
		CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.								
1	1	Clerk-in-Charge ...	Clerical	A3	375		375			
1	1	Clerk ...	"	A	275		280			
1	1	Do ...	"	B	260		250			
1	1	Do ...	"	C	210		220			
5	5	Clerks—1 at £190, 1 at £170, 3 at £150	"	D	730		810			
...	1	Junior Clerk ...	"	.....	.....		50	
					1,850		1,985			
1	1	Relieving Officer and Warden ...	"	A	299		350			
		GOLD-FIELDS.								
94	96	Wardens' Clerks and Mining Registrars...	Unclassified	.....	.....	1,700 ^a	.....	1,700 ^a
		Bailiffs ...	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
216	216	Carried forward ...	£	.....	.....	32,669	.....	32,672

^a Mining Registrars allowed fees; and officers to issue Miners' Rights, &c., allowed 5 per cent. commission on the sale of Miners' Rights, &c.
* Increase paid from Vote Adjustment of Salaries, year 1898-1900. † Transferred from Lease Branch. ‡ See Clerical Branch.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.									
No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
Department of Mines—continued.									
216	216	Brought forward...	£	.....	.....	32,669		32,672	
CARETAKERS, &C., OF CAVES.									
1	1	Caretaker, Jenolan Caves ...	General	...	...	125		125	
2	2	Guides, at £100, Jenolan Caves ...	"	...	...	200		200	
1	1	Engine-driver, Jenolan Caves ...	"	...	...	130		130	
1	1	Caretaker, Wombeyan do ...	"	...	...	90		90*	
1	1	Do Wellington do ...	"	...	...	85		85*	
1	1	Do Yarrangobilly Caves ...	"	...	...	100		100*	
1	1	Do Abercrombie do ...	"	...	...	60		60	
1	1	Do Bungonia do ...	"	...	...	50		75†	
1	1	Do Bendithera do ...	"	...	...	50		50	
1	1	Explorer of Caves ...	"	...	...	130		130	
						1,020		1,045	
MESSENGERS, &C.									
1	1	Chief Messenger ...	General	...	...	180		180	
6	6	Messengers—2 at £115, 1 at £125, 1 at £120, 1 at £117 10s., and 1 at £52 ...	"	...	...	627		645‡	
1	1	Night Watchman ...	"	...	...	78		78	
1	1	Day do ...	"	...	...	78		78	
1	1	Assistant Watchman ...	"	...	...	39		39	
1	1	Junior Messenger ...	"	...	...	26		26	
						1,028		1,046	
OFFICE CLEANERS, &C.									
1	1	Housekeeper and cleaner ...	General	...	...	72		72	
4	4	Cleaners—1 at £72, 1 at £65, 2 at £50 ...	"	...	...	237		237	
						309		309	
						35,026		35,072	
		Less—Amount chargeable on account of quarters ...	.....	.....	.....	40		40	
						34,986		35,032	
CONTINGENCIES.									
<i>(Subject to such alterations within the limits of the total vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>									
		Allowance to Mining Surveyors to supplement applicants' fees ...	.....	.....	.....	2,200		2,200	
		Allowance for Surveys, Reports, Locality Maps, &c. ...	.....	.....	.....	1,000		1,000	
		Rent and Repairs of Offices ...	.....	.....	.....	1,000		1,000	
		Travelling Expenses and living allowances of Officers ...	.....	.....	.....	3,000		3,000	
		Men's Wages, Provisions, &c. ...	.....	.....	.....	500		500	
		Commission on Sale of Miners' Rights, &c. ...	.....	.....	.....	350		350	
		Incidental Expenses ...	.....	.....	.....	2,000		2,000	
		Preservation of Caves, and to provide for taking over Mr. Cale's Accommodation House ...	.....	.....	.....	1,500		1,500	
		Expenses of working and repairs of Diamond and other Drills ...	.....	.....	.....	2,500		2,500	
		To promote Prospecting for Gold and other Minerals, and encouraging the opening of new fields ...	.....	.....	.....	25,000		25,000	
						39,050		39,050	
243	243	TOTAL ...	£	.....	.....	74,036		74,082	

* For deductions, see, Schedule.

† With quarters

‡ Increase paid from Vote Adjustment of Salaries.

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

No. of Persons.						SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1					Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
						£		£		
Prevention of Scab in Sheep.										
1	1	Chief Inspector of Stock	...	...	...	605		605	
1	1	Metropolitan Inspector of Stock	...	...	...	240		240 ^a	
1	1	Clerk	...	...	...	285		285	
1	1	Do	...	...	...	225		225	
...	1	Do	...	...	...	.....		52	
3	3	Clerks, 2 at £175, 1 at £100	...	...	...	450		450	
1	1	Clerk and Draftsman	...	...	...	260		260	
51	51	Inspectors of Stock, 6 at £325, 18 at £300, 15 at £275, 12 at £250	...	...	...	14,400		14,475*	
1	1	Messenger and Caretaker	...	...	...	125		135	
1	1	Office Cleaner	...	...	...	52		52	
1	1	Quarantine Keeper	...	...	...	110		120	
							16,752		16,899	
CONTINGENCIES.										
<i>(Subject to such alterations within the limits of the total vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>										
Travelling Expenses of Inspectors and living allowances						4,000		4,000		
do do Sheep Directors						500		500		
Allowance to Inspectors for Stationery						240		240		
Medicaments for dressing Sheep						10		10		
Rent of Offices						800		800		
Incidental Expenses, including clerical assistance, law costs and charges						1,000		1,000		
To meet expenses of "The Stock Boards' Council of Advice"						250		250		
							6,800		6,800	
62	63	TOTAL				£	23,552		23,699
Imported and Introduced Stock.										
IMPORTED STOCK.										
...	...	Metropolitan Inspector of Stock	...	...	...	200 ^b		200 ^b	
1	1	Veterinary Surgeon	...	...	...	300		300*	
1	1	Inspector of Stock, Newcastle	...	...	...	60		60	
1	1	Do Eden	...	...	...	25		25	
3	3	Quarantine-keepers, †1 at £135, 1 at £110, 1 at £100	...	...	...	320		345	
1	1	Master Steam Launch	...	...	...	132		132	
1	1	Engineer do	...	...	...	132		132	
1	1	Stoker do	...	...	...	48		66	
							1,217		1,260	
CONTINGENCIES (IMPORTED STOCK).										
Transport of Stock and Forage; Incidental Expenses; for expenses connected with investigations of outbreaks and prevention of Diseases amongst Live Stock, including expenses of temporary Stock Institute; Expenses in connection with the keeping and quarantining of Imported Stock; Improvements to Quarantine Buildings, &c.; erection of Buildings, &c., for Stock Quarantine at Bradley's Head						5,200		5,200		
INTRODUCED STOCK.										
Salaries, Wages, Travelling and Incidental Expenses of Border Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, and Gate-keepers, in connection with the outbreak of Ticks in Queensland—erection and maintenance of Border Fences, Yards, Approaches for inspection, &c., of Cattle, Medicaments for dipping and smearing, Experiments in Inoculation, and Sundries						9,000		9,000		
							14,200		14,200	
9	9	TOTAL				£	15,417		15,460

a) Salary divided (£200) under "Imported and Introduced Stock." (b) Salary divided (£240) under "Prevention of Scab in Sheep."

* For allowances, see Schedule. † Salary £120 per annum to date from 1 July, 1899.

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
						£		£	
		Registration of Brands.							
1	1	Deputy Registrar and Clerk-in-charge ...	Clerical	A3	...	360		360	
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	270		280*	
							630		640
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		Clerical Assistance and Incidental Expenses	.....	...	...	.....	250		250
2	2	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	...	.....	880		890
		Management of Pounds and Commons.							
1	1	Clerk ... ..	.....	...	...	185		185	
							185		185
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		For the erection of Public Pounds and Incidental Expenses ... ..	.....	..	..	.....	500		500
1	1	TOTAL... ..	£	685		685

* Increase paid for 1899-1900 from Vote "Adjustment of Salaries."

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NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

No. of Persons.			Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.		
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
						£		£
Agriculture.								
1	1	Pathologist	Professional	A 1	365 ^a	730		
1	1	Chemist	"	A 2	600	600		
1	1	Dairy Expert	"	A 2	600	600		
1	1	Fruit Expert	"	A 2	400	400		
1	1	Entomologist	"	B 1	300	300		
1	1	Artist	"	A 2	400	400		
1	1	Artist and Engraver	"	B 1	250	250		
1	1	Artist	"	B 1	275	275		
2	2	Assistants to Chemist—1 at £200... ..	"	B 2	} 325	} 325		
		Do do 1 at £125	"	B 3				
1	1	{ Instructor in Agriculture	"	A 1			} 700	} 500
1	1	{ Chief Inspector	"	A 2				
1	1	Chief Clerk of Branches	Clerical	A 2	500	500		
1	1	Clerk	"	A 3	300	300		
1	1	Do	"	B	220	220		
1	1	Editor of the <i>Agricultural Gazette</i>	"	C	230	240†		
1	1	Timber and Agricultural Inspector	General		150	175		
1	1	Assistant to Botanist	"		65	50		
1	1	Viticulturist	Professional	A 3	350	375		
2	2	Inspectors of Vines, at £156	Clerical	C	312	312		
2	2	Inspectors, Vegetation Diseases Act, at £200	"		400	400		
1	1	Assistant to Dairy Expert... ..	"		150	150		
...	1	Do Instructor in Agriculture ... ..	"		.....	100	
1	1	Bacteriologist	"		350	350		
2	2	Laboratory Assistants—1 at £75, and 1 at £65	"		125	140		
1	1	Experimentalist	"		350	350		
1	1	Caretaker, Laboratory	"		75	83		
1	1	Manager, Stock Farm	"		150	150		
2	2	Junior Clerks at £50	"		100	100		
...	1	Do Messenger ... ..	"		.....	26	
HAWKESBURY COLLEGE AND EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.								
1	1	Principal, Hawkesbury Agricultural College	Professional	A	525	470*		
1	1	Science Master, " "	"	B 1	285	285*		
1	1	English Master, " "	"	B 1	260	260*		
1	1	Registrar " "	Clerical	C	210	210		
1	1	Clerk " "	"		75	75		
1	1	Housekeeper " "	General		160	160*		
1	1	Experimentalist	"		250	250		
1	1	Orchardist	"		250	250*		
1	1	Farm Foreman	"		146	166*		
1	1	Dairy Instructor	"		156	250		
1	1	Foreman Mechanic	"		187	187*		
1	1	Engineer	"		150	150*		
1	1	Bee and Poultry Expert	"		120	120		
1	1	Farm Manager, Bathurst	"		350	350*		
1	1	Housekeeper, do	"		50	100*		
1	1	Manager, Murrumbidgee Experimental Farm	"		250	300*		
1	1	Clerk, Murrumbidgee Experimental Farm	"		160	160*		
1	1	Orchardist do do	"		200	200*		
1	1	Manager, Wollongbar Farm	"		200	246*		
1	1	Do Coolabah Farm	"		150	180*		
1	1	Do Pera Bore Farm	Clerical	C	200	200		
					12,776	12,970		
Less amount chargeable on account of quarters					394	563		
					12,382	12,407		
53	54	Carried forward ... ..	£	.....	12,382	12,407	

* For deductions, &c., see Schedule.

† Increase paid from Vote Adjustment of Salaries.
a Half salary only.

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No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Lower.	Higher.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£	£			
Agriculture—continued.									
53	54	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	12,382		12,407
CONTINGENCIES.									
<i>(Subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>									
		Incidental expenses in connection with Agriculture, including wages, travelling expenses and living allowances	.....	.....	.....	5,000		5,000
		Hawkesbury Agricultural College, including wages, maintenance, educational, live stock, teaching apparatus and appliances, and incidental expenses ...	.....	.....	.....	5,500		5,000
		Expenses in connection with the working of Experimental Farms in the country	.....	.....	.....	8,000		8,000
		Expenses for holding Conferences, and other purposes... ..	.....	.....	.....	300		300
		Railway fares, Delegates to Conferences...	.....	.....	.....	300		300
		Administering Vegetation Diseases Act ...	.....	.....	.....	500		500
						19,600		19,100	
53	54	TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	31,982		31,507
School of Mines and Assay Works.									
		Towards providing necessary appliances for making assays of minerals in bulk, or otherwise, including wages and the establishment of Schools of Mines, &c.	.....	.....	.....	1,500		1,500
		TOTAL... ..	£	.....	.....	1,500		1,500
Board of Exports.									
1	1	Secretary ... ..	.....	.....	.....	350		350
1	1	Expert ... ..	.....	.....	.....	200		200
1	1	Junior Clerk ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50		50
...	1	Storekeeper and Bookkeeper ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....		156
						600		756	
CONTINGENCIES.									
		To encourage the export trade in products of the Colony and their sale in other markets ... ..	.....	.....	.....	2,000		2,000
		Experiments, Export of Citrus Fruits	600		600	
						2,600		2,600	
3	4	TOTAL... ..	£	3,200		3,356	

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No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.	
	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.	Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.
Miscellaneous Services.		
	£	£
For the purposes of Pastures and Stock Protection Act	7,500	7,500
Control, marking, fencing, and improving Travelling Stock and Camping Reserves, removal of obstructions and suppression of trespass, and to meet expenses in connection with the acquiring of land for the benefit of travelling stock	1,000	1,000
To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies receiving annual subscriptions (from 50 members) amounting to not less than £50, the subsidy not to exceed 10s. on every £1 awarded in prizes for Agricultural or other approved objects	10,000	10,000
To meet expense of subsidising Horticultural Societies	500	500
Special Prizes to be devoted to the improvement of Agriculture... ..	1,000	1,000
Tumbarumba and Upper Murray Pastoral and Agricultural Society's Show Ground—Special grant for improvements ... ..	.....	200
Erection of buildings, for Departmental exhibits, on Royal Agricultural Society's Show Ground... ..	600	33
To meet expenses in connection with the reclamation of the Sanddrift, Newcastle	300	300
Administration of the Act for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries Ambulance Classes	1,000 250	2,000 250
Eradication of Prickly Pear on Water, Camping, and Travelling Stock Reserves—Re-vote	1,000	1,000
Providing 4 Scholarships—School of Mines	400	400
Special Grant to Agricultural Societies	4,000	4,000
Allowance to Mr. John Dixon for services as Acting Examiner of Coal-fields	184	.....
For improvement of road from Muswellbrook towards Jerry's Plains—Re-vote	100	100
Costs of opposing appeal by Australian Gold Recovery Company, to amend patent of Cyanide process	500	300
Seed-wheat for distressed farmers	4,500	300
Compensation for cancellation of Scrub Lease No. 17, parish of Buangla, county of St. Vincent, to be proclaimed as a Gold-field Reserve ... ..	.....	200
Expenses (proportion) of Hon. J. W. Taverner, Minister for Agriculture, Victoria, in connection with visit to England <i>re</i> Export Trade ... ..	.....	291
Compensation to Sidney Cooper for legal costs and loss of tin in consequence of an incomplete Mineral License having been issued to him ... ..	.....	150
Allowance to Analyst and Assayer for Services as Acting Government Metallurgist ... ..	.....	100
T. R. Morgan, W. Broadhead, and W. Woollett—Compensation for loss of wages involved, and also costs, in case "Morgan and others <i>v.</i> Clift," heard at Bulli in December, 1898, in which verdict was given for defendant, and through the Police Magistrate overruling a point of law raised by plaintiffs' attorney, they were deprived the right of appeal to the Supreme Court... ..	.....	345
VINE DISEASES ACT.		
Expenses in connection with the eradication of Phylloxera and administration of the Vine Diseases Act, and to provide a Vineyard to propagate Resistant Stocks	4,000	4,000
	36,834	33,969
TOTAL... ..	£	36,834
		33,969

XI.

The Postmaster-General.

SUMMARY.

Page.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Salaries.	Contingencies	Salaries.	Contingencies
156-164	Postal and Electric Telegraph Department (<i>see note,</i> page 156) £	£ 414,030	£ 314,144	£ 429,349	£ 313,850
	TOTAL ... .. £	.....	728,174	.....	743,199

*The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.*

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

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No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
<i>Estimated Expenditure for the year subject to reduction from date taken over by the Commonwealth within the Financial Year.</i>									
Postal and Electric Telegraph Department.*									
1	1	Postmaster General ... ..	.....	...	.....	1,370		1,370	
1	1	Deputy Postmaster General	Special...	...	.....	920		920	
2	2								
1	1	Secretary	Clerical..	A1	...	700	700	700	700
APPOINTMENT BRANCH.									
1	1	Appointment Clerk	"	A2	...	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	...	300		300	
5	5	Clerks—3 at £250, 1 at £240, 1 at £220...	"	...	B	1,180		1,210	
1	1	Clerk at £200	"	...	C	200		200	
3	3	Clerks—1 at £150, 1 at £125, and 1 at £80 ... ..	"	...	...	315		355	
						2,395			2,465
11	11								
INLAND MAIL BRANCH.									
1	1	Inland Mail Clerk	"	A2	...	400		400	
1	2	Clerks—1 at £250, and 1 at £220	"	...	B	250		470	
2	1	Clerk at £210	"	...	C	420		210	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	D	65		65	
						1,135			1,145
5	5								
IRREGULARITY AND MISSING LETTER BRANCH.									
1	1	Inspector for Irregularity, Missing and Dead Letter Branch	"	A3	...	400		400	
1	1	Clerk	"	A3	...	300		300	
4	4	Clerks—1 at £270, 2 at £230, and 1 at £220	"	...	B	920		950	
3	3	Do 2 at £200, and 1 at £190	"	...	C	580		590	
5	5	Do 1 at £150, 2 at £140, 1 at £95, and 1 at £80	"	...	D	565		605	
						2,765			2,845
14	14								
DEAD LETTER BRANCH.									
1	1	Dead Letter Clerk	"	...	B	240		250	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	C	170		200	
4	5	Clerks—1 at £150, 3 at £125, and 1 at £50	"	...	D	535		575	
						945			1,025
6	7								
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.									
1	1	Correspondence Clerk	"	A3	...	325		325	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	B	210		220	
1	1	Do	"	...	C	160		190	
1	1	Do	"	...	D	50		50	
						745			785
4	4								
RECORD BRANCH.									
1	1	Record Clerk	"	A3	...	300		300	
1	1	Clerk	"	...	B	250		250	
3	3	Clerks 2 at £190, and 1 at £180	"	...	C	540		560	
1	2	Clerks—1 at £110, and 1 at £50	"	...	D	100		160	
						1,190			1,270
6	7								
49	51	Carried forward... ..	£		12,165		12,525

* For allowances, &c., see Schedule

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No. of Persons.		No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.				SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1			Division of Service.	GRADES.		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					Higher.	Lower.	£		£	
49	51	Brought forward...		£	.....	...	.....	12,165	.....	12,525
Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.										
STORE BRANCH.										
1	1	Clerk in charge of Stores ...		Clerical..	A3	...	300		300	
1	1	Clerk ...		"	B	...	250		250	
1	1	Do ...		"	C	...	190		200	
4	4	Clerks—2 at £125, 1 at £100, and 1 at £80 ...		"	D	...	415		430	
1	1	Storeman—Foreman ...		General..	...	...	150		150	
1	1	Storeman and Signaller ...		"	...	...	130		130	
2	4	Storemen—2 at £120, and 2 at £100 ...		"	...	...	240		440	
								1,675		1,900
11	13									
ACCOUNT BRANCH.										
1	1	Accountant ...		Clerical	A1	...	550		550	
2	2	Clerks, at £270 ...		"	A	...	520		540	
3	3	Do 1 at £250, and 2 at £240 ...		"	A	...	710		730	
4	4	Do 2 at £200, 1 at £190, and 1 at £180 ...		"	C	...	740		770	
								2,520		2,590
10	10									
CASH BRANCH.										
1	1	Cashier ...		"	A2	...	450		450	
1	1	Clerk ...		"	A3	...	350		350	
1	1	Do ...		"	B	...	240		240	
1	2	Clerks—1 at £200, 1 at £175 ...		"	C	...	200		375	
3	3	Do 1 at £170, 1 at £150, and 1 at £65 ...		"	D	...	360		385	
								1,600		1,800
7	8									
SAVINGS BANK AND MONEY ORDER DIVISION.										
1	1	Controller ...		"	A1	...	800		800	
1	1	Accountant ...		"	A1	...	500		500	
1	1	Examiner ...		"	A3	...	380		380	
3	3	Clerks, 2 at £335, and 1 at £300 ...		"	A3	...	970		970	
1	1	Teller ...		"	A3	...	300		300	
3	3	Clerks—1 at £280, 2 at £270 ...		"	A	...	817		820	
14	14	Do 8 at £250, 2 at £240, and 4 at £220 ...		"	B	...	3,290		3,360	
18	18	Do 11 at £200, 4 at £190, 3 at £180..		"	C	...	3,420		3,500	
38	45	Do 9 at £150, 6 at £140, 6 at £125, 3 at £110, 1 at £100, 1 at £91, 7 at £95, 2 at £80, 2 at £78, 1 at £70, 3 at £65, and 4 at £50 ...		"	D	...	4,205		4,907	
								14,682		15,537
80	87									
157	169	Carried forward...		£	.....	...	.....	32,642	.....	34,352

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.									
No. of Persons.		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.	Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
157	169	Brought forward...	£	.....	...	.....	32,642	.....	34,352
DISTRIBUTER'S BRANCH.									
1	1	Distributor of Stamps	Clerical..	A2	...	425		425	
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	290		299	
1	1	Do	"	B	...	250		250	
1	1	Do	"	C	...	200		200	
2	2	Clerks—1 at £84 and 1 at £80	"	D	...	164		164	
							1,329		1,338
6	6								
MAIL DIVISION.									
1	1	Chief Inspector and Superintendent	"	A1	...	700		700	
1	1	Assistant Superintendent and Senior Inspector	"	A1	...	550		550	
6	6	Inspectors—1 at £470, 1 at £461, 4 at £400	"	A2	...	2,531		2,531	
1	1	Inspector	"	A3	...	300		300	
4	4	Clerks—1 at £350, 2 at £325, 1 at £300	"	A3	...	1,300		1,300	
6	6	Do 2 at £299, 1 at £290, 2 at £280, and 1 at £270	"	A	...	1,670		1,718	
8	8	Clerks—3 at £250, 4 at £240, and 1 at £220	"	B	...	1,870		1,930	
16	18	Clerks—5 at £200, 4 at £190, 4 at £180, 2 at £170, and 3 at £160	"	C	...	2,920		3,300	
16	18	Clerks—3 at £150, 5 at £140, 2 at £125, 5 at £110, 1 at £80, 1 at £65, and 1 at £50	"	D	...	1,900		2,145	
1	1	Officer-in-charge of Parcel Post	"	A3	...	350		350	
							14,091		14,824
60	64								
ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DIVISION.									
1	1	Chief Electrician and Engineer-in-Chief of Telegraphs	Professional	A1	...	800		78*	
ELECTRICIAN'S BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Electrician	"	A2	...	500		600	
1	1	Assistant Electrician	"	A3	...	350		400	
1	1	Testing Officer	"	B1	...	250		250	
2	2	Testing Officers at £240	"	B2	...	480		480	
2	2	Do 1 at £125, 1 at £100	"	B3	...	225		225	
2	2	Cadets, 1 at £78, 1 at £65	"	B4	...	130		143	
1	1	Clerk	Clerical	D	...	110		125	
1	1	Mechanician	General	...	...	325		325	
5	6	Fitters—1 at £236, 1 at £200, 1 at £180, 2 at £150, and 1 at £100 ... ..	"	...	...	830		1,016	
13	13	Batterymen—1 at £223, 2 at £150, 1 at £110, 2 at £100, 3 at £90, 4 at £78 ... ..	"	...	...	1,402		1,415	
1	1	Jointer ... ..	"	...	...	100		100	
1	1	Probationer ... ..	"	...	...	65		65	
...	1	Bicycle Fitter	"		150	
							5,567		5,372
32	34								
255	273	Carried forward	£	53,629	55,886

* Officer deceased.

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No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

No. of Persons.		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.	Division of Service.	GRADES.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900	1900-1			Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
						£		£	
255	273	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	...	.....	53,629	.....	55,886
OPERATING BRANCH.									
1	1	Manager	Clerical..	A1	...	600		700	
2	2	Assistant Managers, at £375	"	A3	...	700		750	
...	2	Supervisors—1 at £290, and 1 at £270	"	A	...	.....	1,300	560	2,010
3	5	BOOKING CLERKS—OPERATING ROOM.							
5	5	Clerks—2 at £200, 1 at £175, 2 at £170... ..	"	C	...	905		915	
20	20	Do 7 at £150, 6 at £140, 1 at £130 and 6 at £125	"	D	...	2,640		2,770	
						3,545			3,685
25	25	RECEIVING BRANCH.							
1	1	Receiving Clerk	"	A3	...	375		375	
1	1	Clerk	"	B	...	250		250	
7	7	Clerks—2 at £200, 1 at £180, 1 at £175, and 3 at £170	"	C	...	1,225		1,265	
2	3	Clerks—1 at £140, 1 at £112, and 1 at £50	"	D	...	237		302	
						2,087			2,192
11	12	CHECK BRANCH.							
1	1	Check Clerk	"	A2	...	403		403	
1	1	Clerk	"	A	...	290		299	
4	4	Clerks—1 at £240, 1 at £230, 1 at £220, and 1 at £200	"	B	...	868		890	
3	3	Clerks—2 at £190, and 1 at £160	"	C	...	540		540	
13	15	Do 4 at £150, 4 at £140, 2 at £125, 1 at £95, 1 at £65, 1 at £52, and 2 at £50	"	D	...	1,554		1,722	
						3,655			3,854
22	24	DESPATCH BRANCH.							
1	1	Messengers' Overseer	"	B	...	240		250	
1	2	Clerks	"	C	...	200		400	
1	...	Clerk	"	C	...	190		.....
3	3	Overseers at £125	General..	...	...	375		375	
11	12	Monitors—1 at £140, 1 at £130, 1 at £120, 8 at £88, and 1 at £65 ... ..	"	...	...	1,084		1,159	
						2,089			2,184
17	18	TELEPHONE BRANCH.							
1	1	Manager	Clerical..	A2	...	500		500	
1	1	Outdoor Supervisor	General..	...	...	300		300	
1	1	Exchange Foreman... ..	"	...	...	300		300	
1	1	Mechanician ... ..	"	...	...	223		240	
1	1	Line Foreman ... ..	"	...	...	200		200	
33	50	Fitters—2 at £200, 3 at £175, 4 at £135, 3 at £125, 8 at £110, 2 at £100, 28 at £96 ... ..	"	...	...	4,016		5,608	
...	5	Testers—(1 Chief at £160) 1 at £110, and 3 at £96 ... ..	"	...	...	.....		558	
7	7	Monitors—1 at £160, 2 at £130, and 4 at £96 ... ..	"	...	...	836		804	
2	2	Junior Assistants—1 at £78 and 1 at £39. ... ..	"	...	...	104		117	
...	4	Supernumerary Assistants—3 at £96 and 1 at £52 ... ..	"	...	...	.....		340	
2	2	Cleaners and Messengers—1 at £78, 1 at £39 ... ..	"	...	...	104		117	
205	258	Switchboard Attendants ... ..	.....	...	...	10,465		11,512	
...	...	Do do &c., as required... ..	.....	...	...	1,500		1,500	
1	1	Matron ... ..	.....	...	...	130		130	
...	1	Assistant Matron ... ..	.....	...	...	.....		70	
1	2	Clerks—1 at £125, and 1 at £96	Clerical..	D	...	125		221	
						18,803			22,517
256	337								
589	694	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	.....	85,108	.....	92,323

No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.									
No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.				
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.		
					£		£		
589	694	Brought forward ... ..	£	.....	.....	85,108	.....	92,328
ELECTRIC LIGHT BRANCH.									
1	1	Chief Engineer	Professional	A3	.....	350	.....	350
4	4	Engineers—2 at £225, and 2 at £200	General..	.....	.....	804	.....	850
...	...	Arrears of Increases from 1st November, 1899, to 30th June, 1900 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
12	12	Assistant Engineers—1 at £161, 4 at £156, 2 at £150, 1 at £130, 1 at £120, 2 at £110, and 1 at £78 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,655	.....	1,633
17	17					2,809		2,864	
CONSTRUCTION BRANCH.									
1	1	Inspector of Lines ... ..	"	.....	.....	350	.....	350
1	1	Assistant Line Repairer ... ..	"	.....	.....	241	.....	241
4	4	Overseers at £250 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....	1,000
1	1	Assistant	Clerical..	D	.....	130	.....	130
7	7					1,721		1,721	
1	1	Manager of Stables... ..	General..	.....	.....	254	.....	254
2	2	1 Farrier at £144, 1 Assistant Farrier at £91 ... ..	"	.....	.....	235	.....	235
8	8	Grooms—1 at £125, 2 at £122, and 5 at £104 ... ..	"	.....	.....	889	.....	889
1	1	Foreman of Mail Cart Drivers ... ..	"	.....	.....	150	.....	150
12	14	Mail Cart Drivers—1 at £130, 4 at £120, 5 at £104, 1 at £96, and 3 at £91 ... ..	"	.....	.....	1,322	.....	1,499
16	31	1 Mechanic, £160; 1 Carpenter, £156; 1 Caretaker, £150; 1 Assistant Caretaker, £115; 1 Tower Attendant, £78; 1 Office-keeper, £100; 6 Cleaners, at £104; 1 Lift Attendant, at £119; 1 Lift Attendant, at £106; 1 Lift Attendant, at £86, and 16 female cleaners at £52 ... ..	"	.....	.....	1,822	.....	2,526
2	2	Detectives, 1 at £220, and 1 at £208 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	416	.....	428
3	3	Constables, at 7s. 6d. per diem each ... ..	.....	.....	.....	411	.....	411
1	1	Medical Officer ... ..	.....	.....	.....	130	.....	130
1	1	Chinese Interpreter ... ..	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
9	9	1 Overseer of Letter Carriers, £180; 2 Custodians of Mails—1 at £100 and 1 at £91; 1 Custodian of Mail Bags, at £100; 1 Bag Maker, at £150; 1 Assistant in Bag Room, £65; 2 Bag Turners—1 at £91 and 1 at £65; and 1 Timekeeper, at £100	General..	.....	.....	961	.....	942
1	1	Out-door Inquiry Officer ... ..	"	.....	.....	160	.....	180
57	74					6,800		7,694	
INDOOR MESSENGERS.									
1	1	Chief Messenger	General	.....	.....	180	.....	180
17	21	Messengers—1 at £140, 3 at 125, 1 at £120, 1 at £105, 1 at £98, 1 at £93, 4 at £86, 1 at £73, 2 at £68, 2 at £65, 3 at £52, and 1 at £26	"	1,526	1,796	
18	22					1,706		1,976	
688	814	Carried forward... ..	£	98,144	106,583	

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No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1899-1900.	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
					£		£	
		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.						
688	814	Brought forward... ..	£	.....	.....	98,144	.....	106,583
17	19	Parcels Assistants—1 at £160, 3 at £140, 2 at £120, 2 at £115, 1 at £94, 1 at £91, 7 at £90, and 2 at £65... ..	General..	.....	.....	1,758	.....	2,015
		Parcels Assistants—Arrears to 7 Assistants from £78 to £90, from 1st January to 30th June, 1900 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
						1,758		2,057
47	47	Line Repairers—46 at £140, and 1 £120... ..	„	.....	.....	6,580	.....	6,560
7	7	Post and Telegraph Officers, at £400 each	Clerical... A2	..	..	2,800	.....	2,800
30	30	Post and Telegraph Officers—4 at £370, 9 at £350, 8 at £330, 3 at £320, and 6 at £300	„	A3	.....	10,030	.....	10,030
76	80	Post and Telegraph Officers—10 at £299, 4 at £290, 12 at £280, 6 at £270, 26 at £260, 5 at £250, 5 at £240, 2 at £235, and 10 at £230 ... ..	„	.....	1	19,753	.....	21,110
103	107	Post and Telegraph Officers—27 at £225, 10 at £220, 6 at £210, 37 at £200, 10 at £190, and 17 at £180 ... ..	„	.....	2	21,100	.....	21,895
185	188	Post and Telegraph Officers—15 at £175, 27 at £170, 31 at £160, 31 at £150, 1 at £144, 18 at £140, 1 at £135, and 64 at £130 ... ..	„	.....	3	27,244	.....	27,944
38	32	Post and Telegraph Officers—7 at £125, 15 at £120, 1 at £111, 6 at £110, 2 at £101, and 1 at £100 ... ..	„	.....	4	4,451	.....	3,748
6	4	Post and Telegraph Officers—1 at £98, 1 at £95, and 2 at £88	Unclassified	.....	4	521	.....	369
492	495					85,899		87,896
		Less value of Quarters ... ..	.....	.....	.....	10,620	.....	10,890
						75,279		77,006
1197	1328	Carried forward... ..	£	.....	.....	181,761	.....	192,206

No. of Persons.		Division of Service.	GRADE.		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.					
1899-1900	1900-1		Higher.	Lower.	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.			
					£		£			
		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.								
1197	1328	Brought forward... .. £	.....	...	.....	181,761	.....	192,206
7	17	Post and Telegraph Assistants—4 at £270, and 13 at £235 ... ..	.....	1	1,820		4,135		
112	109	Post and Telegraph Assistants—4 at £230, 2 at £225, 8 at £220, 11 at £210, 55 at £200, 8 at £190, and 21 at £180...	.....	2	22,165		21,740		
240	264	Post and Telegraph Assistants—14 at £175, 36 at £170, 53 at £160, 60 at £150, 17 at £140, 11 at £135, 54 at £130, and 19 at £125 ... ..	.....	3	35,675		39,310		
408	478	Post and Telegraph Assistants—58 at £120, 4 at £116, 21 at £111, 20 at £110, 3 at £106, 31 at £101, 19 at £100, 31 at £98, 16 at £91, 28 at £88, 39 at £80, 61 at £78, 15 at £75, 114 at £65, and 18 at £39 ... ..	.....	4	38,016		41,377		
1	...	Post and Telegraph Assistant ... ..	.....	...	52		.....		
		Amount required to raise the minimum salary of Post and Telegraph Assistants from £65 to £80 per annum... ..	.....	...	.....		1,000	
		6 Operators from £200 to £210 from 1 July, 1899 to 30 June, 1900 ... ..	.....	...	.....		120	
768	868					97,728		107,682		
1	1	Overseer of Sorters... ..	General	...	180		180			
...	1	Assistant Overseer of Sorters ... ..	"	...	.....		170	
126	140	Sorters—20 at £170, 17 at £160, 17 at £150, 16 at £140, 16 at £130, 9 at £120, 19 at £110, and 26 at £100	"	...	17,300		18,760			
127	142					17,480		19,110		
12	11	Stampers—3 at £91, and 8 at £78	"	...	962		897			
						962		897		
34	39	Mail Guards—11 at £180, 11 at £170, 7 at £160, 2 at £150, and 3 at £140, 5 at £120	"	...	5,530		6,290			
						5,530		6,290		
468	482	Letter Carriers—54 at £144, 17 at £135, 19 at £130, 24 at £125, 24 at £120, 32 at £115, 22 at £110, 25 at £105, 3 at £104, 24 at £100, 58 at £91, 132 at £78, 38 at £65, 8 at £52, and 2 at £26	"	...	47,455		48,370			
						47,455		48,370		
107	112	Mail Boys—79 at £78, 28 at £65, and 5 at £26	"	...	7,969		8,112			
						7,969		8,112		
561	563	Telegraph Messengers—226 at £52, 102 at £39, and 235 at £26	"	...	23,647		21,840			
						23,647		21,840		
1610	1630	Non-official Postmasters, Receiving Office-keepers, Telephone Operators, Assistants, &c.	"	...	26,834		27,517			
						26,834		27,517		
...	5	Relieving Clerks, at £50 ... ..	.....	...	.....		250	
							250			
		To provide for new offices, &c. ... ..	.....	...	.....	1,350	.....	1,350
		To provide increases to Junior Staff (General Division) ... ..	.....	...	.....	3,314	.....	4,035
		To provide for increments, General Division	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1,690
4884	5180					414,030	.....	439,349	
		<i>Less</i> Estimated Saving through filling Vacancies at minimum rate	10,000		
		Carried forward... .. £	414,030	429,349		

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No. of Persons.		No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.			
		SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
1897-1900	1900-1	Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.			
4884	5180				
			£		£
		Brought forward	£	414,030	£
					429,349
		<i>Contingencies.</i>			
		Fuel and Light for City, Suburban, and Country Offices ...	3,650		3,800
		Rent of Country and Branch Offices	11,200		11,000
		Safes for Post Offices			500
		Furniture, Fittings, &c., City, Suburban, and Country Offices	2,900		2,900
		Urgent repairs to Offices... ..			1,000
		Forage allowances to Letter-carriers, Line Repairers, Messengers, &c., and Horse Equipment	12,800		12,800
		Forage (Departmental Horses, Sydney)	1,600		1,600
		Additional Horses	200		200
		Overtime, to expedite the sorting and delivery of British and Foreign Mails, and of Newspapers, and Officials working on Sundays, &c.	3,300		4,000
		Uniforms for Letter-carriers, Mail-guards, Messengers, &c. ...	3,700		3,700
		Travelling expenses—Inspectors, Relieving Officers, &c. ...	9,500		10,000
		New Stamps and Seals	300		300
		Iron Letter and Newspaper Receivers	200		200
		Working Expenses (Electric Telegraph)	8,000		9,000
		Repairs to Telegraph Lines	10,500		11,000
		Incidental and Unforeseen Expenses	2,800		2,800
		Fuel, Gas, Water, Carbons, and Globes (Electric Light) ...	1,100		1,400
		Remuneration to Railway Department for performing Postal and Public Telegraph business	6,300		6,700
		Purchase of Plant, Renewals, Oils, &c., and to replace Lamps (Electric Light)	1,100		3,000
		Cleaning General Post Office and Country Post Offices; allowances to Official Postmasters and Telegraph Masters for keeping their offices clean; to provide light for office purposes; for portorage of mails; and for attending to and winding turret clocks	4,800		4,200
		Canvas and other material for mail-bags and cost of making... ..	1,500		1,700
		Allowances to Officers stationed at outlying Districts ...	3,000		4,000
		To supply Telegraph Instruments, Cables, Tables, &c. ...	600		2,500
		Refund of Fees, paid for Medical Examination, by Candidates for admission to the Service	150		
				89,200	
		Carried forward	£	503,230	£
4884	5180				98,300
					527,649

No. of Persons.		No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.			
1899-1900	1900-1	SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.			
		Amount appropriated for year ended 30 June, 1900.		Amount estimated to be expended during year ending 30 June, 1901.	
		£		£	
		Postal and Electric Telegraph Department—continued.			
4884	5180	Brought forward £	503,230	527,649	
		CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.			
		Inland, including Portage	87,000	88,000	
		Amount to be transferred to Railway Department for the conveyance of mails... ..	71,500	72,000	
		Gratuities to Ships' Mails, Foreign and Coastwise... ..	7,500	7,500	
		Postal communication, <i>via</i> San Francisco	4,050	4,050	
		Postal communication, <i>via</i> Suez, per Federal Mail Service, by the vessels of the Orient and the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Companies, including the cost of overland transit of mail-matter	30,000	30,000	
		Postal communication, <i>via</i> Vancouver	10,000	10,000	
			210,050	211,550	
		CABLE SUBSIDIES AND GUARANTEES.			
		<i>British and Australian Cable Subsidy.</i>			
		Proportion payable by New South Wales of Guaranteed Annual Subsidy of £32,400 for twenty years, from 1st November, 1879, for the Duplication of the British Australian Cable	10,053	.....
		<i>Tasmanian Cable Subsidy.</i>			
		Proportion payable by New South Wales	1,495	1,494	
		<i>New Zealand Cable, Reduced Rates.</i>			
		Proportion of Guarantee payable by New South Wales	523	238	
		<i>New Caledonia Cable Guarantee.</i>			
		Proportion payable by New South Wales	2,000	2,000	
			14,071	3,732	
		MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
		Solicitors' costs in the case, <i>Healey v. Bank of New South Wales</i>	649	.....
		Additional gratuity to William Wiburd, late Mail-guard, who has become blind through injuries received whilst on duty	174	.....
		Gratuity to C. Mooney, late Construction Overseer, being difference amount allowed under the Public Service Act and a fortnight's pay for each year of service ... ..	.....	187	
		Gratuity to widow of W. J. Mason, late Overseer of Letter-carriers, being equal to the amount contributed by him to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund ... ..	.....	81	
			823	268	
4884	5180	TOTAL... .. £	728,174	743,199	

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

FROM THE

VOTE ADVANCE TO TREASURER, 1899-1900,

ON ACCOUNT OF

SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900.

SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN
ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 107.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1900-1901, together with a statement of payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on account of services for the year 1899-1900, submitted for Parliamentary appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote, and a statement of payments from the "Expenditure Suspense Account" during the period 12th to 30th June, 1899, for urgent claims, on account of services of the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary appropriation.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd October, 1900.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS from the Vote Advance to Treasurer,
1899-1900, on Account of Services of the Year 1899-1900.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
No. I.—SCHEDULES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE B.			
<i>Military Pensions.</i>			
Trustees of the children of the late R. J. E. Bedford	5 1 7		5 1 7
Mrs. E. M'Kee, widow of Corporal J.A. M'Kee	6 13 4		6 13 4
		11 14 11	
TOTAL SCHEDULES ... .. £	.....	11 14 11	11 14 11
No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.			
CHIEF SECRETARY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Special Clerk to the Principal Under-Secretary—Difference between £260 voted and £299 per annum, from 1st January to 2nd May ... ..	.....	13 4 2	13 4 2
POLICE.			
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Purchase of land and buildings for Police Station, Mulgoa ... ..	.....	500 0 0	500 0 0
LUNACY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Superintendent and Dispenser, Reception House for the Insane, Darlinghurst—Difference between £240 voted and £275 per annum, from 15th January ... ..	.....	15 18 8	15 18 8
MEDICAL ADVISER.			
Coast Hospital.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Engineer—Difference between £80 voted and £100 per annum, from 2nd December, 1899, to 31st March, 1900	6 12 3		6 12 3
Engineer, at £100 per annum, from 1st April	25 0 0		25 0 0
		31 12 3	
Analytical Branch.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Junior Assistant—Difference between £50 voted and £90 per annum, from 1st July, 1889... ..	.....	40 0 0	40 0 0
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Allowances for Chemicals, &c. ... ..	.....	11 3 7	11 3 7
GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Statistician—Difference between £850 voted and £900 per annum, from 28th March... ..	.....	13 0 9	13 0 9
AGENT-GENERAL.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Amount paid as Salary, from 27th March to 14th May, while travelling to England to relieve the then Agent-General, Sir Julian Salomons ... ..	.....	244 6 7	244 6 7
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
To meet Travelling Expenses to England ... ..	.....	125 0 0	125 0 0
FISHERIES COMMISSION.			
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Erection of Fish Hatcheries... ..	.....	445 18 11	445 18 11
BOTANIC GARDENS.			
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Expense of Cleaning Ponds ... ..	.....	149 19 6	149 19 6
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	1,590 4 5	1,590 4 5
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	11 14 11	11 14 11

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE ADVANCE TO

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... .. £	.....	11 14 11	11 14 11
No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY— <i>continued.</i>			
Brought forward ... .. £	.....	1,590 4 5	1,590 4 5
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Senior Nurse and Dispenser, Rookwood Asylum—Difference between £97 voted and £109 per annum, from 14th December, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	6 11 0		6 11 0
Senior Nurse and Dispenser, Rookwood Asylum—Difference between £104 voted and £109 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	5 0 0		5 0 0
Assistant Cleaner, Head Office—Difference between £40 voted and £50 per annum, from 1st January	5 0 0		5 0 0
		16 11 0	
MILITARY SECRETARY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Senior Clerk—Difference between £260 voted and £300 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	.....	40 0 0	40 0 0
PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER MILITARY FORCES.			
Medical comforts, &c., for Prisoners belonging to the New South Wales Contingent at Pretoria, South Africa	100 0 0		100 0 0
Expenses incurred in connection with Easter Camp of Instruction of the 6th Regiment Australian Bushmen's Contingent—Extra Rations, &c.	200 0 0		200 0 0
	648 13 0	948 13 0	648 13 0
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.			
Sydney Night Refuge and Reformatory—Special grant	50 0 0		50 0 0
City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen—Special grant	300 0 0		300 0 0
Nepean Cottage Hospital, Penrith—Special grant	50 0 0		50 0 0
Cobar District Hospital—Special grant ...	150 0 0		150 0 0
Women's Hospital—Special grant	250 0 0	800 0 0	250 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
<i>General Contingencies.</i>			
Expenses incurred in conducting inquiries as to the circumstances of relatives of members of the New South Wales Military Contingents to South Africa	15 0 0		15 0 0
Expenses incurred in connection with Royal Commission on Diseases in Stock	494 7 10		494 7 10
Expenses of Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital... ..	297 1 1		297 1 1
Expenses incurred in connection with Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into certain charges made by the Widow of the late Police Sergeant Wirrell, of West Maitland	31 0 4		31 0 4
Expenses incurred in connection with Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into the case of William Cresswell, at present an inmate of the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum	50 0 0		50 0 0
Carried for ward £	887 9 3	3,395 8 5	4,282 17 8
Carried for ward ... .. £	.....	11 14 11	11 14 11

TREASURER, 1899-1900, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900. 5

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward ... £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 11 14 11	£ s. d. 11 14 11
No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY—<i>continued.</i>			
Brought forward ... £	887 9 3	3,395 8 5	4,282 17 8
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—<i>continued.</i>			
Expenses incurred in connection with Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into certain charges made against James Roberts, Tramways	179 16 0		179 16 0
Hillston Municipal Council—Special grant	250 0 0		250 0 0
Expenses of Inquiry, Circular Quay Pontoon Accident	37 4 8		37 4 8
Expenses in connection with Greater Sydney Conference	50 0 0		50 0 0
Expenses incurred in connection with the Federal Electoral Districts Commission ...	6 5 6		6 5 6
Proportion payable to Government of Western Australia for expenses of maintenance of Garrison, Albany	294 8 2		294 8 2
		1,705 3 7	
TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY ... £	.....	5,100 12 0	5,100 12 0
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.			
TREASURY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Special Clerk, at £425 per annum, from 21st March... ..	118 16 4		118 16 4
Clerk, at £97 10s. per annum, from 1st April	16 5 0		16 5 0
Cleaner, at £50 per annum, from 22nd February	17 14 2		17 14 2
		152 15 6	
LAND AND INCOME TAX.			
To meet expenses in connection with administration of the Land and Income Tax Assessments, &c. ... ..	.....	600 0 0	600 0 0
CUSTOMS.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Clerk—Difference between £130 voted and £140 per annum, from 1st May	1 13 4		1 13 4
Excise Locker—Difference between £160 voted and £170 per annum, from 1st May	1 13 4		1 13 4
Switch Attendant—Difference between £26 voted and £39 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	13 0 0		13 0 0
		16 6 8	
GOVERNMENT PRINTER.			
To pay Salaries, Wages, &c... ..	.....	2,844 10 8	2,844 10 8
STORES AND STATIONERY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Clerk at £240 per annum, from 1st July to 30th November, 1899 ... ..	.....	97 18 4	97 18 4
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Stores, Stationery, and Furniture, for the Public Service generally ... ..	.....	8,752 7 7	8,752 7 7
Carried forward ... £	.....	12,463 18 9	12,463 18 9
Carried forward... £	.....	5,112 6 11	5,112 6 11

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE ADVANCE TO

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward ... £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 5,112 6 11	£ s. d. 5,112 6 11
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—continued.			
Brought forward ... £	.....	12,463 18 9	12,463 18 9
BOARD OF HEALTH.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
<i>Inspectors of Private Slaughtering-houses in the Suburbs.</i>			
Inspector, at £206 per annum, from 1st December, 1899, to 18th February, 1900...	45 7 4		45 7 4
Inspector, at £206 per annum, from 1st December, 1899, to 28th February, 1900	51 10 0		51 10 0
Inspector, at £206 per annum, from 1st December, 1899	120 3 4		120 3 4
Two Inspectors, at £206 per annum, from 1st January	206 0 0		206 0 0
Inspector, at £156 per annum, from 1st January	78 0 0		78 0 0
Inspector, at £156 per annum, from 1st March	52 0 0		52 0 0
		553 0 8	
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Expenses in connection with the inspection of Private Slaughtering-houses in the Suburbs	257 0 8		257 0 8
Preparing <i>précis</i> of evidence taken before the Royal Commission of Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	33 10 0		33 10 0
		290 10 8	
MARINE BOARD.			
<i>Colonial Light-houses— Salaries.</i>			
Principal Light-keeper, Nobby's, Newcastle, at £157 per annum, from 1st December, 1899, to 31st May, 1900 ... ..	.....	78 10 0	78 10 0
SEA AND RIVER PILOTS.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
<i>Newcastle Pilot Steamer "Ajax."</i>			
First Engineer—Difference between £200 voted and £252 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	52 0 0		52 0 0
Second Engineer—Difference between £150 voted and £200 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	50 0 0		50 0 0
3 Firemen—Difference between £120 voted and £132 per annum, from 1st July, 1899	36 0 0		36 0 0
Seaman—Difference between £96 voted and £114 per annum, from 1st July, 1899, to 30th April, 1900	15 0 0		15 0 0
Seaman—Difference between £96 voted and £114 per annum, from 1st August, 1899	16 10 0		16 10 0
Seaman—Difference between £96 voted and £114 per annum, from 1st October, 1899	13 10 0		13 10 0
Cook—Difference between £96 voted and £114 per annum, from 1st July, 1899 ...	18 0 0		18 0 0
Towards placing the salaries for 1899–1900 at the rates to which the Officers were entitled when the late Regulations were cancelled	25 18 4		25 18 4
		226 18 4	
PUBLIC WHARFS.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Assistant Manager—Difference between £275 and £325 per annum, from 19th March...	.....	14 5 0	14 5 0
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	13,627 3 5	13,627 3 5
Carried forward "...." £	.....	5,112 6 11	5,112 6 11

TREASURER, 1899-1900, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900. 7

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... .. £	.....	5,112 6 11	5,112 6 11
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—<i>continued.</i>			
Brought forward... .. £	.....	13,627 3 5	13,627 3 5
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
To meet Pensions to Inspectors of Stock ...	676 15 0		676 15 0
Refund of Civil Service Superannuation deductions payable to Officers who have voluntarily resigned the Service	157 1 9		157 1 9
Fort Macquarie—Shelter-sheds at Horse Ferry Dock	39 15 0		39 15 0
Expenses incurred in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales	283 16 0		283 16 0
To pay interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales	307 13 4		307 13 4
To pay interest on Advances by Banks in London	4,326 0 0		4,326 0 0
Oil-painting of Sir Henry Parkes	105 0 0		105 0 0
Advertising for the Public Service generally	455 12 2		455 12 2
Transmission of Telegraphic Messages ...	5,905 9 7		5,905 9 7
Contribution towards Maintenance of Mount Kosciusko and Merimbula Meteorological Stations	181 19 2		181 19 2
		12,439 2 0	
TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE ... .. £	.....	26,066 5 5	26,066 5 5
No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.			
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Acting District Court Judges	137 5 1		137 5 1
Salaries of Relieving Officers for the Public Service, at £160 per annum	578 18 0		578 18 0
		716 3 1	
TOTAL, ATTORNEY-GENERAL £	.....	716 3 1	716 3 1
No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.			
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.			
Conditional Purchase Inspectors and Foresters.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Inspector of Conditional Purchases and Forester—Difference between £225 voted and £235 per annum, from 1st May		1 13 4	1 13 4
Forestry.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Inspecting Forester—Difference between £250 voted and £275 per annum, from 1st July, 1899		25 0 0	25 0 0
Messengers, Office-cleaners, &c.			
Messenger, District Survey Office, Forbes, at £105 per annum, from 16th January		48 5 4	48 5 4
Carried forward... .. £	.....	74 18 8	74 18 8
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	31,894 15 5	31,894 15 5

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE ADVANCE TO

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 31,894 15 5	£ s. d. 31,894 15 5
No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS—<i>contd.</i>			
Brought forward ... .. £	.....	74 18 8	74 18 8
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—<i>continued.</i>			
Survey Division—Lithographic Branch.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Draftsman-in-Charge, at £400 per annum, from 1st January to 17th March... ..	84 18 11	.....	84 18 11
Survey Division—Plan Mounting Branch.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Assistant Plan Moulder—Difference between £25 voted and £39 per annum, from 8th October, 1898	24 4 8	109 3 7	24 4 8
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
Shark Island, Port Jackson—Special grant	125 0 0		125 0 0
Tamworth Recreation Reserve—Erection of Practice Hall and Band Pavillion	100 0 0		100 0 0
Kuring-gai Chase—Special grant	250 0 0		250 0 0
		475 0 0	
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR LANDS £	.....	659 2 3	659 2 3
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.			
ROADS AND BRIDGES.			
Main Roads	2,858 12 2		2,858 12 2
Other Roads and Works within Municipalities	613 18 4		613 18 4
Minor Roads	9,338 13 11		9,338 13 11
Erection, Repairs, Renewal and Maintenance of Bridges	616 3 0		616 3 0
Unclassified Roads and other Works	1,188 11 3		1,188 11 3
Expenses of Punts and Ferries	27 6 11		27 6 11
Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, &c.	401 15 3	15,045 0 10	401 15 3
HARBOURS AND RIVERS AND DREDGE SERVICE.			
Erection, Repairs, Renewals, Maintenance, and incidental expenses in connection with Wharfs, Jetties, Bridges, &c.	557 13 6		557 13 6
Spectacle Island—Works and Repairs	3 10 3		3 10 3
Removal of Rocks, South Arm, Clarence River	26 13 9		26 13 9
Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys	15 10 5		15 10 5
Towards expenses connected with or arising out of employment of Tugs on Special Service	53 3 8		53 3 8
Dock Establishment—Contingencies	954 4 6		954 4 6
Maintenance, Electric Light, Cockatoo Island	21 17 2		21 17 2
„ Newcastle Harbour Works	326 0 2		326 0 2
„ Wollongong Harbour Works	22 3 6		22 3 6
Dredge Service	1,113 11 3		1,113 11 3
Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, &c.	57 16 2	3,152 4 4	57 16 2
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	18,197 5 2	18,197 5 2
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	32,553 17 8	32,553 17 8

TREASURER, 1899-1900, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900. 9

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward... .. £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 32,553 17 8	£ s. d. 32,553 17 8
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—<i>continued.</i>			
Brought forward... .. £	.....	18,197 5 2	18,197 5 2
GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.			
(The Votes provide for erections, additions, repairs, renewals, &c.)			
Public Buildings generally	683 5 1		683 5 1
Hard Labour Gaols	40 19 6		40 19 6
Court Houses... ..	21 6 7		21 6 7
Police Buildings and Lock-ups	119 13 2		119 13 2
Post and Telegraph Offices	209 16 7		209 16 7
Country Land Offices, and Lands Office, Sydney	2 10 3		2 10 3
Institutions for Insane	17 12 11		17 12 11
Centennial Park Buildings and Improve- ments	1 1 0		1 1 0
Benevolent Asylums	17 7 6		17 7 6
Coast Hospital, Little Bay	1 6 5		1 6 5
Vice-Regal Houses	175 1 9		175 1 9
Parliamentary Buildings, Improvements, Re- pairs, &c.	286 1 6		286 1 6
Lighting Government Lamps, Streets, Parks, and University Grounds; Attendance, Gas, and Ventilation, Parliamentary Buildings, &c.	195 9 4		195 9 4
Chancery Square Courts—Cleaning	18 19 7		18 19 7
Gaols—Electric-lighting and Maintenance... ..	59 0 6		59 0 6
Chief Secretary's Department—New Water Closet	15 15 8		15 15 8
Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, &c.	121 3 8		121 3 8
		1,986 11 0	
Railway and Tramway Construction, including Store buildings— Salaries, equipment, allowances, &c.	26 0 5		26 0 5
Sewerage Construction— Salaries, equipment, allowances, &c. ..	117 9 8		117 9 8
Water Conservation— Salaries, equipment, allowances, &c.	8 18 9		8 18 9
		152 8 10	
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage— To pay salaries, wages, &c. ... ..	.....	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
Expenses incurred in connection with the Pullen Patent Joint Boxes Inquiry	141 15 0		141 15 0
Compensation for injuries received in Cir- cular Quay Pontoon Accident	629 4 6		629 4 6
Drummoyne Municipal Council—Grant for repairing damage to roads and footpaths of the Borough caused by cattle passing through to the Abattoirs	250 0 0		250 0 0
		1,020 19 6	
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS..£	.....	23,357 4 6	23,357 4 6
Carried forward ..	.....	55,911 2 2	55,911 2 2

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE ADVANCE TO

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward ... £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 55,911 2 2	£ s. d. 55,911 2 2
No. VIII.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.			
BANKRUPTCY.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy, at £800 per annum, from 17th October to 16th November, 1899	67 16 3		67 16 3
Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy, at £700 per annum, from 17th November, 1899, to 16th April, 1900	291 12 9		291 12 9
		359 9 0	
PRISONS.			
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Repairs to Electric Lighting Apparatus, Bathurst Gaol ... ..	.....	6 18 2	6 18 2
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under the Licensing Act	53 0 6		53 0 6
South Head Cemetery Special Grant	50 0 0		50 0 0
		103 0 6	
TOTAL, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE £	.....	469 7 8	469 7 8
No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.			
MUSEUM.			
<i>Contingencies.</i>			
Purchase of Ethnological Collection ... ..	.....	62 0 0	62 0 0
PUBLIC LIBRARY.			
Blinds, &c., Queen Victoria Markets, Lending Branch ... ..	.....	83 6 0	83 6 0
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
Grants in aid of Educational Institutions in the proportion of £1 to every £2 received by Private Contributions	1 13 1	.....	1 13 1
White Cliffs Mechanics Institute—Special grant	100 0 0		100 0 0
To provide Christmas Dinners for the Unemployed	130 0 0		130 0 0
Expenses incurred by the Labour Commissioners	48 8 8		48 8 8
		280 1 9	
TOTAL, PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—LABOUR AND INDUSTRY ... £	.....	425 7 9	425 7 9
No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.			
IMPORTED AND INTRODUCED STOCK.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Stoker, Launch "Golden Fleece"—Difference between £48 voted and £66 per annum, from 1st July, 1899 ... ..	.....	18 0 0	18 0 0
AGRICULTURE.			
Hawkesbury College and Experimental Farms.			
<i>Salaries.</i>			
Assistant Instructor of Agriculture, at £100 per annum, from 29th November, 1899 ... ..	.....	58 17 9	58 17 9
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
Corowa Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Society—Special grant	100 0 0		100 0 0
Newcastle and District Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association—Special grant	500 0 0		500 0 0
		600 0 0	
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE ... .. £	.....	676 17 9	676 17 9
Carried forward ... ..	.....	57,482 15 4	57,482 15 4

TREASURER, 1899-1900, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900. 11

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.		PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	
Brought forward... £	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 57,482 15 4	£ s. d. 57,482 15 4
No. XI.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.			
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.			
Salaries, Wages, &c. ... ..	.....	4,347 4 2	4,347 4 2
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.			
General Post Office—Electric Lighting, &c...	45 8 6		45 8 6
Expenses incurred in connection with Board of Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of trouble in the working of the Telephone Exchange	286 18 0		286 18 0
Compensation to G. L. Little, late Clerk, General Post Office, equivalent to six months' salary at £326 per annum, <i>less</i> amount equivalent to six months' pension at the rate of £73 19s. per annum ...	126 0 6		126 0 6
Compensation to H. G. Doyle, late Clerk, General Post Office, equivalent to three months' salary at £268 per annum, <i>less</i> amount equivalent to three months' pension at £55 per annum	53 5 0		53 5 0
		511 12 0	
TOTAL, POSTMASTER-GENERAL... £	.....	4,858 16 2	4,858 16 2
GRAND TOTAL .. .. £	.....	62,341 11 6	62,341 11 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY
STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

FROM THE

VOTE ADVANCE TO TREASURER, 1899-1900,

ON ACCOUNT OF

EXTRAORDINARY
SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900.

SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN
ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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Message No. 176.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Supplementary Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on account of extraordinary Services of the year 1899-1900, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation, in adjustment of the Advance Vote.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1900.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS from the Vote
Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900, on Account of Extraordinary Services
of the Year 1899-1900.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.	PAID TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.
No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.	£	£
MILITARY CONTINGENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA—		
Expenses incurred in connection with the Despatch of New South Wales Military Forces for Service in South Africa	127,991 11 6	127,991 11 6
TOTAL, CHIEF SECRETARY ...	£ 127,991 11 6	127,991 11 6
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.		
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.		
Expenses incurred in connection with the Outbreak of the Bubonic Plague	84,451 9 4	84,451 9 4
TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE	£ 84,451 9 4	84,451 9 4
GRAND TOTAL...	£ 212,443 0 10	212,443 0 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 28th November, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

FROM THE

“EXPENDITURE SUSPENSE ACCOUNT,”

DURING THE PERIOD 12TH TO 30TH JUNE, 1899,

FOR URGENT CLAIMS,

ON ACCOUNT OF

SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9,

SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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BEAUCHAMP,

Message No. 107.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1900-1901, together with a statement of payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on account of services for the year 1899-1900, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote,—and a Statement of payments from the "Expenditure Suspense Account" during the period 12th to 30th June, 1899, for urgent claims, on account of services of the year 1898-9, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd October, 1900.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS from the "EXPENDITURE SUSPENSE ACCOUNT"
from 12th to 30th June, 1899, for urgent claims for Services of the year 1898-9,
made in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	TO BE VOTED.	
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
1898-9 Services.		
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Land and Income Tax	2,745 9 8	
Miscellaneous Services—		
Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony	2,314 12 7	
		5,060. 2 3
No. IV.—RAILWAYS.		
Railways and Tramways—		
Existing Lines—Working expenses ... ..	.....	57,328 14 8
TOTAL	£	*62,388 16 11

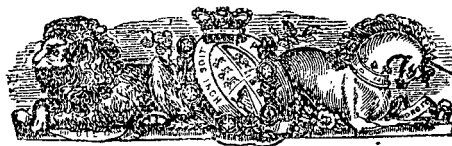
* Indemnity was obtained under Act No. 48, passed 22nd December, 1899, for the payments.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
OF THE
EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT.
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES,
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
30TH JUNE, 1901.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 175.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, for the financial year ending 30th June, 1901.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1900.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—1900-1—for the period from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.

Head of Service.	Amount proposed.	Total proposed.
No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.		
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY.		
Increase to Salary of Steward (page 13, Estimates-in-Chief)...	50 0 0	
Gratuity to Miss Mary McNeish, late Servant, who was injured in the performance of her duties	100 0 0	
PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF.		
For Shorthand-writing and Typewriting during Session ...	400 0 0	
		550 0 0
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.		
VICE-PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, &c.		
To provide additional amount to that shown on Estimates-in-Chief, page 18, viz., £52, for Salary of Messenger (man), at £125 per annum	73 0 0	
AUDITOR-GENERAL.		
To restore Salary of Auditor-General to the amount voted for 1892	80 0 0	
To meet claim of the Auditor-General for loss of Salary (caused by retrenchment in 1893), from 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1900—seven and a half years, at £80 per annum. (See paragraph 117 of Report on Public Accounts, laid on Table 28th June, 1900)	600 0 0	
Clerk—£225 to £230	5 0 0	
Extra Clerical Assistance	100 0 0	
POLICE.		
To Supplement the Police Superannuation Fund	5,000 0 0	
GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN.		
Chief Clerk, Friendly Societies, &c., Branch, at £400 per annum	400 0 0	
Increases to Salaries—3 Assistant Compilers—2 at £180 to £200, 1 at £180 to £190	50 0 0	
Expenses in connection with the Decennial Census	23,625 0 0	
AGENT-GENERAL.		
Increases to Salaries—2 Clerks, £260 to £300; 1, £250 to £300; 1, £200 to £225; Messengers—1, £120 to £150; 1, £97 10s. to £120	208 0 0	
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.		
Inspector and Clerk to Board—£200 to £250... ..	50 0 0	
BOTANIC GARDENS.		
For removing and re-erecting Corrugated Iron Fence between Gardens and Inner Domain... ..	125 0 0	
ELECTORAL OFFICE.		
Increases—2 Clerks, £150 to £170	40 0 0	
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.		
Church Rescue Home—further sum	100 0 0	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.		
Grants for Improvements, &c., to Rifle Ranges used by various Country Rifle Clubs... ..	500 0 0	
Southern Rifle Association—Grant for Improvement of Range	100 0 0	
Singleton Rifle Range—Towards Resumption of Land for ...	410 0 0	
Fire Brigades, Country and Suburban—Special Grants in aid—further sum	1,000 0 0	
Towards keeping in order the Grave of the late Sir Henry Parkes	100 0 0	
Additional sum for religious attendance on inmates of Asylums and other Government Institutions (part in lieu of amounts on Estimates-in-Chief, pages 21-28, under Lunacy and Charities Departments)	560 0 0	
Breelong Blacks—Rewards for Capture of Jimmy and Joe Governor (£1,000 each)	2,000 0 0	
Trades' Hall Building—Towards completion	2,000 0 0	
Equivalent of Parliamentary Allowances from date return of Writs to date swearing in—		
To G. T. C. Miller (Monaro) from 17th Dec., 1889, to 28th April, 1890 ... £110 8 7		
To T. Jessep (Waverley) from 20th Feb. to 11th May, 1896 67 9 10		
	178 0 0	
Fire Station, Chatswood—Towards cost of Erection (Re-vote of 1898-9)	150 0 0	
		37,454 0 0
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	38,004 0 0

Head of Service.	Amount proposed.	Total proposed.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... .. £	.....	38,004 0 0
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.		
LAND AND INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT.		
Furniture, Fittings, &c.	800 0 0	
BOARD OF HEALTH.		
<i>Contingencies.</i>		
To meet claim, T. Fanning, for work done, &c., January, 1898, to January, 1900	80 0 0	
NAVIGATION.		
Assistant Engineer, at £300 per annum	300 0 0	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
For Erection of Garbage Destructor, Annandale	2,400 0 0	
Increases determined by the Public Service Board under Sec. 10, Public Service Act, 1895, to Salaries of Officers receiving or to receive upwards of £400 per annum, per explanatory Schedule	1,724 0 0	
Interest on Advances by Banks in London	35,000 0 0	
Rental of House for Lady Parkes	75 0 0	
		40,379 0 0
No. V.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.		
Crown Prosecutor, Central Criminal Court, £800 to £900	100 0 0	
Increase to Clerk, Civil Branch, £245 to £255	10 0 0	
To meet special cases where Officers were retired without leave of absence	5,000 0 0	
		5,110 0 0
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.		
BRIDGES.		
Bridge Inspector, £235 to £275	40 0 0	
ARCHITECT.		
Clerk of Works, £225 to £250	25 0 0	
Additional Accommodation at Government House for Staff of the Governor-General	950 0 0	
HARBOURS AND RIVERS.		
Mechanic for Lighthouses (new position)	230 0 0	
CLERICAL.		
2 Clerks (new appointments)—		
1 at £156, from 4th October, 1900	113 0 0	
1 at £150, from 15th October, 1900	107 0 0	
To adjust Salaries, page 102, Estimates-in-Chief—		
Assistant Road Superintendents—		
6 at £165 should be 7 at £165 = £165 increase.		
11 at £140 do 10 at £140 = £140 decrease.		
Amount required... ..	25 0 0	
Amount due, Civil Service Superannuation Fund—Abatement on account of Pension payable to Mr. J. P. Josephson... ..	144 0 0	
LABOUR BUREAU.		
Unemployed Advisory Board—Rent of Offices, 15th February to 15th May, 1900, £37 10s.	38 0 0	
		1,672 0 0
No. VIII.—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.		
PETTY SESSIONS.		
Police Magistrate, Moruya, £350 to £400	50 0 0	
REGISTRAR-GENERAL.		
Examiner of Titles (Additional), at £600 per annum—Eight months' provision	400 0 0	
Clerk in charge of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Branch, £300 to £380	80 0 0	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
H. G. Crothers—Refund of amount paid to Sheriff's Officer, Walgett, for Purchase of a Settlement Lease subsequently forfeited	29 0 0	
		559 0 0
No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Leichhardt Worker's Institute—Special Grant	500 0 0
Carried forward £	86,224 0 0

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—1900-1.

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Head of Service.	Amount proposed.	Total proposed.
Brought forward	£ £ s. d.	86,224 0 0 £ s. d.
No. X.—MINES AND AGRICULTURE.		
Cadet—Charting Branch—Increase from £65 to £90 per annum .....	.....	25 0 0
No. XI.—POST OFFICE.		
Increases, Post and Telegraph Masters—		
2—£120 to £125	10 0 0	
2—£110 to £120	20 0 0	
Increases, 4 Post and Telegraph Assistants—		
£88 to £98; £100 to £110; £120 to £125; £101 to £111	35 0 0	
Arrears for 1899-1900	65 0 0	
Additional Increase—		
6 Operators (page 162, Estimates-in-Chief), £210 to £220	60 0 0	
Gratuity to the Widow of late P. B. Walker, Chief Electrician, &c., Telegraph Department	543 0 0	
To meet Abatement due to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund on account of pension payable to Mr. S. H. Lambton, Deputy Postmaster-General	669 0 0	
		1,402 0 0
TOTAL	£	87,651 0 0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 28th November, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

ESTIMATE

OF THE

EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT

OF

NEW SOUTH WALES,

ON ACCOUNT OF

PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES,

FOR THE YEAR 1900-1,

PROPOSED TO BE

PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
28 November, 1900.



SYDNEY: WILLIAM APPELEGATE GULLICK, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

1900.

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Message No. 177.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, on account of Public Works and other Services, for the year 1900-1901, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th November, 1900.

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1900-1.

ESTIMATE of EXPENDITURE on account of Public Works and other Services,
to be provided for by Loan.

Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
Permanent and Reproductive Works.		
No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
HOSPITALS.		
Sydney Hospital—Additions, &c., towards	6,000 0 0	
Prince Alfred Hospital—Additions, &c., towards	6,000 0 0	
North Shore Hospital—New Building, towards	10,000 0 0	
Country and Suburban Hospitals—Towards erection of New Buildings to meet the demand for increased accommodation	11,000 0 0	
		33,000 0 0
FIRE BRIGADES.		
Purchase of Land for extension of Metropolitan Head Station Sites for, and Erection of, Suburban Fire Stations	15,000 0 0 3,000 0 0	
		18,000 0 0
TOTAL, COLONIAL SECRETARY... .. £	.....	51,000 0 0
No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.		
DARLING HARBOUR RESUMED AREAS.		
To provide for Erection Additions and Improvements to Wharfs, Buildings, Streets, and Lanes ... ..	.....	100,000 0 0
RAILWAYS.		
Rolling Stock to meet Additional Traffic and for New Lines...	150,000 0 0	
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, Workshops, and for other purposes	100,000 0 0	
Reduction of Grades, North Coast Line, between Morisset and Adamstown	70,000 0 0	
		320,000 0 0
TRAMWAYS.		
Additions to Power-house, Steam and Electrical Machinery, and the provision of Sub-electrical Stations; &c.	253,000 0 0	
Overhead Wiring, Feeders, Rail-bonding, &c.	53,200 0 0	
Additional Cars and Car-sheds	100,000 0 0	
Towards amount required to put the Tarrawingee Tramway in working order, and necessary improvements	5,000 0 0	
Towards Duplication of Existing Lines—Sydney-Balmain and other Lines	20,000 0 0	
		431,200 0 0
TOTAL, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE ... .. £	.....	851,200 0 0
No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.		
Towards Clearing or otherwise improving Crown Lands	25,000 0 0	
		25,000 0 0
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR LANDS ... .. £	.....	25,000 0 0
Carried forward ... .. £	.....	927,200 0 0

Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
Permanent and Reproductive Works—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... .. . £	.....	927,200 0 0
VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.		
ROADS AND BRIDGES.		
<i>Punts.</i>		
New Ferry Punt for South Arm, Bellinger River; New Steam Ferry Relief Punt; Ulmarra Punt; Punts generally ...	4,000 0 0	
<i>Bridges.</i>		
Bridge over Wollondilly River at Hill's; Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Uriarra Ferry; Bridge over Beardy River at Yarrowford, Main Northern Road; Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Mittagang, Road Cooma to Murrumbucca; Bridge over Manar Creek Road Braidwood to Tarago; Bridge over Nepean River at Harvey's Crossing—further sum; Bridge over M'Donald River at St. Albans; Bridge over Wyong Creek at Wyong, Road Wyong to Tuggerah, &c.; Bridge over Hastings River at Cameron's Falls, Road Wauchope to Beechwood; Bridge over Glennie's Creek at Middle Falbrook, Road Glennie's to Camberwell and Goorangoola Road; Bridge over Fish River at Delayney's Falls, including Road Approach (Road Tarana to Jenolan); Bridge at Luskintyre, Hunter River; Bridge over Macdonald River, Road Walcha to Niangla; Bridge at Hay, Murrumbidgee River, improvements; Gol Gol Bridge; Bridge over Murrumbidgee River at Darlington; Bridge at entrance to Fennel Bay, including approaches, Road Teralba to Toronto; Bridge Lachlan River at Darby's Falls; Bridge Lachlan River at Goolagong; Bridge over Quirindi Creek at Hamilton's, Road Quirindi to Wallabadah; Bridge over Macquarie River at Scabbing Flat, near Wellington; Iron or Steel Bridges generally	60,000 0 0	61,000 0 0
HARBOURS AND RIVERS.		
<i>Wharfs and Jetties.</i>		
Queen's Wharf, Newcastle—reconstruction; Wharf, Berrarrina, Darling River; Wharf, Tathra; Jetties and Sheds for Ferry Boats, Fort Macquarie—East Side; Wharf, Manly—Reconstruction; Wharfs, Sutherland Dock, Cockatoo Island; Wharfs and Jetties generally ...	10,000 0 0	
<i>Sea Walls, Reclamation, Dredging, and other Works.</i>		
Landing Silt from Sand Pumps and other Dredges, Forming Ground, and Special Dredging and Appliances; Cook's River and Shea's Creek; Road along Rushcutter Bay Reclamation; North Harbour, Newcastle—Reclamation; Long Cove Reclamation; Works generally	35,000 0 0	
<i>Dredge and Ferry Docks.</i>		
Richmond River; Ferry Dock and Roadway, Dawes' Point; Works Generally	8,000 0 0	
Dredges, Tugs, Punts, and Barges—Iron Hopper Barge for Dredge "Hunter"; Punts for Harbour Improvement Works; Screw Tug Steamer for Dredge Service; Two Ash Punts for Naval Station; Works generally... .. .	15,000 0 0	
Carried forward £	68,000 0 0	64,000 0 0
Carried forward £	927,200 0 0

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Particulars.	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Permanent and Reproductive Works—continued.						
Brought forward	£					
				927,200	0	0
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—continued.						
Brought forward	£					
				68,000	0	0
HARBOURS AND RIVERS—continued.						
Port Kembla Harbour Improvements—further sum				40,000	0	0
Improvements, Hastings River—further sum				7,000	0	0
Improvements, Tweed River—further sum				5,000	0	0
Improvements, Lavender Creek, Murwillumbah, Tweed River				3,000	0	0
Improvements, Clarence River				15,000	0	0
Improvements, Richmond River (including Snagging, Removal						
Reefs at Woodburn, Training-walls and Dredging, Coraki						
and Wardell, Protection of River Banks, Buckendoon)... .. .				10,000	0	0
Improvements, Manning River				7,000	0	0
Improvements, Macleay River				7,000	0	0
Improvements, Bellinger River				7,000	0	0
Improvements, Camden Haven				4,000	0	0
Improvements, Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers (snagging						
and clearing)... .. .				10,000	0	0
Improvements, Parramatta River				4,000	0	0
Improvements, Moruya River				2,000	0	0
Improvements, Cape Hawke (Entrance)				5,000	0	0
Improvements, Lake Macquarie—further sum				1,000	0	0
Improvements at Newcastle—Ocean Beach Reserve; extra						
Mooring Accommodation; Removal Wrecks at Entrance				7,500	0	0
Improvements, Crookhaven River (Entrance)... .. .				2,000	0	0
Improvements, Circular Quay—East side; at Orient Company's						
Wharf; Wood-blocking; Electric Lighting				13,450	0	0
Wollongong Harbour Works				1,000	0	0
Darling Harbour Wharf Extension and Land Resumption—						
further sum				20,000	0	0
Fitzroy Dock—Extension, Appliances and other Improvements				10,000	0	0
Extension of Workshops, and providing extra Machinery and						
Tools—Newcastle				5,000	0	0
Construction of Works to prevent Erosion of Shore at Byron						
Bay				5,000	0	0
Country Towns Water Supply—further sum				25,000	0	0
For Purchase of Steamer to replace "Thetis"—further sum .				10,000	0	0
						293,950 0 0
GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.						
Police Buildings—Leadville, Alstonville, Kangaroo Valley,						
Burruga, Nerriga, Woolabra, Walcha, Junee, Hornsby,						
Bega, Narrandera, Wagga, Nerrigundah, Kensington,						
Wolumla, Lockhart (and Court-room), Bombala, Bate-						
man's Bay, Bowning, Police Buildings generally... .. .				10,000	0	0
Court-houses—Braidwood, Darlinghurst, Port Macquarie,						
Cootamundra, Broken Hill, Supreme Court, Inverell,						
Murrurundi, Moss Vale (including site), Court-houses						
generally				8,000	0	0
Goals Generally—Additions and Electric Lighting				5,000	0	0
Post and Telegraph Offices—Erection and Additions—Milpa-						
rinka, Newcastle (further sum), Orange, Ultimo, Bulla-						
delah, Inverell, Wellington, Post and Telegraph Offices						
generally				19,700	0	0
General Post Office—Additions, Lifts and Fittings—further						
sum				6,425	0	0
Benevolent Asylums—Additions and Electric Lighting—New-						
ington, Liverpool, Rookwood, Asylums generally				15,000	0	0
Institutions for Insane—Additions and Electric Lighting						
Gladesville, Rydalmere, Parramatta, Kenmore, Newcastle						
and Northern Districts Reception House, Institutions						
generally				10,000	0	0
National Art Gallery—Additions—further sum				15,000	0	0
Treasury Buildings—Additions—further sum				2,000	0	0
Custom House Buildings—Additions—further sum				3,000	0	0
Carried forward	£			94,125	0	0
Carried forward	£					927,200 0 0

Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
Permanent and Reproductive Works—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... .. £	.....	927,200 0 0
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—continued.		
Brought forward £	94,125 0 0	357,950 0 0
GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT—continued.		
Royal Mint, Sydney—Additions—further sum	1,000 0 0	
Crown Law Offices, Macquarie-street—Additions	4,000 0 0	
Government House—Renewal of Building	1,500 0 0	
Botanic Gardens—Building and Improvements—further sum	1,000 0 0	
“Sobraon,” Nautical School Ship—Electric Light and other Works—further sum	550 0 0	
Extra Lighting Plant and Buildings, Central Electric Light Station, Sydney	3,500 0 0	
Sydney Hospital—Reconstruction of Floors and Ceilings ...	1,200 0 0	
Kenmore Hospital—To pay Arbitration Award	1,800 0 0	
		108,675 0 0
SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION BRANCH.		
<i>Stormwater Channels and Drainage.</i>		
Stormwater Channel from Rozelle Bay to Evans-street, Balmain; Stormwater Drainage, Picton—further sum; Long Cove Creek Stormwater Channel; Newcastle Stormwater Channels—further sum—Pitching and Fascineing; Tighe’s Creek Stormwater Channel, Newcastle; New Lambton Stormwater Channel; Botany Stormwater Channel—further sum; Rookwood Stormwater Channel	10,000 0 0	
Drainage and Water Supply, Jenolan Caves, Government Buildings—further sum	400 0 0	
Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington Sewerage—further sum	7,000 0 0	
North Sydney and Mosman Sewerage Extension—further sum	7,000 0 0	
Manly Sewerage—further sum	1,000 0 0	
Drainage, Parkes and Forbes, for sanitary purposes	3,000 0 0	
Towards Construction of Sewerage Schemes for Newcastle and Suburbs	15,000 0 0	
Glebe Sewerage Works—Value of Works taken over and to be taken over from the Glebe Municipal Council, including interest	6,000 0 0	
		49,400 0 0
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION.		
Dubbo to Coonamble Railway—Towards Construction of ...	70,000 0 0	
Culcairn to Germanton Railway—Towards Construction of ...	40,000 0 0	
Narrabri to Walgett Railway—Towards Construction of ...	50,000 0 0	
Cobar Mines Railway—Towards Construction of	16,000 0 0	
Railway from Moree to Inverell—further sum	27,950 0 0	
Railway from Byrock to Brewarrina—further sum	14,635 0 0	
Railway from Koorawatha to Grenfell—further sum	4,760 0 0	
Trial Surveys	10,000 0 0	
Regrading of Railway Line in Rookwood Cemetery, including Platforms, on condition that Railway Commissioners contribute one-half of cost	265 0 0	
Narrabri to Moree Railway—further sum	1,400 0 0	
Clyde to Carlingford-Rosehill Railway—further sum ...	8,650 0 0	
Nevertire to Warren—further sum	1,000 0 0	
<i>Tramways.</i>		
General Tramway Extension	60,000 0 0	
Tramway from Belmore Park to Fort Macquarie, <i>via</i> Castle-reagh and Pitt Streets	119,100 0 0	
		423,760 0 0
Carried forward £	939,785 0 0
Carried forward £	927,200 0 0

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Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Permanent and Reproductive Works—continued.		
Brought forward		927,200 0 0
No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—continued.		
Brought forward £		939,785 0 0
WATER CONSERVATION AND ARTESIAN BORING, PUBLIC WATERING PLACES, AND SERVICES INCIDENTAL THERETO		110,000 0 0
TELEPHONE TUNNELS... ..		30,000 0 0
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE:—		
<i>Water Supply.</i>		
Strengthening Upper Canal and other minor permanent works	18,000 0 0	
<i>Sewerage.</i>		
Reticulation Sewers, Metropolitan area, including Low-level Sewers, and provision for new City Sewers	110,000 0 0	
<i>Water Supply and Sewerage.</i>		
To redeem Debentures, issued by the Municipal Council of Sydney for Construction of Waterworks, taken over by the Government, which mature on 1st July, 1901	5,000 0 0	
To redeem Debentures, issued by the Municipal Council of Sydney for Construction of Sewerage Works, taken over by the Government, which mature on 1st July, 1901	25,000 0 0	
		158,000 0 0
HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD.		
Water and Sewerage Works		5,000 0 0
TOTAL, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS £		1,242,785 0 0
No. IX.—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.		
Public School Buildings and Sites	50,000 0 0	
University Library—towards Building... ..	10,000 0 0	
		60,000 0 0
TOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION £		60,000 0 0
No. X.—POSTMASTER—GENERAL.		
Erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Minor Towns	12,000 0 0	
Purchase of Sites for Post and Telegraph Offices generally	4,500 0 0	
Construction and Extension of Telegraph and Telephone Lines generally	25,000 0 0	
Erection of Pneumatic Tubes, General Post Office and Sydney Merchants' Exchange	7,000 0 0	
Towards establishment of Metallic Circuit System	50,000 0 0	
		98,500 0 0
TOTAL, POSTMASTER-GENERAL £		98,500 0 0
TOTAL, PERMANENT AND REPRODUCTIVE WORKS £		2,328,485 0 0
Repayment of Loans.		
TO MEET 5 PER CENT. DEBENTURES FALLING DUE IN 1901:—		
In July, 1901—		
Railways and other purposes—Act 35 Vic. No. 5	374,900 0 0	
		374,900 0 0
TOTAL, REPAYMENT OF LOANS £		374,900 0 0
GRAND TOTAL £		2,703,385 0 0

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 28th November, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION, 1900.

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACTS

(Nos. I, II, III, AND IV)

OF THE

AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY ESTIMATED, VOTED,
AND EMBODIED

IN

THE APPROPRIATION ACT (No. 59, 1900),
AND THE LOAN ACT (No. 60, 1900),

FOR

THE SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1900-1901, AND IN ADJUSTMENT
OF THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER, 1899-1900," ON
ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1899-1900; AND IN
ADJUSTMENT OF THE VOTE "EXPENDITURE SUSPENSE
ACCOUNT" FOR SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1898-9;

WITH

NOTES EXPLANATORY.

SYDNEY: WILLIAM APPELATE GULLICK, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. I.

(SERVICES OF 1900-1901.)

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACT of the Expenditure of the Government, for the undermentioned Services, for the year 1900-1901, as respectively Estimated, Voted, and Embodied in the Appropriation Act, No. 59, 1900.

Page		Amounts Estimated			Amounts Voted and Embodied in the Appropriation Act.			Notes Explanatory of Alterations.	Page	
Estimates, 1900-1901	Additional Estimates, 1900-1901	Head of Service.	Establishments			Establishments				
			Salaries	Contingencies and Other Expenses	Total	Salaries	Contingencies and Other Expenses			Total
			£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d		
9		I. Supplement to Schedule B.		1,328 0 0	1,328 0 0		1,328 0 0	1,328 0 0		
		II. Executive and Legislative —								
12		His Excellency the Governor	1,062 0 0	875 0 0	1,937 0 0	1,062 0 0	875 0 0	1,937 0 0		
12		Executive Council	965 0 0	10 0 0	975 0 0	965 0 0	10 0 0	975 0 0		
12		Legislative Council	5,657 0 0	175 0 0	5,832 0 0	5,657 0 0	175 0 0	5,832 0 0		
13		Legislative Assembly	9,873 0 0	625 0 0	10,498 0 0	9,873 0 0	625 0 0	10,498 0 0		
13	3	Legislative Council and Assembly	2,545 0 0	2,025 0 0	4,570 0 0	2,545 0 0	2,025 0 0	4,570 0 0		
14		Parliamentary Library	1,268 0 0	730 0 0	1,998 0 0	1,268 0 0	730 0 0	1,998 0 0		
14	3	Parliamentary Reporting Staff	5,567 0 0	1,000 0 0	6,567 0 0	5,567 0 0	1,000 0 0	6,567 0 0		
14		Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works	950 0 0	400 0 0	1,350 0 0	950 0 0	400 0 0	1,350 0 0		
		Totals	27,887 0 0	5,840 0 0	33,727 0 0	27,887 0 0	5,840 0 0	33,727 0 0		
		III. Colonial Secretary —								
16		Colonial Secretary	7,525 0 0		7,525 0 0	7,525 0 0		7,525 0 0		
17	3	Auditor General	11,364 0 0	1,115 0 0	12,479 0 0	11,364 0 0	1,115 0 0	12,479 0 0		
18	3	Vice President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council	375 0 0		375 0 0	375 0 0		375 0 0		
18		Aborigines Protection Board	88 0 0	13,340 0 0	13,428 0 0	88 0 0	13,340 0 0	13,428 0 0		
18-19	3	Police	301,833 0 0	81,295 0 0	383,128 0 0	301,833 0 0	81,295 0 0	383,128 0 0		
20-21		Lunacy	58,370 0 0	56,240 0 0	114,610 0 0	58,370 0 0	56,240 0 0	114,610 0 0		
22		Master in Lunacy	3,168 0 0	250 0 0	3,418 0 0	3,168 0 0	250 0 0	3,418 0 0		
22		Medical Board	170 0 0	35 0 0	205 0 0	170 0 0	35 0 0	205 0 0		
23-24		The Medical Adviser to the Government	9,676 0 0	30,518 0 0	40,194 0 0	9,676 0 0	30,518 0 0	40,194 0 0		
25-26	3	The Government Statistician	6,664 0 0	24,715 0 0	31,379 0 0	6,664 0 0	24,715 0 0	31,379 0 0		
26	3	Agent General for the Colony	4,516 0 0	1,525 0 0	6,041 0 0	4,516 0 0	1,525 0 0	6,041 0 0		
27-29	3	Charitable Institutions	15,138 0 0	90,950 0 0	106,088 0 0	15,138 0 0	90,950 0 0	106,088 0 0		
29		Fisheries Commission	3,140 0 0	1,935 0 0	5,075 0 0	3,140 0 0	1,935 0 0	5,075 0 0		
30		Fire Brigades	800 0 0	306 0 0	1,106 0 0	800 0 0	306 0 0	1,106 0 0		
30	3	Botanic Gardens	1,600 0 0	6,331 0 0	7,931 0 0	1,600 0 0	6,331 0 0	7,931 0 0		
31		Nursery Garden, Campbelltown	225 0 0	700 0 0	925 0 0	225 0 0	700 0 0	925 0 0		
31		Government Domains	295 0 0	3,015 0 0	3,310 0 0	295 0 0	3,015 0 0	3,310 0 0		
31		Garden Palace Grounds	264 0 0	1,047 0 0	1,311 0 0	264 0 0	1,047 0 0	1,311 0 0		
32		Centennial Park	175 0 0	4,101 0 0	4,276 0 0	175 0 0	4,101 0 0	4,276 0 0		
32	3	Electoral Office	2,100 0 0		2,100 0 0	2,100 0 0		2,100 0 0		
33		Military Secretary	985 0 0	63 0 0	1,028 0 0	985 0 0	63 0 0	1,028 0 0		
33-55		Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces	126,909 0 0	101,088 0 0	*93,859 0 0	126,909 0 0	101,088 0 0	*93,859 0 0		
55-56		Naval Forces	4,003 0 0	2,100 0 0	6,103 0 0	4,003 0 0	2,100 0 0	6,103 0 0		
57	3	Charitable Allowances		79,477 0 0	79,477 0 0		79,477 0 0	79,477 0 0		
58-59	3	Miscellaneous Services		71,977 0 0	71,977 0 0		71,977 0 0	71,977 0 0		
		Totals	559,363 0 0	572,121 0 0	*997,346 0 0	559,363 0 0	571,621 0 0	996,846 0 0		
		IV. Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade —								
62-63		Treasury	24,243 0 0	1,700 0 0	25,943 0 0	24,243 0 0	1,700 0 0	25,943 0 0		
63		Stamp Duties	4,424 0 0	1,170 0 0	5,594 0 0	4,424 0 0	1,170 0 0	5,594 0 0		
63	4	Land and Income Tax	800 0 0	34,650 0 0	35,450 0 0	800 0 0	34,650 0 0	35,450 0 0		
64-67		Customs	25,640 0 0	3,226 0 0	28,866 0 0	25,640 0 0	3,226 0 0	28,866 0 0		
67		Gold Receivers	90 0 0		90 0 0	90 0 0		90 0 0		
68		Gold and Escort		550 0 0	550 0 0		550 0 0	550 0 0		
68-70		Government Printer	66,424 0 0	30,698 0 0	97,122 0 0	66,424 0 0	30,698 0 0	97,122 0 0		
70		Stores and Stationery	5,930 0 0	67,500 0 0	73,430 0 0	5,930 0 0	67,500 0 0	73,430 0 0		
71		Mercantile Explosives	6,483 0 0	3,500 0 0	9,983 0 0	6,483 0 0	3,500 0 0	9,983 0 0		
72-73	4	Board of Health	21,529 0 0	15,901 0 0	37,430 0 0	21,529 0 0	15,901 0 0	37,430 0 0		
74		Shipping Masters	2,130 0 0	106 0 0	2,236 0 0	2,130 0 0	106 0 0	2,236 0 0		
74-79	4	Navigation	44,136 0 0	18,727 0 0	62,863 0 0	44,136 0 0	18,727 0 0	62,863 0 0		
79		Lifeboats	25 0 0	600 0 0	625 0 0	25 0 0	600 0 0	625 0 0		
80		Public Wharfs and Resumed Properties	4,862 0 0	12,142 0 0	17,004 0 0	4,862 0 0	12,142 0 0	17,004 0 0		
81	4	Miscellaneous	1,724 0 0	315,096 0 0	316,820 0 0	1,724 0 0	315,096 0 0	316,820 0 0		
81		Advance to Treasurer		100,000 0 0	100,000 0 0		100,000 0 0	100,000 0 0		
		Totals	208,440 0 0	605,566 0 0	814,006 0 0	208,440 0 0	605,566 0 0	814,006 0 0		
		IV. Railways and Tramways —								
84-86		Existing Lines—Working Expenses			†2,200,052 0 0			†2,200,052 0 0		
		V. The Attorney-General —								
88-89	4	The Attorney General	26,378 0 0	27,230 0 0	53,608 0 0	26,378 0 0	27,230 0 0	53,608 0 0		
90		Public Service Board	4,300 0 0	2,000 0 0	6,300 0 0	4,300 0 0	2,000 0 0	6,300 0 0		
90		Miscellaneous Services		25,800 0 0	25,800 0 0		25,800 0 0	25,800 0 0		
		Totals	30,678 0 0	55,030 0 0	85,708 0 0	30,678 0 0	55,030 0 0	85,708 0 0		

* These totals are not the actual result of the amounts shown under the columns of the "Salaries" and "Contingencies and other Expenses," respectively, being that sum less £40,280 shown as estimated savings, and £93,858 as money to be transferred to Federal Government, under "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces." See page 50 of Estimates.

† So shown on Estimates as not to admit of analysis.

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACT—continued.

Page.	Estimates, 1900-1901.	Additional Estimates, 1900-1901.	Amounts Estimated.			Amounts Voted and Embodied in the Appropriation Act.			Notes Explanatory of Alterations.	
			Head of Service.	Establishments.			Establishments.			
				Salaries.	Contingencies and Other Expenses.	Total.	Salaries.	Contingencies and Other Expenses.		Total.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Page.	
			VI.							
			Secretary for Lands:—							
92-98			Department of Lands	160,543 0 0	36,350 0 0	196,893 0 0	160,543 0 0	36,350 0 0	196,893 0 0	
98			Land Appeal Court	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	
99			Church and School Lands	350 0 0	350 0 0	350 0 0	350 0 0	350 0 0	350 0 0	
99			Advances to Settlers' Board	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	1,300 0 0	
99			Miscellaneous Services	31,725 0 0	31,725 0 0	31,725 0 0	31,725 0 0	31,725 0 0	31,725 0 0	
100			Survey of Lands	68,480 0 0	68,480 0 0	68,480 0 0	68,480 0 0	68,480 0 0	68,480 0 0	
100			Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony	3,370 0 0	3,370 0 0	3,370 0 0	3,370 0 0	3,370 0 0	3,370 0 0	
100			Special Services—							
			Labour Settlements	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	
			Totals	160,543 0 0	142,925 0 0	303,468 0 0	160,543 0 0	142,925 0 0	303,468 0 0	
			VII.							
			Secretary for Public Works:—							
102-106	4		Establishment	93,363 0 0	5,772 0 0	99,135 0 0	93,363 0 0	5,772 0 0	99,135 0 0	
			Public Works and Services—							
			Roads and Bridges	700,000 0 0	700,000 0 0	700,000 0 0	700,000 0 0	700,000 0 0	700,000 0 0	
107			Harbours and Rivers and Dredge	115,000 0 0	115,000 0 0	115,000 0 0	115,000 0 0	115,000 0 0	115,000 0 0	
107			Service	45,000 0 0	45,000 0 0	45,000 0 0	45,000 0 0	45,000 0 0	45,000 0 0	
107			Government Architect	20,500 0 0	20,500 0 0	20,500 0 0	20,500 0 0	20,500 0 0	20,500 0 0	
107			Miscellaneous	11,472 0 0	73,030 0 0	84,502 0 0	11,472 0 0	73,030 0 0	84,502 0 0	
108			Metropolitan Board of Water Supply	1,600 0 0	8,252 0 0	9,852 0 0	1,600 0 0	8,252 0 0	9,852 0 0	
108			and Sewerage	1,800 0 0	11,088 0 0	12,888 0 0	1,800 0 0	11,088 0 0	12,888 0 0	
108	4		Hunter District Water Supply and							
			Sewerage Board							
			Labour Bureau							
			Totals	108,235 0 0	978,642 0 0	1,086,877 0 0	108,235 0 0	978,642 0 0	1,086,877 0 0	
			VIII.							
			Administration of Justice:—							
110			Department of Justice	7,504 0 0	400 0 0	7,904 0 0	7,504 0 0	400 0 0	7,904 0 0	
110			Master in Equity	2,153 0 0	400 0 0	2,553 0 0	2,153 0 0	400 0 0	2,553 0 0	
111			Prothonotary and Divorce Court	2,620 0 0	625 0 0	3,245 0 0	2,620 0 0	625 0 0	3,245 0 0	
111			Sheriff	13,027 0 0	17,010 0 0	30,037 0 0	13,027 0 0	17,010 0 0	30,037 0 0	
112			Bankruptcy Court	2,305 0 0	868 0 0	3,173 0 0	2,305 0 0	868 0 0	3,173 0 0	
112			Probate and Intestate Estates Office	2,425 0 0	600 0 0	3,025 0 0	2,425 0 0	600 0 0	3,025 0 0	
112			District Courts	3,113 0 0	580 0 0	3,693 0 0	3,113 0 0	580 0 0	3,693 0 0	
113			Coroners	1,580 0 0	6,300 0 0	7,880 0 0	1,580 0 0	6,300 0 0	7,880 0 0	
113-120	4		Petty Sessions	69,510 0 0	14,600 0 0	84,110 0 0	69,510 0 0	14,600 0 0	84,110 0 0	
121-125			Prisons	70,013 0 0	30,000 0 0	100,013 0 0	70,013 0 0	30,000 0 0	100,013 0 0	
126-127	4		Registrar-General and Examiner of							
			Patents	24,532 0 0	7,032 0 0	31,564 0 0	24,532 0 0	7,032 0 0	31,564 0 0	
127			Registrar of Copyright		45 0 0	45 0 0		45 0 0	45 0 0	
128	4		Miscellaneous Services		3,800 0 0	3,800 0 0		3,800 0 0	3,800 0 0	
			Totals	198,782 0 0	82,260 0 0	281,042 0 0	198,782 0 0	82,260 0 0	281,042 0 0	
			IX.							
			Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry:—							
130-134			Public Instruction	646,231 0 0	71,460 0 0	717,691 0 0	646,231 0 0	71,460 0 0	717,691 0 0	
135-137			Industrial Schools	5,921 0 0	11,117 0 0	17,038 0 0	5,921 0 0	11,117 0 0	17,038 0 0	
138			Observatory	3,699 0 0	920 0 0	4,619 0 0	3,699 0 0	920 0 0	4,619 0 0	
139			Museum	3,390 0 0	3,021 0 0	6,411 0 0	3,390 0 0	3,021 0 0	6,411 0 0	
140			Public Library of New South Wales	5,434 0 0	1,380 0 0	6,814 0 0	5,434 0 0	1,380 0 0	6,814 0 0	
141			National Art Gallery	1,063 0 0	1,550 0 0	2,613 0 0	1,063 0 0	1,550 0 0	2,613 0 0	
141			Labour and Industry Branch	2,532 0 0	750 0 0	3,282 0 0	2,532 0 0	750 0 0	3,282 0 0	
142			Grants in Aid of Public Institutions	17,250 0 0	17,250 0 0	17,250 0 0	17,250 0 0	17,250 0 0	17,250 0 0	
142	4		Miscellaneous Services	1,485 0 0	1,485 0 0	1,485 0 0	1,485 0 0	1,485 0 0	1,485 0 0	
			Totals	668,270 0 0	108,933 0 0	777,203 0 0	668,270 0 0	108,933 0 0	777,203 0 0	
			X.							
			Secretary for Mines and Agriculture:—							
146-148	5		Department of Mines	35,057 0 0	39,050 0 0	74,107 0 0	35,057 0 0	39,050 0 0	74,107 0 0	
149			Prevention of Scab in Sheep	16,899 0 0	6,800 0 0	23,699 0 0	16,899 0 0	6,800 0 0	23,699 0 0	
149			Imported and Introduced Stock	1,260 0 0	14,200 0 0	15,460 0 0	1,260 0 0	14,200 0 0	15,460 0 0	
150			Registration of Brands	640 0 0	250 0 0	890 0 0	640 0 0	250 0 0	890 0 0	
150			Management of Pounds and Commons	185 0 0	500 0 0	685 0 0	185 0 0	500 0 0	685 0 0	
151-152			Agriculture	12,407 0 0	19,100 0 0	31,507 0 0	12,407 0 0	19,100 0 0	31,507 0 0	
152			School of Mines and Assay Works		1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0		1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	
152			Board of Exports	756 0 0	2,600 0 0	3,356 0 0	756 0 0	2,600 0 0	3,356 0 0	
153			Miscellaneous Services		33,969 0 0	33,969 0 0		33,969 0 0	33,969 0 0	
			Totals	67,204 0 0	117,969 0 0	185,173 0 0	67,204 0 0	117,969 0 0	185,173 0 0	
			XI.							
			The Postmaster General:—							
156-164	5		Postal and Electric Telegraph De-	429,539 0 0	315,062 0 0	744,601 0 0	429,539 0 0	315,062 0 0	744,601 0 0	
			partment							
			Total Estimated	2,460,740 0 0	2,983,877 0 0	*7,510,531 0 0				
			Total voted and embodied in the				2,460,740 0 0	2,983,377 0 0	*7,510,031 0 0	
			Appropriation Act of 1900-1901							
			Excess of estimated over authorised							
			expenditure, as shown by the					500 0 0	500 0 0	4
			Notes Explanatory hereto							
			appended							
			£	2,460,740 0 0	2,983,877 0 0	7,510,531 0 0	2,460,740 0 0	2,983,877 0 0	7,510,531 0 0	

NOTES EXPLANATORY of the Alterations made in the Estimates for 1900-1901 and the Additional Estimates in their progress through Committee of Supply.

	ESTABLISHMENT.					
	Salaries.		Contingencies and other Services.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
III.—Colonial Secretary.						
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.						
Amount of Estimate			79,475	0 0	79,475	0 0
REDUCED.						
By <i>Negative</i> .—Item, £500, "Metropolitan Charities Association—Special Grant —£500".....			500	0 0	500	0 0
.....			78,975	0 0	78,975	0 0

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

No. II.

SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGES DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1899, TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACT of Amounts respectively Submitted, Voted, and Embodied in the Appropriation Act, No. 59, 1900, in Adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on Account of Services of the Year 1899-1900.

	£	s. d.
Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," covered by <i>Message</i> from His Excellency the Governor, No. 107	62,341	11 6
Supplementary Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1899-1900," on account of extraordinary services of the year 1899-1900, covered by <i>Message</i> from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, No. 176	212,443	0 10
Total amount voted and embodied in the Appropriation Act	£ 274,784	12 4

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

No. III.

FOR THE SERVICE OF THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1898, TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACT of Amounts respectively Submitted, Voted, and Embodied in the Appropriation Act, No. 59, 1900, in Adjustment of the Vote "Expenditure Suspense Account," on account of Services of the Year 1898-9.

	£	s. d.
Statement of Payments from the "Expenditure Suspense Account," during the period 12th to 30th June, 1899, for urgent claims for services of the year 1898-9, covered by <i>Message</i> from His Excellency the Governor, No. 107	62,388	16 11
Total amount voted and embodied in the Appropriation Act	62,388	16 11

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

No. IV.

(BY LOAN—1900-1901.)

EXPLANATORY ABSTRACT of the Amounts respectively Estimated, Voted, and Embodied in the Loan Act.

	£	s. d.
Amount of Loan Estimates covered by <i>Message</i> from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, No. 177	2,703,385	0 0
Total amount voted and embodied in the Appropriation Act.....	2,703,385	0 0

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 5th December, 1900.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk Assistant.

ESTIMATES
OF THE
WAYS AND MEANS
OF THE
GOVERNMENT
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES
FOR THE YEAR
1900-1901.

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No. 1.

AMENDED CASH ACCOUNT

OF

ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE, 1899.

AMENDED CASH

Consolidated

ACCOUNT OF ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND

Dr.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To BALANCE brought forward from 1897-8 Account	122,211	1 10		
<i>Less</i> at credit of Deficiency Account to 30th June, 1895	5,137	4 2		
			117,073	17 8
To REVENUE and Receipts (1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899) :—				
Taxation	2,558,958	3 7		
Land :—				
Sales	1,131,530	19 7		
Annual Returns	870,491	15 6		
			2,002,022	15 1
Services rendered :—				
Railways, &c.	3,568,658	6 5		
Generally	1,399,110	5 3		
			4,967,768	11 8
Miscellaneous	225,435	6 0		
			9,754,184	16 4
To ADVANCES REPAID :—				
State Children's Relief, 1897-8	10,601	8 6		
State Children's Relief, 1898-9	171	6 7		
Treasurer's Advance Vote, 1896-7	509	16 9		
Treasurer's Advance Vote, 1897-8	2,318	5 6		
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1897-8 and 1898-9	18,479	7 0		
Stamp Exchange, 1897-8 and 1898-9	1,526	10 9		
In anticipation of Loan Votes	36,757	16 6		
Repayments to credit of Votes (special)	4,150	17 11		
			74,515	9 6
To BALANCE on 30th June, 1899—carried to Deficiency Account... ..	.....		90,260	11 6
			£10,036,034	15 0

NOTE.—This Statement differs from the Treasury books and accounts, as made up on the 30th June, 1899, inasmuch as it includes the were received and adopted by the

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

1.

ACCOUNT.

Revenue Fund.

EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Cr.

PARTICULARS.	Payments under Parliamentary authority.			Payments, Treasurer's Advance Vote, to be appropriated.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By EXPENDITURE on account Departments, viz.:—									
Schedules A to C	44,644	9	9	12	10	0	44,656	19	9
Executive and Legislative	30,601	19	9	111	12	10	30,713	12	7
Chief Secretary	821,109	9	8	28,117	16	2	849,227	5	10
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	537,452	10	0	28,704	6	4	566,156	16	4
Railways	1,983,987	2	4	.....			1,983,987	2	4
Military-Naval Forces	194,913	12	3	2,110	16	0	197,024	8	3
Attorney-General	45,060	17	7	363	10	0	45,424	7	7
Secretary for Lands	284,739	19	5	3,021	6	0	287,761	5	5
Secretary for Public Works	869,971	8	3	12,442	15	4	882,414	3	7
Administration of Justice	260,898	11	10	428	19	5	261,327	11	3
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	747,268	10	7	100	0	0	747,368	10	7
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	148,004	16	6	5,112	13	3	153,117	9	9
Postmaster-General	694,861	12	2	400	0	0	695,261	12	2
Special Appropriation	358,088	14	7	.....			358,088	14	7
Total paid in accord with Appropriation Act ...	7,021,603	14	8	.....			.....
Total paid out of Treasurer's Advance Vote ...	.....			80,926	5	4	7,102,530	0	0
By INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT, &c.:—									
Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock ...	2,218,963	2	2						
Interest on Uninvested Funds, temporary possession of Government... ..	25,704	2	6						
Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales	66,480	8	1						
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency, 1886 and previous years	43,250	10	4						
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, and previous years	30,741	0	0						
							2,385,139	3	1
By PAYMENT on account of PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP ... ..	.....			.....			23,373	2	10
By PAYMENTS from TREASURER'S ADVANCE to be recovered	.....			.....			16,806	19	8
By PAYMENTS in anticipation of LOAN VOTES ... ..	.....			.....			36,757	16	6
By PAYMENTS in REDUCTION OF PUBLIC DEBT:—									
Sinking Funds	105,839	13	4						
Treasury Bills Redemption	150,000	0	0						
							255,839	13	4
By PAYMENTS on account STAMP EXCHANGE ... ..	.....			.....			1,385	0	0
By PAYMENTS on account STATE CHILDREN RELIEF ...	.....			.....			12,556	6	7
By LONDON PAYMENTS to 30th June, 1899, subsequently brought to account ... ..	.....			.....			201,646	13	0
							£ 10,036,034	15	0

London payments made prior to that date; the books having been so made up before the recommendations of the Committee Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 2.

ACCOUNT

OF

ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE, 1900.

Consolidated

ACCOUNT OF ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND

Dr.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To REVENUE and Receipts (1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900) :—						
Taxation	2,675,994	15	5			
Land :—						
Sales	1,226,650	15	2			
Annual Returns	946,650	19	8			
				2,173,301	14	10
Services rendered :—						
Railways, &c.	3,640,449	16	3			
Generally	1,488,748	15	11			
				5,129,198	12	2
Miscellaneous	225,435	13	2			
						10,203,930 15 7
To ADJUSTMENT on London Accounts to 30th June, 1900						2,657 12 5
To ADVANCES REPAID :—						
State Children's Relief, 1893-9	12,385	0	0			
Prevention of Scab in Sheep, 1899-1900	3,017	8	8			
Stamp Exchange, 1899-1900	1,400	18	1			
						16,803 6 9
						£ 10,223,391 14 9

NOTE.—This Statement differs from the Treasury books and accounts as made up on the 30th June, 1900, inasmuch as it includes the were received and adopted by the

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JONH VERNON,
Accountant.

2.

Revenue Fund.

EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1900.

Cr.

PARTICULARS.	Payments under Parliamentary authority.	Payments, Treasurer's Advance Vote, to be appropriated.	TOTAL.
By EXPENDITURE on account Departments, viz.:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Schedules A to C	44,032 15 7	11 14 11	44,044 10 6
Executive and Legislative	31,641 7 6	.....	31,641 7 6
Chief Secretary	1,056,996 12 9	5,100 12 0	1,062,097 4 9
Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	505,810 7 7	25,758 12 1	531,568 19 8
Railways	2,102,793 11 1	.....	2,102,793 11 1
Attorney-General	70,643 7 2	716 3 1	71,359 10 3
Secretary for Lands	308,091 13 4	659 2 3	308,750 15 7
Secretary for Public Works	911,129 5 10	23,357 4 6	934,486 10 4
Administration of Justice	267,587 14 2	469 7 8	268,057 1 10
Public Instruction, Labour and Industry ...	769,532 17 10	425 7 9	769,958 5 7
Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	153,403 14 10	676 17 9	154,080 12 7
Postmaster-General	721,710 2 10	4,858 16 2	726,568 19 0
Special Appropriation	395,161 10 3	.....	395,161 10 3
Total paid in accord with Appropriation Act ...	7,337,535 0 9	.....	.....
Total paid out of Treasurer's Advance Vote ...	.....	62,033 18 2	7,399,568 18 11
By INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT, &c.:—			
Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock ...	2,241,058 4 7	.....
Interest on Uninvested Funds, temporary possession of Government... ..	27,136 11 8	.....
Interests on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales	72,100 0 0	307 13 4	
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency, 1886 and previous years	38,471 10 4	.....
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, and previous years	30,741 0 0	.....
			2,409,814 19 11
By PAYMENTS on account of PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP ... ..	.....	.....	23,486 16 7
By PAYMENTS on account of Stamp Exchange... ..	.....	.....	1,425 0 0
By PAYMENTS in REDUCTION OF PUBLIC DEBT:—			£ 9,834,295 15 5
Sinking Funds	114,561 6 8	.....
Treasury Bills Redemption	150,000 0 0	.....	264,561 6 8
By BALANCE carried to DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT ...	.....	.....	124,534 12 8
			£10,223,391 14 9

London payments made prior to that date; the books having been so made up before the recommendations of the Committee Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 3.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

DEFICIENCY ACCOUNTS

AS ON

30TH JUNE, 1899,

AND ON

30TH JUNE, 1900.

No. 3. Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT TO 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Adjusted Debit Balance on 30th June, 1899	90,260 11 6	By Balance at credit of Deficiency Account to 30th June, 1895 ...	5,137 4 2
Treasury Bills under Act 53 Vic. No. 9	1,152,884 0 0	Balance, Deficiency, carried forward	3,109,176 0 7
Treasury Bills under Act 59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700 0 0		
Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24	150,000 0 0		
Centennial Park Suspense Account	228,416 17 8		
General Post Office Suspense Account	468,051 15 7		
	£ 3,114,313 4 9		
		NOTE.—Balance	£ 3,109,176 0 7
		Less Assets in Suspense	£ 230,625 0 0
		Advances to be recovered	44,695 10 10
			275,320 10 10
		Net Deficiency	£2,833,855 9 9
			£ 3,114,313 4 9

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT TO 30TH JUNE, 1900.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance (Deficiency) brought forward... ..	3,109,176 0 7	By Surplus on the transactions of the year 1899-1900	124,534 12 8
Expense of sending Military Contingents to South Africa	157,984 10 8	Statutory Redemption of Bills under Act 53 Vic. No. 9	150,000 0 0
Expenses in connection with the Bubonic Plague	84,451 9 4	General Post Office Suspense Account—Proceeds Sales, Land	78,970 16 0
		Advances of previous year recovered	44,695 10 10
		Balance, Deficiency, carried forward	2,953,411 1 1
		NOTE.—Balance	£ 2,953,411 1 1
		Less Assets in Suspense	£ 150,625 0 0
		Advances to be recovered	20,493 9 10
			171,118 9 10
		Net Deficiency	£2,782,292 11 3
	£ 3,351,612 0 7		£ 3,351,612 0 7

NOTE.—This Statement differs from the Treasury books and accounts as made up on the 30th June, 1899 and 1900, inasmuch as it includes the London payments made prior to that date; the books having been so made up before the recommendations of the Committee were received and adopted by the Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No 4.

ACCOUNT

OF

ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

30TH JUNE, 1901.

Consolidated

ACCOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Dr.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To ESTIMATED REVENUE and Receipts (1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901):—				
Taxation £2,705,690 0 0				
<i>Less</i> Moiety, Customs and Excise, taken over by Commonwealth ... 874,070 0 0				
			1,831,620 0 0	
Land:—				
Sales £1,197,200 0 0				
Annual Returns 890,155 0 0				
			2,087,355 0 0	
Services rendered:—				
Railways, &c. £3,760,000 0 0				
Generally 1,529,164 0 0				
			5,289,164 0 0	
Miscellaneous 446,819 0 0				
				9,654,958 0 0
<i>Add</i> Estimated total amount of Customs and Excise to be returned by the Commonwealth in monthly instalments made up as follows, viz.:—				
Moiety handed over 874,070 0 0				
Chargeable with—for the half-year, viz.:—				
Other expenditure of the Commonwealth £30,000				
Customs and Excise expenses ... 37,140				
Military expenditure 100,989				
			168,129 0 0	
Estimated net amount to be returned				705,941 0 0
TOTAL			£10,360,899 0 0	

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

4.

Revenue Fund.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1901.

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PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
By ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE on account of the undermentioned Departments, viz. :—	£	£
No. 1. Schedules A to C	43,041 0 0	
2. Executive and Legislative	33,177 0 0	
3. Chief Secretary... ..	959,892 0 0	
4. Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade	550,977 0 0	
Railways	2,200,052 0 0	
5. Attorney-General	80,598 0 0	
6. Secretary for Lands	303,468 0 0	
7. Secretary for Public Works	1,085,205 0 0	
8. Administration of Justice	280,483 0 0	
9. Public Instruction, Labour and Industry	776,703 0 0	
10. Secretary for Mines and Agriculture	161,449 0 0	
11. Postmaster-General	743,199 0 0	
On account of Special Appropriations for Statutory Charges for expenditure of the year	351,591 0 0	7,569,835 0 0
By ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE as Interest:—		
Interest on Treasury Bills for Works	87,000 0 0	
Interest on Debentures and Funded Stock	2,225,000 0 0	
Interest on Uninvested Trust Funds in Temporary possession of the Government	30,300 0 0	
Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales	86,100 0 0	
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency, 1886 and previous years	32,781 10 4	
Interest on Treasury Bills—Deficiency to 30th June, 1895, and previous years	30,741 0 0	2,491,922 10 4
By ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE in reduction of the Public Debt:—		
Annual Instalments to Sinking Funds... ..	119,412 13 4	
In Redemption of Treasury Bills—Deficiency of 1886 and previous years	150,000 0 0	269,412 13 4
By PROPORTION OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE on Military and Naval Contingents and Plague, being one-fourth of estimated sum required ... ..	.....	26,250 0 0
By BALANCE ... ..	.....	3,478 16 4
TOTAL ... ..	.....	£10,360,899 0 0

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

A.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT showing the REVENUE of the Year ended 30th June, 1899, the REVENUE of the Year ended 30th June, 1900, and the ESTIMATED REVENUE for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.

Head of Receipt.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Revenue of the Year ending 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Revenue for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.
Taxation.			
Customs	£ 1,304,354	£ 1,414,167	*£ 1,399,390
Excise	316,709	339,834	* 348,750
Stamps	361,887	311,757	350,000
Land Tax	272,025	295,604	295,000
Income Tax	182,223	194,246	185,000
Licenses	121,760	120,387	127,550
Total, Taxation	£ 2,558,958	2,675,995	2,705,690
Land Revenue.			
SALES	1,131,531	1,226,651	1,197,200
ANNUAL LAND REVENUE—			
Interest on Land conditionally purchased	66,276	65,205	63,000
Pastoral and Agricultural Occupation	672,017	710,388	669,905
Mining Occupation	46,425	74,056	63,850
Miscellaneous Land Receipts	85,774	97,002	93,400
	870,492	946,651	890,155
Total, Land Revenue	£ 2,002,023	2,173,302	2,087,355
Receipts for Services rendered.			
Railway Receipts	3,568,658	3,640,450	3,760,000
Post Office	775,102	819,460	850,000
Mint Receipts	13,875	15,999	15,500
Fees for Escort and Conveyance of Gold	770	797	800
Pilotage, Harbour, and Light Rates and Fees	51,668	55,779	56,000
Registration of Brands	829	965	900
Public School Fees	75,315	80,275	82,000
Metropolitan Water Rates	190,315	203,466	207,000
Metropolitan Sewerage Rates	104,045	116,681	125,000
Hunter District Water Rates	27,885	30,750	29,650
Agricultural Colleges	2,884	2,798	4,900
Fees of Office	96,387	97,975	95,197
Miscellaneous	60,035	63,803	62,217
	1,399,110	1,488,748	1,529,164
Total, Receipts for Services rendered	£ 4,967,768	5,129,198	5,289,164
General Miscellaneous Receipts.			
Rents, exclusive of Land	73,372	78,550	90,400
Fines and Forfeitures	12,978	13,267	13,149
Country Towns Water Supply Works—Repayments	1,236		460
Country Towns Water Supply Works—Interest	13,659	15,286	15,600
Water Rights Receipts	349	208	200
Church and School Lands Act, 1897	6,032	6,066	2,500
Advances to Settlers Board Account		2,364	8,000
Darling Harbour Resumption		2,188	218,000
Unclassified Receipts	117,810	107,507	98,510
Total, General Miscellaneous Receipts	£ 225,436	225,436	446,819
Grand Totals	£ 9,754,185	10,203,931	10,529,028

* One Moiety to be taken over by the Commonwealth from 1st January, 1901

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

REVENUE DETAILED.

Head of Receipt.	Revenue of the year ended 30th June, 1899.	Revenue of the year ended 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Revenue for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.
Taxation.			
CUSTOMS—	£	£	£
Spirits	712,198	749,429	771,500
Wine	22,689	23,479	23,500
Ale, Beer, and Porter	52,778	53,967	53,500
Tobacco and Cigars	278,721	282,345	278,000
Tea	20,004	56,493	54,000
Coffee and Chicory	73	.....	.....
Sugar and Molasses	120,671	145,467	120,000
Opium	18,033	16,753	16,000
Rice	453	.....	.....
Dried Fruits	53,419	68,396	66,000
Specific Duties	18,469	11,207	10,500
Bonded Warehouses	6,825	6,608	6,369
Rent of Goods in Queen's Warehouses, &c....	21	23	21
	1,304,354	1,414,167	*1,399,390
EXCISE—			
Ale, Beer, and Porter	151,683	157,807	164,000
Duty on Spirits distilled in the Colony	3,672	5,374	2,500
Duty on Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	160,192	175,414	181,000
Tobacco Factory License Fees	1,162	1,239	1,250
	316,709	339,834	*348,750
STAMP DUTIES	361,887	311,757	350,000
LAND TAX	272,025	295,604	295,000
INCOME TAX...	182,223	194,246	185,000
LICENSES—			
Wholesale Spirit-dealers and Brewers	6,750	6,481	6,700
Auctioneers	4,112	4,233	4,300
Retail Fermented and Spirituous Liquors (including Wine, Cider, and Perry)	96,254	95,087	95,700
Billiard and Bagatelle Licenses	6,496	6,334	6,600
Distillers and Rectifiers	104	100	100
Hawkers, Pedlars, and Pawnbrokers	3,495	3,512	3,500
Licenses under the Gunpowder Act of 1876... ..	937	958	900
Licenses to sell Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	2,815	2,905	3,000
All other Licenses	797	777	750
Transit Fund, Fees, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	6,000
	121,760	120,387	127,550
TOTAL, TAXATION	£ 2,558,958	2,675,995	2,705,690

* One Moiety to be taken over by the Commonwealth from 1st January, 1901.

REVENUE DETAILED—*continued.*

Head of Receipt.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Revenue for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.
Land Revenue.			
SALES—			
Auction Sales	98,092	113,188	110,000
Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Special Sales ...	2,203	1,639	1,200
Improved Purchases	1,661	2,627	3,000
Deposits, &c., on Conditional Purchases ...	38,129	42,006	42,000
Instalments (including Interest) on Conditional Purchases	886,621	908,876	901,000
Balances on Conditional Purchases	97,821	147,940	135,000
Miscellaneous Purchases	7,004	10,375	5,000
TOTAL REVENUE FROM LAND SALES ...	1,131,531	1,226,651	1,197,200
Annual Land Revenue.			
INTEREST ON LAND CONDITIONALLY PURCHASED	66,276	65,205	63,000
PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATION—			
Pastoral Leases (Runs)	242,219	222,888	147,000
Conditional Leases	158,351	160,109	161,500
Annual Leases	49,049	47,879	51,000
Occupation Licenses	108,032	120,786	136,000
Homestead Leases	51,669	57,400	58,000
Snow Leases	459	751	500
Inferior Leases	202	220	880
Scrub Leases	2,383	2,748	4,500
Homestead Selections	16,502	30,589	36,000
Settlement Leases	32,376	51,491	53,000
Improvement Leases	9,431	14,009	15,000
Artesian Well Leases	1,047	1,054	1,025
Quit Rents	297	464	500
TOTAL, PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATION	672,017	710,388	669,905
MINING OCCUPATION—			
Mineral Leases	11,952	16,732	14,500
Mineral Licenses	255	320	300
Leases of Auriferous Lands	18,016	34,638	20,500
Gold and Mineral Dredging Act of 1899 ... ..	.....	.....	7,000
Miners' Rights	3,944	4,018	4,500
Business Licenses	1,275	1,384	1,200
Royalty on Minerals	9,821	15,300	14,500
Residential Leases	652	766	550
Other Receipts	510	898	800
TOTAL, MINING OCCUPATION ...	46,425	74,056	63,850
MISCELLANEOUS LAND RECEIPTS—			
Timber Licenses, Royalty, &c.	10,820	12,499	13,000
Fees on Transfer of Runs and Leases	1,075	1,106	1,000
Fees on Preparation and Enrolment of Title-deeds	3,012	4,157	3,500
Survey Fees	34,892	33,255	35,000
Special Leases	21,024	25,352	15,900
All other Receipts	14,951	20,633	25,000
TOTAL, MISCELLANEOUS LAND RECEIPTS ...	85,774	97,002	93,400
TOTAL, ANNUAL LAND REVENUE ...	870,492	946,651	890,155
TOTAL, LAND REVENUE... ..	£ 2,002,023	2,173,302	2,087,355

REVENUE DETAILED—*continued.*

Head of Receipt.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Revenue for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.
Receipts for Services rendered.			
	£	£	£
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—			
Railways proper... ..	3,219,564	3,231,357	3,300,000
Tramways	349,094	409,093	460,000
TOTAL, RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS ...	3,568,658	3,640,450	3,760,000
POST OFFICE—			
Postage	533,130	551,611	570,000
Telegraph Receipts	159,837	177,664	182,000
Telephone Receipts	56,319	62,606	70,000
Commission on Money Orders... ..	15,214	16,206	16,000
Postal Notes Poundage... ..	10,602	11,373	12,000
	775,102	819,460	850,000
MINT RECEIPTS	13,875	15,999	15,500
FEES FOR ESCORT AND CONVEYANCE OF GOLD ...	770	797	800
PILOTAGE, HARBOUR, AND LIGHT RATES AND FEES	51,668	55,779	56,000
REGISTRATION OF BRANDS	829	965	900
PUBLIC SCHOOL FEES	75,315	80,275	82,000
METROPOLITAN WATER RATES	190,315	203,466	207,000
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE RATES	104,045	116,681	125,000
HUNTER DISTRICT WATER RATES	27,885	30,750	29,650
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES	2,884	2,798	4,900
FEES OF OFFICE—			
Certificates of Naturalization	235	180	150
Registrar-General	32,303	34,469	29,000
Prothonotary of Supreme Court	6,670	6,846	6,700
Registrar of Probates	2,158	3,309	3,350
Master in Equity	3,565	3,884	3,900
Curator of Intestate Estates	2,048	2,077	1,850
Bankruptcy Court	4,233	3,508	3,855
Sheriff	1,227	1,182	1,192
District Courts	4,067	3,426	3,800
Courts of Petty Sessions	9,449	9,130	9,200
Shipping Masters	3,467	3,539	3,200
Mining Department	1,345	1,465	2,000
Public Officers' and Examination Fees	2,261	2,227	2,000
Other Fees	23,359	22,733	25,000
	96,387	97,975	95,197
MISCELLANEOUS—			
Support of Patients in Lunatic Asylums	16,090	16,633	17,000
Collections by Government Printer	4,520	7,363	6,500
Store Rent and Carriage of Gunpowder	10,221	8,241	7,900
Work Performed by Prisoners in Gaol	1,310	1,144	1,400
Glebe Island Abattoir Receipts	9,801	10,078	9,417
Dock Receipts	5,640	7,336	7,000
Other Receipts	12,453	13,008	13,000
	£ 60,035	63,803	62,217
	1,399,110	1,488,748	1,529,164
TOTAL, RECEIPTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED	£ 4,967,768	5,129,198	5,289,164

REVENUE DETAILED—*continued.*

Head of Receipt.	Revenue of the Year ended 30th June, 1899.	Revenue of the year ended 30th June, 1900.	Estimated Revenue for the Year ending 30th June, 1901.
General Miscellaneous Receipts.	£	£	£
RENDS, EXCLUSIVE OF LAND—			
Tolls and Ferries	5,887	6,242	8,000
Wharfs, including Wharfage and Tonnage ...	57,514	62,291	71,400
Government Buildings and Premises	9,971	10,017	11,000
	73,372	78,550	90,400
FINES AND FORFEITURES—			
Sheriff	763	615	799
Courts of Petty Sessions	11,553	11,826	11,700
Crown's Share of Seizures	594	617	500
Confiscated and Unclaimed Property	50	38	50
Other Fines	18	171	100
	12,978	13,267	13,149
COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY WORKS—			
REPAYMENTS	1,236	.....	460
COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY WORKS—			
INTEREST	13,659	15,286	15,600
WATER RIGHTS RECEIPTS...	349	208	200
CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS ACT, 1897 ...	6,032	6,066	2,500
ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD—			
Fees ... ..	.....	1,196	7,200
Interest ... ..	.....	1,168	800
	.....	2,364	8,000
DARLING HARBOUR RESUMPTION ACCOUNT ...	.....	2,188	218,000
UNCLASSIFIED RECEIPTS—			
Sales of Government Property	13,545	15,372	12,000
Fees on presenting Private Bills to Parliament	228	439	300
Fees under the Patents Law Amendment Act (No. 19 of 1899)—(Registrar-General)...	3,891	3,902	4,000
Interest on Bank Deposits	16,414	5,989	3,090
Fisheries Commission	3,813	4,202	4,120
Other Receipts	79,919	77,603	75,000
	117,810	107,507	98,510
TOTAL, GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS £	225,436	225,436	446,819
Grand Totals £	9,754,185	10,203,931	10,529,028

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

No. 5.

GENERAL POST OFFICE
NEW STREET RESUMPTION ACCOUNT.
(SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.)

General Post Office—New

(SUSPENSE

Dr.

No.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
1	To AMOUNT of Payments from 1st July, 1890, to 30th June, 1900, in connection with resumptions Post Office Street	605,971	16	6
	TOTAL	£	605,971	16 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900,

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

5.

Street Resumption Account.

ACCOUNT.)

Cr.

No.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
1	By AMOUNT received for Rent of Premises, Sale of Land and Materials, &c., Post Office Street	216,890	16	11
2	By BALANCE on 30th June, 1900,—being amount to be recovered (see page 52)	389,080	19	7
TOTAL		£	605,971	16 6

No. 6.

THE CENTENNIAL PARK ACCOUNT.

(51 VICTORIA, No. 9.)

(SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.)

The Centennial

(51 VICTORIA
(SUSPENSE

Dr.

No.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
1	To AMOUNT of EXPENDITURE on account of Centennial Park Improvements in terms of 5th Section of Act 51 Victoria, No. 9, "Centenary Celebration Act."	199,902	3	4
2	To AMOUNT OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE	29,050	17	11
TOTAL...		£ 228,953	1	3

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT

OF

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

ON

30TH JUNE, 1900.

General Loan

Dr. STATEMENT OF THE LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF

No.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.
GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.		£ s. d.
1	To AMOUNT OF LIABILITIES outstanding on 30th June, being Appropriations and Balances of Appropriations for Public Works and other Services authorised to be provided for by Loans	12,854,404 4 3
2	To AMOUNT OF TREASURY BILLS, issued under the Act 55 Vic. No. 7, outstanding	4,000 0 0
3	To BALANCE at debit of the General Loan Account on 30th June, 1900 ...	422,241 7 2
TOTAL		£13,280,645 11 5

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

Account.

GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT ON 30TH JUNE, 1900.

Cr.

No.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.		
1	By AMOUNTS yet to be raised by Loan under the following Loan Acts, viz. :—		
	39 Vic. No. 18	14,645 0 0	
	38 Vic. No. 2 }		
	40 Vic. No. 12 }	71,177 18 7	
	41 Vic. No. 4 }		
	43 Vic. No. 11	50,668 1 1	
	44 Vic. No. 12	17,314 2 6	
	44 Vic. No. 28	615,116 11 6	
	45 Vic. No. 22	105,113 0 9	
	46 Vic. No. 23	210,226 1 6	
	48 Vic. No. 26	2,577,127 0 4	
	50 Vic. No. 28	567,893 14 2	
	52 Vic. No. 16	786 16 4	
	52 Vic. No. 17	2,271,355 17 4	
	53 Vic. No. 23	3,986,788 1 1	
	54 Vic. No. 33	372,471 7 5	
	55 Vic. No. 35	29,289 6 0	
	56 Vic. No. 24	6 0 0	
	57 Vic. No. 17	19 3 10	
	58 Vic. No. 14	1,585 7 6	
	59 Vic. No. 5	374,945 16 7	
	59 Vic. No. 6	583 5 4	
	60 Vic. No. 32	1,011,018 18 6	
	61 Vic. No. 43	2,024,752 0 0	
	62 Vic. No. 36	2,233,537 0 0	
	63 Vic. No. 42	2,873,981 0 0	
		£19,410,401 10 4	
	<i>Deduct</i> —Proceeds of Sale of Treasury Bills issued under the Act 43 Vic. No. 46, viz., £1,000,000 in London in April, 1900; £500,000 in Sydney in May, 1900	1,491,250 0 0	
		£17,919,151 10 4	
	<i>Also</i> —Amount not required on Account of balances of Loan Approp- riations written off ...£3,197,394 16 9		
	<i>Less</i> —Balances written off and appro- priated to services authorised under Loan Act 55 Vic. No. 35 91,965 19 7		
		3,105,428 17 2	
	<i>Add</i> —Advances pending realisation of Loans under above Acts— From Consolidated Revenue Fund 1,500,000 0 0 " From Curator of Intestate Estates 50,000 0 0		
		4,655,428 17 2	
			13,263,722 13 2
2	By short-raised on Treasury Bills issued under Act 55 Vic. No. 7, to be recovered		16,922 18 3
	TOTAL... .. £		13,280,645 11 5

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

B.

SERVICES PROVIDED FOR BY LOANS.

ABSTRACT of Expenditure for Public Works and other Services provided for by Loan Acts, from the commencement of the Loans Account to 30th June, 1900.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Railways	39,714,611	18	2*	39,714,611	18	2*
Tramways	2,369,602	2	2	2,369,602	2	2
Telegraphs	1,127,740	18	5	1,127,740	18	5
Immigration	569,930	0	0†	569,930	0	0†
Water Supply, Sydney	2,713,093	19	9	2,713,093	19	9
Water Supply, County of Cumberland	885,152	9	10	885,152	9	10
Water Supply, Hunter District	43,683	8	5	43,683	8	5
Water Supply, Country Towns	878,893	8	3	878,893	8	3
Sewerage, Sydney	2,902,394	9	2	2,902,394	9	2
Sewerage, Country Towns	33,573	10	8	33,573	10	8
Sewerage and Water Supply, Sydney	856,284	9	7	856,284	9	7
Water Supply and Sewerage—Stores Advance Account	36,000	0	0	36,000	0	0
Compensation to Sydney Municipal Council for land resumed under the Water Supply Act, 17 Vic. No. 35	43,261	14	6	43,261	14	6
Conservation of Water, Artesian Boring, &c.	676,475	15	11	676,475	15	11
Harbours and Rivers Navigation Improvements:—						
Wharfage Accommodation, Sydney	1,456,273	10	11	1,456,273	10	11
Wharfs and Appliances	323,928	0	3	323,928	0	3
Improvements, &c., Harbours and Rivers	1,501,253	1	1	1,501,253	1	1
Breakwaters	343,207	9	4	343,207	9	4
Lighthouses	109,020	18	10	109,020	18	10
Harbour of Refuge, Trial Bay	88,716	14	10	88,716	14	10
Dock Accommodation	335,567	18	7	335,567	18	7
Dredges and Punts	412,071	1	6	412,071	1	6
Reclamation Works	507,360	10	2	507,360	10	2
Pilot Steamers	27,929	1	7	27,929	1	7
				5,105,328	7	1
Public Buildings	1,943,705	17	7	1,943,705	17	7
Public Buildings and Works for Educational and Scientific Purposes	921,161	1	11	921,161	1	11
Reformatories, Hospitals, and Benevolent Asylums	200,500	16	5	200,500	16	5
Public Works and Improvements	324,616	5	8	324,616	5	8
Towards Purchase of Sites, and Erection of Buildings for Local Land Board and District Surveyor's Offices	26,974	14	3	26,974	14	3
Government Resumption of Land	438,505	9	4	438,505	9	4
Roads and Bridges	1,248,326	0	7	1,248,326	0	7
Fortifications and Military Works	1,356,357	18	8	1,356,357	18	8
Compensation for cancellation of sale or lease of land, in terms of section 45, Land Act, 1884, and section 2 of Mining Act of 1889	5,082	12	0	5,082	12	0
Repayments by Loans:—						
Loans repaid under various Acts	7,401,630	0	0	7,401,630	0	0
Public Works, Queensland, prior to separation from N. S. Wales, on 10th December, 1859:—						
Harbours and Rivers	1,837	18	2	1,837	18	2
Public Works and Buildings	33,203	10	4	33,203	10	4
Roads and Bridges	14,814	0	0	14,814	0	0
				49,855	8	6
TOTAL	£			71,872,742	16	10

* The expenditure for Railways includes £175,838 13s. 1d., contributed in 1877 by the Consolidated Revenue Fund to make good the amount short realised by the negotiation of the Railway Loan Act under 36 Vic. No. 17. † Inclusive of £375,500 6s. 2d. for a Debenture Debt due by the Territorial Revenue for Immigration Service at 23rd November, 1855, the date of the proclamation of the new Constitution.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

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GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

TO

30TH JUNE, 1900.

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GENERAL LOAN

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GENERAL ACCOUNT of RECEIPTS and

PARTICULARS.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.
To PAYMENTS made to 30th June, 1900, under Loan Appropriations, on Account of Railways, Telegraphs, Public Works, and other Services, as per Abstract of Expenditure, page 29	71,872,742 16 10
To TREASURY BILLS issued under the Act 55 Victoria No. 7, paid off... ..	3,996,000 0 0
To PAYMENTS from amount recovered from the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company ...	1,513 0 0
TOTAL	£ 75,870,255 16 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE to 30TH JUNE, 1900.

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PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By PROCEEDS of DEBENTURES, Funded and Inscribed Stock, issued for Public Works, and other Services provided for by Loans to 30th June, 1900, to the amount of £76,035,372 10s. 8d., as shown by Public Debt Statement, page 38	73,942,067	2	1			
By PROCEEDS of TREASURY BILLS, issued under the Act 55 Victoria No. 7, to extent of £4,000,000, for Public Works and Services, as shown on Public Debt Statement, page 38	3,233,077	1	9			
By PROCEEDS of TREASURY BILLS, issued under Act 63 Victoria No. 46, to extent of £1,500,000 for Public Works, per Public Debt Statement, page 38	1,491,250	0	0			
<i>Less—</i>				73,666,394	3	10
Amounts of Proceeds included in Public Debt Statement, but not credited to either Old Loans or General Loan Account, viz. :—						
Immigration	£724,733	3	1			
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	2,502,884	0	0			
Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22	1,174,700	0	0			
Municipal Council of the City of Sydney—						
Waterworks	85,000	0	0			
Municipal Council of the City of Sydney—						
Sewerage Works	126,000	0	0			
Municipal Council, Darlington—Sewerage Works	5,000	0	0			
Municipal Council, Redfern—Sewerage Works	27,532	11	10			
Newcastle Borough Council—Water Supply Works	16,000	0	0			
Balmain Municipal Council—Sewerage Works	2,500	0	0			
Ashfield Municipal Council—Sewerage Works	9,700	0	0			
North Sydney Borough Council—Sewerage Works	4,400	0	0			
Advances to Settlers Act of 1899	219,450	0	0			
	4,897,899	14	11			
Act 16 Victoria No. 39—						
Amount over-raised on issue of £200,000, and paid over to Sydney Railway Company	£7,365	3	4			
<i>Less</i> Amount short-raised on issue of £17,500 provided from Consolidated Revenue	929	0	0			
	6,436	3	4			
Amounts over-raised and credited to Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz. :—						
Act 35 Victoria No. 5	£444	19	6			
Act 36 Victoria No. 2	15,833	10	9			
Act 41 Victoria No. 7	25,116	18	9			
	41,395	9	0			
				4,945,731	7	3
NET PROCEEDS credited to General Loan Account	£73,720,662	16	7			
By AMOUNT TRANSFERRED from the CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, in terms of Act 41 Victoria No. 8, to make good the amount short-raised in negotiation of Debentures authorised to be issued under Act 36 Victoria No. 17. (Issue, £1,901,500; net proceeds, £1,725,661 6s. 11d.)				175,838	13	1
By AMOUNT RECOVERED from the MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited), to make good damage by fire to Hawkesbury Agricultural College Buildings, Richmond				1,513	0	0
By AMOUNT ADVANCED from CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND, pending the realisation of loans authorised				1,500,000	0	0
By AMOUNT ADVANCED by CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES, pending realization of Loans authorised				50,000	0	0
By DEBIT BALANCE, GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT, 30TH JUNE, 1900				422,241	7	2
TOTAL	£75,870,255	16	10			

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT
OF THE
PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES,
ON
30TH JUNE, 1900.

STATEMENT OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC DEBT OF

YEAR RAISED.	SERVICES.	AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE RAISED.			AMOUNT OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK, SOLD.			NET AMOUNT RAISED.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	DEBENTURES.										
1842-55	Immigration	{ Govt. Gazettes, 1842 to 1855. }	705,200	0	0	705,200	0	0	724,733	3	1
1853-5	Loans to the Sydney Railway Company...	16 Vic., No. 39	217,500	0	0	217,500	0	0	223,936	3	4
1854-9	Sydney Sewerage	17 Vic., No. 34	200,000	0	0	209,030	0	0	200,970	18	3
1854-8	Sydney Water Supply	17 Vic., No. 35	200,000	0	0	208,400	0	0	200,808	15	3
1855-67	Public Works	18 Vic., No. 35	178,750	0	0	144,000	0	0	134,615	10	6
1855-7	Railways	18 Vic., No. 40	624,733	18	8	666,800	0	0	628,541	15	5
1856-61	Public Works	19 Vic., Nos. 38 & 40.	445,323	0	0	410,500	0	0	394,624	14	0
1856-8	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	20 Vic., No. 1	73,776	0	0	73,700	0	0	70,276	16	11
1856	Railways	20 Vic., No. 1	200,000	0	0	203,000	0	0	199,997	10	0
1857	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	20 Vic., No. 16	130,400	0	0	132,300	0	0	130,311	0	0
1858-9	Public Works	20 Vic., No. 33	107,717	18	11	112,000	0	0	106,988	12	6
1858-9	Railways	20 Vic., No. 34	300,000	0	0	299,000	0	0	298,647	7	7
1859-61	To pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	22 Vic., Nos. 5 & 26.	145,000	0	0	145,700	0	0	143,924	15	3
1859-61	Railways and Public Works	22 Vic., No. 22	758,500	0	0	760,700	0	0	751,575	2	5
1862	Public Works	22 Vic., No. 26	11,600	0	0	5,000	0	0	4,925	5	0
1860-2	To pay off Railway Debentures	23 Vic., No. 5	365,600	0	0	365,600	0	0	359,081	13	7
1862	Public Works and to pay off Land and Immigration Debentures.	23 Vic., No. 10	348,223	0	0	348,200	0	0	338,511	0	7
1861-2	Railways and Public Works	24 Vic., No. 24	113,535	0	0	113,900	0	0	112,209	11	6
1861	Voluntary and Assisted Immigration	24 Vic., No. 26	55,000	0	0	55,500	0	0	54,945	16	0
1862-6	Railways, Immigration, and Public Works	25 Vic., No. 19	1,782,370	14	6	1,782,300	0	0	1,684,855	7	11
1867	Railways and Public Works	26 Vic., No. 14	161,832	0	0	162,000	0	0	696,146	2	5
1867	Railways and Public Works	27 Vic., No. 14	670,025	12	7	670,000	0	0			
1866	To pay off Debentures	29 Vic., No. 5	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	0	266,433	17	2
1867	Railways, Public Works, and Immigration	29 Vic., No. 9	219,450	0	0	219,400	0	0	192,377	0	0
1868	Railways and other purposes	29 Vic., No. 23	758,000	0	0	758,000	0	0	712,115	16	1
1867	Railways and other purposes	30 Vic., No. 23	65,850	0	0	65,800	0	0	61,573	0	0
1869	Railways	31 Vic., No. 11	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	968,503	13	10
1868-9	Railways and other purposes	31 Vic., No. 27	177,407	0	0	177,400	0	0	177,934	0	0
1869-70	Railways and other purposes	32 Vic., No. 13	197,885	0	0	197,800	0	0	195,244	6	9
1871	Railways, to pay off Debentures, and other purposes.	34 Vic., No. 2	407,151	13	7	407,100	0	0	399,660	1	6
1871	To make good the loss sustained in the negotiation of the Debentures of previous Loans.	Under various Acts.	.....			450,000	0	0	437,899	0	6
						10,920,830	18	3	11,365,830	0	0
						10,872,367	17	4			
1871	Railways and other purposes	35 Vic., No. 5	374,980	0	0	374,900	0	0	375,424	19	6
1872	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes.	36 Vic., No. 2	406,863	7	3	406,800	0	0	422,696	18	0
1875-6	Railways	36 Vic., No. 17	1,901,500	0	0	1,901,500	0	0	\$1,725,661	6	11
	Carried forward ... ..	.....	13,604,174	5	6	14,049,030	0	0	13,396,151	1	9

* Overdue bonds unrepresented. † This amount was included in a sum of £7,365 3s. 4d. paid over to the Sydney Railway Company, being the which was supplied for the service from the Consolidated Revenue. ‡ Credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. § The amount short-raised † Loan of £332,000 floated in September, 1894, under

THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, ON 30TH JUNE, 1900.

AMOUNT OVER RAISED	AMOUNT NOT RAISED	PARTICULARS OF THE SEVERAL ISSUES OF DEBENTURES					
		AMOUNT OF EACH ISSUE SOLD	PAID OFF	OUTSTANDING	DUE DATES	RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM	ANNUAL INTEREST ON TOTAL LOAN OUTSTANDING FOR EACH SERVICE
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
19,533 3 1	705,200 0 0	705,200	.....	.....
16,436 3 4	217,500 0 0	217,500	..	..
The issue of Debentures under various Loan Acts, in 1870, to the extent of £450,000, has adjusted the amounts short and over, raised under these Acts							
		25,900 0 0	25,900	..	..
		97,500 0 0	97,500	..	..
		6,730 0 0	6,680	50 0 0	*1882		
		24,000 0 0	24,000	..	..
		54,900 0 0	54,900	.....	..
		29,000 0 0	29,000	..	..
		50,700 0 0	50,700	..	..
		36,700 0 0	36,700	..	..
		31,000 0 0	31,000	..	..
		61,000 0 0	61,000	..	..
		21,000 0 0	21,000	..	..
		12,800 0 0	12,800	..	..
		70,200 0 0	70,200	..	..
		40,000 0 0	40,000	..	..
		291,800 0 0	291,800	..	..
		139,000 0 0	139,000	..	..
		100,000 0 0	100,000	..	..
		133,300 0 0	133,300	..	..
		2,700 0 0	...	2,700 0 0	Permanent	5 per cent	135 0 0
		46,200 0 0	46,200	..	..
		150,000 0 0	150,000	..	..
		70,800 0 0	70,600	200 0 0	*1882		
		136,800 0 0	136,800	..	..
		6,700 0 0	6,700	..	..
		70,500 0 0	70,500	..	..
		3,200 0 0	3,200	..	..
		203,000 0 0	203,000	..	..
		132,300 0 0	132,300	..	..
		100,000 0 0	100,000	..	..
		10,000 0 0	10,000	..	..
		2,000 0 0	2,000	..	..
		175,000 0 0	175,000	..	..
		90,000 0 0	90,000	..	..
		34,000 0 0	34,000	..	..
		145,000 0 0	145,000	..	..
		700 0 0	700	..	..
		400,000 0 0	400,000	..	..
		312,000 0 0	312,000	..	..
		25,000 0 0	25,000	..	..
		23,700 0 0	23,700	..	..
		5,000 0 0	5,000	..	..
		365,600 0 0	365,400	200 0 0	*1 Jan, 1890		
		348,200 0 0	348,200	..	..
		113,900 0 0	113,900	..	..
		55,500 0 0	55,500	..	..
		1,782,300 0 0	1,782,300	..	..
		162,000 0 0	162,000	..	..
		670,000 0 0	669,800	200 0 0	1 Jan, 1895		
		300,000 0 0	300,000	..	..
		219,400 0 0	219,300	100 0 0	*1 Jan, 1896		
		758,000 0 0	757,300	700 0 0	*1 July, 1896		
		65,800 0 0	65,800	..	..
		1,000,000 0 0	1,000,000	..	..
		177,400 0 0	177,400	..	..
		197,800 0 0	197,700	100 0 0	1 Jan, 1899		
		407,100 0 0	407,100	407,100 0 0	1 July, 1900	5 per cent	20,355 0 0
.....	450,000 0 0	450,000	450,000 0 0	1 July, 1900	5	22,500 0 0
25,969 6 5		11,365,830 0 0	10,504,480	861,350 0 0			42,990 0 0
1444 19 6		374,900 0 0		374,900 0 0	1 July, 1901	5 per cent	18,745 0 0
15,833 10 9	...	406,800 0 0	7,500	399,300 0 0	1 July, 1902	5	19,965 0 0
.....		1,901,500 0 0		1,000,000 0 0	1 July, 1903	4	40,000 0 0
				901,500 0 0	1 July, 1905	4	36,060 0 0
42,247 16 8		14,049,030 0 0	10,511,980	3,537,050 0 0			157,760 0 0

premium gained on two issues of £50,000 and £150,000 under the Act 16 Vic No 39. The third loan of £17,500 was issued at a discount of £920 under this Act, viz., £175,838 13s 1d, has been made good from the Consolidated Revenue Fund a £25,000 repaid by Government of Victoria, Act 57 Victoria No 17, to meet these Debentures c Debentures to extent of £600 paid off to be distributed

YEAR RAISED.	SERVICES.	AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT AUTHORISED TO BE RAISED.			AMOUNT OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK, SOLD.			NET AMOUNT RAISED.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ... ..	.....	13,604,174	5	6	14,049,030	0	0	13,896,151	1	9
1873-6	FUNDED STOCK (a). Public Works and repayment of Loans (New South Wales Four per cents.)	36 Vic., No. 21	509,780	0	0	530,189	9	2	509,780	0	0
1876-88	DEBENTURES. Railways and other purposes	39 Vic., No. 18	235,690	0	0	224,900	0	0	221,045	0	0
1879	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	38 Vic., No. 2 40 Vic., No. 12 41 Vic., No. 4	3,249,552	0	0	3,249,500	0	0	3,178,374	1	5
1881-3	{ Railways and other purposes { Railways and other purposes INSCRIBED STOCK.	41 Vic., No. 7 43 Vic., No. 11	1,120,000 7,352,768	0	0	1,120,000 7,352,700	0	0	1,145,116 7,302,099	18	9
1883	Railways and other purposes	44 Vic., No. 12	1,262,000	0	0	1,262,000	0	0	1,244,685	17	6
1883-5	Railways and other purposes	44 Vic., No. 28	7,102,000	0	0	7,102,000	0	0	6,486,883	8	6
1885	Railways and other purposes	45 Vic., No. 22	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	894,886	19	3
1885	Railways and other purposes	46 Vic., No. 23	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	0	0	1,789,773	18	6
1885-9	Railways and other purposes	48 Vic., No. 26	14,388,303	0	0	12,322,700	0	0	11,811,175	19	8
1895-8	Railways and other purposes	50 Vic., No. 28	3,115,398	0	0	{ 1,122,600 0 0p 1,500,000 0 0			1,067,753 1,479,745	9	4
1889	To pay off Debentures	52 Vic., No. 16	1,390,600	0	0	1,390,600	0	0	1,389,813	3	8
1895	Railways and other purposes	{ 52 Vic., No. 17 56 Vic., No. 1	3,641,305	0	0	{ 1,100,000 0 0p 323,691 10 0			1,046,257 323,691	12	8
1895	Railways and other purposes	{ 53 Vic., No. 23 56 Vic., No. 1	5,089,896	0	0	{ 1,144,000 0 0p 15,000 0 0			1,088,107 15,000	18	11
1891-3	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	54 Vic., No. 33 55 Vic., No. 35 56 Vic., No. 1	7,021,757	0	0	7,021,757	0	0	6,649,285	12	7
1893	Railways and other purposes	{ 55 Vic., No. 35 56 Vic., No. 1 56 Vic., No. 24	1,190,276	0	1	{ 472,443 0 0b 699,778 10 0			461,208 699,778	4	1
1894	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	56 Vic., No. 1 56 Vic., No. 1 57 Vic., No. 17	879,806	0	0	879,800	0	0	879,800	0	0
1894	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	56 Vic., No. 1 57 Vic., No. 17	1,460,650	0	0	{ 631,080 0 0 832,000 0 0 863,947 0 0			631,080 829,550 862,776	0	0
1895	Railways and other purposes	58 Vic., No. 14	1,062,012	0	0	{ 198,065 0 0m p633,400 0 0			197,650 602,454	12	6
1895	Repayment of Loans	59 Vic., No. 5	977,400	0	0	222,255	0	0	222,135	7	6
1895-98	Railways and other purposes	59 Vic., No. 6	1,555,200	0	0	{ 1,332,945 0 0 1,262,757 1 6			1,332,481 1,260,357	7	2
1898	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	60 Vic., No. 32 61 Vic., No. 43 62 Vic., No. 36 63 Vic., No. 42	2,271,376	0	0	2,024,752	0	0	.....	.....	.....
1898	Railways, repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	62 Vic., No. 36 63 Vic., No. 42	2,233,537	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1898	Railways, Repayment of Loans, and other purposes. {	63 Vic., No. 42	2,873,981	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals of Loans authorized ... ..	.....	£88,612,208	5	7	71,859,138	10	8	69,018,900	10	3
1899	Advances to Settlers—Loans	62 Vic., No. 1	500,000	0	0	220,050	0	0	219,450	0	0
1889-90	Treasury Bills (Deficiency of 1886 and previous years). {	53 Vic., No. 9 55 Vic., No. 7	2,600,000	0	0	2,502,884	0	0	2,502,884	0	0
1892	Treasury Bills	55 Vic., No. 7	4,000,000	0	0	{ 3,250,000 0 0 750,000 0 0			3,233,077 750,000	1	9
1896	Treasury Bills (Deficiency to June, 1895)	59 Vic., No. 22	1,174,700	0	0	1,174,700	0	0	1,174,700	0	0
1900	Treasury Bills (for Public Works) ...	63 Vic., No. 46	4,000,000	0	0	1,500,000	0	0	1,491,250	0	0
1888	Municipal Council of the City of Sydney Waterworks. ....	.....	785,000	0	0	85,000	0	0	85,000	0	0
1889	Municipal Council of the City of Sydney Sewerage Works. ....	.....	7126,000	0	0	126,000	0	0	126,000	0	0
1890	Municipal Council, Darlington, Sewerage Works. ....	.....	75,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
1890	Municipal Council, Redfern, Sewerage Works. ....	.....	230,000	0	0	30,000	0	0	27,532	11	10
1893	Newcastle Borough Council, Water Supply Works. ....	.....	16,000	0	0	16,000	0	0	16,000	0	0
1894	North Sydney Sewerage Works ... ..	.....	4,400	0	0	4,400	0	0	4,400	0	0
1894	Balmain Municipal Council, Sewerage Works. ....	.....	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0
1888	Ashfield Municipal Council— Sewerage Works.....	.....	3,700	0	0	3,700	0	0	3,700	0	0
1890	Sewerage Works.....	.....	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
1890	Sewerage Works.....	.....	4,500	0	0	4,500	0	0	4,500	0	0
	TOTALS ... ..	.....	£101,165,508	5	7	81,535,372	10	8	78,666,394	3	10

* Credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund † Of these sums, £2,050,000 were issued in Debentures. The £2,000,000 loan of 1882 was issued available to the extent of £1,186,300 only. a Debentures not issued. Inscribed in Treasury Books as Funded Stock. b £4,500,000, Inscribed Stock, balance of loan (£472,443) is issued under Act 55 Vic. No. 35. c Includes £494,200 Conversion Stock, as follows:—19 Vic., Nos. 33 and 40, £110, 22 Vic., £200,000 Conversion Stock sold during 1893 and 1894, realising £139,600. d Issued to cover Consolidated Revenue deficiency of 1886 and previous years. e Issued on account of authorizations by the various payments of £150,000, fresh bills to extent of £1,752,334 were then issued for a further period of five years, maturing 1st January, 1900, at 3 and 4 per cent. The respective issues were £1,364,834 at 3 per cent., £388,500 at 4 per cent. f Issued on account of authorizations by the various Acts of 1889. g £4,268,850 from Consolidated Revenue Fund, £7,937,530 by renewals under Loan Acts, and £3,996,000 Treasury Bills paid off from General Act of 1889. h Taken over by Government with Water Supply Works under Act 55 Victoria No. 27, Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage over by Newcastle Borough Council and credited to Trust Fund in 1893. i Loan of £332,000, issued September, 1894, to meet Debentures under out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in thirty years by means of an Annual Sinking Fund of £6,602 3s. 4d. n Mortgage held by Australian ment with Stormwater Sewer in Beattie-street, Balmain, under Act 57 Vic., No. 12, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894.

NOTE.—The amount of Stock sold under the Funded Stock Act of 1892, 56 Vic. No. 1, was £2,549,350. The premium, amounting to £7,533 4s. 6d. The net proceeds were distributed to the purposes of the following Acts, viz:—52 Vic. No. 17, £323,691 10s.;

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

continued.

AMOUNT OVER RAISED.	AMOUNT NOT RAISED.	PARTICULARS OF THE SEVERAL ISSUES OF DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK.					
		AMOUNT OF EACH ISSUE SOLD	PAID OFF.	OUTSTANDING.	DUE DATES.	RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM.	ANNUAL INTEREST ON TOTAL LOAN OUTSTANDING FOR EACH SERVICE.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
42,247 16 8	.....	14,049,030 0 0	10,511,980	3,537,050 0 0	.....	.....	157,760 0 0
.....	.....	530,189 9 2	.....	530,189 9 2	Interminable...	4 per cent.	21,207 11 7
.....	14,645 0 0	224,900 0 0	.....	224,900 0 0	1 July, 1906...	4 "	8,996 0 0
.....	71,177 18 7	3,249,500 0 0	.....	3,249,500 0 0	1908 & 1909...	4 "	129 980 0 0
*25,116 18 9	.....	1,120,000 0 0	.....	2,863,700 0 0	1 July, 1910 ..	4 "	114,548 0 0
.....	50,668 1 1	7,352,700 0 0	.....	5,609,000 0 0	1 July, 1933 .	4 "	224,360 0 0
.....	17,314 2 6	1,262,000 0 0	.....	1,262,000 0 0	1 July, 1933 .	4 "	50,480 0 0
.....	615,116 11 6	7,102,000 0 0	.....	315,300 0 0	1 July, 1933 .	4 "	12,612 0 0
.....	105,113 0 9	1,000,000 0 0	.....	6,786,700 0 0	1 Oct., 1924 .	3½ "	237,534 10 0
.....	210,226 1 6	2,000,000 0 0	.....	1,000,000 0 0	1 Oct., 1924 .	3½ "	35,000 0 0
.....	2,577,127 0 4	{ 6,713,300 0 0	.....	2,000,000 0 0	1 Oct., 1924 .	3½ "	70,000 0 0
.....	567,893 14 2	{ 3,500,000 0 0	.....	6,713,300 0 0	1 Oct., 1924 .	3½ "	234,965 10 0
.....	786 16 4	{ 2,109,400 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918	3½ "	122,500 0 0
.....	2,271,355 17 4	{ 1,122,600 0 0	.....	2,109,400 0 0	1 Sept., 1918	3½ "	73,829 0 0
.....	3,986,788 1 1	{ 1,500,000 0 0	.....	1,122,600 0 0	1 Oct., 1935...	3 "	78,678 0 0
.....	372,471 7 5	{ 1,390,600 0 0	.....	1,500,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918...	3½ "	48,671 0 0
.....	29,289 6 0	{ 1,100,000 0 0	.....	1,390,600 0 0	1 Oct., 1935	3 "	33,000 0 0
.....	6 0 0	{ 323,691 10 0	.....	1,100,000 0 0	1 Oct., 1935	3 "	12,947 13 2
.....	19 3 10	{ 1,144,000 0 0	.....	323,691 10 0	1 Oct., 1935	3 "	34,320 0 0
.....	1,171 0 0	{ 15,000 0 0	.....	1,144,000 0 0	1912	4 "	600 0 0
.....	414 7 6	{ 494,200 0 0	.....	15,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918	3½ "	174,797 0 0
.....	374,945 16 7	{ 4,500,000 0 0	.....	4,994,200 0 0	1 July, 1933	4 "	100,000 0 0
.....	119 12 6	{ 2,027,557 0 0	.....	2,500,000 0 0	1912	4 "	27,991 2 10
.....	463 12 10	{ 472,443 0 0	.....	699,778 10 0	1912	4 "	35,192 0 0
.....	1,011,018 18 6	{ 699,778 10 0	.....	879,800 0 0	1912	4 "	25,243 4 0
.....	2,024,752 0 0	{ 631,080 0 0	.....	631,080 0 0	1912	4 "	29,120 0 0
.....	2,233,537 0 0	{ 832,000 0 0	.....	832,000 0 0	1 Sept., 1918 .	3½ "	25,918 8 2
.....	2,873,981 0 0	{ 863,947 0 0	.....	863,947 0 0	1912	3 "	5,941 19 0
.....	67,364 15 5	{ 198,065 0 0	.....	198,065 0 0	31 Dec., 1924	3 "	19,002 0 0
.....	280,550 0 0	{ 633,400 0 0	.....	633,400 0 0	1 Oct., 1935	3 "	6,667 13 0
.....	2,508,750 0 0	{ 222,255 0 0	.....	222,255 0 0	30 June, 1925.	3 "	39,988 7 0
.....	85,000 0 0	{ 1,332,945 0 0	.....	1,332,945 0 0	1912	3 "	37,882 14 4
.....	126,000 0 0	{ 1,262,757 1 6	.....	1,262,757 1 6	1912	3 "	.....
.....	5,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	30,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	16,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4,400 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	3,700 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
67,364 15 5	22,193,701 10 4	81,535,372 10 8	16,202 380	65,332,992 10 8	.....	.....	2,369,391 13 5

m Debentures also, but they were subsequently authorized to be exchanged for Inscribed Stock at the option of the holders—a privilege which was issued in September, 1891, £494 200, Conversion Stock issued May 1891, and £2,027.50 being portion of loan of £2,500,000, floated October, 1893. The No 22 £2,600, 24 Vic No 24, £10,700, and 24 Vic No 26, £2 200—matured 1st July, 1891, 25 Vic No 19, £279,200—matured 1st January, 1892; and First issue, or £2,502,884 at 4 per cent for five years matured on 1st January, 1895 but bills to extent of £750,000 having been retired by annual per cent, the latter rate being allowed only on bills representing Trust Funds, the relative Statutes to which provided for investment at not less than Loan Acts f Taken over by Government with Sewerage and Water Works under Act 43 Victoria, No 32 Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of Loan Account h Taken over by Government with Sewerage Works under Act 53 Vic, No 16, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Amendment Act of 1892 j Loan of £2,500,000 under these Acts conjointly floated in London in October, 1895. k Sinking Fund, £3,785 2s 1d, handed Acts 26 Vic No 14 and 27 Vic No 14 matured on 1st January, 1895 m Including provision for Services to extent of £198,065, to be eventually paid Mutual Provident Society from the Balmain Municipal Council Interest payable by Government from 1st July, 1894 o Taken over by Govern- p Loan of £4,000,000 raised in London in October, 1895 q Ashfield Municipal Council Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government £9,896 14s, was, after deducting expenses for commission on sales, viz, £2,363 9s 6d, transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, viz, 53 Vic No. 23, £15,000, 55 Vic No 30, £699,778 10s, 56 Vic No 24, £879,800, 57 Vic No 17, £631 080

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant

PUBLIC DEBT.

SYNOPSIS OF DUE DATES OF OUTSTANDING DEBENTURES, FUNDED AND INSCRIBED STOCK.			
Authority under which issued.	Year when due.	Amount.	Total.
		£	£ s. d.
23 Vic., No. 5...	1890	.....	200 0 0
27 Vic., No. 14	1895	.....	200 0 0
29 Vic., No. 9...	1895-6	100	800 0 0
29 Vic., No. 23	1896-7	700	100 0 0
32 Vic., No. 13	1898-9	.....	.....
34 Vic., No. 2...	1900-1	407,100	857,100 0 0
Under various Acts		450,000	
35 Vic., No. 5...		374,900	
City of Sydney Waterworks	1901-2	5,000	420,900 0 0
City of Sydney Sewerage Works		25,000	
Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Works		16,000	
36 Vic., No. 2...		399,300	
City of Sydney Waterworks	1902-3	25,000	459,000 0 0
City of Sydney Sewerage Works		34,700	
17 Vic., No. 34		.....	50 0 0
19 Vic., Nos. 38 & 40	Interminable or payable at the option of the Government in 1882 or afterwards	.....	200 0 0
18 Vic., No. 40	Permanent	.....	2,700 0 0
36 Vic., No. 21 (New South Wales 4 per cents)	Interminable (Funded Stock)	.....	530,189 9 2
36 Vic., No. 17	1903-4	.....	1,000,000 0 0
City of Sydney Waterworks...		20,000	
City of Sydney Sewerage Works	1904-5	38,000	58,000 0 0
36 Vic., No. 17	1905-6	.....	2,300 0 0
39 Vic., No. 18	1905-6	.....	901,500 0 0
38 Vic., No. 2...	1906-7	.....	224,900 0 0
40 Vic., No. 12	1908-9	1,450,000	3,249,500 0 0
41 Vic., No. 4...	1909-10	1,799,500	
41 Vic., No. 7...		.....
43 Vic., No. 11	1910-11	.....	2,050,000 0 0
Ashfield Municipal Council, Sewerage	1903-4	3,700	8,200 0 0
Municipal Council, Redfern, Sewerage	1900-1	4,500	
City of Sydney Waterworks...	1912-13	.....	30,000 0 0
41 Vic., No. 7...	1912-13	.....	30,000 0 0
43 Vic., No. 11	1910-11	813,700	2,000,000 0 0
41 Vic., No. 7...	1933-4	1,186,300	
43 Vic., No. 11	1933-4	.....	3,000,000 0 0
43 Vic., No. 11		1,422,700	
44 Vic., No. 12	1933-4	1,262,000	3,000,000 0 0
44 Vic., No. 23		315,300	
44 Vic., No. 23	1924-5	.....	5,500,000 0 0
44 Vic., No. 23		1,286,700	
45 Vic., No. 22	1924-5	1,000,000	5,500,000 0 0
46 Vic., No. 23		2,000,000	
48 Vic., No. 26		1,213,300	
48 Vic., No. 26	1924-5	.....	5,500,000 0 0
48 Vic., No. 26	1918-19	.....	3,500,000 0 0
48 Vic., No. 26		2,109,400	
52 Vic., No. 16	1918-19	1,390,600	3,500,000 0 0
54 Vic., No. 33	1918-19	.....	4,994,200 0 0
54 Vic., No. 33		2,027,557	
55 Vic., No. 35	1933-4	472,443	2,500,000 0 0
50 Vic., No. 23		2,622,600	
52 Vic., No. 17	1935-6	1,100,000	5,500,000 0 0
53 Vic., No. 23		1,144,000	
59 Vic., No. 5...		633,400	
57 Vic., No. 17	1918-19	.....	832,000 0 0
58 Vic., No. 14	1912	863,947	1,062,012 0 0
	1924-5	198,065	
	1925	222,255	
59 Vic., No. 6...	1912	1,332,945	1,555,200 0 0
56 Vic., No. 1 (New South Wales Funded Stock)	1912	.....	2,549,350 0 0
60 Vic., No. 32	1912	.....	1,262,757 1 6
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic., No. 9 (Deficiency)	Annual Payments of £150,000	.....	1,002,884 0 0
55 Vic., No. 7 (Public Works)	1896	.....	4,000 0 0
59 Vic., No. 22 (Deficiency)	1901	.....	1,024,700 0 0
63 Vic., No. 46 (Public Works)	1902	.....	1,000,000 0 0
63 Vic., No. 46 (Public Works)	1905	.....	500,000 0 0
Advances to Settlers—Loan Act of 1899	1919	.....	220,050 0 0
	Total	£	65,332,992 10 8

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

Public Debt.

STATEMENT showing the DUE DATES, &c., of OUTSTANDING DEBENTURES, FUNDED and INSCRIBED STOCK, and TREASURY BILLS, on 30th June, 1900.

YEAR.	DEBENTURES.	INSCRIBED AND FUNDED STOCK.	TREASURY BILLS.	TOTAL.	ANNUAL INTEREST.	
					RATE.	AMOUNT.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1890 ...	200 ^a	.....	.....	200 0 0	5 ½ cent.	.....
1895 ...	200 ^a	.....	.....	200 0 0	"	.....
1895-6 ...	100 ^a	.....	.....	100 0 0	"	.....
1896-7 ...	700 ^a	.....	.....	700 0 0	"	.....
1898-9 ...	100	.....	.....	100 0 0	"	.....
1900-1 ...	857,100	.....	.....	857,100 0 0	"	42,855 0 0
	4,500 ^b	.....	.....	4,500 0 0	5 ½ cent.	247 10 0
	374,900	.....	.....	374,900 0 0	5 ½ cent.	18,745 0 0
1901-2 ...	5,000	.....	.....	5,000 0 0	6 ½ cent.	300 0 0
	25,000	.....	.....	25,000 0 0	"	1,500 0 0
	16,000	.....	.....	16,000 0 0	5 ½ cent.	800 0 0
1902-3 ...	399,300	.....	.....	399,300 0 0	"	19,965 0 0
	25,000	.....	.....	25,000 0 0	6 ½ cent.	1,500 0 0
	34,700	.....	.....	34,700 0 0	"	2,082 0 0
1903-4 ...	1,000,000	.....	.....	1,000,000 0 0	4 ½ cent.	40,000 0 0
	3,700 ^b	.....	.....	3,700 0 0	4 ½ cent.	166 10 0
1904-5 ...	20,000	.....	.....	20,000 0 0	5 ½ cent.	1,000 0 0
	38,000	.....	.....	38,000 0 0	"	1,900 0 0
1905-6 ...	2,300	.....	.....	2,300 0 0	6 ½ cent.	138 0 0
	901,500	.....	.....	901,500 0 0	4 ½ cent.	36,060 0 0
1906-7 ...	224,900	.....	.....	224,900 0 0	"	8,996 0 0
1908-9 ...	1,450,000	.....	.....	1,450,000 0 0	"	129,980 0 0
1909-10 ...	1,799,500	.....	.....	1,799,500 0 0	"	129,980 0 0
1910-11 ...	2,050,000	.....	.....	2,050,000 0 0	"	129,980 0 0
	813,700	.....	.....	813,700 0 0	"	114,548 0 0
1912-13 ...	30,000	.....	.....	30,000 0 0	"	1,200 0 0
1912 ...	30,000	.....	.....	30,000 0 0	"	1,200 0 0
1912 (New South Wales Funded Stock)	.....	3,459,649 1 6	.....	3,459,649 1 6	3 ½ cent.	103,789 9 6
	.....	2,549,350 0 0	.....	2,549,350 0 0	4 ½ cent.	101,974 0 0
	.....	3,500,000 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	3 ½ cent.	122,500 0 0
1918-19 ...	.....	3,500,000 0 0	.....	3,500,000 0 0	"	122,500 0 0
	.....	4,994,200 0 0	.....	4,994,200 0 0	"	174,797 0 0
	.....	832,000 0 0	.....	832,000 0 0	"	29,120 0 0
	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
1924-5 ...	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	"	192,500 0 0
	.....	198,065 0 0	.....	198,065 0 0	3 ½ cent.	5,941 19 0
1925 ...	.....	222,255 0 0	.....	222,255 0 0	"	6,667 13 0
	.....	1,186,300 0 0	.....	1,186,300 0 0	4 ½ cent.	47,452 0 0
1933-4 ...	.....	3,000,000 0 0	.....	3,000,000 0 0	"	120,000 0 0
	.....	3,000,000 0 0	.....	3,000,000 0 0	"	120,000 0 0
	.....	2,500,000 0 0	.....	2,500,000 0 0	"	100,000 0 0
1935-6 ...	.....	5,500,000 0 0	.....	5,500,000 0 0	3 ½ cent.	165,000 0 0
Interminable, being un- presented balance of Debentures payable off in 1882 ...	250	.....	.....	250 0 0	.....	.....
New South Wales 4 per cents. ...	.....	530,189 9 2	.....	530,189 9 2	4 ½ cent.	21,207 11 7
Permanent ...	2,700	.....	.....	2,700 0 0	5 ½ cent.	135 0 0
Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 (annual pay- ments of £150,000)	.....	.....	1,002,884	1,002,884 0 0	3 ½ cent.	22,001 10 4
Treasury Bills, 55 Vic. No. 7 (1896)	.....	.....	4,000 ^a	4,000 0 0	4 ½ cent.	10,780 0 0
Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22 ...	.....	.....	1,024,700	1,024,700 0 0	3 ½ cent.	30,741 0 0
Treasury Bills, 63 Vic. No. 46, Public Works	.....	.....	1,000,000	1,000,000 0 0	4 ½ cent.	40,000 0 0
Advances to Settlers ...	.....	220,050 0 0	500,000	500,000 0 0	3 ½ cent.	17,500 0 0
	.....	.....	.....	220,050 0 0	3 ½ cent.	6,601 10 0
Total amount outstand- ing, 30th June, 1900 £	10,109,350	51,692,058 10 8	3,531,584	65,332,992 10 8	.....	2,369,391 13 5

* City of Sydney Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government.

† Municipal Council Redfern Sewerage Works taken over by the Government.

‡ Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Debentures taken over by the Government.

α Overdue debentures not yet presented. β Ashfield Municipal Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government.

† City of Sydney Waterworks Debentures taken over by the Government

‡ Newcastle Borough Council Water Supply Debentures taken over by the Government

α Overdue debentures not yet presented. β Ashfield Municipal Sewerage Debentures taken over by the Government.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

PUBLIC DEBT.

STATEMENT showing Distribution of Interest on Public Debt on 30th June, 1900.

Description of Stock,	Amount of Stock.		6 per cent.	5½ per cent.	5 per cent.	4½ per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	3 per cent.	Total Interest.	
	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
Debentures	1,550	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	} 423,318 0 0
	1,708,000	0 0	.....	.....	85,400	.....	.....	.....	.....
	92,000	0 0	5,520	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	8,299,600	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	331,984 0 0	.....	.....
	4,500	0 0	.....	247/10/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3,700	0 0	.....	.....	.....	166/10/-	.....	.....	.....
	£ 10,109,350	0 0									
Inscribed Stock in London	29,326,200	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,026,417	.....	} 1,578,869 0 0
	9,686,300	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	387,452 0 0	.....	.....
	5,500,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165,000 0 0	.....	
	£ 44,512,500	0 0									
New South Wales Funded Stock ...	2,549,350	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	101,974 0 0	.....	.....	} 205,763 9 6
	3,459,649	1 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103,789 9 6	.....	
	£ 6,008,999	1 6									
New South Wales 4 per cents. ...	£ 530,189	9 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,207 11 7	.....	.....	21,207 11 7
New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14	£ 198,065	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,941 19 0	5,941 19 0
New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6	£ 222,255	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,667 13 0	6,667 13 0
Treasury Bills (Deficiency of 1886 and previous years), 53 Vic. No. 9 ...	733,384	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,001 10 4	} 32,781 10 4
	269,500	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,780 0 0	.....	.....
	£ 1,002,884	0 0									
Treasury Bills, 55 Vic. No. 7 ...	£ 4,000	0 0*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Bills (Deficiency 30 June, 1895), 59 Vic. No. 22	£ 1,024,700	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,741 0 0	30,741 0 0
Treasury Bills, 63 Vic. No. 46, Public Works	1,000,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000 0 0	.....	.....	} 57,500 0 0
	500,000	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,500	.....	
Advances to Settlers, Inscribed Stock ...	220,050	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,601 10 0	6,601 10 0
TOTALS	£ 65,332,992	10 8	5,520	247/10/-	85,400	166/10/-	893,397 11 7	1,043,917	340,743 1 10	2,369,391 13 5	

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

* Matured.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

STATEMENT
OF
BALANCES ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES,
AND THE
DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME
ON
30TH JUNE, 1900.

BALANCE

Showing the LEDGER BALANCES on the various Accounts of the Government of New

HEAD OF ACCOUNT.	<i>Dr.</i> <i>or</i> <i>Cr.</i>	BALANCES ON 30TH JUNE, 1900.			
		£	s.	d.	
Consolidated Revenue Fund	<i>Cr.</i>	.....			17,741 18 6
Towards Erection and Maintenance of Public School Buildings Account ... ..	"	.....			43,386 15 5
Trust Fund Accounts—					
Assurance Fund—Real Property Act	<i>Cr.</i>	187,327	12	1	
Civil Service Superannuation Fund	"	252,868	14	6	
Government Savings Bank Account	"	5,596,820	12	11	
Municipal Council of Sydney Sinking Fund	"	35,465	10	10	
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)	"	20,000	0	0	
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)	"	20,000	0	0	
Bankruptcy Estates Account	"	8,000	0	0	
Bankruptcy Unclaimed Dividend Fund	"	7,266	18	6	
Public Service Assurance Fund	"	85	18	6	
Police Reward Fund	"	543	11	11	
Police Superannuation Fund	"	898	5	1	
Testamentary and Trust Fund	"	126	14	9	
Bankruptcy Suitors Fund	"	1,003	8	10	
Country Towns Water Supply Works Loan Trust Account	"	2,482	2	5	
Public Schools Property Fund	"	1,935	5	8	
Trust Moneys, 20 Vic. No. 11	"	152	4	4	
Newcastle Borough Council Water Debentures Loan Sinking Fund	"	3,788	2	1	
		<hr/>			6,138,765 2 5
Special Deposit Accounts	<i>Cr.</i>	.....			3,099,999 11 3
Carried forward ... ..	£	.....			9,299,893 7 7

STATEMENT.

South Wales on the 30th June, 1900, and the distribution of the same into Cash and Securities.

DISTRIBUTION.	CASH.	SECURITIES.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hands of Receiver	25,000 0 0		
Sydney Account—			
Bank of New South Wales—Public Account	611,965 1 9		
City Bank of Sydney—Public Account	8,948 1 7		
Commercial Banking Company of Sydney—Public Account	119,021 12 7		
Fixed Deposit with City Bank of Sydney	15,000 0 0		
	779,934 15 11		
London Bank Account at date of latest advices	1,164,689 1 3		
Total Cash—London and Sydney Public Account ...	.....	.....	1,944,623 17 2
Trust Fund Accounts—			
Treasury Chest—			
Assurance Fund—Real Property Act—	£ s. d.		
New South Wales Government Debentures	58,600 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic.			
No. 1	42,490 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 58 Vic.			
No. 14	30,000 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic.			
No. 32	25,000 0 0		
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic.			
No. 9	16,000 0 0		
	.....	172,090 0 0	
Government Savings Bank Account—			
New South Wales Debentures	165,800 0 0		
New South Wales Four Per-cents, 36 Vic.			
No. 21	403,248 13 2		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic.			
No. 1	1,000,000 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Vic.			
No. 6	880,000 0 0		
New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic.			
No. 32	500,000 0 0		
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic.			
No. 9	452,600 0 0		
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 59 Vic.			
No. 22	1,024,700 0 0		
New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic.			
No. 14	20,000 0 0		
New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic.			
No. 6	150,000 0 0		
Stock and Advances to Settlers Act of 1899	100,000 0 0		
	.....	4,696,348 13 2	
Civil Service Superannuation Fund—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	238,000 0 0	
Municipal Council of Sydney—Sinking Fund—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	31,500 0 0	
Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales (Limited)—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	20,000 0 0	
Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	20,000 0 0	
Bankruptcy Estates Account—			
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 ... ..	.....	7,000 0 0	
			5,184,938 13 2
Carried forward	£ 1,944,623 17 2	5,184,938 13 2	7,129,562 10 4

BALANCE

Showing the LEDGER BALANCES on the various Accounts of the Government of New South

HEAD OF ACCOUNT.	Dr. or Cr.	BALANCES ON 30TH JUNE, 1900.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... .. £		.....			9,299,893	7	7
General Post Office, New Street Resumption Account Suspense Account	Dr.	389,080	19	7			
Centennial Park Account Suspense Account	"	228,416	17	8			
Advances to General Loan Account	"	1,500,000	0	0			
					2,117,497	17	3
Total included in Public Account... ..		.....	£		7,182,395	10	4
Special Trust Accounts:—							
Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24	Cr.	150,000	0	0			
New South Wales 1924 Stock Redemption Fund, 58 Vic. No. 14	"	33,010	16	8			
New South Wales 1925 Stock Redemption Fund, 59 Vic. No. 6	"	37,042	10	0			
New South Wales 1927 Stock Redemption Fund, 60 Vic. No. 32	"	20,812	6	0			
New South Wales 1928 Stock Redemption Fund, 61 Vic. No. 43	"	14,983	2	8			
New South Wales 1929 Stock Redemption Fund, 62 Vic. No. 36	"	11,121	13	4			
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Equity Account... ..	"	459,444	9	5			
Colonial Treasurer's Master in Lunacy Account	"	72,728	6	4			
Colonial Treasurer's Curator of Intestate Estates Account ...	"	23,297	11	9			
Colonial Treasurer's Registrar in Bankruptcy Account	"	0	1	3			
Colonial Treasurer's Registrar of Probates Account	"	37,522	16	0			
Colonial Treasurer's Prothonotary Account	"	2,729	4	8			
Colonial Treasurer's Bushmen's Contingent to South Africa Fund	"	2,482	11	9			
					865,175	9	10
Advances to Settlers Act, No. 1, of 1899 ... ..	"	.....			41,332	15	1
					8,089,903	15	3
Imperial Contingent Bushmen's Account	Dr.	16,638	11	6			
General Loan Account	"	422,241	7	2			
					438,879	18	8
GRAND TOTALS ... .. £		.....			7,650,023	16	7

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 4th October, 1900.

STATEMENT.

Wales on the 30th June, 1900, and the distribution of the same into Cash and Securities—*contd.*

DISTRIBUTION.	CASH.		SECURITIES.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	£ 1,944,623	17 2	5,184,938	13 2	7,129,562	10 4
Special Deposit Account—						
University of Sydney—Wm. Roberts' Bequest Trust—						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9			4,000	0 0		
Treasury Guarantee Fund—						
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9			7,500	0 0		
Volunteer Military Forces Clothing Account—						
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales			10,000	0 0		
Volunteer Military Forces Deferred Pay Account—						
Fixed Deposit with the Bank of New South Wales			3,000	0 0		
Miscellaneous			28,333	0 0	52,833	0 0
Total Public Account, Cash and Securities			£		7,182,395	10 4
Special Trust Accounts—						
Bank of New South Wales Railway Loan Redemption Fund	150,000	0 0				
Bank of New South Wales 1924 Stock Redemption Fund						
Account, 58 Vic. No. 14	33,010	16 8				
Bank of New South Wales 1925 Stock Redemption Fund						
Account, 59 Vic. No. 6	37,042	10 0				
Bank of New South Wales 1927 Stock Redemption Fund						
Account, 60 Vic. No. 32	20,812	6 0				
Bank of New South Wales 1928 Stock Redemption Fund						
Account, 61 Vic. No. 43	14,983	2 8				
Bank of New South Wales 1929 Stock Redemption Fund						
Account, 62 Vic. No. 36	11,121	13 4				
Bank of New South Wales Colonial Treasurer's Master in						
Equity Account	182,674	9 5				
New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1 do do			104,770	0 0		
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9 do do			172,000	0 0		
Bank of New South Wales Colonial Treasurer's Master in						
Lunacy Account	30,944	6 4				
New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9. do do			41,784	0 0		
Bank of New South Wales Colonial Treasurer's Curator of						
Intestate Estates Account	23,297	11 9				
Bank of New South Wales Registrar in Bankruptcy Account		0 1 3				
Bank of New South Wales Registrar of Probates Account...	37,522	16 0				
Bank of New South Wales Prothonotary Account	2,729	4 8				
Bank of New South Wales Bushmen's Contingent to South						
Africa Fund	2,482	11 9				
					865,175	9 10
Bank of New South Wales, Advances to Settlers Act of 1899						
Account	41,332	15 1			41,332	15 1
Total, Credit Balance	£ 2,532,578	2 1			8,088,903	15 3
Less Debit Balances:—						
Bank of New South Wales, Imperial Contingent Bushmen's						
Account	16,638	11 6				
Bank of New South Wales, General Loan Account...	422,241	7 2				
Total Debit Balances	£ 438,879	18 8			438,879	18 8
GRAND TOTALS	£ 2,093,698	3 5	5,556,325	13 2	7,650,023	16 7

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

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SCHEDULE

TO THE

ESTIMATES FOR 1900-1,

SHOWING THE.

TOTAL REMUNERATION ESTIMATED TO BE
RECEIVED BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS

WHO HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE,

OR WHO RECEIVE ANY FEES, SPECIAL ALLOWANCE, QUARTERS, FUEL, OR LIGHT, IN
ADDITION TO THEIR FIXED ANNUAL SALARIES,

ALSO DEDUCTIONS OF AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE FOR QUARTERS,
PROVISIONS, FUEL, AND LIGHT,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1901.

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II.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Office, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.							
12	S. M. Mowle.....	Usher of the Black Rod..... Clerk to Refreshment Committee	428	60	.....	488	
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY.							
13	S. C. Young	House Steward..... Value of quarters, fuel, and light	250	100	.....	350	
13	Margaret Leancy.....	Housekeeper	90				
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	25	.....	115	
13	W. Snowdon.....	Watchman	160				
		For services in connection with fire-extinguishing appliances...	.....	25	.....	185	
13	F. Kent.....	House Servant	145				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	40	.....	185	
13	J. Mallitt	Stableman.....	145				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	40	.....	185	
13	M. J. McNeish.....	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	25	.....	105	
13	Hannah Rose	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	25	.....	105	
13	Elizabeth Wilson.....	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	25	.....	105	
13	Agnes Ahern	Servant.....	80				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	25	.....	105	
PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY.							
14	F. Walsh	Librarian	476				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	75	551	

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III.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	COLONIAL SECRETARY.		£	£	£	£	
16	Francis O'Loughlin	Doorkeeper	125	125	Quarters, fuel, and light.
	AUDITOR-GENERAL.						
	Jane Cocks	Housekeeper	75	75	Quarters, fuel, and light.
	POLICE.						
18	Edmund Fosbery	Inspector-General of Police	920	21/- per diem when travelling.
		In lieu of quarters .....	.....	150	.....	.....
		Value of light .....	.....	12	.....	1,082
18	George Read	Superintendent of Police	500	15/- per diem when travelling.
		In lieu of quarters .....	.....	150	.....	.....
		Value of light .....	.....	10	.....	660
18	Charles Sanderson	Superintendent of Police	500	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	610
18	Edward Grainger	Superintendent of Police	500	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	610
18	R. F. Creaghe	Superintendent of Police	450	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	560
18	Thomas Garvin	Superintendent of Police	450	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	560
18	George C. Carter	Superintendent of Police	450	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	560
18	S. J. Cotter	Acting Superintendent of Police..	325	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	.....
		Inspector in charge of a district...	.....	50	.....	485
18	N. Larkins	Superintendent of Police	400	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	130	.....	530
18	Martin Brennan	Superintendent of Police	400	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	130	.....	530
18	Walter C. Casey	Superintendent of Police	400	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	510
18	A. B. Walker	Superintendent of Police	400	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters and light .....	.....	90	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	20	.....	510
18	W. Camphin	Superintendent of Police	400	
		In lieu of quarters and light	88	488	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POLICE—continued.							
18	Philip Smith.....	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters rented and light		65		390	
18	James Bremner	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters and light		70			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		407/10/-	
18	William C. Lynch	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters rented and light		72		397	
18	George H. Hycm	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters and light		55			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		392/10/-	
18	Alfred Potter	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters and light		80			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		417/10/-	
18	William T. Baker	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters rented and light		65		390	
18	Robert Latimer	Inspector of Police	325				
		Value of quarters and light		65		390	
18	Roger Fenton	Inspector of Police	325				
		In lieu of quarters		50			
		Do light.....		5		380	
18	Robert Barry	Inspector of Police	325				
		In lieu of quarters and light		55		380	
18	Daniel Byrne	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters and light		45		320	
18	John Bell	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		In lieu of quarters		68			
		Do light.....		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		360/10/-	10/- per diem when travelling.
18	Thomas Cameron.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters and light		55		330	
18	G. McDowell	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		In lieu of quarters and light		55			
		Do uniform clothing		12		342	
18	Denis Carroll	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters rented and light		41		316	
18	John Sutherland	Sub-Inspector and Police Store-keeper	275				
		In lieu of quarters and light		55			
		In lieu of uniform clothing		12		342	
18	William T. Langworthy...	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters and light		55		330	
18	John Saunders.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters		40			
		Do light		5		320	
18	Isaac Morrow	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		Value of quarters and light		45		320	
18	John Garland	Sub-Inspector of Police	275				
		In lieu of quarters		65			
		Value of light		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		357/10/-	
18	William R. Elliott	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Quarters rented		65			
		Value of light		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		332/10/-	

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Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed Fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
<i>POLICE—continued.</i>							
18	John Robinson.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		In lieu of quarters		65			
		Value of light		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		7/10/-		327/10/-	
18	Henry J. Hughes	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		In lieu of quarters		65			
		Value of light		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		7/10/-		327/10/-	
18	Thomas Parker.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		45		295	
18	Wm. J. Tindall	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		In lieu of quarters		50			
		Do uniform clothing		12			
		Value of light		5		317	
18	John S. Clarke.....	Sub-Inspector and Drill Instructor	250				
		Value of quarters and light		25		275	
18	A. Johnston	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters rented and light		70		320	
18	John M'Keague	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		45		295	10/- per diem when travelling.
18	E. A. Webb	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		In lieu of quarters		50			
		Value of light		8		308	
18	Joseph Jones	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		45		295	
18	Francis Le Boutillier	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		45		295	
18	Frederick Fowler.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters rented		52			
		Do light		5		307	
18	Alexander Boyd	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		In lieu of quarters		50			
		Value of light		5			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		12/10/-		317/10/-	
18	Ernest C. Day	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		55		305	
18	Harry Grugeon	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters and light		55		305	
18	James M. Travers	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters.....		55		305	
18	Thomas Collins	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Allowance for quarters		50			
128		Sub-Inspector under Licensing Act		7/10/-		312/10/-	
		Value of light		5			
18	Walter N. Pountney	Sub-Inspector of Police	192				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light		45		237	
18	A. H. Hinds.....	Sub-Inspector of Police	250				
		Value of quarters		45			
		Light.....		5		300	
18	A. W. Strachan	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police... ..	10/6 per diem.				
		Value of quarters		40			
		Light.....		5		237	
18	John McDonald	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police... ..	10/6 per diem.				
		In lieu of quarters		45			
		Light.....		5		242	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POLICE—continued.							
18	Thomas Stanwix	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		In lieu of quarters		48			
		Light		5		245	
18	Abraham R. Sherwood ...	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		In lieu of quarters		50			
		Light		5		247	
18	James Mitchell	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		Value of quarters		50			
		Light		5		247	
18	J. Evans	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		Value of quarters and light		45		237	
18	A. A. Hojel	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		Value of quarters and light		45		237	
18	A. A. Sykes	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police...	10/6 per diem.				
		Value of quarters and light		51		243	
18	L. J. Clifford	Constable, Bateman's Bay	146				
66		Acting Customs Officer		10		156	
18	George Buckland.....	Senior-Constable, Woolgoolga ..	146				
66		Acting Customs Officer		20		166	
18	Geo. Stutchbury	Senior-Constable, Delegate.....	146				
66		Acting Customs Officer		10		156	
18	H. J. Ford	Senior-Constable, Mungindi	146				
67		Acting Customs Officer		10		156	
18	W. A. Wood.....	Senior-Constable, Milparinka.....	146				
66		Acting Customs Officer		20		166	
18	W. C. Browne	Constable, Tooma	127/15/-				
66		Acting Customs Officer		10		137/15/-	
18	F. Wilkinson	Constable, Bowna	127/15/-				
66		Acting Customs Officer		10		137/15/-	
LUNACY.							
20	W. C. Williamson	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	650				
		Quarters		100		750	
20	E. Godson	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta	650				
		Quarters		100		750	
20	H. Blaxland	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	650				
		Quarters		100		750	
20	C. Ross	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Kenmore	650				
		Quarters		100		750	
20	G. E. Miles	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere	610				
		Quarters		100		710	
20	R. U. Russell	Medical Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle	359				
		Quarters		75			
72		Health Officer, Newcastle	226			660	
20	G. Morton	Senior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	390				
		Quarters		50		440	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	
	No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.						
	<i>LUNACY—continued.</i>						
20	A. G. Henry.....	Senior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	390	50	.....	440	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	H. C. McDouall	Senior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta	390	50	.....	440	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	R. J. Millard	Senior Medical Officer, Kenmore Quarters	390	50	.....	440	
20	J. F. Flashman	Pathologist	390	50	.....	440	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	R. A. Fox.....	Junior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	270	30	.....	300	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	C. W. Reid	Junior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta.....	270	30	.....	300	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	C. A. Hogg	Junior Medical Officer, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville.....	270	30	.....	300	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Vacant	Relieving Junior Medical Officer Quarters	270	30	.....	300	
20	J. T. Floyd	Dispenser, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	174	26	.....	200	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	C. Jones	Dispenser and Chief Attendant, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere	200	26	.....	226	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	E. M. Betts	Assistant Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville...	390	60	.....	450	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	A. Whitling	Assistant Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park..	340	60	.....	400	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	J. H. Wilkison	Assistant Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta...	340	60	.....	400	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	C. H. Richardson.....	Assistant Superintendent, Hospital for Insane, Kenmore ...	250	25	.....	275	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	W. Peterson.....	Superintendent and Dispenser, Reception House, Darlinghurst	275	40	.....	315	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	W. T. Roberts	Clerk, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	224	26	.....	250	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	H. R. McGill	Clerk and Storekeeper, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere	224	26	.....	250	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	A. S. M. Johnson	Clerk, Kenmore	100	15	.....	115	
		Travelling allowance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	T. Folkard	Chief Attendant, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	164	26	.....	190	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	J. Wharf	Chief Attendant, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta	164	26	.....	190	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	W. Little	Chief Attendant, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	164	26	.....	190	
		Quarters .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NOTE.—Attendants, nurses, servants, &c., residing in the Institutions are subject to a charge at the rate of £15 per annum for provisions and fuel, and at the rate of £10 per annum for quarters; and those not residing in the Institutions are subject to a charge at the rate of £10 per annum for provisions. Those provided with cottages are subject to a charge at the rate of £18 per annum for rent.

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Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
<i>LUNACY—continued.</i>							
20	Vacant	Chief Attendant, Hospital for Insane, Kenmore	134				
		Quarters		26	.....	160	
20	A. D. Price	Chief Attendant and Storekeeper, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle	164				
		Quarters		26	.....	190	
20	B. A. Simpson	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Gladesville	164				
		Quarters		26	.....	190	
20	M. G. Quinn	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Parramatta	164				
		Quarters		26	.....	190	
20	M. A. Fairbairn	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Callan Park	164				
		Quarters		26	.....	190	
20	M. Newtown.....	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Newcastle	134				
		Quarters		26	.....	160	
20	E. J. Gould	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Rydalmere	134				
		Quarters		26	.....	160	
20	S. Pope.....	Matron, Hospital for Insane, Kenmore.....	164				
		Quarters		26	.....	190	
MEDICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT.							
23	F. E. Franklin	1st Visiting Medical Officer, Parramatta.....	550				
		Equipment allowance		100	.....	650	
23	Vacant	2nd Visiting Medical Officer, Public Institutions, Parramatta	550	50	.....	600	
23	R. T. Paton	Government Medical Officer, Sydney	800				
		House			100	700	
23	E. S. Stokes	Surgeon and Dispenser, Trial Bay Prison.....	400				
		Value of quarters and rations			80	320	
24	W. B. Violette.....	Medical Superintendent, Coast Hospital	750				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and servant			200	550	
24	Vacant	Senior Medical Officer, Coast Hospital	450				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....			100	350	
24	Vacant	Junior Medical Officer, Coast Hospital	350				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....			100	250	
24	C. G. Willman.....	Clerk and Storekeeper, Coast Hospital.....	240				
		Value of quarters.....			30	210	
24	A. C. Watt	Dispenser, Coast Hospital	165				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....			65	100	
24	T. A. Dures	Engineer, Coast Hospital	140				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			40	100	

Note.—Attendants, nurses, servants, &c., residing in the Institutions are subject to a charge at the rate of £15 per annum for provisions and fuel, and at the rate of £10 per annum for quarters; and those not residing in the Institutions are subject to a charge at the rate of £10 per annum for provisions. Those provided with cottages are subject to a charge at the rate of £18 per annum for rent.

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
MEDICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT—contd.							
24	H. A. Wilson	Assistant to Clerk and Storekeeper, Coast Hospital	115				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	50	65	
24	E. A. Miles	Messenger	66				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	40	26	
24	J. Costelloe	Carpenter, Coast Hospital	154				
		Value of quarters and uniform...	.....	.....	30	124	
24	J. McKenny	Senior Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital	130				
		Value of quarters and uniform...	.....	.....	30	100	
24	R. Tinman	Grounds Attendant, Coast Hospital	128				
		Value of quarters and uniform...	.....	.....	30	98	
24	F. Farrer	Painter, Coast Hospital	128				
		Value of quarters and uniform...	.....	.....	30	98	
24	C. Erickson	Wardsman, Coast Hospital.....	130				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	50	80	
24	F. Brigham	Attendant, Coast Hospital	130				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	50	80	
24	M. J. Burke	Attendant, Coast Hospital	120				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	50	70	
24	H. J. J. Stacey.....	Attendant, Coast Hospital	120				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	50	70	
24	W. Dwyer.....	Junior Store Attendant	110				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	50	60	
24	J. W. F. Biddell.....	First Cook, Coast Hospital.....	150				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	40	110	
24	R. Y. Twogood	Second Cook, Coast Hospital.....	130				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	40	90	
24	J. King.....	Third Cook, Coast Hospital	105				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	40	65	
24	J. Mackey.....	Kitchenman, Coast Hospital.....	102				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	40	62	
24	J. McIlhinney	Second Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital	122				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	50	72	
24	F. C. Calf.....	Third Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital	116				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	50	66	
24	E. J. Calf	Fourth Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital	116				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	50	66	
24	J. L'Estrange	Fifth Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital	116				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....	50	66	

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No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
MEDICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT—contd.							
24	C. S. Lucas	6th Ambulance Driver, Coast Hospital.....	116				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....			50	66	
24	S. de Sterke	Attendant.....	120				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform			50	70	
24	John Dell.....	Stableman.....	100				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform			50	50	
<i>Nursing and General Staff.—Coast Hospital.</i>							
24	J. M'Master.....	Matron, Coast Hospital	300				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			100	200	
24	L. Ford.....	1 Head Nurse	110				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			50	60	
24	5 Senior Nurses	5 Senior Nurses, at £100 each ...	500				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform, at £50 each			250	250	
24	16 Nurses	16 Nurses, at £90 each	1,440				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform, at £50 each			800	640	
24	13 Junior Nurses.....	13 Junior Nurses, at £85	1,105				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform, at £50 each			650	455	
24	12 Junior Nurses.....	12 Junior Nurses, at £80 each ...	960				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform, at £50 each			600	360	
24	E. Hooper.....	Needlewoman	100				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			50	50	
24	H. Sullivan	Laundress.....	110				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light			50	60	
24	A. Leahy	Second Laundress	100				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light			50	50	
24	A. Cahill	Third Laundress	100				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light.....			50	50	
24	Ellen Cahill.....	Fourth Laundress	95				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel and light.....			50	45	
24	E. Chambers.....	Servant, Coast Hospital	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			50	30	
24	Susan Tinman	Servant, Coast Hospital	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			50	30	
24	Mary McNulty	Servant, Coast Hospital	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform.....			50	30	
24	A. K. Hannam.....	Servant, Coast Hospital	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform			50	30	

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MEDICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT— <i>contd.</i>							
<i>Nursing and General Staff—Coast Hospital—continued.</i>							
24	Vacant	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel light, and uniform			50	30	
24	Mary Vost	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel light, and uniform			50	30	
24	E. T. C. York	Servant	80				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel light, and uniform			50	30	
24	A. McNamara	Cook, Sanatorium	116				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light			50	66	
24	J. Neagle	Assistant Cook, Sanatorium	90				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light			50	40	
24	Vacant	Office Assistant, Coast Hospital	110				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light			40	70	
GOVERNMENT ASYLUMS							
28	J. Wing	Assistant Superintendent, George-street Asylum	260				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			45	215	
28	A. M. Brooke	Matron Superintendent, Liverpool Asylum	220				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			75	145	
28	D. R. Macdermott	Matron Superintendent, Rookwood Asylum	220				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			75	145	
28	F. Willow	Matron, Newington Asylum	200				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			60	140	
28	M. Jowett	Matron, Ormond House	180				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			45	135	
28	G. R. Hepplewhite	Clerk and Foreman, Newington	170				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			45	125	
28	N. Doneghue	Carpenter, George-street	120				
		Rations, fuel, and light			20	100	
28	A. B. Teece	Matron, Cottage Homes for Aged Couples	125				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			55	70	
28	M. Gorman	Housekeeper, Newington	105				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			35	70	
28	T. R. Little	Gardener, Rookwood Asylum	120				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			35	85	
28	C. Macdermott	Chief Attendant, George-street Asylum	115				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			35	80	
28	J. Irving	Herdsmen, Newington	120				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			35	85	
28	E. Anderson	Nurse and Dispenser, Newington	102				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			35	67	
28	K. Graham	Nurse in charge of Ophthalmic Home, Mittagong	127				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			27	100	

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No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£	
GOVERNMENT ASYLUMS—continued.							
28	M. Jefford	Senior Nurse, Rookwood Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	109	35	74	
28	J. E. Bredm	Dispenser, George street Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	130 ...	...	35	95	
28	W. Garland	Attendant, George-street Asylum, Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 .....	...	35	55	
28	F. Hanson	Attendant, George-street Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	95 .....	.....	38	57	
28	C. Macnamara	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ...	.....	35	55	
28	E. O'Neill	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ...	...	35	55	
28	M. Farrell	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ...	...	35	55	
28	N. O'Keefe	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ...	.....	35	55	
28	E. Errington	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ..	...	35	55	
28	M. J. Slater	Nurse, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ..	.....	35	55	
28	C. G. Grove	Storekeeper, Newington Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 .....	.....	35	55	
28	J. S. Arthur	Attendant, Newington Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	85 .....	.....	40	45	
28	K. Bagot	Nurse, Rookwood Asylum Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	90 ...	.....	35	55	
28	M. Crimes	Attendant, Ormond House Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	95 .....	...	35	60	
28	N. Quinn	Laundress, Ormond House Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	79 .....	.....	27	52	
28	F. Boyd	Head Wardswoman, Newington Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	.....	35	42	
28	E. A. Lambert	Mother, No. 1 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	...	27	50	
28	C. Forde	Mother, No. 2 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 ...	...	27	50	
28	A. Walshe	Mother, No. 4 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	.....	27	50	
28	E. R. Tredger	Mother, No. 5 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	.....	27	50	
28	A. Cole	Mother, No. 6 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	.....	27	50	
28	L. Phillips	Mother, No. 7 Cottage Home, Mittagong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	77 .....	.....	27	50	
28	M. Taylor	Probationary Nurse, Newington.. Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	80 ...	...	35	45	
28	A. Cutcliffe	Relieving Mother and Needle- woman, Cottage Homes, Mitta- gong Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	57	27	30	

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No. III.—Colonial Secretary—continued.			£	£	£	£		
GOVERNMENT ASYLUMS—continued.								
28	E. Asselin.....	Mother, No. 1 Cottage Home, Parramatta	77					
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light.			27	50		
28	M. O'Reilly	Mother, No. 2 Cottage Home, Parramatta	77					
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light.			27	50		
28	M. McGinn ..	Attendant, Rookwood Asylum ...	90					
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light.			35	55		
28	A. Gillies	Probationary Nurse, Rookwood Asylum	65					
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light.			35	30		
FIRE BRIGADES.								
30	Alfred Webb	Superintendent of Fire Brigades and Inspector of Kerosene ...	600				600	With quarters.
BOTANIC GARDENS.								
30	J. H. Maiden	Director of Botanic Gardens, &c. Value of house.....	620			105	515	
30	G. Harwood.....	Superintendent..... Value of house.....	295			50	245	
31	J. McEwen	Superintendent, State Nursery, Campbelltown.....	275					
		Value of house.....			50	225		
31	J. Jones.....	Overseer, Government Domains... Value of house.....	225			50	175	
31	F. McKay.....	Bailiff, Government Domains ... Value of house.....	160			40	120	
31	J. H. Camfield	Overseer, Garden Palace Grounds	155			30	125	
32	W. Forsyth	Overseer, Centennial Park..... Value of house.....	225			50	175	

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TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
TREASURY.							
62	F. Kirkpatrick	Under Secretary for Finance and Trade	£ 920	£ 50	£	£ 970	{ Allowance attendance at Parliament House.
62	C. Geary	Housekeeper	140	.....	40	100	Fuel and light.
62	Alice Butz	Housekeeper	45	.....	.....	45	Quarters, fuel, and light.
STAMP DUTIES.							
63	M. A. Coupland	Office-keeper	90	.....	.....	.....
		For quarters .....	.....	50	.....	140	
CUSTOMS.							
65	C. Alderton	Messenger, Newcastle	120	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	30	90	
65	W. Champion	Coast Wailer, Broken Bay	215	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	40	175	
65	F. Eckman	Boatman, Broken Bay	120	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	16	104	
65	C. W. Wrigley	Boatman, Broken Bay	120	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	16	104	
65	H. Brookes	Sub-Collector, Eden	250	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	30	220	
66	C. D. Whitty	Sub-Collector, Tweed River	250	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	25	.....
		Acting Officer of Customs for Queensland Government .....	.....	50	.....	275	
66	A. J. Gray	Boatman, Tweed River	120	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	12	.....
149		Gatekeeper for Stock Department .....	.....	26	.....	134	
66	P. Clark	Preventive Officer, Botany	166	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	30	136	
66	E. Potts	Preventive Officer, Wollongong	175	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	20	155	
65	W. H. Whyte	Tide Surveyor, Newcastle	350	.....	.....	.....
		Acting Inspector of Stock .....	.....	60	.....	410	
66	A. D. Henry	Sub-Collector, Euston	250	.....	.....	.....
		Acting Officer for Victorian Customs .....	.....	20	.....	.....
		Living allowance .....	.....	25	.....	295	
66	D. S. Stuart	Sub-Collector, Tocumwal	250	.....	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	25	.....
		Living allowance .....	.....	12/10/-	.....	237/10/-	
66	R. Mooney	Sub-Collector, Wentworth	350	.....	.....	.....
149		Acting Officer for Victorian Customs .....	.....	25	.....	.....
		Living allowance .....	.....	35	.....	410	

NOTE.—The following Officers, when required to attend after the usual hours of business, receive remuneration from the applicants at the following rates, viz. :—

Warehouse-keepers and Landing Waiters, at 2s. per hour.

Lockers and Tide Waiters, at 1s. 6d. per hour.

1st Clerk, Statistical Branch
Clerk-in-Charge, Import Statistics
Shipping Clerk
Clerk, Sydney
Inspecting Locker
Clerk, Sydney
Clerk, Newcastle

Receive a fee of 5s. for attendance to clear vessels after hours. Fees paid by the applicants.

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No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.							
CUSTOMS—continued.							
			£	£	£	£	
66	M. J. Horan	Assistant Sub-Collector, Wentworth	200				
		Living allowance		20		220	
66	D. McMonnies	Sub-Collector, Swan Hill Crossing	300				
		Living allowance		30		330	
66	E. M. Kellermann	Bridge Watchman, Swan Hill Crossing	120				
		Living allowance		6		126	
65	E. A. Brunner	Sub-Collector, Morpeth and Maitland	300				
		Allowance for forage		25			
		do office rent		25		350	
67	O. S. Maddocks	Sub-Collector, Willyama	350				
		Inspector of Tobacco Factories, Distilleries, and Excise		20			
		Living allowance		35		405	
67	Vacant	Officer-in-Charge, Barham Crossing	200				
		Living allowance		20		220	
67	J. T. O'Connor	Sub-Collector, Boggabilla	200				
		Living allowance		20		220	
67	T. J. Williams	Sub-Collector, Bourke	350				
		Living allowance		35		385	
66	D. A. Thomas	Sub-Collector, Cobram	200				
		Acting Officer for Victorian Customs		12		212	
65	T. Lewis	House Messenger, Sydney	150				
		Acting Watchman at Custom House on Sundays		15		165	
65	T. Moloney	Porter, Sydney	120				
		Acting Watchman at Customs House, Sundays		15		135	
67	J. Cook	Clerk, Willyama	240				
		Living allowance		24		264	
67	A. H. Gibson	Clerk, Willyama	240				
		Living allowance		14/8/-		254/8/-	
67	J. A. Pendreth	Clerk, Willyama	230				
		Living allowance		23		253	
67	W. J. Tiver	Clerk, Burns	125				
		Living allowance		12		137	
67	W. J. Anderson	Assistant Sub-Collector, Bourke	125				
		Living allowance		12		137	
66	M. J. D'Arcy	Sub-Collector, Albury	350				
		Fruit Inspector		24		374	
67	V. S. Wilson	Sub-Collector, Deniliquin	300				
		Living allowance		30		330	
67	J. Banks	Sub-Collector, Wilcannia	325				
		Living allowance		19/10/-		344/10/-	
67	C. Johnston	Clerk, Wilcannia	150				
		Living allowance		20		170	
67	J. Price	Sub-Collector, Brewarrina	250				
		Living allowance		25		275	
67	G. H. Tindale	Sub-Collector, Wallangarra	240				
		Living allowance		24		264	

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GOVERNMENT PRINTER.							
68	W. A. Gullick	Government Printer and Inspector of Stamps. Member of Public Service Tender Board.	800	800	No allowance.
69	Edwin Abbott	Sub-Overseer, Labourers	160	No allowance.
		Deduction for quarters .....	.....	.....	20	140
69	Robert Waiton.....	Assistant	65	65	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
46		2nd Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Herbert Maxwell.....	1st Class Machinist	180	180	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £12 per annum.
56		Naval Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Chester Street	Assistant	95	95	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £12 per annum.
44		Field Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Richard Bennett	Numberer	65	65	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
44		Field Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	John Perkins	2nd-class Machinist.....	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
48		Medical Staff Corps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	William Livingstone	Assistant Machinist.....	78	78	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £9 12s. per annum.
44		Garrison Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Martin Bourke.....	Assistant Machinist.....	100	100	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £9 12s. per annum.
48		Army Service Corps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Edwin Bishop	Labourer	120	120	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
49		Medical Staff Corps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Stephen Mallarky	Draftsman-in-charge	290	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £27 per annum.
46		Forge for Horse Major, 2nd Infantry Regiment.....	.....	17	.....	307
69	Arthur Russell.....	1st Class Bookbinder	169	169	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £7 10s. per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Alfred Avis	Cutter	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £8 10s. per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Arthur Dunn	Assistant	78	78	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
56		Naval Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	William Baker	Lithographic Printer	145/12/-	145/12/-	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
56		Naval Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	William Stephens	Compositor and Printer	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £7 10s. per annum.
46		No. 4 Company, Engineers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Thos. Granger	Turner	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £7 10s. per annum.
46		No. 4 Company Engineers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Martin Bosler	1st Class Compositor	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £7 per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Stephen Firth Turner.....	1st Class Compositor	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £7 per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Thomas Alfred Challinor	1st Class Compositor	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
46		2nd Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	W. J. Kelleway	1st Class Compositor	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Ernest Davis.....	Improver	78	78	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £8 per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Matthew V. Hobbs.....	Reader	250	250	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £9 12s. per annum.
46		1st Infantry Regiment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	William Mulready	Cutter	156	156	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £9 12s. per annum.
48		Army Service Corps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	James Toohar	Labourer	120	120	Paid 6s. per diem on Sundays; if employed on holidays, 10s. per diem.
141		Sunday Attendant, National Art Gallery.	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Joseph J. Miles	Assistant	78	78	Paid for parades, if attended; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
56		Naval Artillery	

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	MERCANTILE EXPLOSIVES.						
71	V. W. Williams	Superintendent, Mercantile Explosives Department	400				
		Lieutenant, Naval Artillery Volunteers .....	.....	30	.....	430	
71	Wm. Weldon	Officer-in-Charge, Magazines, Middle Harbour	260				
		Allowance, pending erection of quarters		50	.....	310	
	BOARD OF HEALTH.						
72	Wm. Peirce	Port Health Officer, Sydney	575				
		Value of quarters .....	.....		60	515	
72	C. A. Simms	Secretary	350		.....	350	With quarters, fuel, and light.
72	F. Hill	Senior Attendant, Lazaret	180				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		60	120	
72	S. Bertram	2nd Attendant, Lazaret	150				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		60	90	
72	J. F. Coleman	3rd Attendant, Lazaret	141				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		60	84	
72	J. A. Simms	Cook, Lazaret	144				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, and light .....	.....		50	94	
72	Kate Grant	1st Attendant, Female Lazaret	105				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		50	55	
72	Edith Rundle	2nd Attendant, Female Lazaret	95				
		Value of quarters, rations, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		50	45	
72	J. F. Vincent	Superintendent of Quarantine	365				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		75	290	
72	C. E. Cornelius	Assistant Storekeeper, Quarantine	190				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		40	150	
72	Wm. Anderson	Boatman, Watson's Bay	160				
		Value of quarters and uniform .....	.....		36	124	
72	R. St. G. Maunsell	Driver, Launch, Watson's Bay	160				
		Value of quarters and uniform .....	.....		36	124	
72	Wm. Layton	Coxswain, Launch, Watson's Bay	160				
		Value of quarters and uniform .....	.....		36	124	
72	Wm. Nickels	Q. O. and Boatman, Newcastle	160				
		Value of quarters and uniform .....	.....		36	124	
72	Office temporarily filled	Q. O. and Engineer, Quarantine	160				
		Value of quarters and uniform .....	.....		40	120	
72	Wm. Hay	Q. O. and Boatman, Quarantine	148				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		40	108	
72	J. White	Q. O. and Boatman, Quarantine	148				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform .....	.....		40	108	
72	Wm. Phillips	Q. O. and Boatman, Quarantine	148				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform		40	108	

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BOARD OF HEALTH—continued.							
72	A. H. Willsher.....	Wardsman, Quarantine	160				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform.....	40	120	
72	F. Billingham	Q. O. and Boatman, Quarantine..	148				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	40	108	
72	Arthur Payne	Q. O., Woolloomooloo.....	118				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	40	108	
72	Bessie Hawkins	Forewoman, Quarantine	100				
		Value of quarters, fuel, light, and uniform.....	.....	.....	25	75	
73	George Shelley	Inspector of Abattoir	400				
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	50	350	
73	Peter Raymond	Senior Sub-Inspector, Abattoir ...	250				
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	30	220	
73	Wm. Jones	Sub-Inspector, Abattoir.....	236				
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	30	206	
73	Wm. Cochrane	Stock and Gatekeeper, Abattoir	117				
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	10	107	
73	Hugh Condon	Foreman, Abattoir	8/- a day				
		Value of quarters .....	.....	16	.....	162	
73	Paul Geuranich	Labourer and Stableman, Abattoir	7/- a day	10	.....	137/15/-	
SHIPPING MASTERS.							
74	<i>Sydney—</i> G. S. Lindeman	Shipping Master	470				
55		Senior Commander N.S.W. Naval Forces .....	.....	61	.....	531	
74	R. L. Smith	Deputy Shipping Master and	300			300	
46		Accountant .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14s. 3d. per day when attending parades.
74	G. J. Kensey	Lance-Sergeant, Engineers.....	65			65	
46		Clerk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8s. per day when attending parades.
		Private, 1st Infantry Regiment...	.....	.....	.....	.....
NAVIGATION.							
74	Henry Newton.....	Harbour Master, Newcastle	466				
138		Quarters .....	.....	100	.....	.....
71		Meteorological Observer.....	.....	12	.....	.....
		Supervising Magazine, Newcastle	.....	50	.....	628	
74	Francis Rule	Accountant, Marine Board	236				
55		Paymaster, Naval Forces .....	.....	54	.....	290	
75	A. Hacking	Assistant Harbour Master, New-	326				
74		castle.....	.....	45	.....	.....
		Inspector, Marine Board, New-	.....	50	.....	421	
		castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	J. H. Vandervord	Value of quarters.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Principal Lightkeeper, Macquarie	157				
		Lighthouse .....	.....	50	.....	.....
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	.....	12	.....	219	
		Charge of Leading Lights .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	H. S. Patterson	Engineer, Electric Light, Mac-	270				
		quarie Lighthouse	30	200	
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light	

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	No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	NAVIGATION—continued.						
75	W. H. Thomas.....	Assistant Engineer, Electric Light, Macquarie Lighthouse... Value of quarters, fuel, and light	150	30 .....	.....	180	
75	D. Watson	Principal Lightkeeper, Hornby Lighthouse	250	50 .....	.....	300	
75	W. Gardiner	Principal Lightkeeper, Light-house, Newcastle	157	50 24	.....	231	
75	W. Parker	Principal Lightkeeper, Cape St. George Lighthouse	232	50 .....	.....	294	
138		Value of quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....	12 .....	.....	.....
75	G. C. Priest	Meteorological Observer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	G. C. Priest	Principal Lightkeeper, Point Stephens Lighthouse	212	50 .....	.....	268	
162		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	26 .....	.....	.....
75	W. Williams	Telegraph Operator.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	W. Williams	Principal Lightkeeper, Seal Rocks	157				
162		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50 .....	.....	259	
75	W. Warren	Telegraph Operator.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	W. Warren	Principal Lightkeeper, Solitary Island	157	50 .....	.....	207	
75	J. H. Leddra	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	J. H. Leddra	Principal Lightkeeper, Montague Island	157	50 .....	.....	207	
75	D. Wheilan	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	D. Wheilan	Principal Lightkeeper, Green Cape	157	50 .....	.....	207	
75	John Skelton, junr.....	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	John Skelton, junr.....	Principal Lightkeeper, Broken Bay	182	50 .....	.....	232	
75	J. Burgess.....	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	J. Burgess.....	Superintendent, Lightship, at Sydney	250	50 .....	.....	300	
75	F. Cobb.....	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
138		Meteorological Observer.....	.....	12 .....	.....	175	
75	H. Hanson	Lightkeeper, Ulladulla	120	30 .....	.....	150	
75	H. E. Lambourne	Value of quarters, &c. ....	.....	30 .....	.....	.....
67		Preventive Officer .....	.....	.....	.....	217	
75	R. Crossingham	Principal Lightkeeper, Smoky Cape	222	50 .....	.....	272	
75	F. Silva.....	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	F. Silva.....	First Assistant Lightkeeper, Macquarie Lighthouse	157	30 .....	.....	199	
75	A. Johnson	Attending Leading Lights, Port Jackson .....	.....	12 .....	.....	.....
75	A. Johnson	First Assistant Lightkeeper, Hornby Lighthouse.....	157	30 .....	.....	187	
75	J. L. Warren	Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	J. L. Warren	1st Assistant Lightkeeper, Newcastle	132	30 .....	.....	.....
75	J. L. Warren	Value of quarters, &c.....	
75	J. L. Warren	Attending Breakwater Lights, Newcastle.....	24	186	

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	No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	NAVIGATION—continued.						
75	Various	Five 1st Assistant Lightkeepers .. Value of quarters, &c.....	120	30 .....	.....	150	each,
75	J. Newman	1st Assistant Lightkeeper, Broken Bay Value of quarters, &c.....	157	30 .....	.....	187	
75	J. McNally	1st Assistant Lightkeeper, Port Stephens	152	30	.....	182	
75	T. Thornley	1st Assistant Light-keeper, Montague Island	120	30	.....	150	
76	A. J. Newton	Assistant Lightkeeper, Lightship, Sydney..... Attending Pile-light, Sydney.....	96	12 .....	.....	108	
76	R. Johnson	2nd Assistant Lightkeeper, Macquarie Lighthouse	120	30	.....	150	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	12	.....	162	
76	J. Quinn	2nd Assistant Lightkeepers	120	30	.....	150	each.
	W. Smith						
76	Various	Four 2nd Assistant Lightkeepers.. Value of quarters, &c.	96	30 .....	.....	126	each.
76	D. Gow	2nd Assistant Lightkeeper, Newcastle	120	30	.....	150	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	30	.....	150	
76	O. J. Hersee.....	2nd Assistant Lightkeeper, Smoky Cape	106	30	.....	136	
		Value of quarters .....	.....	30	.....	136	
76	T. W. Dennis	Assistant Lightkeeper, Lightship, Sydney	96	12	.....	108	
		Attending Pile-light, Sydney.....	.....	12	.....	108	
76	F. W. Brady	Assistant Lightkeeper, Lightship, Sydney	96	12	.....	108	
		Attending Pile-light, Sydney.....	.....	12	.....	108	
76	T. J. Davies	Pilot, Newcastle	250	50	.....	300	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50	.....	300	
76	F. Cumming	Pilot, Newcastle	388	50	.....	438	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50	.....	438	
76	W. D. Wood	Pilot, Newcastle	388	40	.....	428	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	40	.....	428	
76	J. L. Sweet	Pilot, Newcastle	250	50	.....	300	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50	.....	300	
76	E. W. Warner.....	Pilot, Newcastle	250	50	.....	300	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50	.....	300	
76	A. Stevenson	Pilot, Newcastle	250	50	.....	300	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	50	.....	300	
76	J. E. Morris	Pilot, Newcastle	250	42	.....	292	
		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	42	.....	292	
77	W. S. Murray	Pilot, Manning River	195	25	.....	220	
67		Value of quarters, &c.....	.....	10	.....	230	
77	J. A. Jamieson.....	Pilot, Macleay River	250	25	275	
67		Value of quarters, &c.....	20	295	
		Preventive officer.....	20	295	

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No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.			£	£	£	£	
NAVIGATION—continued.							
77	H. McAuley	Pilot, Clarence River	250				
67		Customs officer		30			
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
138		Meteorological observer		12		317	
77	R. A. Fraser	Pilot, Richmond River	215				
67		Customs officer		30			
		Value of quarters, &c.		25		270	
77	J. Baird	Pilot, Port Macquarie	150				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
138		Meteorological observer		12			
67		Preventive officer		10		197	
77	A. Sutherland	Pilot, Moruya	250				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
162		Telegraph operator		52			
138		Meteorological observer		12		339	
77	T. Radcliffe	Pilot, Bellinger River	195				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
67		Preventive officer		10		230	
77	T. H. Smith	Pilot, Tweed River	150				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25		175	
77	T. Bishop	Pilot, Shoalhaven River	240/10/-				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
162		Telegraph operator		26			
67		Preventive officer		10		301/10/-	
77	W. J. Whites	Pilot, Nambucca River	250				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
162		Telegraph operator		26			
67		Preventive officer		10		311	
77	J. Leonard	Pilot, Camden Haven	250				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
162		Telegraph operator		26		301	
77	T. Boyd	Pilot, Lake Macquarie	250				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25		275	
77	A. H. Kendall	Pilot, Cape Hawke	250				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25		275	
77	W. Fraser	Pilot, Kiama	245				
		Value of quarters, &c.		30			
67		Preventive officer		10			
80		Wharfinger, Kiama		10		295	
77	P. S. Newton	Pilot, Twofold Bay	195				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25			
138		Meteorological observer		12		232	
77	A. Thompson	Pilot, Wollongong	215				
		Value of quarters, &c.		25		240	
77	J. Puckeridge	Boatswain, boatshed	200				
		Value of quarters, &c.		30		230	
77	Ramsay Gow	Carpenter, Newcastle	167				
		Value of quarters, &c.		18		185	
77	A. M'Kinnon	Boatman, Newcastle	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.		18			
79		1st Coxswain, Lifeboat, Newcastle		50		194	
77	A. Costa	Boatswain, Newcastle	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.		18			
79		2nd Coxswain, Lifeboat		25		169	
77	Robert Gow	Boatman, Newcastle	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.		18		144	
77	J. Williams	Messenger, Newcastle	130				
		Value of quarters, &c.		30			
		Trimmer, Leading Light, Tower					
		Lights, Newcastle		24		184	

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No. IV.—Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—continued.							
NAVIGATION—continued.							
77	F. Martyn	Boatman, Newcastle	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18			
		Trimmer, Coal Channel Lights, Newcastle		12		156	
77	Vacant	Boatman, Newcastle	154				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		172	
77	Various	11 Boatmen, Newcastle	126				each.
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		144	
77	Various	7 Boatmen, Newcastle.....	96				each.
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		114	
77	Various	2 Boatmen, Newcastle.....	114				each.
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		132	
77	K. M'Leod	Boatman, Newcastle	124				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		142	
77	G. Fraser	Boatman, Newcastle	120				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18		138	
78	J. Adams	Boatman, Manning River	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18			
162		Telephone Operator		24		168	
78	T. Robinson	Boatman, Port Macquarie	126				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18			
162		Signalman, Tacking Point		24		168	
78	A. C. Lindman.....	Boatman, Bellinger River	96				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		18			
		Solitary Island Tender		6		120	
78	Vacant	Signal-master, Fort Phillip	245				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		50		295	
78	W. Dobson	Assistant Signal-master, Fort Phillip	120				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		30		150	
78	A. E. Gibson	Signal-master, South Head	150				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		50		200	
78	Vacant	Junior Operator, South Head	100				
		Value of quarters, &c.....		30		130	
78	H. de Fraser.....	Night Lookout-man, South Head	144				
		Trimmer, Leading Lights, Port Jackson		12			
79		1st Coxswain, Lifeboat, Sydney... ..		12		168	
78	Joseph Francis	Night Lookout-man, South Head	144				
		Trimmer, Leading Lights, Port Jackson		12		156	
76	P. Humphries	Boatman, Pilot Steamer, Sydney... ..	144				
79		2nd Coxswain, Lifeboat, Sydney... ..		6		150	
78	W. Reid	Night Lookout-man, Newcastle... ..	144				
		Trimmer, Coal Channel Lights... ..		12		156	
PUBLIC WHARFS.							
80	J. Warren.....	Assistant Manager	325				
		Value of quarters			50	275	
80	W. J. Graham	Caretaker, Woolgoolga Wharf	145				
		Value of quarters			20	125	
80	James Gill	Caretaker, Coff's Harbour Jetty... ..	145				
		Value of quarters			20	125	

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No. IV.—Railways.							
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.							
			£	£	£	£	
86	George Downe	Loco. Supt., Tramways	700				
		Value of quarters		100		800	
85	Henry B. Howe	General Works Manager, Eveleigh	650				
		Value of quarters		52		702	
85	Denis Houlahan	Officer-in-charge, Attunga	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Joseph Noad	Station-master, Aberdeen	175				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		31/4/-		206/4/-	
85	William Hall	Officer-in-charge, Adamstown	160				
		Value of quarters		30		190	
85	Frederick Christopher Hourn	Officer-in-charge, Albion Park	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Alfred Lay	Station-master, Albury	270				
		Value of quarters		45		315	
85	John Tobin	Officer-in-charge, Allandale	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Matthew Kenny	Station-master, Armidale	290				
		Value of quarters		45		335	
85	William James Marsden	Station-master, Arneliffe	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Moss S. Browne	Station-master, Ashfield	270				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		50		320	
85	Edward Fegan	Station-master, Auburn	165				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		50		215	
85	Charles A. Bailey	Officer-in-charge, Awaba	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	William Edward Kirby	Officer-in-charge, Alexandria	180				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		26		206	
85	John Gately	Officer-in-charge, Ardglen	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Stephen Young Cobbett	Officer-in-charge, Balmoral	145				
		Value of quarters		20		165	
85	Albert Ellis	Station-master, Bathurst	325				
		Value of quarters		55		380	
85	Robert S. Smyth	Officer-in-charge, Bay Road	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Charles Enderby	Officer-in-charge, Bell	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Colin Smith	Officer-in-charge, Berrigan	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Thos. Jos. Culhane	Officer-in-charge, Bethungra	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Thomas Nicholson	Station-master, Binalong	175				
		Value of quarters		30		205	
85	Thomas R. Rodriguez	Station-master, Blackheath	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Thomas McCoy	Station-master, Blacktown	365				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		50		415	
85	William Jones	Officer-in-charge, Bogan Gate	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Albert S. Rowling	Station-master, Bulli	210				
		Value of quarters		35		245	

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	No. IV.—Railways—continued.						
	RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.						
85	James Kilgannon.....	Officer-in-charge, Blandford	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Joseph Pettingell	Station-master, Blayney	220				
		Value of quarters		35		255	
85	Walter Thorpe	Officer-in-charge, Boggabri	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Willis Cavanough	Officer-in-charge, Bomen	130				
		Value of quarters		20		150	
85	Robert Fryer	Officer-in-charge, Borenore	155				
		Value of quarters		30		185	
85	John Tweedie	Station-master, Bourke	330				
		Value of quarters.....		55		385	
85	Thos. Edwards.....	Officer-in-charge, Bowning	210				
		Value of quarters		35		245	
85	John A. Riley	Station-master, Bowral	165				
		Value of quarters.....		30		195	
85	Eugene Taylor.....	Officer-in-charge, Berry	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Fredk. J. Lansdown	Officer-in-charge, Bellambi.....	140				
		Value of quarters.....		20		160	
85	John W. Pickin	Officer-in-charge, Braxton	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Frederick E. Corner	Officer-in-charge, Breadalbane ..	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Albert R. Smith	Station-master, Brewongle	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	Charles J. Morgan	Station-master, Bowenfels	206				
		Value of quarters		35		241	
85	Joseph W. Millson	Officer-in-charge, Bringagee	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Cyrus Burge.....	Officer-in-charge, Brocklesby.....	160				
		Value of quarters.....		30		190	
85	William S. Nicholas	Officer-in-charge, Bundanoon ..	158				
		Value of quarters.....		30		188	
85	Thos. Cavanough.....	Station-master, Bungendore	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	William M. Lackey.....	Station-master, Burwood	270				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters ..		80		350	
85	Jesse Jacobs.....	Officer-in-charge, Byrock	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Albert Ritchie	Officer-in-charge, Cabramatta ..	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Denis Kerin	Officer-in-charge, Camden	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Haine T. Giddy	Station-master, Campbelltown ..	270				
		Value of quarters		45		315	
85	George House	Officer-in-charge, Capertee	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	James Warburton	Station-master, Carrathool.....	165				
		Value of quarters		30		195	
85	William Humphreys	Officer-in-charge, Clarence Siding	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Charles Little	Officer-in-charge, Colo Vale	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	

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No. IV.—Railways—continued.							
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Patrick Byrne	Officer-in-charge, Coolac	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	James Wallace	Station-master, Cooma	220				
		Value of quarters		35		255	
85	Alfred S. Morley	Station-master, Coolamon	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Isaac Clyde	Station-master, Cootamundra.....	230				
		Value of quarters		35		265	
85	Benjamin Dingly.....	Station-master, Cobar.....	210				
		Value of quarters.....		35		245	
85	Thomas C. Wright	Officer-in-charge, Corowa	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Richard Johnsen.....	Station-master, Cowra	180				
		Value of quarters.....		30		210	
85	Arthur H. Case	Station-master, Cockle Creek.....	175				
		Value of quarters		30		205	
85	Arthur Musgrove.....	Station-master, Carlton	165				
		Value of quarters		30		195	
85	William Upton.....	Officer-in-charge, Clifton South ..	160				
		Value of quarters.....		30		190	
85	Joshua H. Brown	Officer-in-charge, Carcoar	160				
		Value of quarters.....		30		190	
85	Robert S. Burns	Officer-in-charge, Coolabah	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Albert Cuneo	Officer-in-charge, Como	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Richard Hayes.....	Station-master, Croydon.....	210				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters ..		50		260	
85	Sidney E. Hinde	Station-master, Culcairn.....	224				
		Value of quarters.....		35		259	
85	Joseph Collier	Officer-in-charge, Currabubula ..	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Thomas Watts	Station-master, Chatswood	175				
		Value of quarters.....		30		205	
85	Edward Charlton	Officer-in-charge, Canley Vale ..	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Daniel Ryan.....	Officer-in-charge, Corrimal.....	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	John Lee	Officer-in-charge, Condobolin.....	150				
		Value of quarters.....		30		180	
85	Charles Paull	Station-master, Darling Harbour.	400				
		Value of quarters		70		470	
85	Herbert B. Norman	Officer-in-charge, Darlington.....	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Jacob Whyburn	Officer-in-charge, Deepwater	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	David Muirhead	Officer-in-charge, Demondrille ..	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Richard M'Gee	Station-master, Dubbo	265				
		Value of quarters		45		310	
85	Robert Reeves	Officer-in-charge, Dapto.....	165				
		Value of quarters		30		195	
85	James Williamson	Officer-in-charge, Douglas Park...	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	

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No. IV.—Railways—continued.			£	£	£	£	
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Samuel Fitzjohn	Officer-in-charge, Dripstone	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Henry John Neville	Officer-in-charge, Exeter	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Thomas H. Watson	Officer-in-charge, Eastwood	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	John Walker	Station-master, Emu Plains	220				
		Value of quarters		35		255	
85	David Nicholas	Officer-in-charge, Epping	140				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		26		166	
85	Thomas Casserley	Officer-in-charge, Erskineville	150				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		39		189	
85	Robert Crawford	Station-master, Eskbank	310				
		Value of quarters		55		365	
85	George McLean	Officer-in-charge, Euchareena	140				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		20		160	
85	Timothy M'Carthy	Station-master, Eveleigh	180				
		Value of quarters		50		230	
85	George E. Crothers	Station-master, Farley	160				
		Value of quarters		30		190	
85	William James Gordon	Station-master, Fairfield	160				
		Value of quarters		30		190	
85	Harrie A. Nightingale	Officer-in-charge, Fassifern	179				
		Value of quarters		30		209	
85	John R. Nield	Station-master, Forbes	300				
		Value of quarters		55		355	
85	James W. Watts	Officer-in-charge, Finley	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	George Thompson	Officer-in-charge, George's Plains	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Albert Edward Brackenreg	Station-master, Glen Innes	250				
		Value of quarters		45		295	
85	Park, George Davis	Officer-in-charge, Girilambone	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Thomas T. Collier	Officer-in-charge, Geurie	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	William C. Smith	Station-master, Gerogery	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Lewis S. Beatty	Officer-in-charge, Glenbrook	151				
		Value of quarters		30		181	
85	James Maher	Officer-in-charge, Glennie's Creek	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Robert W. Benson	Station-master, Gosford	210				
		Value of quarters		35		245	
85	Walter E. Gould	Station-master, Goulburn	290				
		Value of quarters		45		335	
85	Edmund Milne	Traffic Inspector, Goulburn	350				
		Value of quarters		60		410	
85	Charles E. Lamb	Officer-in-charge, Goondah	130				
		Value of quarters		20		150	
85	John Downie	Station-master, Granville	300				
		Value of quarters		55		355	
85	William T. A. Smith	Station-master, Greta	300				
		Value of quarters		55		355	

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			£	£	£	£	
	No. IV.—Railways—continued.						
	RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.						
	Hainsworth L. Musgrove..	Officer-in-charge, Grong Grong... Value of quarters.....	140	20	160	
85	James O'Mara	Officer-in-charge, Guildford	160	30	.....	190	
85	Frederick J. Clements ..	Station-master, Gundagai	180	30	.....	210	
85	George H. Benning.....	Station-master, Gunnedah	200	35	.....	235	
85	John Campbell	Station-master, Gunning.....	205	35	.....	240	
85	John Doherty	Officer-in-charge, Guyra.....	165	30	.....	195	
85	John Alt	Officer-in-charge, Gordon	150	30	.....	180	
85	Thomas Dines	Officer-in-charge, Galong	140	20	.....	160	
85	Thomas Edwards	Officer-in-charge, Gravesend	140	20	.....	160	
85	George Buxton	Station-master, Hamilton	200	50	.....	250	
85	John W. Byrnes	Station-master, Harden	225	35	.....	260	
85	Jeremiah H. Wilkes	Officer-in-charge, Harefield	168	30	.....	198	
85	William J. Duffy	Officer-in-charge, Hay.....	174	30	.....	204	
85	Bernard Rider	Officer-in-charge, Heathcote	150	30	.....	180	
85	James Glynn	Station-master, Hornsby Junction	200	35	.....	235	
85	William Fulton	Officer-in-charge, Hartley Vale...	140	20	.....	160	
85	William Monks	Officer-in-charge, Harris Park ...	140	23	.....	163	
85	William Robins	Station-master, Hexham.....	270	45	.....	315	
85	Thomas Calcott	Station-master, High-street	165	30	.....	195	
85	William Paddock	Officer-in-charge, Hilltop	145	20	.....	165	
85	Allan S. Holland.....	Officer-in-charge, Hawkesbury River	160	30	.....	190	
85	John G. Bisset.....	Station-master, Homebush.....	280	45	.....	325	
85	George Beal	Station-master, Honeysuckle Point	225	35	.....	260	
85	Thomas Hall	Station-master, Hurstville	225	35	.....	260	
85	William Maxwell.....	Officer-in-charge, Henty.....	140	20	.....	160	
85	Richard Ingram Thomas...	Officer-in-charge, Helensburgh ...	140	20	160	
85	Joshua Smith	Officer-in-charge, Illabo	150	30	180	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	
	No. IV.—Railways—continued.						
	RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS— <i>continued.</i>						
85	Herbert J. Webb.....	Officer-in-charge, Ingleburna	157				
		Value of quarters		30		187	
85	John W. McConville	Officer-in-charge, Jerrawa	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Alfred Penrose	Officer-in-charge, Jerilderie	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	George Griffin	Station-master, Junee Junction... ..	250				
		Value of quarters		45		295	
85	Charles Hodgson.....	District Superintendent, Junee ...	500				
		Value of quarters		80		580	
85	Alfred W. Rose	Station-master, Old Junee.....	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Arthur Moss.....	Station-master, Katoomba	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	John A. M'Lean	Station-master, Kiama	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	William A. Kerin	Station-master, Kelso	185				
		Value of quarters		30		215	
85	Thomas Lake	Officer-in-charge, Kerr's Creek ...	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	John Thorburn	Station-master, Kogarah	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	John McKervey	Officer-in-charge, Koorawatha ...	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	James W. Colless	Officer-in-charge, Kingswood.....	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Thomas F. Seage.....	Officer-in-charge, Lyndhurst	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	John Thomas Booth	Station-master, Lawson	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Arthur Ridgway	Officer-in-charge, Linden	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Richard Barton	Officer-in-charge, Lindfield.....	150				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters ...		26		176	
85	Robert J. Cavanough	Station-master, Lewisham	180				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		50		230	
85	James Rowe.....	Station-master, Liverpool	255				
		Value of quarters		45		300	
85	James Critchley	Station-master, Lochinvar	190				
		Value of quarters		30		220	
85	Phillip Millbank	Officer-in-charge, Locksley.....	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	William Butler	Officer-in-charge, Lithgow.....	140				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		26		166	
85	George R. Henson	District Superintendent, Lismore	500				
		Value of quarters.....		80		580	
85	Albert John Oram	Officer-in-charge, Metropolitan Coal Siding.	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Arthur Charlton	Station-master, Maitland East ...	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	Henry McAuliffe.....	Officer-in-charge, Michelago	165				
		Value of quarters		30		195	
85	Charles James	Station-master, Maitland West... ..	250				
		Value of quarters		45		295	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. IV.—Railways—continued.			£	£	£	£	
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Henry E. Green.....	Officer-in-charge, Manildra Value of quarters	130	20		150	
85	Samuel York	Station-master, Marulan..... Value of quarters	180	30		210	
85	John W. Duncan.....	Officer-in-charge, Mary Vale..... Value of quarters	150	30		180	
85	George Manley	Officer-in-charge, Menangle Value of quarters	140	20		160	
85	Thomas Dawes.....	Station-master, Milson's Point ... Allowance in lieu of quarters.....	180	50		230	
85	Jas. Bridges	Officer-in-charge, Merrylands ... Value of quarters	150	30		180	
85	John Bates	Station-master, Millthorpe..... Value of quarters.....	180	30		210	
85	George Upton	Station-master, Mittagong..... Value of quarters.....	180	30		210	
85	Frederick Rae	Station-master, Molong	200				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	35		235	
85	Arthur Clarke	Officer-in-charge, Morisset..... Value of quarters.....	140	20		160	
85	Edward Richardson	Station-master, Moonbi	190				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	30		220	
85	Jos. Jas. Walters.....	Station-master, Morpeth	200				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	35		235	
85	Henry Bailey	Station-master, Moss Vale	230				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	35		265	
85	Peter Moore.....	Station-master, Murrurundi	225				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	35		260	
85	George Samuel Hodgkinson.	Station-master, Macdonald Town Allowance in lieu of quarters.....	200	50		250	
85	James King	Officer-in-charge, Minto	170				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	30		200	
85	Henry Gardner	Officer-in-charge, Mandurama ... Value of quarters.....	150	30		180	
85	William S. Howe	Officer-in-charge, Morundah	150				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	30		180	
85	Alexander Guthrie	Officer-in-charge, Mount Druitt... Value of quarters.....	140	20		160	
85	Max Geo. Thomson.....	Station-master, Mount Victoria... Value of quarters.....	185	30		215	
85	Robert Eagleson	Station-master, Mudgee	180				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	30		210	
85	Charles W. Westall	Officer-in-charge, Mulgrave	161				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	30		191	
85	Richard Hancock.....	Officer-in-charge, Mullion Creek.. Value of quarters.....	140	20		160	
85	Sackville Berkeley	Officer-in-charge, Mumbil	130				
		Value of quarters.....	.....	20		150	
85	Thomas Dulling	Officer-in-charge, Murrumbidgee Value of quarters.....	140	20		160	
85	William Jas. Donnan	Station-master, Murrumburrah... Value of quarters.....	180	30		210	
85	Stephen Brogden.....	Station-master, Muswellbrook ... Allowance in lieu of quarters.....	185	50		235	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	No. IV.—Railways—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.						
85	Robert Johnston	Officer-in-charge, Manilla	155				
		Value of quarters		30		185	
85	Walter Neary	Station-master, Moree	190				
		Value of quarters		30		220	
85	John Day	District Superintendent, Murrurundi.	500				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		60		560	
85	William Perry.....	Officer-in-charge, Narrabri.....	160				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		26		186	
85	Thomas Hetherton	Station-master, Narrabri West ...	250				
		Value of quarters.....		45		295	
85	Isaac Hankins	Station-master, Narrandera	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	John L. Wheeler.....	Officer-in-charge, Narramine.....	165				
		Value of quarters.....		30		195	
85	John R. Hull	Station-master, Nevertire	200				
		Value of quarters.....		35		235	
85	John Alfred Williams.....	Station-master, Newbridge.....	165				
		Value of quarters.....		30		195	
85	Geo. Dowling	Station-master, Newcastle	310				
		Value of quarters.....		55		365	
85	George Knowles	Berthing-master, Newcastle	230				
		Value of quarters.....		35		265	
85	James L. Morton.....	Station-master, Newtown	225				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		50		275	
85	Hermann Meyer	Station-master, Nowra	152				
		Value of quarters.....		30		182	
85	John Schofield.....	Station-master, Nyngan	200				
		Value of quarters.....		35		235	
85	Walter G. Kitching.....	District Superintendent, Newcastle	540				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		60		600	
85	Frederick Richardson.....	Station-master, Orange	270				
		Value of quarters.....		45		315	
85	Henry Scullion.....	Officer-in-charge, Otford.....	160				
		Value of quarters.....		30		190	
85	Andrew Menzies	Officer-in-charge, Ourimbah	162				
		Value of quarters.....		30		192	
85	James Watsford	Station-master, Parramatta.....	330				
		Value of quarters.....		55		385	
85	Alfred Lovett	Station-master, Penrith	235				
		Value of quarters.....		35		270	
85	John Donnelly.....	Officer-in-charge, Perth	140				
		Value of quarters.....		20		160	
85	George Scarlett.....	Station-master, Petersham.....	275				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters.....		50		325	
85	David Sheppard	Station-master, Picton.....	255				
		Value of quarters.....		45		300	
85	Henry Crawford	Officer-in-charge, Picton Lakes...	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Patrick B. Whiteford.....	Officer-in-charge, Piper's Flat ...	140				
		Value of quarters.....		20		160	
85	William B. Smith	Station-master, Parkes	300				
		Value of quarters.....		55		355	
85	George Gayleard.....	Officer-in-charge, Pennant Hills...	156				
		Value of quarters		30		186	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	
No. IV.—Railways—continued.							
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Henry F. Nesbitt	Station-master, Quirindi..... Value of quarters.....	201	35	.....	236	
85	Henry Hotston.....	Station-master, Queanbeyan	175	30	.....	205	
85	William R. Fearnside.....	Station-master, Raglan	165	30	.....	195	
85	Patrick Nugent	Officer-in-charge, Ravensworth..... Value of quarters.....	140	20	.....	160	
85	David Chivers	Station-master, Richmond	170	30	.....	200	
85	Wellington Allen.....	Station-master, Riverstone..... Value of quarters.....	180	30	.....	210	
85	Frederick Barling	Officer-in-charge, Razorback	150	30	.....	180	
85	Thomas Morrin	Station-master, Rockdale	200	35	.....	235	
85	George Watsford.....	Station-master, Rookwood	180	30	.....	210	
85	William E. Hooper.....	Station-master, Rooty Hill..... Value of quarters.....	165	30	.....	195	
85	Edward Simms	Station-master, Rydal..... Value of quarters.....	175	30	.....	205	
85	Michael Hogan	Officer-in-charge, Ryde	150	30	.....	180	
85	Duncan J. Reid	Officer-in-charge, Rylstone..... Value of quarters.....	150	30	.....	180	
85	Harley J. Addison	Station-master, St. Mary's..... Value of quarters.....	170	30	.....	200	
85	Joseph Attwood	Station-master, St. Peter's..... Value of quarters.....	181	30	.....	211	
85	Frederick Willis	Officer-in-charge, St. Leonards	160	30	.....	190	
85	James Berman.....	Officer-in-charge, Stuart Town	150	30	.....	180	
85	John J. McRoberts.....	Station-master, Scone	255	45	.....	300	
85	James Burns	Station-master, Seven Hills	225	50	.....	275	
85	Andrew Hartcher	Station-master, Singleton	200	35	.....	235	
85	Jas. Luxford	Officer-in-charge, Spring Hill..... Value of quarters.....	140	20	.....	160	
85	Harden Melville	Station-master, Springwood	180	30	.....	210	
85	Abel James Gibbens	Station-master, Stanmore	195	50	.....	245	
85	William Morse.....	Station-master, Sydenham	255	45	.....	300	
85	Geo. W. Davies	Station-master, Strathfield..... Allowance in lieu of quarters.....	275	72	.....	347	
85	Henry Ludford	Station-master, Summer Hill..... Value of quarters.....	220	35	255	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. IV.—Railways—continued.							
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Jesse Turner.....	Officer-in-charge, Sutherland..... Value of quarters.....	160	30 .....	.....	190
85	Joseph Waring	Station-master, Sydney Goods ... Allowance in lieu of quarters.....	250	50 .....	.....	300
85	Arthur Willis	Station-master, Sydney	350	.....	75	425
85	George Wise	Station-master, Tamworth	255	.....	45	300
85	Joseph H. Cox.....	Station-master, Tamworth (West) Value of quarters.....	210	35 .....	.....	245
85	Benjamin G. Potter	Officer-in-charge, Tarago	140	.....	20	160
85	Walter Harris	Station-master, Tarana	223	.....	35	258
85	Stephen F. Dwyer	Officer-in-charge, Tarro	140	.....	20	160
85	George Dean	Officer-in-charge, Tempe.....	165	.....	30	195
85	Henry F. Nesbitt.....	Officer-in-charge, Teralba	201	.....	35	236
85	Richard Egan	Station-master, The Rock	192	.....	30	222
85	William Hampton	Officer-in-charge, Thornton	130	.....	20	150
85	Richard Conlin	Officer-in-charge, Trangie	150	.....	30	180
85	Horace Dengate	Station-master, Tenterfield.....	175	.....	30	205
85	William Cuneo	Officer-in-charge, Thirlmere	164	.....	30	194
85	Alfred Clarke	Officer-in-charge, Towrang.....	140	.....	20	160
85	John Gazzard	Station-master, Temora	165	.....	30	195
85	James Tanner	Officer-in-charge, Table Top	140	.....	20	160
85	Samuel Young.....	Station-master, Uralla	200	.....	35	235
85	William H. Stanley	Officer-in-charge, Unanderra.....	140	.....	20	160
85	Albert Corner	Officer-in-charge, Uranquinty ..	130	.....	20	150
85	Frederick Junor	Station-master, Wagga Wagga ...	200	.....	35	235
85	Joseph T. Mawson	Station-master, Walcha Road ...	165	.....	30	195
85	John Woodrow	Station-master, Wallendbeen.....	204	.....	35	239
85	Henry Nixon	Station-master, Wallerawang ...	220	.....	20	240
85	Hugh W. L. Holt	Station-master, Waratah	225	35	260	
85	James Seage.....	Officer-in-charge, Warren	165	30	195	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	
No. IV.—Railways—continued.							
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—continued.							
85	Thomas Threlkeld	Station-master, Waterfall	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	William Riddle	Station-master, Wellington	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	Joseph Green	Officer-in-charge, Wentworth Falls	169				
		Value of quarters		30		199	
85	Chas. Upton	Station-master, Werris Creek	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Harry E. Tewksbury	Station-master, Willow-tree	165				
		Value of quarters		30		195	
85	George Irwin	Officer-in-charge, Wimbledon	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	William C. Bradley	Station-master, Windsor	180				
		Value of quarters		30		210	
85	Frank Mitchell	Officer-in-charge, Wingello	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Herbert Holley	Officer-in-charge, Wingen	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Henry Rees	Officer-in-charge, Wyong	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	John M. Spence	Station-master, Wollongong	190				
		Value of quarters		30		220	
85	George Koester	Officer-in-charge, Woodstock	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	Alexander J. Cameron	Officer-in-charge, Woy Woy	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	William Knox	Officer-in-charge, Woolbrook	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	William Brown	Officer-in-charge, Wyee	140				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		26		166	
85	John W. Harwin	Officer-in-charge, Whitton	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	James Thomas Jones	Officer-in-charge, Wentworthville	140				
		Allowance in lieu of quarters		26		166	
85	James C. Anderson	Officer-in-charge, Yanko	130				
		Value of quarters		20		150	
85	Walter Levinge	Officer-in-charge, Yass Junction	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	Michael Maguire	Station-master, Yass Town	200				
		Value of quarters		35		235	
85	Garrett F. Fitzgerald	Officer-in-charge, Yerong Creek	150				
		Value of quarters		30		180	
85	William M'Intosh	Station-master, Young	192				
		Value of quarters		30		222	
85	George Saffin	Officer-in-charge, Zig Zag	140				
		Value of quarters		20		160	
85	STAFF COMMITTEE— Alexander Richardson	Comptroller of Stores	800				
		Chairman of Committee		150		950	
85	Joseph G. S. Corns	Goods Manager	700				
		Staff Committee		100		800	
85	John Parry	Out-door Superintendent	750				
		Staff Committee		100		850	
85	William Thow	Chief Mechanical Engineer	1,200				
		Special Supervision of the Electric Machinery at Ultimo		200		1,400	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.							
90	W. A. Newman†.....	Clerk.....	150	150	
		Lieutenant and Quartermaster, N.S.W. Mounted Rifles*	
90	M. W. Logan†.....	Clerk.....	140	140	
		2nd Lieutenant, 1st Infantry Regiment*	
90	Margaret Dick.....	Housekeeper.....	72	72	With quarters, fuel, and light.

† In South Africa on leave, without civil pay.

* Military pay, while on active service, 19s. per day.

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SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.			£	£	£	£	
95	E. Twynam	Chief Surveyor, &c..... Metropolitan District Surveyor... Electoral District Commissioner...	800	.....	.....	800	No allowance.
93	C. J. M'Master.....	Chairman, L.L. Board, Moree ... Chairman, Advances to Settlers' Board	650	.....	.....	650	No allowance.
92	C. J. Saunders	Chief Inspector	605	.....	.....	605	
97 46	E. W. Brierly, Tamworth	Draftsman, District Survey Office 2nd Lieut., 4th Regt. Infy.....	280	.....	.....	280	} 16s. 8d. per day when on parade.
97 46	G. H. Legge, Forbes	Surveyor, District Survey Office 2nd Lieut., 4th Regt. Infy..... (Now attached to Mounted Infantry.)	300	300		do do
94 43 112	W. E. O'Brien, Bega	Crown Lands Agent, Bega..... 2nd Lieut., Mounted Rifles	280	.....	.....	280	} do do 3 per cent. on collections.
	(Now attached to Imperial Bushmen.)	Curator's Agent .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
92 44	A. T. Hall	Clerk, Ministerial Branch	220	.....	.....	220	} 16s. 8d. per day when on parade.
		1st Lieut., 2nd G.D., N.S.W. Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
92 55	J. A. Arcus	Clerk, Ministerial Branch	190	.....	.....	.....	} 200
		2nd-class Petty Officer, Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	200	
96 44	C. J. Lester	Draftsman, Roads Branch	300	.....	.....	300	} 33s. 4d. per day when on parade.
		Major, 2nd G.D., N.S.W. Artillery	.....	.....	.....	.....
92 49	R. Selwyn Smith†	Clerk, Account Branch	200	.....	.....	200	} 26s. 8d. per day when on parade.
		Captain, Army Service Corps.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
97 44	J. L. Wiseman.....	Clerk, Clerical Survey Branch ... Sergeant, 2nd G.D., N.S.W. Art.	170	.....	.....	170	} 10s. per day when on parade.
			
93	G. H. S. King	Clerk-in-charge, Information Bureau	350	.....	.....	350	} No allowance.
		Metropolitan Land Agent .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
96 46	W. Henley	Clerk, Compiling Branch	150	.....	.....	150	} 10s. per day when on parade.
		Sergeant, 1st Infantry Regt. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
96 46	W. Gemell	Draftsman, Compiling Branch ... Q.-M. Sergeant, No. 4. Co., Eng...	299	.....	.....	299	} 15s. 4d. per day when on parade.
			
95 44	H. Brooks.....	Messenger..... Driver, P.B. Field Battery Art.	125	.....	.....	125	} 8s. per day when on parade.
			
95 44	W. Riddle	Corridor Cleaner	104	.....	.....	104	} 10s. per day when on parade.
		Driver, P.B. Field Battery Art....	.....	.....	.....	.....
95 55	J. Killian	Messenger..... A.B., Naval Brigade	125	.....	.....	.....	} 15s. per month when on parade.
		Quarters .....	.....	20	.....	145	
94	J. M'Keown	Cumberland Ranger	200	.....	.....	.....	} 225
		Equipment allowance .....	.....	25	.....	225	
94	A. G. H. Richardson	Ranger, Hunter River	150	.....	.....	.....	} 200
		Equipment allowance .....	.....	50	.....	200	
93	J. J. Baker	Cadet, Maitland	50	.....	.....	.....	} 65
		Special allowance .....	.....	15	.....	65	
93	T. F. J. Murray	Cadet, Tamworth	50	.....	.....	.....	} 65
		Special allowance .....	.....	15	.....	65	
93	H. R. Waring	Clerk, Wagga	50	} 65
		Special allowance	15	65	

† Transferred to Treasury Department

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VI.—Secretary for Lands—continued.							
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—continued.							
			£	£	£	£	
93	W. Butler.....	Clerk, Tamworth.....	50	.....	.....	.....
		Special allowance .....	.....	15	.....	65
93	J. E. Clark	Clerk, Goulburn	50	.....	.....	.....
		Special allowance .....	.....	15	.....	65
95	T. Brandt	Messenger, Maitland	120	.....	.....	.....
		Quarters .....	.....	40	.....	160
95	H. Follett.....	Messenger, Moree	110	.....	.....	.....
		Quarters .....	.....	26	.....	136
95	J. W. Jones	Messenger, Tamworth.....	100	.....	.....	.....
		Quarters .....	.....	26	.....	126
95	R. Hendon	Messenger, Wagga	70	.....	.....	.....
		Quarters .....	.....	7	.....	77
93	C. C. Denshire.....	Clerk, Moree.....	50	.....	.....	.....
		District Allowance .....	.....	12	.....	.....
		Special Allowance .....	.....	13	.....	75
94	H. R. M'William.....	Assistant Land Agent.....	50	.....	.....	.....
		District Allowance .....	.....	20	.....	70
93	J. Ward	Clerk, Bega	50	.....	.....	.....
		Special Allowance .....	.....	15	.....	65
97	A. E. Methven.....	Field Assistant	70	.....	.....	.....
		Special Allowance .....	.....	32/10/-	.....	102/10/-
99	J. F. Hespe	Caretaker, Kurnell.....	110	.....	.....	.....
		Quarters .....	.....	28/12/-	.....	138/12/-
<p>The Chairmen of the Local Land Boards at Goulburn (£125), Bourke, Hay, and Moree, receive £150 per annum each, to cover cost of conveyance of self and Deposition Clerk.</p> <p>Inspectors of Conditional Purchases and Foresters receive Equipment Allowances varying from £125 to £190 per annum, and 7s. 6d. per day whilst travelling.</p> <p>Each Salaried Surveyor receives £150 per annum (excepting the Metropolitan Surveyor, who receives £102 per annum), exclusive of cost of forage, but including travelling allowance for use of instruments, horses, harness, tents, and camp gear, which are the property of the surveyors.</p> <p>Trigonometrical Surveyors receive £150 and £125 per annum.</p> <p>Piling Overseers, Trigonometrical Survey Branch, receive £90 per annum.</p> <p>District Surveyors, not in receipt of equipment allowance, £2 2s. per day for travelling expenses, <i>vide Gazette</i> 534, 1 June, 1900. District Surveyor at Moree is paid £150 per annum for equipment, and Goulburn, £164.</p> <p>Assistant Surveyors are paid £25 per annum equipment.</p> <p>Assistant Foresters are paid £90 per annum for travelling expenses.</p> <p>Climatic allowances are paid in accordance with Regulation No. 292,—£200 and under, married £20, single £12, per annum; less than £500 and over £200, married 10 per cent., and single 6 per cent.; £500 and over, married £50, and single £30 per annum.</p>							

VII.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
		ROADS.	£	£	£	£	
102	P. Scarr	1st Class Assistant Engineer	550				
		Equipment .....	...	125	.....	675	
102	R. E. Jones	1st Class Assistant Engineer	550				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	675	
102	W. A. Smith.....	1st Class Assistant Engineer	500				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	625	
102	J. A. Rossbach	Road Superintendent	425				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	550	
102	F. M. Baker	Road Superintendent	425				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	550	
102	R. A. Fraser.....	Road Superintendent	425				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	550	
102	E. C. Bowyer-Smith	Road Superintendent	425				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	550	
102	H. D. Cox.....	Road Superintendent	375				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	500	
102	P. J. Cheffins	Road Superintendent	375				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	500	
102	C. S. Brownrigg	Road Superintendent	350				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	475	
102	C. W. Jenkins	Road Superintendent	350				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	475	
102	J. G. Leith	Road Superintendent	350				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	475	
102	S. Archer	Road Superintendent	350				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	475	
102	J. Hope.....	Road Superintendent	350				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	475	
102	A. Gracie	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	T. P. Davies	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	O. G. Morton	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	W. H. C. Ranken	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	W. B. Nicholson	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	G. F. W. Allman.....	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	F. S. Murray	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	G. S. Mullen	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	C. Coane	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	C. R. Cunningham	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	425	
102	E. H. Bawden	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment	175			
		Living Allowance	18	493	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.							
ROADS—continued.							
			£	£	£	£	
102	A. E. Newton	Road Superintendent	300				
		Equipment		175			
		Living Allowance		30		505	
102	G. E. Wright	Road Superintendent	285				
		Equipment		125		410	
102	A. F. Osborn	Road Superintendent	285				
		Equipment		125			
		Gauge Recorder, Lachlan River		5		415	
102	D. L. Wilson	Road Superintendent	275				
		Equipment		125		400	
102	S. M. Cummins	Road Superintendent	275				
		Equipment		125		400	
102	C. U. O'Hanlon	Road Superintendent	275				
		Equipment		125		400	
102	R. F. Jenkins	Road Superintendent	275				
		Equipment		125			
		Living Allowance		16/10/-		416/10/-	
102	F. N. Oxley	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	F. V. Wikner	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		175			
		Living Allowance		26		461	
102	B. E. Shaw	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	N. Grant	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	J. D. Bathgate	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	G. R. Edwards	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	P. E. Bailey	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	C. F. N. North	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	W. F. Everett	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	H. C. Allman	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	E. F. Crouch	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125			
		Living Allowance		15/12/-		400/12/-	
102	R. L. Dawson	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	A. C. Fitz Nead	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	R. G. Edgell	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	H. W. Statham	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	M. E. Kirwan	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	J. G. Fitzgerald	Road Superintendent	260				
		Equipment		125		385	
102	A. Adam	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	R. J. Gill	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.			£	£	£	£	
ROADS— <i>continued.</i>							
102	T. W. L. Spencer.....	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	W. M. C. Moore	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	C. Hanly	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	G. Harden	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	P. C. Donaldson	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		175			
		Living Allowance		15		440	
102	W. A. G. Lee	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	W. Binning	Road Superintendent	250				
		Equipment		125		375	
102	B. G. Millard	Road Superintendent	225				
		Equipment		175			
		Living Allowance		13/10/-		413/10/-	
102	H. E. Martin	Road Superintendent	225				
		Equipment		125		350	
102	V. J. S. Blomfield.....	Assistant Road Superintendent...	200				
		Equipment		75		275	
102	A. F. C. Wood	Assistant Road Superintendent...	200				
		Equipment		75		275	
102	H. A. O. Moriarty	Assistant Road Superintendent...	200				
		Equipment		75		275	
102	L. G. Bucknell.....	Assistant Road Superintendent...	175				
		Equipment		75		250	
102	W. J. Fordyce	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	H. M. Baldock	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	R. Vowell.....	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	F. J. Morrice	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	A. E. Carter.....	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	E. F. Bridgewood	Assistant Road Superintendent...	165				
		Equipment		75		240	
102	R. D. Baylis.....	Assistant Road Superintendent...	150				
		Equipment		75		225	
102	W. H. Grant	Assistant Road Superintendent...	150				
		Equipment		75		225	
102	A. E. Benson	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	
102	P. C. Tibbitts	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	
102	H. Williams	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	
102	O. W. Wikner	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	
102	F. Broughton	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	
102	O. S. Wilkinson	Assistant Road Superintendent...	140				
		Equipment		75		215	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.			£	£	£	£	
ROADS—continued.							
102	F. L. Brown.....	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	140	75 .....	.....	215	
102	R. H. Bartlett	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	140	75 .....	.....	215	
102	G. F. Lindeman	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	140	75 .....	.....	215	
102	O. J. Moore.....	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	140	75 .....	.....	215	
102	J. F. Shine	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	140	75 .....	.....	215	
102	C. Christie	Assistant Road Superintendent... Equipment	125	75 .....	.....	200	
102	T. Oatley	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	W. E. Rennix	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	W. R. Oldham.....	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	T. Egan.....	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	J. R. Solomons	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	W. Shewell	Overseer	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	225	
102	G. Earngey	Clerk	150				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	
		Living Allowance.....	.....	20	.....	245	
102	G. E. Kinnear	Clerk	140				
		Equipment .....	.....	75	.....	215	
PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.							
102	P. J. Makinson.....	Inspector, Moree.....	245				
		Living allowance.....	.....	24/10/-			
		Equipment allowance.....	.....	175	.....	444/10/-	
102	W. G. Donaldson	Inspector, Hay.....	245				
		Living allowance.....	.....	24/10/-			
		Equipment allowance.....	.....	175	.....	444/10/-	
102	O. C. Macdougall	Inspector, Bourke	245				
		Living allowance.....	.....	24/10/-			
		Equipment allowance.....	.....	175	.....	444/10/-	
102	F. F. Wood	Inspector, Wagga	245				
		Equipment allowance .....	.....	125	.....	370	
102	A. B. Suttor	Inspector, Forbes.....	245				
		Equipment allowance.....	.....	125	.....	370	
102	H. Creer	Field Assistant.....	120				
		Living allowance.....	.....	12	.....	132	
102	E. H. Tebbutt	Field Assistant.....	120				
		Living allowance.....	.....	20	.....	140	
BRIDGES.							
102	C. Byrne	Draftsman	125			125	Paid for parades, &c. ; total cannot exceed £6 per ann.
56		A.B., Naval Artillery Volunteers .....	.....			.....
102	A. Wilson.....	Bridge Caretaker.....	130			140	With quarters; annual value not fixed or included herein.
		Living Allowance .....	.....	10	.....	140	
102	W. L. Hill	Bridge Caretaker	130			140	
		Living Allowance	10	140	
102	A. C. Olley	Bridge Caretaker.....	109			119	
		Living Allowance	10	119	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.			£	£	£	£	
HARBOURS AND RIVERS—WATER CONSERVATION, AND COUNTRY TOWNS WATER SUPPLY.							
103	T. W. Keele.....	1st-class Assistant Engineer House	625		75	550	
103	H. D. Walsh.....	1st-class Assistant Engineer President Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	550			650	
103	D. Houston	1st-class Assistant Engineer Equipment	500	100	25	575	
103	S. H. Weedon	1st-class Assistant Engineer Living Allowance	450	45		495	
103	H. A. Blomfield	2nd-class Assistant Engineer..... House	450		50	400	
103	J. Symonds	3rd-class Assistant Engineer Equipment	225	75		300	
103	W. C. L. Wilson	Engineer and Manager	350			440	
		Living Allowance		35			
		Forage		55			
94		Acting Forester, Wentworth ..					Paid 15s. per week by Lands Department.
103	R. S. Littlejohn	Draftsman	270			270	
46		2nd Lieut., Corps of Engineers ..					Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £27 11s. 3d. per annum.
103	J. Pratt.....	Docking Master	375			325	
		House			50		
103	G. F. W. Lawes	Storekeeper (Dock)..... House	225		25	200	
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.							
104	W. Hutchinson	1st-class Assistant Engineer do do	560			560	
104	F. H. Small	Living Allowance	560	50		610	
104	C. M'D. Stuart	1st-class Assistant Engineer do do	470			470	
104	J. M. Stawell	Living Allowance	470	28/10/-		498/10/-	
104	F. E. Wickham	2nd-class Assistant Engineer..... do do	350			350	
104	W. C. Grey	do do	335			335	
104	P. W. Shaw	do do	335			335	
104	S. W. Conyers	do do	300			362	
133		Teacher, Mechanical Drawing, Technical College, Ultimo		62			
104	J. S. Wade	2nd-class Assistant Engineer..... do do	300			300	
104	W. J. Quodling	3rd-class Assistant Engineer do do	250			250	
104	W. S. Thom.....	do do	250			250	
104	J. Cumming.....	2nd-class Assistant Engineer..... do do	380			375	
104	T. Kennedy	do do	375			335	
104	J. J. Jamieson.....	do do	335			335	
104	G. L. Wilkins	do do	335			325	
104	H. F. T. Bode	do do	325			32/10/-	
		Living Allowance		32/10/-		357/10/-	
104	A. G. Little	2nd-class Assistant Engineer..... do do	300			300	
104	W. D. Walker.....	do do	300			300	
104	C. A. Edwardes	do do	300			300	
104	G. V. Mocatta	do do	300			300	
		Living Allowance		30		330	
104	D. Ramsay	Surveyor	300			300	
104	E. A. Powell.....	do	250			265	
		Living Allowance		15		300	
104	W. Kennedy	Surveyor	300			90	
104	P. J. L. King	Cadet.....	90			90	

EQUIPMENT.—1st-class Allowance, when engaged in Western Division, £225 per annum.
 Do do Eastern do £175 do
 Do do Western do £150 do
 Do do Eastern do £125 do
 Allowance on Town Surveys..... £25

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No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.			£	£	£	£	
GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.							
105 41	W. L. Vernon	Government Architect	1,064				
		Major, 1st (Sydney Half) Squadron, N.S.W. Lancers ...	.....	20	.....	1,084	
105	E. D. Fitzgerald	District Architect	290				
		Equipment .....	.....	125	.....	415	
SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION.							
105 56	J. R. S. Whinfield	Draftsman.....	200	.....	.....	200	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £12 per annum.
		Chief Petty Officer, Naval Artillery.	.....	.....	.....	.....
105	T. G. Wilson	Surveyor	325				
		Instrument Allowance .....	.....	25	.....	350	
105	S. Mills.....	Surveyor	325				
		Instrument Allowance .....	.....	25	.....	350	
105	D. C. White.....	Surveyor	300				
		Instrument Allowance .....	.....	25	.....	325	
105	H. Shute	Surveyor	300				
		Instrument Allowance .....	.....	25	.....	325	
105	G. Marshall	Surveyor	235				
		Instrument Allowance .....	.....	25	.....	260	
CLERICAL.							
106 49	A. F. Tunks	Clerk	290				
		Horse Allowance, Army Service Corps.....	.....	25	.....	315	
49		1st Lieutenant, Army Service Corps.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £13 per annum.
ACCOUNTS BRANCH.							
106 45	A. Macaulay.....	Clerk	240	.....	.....	240	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £7 15s. per annum.
		1st Corporal, Engineer Corps.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
106 44	H. H. Cunneen	Clerk	200	.....	.....	200	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
		Bombardier, B Battery, Brigade Division Field Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MESSENGERS.							
106	W. Smith	Principal Messenger	210				
		House .....	.....	.....	50	160	
106 56	P. Denham	Messenger.....	90	.....	.....	90	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £6 per annum.
		Gunner, Volunteer Artillery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
106 46	J. E. Cook	Messenger.....	110	110	Paid for parades, &c.; total cannot exceed £8 per annum.
		Corporal, 2nd Infantry Regiment	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VII.—Secretary for Public Works—continued.			£	£	£	£	
DREDGE SERVICE.							
107 74	J. Hamilton	Chief Engineer and Master	372	372	} Paid at from £1 to £2 2s. per survey.
		Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107 74	W. Jones	Chief Engineer and Master	300	.....	.....	300
		Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107 74	W. White.....	Chief Engineer and Master	276	.....	.....	276
		Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107 74	J. L. Grant	Chief Engineer and Master	300	.....	.....	300
		Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107 74	D. Lawson	Chief Engineer and Master	300	.....	.....	300
		Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107 81	H. Fourneaux	Coxswain	132	.....	.....	132
		Superintendent, Newcastle Rocket Brigade.....	.....	36	.....	168
107 81	T. Jack	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Rocket Brigade .....	.....	12	.....	126
107 55	W. Groves	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	124
107 55	E. Madden	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	124
107 55	H. Hughes	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade.....	.....	10	.....	124
107 55	T. Harley	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	124
107 55	A. Stone	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	124
107 55	S. Polldore	Seaman	114	.....	.....	114
		Naval Brigade .....	.....	10	.....	124
107 81	J. Portridge	Fireman	132	.....	.....	132
		Rocket Brigade .....	.....	12	.....	144
LABOUR BUREAU.							
108	Thomas Waring	Caretaker, Government Labour Bureau	112/10/-	112/10/-	Quarters allowed.

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VIII.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.		£	£	£	£	
110	E. Chestnut	Caretaker	140				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			40	100	
	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.						
111	J. B. Spence.....	Chief Sheriff's Office, Sydney.....	200			200	
111	M. E. H. Felton	Sheriff's Officer, Sydney.....	190				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			30	160	
111	G. S. Challis.....	Sheriff's Officer, Sydney	160			160	
111	T. Morse	do do	160			160	
111	C. E. Dransfield	do do	160			160	
111	R. C. Riley	do Albury	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	J. A. O'Flaherty	Sheriff's Officer, Armidale	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	C. F. Duchatel.....	Sheriff's Officer, Bathurst	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	P. J. Cusack.....	Sheriff's Officer, Bega	186				
		Forage		31/4		217/4	
111	S. W. Fryer	Sheriff's Officer, Bourke.....	160				
		Forage		31/4			
		Living allowance		10		201/4	
111	H. M'Veagh.....	Sheriff's Officer, Broken Hill.....	160				
		Forage		31/4			
		Living allowance		10		201/4	
111	L. Spooner	Sheriff's Officer, Campbelltown ...	186				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			30		
		Forage		31/4		187/4	
111	S. E. Tapner.....	Sheriff's Officer, Deniliquin	186				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			30		
		Forage		31/4			
		Living allowance		10		197/4	
111	J. T. Steel.....	Sheriff's Officer, Dubbo	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	S. W. Daniel	Sheriff's Officer, Forbes	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	J. H. Powell	Sheriff's Officer, Glen Innes	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	K. M. Wray.....	Sheriff's Officer, Goulburn.....	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	A. S. Meares.....	Sheriff's Officer, Grafton	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	F. J. Fisher	Sheriff's Officer, Hay	160				
		Forage		31/4			
		Living allowance		10		201/4	
111	J. Ricketts	Sheriff's Officer, Lismore	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	H. A. Gough	Sheriff's Officer, Maitland	160				
		Forage		31/4		191/4	
111	R. M'D. Hunter	Sheriff's Officer, Mudgee	186				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			30		
		Forage		31/4		187/4	

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT—continued.							
111	J. Russell	Sheriff's Officer, Narrabri	130				
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	161/4	
111	S. Jay	Sheriff's Officer, Port Macquarie and Kempsey	160				
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	191/4	
111	H. Pfeiffer	Sheriff's Officer, Singleton	130				
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	161/4	
111	W. O. Idriess	Sheriff's Officer, Tamworth	160				
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	191/4	
111	P. Kinsella	Sheriff's Officer, Wagga	160				
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	191/4	
111	E. H. Boys	Sheriff's Officer, Wollongong.....	186				
		Quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....	.....	30		
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	187/4	
111	A. F. Lloyd	Sheriff's Officer, Yass	183				
		Quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....	.....	30		
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	187/4	
111	F. J. Clancy.....	Sheriff's Officer, Young	186				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....	.....	.....	30		
		Forage .....	.....	31/4	.....	187/4	
111	W. E. Wearne	2nd-class Sheriff's Officer, Bingara	50	.....	.....	50	
111	E. W. Jones.....	do do Bombala	70	.....	.....	70	
111	G. F. Taylor	do do Braidwood	80	.....	.....	80	
111	T. G. Cook	do do Burrowa	50	.....	.....	50	
111	E. Leary	do do Cobar	75	.....	.....	75	
111	A. Steel.....	do do Cooma	100	.....	.....	100	
111	J. Maguire	do do Cocnabarabran	100	.....	.....	100	Fees 2s per scale.
111	F. Oldknow	do do Coonamble	75	.....	.....	75	
111	J. J. Purcell.....	do do Cootamundra	62	.....	.....	62	
111	J. Muir.....	do do Cowra	50	.....	.....	50	
111	W. H. Hazelton	do do Grenfell	95	.....	.....	95	
111	J. C. McGregor	do do Gundagai	76	.....	.....	76	
111	P. A. O'Neill	do do Gunnedah	50	.....	.....	50	
111	E. Brissenden	do do Hillston	75	.....	.....	75	
111	C. Egan.....	do do Inverell.....	50	.....	.....	50	
111	G. O. Shaw	do do Moree	50	.....	.....	50	
111	H. Brook	do do Murrurundi...	50	.....	.....	50	
111	H. G. W. Meynink.....	do do Narrandera	62	.....	.....	62	
111	W. S. Collins	do do Newcastle.....	60	.....	.....	60	
111	C. J. Barnes.....	do do Orange	65	.....	.....	65	
111	J. B. Lane	do do Parramatta	100	.....	.....	100	
111	E. C. Hinckman.....	do do Queanbeyan...	76	.....	.....	76	
111	C. H. Wright	do do Taree.....	82	.....	.....	82	
111	J. L. King.....	do do Tenterfield	76	.....	.....	76	
111	J. E. Harris	do do Walgett	100	100	
111	J. Clements	do do Wellington	50	50	
111	J. W. Thorn.....	do do Wentworth	75	75	

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT—continued.							
111	E. H. Hunt	2nd-class Sheriff's Officer, Wilcannia	75	75	} Fees as per scale.
111	F. W. Linsley	do do Windsor	50	.....	.....	50	
111	H. Gardner	do do Wyalong	96	.....	.....	96	
111	J. Edwards	Court-keeper and cleaner, King-st. Quarters, fuel, and light.....	120	.....	30	90	
111	A. C. Tate	Court-keeper and cleaner, Chancery Square	120	.....	30	90	
111	Sarah Sands	Cleaner, Chancery Square	80	.....	14	72	
111	Annie Adams	Cleaner, Chancery Square	72	.....	14	58	
111	Frances Haywood	Court-keeper, Darlinghurst	113	.....	15	98	
111	Annie Rafferty.....	Court-cleaner, Darlinghurst	72	.....	14	58	
111	G. Keene	Court-keeper, Albury	126	.....	30	96	
111	C. E. Greening	Court-keeper, Bathurst	156	.....	30	126	
111	B. Hawthorne	Court-keeper, Broken Hill	139	.....	10	149	
111	J. Wallace	Court-keeper, Dubbo	126	.....	30	96	
111	T. M. Browne	Court-keeper, Goulburn	156	.....	30	126	
111	H. A. T. Schmidt	Court-keeper, Hay	126	.....	10	106	
111	W. Batty	Court-keeper, Maitland	120	.....	30	90	
111	F. P. Chambers	Court-keeper, Newcastle.....	130	.....	30	100	
111	O. A. Thwaite	Court-cleaner, Orange.....	80	.....	20	60	
111	A. Buchanan	Court-cleaner, Parramatta	82	.....	30	52	
111	F. E. Delves.....	Court-cleaner, Singleton	60	.....	20	40	
111	C. H. Bartlett	Court-keeper, Grafton	110	.....	30	80	
111	Henry Dent	Court-keeper, Tamworth	90	.....	30	60	
DISTRICT COURTS.							
112	M. O'Loughlin.....	Court-keeper, Chancery Square... Quarters, fuel, and light.....	93	.....	26	72	
112	S. Withers	District Court Bailiff, Sydney ... Fees, not to exceed.....	200	.....	50	250	
112	E. Searson	District Court Bailiff, Sydney ... Fees, not to exceed	130	.....	70	200	
112	J. Bishop	District Court Bailiff, Sydney ... Fees, not to exceed	130	.....	70	200	
112	E. H. H. Lang.....	District Court Bailiff, Ballina ...	25	25	} Fees as per scale.
112	A. Griffiths	do Balranald	55	55	
112	W. E. Bennett.....	do Bellingen	25	25	

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DISTRICT COURTS— <i>continued.</i>							
112	J. M. Gleeson	District Court Bailiff, Bombala...	5	5	Fees as per scale.
112	C. Higgs	do Carcoar	40	.....	.....	40
112	G. H. Margetts	do Casino	40	.....	.....	40
112	J. R. Langler	do Corowa	25	.....	.....	25
112	C. Leggatt.....	do Kiama	40	.....	.....	40
112	H. J. Gripper	do Lithgow.....	40	.....	.....	40
112	W. Harris.....	do Maclean.....	40	.....	.....	40
112	J. Payten	do Milton	30	.....	.....	30
112	J. J. Morris	do Molong	40	.....	.....	40
112	B. Knappett.....	do Moruya	25	.....	.....	25
112	A. Townsend	do Moss Vale	40	.....	.....	40
112	A. Eastaughffe.....	do Murwillumbah	40	.....	.....	40
112	M. O'Dwyer.....	do Murrumburrah	30	.....	.....	30
112	James Hicks.....	do Muswellbrook	35	.....	.....	35
112	H. Shepherd.....	do Nowra	35	.....	.....	35
112	C. F. Peisley	do Nyngan	51	.....	.....	51
112	E. G. Cooper	do Penrith	50	.....	.....	50
112	W. D. Nunn.....	do Port Macquarie	20	.....	.....	20
112	E. Perrot	do Temora.....	75	.....	.....	75
112	J. H. Reardon	do Tumut.....	35	.....	.....	35
112	C. J. Glover.....	do Warren	40	.....	.....	40
PETTY SESSIONS.							
114	E. Tindall.....	Messenger, Water Police Office... Quarters, fuel, and light	120	.....	25	95
120	J. W. Evans	Inspector of Weights and Mea- sures	425	.....	.....	.....
		Equipment .....	.....	130	.....	555
114	Probationer	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Albury Special allowance.....	50	.....	15	65
114	G. Atken	Police Magistrate, Balranald	400	.....	24	424
114	E. A. Mahony	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Bathurst	50	.....	15	65
114	J. F. Kenyon	Police Magistrate, Bourke	450	.....	45	495
114	O. A. Edwards	Police Magistrate, Bingara.....	400	.....	20	420
114	A. R. Perry	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bingara..	275	.....	8/5/-	283/5/-
115	O. A. S. Fitzpatrick	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bourke...	300	.....	30	330
115	H. T. Adams	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bre- warrina	200	.....	20	220
115	E. L. Maitland	Police Magistrate, Broken Hill ...	500	50	550	
115	J. Watt.....	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Broken Hill	400	24	424	

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	PETTY SESSIONS—continued.						
115	G. R. Williams	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Broken Hill. Allowance for high cost of living	200	12	212	
115	P. E. Addison	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Broken Hill. Allowance for high cost of living	150	12 .....	.....	162	
115	D. W. Reed, jun.....	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Broken Hill. Allowance for high cost of living	80	12 .....	.....	92	
115	M. C. Nott	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Broken Hill. Special allowance.....	50	35 .....	.....	85	
115	Walterus Brown	Police Magistrate, Cobar	425				
		Allowance for high cost of living .....	.....	£42 10/-	.....	£467 10/-	
115	A. B. C. Burke	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Cobar ... Allowance for high cost of living	260	26 .....	.....	286	
115	M. E. Scane	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Cobar Allowance for high cost of living	100	12 .....	.....	112	
115	H. G. Shaw	Police Magistrate, Coonamble ... Allowance for high cost of living	400	40 .....	.....	440	
115	C. A. Arnold	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Coon- amble	65				
		Special allowance .....	.....	45 .....	.....	110	
116	C. W. Swiney	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Cowra	50				
		Special allowance .....	.....	15 .....	.....	65	
116	N. C. O'Neill	Police Magistrate, Deniliquin..... Allowance for high cost of living	475	47 10/-	.....	£522 10/-	
116	B. P. P. Kemp.....	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Deniliquin Allowance for high cost of living	350	35 .....	.....	385	
116	W. C. Geekie	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Deniliquin	150				
		Allowance for high cost of living .....	.....	12 .....	.....	162	
116	C. Wenzholz	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Gun- nedah	65				
		District allowance .....	.....	20 .....	.....	85	
117	W. J. Martin	Police Magistrate, Hay	400				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	40 .....	.....	440	
117	J. Burnett	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay... .. Allowance for high cost of living..	350	35 .....	.....	385	
117	F. B. Treatt	Police Magistrate, Hillston	400				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	40 .....	.....	440	
117	J. Ducat	Police Magistrate, Milparinka ... Allowance for high cost of living..	350	52/10/-	.....	402/10/-	
117	C. H. Gale	Police Magistrate, Moree	400				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	40 .....	.....	440	
117	E. A. Prior	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Moree	78				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	12 .....	.....	90	
118	F. W. Stevenson	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Narrandera.....	65				
		Special allowance .....	.....	20 .....	.....	85	
119	W. S. Bromhead	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Tamworth	50				
		District allowance .....	.....	15 .....	.....	65	
119	E. F. Fischer	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Tumut	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	35 .....	.....	85	
119	G. S. Goldie	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Wagga Wagga	50				
		Special allowance.....	15	65	

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PETTY SESSIONS—continued.							
119	Vacant	Police Magistrate, Walgett	350				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	43/15/-	395/15/-	
119	A. O. Butler.....	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warialda	280				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	28	.....	308	
120	W. B. Geddes	Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Warialda.....	65				
		District allowance .....	.....	20	.....	85	
120	F. E. Cummins	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Wellington.....	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	15	.....	65	
120	C. W. Thomas	Police Magistrate, Wentworth ...	400				
		Allowance for high cost of living	.....	40	.....	440	
120	G. W. H. Davies.....	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wentworth	160				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	12	.....	172	
120	E. H. Page	Clerk of Petty Sessions, White Cliffs	175				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	18	.....	193	
120	J. W. Fletcher.....	Police Magistrate, Wilcannia.....	350				
		Allowance for high cost of living	.....	43/15/-	.....	393/15/-	
120	J. W. M. Laidlaw	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wilcannia	175				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	15	.....	190	
120	G. Stevenson	Police Magistrate, Wyalong	425				
		Allowance for high cost of living..	.....	50	.....	475	
115	C. R. Kiss.....	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Cooma.....	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	15	.....	65	
116	Robert Sproule.....	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Goulburn	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	15	.....	65	
116	A. A. Holland	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Grenfell	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	15	.....	65	
118	Vacant	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Nyngan..	275				
		Allowance for high cost of living .	.....	27/10/-	.....	302/10/-	
119	Leslie McL. White	Junior Clerk, Petty Sessions Office, Singleton	50				
		Special allowance.....	.....	15	.....	65	
PRISONS DEPARTMENT.							
121	F. W. Neitenstein	Comptroller-General	850			850	
		Member of Public Service Tender Board .....	.....			.....	No allowance.
121	J. Garrard	Messenger, Prison's Office	125				
		Quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....		10	115	
121	A. H. Collis	Governor, Sydney Gaol	525				
		Quarters, fuel, light, and servants	.....		125	400	
121	O. Rowley.....	Deputy Governor, Sydney Gaol...	300				
		Quarters, fuel, light, and servants	.....		75	225	
125	T. Blake	Chief Warder, Sydney Gaol	184				
		Quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....		18	166	
125	J. Rose	Senior Warder, Sydney Gaol	174				
		Quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....		18	156	
125	R. Brace	Senior Warder, Sydney Gaol.....	162				
		Quarters		6	156	
125	D. T. Stuart.....	3rd-class Warder, Sydney Gaol...	117				
		Quarters		6	111	

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT—continued.			£	£	£	£	
125	W. McKeone	3rd-class Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	117		6	111	
125	W. E. Young	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	A. Small	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	C. R. Mortimer	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	G. F. Johnson	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	T. J. Sullivan	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	Vacant	Probationary Warder, Sydney Gaol... Quarters	110		6	104	
125	M. Donald	Principal Female Warder, Sydney Gaol	150				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			15	135	
125	Johanna Harbin	Female Warder, Sydney Gaol ... Quarters, fuel, and light	104		15	89	
125	A. Dolan	Female Warder, Sydney Gaol ... Quarters, fuel, and light	70		15	55	
121	J. Thompson	Gaoler, Albury	300				
		Quarters, fuel, and light, and servant			62	233	
121	S. F. Pollack	Gaoler, Armidale	300				
		Quarters, fuel, and light, and servant			60	240	
121	C. Graham	Governor, Bathurst Gaol	480				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			100	380	
121	Michael Cunninghame ...	Deputy Governor, Bathurst Gaol (With quarters, fuel, and light)	275				
					62	213	
121	A. K. Chapman	Superintendent, Female Division, Bathurst Gaol	250				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			47	203	
121	V. Lenehan	3rd-class Warder, Bathurst Gaol... Quarters	117		6	111	
121	J. A. Howison	3rd-class Warder, Bathurst Gaol... Quarters	117				
					6	111	
121	M. P. Brewer	Probationary Warder, Bathurst Gaol	110				
		Quarters			6	104	
121	Mary T. Kelly	Principal Female Warder, Bathurst Gaol	150				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			30	120	
121	M. Cunninghame	Female Warder, Bathurst Gaol... Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	104		-30	74	
121	S. Mallett	Female Warder, Bathurst Gaol... Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	104		30	74	
121	A. Purcell	Female Warder	70				
		Quarters, rations, fuel, and light			30	40	
122	T. G. Adamson	Governor, Berrima Gaol	320				
		(With quarters, fuel, and light.)				320	
122	P. J. Fitzgibbon	Deputy Governor, Berrima Gaol... Quarters, fuel, light, and servant	250		70	180	
122	T. Barnett	Governor, Biloela Gaol	400				
		Quarters, fuel, light, and servants			110	230	
122	E. Pyzor	Deputy Governor, Biloela Gaol... Quarters, fuel, light, and servant	250		57	193	

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT—continued.							
122	Kate Bridgland	Superintendent, Female Division, Biloela Gaol	200				
		Quarters, fuel, light, and servant			75	125	
125	Ellen M. Kelly	Forewoman, Biloela Gaol	110				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			15	95	
125	A. O'Sullivan	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	104				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			15	89	
125	A. E. Cuffe	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	104				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	89	
125	C. Dwyer	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	104				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			15	89	
125	K. Courname.....	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	104				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	89	
125	H. M. Amor.....	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	104				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			15	89	
125	L. L. Byrne	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	70				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	55	
125	E. Burnett	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	70				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	55	
125	J. Wilson	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	70				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	55	
125	E. Stewart	Female Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	70				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	55	
125	S. H. Hinder	Dispenser, Biloela Gaol	200				
		Value of quarters.....			20	180	
125	D. Ahern	1st-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	156				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	138	
125	J. Balsdon	1st-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	156				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	138	
125	W. A. Kneeshaw.....	1st-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	156				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	138	
125	J. Holloway	2nd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol...	138				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	120	
125	W. H. Hunt.....	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	129				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	111	
125	C. S. Denton	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	129				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	111	
125	S. H. Lawson	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	129				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	111	
125	G. P. Achurch.....	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	129				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	111	
125	T. H. Hume.....	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	117				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			18	99	
125	F. J. Kelly	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	117				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	102	
125	J. E. Feirns	3rd-class Warder, Biloela Gaol ...	117				
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....			15	102	
125	J. W. Jamieson	Probationary Warder, Biloela Gaol	110				
		Quarters, fuel, and light			18	92	
125	F. B. Cunningham	3rd-class Warder, Bourke Gaol...	139				
		Quarters			6	133	
122	S. N. de M. Bromley	Gaoler, Broken Hill Gaol	300				
		Quarters, fuel, light, and servant			75	225	

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT—continued.							
122	J. H. Mansell	Gaoler, Deniliquin Gaol..... Quarters, fuel, and light	275	62	213	
125	E. McBride	1st-class Warder, Deniliquin Gaol Quarters, fuel, and light.....	160	.....	18	142	
122	J. Boyden	Gaoler, Dubbo Gaol	300	.....	62	238	
122	J. Thomson	Acting Gaoler, Forbes Gaol	174	.....	.....	174	
125	W. A. Foley.....	3rd-class Warder, Forbes Gaol ... Quarters	129	.....	6	123	
123	A. W. Mackay.....	Governor, Goulburn Gaol	380	.....	.....	380	
123	J. McKenzie	Deputy Governor, Goulburn Gaol (With Quarters, fuel, and light).	210	.....	.....	210	
125	T. Lennon.....	1st-class Warder, Goulburn Gaol Quarters, fuel, and light.....	156	.....	18	138	
125	E. Rivers	Female Warder, Goulburn Gaol... Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	104	.....	30	74	
123	W. Jay	Gaoler, Grafton Gaol	240	.....	.....	240	
125	T. Piper	Senior Warder, Grafton Gaol ... Quarters, fuel, and light.....	174	.....	18	156	
123	S. J. Nebbett	Acting Gaoler, Hay Gaol	184	.....	18	166	
125	M. Quinn	3rd-class Warder, Hay Gaol	139	.....	6	133	
123	E. Jackson	Governor, Maitland Gaol	400	.....	84	316	
125	J. H. Scott	Senior Warder, Maitland Gaol... Quarters, fuel, and light.....	192	.....	18	174	
125	J. J. Huer	1st-class Warder, Maitland Gaol Quarters, fuel, and light.....	156	.....	18	138	
125	M. M. Roseingrave.....	Probationary Warder, Maitland Gaol	110	.....	6	104	
125	M. Dick	Female Warder, Maitland Gaol... Quarters, fuel, and light	104	.....	15	89	
123	N. Scully	Acting Gaoler, Mudgee Gaol..... Quarters, fuel, and light	174	.....	18	156	
123	F. E. Bloxham.....	Governor, Parramatta Gaol	500	.....	125	375	
123	J. McKowne	Deputy Governor, Parramatta Gaol Quarters, fuel, light, and servant	275	.....	75	200	
125	W. B. Green	Senior Warder, Parramatta Gaol Quarters	174	.....	6	168	
124	J. Cotter	Gaoler, Tamworth Gaol	300	.....	60	240	
124	J. M. Cameron	Governor, Trial Bay Prison	400	.....	.....	400	
124	J. J. Clifford	Deputy Governor, Trial Bay Prison	275	.....	87	188	
124	M. McNamara	Clerk, Trial Bay Prison	250	.....	67	183	
125	T. V. Warren	Senior Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	186	18	168	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. VIII.—Administration of Justice—continued.			£	£	£	£	
PRISONS DEPARTMENT—continued.							
125	E. J. Tierney	1st-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	168	.....	18	150	
125	E. A. Garland	1st-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	162	.....	18	144	
125	C. G. Rees	2nd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	150	.....	18	132	
125	G. E. O'Connor.....	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	W. Heaney	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	15	126	
125	W. G. Lawler	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	C. Stokes	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	H. A. Eichler	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	129	.....	18	111	
125	N. Mackay	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	15	126	
125	W. G. Lunam	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	A. Osten	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	P. J. Kissane	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison Quarters, fuel, and light.....	141	.....	18	123	
125	S. Reeves	3rd-class Warder, Trial Bay Prison.....	141	.....		
		In charge of Whale Boat		6			
		Services in connection with Rocket Apparatus		12			
		Quarters, fuel, and light			18	141	
125	C. H. Graham	Probationer Warder, Trial Bay Prison.....	122	.....	15	107	
125	R. Carbine	Probationary Warder, Trial Bay Prison.....	122	.....	15	107	
125	Vacant	Probationary Warder, Trial Bay Prison.....	122	.....	15	107	
125	W. J. Moxham	Chief Overseer, Trial Bay Prison (With quarters, fuel, and light).	210	.....	.....	210	
125	G. Simpson	Overseer, Trial Bay Prison..... (With quarters, fuel, and light).	186	.....	.....	186	
124	E. D'Arcy.....	Acting Gaoler, Wagga	174	.....	.....	174	
		(With quarters, fuel, and light).					
125	H. W. Waters	3rd-class Warder, Wagga Gaol ... Quarters	129	.....	6	123	
124	A. G. Leer	Gaoler, Wilcannia Gaol	295	.....	75	220	
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....					
125	J. Roper	Acting Gaoler, Wollongong	174	.....	18	156	
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....					
124	R. Goble	Gaoler, Young Gaol	300	.....	60	240	
		Quarters, fuel, and light.....					
125	A. Devin	Female Warder, Young Gaol ... Quarters, rations, fuel, and light	70	30	40	
124	G. Colvin	Acting Gaoler, Yass (With quarters, fuel, and light).	174	174	

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances	Deductions	Total.	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.							
<p>The Chief Inspector, Deputy Chief Inspector, District Inspectors, and Inspectors of the Department of Public Instruction, when obliged to be away from Head-quarters at night, shall be paid 22s. 6d. a day, to include cost of conveyance and all other expenses; if they can return to Head-quarters the same day, Country District Inspectors and Inspectors shall be paid 10s. per day, to include all expenses. Inspectors of the Department of Public Instruction in the Metropolitan, such portions of the sub-Metropolitan, and such other districts as the Board may determine, shall be paid actual expenses. If, on any tour, an Inspector's expenses exceed necessarily the allowance authorised, he may forward accounts, and the excess will be paid to him, subject to the Board's approval thereof. Clerks of Works shall be paid 12s. 6d. for each day of 24 hours (for any portion of a day up to 15 hours, 10d. per hour), with all cost of conveyance paid by the Government.</p> <p>Living allowances are paid to Teachers stationed in remote parts of the Colony as per Public Service Regulation No. 292, and classified married male Teachers in charge of classified schools are provided with residences or an equivalent. See Schedule now with Estimates, page .</p>							
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.							
			£	£	£	£	
130	J. S. Wigram	Architect	400				
44		Major, Artillery (Partially Paid) ..	..	25	.....	425
130	W. Nolan.....	Inspector of Schools ..	400				
		Living allowance .....	..	40	.....	440
130	J. H. Strong	Clerk ..	300				
46		2nd Lieutenant, 1st Infantry Regiment .....	..	12/10/-	.....	312/10/-
130	R. M. S. Wells ..	Assistant Architect ..	240				
44		Major, Artillery (Partially Paid) ..	..	25	...	285
130	E. J. Beauman ..	Clerk ..	200				
48		2nd Lieut., Army Medical Corps ..	..	12/10/-	....	212/10/-
130	H. J. Jessop	Messenger ..	160			160	
130	A. H. Hadwin ...	Office-keeper and Cleaner	100			100	
130	Mrs. Sherlock	Do do ..	72			72	
131	W. Given	Caretaker and Cleaner, Fort-street Public School	193				
		Value of quarters ..	..	.....	26	167
131	R. J. Hinder ...	Teacher, High School, East Maitland	471				
		Value of quarters.....	..	.....	71	400
131	Janette G. Grossmann ..	Teacher, High School, West Maitland ..	279				
		Value of quarters ..	..	.....	39	240
131	R. S. Pearce ...	Teacher, Waterloo ..	360				
44		Captain, Volunteer Field Artillery .....	.....	20	.....	320
		Value of quarters ..	..	.....	60	320
131	J. B. Byrne ..	Assistant, Blackfriars ..	225				
46		1st Lieut, 2nd Infantry Regiment ..	..	15	...	240
131	G. A. Rourke	Assistant, Petersham ..	225				
46		1st Lieut, 1st Infantry Regiment ..	..	15	.....	240
131	Wm. Byrne ..	Assistant, Wickham ..	225				
46		1st Lieut., 4th Infantry Regiment ..	..	15	.....	240
131	C. E. Taylor ..	Teacher, Goonellebah ..	206				
43		Captain, Mounted Brigade ..	.....	20	.....	191
		Value of quarters.....	..	.....	35	191
131	J. P. Stark	Teacher, Martinsville ..	171				
44		1st Lieut, Partially-paid Artillery ..	.....	15	.....	186
131	Ellen Mary Caldwell	Caretaker, Girls' High School ..	64			64	
						With quarters.	
HURLSTONE COLLEGE.							
131	J. A. Nicoll ..	Principal	300				
		Value of quarters.....	..	.....	60	240
131	E. M. Mallarky ..	Assistant	170				
		Value of quarters ..	..	.....	50	120
131	E. J. DuVernet ..	Matron	175				
		Value of quarters.....	..	.....	50	125
131	C. Thompson	Cook	78				
		Value of quarters ..	..	.....	20	58
131	A. McElhinny ..	Housemaid ..	56				
		Value of quarters and rations ..	..	.....	20	36
131	N Peters	Housemaid ..	56				
		Value of quarters and rations ..	..	.....	20	36
131	A. Trussell	Kitchen-maid ..	52				
		Value of quarters and rations ..	..	.....	20	32
131	H. Tubb ..	Caretaker ..	113				
		Value of quarters and rations ..	..	.....	20	93
131	Mabel Couch	Temporary Servant ..	52				
		Value of quarters and rations	20	32	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. IX.—Public Instruction—continued.							
TECHNICAL EDUCATION BRANCH.							
			£	£	£	£	
133	H. G. Smith.....	Assistant Curator, Technological Museum	275				
133	C. Toms.....	Teacher of Organic Chemistry, Technical College		50		325	
		Museum Colourist	120			120	Also receives 10s. per night (3 nights per week) as assistant, signwriting class, Sydney Technical College.
133	J. W. Tremain.....	Assistant Operator	120			120	Also receives 10s. per night (2 nights per week) as assistant to Lecturer of Physics, Sydney Technical College.
133	J. Grummitt	Caretaker and Cleaner	150				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light			30	120	
133	Wm. Cornwall.....	Caretaker and Cleaner, Bathurst	100				
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light			20	80	
NAUTICAL SCHOOL-SHIP "SOBRAON."							
135	W. H. Mason	Commander-Superintendent	500				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			150	350	
135	A. P. Robilliard	Lieutenant	300				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			50	250	
135	E. Parbery	Second Officer	220				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			40	180	
135	A. Thompson	Chief Schoolmaster	240				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			50	190	
135	W. H. Mitchell	Second Schoolmaster	160				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			40	120	
135	W. Hilton Mitchell.....	Third Schoolmaster	140				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			40	100	
135	E. M. Mason.....	Clerk and Emergency Officer.....	200				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			40	160	
135	W. Shaw	Carpenter and Emergency Officer	200				
		Value of quarters and rations.....			40	160	
135	W. S. Thurston	Boatswain and Drillmaster	172				
		Value of quarters and rations			40	132	
135	J. F. Bourke.....	Bandmaster and Emergency Officer	172				
		Value of quarters and rations			40	132	
135	T. Walsh	1st Assistant Boatswain and Drillmaster	144				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	109	
135	E. Dermody.....	2nd Assistant Boatswain and Drillmaster	135				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	100	
135	C. G. Thompson	Laundryman and Stoker	175				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	140	
135	F. Kirk	Seaman	143				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	108	
135	E. Gallagher	Seaman	131				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	96	
135	John Empson	Seaman	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	
135	H. C. Wood	Seaman	131				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	96	
135	Joseph Reading	Seaman	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	
135	R. Gray.....	Seaman	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	
135	C. Hermanson	Seaman	137				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	102	
135	J. Tuck	Cook and Steward	143				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	108	
135	B. B. Tweddle	Assistant Cook and Steward	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	
135	L. Salvat	2nd Assistant Cook and Steward	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	
135	H. J. Notson	Seaman	119				
		Value of quarters and rations			35	84	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. IX.—Public Instruction—continued.			£	£	£	£	
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, PARRAMATTA.							
136	T. E. Dryhurst.....	Superintendent	300	300	} Quarters, &c., allowed.
136	Margaret Richardson	Teacher	150	.....	.....	150
136	Annie E. Bennett	Assistant Teacher	100	.....	.....	100
136	E. R. Kaye	Matron	120	.....	.....	120
136	B. A. Leo	Assistant Matron.....	96	.....	.....	96
136	M. K. Daly	Attendant.....	88	.....	.....	88
136	H. W. Wall	Gardener, &c.	90	.....	.....	90
136	E. Bolton	Attendant.....	82	.....	.....	82
136	K. Lynch	Attendant.....	82	.....	.....	82
136	E. A. Schofield	Attendant.....	50	.....	.....	50
CARPENTERIAN REFORMATORY.							
136	F. A. Stayner	Superintendent	300	300	} Quarters allowed.
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	50	250
136	Edward Bowcher	Senior Attendant and 2nd Officer	115	.....	.....	115
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	80
136	A. Tuck	Watchman	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	65
136	Thomas Egan	Attendant.....	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	65
136	C. B. Cochrane.....	Clerk and Storekeeper	140	.....	.....	140
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	105
136	James Watson.....	Attendant.....	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	65
136	F. W. Pull	Teacher of Joinery	138	.....	.....	138
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	103
136	James Shirden	Orchardist	130	.....	.....	130
136	T. Carson	Cook	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	65
136	A. McDonald	Servant	76	.....	.....	76
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	41
136	Wm. Smith	Teacher of Tailoring	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	65
136	A. P. Humphries.....	Schoolmaster	159	.....	.....	159
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	35	124
136	Wallace Roberts	Bootmaker	78	.....	.....	78
							Quarters allowed.
SHAFTESBURY REFORMATORY.†							
137	S. Canynghame	Matron Superintendent	132	132	} Allowed quarters and rations.
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	45	87
137	M. T. Kilcrane.....	School-teacher	100	.....	.....	100
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	40	60
137	M. A. Weelands	Attendant.....	77	.....	.....	77
		Value of quarters and rations .....	.....	.....	27	50
137	Kate McKee.....	Laundress.....	39	.....	.....	39
							39
OBSERVATORY.							
138	H. C. Russell	Government Astronomer	800	800	} Quarters, fuel, and light, allowed.
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	100	700
138	J. H. Huddy	Messenger, Cleaner, and Carpenter	146	.....	.....	146
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	26	120
PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.							
140	J. C. Peirce	Carpenter and Special Constable..	144	144	} Quarters, fuel, and light, allowed.
		Value of quarters, fuel, and light .....	.....	.....	36	108
LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.							
141	Annie Fernie	Caretaker and Cleaner, Head Office	50	50	Quarters, fuel, and light, allowed.

† Transferred to Chief Secretary's Department.

X.

SECRETARY FOR MINES.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	DEPARTMENT OF MINES.		£	£	£	£	
146	James Hebbard	Inspector of Mines	350				
		Living allowance		35		385	
146	David Milne	Inspector of Mines	350				
		Living allowance		35		385	
148	T. M. Chalker	Wombeyan Caves	90				
		Value of quarters			10	80	
148	J. Sibbald	Wellington Caves	85				
		Value of quarters			10	75	
148	H. Bradley	Yarrangobilly Caves	100				
		Value of quarters			20	80	
	PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP.						
149	R. D. Jones	Metropolitan Inspector of Stock	240				
		Inspector under Imported Stock Act	200			440	
149	George E. Mackay	Inspector of Stock, Albury	325				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		8		338	
149	C. J. Vyner	Inspector of Stock, Armidale	325				
		Stationery		5			
		Fuel		2		332	
149	W. Dargin	Inspector of Stock, Balranald	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		10			
		Living allowance		16/10/-		306/10/-	
149	G. S. Smith	Inspector of Stock, Bathurst	250				
		Stationery		5		255	
149	R. W. Dawson	Inspector of Stock, Bombala	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		13		293	
149	D. W. F. Hatten	Inspector of Stock, Bourke	325				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15			
		Living allowance		32/10/-			
		Clerical assistance		52		429/10/-	
149	H. L. Mater	Inspector of Stock, Braidwood	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		7/5/-		287/5/-	
149	B. Broughton	Inspector of Stock, Brewarrina	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		26			
		Living allowance		18		349	
149	C. B. King	Inspector of Stock, Carcoar	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office cleaning and fuel		5		285	
149	James Cotton	Inspector of Stock, Cobar	300				
		Office rent		12			
		Living allowance		30		342	
149	J. G. Stanley	Inspector of Stock, Condobolin	275				
		Office rent		10			
		Stationery		5			
		Living allowance		27/10/-		317/10/-	

Inspectors of Stock are allowed travelling expenses at the rate of 12s. 6d. per diem when absent from head-quarters at night, and for short journeys at the rate of 6d. per mile up to 10s.

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	No. X.—Secretary for Mines—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP—continued.						
149	Chas Hudson	Inspector of Stock, Cooma	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		13		293	
149	E. May-Steers	Inspector of Stock, Coonabarabran	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Rent		13		293	
149	T. W. Medley	Inspector of Stock, Coonamble ..	250				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		19/10/-			
		Living allowance		25		299/10/-	
149	A. Campbell	Inspector of Stock, Corowa	250				
		Stationery		5			
		Fuel		2		257	
149	Joseph Weir	Inspector of Stock, Denliquin ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office cleaning and fuel		5			
		Living allowance		30		340	
149	R. G. Dulhunty	Inspector of Stock, Dubbo	325				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15			
		Office cleaning and fuel		5		350	
149	W. G. Dowling	Inspector of Stock, Forbes	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office cleaning		3			
		Clerical assistance		12		320	
149	M. J. St. Clair	Inspector of Stock, Glen Innes ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		5		310	
149	J. L. Henderson	Inspector of Stock, Goulburn ..	250				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		19/10/-			
		Office cleaning		4		278/10/-	
149	A. A. Devlin ..	Inspector of Stock, Casino	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15/12			
		Clerical Assistance		35		355/12/-	
149	P. W. C. Palmer	Inspector of Stock, Gundagai ..	250				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		18/4/-			
		Office cleaning		3		276/4/-	
149	R. W. Broughton	Inspector of Stock, Hay ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Living allowance		18		323	
149	Thomas Cadell	Inspector of Stock, Hillston ..	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15			
		Living allowance		27/10/-		322/10/-	
149	W. A. Mackie	Inspector of Stock, Germanton ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		10		315	
149	J. A. T. Rochfort	Inspector of Stock, Jerilderie ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15		320	
149	James Yeo ..	Inspector of Stock, Moss Vale ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15			
		Office cleaning and fuel		5		325	
149	W. J. Powell	Inspector of Stock, West Maitland ..	275				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		16/5/-		290/5/-	
149	Joseph Wilks ..	Inspector of Stock, Broken Hill ..	300				
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent		15			
		Living allowance		30		350	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	No. X.—Secretary for Mines—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP—continued.						
149	W. H. Lowe.....	Inspector of Stock, Merriwa	225				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		15		245	
149	E. W. Proctor	Inspector of Stock, Mossgiel	300				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		15			
		Living allowance.....		30		350	
149	E. G. Finch	Inspector of Stock, Molong	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		10		265	
149	J. W. Chanter	Inspector of Stock, Moulamein	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		10			
		Living allowance.....		25		290	
149	J. W. Brodie	Inspector of Stock, Murrurundi.....	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		9/15/-		289/15/-	
149	E. V. French	Inspector of Stock, Moree	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office cleaning.....		6/10/-			
		Office rent.....		26			
		Living allowance.....		27/10/-		340	
149	C. J. Crocker	Inspector of Stock, Mudgee	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office cleaning and fuel.....		5			
		Office rent.....		15		275	
149	A. H. Farrand.....	Inspector of Stock, Narrabri.....	300				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		12/10/-			
		Office cleaning and fuel.....		5		322/10/-	
149	W. J. Elworthy	Inspector of Stock, Narrandera.....	300				
		Office rent.....		15		315	
149	H. E. Palmer	Inspector of Stock, Kempsey.....	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		6/10/-		261/10/-	
149	T. Knox Hill	Inspector of Stock, Singleton.....	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office cleaning and fuel.....		5			
		Office rent.....		18/4/-		278/4/-	
149	W. D. Dowe.....	Inspector of Stock, Tamworth	325				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		15		345	
149	P. R. Brett	Inspector of Stock, Urana	275				
		Office rent.....		13		238	
149	Chas. Lyne	Inspector of Stock, Wagga Wagga	275				
		Stationery.....		5		280	
149	R. Kirkpatrick	Inspector of Stock, Warialda.....	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office cleaning and fuel.....		5			
		Living allowance.....		27/10/-		312/10/-	
149	T. T. W. Mackay.....	Inspector of Stock, Wanaaring.....	325				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		20			
		Living allowance.....		32/10/-		382/10/-	
149	D. A. Morgan	Inspector of Stock, Wentworth.....	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		15			
		Living allowance.....		27/10/-		322/10/-	
149	W. J. C. Tully.....	Inspector of Stock, Wilcannia	300				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		26			
		Living allowance.....		18		349	
149	C. W. Dargin	Inspector of Stock, Penrith	250				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		7/10/-		262/10/-	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
	No. X.—Secretary for Mines—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	PREVENTION OF SCAB IN SHEEP—continued.						
149	Robert Moyse	Inspector of Stock, Walgett	300				Inspectors of Stock are allowed travelling expenses at the rate of 12s. 6d. per diem when absent from head-quarters at night and for short journeys at the rate of 6d. per mile up to 10a.
		Stationery		5			
		Office rent.....		13			
		Office cleaning and fuel		5			
		Living allowance		18		341	
149	J. F. Turner.....	Inspector of Stock, Yass.....	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		6		286	
149	R. Meadows	Inspector of Stock, Young	275				
		Stationery.....		5			
		Office rent.....		16/5/-			
		Fuel		2		298/5/-	
	IMPORTED AND INTRODUCED STOCK.						
149	J. D. Stewart	Veterinary Surgeon, Sydney	300				
		Quarters and Keep horse at Randwick Stock Quarantine...		110		410	
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.						
151	J. Martin, junr.	Timber Inspector, and Inspector, Vegetation Diseases Act.....	175	50		225	
	HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, &c.						
151	G. Valder	Principal	470				
		Value of quarters, &c.			70	400	
151	E. C. Wood	Science Master.....	285				
		Value of quarters.....			40	215	
151	C. T. Musson	English Master	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
151	Catherine Richardson.....	Housekeeper	160				
		Value of quarters.....			60	100	
151	G. Cobb	Farm Foreman	166				
		Value of quarters.....			16	150	
151	J. J. McCue	Bee and Poultry Expert	120				
		Value of quarters		12		132	
151	A. Brooks	Foreman Mechanic	187				
		Value of quarters.....			10	177	
151	J. Alford	Orchardist	250				
		Value of quarters.....			10	240	
151	C. H. Ausburn	Engineer	150				
		Value of quarters.....			16	134	
151	L. McDonald	Clerk, Murrumbidgee Farm	160				
		Value of quarters			25	135	
151	R. W. Peacock.....	Manager, Coolabah Farm	180				
		Living allowance.....		10			
		Value of quarters.....			30	160	
151	C. H. Gorman	Manager, Pera Bore Farm.....	200				
		Living allowance.....		10		210	
151	A. A. Dunncliff	Manager, Bathurst Farm	350				
		Value of quarters.....			50	300	
151	M. K. Smith	Housekeeper, Bathurst Farm.....	100				
		Value of quarters.....			50	50	
151	G. M. McKeown	Manager, Wagga Farm	300				
		Value of quarters.....			50	250	
151	S. A. Hogg	Orchardist, Wagga Farm	200				
		Value of quarters.....			50	150	
151	H. V. Jackson	Manager, Wollongbar Farm	246				
		Value of quarters.....			46	200	

XI.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Reference to Estimate.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Other allowances not of fixed annual amount.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.							
			£	£	£	£	
158	W. J. Davies.....	Chief Inspector and Superintendent, Mail Branch	700	*700	Inspectors are allowed 15/- per diem when travelling on duty, in addition to cost of conveyance by coach, &c. They are also allowed free passes by train.
158	G. P. Unwin.....	Senior Inspector and Assistant Superintendent	550	.....	.....	550
158	J. B. Bossley	Inspector	470	.....	.....	470
158	A. Burnett	do	461	.....	.....	461
158	E. J. Young	do	400	.....	.....	400
158	W. H. Maguire	do	400	.....	.....	400
158	E. W. Bramble	do	400	.....	.....	400
158	F. P. Brewer	do	400	.....	.....	400
158	W. H. Golding	do	300	.....	.....	300
157	Vacant	Cashier	450	.....	.....	450
		Allowance for losses .....	.....	25	.....	475
157	C. A. Ord	Clerk, Cashier's Branch	350	.....	.....	350
		Allowance for losses .....	.....	12	.....	362
158	J. Thompson	Distributor of Stamps.....	425	.....	.....	425
		Allowance for losses .....	.....	25	.....	450
158	F. A. Kelleher.....	Clerk, Distributer's Branch	200	.....	.....	200
		Allowance for losses .....	.....	11	.....	211
158	J. C. O'Hara.....	Clerk, Distributer's Branch	299	.....	.....	299
46		Lieutenant, 2nd Regiment.....	.....	15	.....	314
156	J. Clarke	Inland Mail Clerk	400	.....	.....	400
		Overland English Mails .....	.....	25	.....	425
158	C. Clarke	Clerk, Mail Branch.....	350	.....	.....	*350
158	R. R. Iredale	do	325	.....	.....	*325
158	E. B. Seymour.....	do	325	.....	.....	*325
158	J. McNeilly	do	300	.....	.....	*300
158	H. R. Davies	do	350	.....	.....	*350
158	F. Butler	do	299	.....	.....	*299
158	M. H. M'Donnell	do (Shipping)	290	.....	.....	*290
158	J. Robinson	do	280	.....	.....	280
		Allowance for losses .....	.....	11	.....	*291
156	F. F. Falconer.....	Clerk and Translator	299	.....	.....	*299
158	C. Brady	Clerk, Mail Branch.....	250	.....	.....	*250
156	J. Middleton	Assistant Shipping Clerk	250	.....	.....	*250
158	J. L. Stokes	Clerk, Mail Branch.....	240	.....	.....	*240
158	A. McNeilly	do	240	.....	.....	*240
158	S. B. Hilton	do	240	.....	.....	*240
158	F. W. Rush	do	240	.....	.....	*240
158	R. A. Shortland	do	220	*220	
158	A. Briggs	do	200	*200	
158	G. C. Warre.....	do	200	200	
		Allowance for losses	5	*205	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
158	R. W. Horn	Clerk, Mail Branch	200	....	.....	*200	
158	J. C. Wheeler	do	200	...	...	*200	
158	A. F. de Abreu	do	190	....	.....	*190	
158	H. J. Foskett	do	190	.....	...	*190	
158	M. J. Brady	do	180	.....	.....	*180	
158	T. W. Baker	do	180	.....	...	*180	
158	R. H. Millington	do	180	.....	.....	*180	
158	J. A. Mitchell	do	170	.....	...	*170	
158	F. Mullarkey	do	150	...	..	*150	
158	A. Solomon	do	150	...	.....	*150	
158	R. B. Herkes	do	140	.....	...	*140	
158 46	J. Y. Nelson.....	Electrician	500				
		Captain, Electrical Engineers ..		51		551	
158 46	A. A. Dircks	Assistant Electrician ..	350		18	368	
		Lieutenant, Electrical Engineers ..	...	18			
159 46	J. Cormick	Testing Officer	250				
		Sergeant-major, Electrical En- gineers .. ..	...	15	.....	265	
159 46	J. Reeve	Clerk, Check Branch	150				
		Sergeant, 1st Regiment .....	...	12	.....	162	
160 46	J. S. Fitzmaurice.....	Chief Engineer, Electric Light Branch	350				
		Lieutenant, Electrical Engineers ..	.....	18	.....	368	
159 45	A. Strachan	Clerk, Booking	140				
		Sapper, P.P.S. Miners .. ..	...	7/4/-	.....	147/4/-	
159 46	H. E. Williams	Operator	220				
		Sapper, Electrical Engineers ..	...	7/4/-	.....	227/4/-	
159 46	J. S. Hay	Operator	120				
		Sapper, Electrical Engineers ..	...	7/4/-	.....	127/4/-	
159 46	H. Bloore.....	Fitter, Telephone Branch ..	223				
		Sapper, Electrical Engineers ..	...	7/4/-	...	230/4/-	
159 49	D. Berkeley	Fitter, Telephone Branch ..	125				
		Corporal, Army Service Corps ..	.....	7	...	132	
157	E. Lloyd	Teller, Money Order Division ..	300				
		Risk allowance .. ..	...	12/3/11	.....	312/3/11	
157	C. T. Morris .. .	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	250				
		Risk allowance .. ..	.....	10/3/3	.....	260/3/3	
157	W. C. Allpress	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	250				
		Risk allowance .. ..	...	9/15/1	.....	259/15/1	
157	A. G. Day	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	240				
		Risk allowance .. ..	...	9/15/1	...	249/15/1	
157	H. Hilton	Clerk, Money Order Division.....	200				
		Risk allowance. ....	...	8/2/7	.....	208/2/7	
157 56	C. S. Gillham	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	250				
		Sub-Lieutenant, N A. Vol ..	.....	18/15	.....	268/15/0	
157 46	J. E. Guyot .. .	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	220				
		1st Lieutenant, 3rd Regt ..	...	15	.....	235	
157 56	C. H. Coggins	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	200				
		Sub-Lieutenant, N A. Vol. ..	.....	20	...	220	
157 44	W. L. Johnston	Clerk, Money Order Division ..	150				
		Sergeant, B D.F. Artillery .....	...	12	...	162	
159 46	F. Golding .. .	Testing Officer	240				
		Sapper, Electrical Engineers	6	...	246	
160	Mrs C. Abbott.....	Officekeeper	100				
		Value of quarters...	16	...	116	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
161	A. A. S. Smith	Post and Telegraph Master, Aberdeen	190				
		Value of quarters.....			30	160	
161	J. Waddell	Post and Telegraph Master, Adaminaby.....	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	W. Lee	Post and Telegraph Master, Adamstown	140				
		Value of quarters.....			20	120	
161	A. Bellamy	Post and Telegraph Master, Adelong	220				
		Value of quarters.....			30	190	
161	Mrs. R. Long	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Albion Park	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	C. E. Dale.....	Postmaster, Albury	370				
		Value of quarters.....			50	320	
161	J. J. Curran	Postal Assistant, Albury.....	150				
		Sergeant, 1st Regiment		12		162	
161	W. J. Parsons	Telegraph Officer, Albury	330				
138	.....	Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			40	302	
161	C. J. Lowe	Post and Telegraph Master, Alectown.....	101				
		Value of quarters.....			20	81	
161	W. Watts.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Alexandria	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	E. O. Hodgson.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Alstonville	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	Mrs. K. M. Black	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Annandale	225				
		Value of quarters.....			40	185	
161	B. Thomas	Post and Telegraph Master, Arakoon	125				
		Light and Signal Master		52			
		Value of quarters.....			20	157	
161	E. J. Collier.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Araluen	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	F. Whysall	Post and Telegraph Master, Armidale.....	350				
138	.....	Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			50	312	
161	W. E. Grainger	Post and Telegraph Master, Arncliffe	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	R. Fetherston	Post and Telegraph Master, Ashfield	230				
		Value of quarters.....			40	190	
161	C. R. Bousfield	Post and Telegraph Master, Ballina	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	A. Melville	Post and Telegraph Master, Balmain	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	J. T. Lambert	Post and Telegraph Master, Balranald	240				
		Forage		63/17/6			
		Value of quarters.....			40		
		Living allowance		24		287/17/6	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT— <i>continued.</i>							
161	P. Phillips	Operator, Balranald	130				
		Living allowance		20		150	
161	W. E. Pollitt	Operator, Balranald	88				
		Living allowance		12		100	
161	A. J. Cram	Supernumerary Assistant	65				
		Living allowance		6		71	
161	J. B. Parker.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Baradine.....	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20		
		Living allowance		10		120	
161	J. S. Roberts	Post and Telegraph Master, Barmedman	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	E. W. Connolly	Post and Telegraph Master, Barraba	220				
		Value of quarters.....			30	190	
161	T. White	Post and Telegraph Master, Barrington	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20		
		Living allowance		25		175	
161	L. A. Hewitt	Post and Telegraph Master, Bateman's Bay	170				
		Porterage		6			
		Value of quarters			20	156	
161	W. G. Thompson.....	Postmaster, Bathurst	400				
		Value of quarters			50	350	
161	W. A. Blackstone	Telegraph Officer, Bathurst	350				
138		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters			50	312	
161	J. W. McCutcheon	Post and Telegraph Master, Bega	280				
		Value of quarters			40	240	
161	J. C. Toose	Post and Telegraph Master, Bellbrook	220				
		Forage		81/4/0			
		Value of quarters			30	221/4/0	
161	W. G. Mason	Post and Telegraph Master, Bellingen	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	G. D. Williams	Post and Telegraph Master, Bemboka.....	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	Mrs. P. Fitzgerald	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Bendemeer	120				
		Value of quarters			20	100	
161	A. E. Thomas	Post and Telegraph Master, Berridale.....	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	A. J. Barwick	Post and Telegraph Master, Berrigan	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	J. W. Connelly	Post and Telegraph Master, Berrima	170				
		Value of quarters			20	150	
161	R. Dixon	Post and Telegraph Master, Berry	235				
		Value of quarters			40	195	
161	H. A. Weatherall	Post and Telegraph Master, Bingara	225				
		Value of quarters			30		
		Living allowance		11		206	
161	J. McCarthy.....	Letter-carrier, Bingara	78				
		Living allowance		5		83	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
161	T. C. Bennett	Messenger, Bingara Living allowance	26	3 .....	.....	29	
161	R. J. Farquharson	Post and Telegraph Master, Blackheath Value of quarters	200 .....	.....	30	170	
161	W. S. Arnott	Post and Telegraph Master, Blayney	260				
115		Clerk of Petty Sessions Value of quarters	50 .....	.....	40	270	
161	W. Jackson	Post and Telegraph Master, Bodalla Value of quarters	175 .....	.....	20	155	
161	H. A. Hoare	Post and Telegraph Master, Botany Value of quarters	170 .....	.....	20	150	
161	T. J. M. Trader	Post and Telegraph Master, Bourke	400				
138		Meteorological Observer Living allowance Value of quarters	..... ..... .....	12 40	50	402	
161	G. H. Tunks	Postal Assistant, Bourke Living allowance	200	20 .....	.....	220	
161	P. E. Row	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	200	20 .....	.....	220	
161	R. H. Allars	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	180	20 .....	.....	200	
161	H. C. Carolan	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	130	20 .....	.....	150	
161	H. O. S. Tarbolton	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	125	12 .....	.....	137	
161	W. C. Percy	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	130	12 .....	.....	142	
161	T. D. Ryan	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	130	12 .....	.....	142	
161	E. E. Cooper	Operator, Bourke Living allowance	111	12 .....	.....	123	
162	D. J. Williams	Supernumerary Operator, Bourke Living allowance	65	20 .....	.....	85	
162	J. Johnston	Supernumerary Operator, Bourke Living allowance	65	20 .....	.....	85	
162	J. K. Bennett	Letter-carrier, Bourke Living allowance	78	7 .....	.....	85	
162	J. W. Davies	Messenger, Bourke Living allowance	52	6 .....	.....	58	
162	Wm. Gearing	Messenger, Bourke Living allowance	52	6 .....	.....	58	
162	L. S. Jones	Messenger, Bourke Living allowance	39	6 .....	.....	45	
162	P. J. King	Line-repairer, Bourke Living allowance	140	10 .....	.....	150	
162	R. C. Williams	Post and Telegraph Master, Broken Hill Living allowance Value of quarters	400	40	50	300	
162	James Baker	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill Living allowance	200	12	212	
162	F. M. Palmer	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill Living allowance	230	20	250	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	W. Murnane.....	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill ... Living allowance	170	20 .....	.....	190	
162	D. F. McCarthy	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill ... Living allowance	130	20 .....	.....	150	
162	H. O. Woollett	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill ... Living allowance	120	12 .....	.....	132	
162	F. M'Alister.....	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill ... Living allowance	111	20 .....	.....	131	
162	J. J. Fairhead	Postal Assistant, Broken Hill ... Living allowance	98	12 .....	.....	110	
162	J. H. Spence.....	Operator, Broken Hill	200	20	.....	220	
162	W. O. Grant	Operator, Broken Hill	200	12	.....	212	
162	A. H. Woollett	Operator, Broken Hill	170	20	.....	190	
162	T. A. Logan	Operator, Broken Hill	130	12	.....	142	
162	F. Claremont	Operator, Broken Hill	130	20	.....	150	
162	W. J. Keelty	Operator, Broken Hill	130	12	.....	142	
162	W. B. Turner	Operator, Broken Hill	130	12	.....	142	
162	R. Hardcastle	Operator, Broken Hill	130	20	.....	150	
162	P. Elliss	Operator, Broken Hill	116	12	.....	128	
162	J. S. Barnes	Supernumerary Assistant, Broken Hill	65	20	.....	85	
162	E. A. Hunt	Acting Supernumerary Operator, Broken Hill	65	20	.....	85	
162	L. Rae	Line-repairer, Broken Hill.....	140	10	.....	150	
162	J. A. Marvell	Fitter, Broken Hill	200	10	.....	210	
162	F. Fox	Letter-carrier, Broken Hill	115	10	.....	125	
162	A. H. Mitchell.....	Letter-carrier, Broken Hill	65	6	.....	71	
162	W. G. Inman	Letter-carrier, Broken Hill	65	20	.....	85	
162	M. L. Pryor	Letter-carrier, Broken Hill	52	6	.....	58	
162	W. Lawrie	Switch Attendant, Broken Hill...	78	6	.....	84	
162	H. J. Hanford	Switch Attendant, Broken Hill...	52	6	.....	58	
162	C. H. R. Guppy	Switch Attendant, Broken Hill...	52	6	.....	58	
162	A. Hill	Switch Attendant, Broken Hill...	52	6	58	
162	R. Wyld	Messenger, Broken Hill.....	26	6	32	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	E. Bartle	Messenger, Broken Hill	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
162	W. C. Holman	Messenger, Broken Hill	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
162	C. S. Whearne	Messenger, Broken Hill	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
162	W. R. Guest	Post and Telegraph Master, Broken Hill Railway	160				
		Living allowance		20		180	
162	R. A. Murphy	Letter-carrier, Broken Hill Railway	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	H. H. Forder	Messenger, Broken Hill Railway	52				
		Living allowance		6		58	
161	C. A. Oliver	Post and Telegraph Master, Boggabilla	170				
		Living allowance		20			
		Value of quarters			20	170	
161	R. L. Studdert	Post and Telegraph Master, Boggabri	210				
		Value of quarters			30	180	
161	A. G. Robins	Post and Telegraph Master, Bombala	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	M. J. Sheppard	Post and Telegraph Master, Booligal	180				
		Living allowance		20			
		Value of quarters			30	170	
161	Mrs. B. Seymour	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Bowna	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	J. D. Sherriff	Post and Telegraph Master, Bowral	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	W. A. Johnston	Post and Telegraph Master, Bowraville	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	A. Bray	Post and Telegraph Master, Braidwood	230				
		Value of quarters			30	200	
161	J. A. Tulloch	Post and Telegraph Master, Branxton	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	C. J. Robins	Post and Telegraph Master, Brewarrina	270				
		Living allowance		26			
		Value of quarters			40	256	
161	C. H. Hooper	Operator, Brewarrina	180				
		Living allowance		20		200	
162	A. A. Wales	Supernumerary Operator, Bre- warrina	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	C. H. Robins	Supernumerary Operator, Bre- warrina	65				
		Living allowance		6		71	
162	E. H. Chambers	Messenger, Brewarrina	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
161	E. Adam	Post and Telegraph Master, Broadwater	200				
		Value of quarters			30	170	

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	No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.						
161	W. Rinkin	Post and Telegraph Master, Brushgrove	150		20		
		Value of quarters					
		Porterage		13		143	
161	J. P. Carter	Post and Telegraph Master, Bulahdelah	150		20	130	
		Value of quarters					
161	J. J. O'Brien	Post and Telegraph Master, Bulyeroi	130				
		Living allowance		20			
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	Miss L. Tobin	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Bundanoon	125				
		Value of quarters			20		
		Porterage		10		115	
161	E. T. Earles	Post and Telegraph Master, Bundarra	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	T. L. Coughlan	Post and Telegraph Master, Bungendore	210				
		Value of quarters			30	180	
161	J. H. Grill	Post and Telegraph Master, Bungwahl	125				
		Value of quarters			20	105	
161	J. Creer	Post and Telegraph Master, Burruga	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	B. V. Squire	Post and Telegraph Master, Burrawang	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	D. J. Elliott	Post and Telegraph Master, Burrowa	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	H. Matthews	Post and Telegraph Master, Burwood	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	P. Prott	Post and Telegraph Master, Byrock	200				
		Living allowance		12			
		Value of quarters			30	182	
161	W. J. McPherson	Operator, Byrock	111				
		Living allowance		12		123	
162	A. C. E. Fisher	Messenger, Byrock	52				
		Living allowance		6		58	
161	J. C. Flanders	Post and Telegraph Master, Byron Bay	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	J. J. L. Morony	Post and Telegraph Master, Camden	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	W. Wood	Post and Telegraph Master, Campbelltown	230				
		Value of quarters			30	200	
161	F. Burgis	Post and Telegraph Master, Camperdown	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	G. C. Walter	Post and Telegraph Master, Candelo	200				
		Value of quarters			30	170	
161	T. Stokes	Post and Telegraph Master, Captain's Flat	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	

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	No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.						
161	H. J. Rowthorn	Post and Telegraph Master, Carcoar Value of quarters.....	180 .....	.....	30	150	
161	C. D. Logan	Post and Telegraph Master, Cargo Value of quarters.....	140 .....	.....	20	120	
161	W. H. Southwick	Post and Telegraph Master, Carinda Value of quarters..... Living allowance.....	130	20	20	130	
161	S. L. Hancock	Post and Telegraph Master, Carrathool Value of quarters..... Living allowance.....	190	20	30	180	
162	S. O'Rourke	Postal Assistant, Carrathool Living allowance.....	39	12	.....	51	
161	W. J. Gwynne	Post and Telegraph Master, Carrington Value of quarters.....	170 .....	.....	20	150	
161	F. B. Kenane	Post and Telegraph Master, Casino Value of quarters.....	260 .....	.....	40	220	
161	J. T. Miner	Post and Telegraph Master, Cassilis Value of quarters.....	175 .....	.....	20	155	
161	T. Wallace	Post and Telegraph Master, Cathcart Value of quarters.....	130 .....	.....	20	110	
161	Mrs. A. M. Ford	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Chatswood Value of quarters.....	130 .....	.....	20	110	
161	A. H. C. McAulay	Post and Telegraph Master, Chatsworth Island Value of quarters.....	150 .....	.....	20	130	
161	S. Mansfield	Post and Telegraph Master, Clarence Town Value of quarters.....	150 .....	.....	20	130	
161	G. T. Alcorn	Post and Telegraph Master, Clifton Porterage..... Value of quarters.....	130	12	20	122	
161	W. C. Rush	Post and Telegraph Master, Cobar Living allowance..... Value of quarters.....	330	33	40	323	
161	L. H. McGlynn	Operator, Cobar Living allowance.....	170	12	.....	182	
162	G. R. Rutherford	Postal Assistant, Cobar Living allowance.....	125	12	.....	137	
162	W. G. Stewart	Postal Assistant, Cobar Living allowance.....	75	12	.....	87	
162	H. R. Bilton	Super. Operator, Cobar Living allowance.....	78	7	.....	85	
162	R. Stewart	Letter Carrier, Cobar Living allowance.....	78	7	.....	85	
162	H. Vale	Line Repairer, Cobar Living allowance.....	140	10	.....	150	
162	R. M. Lee	Messenger, Cobar Living allowance.....	52	6	58	
162	R. Rankin	Switch Attendant, Cobar Living allowance.....	65	6	71	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	A. McNulty	Switch Attendant, Cobar	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
162	H. O. Budd	Switch Attendant, Cobar	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
161	J. Horsley	Post and Telegraph Master, Cobargo	200				
		Forage		31/4/-			
		Value of quarters			30	201/4/-	
161	C. P. Mulville	Post and Telegraph Master, Coff's Harbour	120				
		Value of quarters			20	100	
161	E. F. Dalgleish	Post and Telegraph Master, Collarendabri	190				
		Living allowance		25			
		Value of quarters			30	185	
162	D. Tressilian	Super. Operator, Collarenebri ..	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
161	M. Russell	Post and Telegraph Master, Come-by-Chance	130				
		Living allowance		20			
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	H. G. Kulmar	Post and Telegraph Master, Concord	170				
		Value of quarters			20	150	
161	W. J. Job	Post and Telegraph Master, Condobolin	250				
		Living allowance		24			
		Value of quarters			40	234	
162	A. E. Croker	Operator, Condobolin	130				
		Living allowance		20		150	
162	D. F. Schuback	Super. Operator, Condobolin	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	J. J. Gleeson	Letter-carrier, Condobolin	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	C. Pettiford	Messenger, Condobolin	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
162	Mrs. E. Church	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Coogee	125				
		Value of quarters			20	105	
161	H. Brigden	Post and Telegraph Master, Coolah	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	W. Moore	Post and Telegraph Master, Coolamon	190				
		Value of quarters			20	160	
161	H. J. Burton	Post and Telegraph Master, Cooma	250				
		Meteorological observer		12			
		Value of quarters			40	252	
161	J. Curran	Post and Telegraph Master, Coonabarabran	200				
		Meteorological Observer		12			
		Value of quarters			30	132	
161	F. Waddups	Post and Telegraph Master, Coonamble	300				
		Living allowance		30			
		Value of quarters			40	290	
162	G. Young	Operator, Coonamble	130				
		Living allowance		20		150	
162	J. Dougherty	Super. Operator, Coonamble	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
160	A. Brown	Line Repairer, Coonamble..... Living allowance	140	10 .....	..... .....	150	
162	F. Brett.....	Letter-carrier, Coonamble..... Living allowance.....	65	20 .....	..... .....	85	
162	G. O. Medley	Messenger, Coonamble	52	6	.....	58	
161	A. C. Green	Post and Telegraph Master, Cooranbong	130	.....	20	110	
161	G. S. Hay.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Cootamundra.....	330	.....	40	290	
161	S. Moffitt	Post and Telegraph Master, Coraki	180	.....	30	150	
161	J. M. Cooke	Post and Telegraph Master, Corowa	270	.....	40	230	
161	J. J. Molloy	Post and Telegraph Master, Cowra	280	.....	40	240	
161	J. Walter	Post and Telegraph Master, Crookwell	225	.....	30	195	
161	J. R. Cabel	Post and Telegraph Master, Cudal Value of quarters	170 .....	.....	20	150	
161	W. T. Windeyer	Post and Telegraph Master, Cudgen	130	.....	20	110	
161	C. M. Ireland	Post and Telegraph Master, Cumnock.....	150	.....	20	130	
161	W. Dowling.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Cundletown	140	.....	20	125	
161	E. Quin	Post and Telegraph Master, Dalmorton.....	130	.....	10	110	
161	S. W. Cambridge.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Dalton.....	130	.....	20	110	
161	S. E. Jeffery.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Dandaloo	150	10	.....	160	
161	E. A. Bingham.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Dapto	150	.....	20	130	
161	M. E. Husing	Post and Telegraph Master, Darlington	200	.....	30	170	
161	J. L. Bennett	Post and Telegraph Master, Darlington Point	160	10	.....	170	
161	H. L. Yates	Post and Telegraph Master, Daysdale	130	20	110	
161	J. Cox	Post and Telegraph Master, Deepwater	140	20	120	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
161	J. G. Elliott.....	Postmaster, Deniliquin	350				
		Living allowance		35			
		Value of quarters.....			50	335	
162	A. Fordham	Postal Assistant, Deniliquin	170				
		Living allowance		£0		190	
161	R. Buckley	Telegraph Officer, Deniliquin.....	350				
138		Meteorological Observer		12			
		Living allowance		35			
		Value of quarters.....			50	347	
162	J. Goldrick	Operator, Deniliquin	200				
		Living allowance		20		220	
162	A. J. Cram	Postal Assistant, Deniliquin	65				
		Living allowance.....		20		85	
162	S. Trass.....	Letter-carrier, Deniliquin	78				
		Living allowance.....		7		85	
162	C. C. Worcester	Mail-boy, Deniliquin	78				
		Living allowance.....		7		85	
162	J. T. Allanson	Operator, Deniliquin	175				
		Living allowance.....		20		195	
162	E. A. Rob ns	Operator, Deniliquin	130				
		Living allowance.....		12		142	
162	L. W. Quick.....	Operator, Deniliquin	170				
		Living allowance		20		190	
162	E. Chapman	Operator, Deniliquin	150				
		Living allowance.....		20		170	
162	J. W. Murphy	Operator, Deniliquin	101				
		Living allowance		12		113	
162	J. M. Willoughby	Super. Operator, Deniliquin	78				
		Living allowance.....		7		85	
162	J. W. Druitt.....	Line Repairer, Deniliquin	140				
		Living allowance.....		10		150	
162	W. S. Fawcett	Messenger, Deniliquin	52				
		Living allowance.....		6		58	
162	H. F. Moltire	Messenger, Deniliquin	26				
		Living allowance.....		6		32	
162	D. Brophy	Messenger, Deniliquin	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
161	W. W. Cumming	Post and Telegraph Master, Denman	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	G. F. Schwinghammer	Post and Telegraph Master, Drake	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	P. J. H. Sewell	Post and Telegraph Master, Drummoyne	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	H. Curry	Post and Telegraph Master, Dubbo	300				
		Value of quarters.....			40	260	
161	L. Isaac.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Dulwich Hill	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	T. H. Ryan	Post and Telegraph Master, Dungog	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	T. Carey	Post and Telegraph Master, Dural	125				
		Value of quarters.....			20	105	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT— <i>continued.</i>							
161	J. B. Doutry.....	Post and Telegraph Master, East Balmain	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	F. W. Browne	Post and Telegraph Master, East Maitland	250				
		Value of quarters.....			40	210	
161	W. G. Payne	Post and Telegraph Master, Euabalong	175				
		Living allowance.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			20	167	
162	A. F. Graham	Operator, Euabalong.....	65				
		Living allowance.....		20		85	
161	C. G. Kebby.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Eden	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	C. F. Wakely	Post and Telegraph Master, Edgecliffe	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	Miss B. J. Moore.....	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Elizabeth-street South	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	T. W. C. Young	Post and Telegraph Master, Emmaville	220				
		Value of quarters.....			30	190	
161	E. Chapman	Post and Telegraph Master, Enmore	280				
		Value of quarters.....			40	240	
161	J. Marshall	Post and Telegraph Master, Enngonia	130				
		Living allowance.....		25			
		Value of quarters.....			20	135	
161	W. R. Bragg	Post and Telegraph Master, Erskineville	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	W. S. Simmons	Post and Telegraph Master, Eugowra	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	M. Follers	Post and Telegraph Master, Euriowie.....	130				
		Living allowance.....		20		150	
161	E. G. B. McColough	Post and Telegraph Master, Euston	130				
		Living allowance.....		26			
		Forage.....		63/17/6			
		Value of quarters.....			20	199/17/6	
162	W. W. Allan	Operator, Euston.....	98				
		Living allowance.....		12		110	
161	H. J. Dyce	Post and Telegraph Master, Fernmount.....	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	N. W. Clifford	Post and Telegraph Master, Finley.....	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	Mrs. L. Guinn.....	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Fivedock.....	120				
		Value of quarters.....			20	100	
161	W. S. Bellamy.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Forbes.....	300				
138		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			40	272	
161	T. J. Battye.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Ford's Bridge	130				
		Living allowance.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			20	122	

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161	P. Aldrich.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Forster	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	Mrs. E. Done	Post and Telegraph Master, Frederickton	120				
		Value of quarters			20	100	
161	M. E. Burke	Post and Telegraph Master, George-street West	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	S. H. Phillips	Post and Telegraph Master, Germanton.....	200				
		Value of quarters			30	170	
161	Mrs. K. O'Brien	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Gerringong.....	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	H. T. Green.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Gulgandra	180				
		Value of quarters			30	150	
161	G. J. Ruwald	Post and Telegraph Master, Ginninderra	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	D. A. Rayner	Post and Telegraph Master, Gladstone	130				
		Porterage		5			
		Value of quarters			20	115	
161	Miss L. Knott	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Giebe Point	225				
		Value of quarters			40	185	
161	J. Anschau	Post and Telegraph Master, Glen Innes.....	290				
		Value of quarters			40	250	
161	J. J. Kennedy	Post and Telegraph Master, Gloucester	130				
		Forage		26			
		Value of quarters			20	136	
161	J. D. Caldwell	Post and Telegraph Master, Goodooga	225				
		Living allowance		26/5/-			
		Value of quarters			30	221/5/-	
162	J. W. Sainsbury	Operator, Goodooga	91				
		Living allowance		7/10/-			
						98/10/-	
161	F. C. Gillett.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Goolagong	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	J. F. Parr.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Gosford	220				
		Value of quarters			30	190	
161	F. G. Davies	Postmaster, Goulburn	400				
		Value of quarters			50	350	
161	C. A. Middleton	Telegraph Officer, Goulburn	330				
138		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters			40	302	
161	P. S. Eldershaw	Post and Telegraph Master, Grafton	300				
		Value of quarters			40	260	
161	Miss J. Higgs	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Granville	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	J. T. Fountain.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Grenfell	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	

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161	R. Galloway.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Greta Value of quarters	150	20	130	Fuel, light, and cleaning are allowed to most of these Officers, but as they are intended to meet the requirements of the office only they have not been included in this Schedule. Letter-carriers, Mailboys, and Messengers receive a forage allowance ranging from £13 to £45 12s. 6d. per annum where there is a mounted delivery or clearance. Telegraph Line Repairers are paid forage allowances ranging from £31 4s. to £53 17s. 6d. per annum.
161	P. D. Brown	Post and Telegraph Master, Grong Grong	130 .....	.....	20	110
161	A. J. Knight	Post and Telegraph Master, Gulargambone	170 .....	.....	20	160
		Value of quarters .....	.....	10	.....	.....
162	P. J. Kearney	Messenger, Gulargambone	26 .....	.....	3	29
161	W. Clarke.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Gulgong	260 .....	.....	40	220
161	J. H. Miller	Post and Telegraph Master, Gundagai	250 .....	.....	40	210
161	H. Martin.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Gunnedah	240 .....	.....	40	200
161	F. W. Timmis	Post and Telegraph Master, Gunning	225 .....	.....	30	195
161	H. L. Wheeler.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Hamilton	200 .....	.....	30	170
161	J. M. Drum	Post and Telegraph Master, Harden	160 .....	.....	20	140
161	Mrs. M. V. McCloskey	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Hartley Vale	120 .....	.....	10	130
		Delivering telegrams .....	.....	10	.....	.....
161	T. B. O'Mara	Post and Telegraph Master, Harwood Island.....	150 .....	.....	20	130
161	W. Camper	Post and Telegraph Master, Hay	400	.....	.....	.....
138		Metrological Observer .....	.....	24	.....	.....
		Living allowance .....	.....	40	.....	.....
		Value of quarters .....	.....	.....	50	414
162	W. B. Nesbitt	Postal Assistant, Hay.....	200	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance .....	.....	20	.....	220
162	H. R. Dwyer	Postal Assistant, Hay.....	130	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	12	.....	142
162	H. S. Goddard	Operator, Hay	180	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	20	.....	200
162	J. A. Bollmann	Operator, Hay	140	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	12	.....	152
162	M. Wallace	Operator, Hay	98	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	20	.....	118
162	W. H. Percy	Super. Operator, Hay.....	78	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	7	.....	85
162	F. Styman	Letter-carrier, Hay	125	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	10	.....	135
162	J. Willoughby	Letter-carrier, Hay	120	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	.....	10	.....	130
162	H. Cross	Line-repairer, Hay	140	.....	.....	.....
		Living allowance.....	10	150	
162	E. W. Bell	Messenger, Hay	52	
		Living allowance.....	6	58	

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162	A. J. Squires	Messenger, Hay	26				
		Living allowance.....		6			32
161	T. Horan	Post and Telegraph Master, Helensburgh	160				
		Porterage		30			
		Delivering telegrams		13			
		Value of quarters			20		183
161	T. F. Bell.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Hill End.....	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20		155
161	W. G. Drew.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Hillgrove	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30		170
161	P. T. Whealy	Post and Telegraph Master, Hillston	240				
		Living allowance		24			
		Value of quarters			40		224
160	C. Chandler	Line-repairer, Hillston	140				
		Living allowance		10			150
162	O. W. O'Connell.....	Letter-carrier, Hillston	65				
		Living allowance.....		6			71
162	H. Sawkins	Messenger, Hillston	26				
		Living allowance.....		6			32
162	J. P. O'Connell	Operator, Hillston	65				
		Living allowance		20			85
161	M. Lockyer	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Hinton	120				
		Value of quarters			20		100
161	C. G. A. Doutry	Post and Telegraph Master, Homebush	260				
		Value of quarters			40		220
161	G. A. M. Carroil	Post and Telegraph Master, Hornsby	130				
		Value of quarters			20		110
161	J. McKay.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Howlong	140				
		Value of quarters			20		120
161	W. Robertson	Post and Telegraph Master, Hungford	130				
		Living allowance		30			160
161	L. J. Coghlan	Post and Telegraph Master, Hunter's Hill.....	200				
		Value of quarters			30		170
161	F. Smythe	Post and Telegraph Master, Hurstville	160				
		Porterage		6			
		Value of quarters			20		146
161	W. H. Rowland	Post and Telegraph Master, Inverell	299				
138		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters			40		271
161	F. W. Hawker.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Ivanhoe	175				
		Value of quarters			20		
		Living allowance		18			173
161	L. M. J. Butler	Post and Telegraph Master, Jerilderie	230				
		Value of quarters			40		
		Living allowance		11/10/-			201/10/-
162	N. W. Rankin	Operator, Jerilderie.....	150				
		Living allowance		6			156

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continua			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT— <i>continued</i>							
162	H. S Rankin ..	Super Operator, Jerilderie Living allowance ..	78	3/10/-	..	81/10/	
162	W. J Graham	Letter carrier, Jerilderie Living allowance ..	78	3/10/-	..	81/10/	
161	Mrs H. A Atkinson	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Jerrv's Plains Value of quarters	140	...	20	120	
161	W C Mobbs ..	Post and Telegraph Master, Jones Island Value of quarters	130	...	20	110	
161	W J Holahan	Post and Telegraph Master, Junee Value of quarters	260	..	40	220	
161	J. B Nugent	Post and Telegraph Master, Kangaroo Valley Value of quarters	150	..	20	130	
161	J R Nash	Post and Telegraph Master, Katoomba Value of quarters	260	..	40	220	
161	A E Marsden	Post and Telegraph Master, Keelo	175	..	20	155	
161	W F. Davidson	Post and Telegraph Master, Kempsey Value of quarters	200	..	30	170	
161	J W Clinch . ..	Post and Telegraph Master, Kiama Value of quarters	250	..	40	210	
161	H E Quick	Post and Telegraph Master, Kiandra ..	130	..	20	142	
138		Meteorological Observer... Living allowance ..		12 20	..	20	
161	M H Kelly	Post and Telegraph Master, King street Value of quarters	350	..	50	300	
161	A. H Gosbell	Post and Telegraph Master, Kogarah ..	190	..	30	160	
161	F A Leseberg . . .	Post and Telegraph Master, Kyamba .. Forage Value of quarters	200	45/12/6	30	215/12/6	
161	J J Niven	Post and Telegraph Master, Lake Cudgellico ... Living allowance .. Value of quarters	130	..	12 20	122	
162	W Wallace . . .	Postal Assistant, Lake Cudgellico Living allowance	101	..	12	113	
161	A H Costin	Post and Telegraph Master, Lambton Value of quarters	180	..	30	150	
161	A Thomson	Post and Telegraph Ma ter, Laurieton Value of quarters	150	..	20	130	
161	C E Gibson .. .	Post and Telegraph Master, Lawrence Value of quarters	120	..	20	100	
161	W Newton	Post and Telegraph Master, Lawson Value of quarters	175	..	20	155	

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			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.	
No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT— <i>continued.</i>							
161	A. T. McMillan	Post and Telegraph Master, Leichhardt	225		40	185	Fuel, light, and cleaning are allowed to most of these Officers, but as they are intended to meet the requirements of the office only they have not been included in this Schedule. Letter-carriers, Mailboys, and Messengers receive a forage allowance ranging from £13 to £45 12s. 6d. per annum where there is a mounted delivery or clearance. Telegraph Line Repairers are paid forage allowances ranging from £31 4s. to £63 17s. 6d. per annum.
		Value of quarters					
161	B. J. Martin	Post and Telegraph Master, Lismore	280		40	240	
		Value of quarters					
161	D. A. Thomas	Post and Telegraph Master, Lithgow	299		40	259	
		Value of quarters					
161	A. Galbraith	Post and Telegraph Master, Liverpool	225		30	195	
		Value of quarters					
161	W. J. Oswald	Post and Telegraph Master, Lochinvar	110			136	
		Porterage		26			
161	T. H. Noake	Post and Telegraph Master, Lockhart	130		20	110	
		Value of quarters					
161	H. M. Williams	Post and Telegraph Master, Louth	130			125	
		Living allowance		15			
		Value of quarters			20		
162	H. C. Pearson	Messenger, Louth	52			59/10/-	
		Living allowance		7/10/-			
162	F. R. M. Scott	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Macksville	150		20	130	
		Value of quarters					
162	J. Lamy	Post and Telegraph Master, Macleon	230		40	190	
		Value of quarters					
162	W. F. Burgess	Post and Telegraph Master, Manilla	190		30	160	
		Value of quarters					
162	G. U. Hosking	Post and Telegraph Master, Manly	260		40	220	
		Value of quarters					
162	J. L. Shambler	Post and Telegraph Master, Marengo	150		20	130	
		Value of quarters					
162	W. H. Day	Post and Telegraph Master, Marrickville	260		40	220	
		Value of quarters					
162	T. E. Mulbolland	Post and Telegraph Master, Marsdens	160		20	150	
		Value of quarters					
		Living allowance		10			
162	M. J. Stokes	Super. Operator, Marsdens	65			75	
		Living allowance		10			
161	N. J. Scouller	Post and Telegraph Master, Marulan	160			160	
		Porterage		20			
		Value of quarters			20		
161	T. Barclay	Post and Telegraph Master, Menindie	225			228	
		Living allowance		33			
		Value of quarters			30		
162	W. C. Street	Operator, Menindie	130			148	
		Living allowance		18			
162	S. Bastian	Super. Operator, Menindie	78			87	
		Living allowance		9			
162	O. Edwards	Super. Assistant, Menindie	65			74	
		Living allowance		9			

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
160	A. Beattie.....	Line Repairer, Menindie Living allowance	140	15 .....	.....	155	
161	A. N. Muir	Post and Telegraph Master, Merewether	170 .....	.....	20	150	
161	Mrs. M. A. Isaacs	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Merimbula	125 .....	.....	20	105	
161	W. A. Reid	Post and Telegraph Master, Merriwa	200 .....	.....	30	170	
161	T. J. S. Dignan	Post and Telegraph Master, Miller's Point	170 .....	.....	20	150	
161	H. L. Jenner	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Millie	130	20	20	130	
162	P. Kingsford	Postal Assistant, Millie	98	12 .....	.....	110	
161	S. C. Francis	Post and Telegraph Master, Milthorpe	200 .....	.....	30	170	
161	J. Dodds	Post and Telegraph Master, Milparinka	144	18 .....	.....	162	
162	F. MacMahon	Super. Operator, Milparinka Living allowance	65	20 .....	.....	85	
161	W. O. Newbery	Post and Telegraph Master, Milton.....	220 .....	.....	30	190	
161	J. Claxton.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Minmi.....	150 .....	.....	20	130	
161	A. Prott	Post and Telegraph Master, Mittagong	225 .....	.....	30	195	
161	J. N. Falconer.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Moama	170 .....	.....	20	160	
162	E. Moore	Operator, Moama.....	101	10 .....	.....	111	
162	A. Russell	Letter-carrier, Moama	78	3/10/- .....	.....	81/10/-	
161	A. E. South	Post and Telegraph Master, Mogil Mogil	150	25	20	155	
161	R. P. Martin	Post and Telegraph Master, Molong	260 .....	.....	40	220	
161	J. Munro	Post and Telegraph Master, Moree	299	29	40	288	
162	T. A. Pryke	Operator, Moree	180	20	200	
162	T. Garaty	Operator, Moree	130	20	150	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	F. J. Black	Supernumerary Operator, Moree Living allowance	65	20	.....	85	
162	Isaac Greer	Postal Assistant, Moree Living allowance	65	20	.....	85	
162	T. A. Doherty	Letter-carrier, Moree Living allowance	78	10	.....	88	
162	W. H. Neary	Messenger, Moree Living allowance	30	6	.....	45	
162	J. R. Canvin.....	Messenger, Moree Living allowance	39	6	.....	45	
161	J. Bennett	Post and Telegraph Master, Morpeth	225				
		Value of quarters.....			30	195	
161	H. A. Lott	Post and Telegraph Master, Moruya	225				
		Value of quarters.....			30	195	
161	F. Waller.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Mosman	175				
		Value of quarters			20	155	
161	J. G. Tedder	Post and Telegraph Master, Mossgiel	180				
		Value of quarters.....			30		
		Living allowance		30	.....	180	
162	T. Pollard.....	Messenger, Mossgiel	39				
		Living allowance		9	.....	48	
161	J. E. Parke	Post and Telegraph Master, Moss Vale	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	J. C. J. Mower.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Moulamein	130				
		Living allowance		20			
		Forage		63/17/6			
		Value of quarters.....			20	193/17/6	
162	R. L. Jones	Postal Assistant, Moulamein	111				
		Living allowance		12	.....	123	
161	E. Thomson.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Mount Drysdale	110				
		Living allowance		12	.....	122	
161	J. Gray.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Mount Hope	160				
		Living allowance		12			
		Value of quarters.....			20	152	
162	J. Evans	Messenger, Mount Hope	26				
		Living allowance		6	.....	32	
161	F. J. Barnett	Post and Telegraph Master, Mount Victoria	280				
138	Meteorological Observer.....	Value of quarters.....		12			
					40	252	
161	O. Haydock	Post and Telegraph Master, Mudgee	330				
		Value of quarters.....			40	290	
161	C. O. Smith	Post and Telegraph Master, Mulwala	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	J. A. Keating	Post and Telegraph Master, Mundooran.....	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	A. Leslie	Post and Telegraph Master, Mungindi	200				
		Living allowance		25			
		Value of quarters.....			30	195	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	A. Hudspeth	Operator, Mungindi	78				
		Living allowance		12		90	
161	F. T. South	Post and Telegraph Master, Murrumburrah	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	S. E. Hewett	Post and Telegraph Master, Murrurundi	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	W. J. Grime	Post and Telegraph Master, Murwillumbah	260				
		Value of quarters			40	220	
161	C. C. Paul	Post and Telegraph Master, Muswellbrook	290				
		Value of quarters			40	250	
161	A. J. Martin	Post and Telegraph Master, Nambucca Heads	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	H. T. Williams	Post and Telegraph Master, Narrabri	320				
		Value of quarters			40	280	
161	G. A. Gunning	Post and Telegraph Master, Narramine	225				
		Value of quarters			30	195	
161	H. Malone	Post and Telegraph Master, Narrandera	299				
		Value of quarters			40	259	
161	H. J. Berry	Post and Telegraph Master, Nelligen	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	W. J. Noble	Post and Telegraph Master, Nelson's Bay	125				
		Porterage		6			
		Value of quarters			20	111	
161	A. Wardrop	Post and Telegraph Master, Neutral Bay	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	J. T. H. Thame	Postmaster, Nevertire	200				
		Living allowance		10		210	
162	E. Flynn	Messenger, Nevertire	52				
		Living allowance		3		55	
161	G. Ireland	Post and Telegraph Master, New Angledool	170				
		Living allowance		25			
		Value of quarters			20	175	
162	E. L. Coomber	Supernumerary Operator, New Angledool	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
161	H. S. C. Eckley	Post and Telegraph Master, Newbridge	150				
		Porterage		10			
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	W. O'Neill	Postmaster, Newcastle	400				
		Value of quarters			50	350	
161	G. J. Warren	Post and Telegraph Master, Newcastle West	240				
		Value of quarters			40	200	
161	Miss M. Campbell	Post and Telegraph Mistress, New Lambton	52				
		Delivering letters, &c.		39		91	
161	C. H. Hatch	Post and Telegraph Master, Newton Boyd	180				
		Forage		36/10/-			
		Value of quarters			30	186/10/-	

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	No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.		£	£	£	£	
	POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.						
161	J. Lee	Post and Telegraph Master, Newtown.....	370				
		Value of quarters.....			50	320	
161	J. Samuel	Post and Telegraph Master, Nimitybelle	150				
		Value of quarters.....			20	130	
161	F. C. Pelham	Post and Telegraph Master, North Botany.....	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	W. Jones	Post and Telegraph Master, North Broken Hill	130				
		Living allowance.....		12			
		Value of quarters			20	122	
162	J. Rowe	Messenger, North Broken Hill ..	52				
		Living allowance.....		6		58	
161	Mrs. R. L. Fitzpatrick ...	Post and Telegraph Mistress, North Parramatta	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	G. A. Reid	Post and Telegraph Master, North Sydney	330				
		Value of quarters.....			40	290	
161	G. S. Roberts	Post and Telegraph Master, Nowra	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	F. A. Abrams	Post and Telegraph Master, Nundle	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	H. D. Edwards	Post and Telegraph Master, Nymagee	230				
		Living allowance.....		21			
		Value of quarters.....			40		
118		Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions ...	10				221
162	A. Hayward.....	Operator, Nymagee.....	130				
		Living allowance.....		20			150
162	J. S. Mullen.....	Postal Assistant, Nymagee	65				
		Living allowance		6			71
162	F. R. Davis	Messenger, Nymagee	26				
		Living allowance		6			32
161	J. T. Hackett	Post and Telegraph Master, Nyngan	230				
		Value of quarters.....			40		
118		Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions...		23			213
162	J. Cuttenden	Operator, Nyngan	130				
		Living allowance		20			150
162	A. E. Smith	Supernumery Operator, Nyngan	91				
		Living allowance		10			101
162	A. E. Maguire	Letter-carrier	65				
		Living allowance		20			85
162	J. Price.....	Messenger, Nyngan	26				
		Living allowance		6			32
161	A. Morton	Post and Telegraph Master, Oberon	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20		140
161	A. H. Davies	Post and Telegraph Master, Orange	350				
		Value of quarters.....			50		300
161	A. Carroll.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Oxford-street	299				
		Value of quarters.....			40		259
161	W. P. O'Neill	Post and Telegraph Master, Oxley	130				
		Living allowance.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			20		122

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POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	S. H. Slater	Messenger, Oxley..... Living allowance.....	39	6	45	Fuel, light, and cleaning are allowed to most of these Officers, but as they are intended to meet the requirements of the office only they have not been included in this Schedule. Letter-carriers, Mailboys, and Messengers receive a forage allowance ranging from £13 to £45 12s. 6d. per annum where there is a mounted delivery or clearance. Telegraph Line Repairers are paid forage allowances ranging from £31 4s. to £63 17s. 6d. per annum.
161	A. T. Gale	Post and Telegraph Master, Paddington..... Value of quarters.....	299 .....	.....	40	259
161	A. Payne	Post and Telegraph Master, Palmer's Island	130 .....	.....	20	110
161	E. J. Cornell	Post and Telegraph Master, Pambula	210 .....	.....	30	180
161	W. A. Lorking.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Parkes.....	299 .....	.....	40	259
161	T. Quirk	Post and Telegraph Master, Parramatta.....	350 .....	.....	50	300
161	E. M. Doust.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Paterson	140 .....	.....	20	120
161	J. Campey	Post and Telegraph Master, Peak Hill	210 .....	.....	30	180
161	F. J. Fowler.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Penrith	225 .....	.....	30	195
161	A. C. Atkinson	Post and Telegraph Master, Petersham	260 .....	.....	40	220
161	F. Burgess	Post and Telegraph Master, Picton Value of quarters.....	225 .....	.....	30	195
161	E. V. Blackwell	Post and Telegraph Master, Pilliga..... Living allowance..... Value of quarters.....	200	20	20	190	
162	A. J. Cormie	Operator, Pilliga	88	12	.....	100
161	J. J. Guilfoyle.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Pooncarrie	180	30	.....	210
		Living allowance..... Forage .....	..... .....	63/17/6	30	243/17/6
161	C. P. Moxham	Post and Telegraph Master, Port Macquarie	225 .....	.....	30	195
161	F. Lassen	Post and Telegraph Master, Pymont	225 .....	.....	30	195
161	L. D. Bonnor	Postmaster, Quambone	130	20	.....	150
161	R. Seton	Post and Telegraph Master, Queanbeyan	230 .....	.....	40	190
161	T. Dickson	Post and Telegraph Master, Quirindi	270	40	230	
161	J. A. Kelly	Post and Telegraph Master, Randwick	260	40	220	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
161	J. Buckley	Post and Telegraph Master, Raymond Terrace	175				
		Value of quarters.....			20	155	
161	H. Moyse	Post and Telegraph Master, Redfern	280				
		Value of quarters.....			40	240	
161	J. Maidment.....	Postmaster, Reno	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	G. E. Collett	Post and Telegraph Master, Richmond	260				
		Value of quarters.....			40	220	
161	H. Litchfield	Post and Telegraph Master, Robertson	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	A. W. Plumley	Post and Telegraph Master, Rockdale.....	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	W. T. Keating	Post and Telegraph Master, Rockley	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	J. M'Neely	Post and Telegraph Master, Rozelle	200				
		Value of quarters.....			40	160	
161	T. Swan	Post and Telegraph Master, Ryde Keeping office open until 8 p.m....	170				
				10		180	
161	S. R. Millard	Post and Telegraph Master, Rylstone	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	E. J. Robbins	Post and Telegraph Master, St. Mary's	190				
		Value of quarters			30	160	
161	Mrs. M. Russell	Post and Telegraph Mistress, St. Peter's	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	J. S. Page.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Scone Value of quarters.....	230				
					40	190	
161	E. J. Wood	Post and Telegraph Master, Silverton	150				
		Living allowance.....		20			
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
162	S. E. Bailey	Messenger, Silverton	52				
		Living allowance		6		58	
161	J. Kelf	Post and Telegraph Master, Singleton	320				
		Value of quarters			40	280	
161	A. Vallance	Post and Telegraph Master, Smithfield	60				
		Delivering telegrams		13		73	
161	H. Taylor	Post and Telegraph Master, Smithtown	140				
		Value of quarters.....			20	120	
161	J. Hayes	Post and Telegraph Master, Sofala	180				
		Value of quarters.....			30	150	
161	E. A. Guillier	Post and Telegraph Master, South Broken Hill	200				
		Living allowance		20		220	
162	D. J. Doran	Letter-carrier, South Broken Hill Living allowance	78				
				7		85	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	J. W. Cole	Messenger, South Broken Hill ... Living allowance	52		6	58	
161	H. J. Lancaster	Post and Telegraph Master, South Grafton	200		30	170	
161	J. Metcalf.....	Post and Telegraph Master, South Woodburn	200				
		Forage		31/4/-			
		Value of quarters			30	201/4/-	
161	J. Smith	Post and Telegraph Master, Stroud.....	160				
		Value of quarters.....			20	140	
161	P. E. Eslick	Post and Telegraph Master, Stuart Town	170				
		Value of quarters.....			20	150	
161	H. Robinson.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Summer Hill	290				
		Value of quarters.....			40	250	
161	L. A. Tomkinson.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Sunny Corner.....	200				
		Value of quarters.....			30	170	
161	H. J. Chapman	Post and Telegraph Master, Surry Hills.....	220				
		Value of quarters.....			30	190	
161	C. H. Powell	Post and Telegraph Master, Sutherland.....	130				
		Value of quarters.....			20	110	
161	W. Alexander	Post and Telegraph Master, Sutton Forest.....	170				
		Value of quarters			20	150	
161	J. Sampson	Post and Telegraph Master, Tabulam.....	175				
		Forage		36/10/-			
		Value of quarters.....			20	191/10/-	
161	W. J. Chandler	Post and Telegraph Master, Tamworth	350				
		Value of quarters			50	300	
161	J. Johnston	Post and Telegraph Master, Taralga	175				
		Value of quarters			20	155	
161	E. H. Taylor	Post and Telegraph Master, Tarcutta	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	R. R. Graham	Post and Telegraph Master, Taree	220				
		Value of quarters			30	190	
161	W. Allan	Post and Telegraph Master, Tareena	200				
		Forage		95/1/6			
		Living allowance		20			
		Value of quarters			30	285/1/6	
161	J. M. Foley	Post and Telegraph Master, Temora	270				
		Value of quarters			40	230	
161	G. Lobsey.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Tenterfield	280				
		Value of quarters			40	240	
161	E. J. K. Heazlett	Post and Telegraph Master, Tibooburra	175				
		Living allowance		30			
		Value of quarters			30	175	

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No. XI.—Postmaster-General—continued.			£	£	£	£	
POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
162	J. F. Downes	Messenger, Tibooburra	39				
		Living allowance		9		48	
161	M. O'Hara	Post and Telegraph Master, Tighe's Hill	93				
		Porterage		30		123	
161	J. B. Guillier	Post and Telegraph Master, Tilpa	150				
		Living allowance		25			
		Value of quarters			20	155	
161	G. J. Stibbard	Post and Telegraph Master, Tingha	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	J. T. Ward	Post and Telegraph Master, Tinonce	160				
		Value of quarters			20	140	
161	P. A. Dunne	Post and Telegraph Master, Tocumwal	220				
		Living allowance		10			
		Value of quarters			30	200	
162	W. Hardgrove	Operator, Tocumwal	101				
		Living allowance		6		107	
162	J. Stone	Messenger, Tocumwal	52				
		Living allowance		3		55	
161	J. J. McCudden	Post and Telegraph Master, Tomingley	110				
		Value of quarters			20	90	
161	O. Gordon	Post and Telegraph Master, Torrowongee	130				
		Living allowance		12			
		Value of quarters			20	122	
161	R. Finney	Post and Telegraph Master, Trangie	180				
		Value of quarters			30	150	
161	J. McFadden	Post and Telegraph Master, Trundle	160				
		Living allowance		10			
		Value of quarters			20	150	
161	Mrs. E. Lee	Post and Telegraph Mistress, Trunkey Creek	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	D. Bremner	Post and Telegraph Master, Tuena	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	H. Smith	Post and Telegraph Master, Tumberumba	200				
		Value of quarters			30	170	
161	A. L. Bennett	Post and Telegraph Master, Tumbulgum	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	G. D. Wooddall	Post and Telegraph Master, Tumut	270				
		Value of quarters			40	230	
161	G. T. Palmer	Post and Telegraph Master, Tweed Heads	150				
		Value of quarters			20	130	
161	L. Gambell	Post and Telegraph Master, Ulladulla	95				
		Porterage		15		110	

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POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT—continued.							
161	W. J. Loughman.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Ulmarra	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	W. J. L. Kyle	Post and Telegraph Master, Ultimo.....	200				
		Value of quarters			30	170	
161	H. E. Best	Post and Telegraph Master, Upper Copmanhurst.....	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	K. Mitchell	Post and Telegraph Master, Uralla	270				
		Value of quarters			30	240	
161	F. Small	Post and Telegraph Master, Urana	180				
		Living allowance		10			
		Value of quarters			30	160	
162	W. H. Dadley	Operator, Urana	111				
		Living allowance		6		117	
162	R. Strachan	Messenger, Urana	52				
		Living allowance		5		57	
161	H. B. Jefferson	Post and Telegraph Master, Wagga Wagga	370				
133		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters			50	332	
161	E. T. Hudson	Post and Telegraph Master, Walbundrie	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	D. R. Thursby.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Walcha	235				
		Value of quarters.....			40	195	
161	J. Foley.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Walgett	250				
		Living allowance.....		18			
138		Meteorological Observer.....		24			
		Value of quarters.....			40	252	
160	W. E. Leckie	Line-repairer, Walgett	140				
		Living allowance		12/10/-		152/10/-	
162	H. Stubbs	Operator, Walgett	130				
		Living allowance.....		25		155	
162	W. S. McCrossin	Operator, Walgett	130				
		Living allowance.....		15		145	
162	J. Shanahan.....	Supernumerary Operator, Walgett	78				
		Living allowance.....		7/10/-		85/10/-	
162	W. A. Ford	Messenger, Walgett.....	52				
		Living allowance.....		7/10/-		59/10/-	
162	F. Bath.....	Supernumerary Operator, Walgett	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	F. E. Montgomery	Messenger, Walgett.....	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
161	W. Mead	Post and Telegraph Master, Wallerawang	180				
		Value of quarters.....			30	150	
161	W. Keoha:	Post and Telegraph Master, Wallsend-Plattsburg	225				
		Value of quarters.....			30	195	
161	T. McArthur	Post and Telegraph Master, Wanaaring	180				
		Living allowance.....		30			
		Value of quarters.....			30	180	

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POSTAL AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT— <i>continued.</i>							
162	A. Macdonald	Messenger, Wanaaring	52				
		Living allowance.....		9		61	
161.	W. Harris.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Waratah	190				
		Value of quarters.....			30	160	
161	M. F. McDonough	Post and Telegraph Master, Wardell.....	140				
		Value of quarters.....			20	120	
161	A. J. Meynink	Post and Telegraph Master, Warialda	210				
		Living allowance.....		20			
		Value of quarters.....			30	200	
162	P. J. Arnold	Operator, Warialda	130				
		Living allowance.....		20		150	
162	E. Young	Supernumerary Operator, Warialda	65				
		Living allowance.....		20		85	
160	M. McFarlane	Line-repairer, Warialda	140				
		Living allowance.....		10		150	
162	R. J. Taaffe	Messenger, Warialda	26				
		Living allowance		6		32	
161	R. V. P. Flanagan	Post and Telegraph Master, Waroo.....	140				
		Living allowance.....		10		150	
161	G. W. Self	Post and Telegraph Master, Warren	280				
		Value of quarters.....			40	240	
161	A. C. Manuel	Post and Telegraph Master, Watson's Bay	130				
		Porterage		10			
		Value of quarters.....			20	120	
161	W. Walters	Post and Telegraph Master, Wattle Flat	150				
		Value of quarters.....			20	130	
161	J. Jones	Post and Telegraph Master, Wauchope.....	140				
		Value of quarters.....			20	120	
161	L. Kingsmill.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Waverley	240				
		Value of quarters.....			40	200	
161	J. T. Molloy.....	Post and Telegraph Master, Wee Waa.....	225				
		Living allowance.....		21			
		Value of quarters.....			30	216	
162	L. Ainsworth	Supernumerary Operator, Wee Waa	78				
		Living allowance.....		10		88	
162	W. F. Harris	Messenger, Wee Waa.....	39				
		Living allowance.....		6		45	
161	A. Chrystal	Post and Telegraph Master, Wellington	299				
		Value of quarters.....			40	259	
161	J. E. Ballard	Post and Telegraph Master, Wentworth	290				
		Living allowance.....		28			
138		Meteorological Observer.....		12			
		Value of quarters.....			40	290	
162	J. Keelty	Postal Assistant, Wentworth.....	160				
		Living allowance.....		20		180	

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162	W. Merrion	Operator, Wentworth	130				
		Living allowance		20		150	
160	J. Dingwall	Line-repairer, Wentworth	140				
		Living allowance		10		150	
162	A. B. Lewis	Operator, Wentworth	130				
		Living allowance		20		150	
162	J. E. Sheringham	Messenger, Wentworth	52				
		Living allowance		6		58	
161	E. A. Williams	Post and Telegraph Master, West Kempsey	140				
		Value of quarters			20	120	
161	W. Johnson	Post and Telegraph Master, West Maitland	330				
		Value of quarters			40	290	
161	J. P. F. McGlenn	Operator, West Maitland	170				
46		Lieutenant, 4th Regiment		12/10/-		182/10/-	
161	J. Johnson	Post and Telegraph Master, West Wallsend	130				
		Value of quarters			20	110	
161	C. R. Sadler	Post and Telegraph Master, West Wyalong	220				
		Value of quarters			30	190	
161	G. T. J. Grace	Post and Telegraph Master, White Cliffs	150				
		Living allowance		30			
		Value of quarters			20	160	
162	J. V. Hall	Supernumerary Operator, White Cliffs	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	
162	J. H. Knight	Supernumerary Operator, White Cliffs	78				
		Living allowance		9		87	
162	W. P. Murray	Messenger, White Cliffs	26				
		Living allowance		9		35	
161	H. Dent	Post and Telegraph Master, Whitton	190				
		Living allowance		10			
		Value of quarters			30	170	
162	W. T. Budd	Operator, Whitton	91				
		Porterage		10			
		Living allowance		3		104	
161	W. J. Lawless	Post and Telegraph Master, Wickham	180				
		Value of quarters			30	150	
161	J. R. Holding	Post and Telegraph Master, Wilcannia	330				
		Living allowance		41/5/-			
138		Meteorological Observer		24			
		Value of quarters			40	355/5/-	
162	F. H. Percy	Postal Assistant, Wilcannia	160				
		Living allowance		15		175	
162	J. Mullen	Operator, Wilcannia	125				
		Living allowance		25		150	
162	H. D. Evans	Operator, Wilcannia	130				
		Living allowance		15		145	
162	J. H. Turnbull	Supernumerary Operator, Wil- cannia	65				
		Living allowance		20		85	

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160	F. J. Jones	Line Repairer, Wilcannia Living allowance	140	12/10/-		152/10/-	Fuel, light, and cleaning are allowed to most of these Officers, but as they are intended to meet the requirements of the office only they have not been included in this Schedule. Letter-carriers, Mailboys, and Messengers receive a forage allowance ranging from £13 to £45 12s. 6d. per annum where there is a mounted delivery or clearance. Telegraph Line Repairers are paid forage allowances ranging from £31 4s. to £63 17s. 6d. per annum.
162	M. J. Nolan	Letter-carrier, Wilcannia Living allowance	65	20		85	
162	V. I. Taylor	Messenger, Wilcannia Living allowance	52	7/10/-		59/10/-	
162	J. J. Reid	Messenger, Wilcannia Living allowance	39	7/10/-		46/10/-	
161	R. B. Edward	Post and Telegraph Master, William-street Value of quarters	299		40	259	
161	A. D. Fowler	Post and Telegraph Master, Windsor Value of quarters	280		40	240	
161	J. W. Hodgins	Post and Telegraph Master, Wingham Value of quarters	180		30	150	
161	J. T. Marx	Post and Telegraph Master, Wiseman's Ferry Forage Porterage Value of quarters	225	36/10/0 10	30	241/10/	
161	J. C. J. Smith	Post and Telegraph Master, Wollombi Forage Value of quarters	225	36/10/-	30	231/10/-	
161	C. W. Prott	Post and Telegraph Master, Wollongong Value of quarters	280		40	240	
161	G. H. Rowthorne	Post and Telegraph Master, Wolumla Value of quarters	130		20	110	
161	M. S. Dargin	Post and Telegraph Master, Woollahra Value of quarters	260		40	220	
161	E. C. Lawrence	Post and Telegraph Master, Woolwich Delivering correspondence and telegrams	50	40		90	
161	E. A. Graham	Post and Telegraph Master, Woonona Value of quarters	130		20	110	
161	C. M. Black	Post and Telegraph Master, Wyalong Value of quarters	200		30	170	
161	W. J. Stafford	Post and Telegraph Master, Wyong Value of quarters	150		20	130	
161	E. T. Mulligan	Post and Telegraph Master, Yass Value of quarters	280		40	240	
161	A. E. Parker	Post and Telegraph Master, Yetman Living allowance Forage Value of quarters	180	12 36/10/-	3)	198/10	
162	J. J. Brodie	Supernumerary Assistant, Yetman Living allowance	65	6		71	
161	W. McNab	Post and Telegraph Master, Young Value of quarters	320		40	280	

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SCHEDULES A TO D—1900—1901.

Schedule.	Branch.	Amount voted for Expenditure from 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Amount proposed to be appropriated from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.
	<i>(Approximate Appropriation only, but subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>	£	£
	<i>(Including Land Resumptions and Costs.)</i>		
A	Roads and Bridges... ..	570,000	700,000
B	Harbours and Rivers Navigation... ..	110,000	115,000
	Dredge Service		
C	Government Architect	40,000	45,000
D	Miscellaneous	10,000	20,500
	TOTAL... ..	£ 730,000	880,500

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	
<p>SCHEDULE A—1900-1.</p>			
<p>Roads and Bridges.</p>			
<p><i>(Approximate Appropriation only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i></p>			
<p><i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i></p>			
<p><i>(Including Land Resumptions and Costs.)</i></p>			
		Miles.	£
1	Main Roads—Schedule A 1	2,322	75,765
2	Other Roads and Works within Municipalities—Schedule A 2	893½	25,471
3	Minor Roads—Schedule A 3	28,061	371,025
4	Erection, Repair, Renewal, and Maintenance of Bridges ...	.....	70,000
5	Unclassified Roads and other Works ... ..	.....	} 107,739
	Incidental and Contingent Works and Services ... ..	.....
6	Expenses of Punts, Ferries, and Launches ... ..	.....	20,000
7	Salaries, Equipment Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidentals, and Contingencies ... ..	.....	30,000
		31,276½	700,000

No.	Roads.	Particulars.	Proposed Appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.								
			Outside Municipalities.		Within Municipalities.		Total.				
			Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.			
SCHEDULE A 1—1900—1901. Main Roads. <i>(Approximate Appropriation only, but subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>											
<hr/> INCLUDING LAND RESUMPTIONS AND COSTS. <hr/> <i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i> <hr/> <i>Length of Main Roads end at Post Office of Terminal Towns.</i>											
			Miles.	£	Miles.	£	Miles.	£			
1	Great Northern Road	Morpeth to Maryland Within limits of South Singleton, Singleton, Greta, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone, Murrurundi, Tamworth, Uralla, Armidale, Glen Innes, and Tenterfield In lieu of Tolls, to be divided between Municipalities of East and West Maitland and Morpeth	357	5,126	.....	.....	42	819	
			.....	.....	7	816	406	6,761	
2	Great Southern Road	Ashfield Cross Roads to Albury Within limits of Ashfield, Enfield, Burwood, Strathfield, Bankstown, Cabramatta and Canley Vale, Liverpool, Picton, Mittagong, Goulburn, Yass, Gundagai, and Albury In lieu of Tolls, to be divided between Municipalities Sydney to Liverpool	317	4,824	53	1,229			
			1,354	370	7,407			
		Carried forward	674	9,950	102	4,218	776	14,168			

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			Outside Municipalities.		Within Municipalities.		Total.	
			Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.
		MAIN ROADS—continued.	Miles.	£	Miles.	£	Miles.	£
3	Great Western Road	Brought forward	674	9,950	102	4,218	776	14,168
		Sydney to Warren	287	5,410	.....	.....
		Within limits of Glebe, Camperdown, Annandale, Leichhardt, Petersham, Five Dock, Ashfield, Burwood, Auburn, Concord, Rookwood, Granville, Parramatta, Prospect and Sherwood, St. Mary's, Penrith, Katoomba, Bathurst, Orange, East Orange, Wellington, Molong, Dubbo, Narromine, and Warren... ..	.....	.....	47	5,432		
		In lieu of Tolls, to be divided between Municipalities, Glebe to Parramatta ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,844		
							334	12,686
4	Goulburn to Cooma... ..	Within limits of Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and Cooma	117	1,180	.....	.....	125	1,344
			.....	.....	8	164		
5	Tarago to Braidwood	Within limits of Braidwood	28	980	.....	.....	30	1,045
			.....	.....	2	65		
6	Bombala, via Tantawanglo, to Merimbula	Within limits of Bombala	52	2,360	.....	.....	53	2,395
			.....	.....	1	35		
7	Bathurst, via Blayney and Cowra, to Grenfell	Within limits of Bathurst, Blayney, Carcoar, Cowra, and Grenfell	92	2,340	.....	.....	100	2,589
			.....	.....	8	249		
8	Orange to Forbes	Within limits of Cudal and Forbes	59	1,250	.....	.....	75	1,643
			.....	.....	16	393		
9	Wallerawang to Mudgee	Within limits of Cudgegong and Mudgee	65	850	.....	.....	74	1,040
			.....	.....	9	190		
10	Grafton, via Glen Innes, to Inverell	Within limits of Grafton, South Grafton, Glen Innes, and Inverell	141	6,150	153	6,627
			12	477		
							153	6,627
		Carried forward	1,515	30,470	205	13,067	1,720	43,537

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			Outside Municipalities.		Within Municipalities.		Total.	
			Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.	Mileage.	Amount.
		MAIN ROADS— <i>continued.</i>	Miles.	£	Miles.	£	Miles.	£
11	Milson's Point, <i>via</i> Lane Cove Road, to Peat's Ferry Road	Brought forward	1,515	30,470	205	13,067	1,720	43,537
		Within limits of North Sydney, Willoughby, and Lane Cove	6	1,200	6	800	12	2,000
12	Sydney, <i>via</i> Dam at Cook's River, to Halfway House.	Within limits of Darlington, Erskineville, Alexandria, Marrickville, St. Peters, Rockdale, and Kogarah.	.....	.....	6	3,000	6	3,000
13	Stanmore Road from Enmore Road to Canterbury Trust Road.	Within limits of Newtown, Marrickville, Petersham, and Canterbury	.....	.....	3	200	3	200
14	Newtown Railway Bridge to the Undercliffe Bridge.	Within limits of Newtown and Marrickville ... ..	.....	.....	3	500	3	500
15	Main South Coast Road from Campbelltown, <i>via</i> Wollongong, Ulladulla, and Punkalla, to Bega ... ..	.....	175	5,900	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Within limits of Campbelltown, North Illawarra, Wollongong, Central Illawarra, Shellharbour, Kiama, Jamberoo, Gerringong, Berry, Nowra, Ulladulla, Moruya, and Bega ... ..	.....	.....	85	3,706	260	9,606
16	Balmain over Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges to Ryde.	Within limits of Drummoyne, Hunter's Hill, and Ryde ... ..	.....	.....	5	800	5	800
17	Sydney to Banks Meadow (Botany Road).	Within limits of Redfern, Alexandria, Waterloo, North Botany, and Botany.	.....	.....	5	2,200	5	2,200
18	Newcastle, <i>via</i> Hamilton and Plattsburg, to Minmi ... ..	.....	3	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Within limits of Hamilton, Adamstown, New Lambton, Lambton, Wallsend, and Plattsburg ... ..	.....	.....	9	750	12	1,000
19	Ballina to Tenterfield ... ..	.....	100	6,100	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Within limits of Tenterfield, Lismore, Casino, and Ballina ... ..	.....	.....	26	872	126	6,972
20	Parramatta, at east end of Broken Back Bridge, <i>via</i> Windsor and Richmond, to Richmond Bridge.	.....	23	1,450	.....	.....	23	1,450
21	Prospect to Richmond ... ..	.....	18	1,000	.....	.....	18	1,000
22	South Grafton, <i>via</i> Hillgrove, to Armidale.	.....	127	3,444	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Within limits of South Grafton and Armidale ... ..	.....	.....	2	56	129	3,500
		TOTALS	1,967	49,814	355	25,951	2,322	75,765

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	
SCHEDULE A 2.—1900—1901.			
Other Roads and Works within Municipalities.			
<i>(Approximate appropriation only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>			
— INCLUDING LAND RESUMPTIONS AND COSTS. —			
<i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i>			
		Miles.	£
1	South Head Roads—within limits of Paddington, Woolahra, Waverley, and Vaucluse	13	3,000
2	Roads within limits of Hurstville, Rockdale, Kogarah, and Canterbury—		
	Stoney Creek Road	3	.....
	Forest Road	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	.....
	Croydon Road	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
	Kogarah and Woniara Road	3	.....
	Rocky Point Road	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
	Hurstville to Croydon	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
	Canterbury Trust Road... ..	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,384
3	Road past Callan Park Asylum—within limits of Leichhardt	1	42
4	Parramatta to Pennant Hills (Bettington's Lane to Carlingford Road)—within limits of Dundas	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	60
5	Upper road leading to Eastwood—within limits of Ryde ...	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	175
6	Missenden Road—within limits of Camperdown	$\frac{1}{2}$	90
7	Bettington's Lane—within limits of Dundas Municipality	$\frac{1}{2}$	32
8	Glebe Island Bridge to Petersham—within limits of Balmain and Leichhardt	3	600
9	Weston Road—within limits of Balmain	1	75
10	Lighting Belmore Bridge ... ..	.....	60
11	Military and Long Bay Road, Randwick—within limits of Randwick	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	225
12	Randwick and Coogee Roads—within limits of Randwick...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,000
13	South Head Road at Watson's Bay to Military Reserve Gates—within limits of Vaucluse	1	43
14	Military Road, St. Lecnards—within limits of North Sydney and Mossman's	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	500
15	Extensions of Minor Roads, leading into or through Municipalities	800	16,000
16	Boundary Road, Centennial Park (Cleveland-street to Queen-street entrance)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1,000
17	Newcastle, <i>via</i> Merewether and Adamstown Station to New Lambton—within Municipalities of Hamilton, Merewether, Adamstown, and New Lambton... ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	175
18	Newcastle, <i>via</i> Islington, to W. boundary of Waratah Municipality—within Municipalities of Hamilton, Wickham, and Waratah... ..	3	180
19	Cottage Creek Bridge, <i>via</i> Wickham Council Chambers, to Islington—within Municipality of Wickham	$\frac{1}{2}$	30
20	Wallsend to Sandgate, within Plattsburgh Municipality ...	2	50
21	Moss Vale, <i>via</i> Macquarie Pass, to Shellharbour—within Municipality of Shellharbour	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	300
22	Cook's River Road to Bunnerong Road	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	450
	TOTAL	893 $\frac{1}{2}$	25,471

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SCHEDULE A 3, 1900-1901.			
Minor Roads.			
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<i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i>			
<i>(Including Land Resumptions and Costs.)</i>			
<i>Not including any Road within Municipalities.</i>			
ALBURY DISTRICT.		Miles.	£
1	Albury to Boomanoomana	70	1,100
2	Albury to Cookardinia... ..	42	340
3	Albury and Corowa Road to Urana	45	700
4	Albury to Urana	67	1,000
5	Corowa to Coreen and Jerilderie Road, at Momalong	40	480
6	Corowa to Piney Range	28	340
7	Corowa, via Merton, to Mulwala	12	100
8	Culcairn to Germanton	18	300
9	Culcairn to Walbundrie	20	350
10	Germanton to Bowler's Gap	8	120
11	Germanton to Cookardinia	14	120
12	Gerogery to Howlong	27	325
13	Gerogery, via Jindera, to Bungowannah	20	160
14	Gerogery Station to Walla Walla	20	240
15	Howlong to Walbundrie	22	180
16	Howlong to Goombargana	16	80
17	Jindera to Albury and Wagga Road... ..	4	40
18	Jindera to Walla Walla	12	190
19	Mulwala to Savernake... ..	17	200
20	Wagga and Albury Road, via Yambla Station, to Jingellic... ..	57	900
ARMIDALE DISTRICT.			
21	Armidale to Castle Doyle	10	70
22	Armidale to Duval	6	50
23	Armidale to Eastern Plains	32	240
24	Armidale to Gostwyck... ..	15	100
25	Armidale, via Kelly's Plains, to Bald Knob	10	120
26	Armidale to Long Swamp	10	80
27	Armidale to Mihi Creek	17	110
28	Armidale to Kangaroo Hills	40	400
29	Armidale to Yarrowyck	21	150
30	Baker's Creek to West Hillgrove	4	70
31	Baker's Creek, via Herbert Park, to Lochabar	20	100
32	Balala to Kingstown	17	100
33	Black Mountains to Guyra	6	60
34	Brookstead to Gara	6	40
35	Booralong towards Aberfoyle... ..	14	120
36	Bendemeer to Retreat... ..	11	80
37	Big Ridge Road	4	20
38	Cooney to Metz	4	40
39	Chandler Bridge to foot of Jeogla Mountain	22	440
40	Cregan's to Rocky River	10	60
41	Duval to Pearson's	5	50
42	Eight-mile to Puddledock	6	40
43	Eastern Plains to Tenterden	7	70
44	Eastern Plains—Tenterden Road, via Brushy Creek, to Inverell Road	7	15
45	Guyra to Sandy Creek... ..	10	70
46	Irishtown to Wollun	12	40
47	M'Intyre Flat to Puddledock... ..	12	100
48	North Saumarez to Uralla	10	50

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ARMIDALE DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
49	Pint Pot to Chandler River	15	130
50	Rock Vale to Kookabookra	29	100
51	Salisbury Plains to Kentucky	10	50
52	Uralla to Bundarra	44	450
53	Uralla, <i>via</i> Balala, to Bundarra	48	300
54	Uralla, <i>via</i> Gostwyck, to Rockwood	13	70
55	Violet Dale, up Dumaresq Creek	10	100
56	Walcha, towards Emu Creek	6	40
57	Walcha to Uralla	24	120
BALLINA DISTRICT.			
58	Ballina to Bangalow	14	700
59	Ballina to Byron Bay, <i>via</i> North Creek	16	400
60	Alstonville-Booyong Road to Napier's	3	60
61	Alstonville-Booyong Road to Teven Junction	7	240
62	Alstonville to Pearce's Creek	6	300
63	Beh's to Salloway's	2	50
64	Barlow's Mill to Wood's	2	50
65	Blanch's to Burns' Point Ferry	10	350
66	Cochrane's to Duncan's	3	60
67	Coraki to Broadwater	8	180
68	Coraki to Buckendoon... ..	3	90
69	Coraki to Swan Bay	6	90
70	Coraki to Tuckurimba	5	150
71	Dutton's to Marom Creek	6	180
72	Hodgkinson's to the Beach	2	50
73	Jesswoolgen to Uralba	4	120
74	Lavis's to Toohey's Mill	6	225
75	M'Lean's to Model Farm	1	40
76	Moylan's to the Beach	2	60
77	Newrybar to Cooper's Shoot	7	200
78	Old Ballina Road	4	90
79	Pimlico to Emigrant Creek Point	2	60
80	Pimlico to Wardell-Ballina Road	2	60
81	Pioneer Hotel to Old Ballina Road	1	10
82	Road up Right Bank German Creek... ..	2	60
83	Rous Factory, <i>via</i> Beeson's, to Wardell Road	3	120
84	Tintenbar to Binna Burra	8	400
85	Tintenbar to Alstonville	7	280
86	Tintenbar, <i>via</i> Toohey's Mill, to Booyong Village	7	350
87	Tintenbar to Pearce's Creek	4	160
88	Toohey's Mill Road to Hogan's	6	240
89	Two-mile Creek to Newrybar... ..	3	90
90	Teven to Ferry (north side)	3	90
91	Tuckombil to Rous	3	150
92	Tucki Factory to Munro's Wharf	3	200
93	Tucki to Rous	6	220
94	Upper North Creek to Byron Bay Road	1	30
95	Wardell-Rous Road to Alstonville	3	80
96	Wardell to Emigrant Bridge	7	200
97	Wardell to the Beach	2	80
98	Wardell to Rous	10	500
99	Wilson's to Sneath's	3	90
100	Woodburn to Dungarubba	7	170
101	Woodburn to Tucki	13	400
BATHURST DISTRICT.			
102	Bathurst to Icely	20	200
103	Bathurst to Belle Vue	6	80
104	Bathurst to Rockley	23	875
105	Alick's Creek, <i>via</i> Bloom Hill, to Campbell's River	3	70
106	Caloola Road, <i>via</i> Wimbledon, to Newbridge	9	65
107	Cheshire Creek to Turon River, at Wild's	9	50

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BATHURST DISTRICT—continued.			
108	Diamond Swamp to Tarana	8	180
109	Duramana to Peel	7	35
110	Evans' Plains to Perth	5	50
111	Four-mile Tree to Charlton	13	150
112	George's Plains to Caloola	11	100
113	Hill End to Duramana... ..	34	180
114	Kirkconnell to Sunny Corner	6	150
115	Kelloshiel to Gowan	20	300
116	Kelso, <i>via</i> O'Connell, to Oberon	28	580
117	Kelso, <i>via</i> Palmer's Oakey, to Sofala	45	475
118	Kelso, <i>via</i> Sofala, to Monkey Hill	35	1,000
119	Kelso to Kelloshiel	4	40
120	Kelso to White Rock	5	50
121	Leeholme to Tarana and O'Connell Road	12	130
122	Limekilns to Wattle Flat	9	60
123	Meadow Flat, <i>via</i> Sunny Corner, to Palmer's Oakey Road... ..	20	300
124	Mitchell's Creek to Palmer's Oakey Road	2	15
125	Mutton's Falls to O'Connell	9	130
126	O'Connell to South Apsley	12	130
127	O'Connell Road to Cooper's, over Bridge	2	15
128	O'Connell to Beaconsfield	24	300
129	O'Connell to Wambool	3	40
130	Perth, <i>via</i> Charlton, to Rockley	20	400
131	Perth to Mount Evernden	7	150
132	Ranken Bridge to Monkey Hill	28	180
BEGA DISTRICT.			
133	Bega to Tathra	10	600
134	Bega to Nimitybelle	50	1,200
135	Bega to Pambula	18	300
136	Bega to Brogo (Old Road)	8	200
137	Bega to Bermagui	30	300
138	Bega to Brianderry	5	50
139	Bermagui to Cobargo	14	700
140	Bermagui to Tilba Tilba	8	200
141	Bermagui to Quaama	16	80
142	Candelo to Bemboka	15	200
143	Candelo to Wyndham	14	150
144	Cobargo to Wadbilliga	23	150
145	Cadgangarry to Upper Brogo	10	150
146	Kanoona to Candelo	9	180
147	Kameruka to Bemboka	10	150
148	Merimbula to Jellat Jellat	14	150
149	Pambula to Merimbula	4	150
150	Pambula to Bald Hills	5	30
151	Wilgoa to Wandellow	4	100
152	Wolumla to Yurammie	10	70
BELLINGEN DISTRICT.			
153	Bellingen, <i>via</i> Bowraville, to Congarini	28	700
154	Bellingen Road up Missibotti Creek... ..	12	240
155	Bellingen Road up South Arm	6	180
156	Bowraville to Upper South Arm	10	180
157	Bowraville to Upper North Arm	15	250
158	Congarini up Taylor's Arm	27	900
159	Congarini up North Bank, Taylor's Arm	6	100
160	Cedar Creek to Nambucca Heads	2	80
161	Coast Road to Campbell's	9	90
162	Coast Road to Perrett's	43	1,220
163	Coast Road to Sullivan's	8	160
164	Coff's Harbour to Sharpe's	18	850
165	Fernmount to Tyson's... ..	1	10

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BELLINGEN DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
166	Gordonville to McFadyen's	6	150
167	John M'Leod's to Buchanan's	5	150
168	Macksville to D. Bradley's	6	150
169	Marx Hill to South Arm	4	80
170	Myers' Crossing up Never Never	13	250
171	Moonee to Congarini (North Coast Road)	53	1,450
172	North Arm Road, at M'Kay's, to Smith's Selection... ..	7	100
173	North Arm to Beach	20	410
174	North Arm to Bonville School	11	80
175	Quilkie's down Taylor's Arm (south side)	6	120
176	Red Hill to Kerr's	8	250
177	Road to Bellingen Heads	2	40
178	Road up South Branch Orara River	4	80
179	Road to Upper Bucca Creek	3	10
180	Road to Grace's	2	40
181	Sharpe's, up east bank Orara River	9	300
182	Sharpe's to Moonee and Branch towards Woolgoolga	13	475
183	Williams' to Taylor's Arm	5	100
BLAYNEY DISTRICT.			
184	Blayney to Brown's Creek	5	100
185	Blayney, <i>via</i> Grehamstown, towards Millthorpe	9	150
186	Blayney to Guyong	7	200
187	Blayney to Hobby's Yards	10	300
188	Blayney to Millthorpe	6	200
189	Blayney to Neville	13	300
190	Blayney to Newbridge... ..	8	200
191	Blayney to Hobby's Yard Road, towards Moorilda... ..	5	150
192	Bull Ridge to Isabella River	13	65
193	Burruga to Swashfield... ..	16	125
194	Caloola to Trunkey	18	130
195	Carcoar towards Barry	7	100
196	Carcoar to Felltimber Creek	5	150
197	Carcoar to Flyer's Creek	11	200
198	Carcoar towards Millthorpe	10	250
199	Dairy Creek to Galley Swamp	4	120
200	Glasson's Woolshed to Moorilda	2	60
201	Mandurama to Burnt Yards	7	100
202	Mandurama towards Neville	9	220
203	Matthews' to Forest Reefs	9	150
204	Moorilda to Neville	12	460
205	Newbridge to Abercrombie River	30	700
206	Newbridge towards Rockley	15	200
207	Rockley to Trunkey	16	150
208	Rockley to Burruga	21	765
209	Rockley to Swallow Nest	7	65
BOMBALA DISTRICT.			
210	Bombala to Buckley's Springs	7	40
211	Bombala to Delegate	22	670
212	Bombala <i>via</i> Gunningrah, to Sherwin's Range	26	100
213	Bombala, <i>via</i> Maharatta, to Craigie	19	170
214	Bombala to Nimitybelle	30	1,200
215	Bondi to Maharatta Bridge	13	70
216	Cathcart to Bibbenluke	6	40
217	Cathcart Junction to Pambula	38	710
218	Craigie to Delegate	7	80
219	Craigie, <i>via</i> Quinburra, to Border	5	40
220	Delegate to Border, near Bendock	4	40
221	Delegate to Border, near Kirkanong... ..	8	80
222	Delegate, <i>via</i> Currawang, to Wollondibby	17	150
223	Eden to Towamba	20	400

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BOMBALA DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
224	Eden to Pambula	12	300
225	Holt's Flat to Tantawanglo	19	130
226	Honeysuckle to Burragate	3	30
227	Lochiel to Back Creek... ..	9	50
228	Nimitybelle towards Bobundarah	12	50
229	Pambula, <i>via</i> Nethercote, to Eden	10	160
230	Pericoe to Wog Wog	12	170
231	Sherwin's Range to Bobundarah	11	100
232	Towamba to Bondi	25	120
233	Towamba to New Buildings	13	210
234	Wellesley, <i>via</i> Craigie, to Border	12	80
235	Wyndham to Burragate	7	50
BOURKE DISTRICT.			
236	Bourke to Barrington	81	450
237	Bourke to Hungerford	125	470
238	Bourke to Wanaaring	111	700
239	Bourke up Culgoa River	104	600
240	Bourke to Cobar	98	150
241	Bourke to Tilpa	120	250
242	Cobar to Nyngan	80	50
243	Cobar to Louth... ..	75	150
244	Cobar to Jacob's Well... ..	73	410
245	Cobar to Balarabon	60	120
246	Cobar to Priory Tank	40	100
247	Nymagee to Hermidale	46	650
248	Nymagee to Mount Boppy	41	80
249	Nymagee to Priory Tank	20	80
BRAIDWOOD DISTRICT.			
250	Braidwood to Nerriga	34	450
251	Braidwood to Nelligen... ..	32	1,000
252	Braidwood-Tarago Road, <i>via</i> Larbert, to Tarago	25	300
253	Braidwood, <i>via</i> Bell's Creek, to Araluen	16	500
254	Braidwood towards Queanbeyan	18	200
255	Braidwood to Elrington	8	240
256	Braidwood to Mongarlowe	7	240
257	Braidwood, <i>via</i> Reidsdale, to Bell's Creek	12	100
258	Braidwood to Animbo	40	300
259	Braidwood to Euradox... ..	7	50
260	Araluen, <i>via</i> Bettowind, to Back Creek	8	60
261	Charleyong to Mayfield	9	100
262	Doughboy Hill towards Bungendore... ..	6	90
263	Elrington to Araluen	6	120
264	Larbert, <i>via</i> Reedy Creek, to Hallett's	5	20
265	Major's Creek to Snowball	32	300
266	Major's Creek to Monga	11	140
267	Mongarlowe to Clyde Road	6	60
268	Mongarlowe, <i>via</i> Charley's Forest, to Wog Wog	18	150
269	Nerriga to Oallen Ford	9	50
270	Reidsdale to Warrumbucca	5	30
271	Tallaganda Crossing up Jerrabat Gully	13	60
272	Wallace's Gap, <i>via</i> Ballalaba, to Oranmere	9	120
CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT.			
273	Campbelltown to Narellan	2	60
274	Campbelltown to Picton	10	500
275	Appin to Brook's Point	3	50
276	Appin, <i>via</i> Wilton, to Maldon	13	220
277	Bulli Pass to Cataract River	3	100

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CAMPBELLTOWN DISTRICT— <i>continued</i>			
278	Bulli, <i>via</i> Coal Cliff, to Blue Gum Forest	12	500
279	Buggy Hill to Oaks Road (Bob's Range Road)	3	50
280	Camden to Cox's River	28	1,040
281	Camden to Werombi	8	370
282	Cawdor to Westbrook	2	60
283	Darke's Forest to Heathcote Road	5	100
284	Douglas Park to 13-mile Peg, Mount Keira Road	11	120
285	Foot of Mountain up Wollondilly River	9	200
286	Great Southern Road to Cobbitty	6	180
287	Heathcote to Bulli Pass	18	300
288	Loop Road, <i>via</i> Glendural to Brownlow Hill	2	20
289	Liverpool, <i>via</i> Holdsworthly, to Eckersley	14	200
290	Menangle to Camden	5	120
291	Narellan to Elderslie	2	30
292	Narellan to Bringelly	8	400
293	Oakdale to Bargo River	16	280
294	Picton, <i>via</i> Oaks, to Blaxland's Crossing	28	450
295	Raby to Minto	1	30
296	Upper Picton to Picton Lakes	4	150
297	Waterfall to Otford Hill	5	300
298	Westbrook, <i>via</i> Spring Creek, to Picton and Oaks Road ...	7	40
CASINO DISTRICT.			
299	Casino to Myall Creek... ..	27	800
300	Casino to Mount Lindsay	46	1,500
301	Casino to Ellangowan	11	250
302	Casino to Coraki	14	700
303	Casino to North Codrington and Wharf at Rankin's ...	14	700
304	Casino-Mount Lindsay Road to Reynolds	5	50
305	Casino-North Codrington Road, <i>via</i> Tomki Public School, to		
306	Tatham	5	150
307	Ballina-Tenterfield Road to Savilles	3	50
308	Coraki to Myall Creek... ..	29	200
309	Coraki to Wyrallah and Branch to North Codrington Wharf	8	320
310	Deep Creek to Busby's Flat	13	300
311	Palmer's Plains to South Gundurimba	6	200
312	Risk, up Ford's Creek, to Queensland Border	14	50
313	Swan Bay to New Italy	6	150
314	Tabulam to Myall Creek	41	800
315	Tatham to Myrtle Creek	16	200
316	Tatham, <i>via</i> Knight's, to Wharf near Green Ridge	7	140
317	Woodburn to Bungawalbin Ferry	7	300
318	Woodburn to Boundary Creek	10	400
319	Woodburn to The Gap	7	50
320	Woodburn to Evan's Heads	6	60
COOMA DISTRICT.			
321	Cooma to Nimitybelle	19	700
322	Cooma-Jindabyne Road to Kiandra	48	1,000
323	Cooma to Jindabyne	32	900
324	Cooma to Bobundarah	18	340
325	Cooma, <i>via</i> Green Hills, to Numeralla	20	130
326	Cooma, <i>via</i> Myalla, to Bobundarah Road	19	200
327	Cooma, <i>via</i> Rosebrook, to Little Plain	40	200
328	Cooma to Big Badger	24	240
329	Cooma to Murrumbucca	10	100
330	Cooma to Dry Plain	16	150
331	Cooma, <i>via</i> Dangelong, to Kydra	18	200
332	Adaminaby to Jindabyne	27	250
333	Adaminaby to Dry Plain	10	40
334	Bredbo to Nimbo	27	270
	Berridale towards Buckley's Crossing	6	70

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COOMA DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
335	Buckley's Crossing to Maffra	9	40
336	Buckley's Crossing to Jimenbuen	20	100
337	Buckley's Crossing to Jindabyne	22	130
338	Boloco to Popong	5	25
339	Bobundarah to Adaminaby	38	200
340	Billylingra to Adaminaby	30	230
341	Coolringdon to Buckley's Crossing	19	150
342	Dangelong Road to Tom Grogan's Creek	10	50
343	Jindabyne to Wollondibby	7	25
344	Jindabyne to Ingebyrah	20	90
345	Mittagang to Billyrumbuck	8	20
346	Mortlock's to Cowra Reefs	14	60
347	Nimitybelle down Tom Grogan's Creek	6	30
348	Nimitybelle to Countaguinea	28	150
349	Prahran to Snowy Plain	30	230
350	Rhine Falls to Bolaro	16	125
351	Slack's Creek to Middlingbank	14	200
352	Umeralla Platform to Cowra Reefs	12	50
COONAMBLE DISTRICT.			
353	Coonamble to Combogolong	39	345
354	Coonamble towards Billeroy	17	100
355	Coonamble to Quambone	34	85
356	Coonamble to Teridgerie Creek	30	145
357	Coonamble to Coonimbia	39	80
358	Coonamble to Pilliga	49	100
359	Coonamble to Tooraweenah	50	160
360	Coonamble to Gilgandra (East side of River)	56	760
361	Coonamble to Warren	62	695
362	Bourbah to Gulargambone	14	70
363	Budgeon to Gilgandra	49	100
364	Boundary Gate to Carinda	89	300
365	Gilgandra, <i>via</i> Collie, to Bemunnel	53	100
366	Gilgandra to Tooraweenah	30	50
COONABARABRAN DISTRICT.			
367	Coonabarabran to Mullaley	42	1,070
368	Coonabarabran to Tenandra	44	600
369	Coonabarabran to Timor Rock	8	130
370	Coonabarabran to Mundooran	44	950
371	Coonabarabran to Black Stump	43	520
372	Coonabarabran to Bomera	42	400
373	Coonabarabran, <i>via</i> Madderty, to Ulamambri	9	120
374	Baradine to Teridgerie	14	50
375	Belah to Tannabah	10	100
376	Binnaway to Merrygoen	26	60
377	Boogaldi to Pilliga	55	100
378	Coolah to Cassilis	23	75
379	Leadville to Cassilis	30	100
380	Mullaley to Denison Town	77	1,050
381	Mundooran to Tooraweenah	33	620
382	Redbank to Merrygoen	17	50
COOTAMUNDRA DISTRICT.			
383	Cootamundra to Coolac	24	150
384	Cootamundra to Temora	30	300
385	Cootamundra to Stockinbingal	10	110
386	Cootamundra, <i>via</i> Ironbong, to Bethungra	23	160
387	Cootamundra, <i>via</i> Kilrush, to Wallendbeen	8	100
388	Cootamundra to Junee... ..	32	350

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COOTAMUNDRA DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
389	Cootamundra towards Berthong	8	90
390	Cootamundra to Binalong	26	400
391	Cootamundra to West Jindalee	8	40
392	Coolac to Gobarralong... ..	8	350
393	Coolamon, <i>via</i> Kindra, to North Berry Jerry	16	200
394	Coolamon, <i>via</i> Springwood, to Beaconsfield ..	35	300
395	Devlin's Gate, <i>via</i> Junction Hotel, to Mandemah	30	250
396	Galong to Binalong	5	50
397	Illabo to Eurongilly	10	100
398	Jugiong to Murrumburrah	22	200
399	Junee to Cooba Creek	18	100
400	Mimosa towards Temora	15	120
401	Old Junee Railway Station to Mimosa	20	160
402	Old Junee, <i>via</i> Wilson's, towards Erinvale	15	100
403	Temora to Old Junee	33	330
404	Wallendbeen to Stockinbingal	17	120
COWRA DISTRICT.			
405	Cowra, <i>via</i> Binni Creek, to Walli	14	100
406	Cowra to Breakfast Creek	23	390
407	Cowra to Canowindra	18	750
408	Cowra, <i>via</i> Darby's Falls, to Hovell's Creek... ..	24	225
409	Cowra to Glen Logan	6	40
410	Cowra to Goolagong	21	580
411	Cowra to Koorawatha	15	40
412	Grenfell to Goolagong... ..	28	290
413	Holmwood towards Scrubby Rush	8	40
414	Koorawatha towards Warrangong	3	60
415	Lyndhurst to Bigga	34	500
416	Mandurama to Canowindra	27	290
417	Morongla Junction to Graham	29	290
418	Mount McDonald to Darby's Falls P.O.	6	40
419	Mount McDonald to Grabine	5	40
420	Walli towards Woodstock	4	80
421	Wattamondara towards Cameron's	6	50
422	Wattamondara towards Warrangong	6	40
423	Woodstock to Canowindra	18	500
424	Woodstock to Kangaroo Flat... ..	13	130
425	Woodstock to Mount McDonald	14	700
CROOKWELL DISTRICT.			
426	Crookwell to Mount Wayo	16	320
427	Crookwell to Laggan-Binda Road	6	75
428	Crookwell to Gunning	27	300
429	Crookwell to Bigga	38	600
430	Crookwell to Gullen	8	120
431	Crookwell to Taralga	23	500
432	Crookwell, <i>via</i> Viddler's, to Roslyn	8	120
433	Binda to Tuena	17	130
434	Carter's to Pomeroy	9	100
435	Eldridge's towards Wheeo P.O.	5	40
436	Kialla to Pegar Hill	6	80
437	Laggan to Golspie	10	85
438	Laggan to Binda	12	140
439	Leighwood to Stonequarry	12	100
440	Mount Wayo to Abercrombie Bridge	57	640
441	Mummel Bridge to Narrawa	35	400
442	Roslyn to Forest Lodge	16	135

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CROOKWELL DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
443	Tuena Road to Sherwood	16	80
444	Taralga towards Rockwell	16	300
445	Wheeo to Binda	10	60
446	Wheeo P.O. towards Gunning	18	90
447	Wheeo towards Crookwell	10	125
CUDGELICO DISTRICT.			
448	Cudgellico to Euabalong	20	100
449	Cudgellico to Hillston	60	250
450	Cudgellico to Pullitop Tank	60	250
451	Cudgellico to Ungarie... ..	55	150
452	Condobolin to Nymagee	100	450
453	Condobolin to Ungarie... ..	50	150
454	Euabalong to Willandra Bridge	45	100
455	Euabalong to South Condobolin	45	350
456	Euabalong to Condobolin	44	100
457	Nymagee to Mt. Hope... ..	60	100
458	Priory Tank to Hillston	140	280
459	Temora to Wyalong West	37	2,050
460	Temora to Mandemah	25	260
461	Yalgogrin to Mirrool Creek	25	150
DENILQUIN DISTRICT.			
462	Deniliquin to Boomanoomana	63	450
463	Deniliquin to Berrigan	43	250
464	Deniliquin to Colimo	25	150
465	Deniliquin to Narrama	16	65
466	Deniliquin to Moama	30	200
467	Deniliquin towards Morocco	10	50
468	Deniliquin to Urana	78	500
469	Deniliquin to Wakool Lane	34	150
470	Deniliquin to Wangonilla	21	275
471	Barham to Moulamein... ..	44	200
472	Berrigan to Momalong... ..	12	125
473	Berrigan to Boomanoomana	23	220
474	Berrigan-Mulwala Road to Barooga	19	200
475	Berrigan to Savernake	16	100
476	Curraghmoor Siding to Tocumwal	15	125
477	Conargo towards Moonbria	10	75
478	Jerilderie to Berrigan	17	125
479	Jerilderie to Daysdale	40	350
480	Jerilderie-Goolgumbra Road to Coonong Siding	24	150
481	Jerilderie to Goolgumbra	26	150
482	Jerilderie to Tocumwal	30	250
483	Mathoura to Bunaloo	17	75
484	Moama to Bama	12	100
485	Moama towards Moulamein	23	250
486	Moulamein towards Swan Hill	30	200
487	Pretty Pine to Moulamein	55	300
488	Tatalia to Thyra	19	200
489	Turner's to Wonnul	9	75
DUBBO DISTRICT.			
490	Dubbo towards Cobborah	44	480
491	Dubbo to Gilgandra	42	1,200
492	Dubbo to Peak Hill	41	400
493	Dubbo to Yeoval	40	110
494	Cobborah to Gilgandra	56	560
495	Knowle's to Comobella	6	60
496	Mary Vale towards Towrie	5	300

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DUBBO DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
498	Narromine to Bogan River	25	200
499	Narromine to Tomingley	24	500
500	Wellington towards Cobborah	31	1,250
501	Wellington to Goolma	27	580
502	Wellington to Ponto	15	300
503	Wellington to Woolman	12	420
FORBES DISTRICT.			
504	Forbes to Goolagong	25	250
505	Forbes towards Grenfell	26	350
506	Forbes to Gunningbland	19	200
507	Forbes to South Condobolin	58	1,000
508	Forbes to Parkes	17	80
509	Forbes to Condobolin	57	380
510	Forbes to Marsden	44	100
511	Bogan Gate to Trundle	17	700
512	Bogan Gate to Gunning Gap	14	70
513	Canowindra to Eugowra	21	200
514	Canowindra to Goolagong	17	200
515	Canowindra to Long's Corner	14	75
516	Eugowra to Bindogundra	22	240
517	Manildra to Toogong	10	100
518	Manildra to Dilga	12	50
519	Parkes to Manildra	33	200
520	Parkes to Condobolin	59	300
521	Parkes to Bolderogery	25	130
522	Parkes to Coradgery	24	250
523	Parkes to Peak Hill	24	1,100
GLEN INNES DISTRICT.			
524	Glen Innes to Mount Mitchell	15	320
525	Glen Innes to Red Range	18	300
526	Glen Innes to Shannon Vale	8	60
527	Glen Innes to King's Plains	19	450
528	Glen Innes to Emmaville	24	250
529	Bald Nob towards Emmaville	21	100
530	Ben Lomond, <i>via</i> Moredun, to Querra Creek	16	25
531	Emmaville to Strathbogie	8	220
532	Emmaville to Deepwater	17	430
533	Emmaville to Webb's	7	60
534	Guyra to Oban	18	100
535	Guyra to Glencoe	23	600
536	Guyra to Kangaroo Camp	31	400
537	Glencoe to Mount Mitchell	15	350
538	Llangothlin to Great Northern Road	5	30
539	Maybole to Ben Lomond	11	25
540	Red Range Road to Bear Hill	37	240
541	Stonehenge to Graham's Valley	8	100
542	Wandsworth to Old Ben Lomond Inn	16	250
543	Wellingrove to Strathbogie	13	100
544	Yarrowford to Ranger's Valley	9	80
GOSFORD DISTRICT.			
545	Gosford to Cooranbong	33	1,200
546	Gosford to the Blood Tree	14	300
547	Gosford to Tuggerah Beach	11	300
548	Gosford-Cooranbong Road to Jilliby-Mandalong Road	3	25
549	Cooranbong to Wattagan Mountain (Wollombi Road)	10	300
550	Cooranbong-Wattagan Mountain Road to Humphries' Conditional Purchase	3	200
551	Cooranbong-Wattagan Mountain Road to Pringle's	2	40

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GOSFORD DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
552	Chaselings Corner, <i>via</i> Wyong, to Alison's	3	200
553	Erina Creek, <i>via</i> Kincumber, towards Terrigal Haven ...	6	200
554	Jilliby to Little Jilliby	2	100
555	Kincumber to Lloyd's Wharf... ..	7	100
556	Morrisset to Mouth of Dora Creek	3	60
557	Maitland Road to Earl's Conditional Purchase (Fox Gully Road)	1	30
558	Martinsville Public School to Wilkinson's Conditional Purchase	2	100
559	Maitland Road to Broomfield's Hill	3	120
560	Ourimbah to Chittaway	6	200
561	Ourimbah up Ourimbah Creek	7	330
562	Old Penang Road	6	50
563	Tuggerah Beach Road to Selections East of Matcham's ...	2	50
564	Tuggerah Platform to Tuggerah Lake	1	70
565	Wyong, <i>via</i> Jilliby and Mandalong, to Morrisset	17	835
566	Woodbury's to Yarramalong	10	490
567	Wye to Swansea	17	350
568	Yarramalong to Lower Mangrove Creek	22	150
GOULBURN DISTRICT.			
569	Goulburn to Taralga	26	500
570	Goulburn to Mount Wayo	10	300
571	Goulburn to Mummel Bridge	13	230
572	Goulburn to Bungonia	15	335
573	Goulburn to Windellama	22	125
574	Goulburn to Chain of Ponds	20	130
575	Goulburn to Pomeroy	15	300
576	Goulburn, <i>via</i> Boxer's Creek, to Great Southern Road ...	6	60
577	Collector to Breadalbane	10	100
578	Collector, <i>via</i> Luckie's Pass, to Tiranna	26	200
579	Kippilaw to Breadalbane	8	80
580	Kippilaw to Gurrundah	20	250
581	Lake Bathurst to Bronti	10	50
582	Marulan to Taralga	40	500
583	Marulan to Oallen Ford	36	350
584	Richlands to Wombeyan Caves	15	300
585	Run of Water to Winderradeen	16	150
586	Towrang to Arthursleigh	21	80
587	Towrang to Menzies	21	150
588	Taralga to Bummaroo Ford	19	330
589	Windellama to Mayfield	12	60
590	Yarra to Parkesbourne	6	60
GRAFTON DISTRICT.			
591	Grafton to Southgate	7	375
592	Grafton to Flying Horse	21	420
593	Arnold's to Apple-tree Flat	25	1,010
594	Blaixland's Flat Road	10	75
595	Braunstone to Coutt's Crossing	8	150
596	Caramana to Seeland's... ..	5	100
597	Caramana to Orara Junction	8	150
598	Cowan's Creek to Waterview	1	20
599	Copmanhurst to Upper Smith's Creek	6	150
600	Gear's to Coval Lane, Coval Lane and Deep Gully Road ...	5	150
601	Grebert's to Solferino	44	430
602	Glynn's to Nymboida	8	45
603	Glen Reagh up Tallawadga Creek	6	60
604	Levenstrath to Green's	16	160
605	Levenstrath to Geergarrow	7	120
606	Moleville to Stockyard Creek	6	60
607	McIntosh's to Nymboida	23	600

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GRAFTON DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
608	Pearce's <i>via</i> Eatonswill, to Copmanhurst Road	14	200
609	Phillip's to Solferino Road	30	300*
610	Railway Hotel to Sharpe's	31	1,800
611	Rushforth Road to Southampton	5	50
612	South Grafton to Moonee (North Coast Road)	44	1,600
613	South Grafton to Rushforth	8	120
614	South Grafton to Ulmarra	3	150
615	Southgate to Flood Reserve	2	20
616	Stony Pinch to Smith's Creek	4	40
617	Stony Pinch up Stockyard Creek	7	210
618	Waterview to Ramornie	5	200
619	Whiteman Creamery to Whiteman Bridge	3	60
620	Woolgoolga to the Jetty	1	50
HAY DISTRICT.			
621	Hay to Gunbar	45	120
622	Hay to Booligal	46	420
623	Hay to Wanganella	47	160
624	Hay to Balranald	116	260
625	Hay to Darlington Ferry (North Side)	60	120
626	Hay to Darlington Ferry (South Side)	70	120
627	Booligal to Hillston	43	130
628	Booligal to Ivanhoe	83	360
629	Balranald to Swan Hill Bridge	53	200
630	Carrathool Ferry to Hillston	69	420
631	Gunbar to Whealbah	28	100
632	Wanganella to Yanga	88	160
INVERELL DISTRICT.			
633	Inverell to Bundarra	27	250
634	Inverell, <i>via</i> Tingha, to Kangaroo Camp	25	300
635	Inverell, <i>via</i> Elsmore, to Glen Innes Road	10	200
636	Inverell towards Warialda	18	950
637	Inverell to Gum Flat	12	150
638	Inverell to King's Plains	20	350
639	Inverell to Strathbogie	32	400
640	Inverell to Texas	70	600
641	Inverell to Dinton Vale	12	200
642	Inverell to Wallangra	38	900
643	Bundarra Road to Bora Creek	6	300
644	Bora Creek to Boggy Camp	5	50
645	Elsmore to Kangaroo Camp	15	200
646	Fingerboard to Strathbogie, <i>via</i> News	28	150
647	Gum Flat to Little Plain	5	100
648	Little Plain to Bingara	26	600
649	Little Plain to Reedy Creek	6	150
650	Loxton's to Boggy Camp	10	200
651	Old Armidale Road, <i>via</i> Middle Creek Bridge, to Kangaroo Camp	21	50
652	Rob Roy to Reedy Creek	15	270
653	Tingha to Elsmore	11	250
654	Tingha to Stansborough	6	50
655	Wallangra to Ashford	14	100
KEMPSEY DISTRICT.			
656	Kempsey to foot of Jeogla Mountain	66	2,200
657	Armidale Road to Taylor's Arm	31	370
658	Armidale Road to Wabro	7	60
659	Armidale Road up Mungay Creek	16	80

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KEMPSEY DISTRICT—continued.			
660	Armidale Road up Nulla Creek	12	70
661	Armidale Road to Upper Five Day Creek	10	140
662	Armidale Road to head of Hickey's Creek	16	130
663	Armidale Road, <i>via</i> Timagog, to Willi Willi	5	50
664	Congarini to Rolland's Plains Road (North Coast Road)	37	1,460
665	Cheer's Hill to Allgomera, and Branch Road to School	21	160
666	Commandant Hill to Port Macquarie Road	2	40
667	Darkwater Bridge up left bank Belmore River	9	100
668	Darkwater Bridge up right bank Belmore River and Branch Road	16	160
669	East Kempsey to Crescent Head	12	270
670	East Kempsey to Verge's Swamp	4	40
671	East Kempsey to Sherwood	8	160
672	East Kempsey to Spencer's Creek and Branch Roads	24	700
673	Greenhills, <i>via</i> Sherwood Bridge, to Dungay Creek	10	270
674	Long Reach to Clybucca	2	40
675	Long Reach to Rainbow Reach	2	40
676	Macksville to Macleay Heads	11	100
677	Macksville to Upper Warrell Creek	5	75
678	Owen's Wharf up left bank Kinchela Creek	6	30
679	Outlet Road, Dungay Creek	5	40
680	Peterkin's to Warrell Creek Ferry	5	120
681	Road along right bank Kinchela Creek	6	50
682	Road left bank Macleay, Warneton to Towal Creek	20	270
683	Sevenoakes to Trial Bay	17	580
684	Sherwood to Willi Willi	30	270
685	Traveller's Rest to Macleay Heads	8	200
686	Trial Bay Road to Smoky Cape	3	50
687	Trial Bay Road to South West Rocks	2	40
688	Upper to Lower Ford, Turner's Flat	3	80
LISMORE DISTRICT.			
689	Lismore to Gundurimba	2	70
690	Lismore to Blue Knob	23	940
691	Lismore to Night Cap	15	450
692	Lismore to Tucki	7	440
693	Lismore to Risley's	15	600
694	Lismore to Beardow's	6	200
695	Blakebrook to Keerong	7	280
696	Blakebrook to Petersen's	6	160
697	Bexhill to Monticollum Road	15	570
698	Bexhill to Pearce's Creek	6	240
699	Bexhill to Cameron's	2	30
700	Bexhill to Numulgi	3	120
701	Boat Harbour to Cowlong	6	200
702	Boggy Creek to Cottee's	3	80
703	Clunes to Beardow's	5	150
704	Clunes to Binna Burra	5	240
705	Clunes to Stagg's	4	160
706	Clunes to McKenzie's	3	120
707	Clunes-Binna Burra Road to Nashua	1	40
708	Cowlong to Marom Creek	10	300
709	Deegan's to Irvine's	2	50
710	Eureka to Duraby	9	300
711	Eureka to Gay's	1	40
712	Geraghty's to Bryant's	3	100
713	Goonellebah to Rous	7	350
714	Gundurimba to Marshall's	5	150
715	Hayden's to Watson's	6	180
716	Leycester Creek to Campbell's	20	300
717	Old Condong Road	3	90
718	Pearce's Creek to Booyong Station	2	60
719	South Gundurimba to Flaherty's	2	60
720	South Lismore to Wyrallah	7	240

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LISMORE DISTRICT—continued.			
721	Synnott's to Funnell's... ..	11	440
722	Thorburn's to Kelly's	3	90
723	Thorburn's to English's	4	120
724	Webster's to Flood's	2	80
725	Wyrallah to Rous	7	380
LITHGOW DISTRICT.			
726	Lithgow to Hartley Vale Station	8	300
727	Lithgow to Lidsdale	6	200
728	Blackheath to Govett's Leap	2	50
729	Blackheath to Hat Hill	4	60
730	Blackheath to Megalong	5	80
731	Bowenfels to Stony Point	5	110
732	Bowenfels to Tarana	16	200
733	Bell Station to Mount Wilson	10	175*
734	Great Western Road to Wentworth Falls Reserve... ..	1	30
735	Hartley to Jenolan	29	760
736	Katoomba to Caves Road	22	60
737	Lidsdale to Wolgan	9	80
738	Little Hartley to Lowther	10	130
739	Little Hartley to River Lett	3	80
740	Lowther to Gambenang	4	20
741	Marrangaroo to Meadow Flat... ..	14	300
742	Mount Victoria to Bell	7	70
743	Mount Victoria to Mount York	3	30
744	Oberon to Caves Road, near Bindo	16	160
745	Oberon to Little River	24	280
746	Oberon to Mount Werong	30	200
747	Piper's Flat to Sunny Corner... ..	10	280
748	Rydal to Hampton	14	330
749	Springwood to Hawkesbury	9	180*
750	Tarana to Jenolan	35	800
751	Thompson's Creek to Cullen Bullen	11	200
752	Wallerawang to Rydal... ..	5	100
753	Wentworth Falls to Burragorang	20	100
MACLEAN DISTRICT.			
754	Maclean to Palmer's Channel... ..	6	120
755	Maclean, via Tyndale, to Brushgrove	12	180
756	Maclean, via Bluff Point, to Brushgrove	13	370
757	Clarks to Round Mountain	2	40
758	Glen Ugie to Pillar Valley	9	180
759	Harwood to Woodburn	30	1,475
760	Harwood to Chatsworth	5	100
761	Lawrence to Myall Creek	20	800
762	McInnes' to Small's	4	50
763	Roads, Palmer's Island	16	240
764	Shark Creek Bridge to Hinchey's	5	50
765	Southgate to Broadwater	15	700
766	Ulmarra to Lavadia	5	100
767	Ulmarra to Yamba	21	1,000
768	Ulmarra towards Corinda	20	200
769	Union Church to Southgate Wharf	2	40
770	Upper to Lower Coldstream	8	160
771	Woodfordleigh to Tyndale	5	100
MAITLAND DISTRICT.			
772	East Maitland to Freeman's Waterholes	20	600
773	East Maitland to Minmi Road	4	130
774	East Maitland to Raymond Terrace	9	500

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MAITLAND DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
775	West Maitland, <i>via</i> Dunmore, to Eccleston	45	1,200
776	West Maitland to Mulbring	16	200
777	Allandale Road to Rothbury	4	80
778	Branxton to Deep Creek	13	250
779	Branxton, <i>via</i> Glendon Brook, to Gresford	34	350
780	Branxton to Dalwood	5	150
781	Branxton to McMullin's	4	50
782	Black Creek to Pokolbin	14	200
783	Bullwarra to Rosebrook and Branch... ..	7	250
784	Capper's to Deep Creek	5	120
785	Cessnock to Harper's Hill	13	500
786	Cessnock to Josephson's	7	50
787	Clarencetown, <i>via</i> Glen William, to Brookfield	9	220*
788	Dagworth to East Maitland Road	4	70
789	Eccleston to Upper Alleyn	8	65*
790	Gostwyck to New Park	14	300
791	Gostwyck to Vogel's	4	50
792	Gresford towards Dungog	6	60
793	Gresford to Carraboler	29	500
794	Greta to Earl's	3	70*
795	Hinton to Nelson's Plains Road	5	170
796	Largs, <i>via</i> Tocal, to Paterson Bridge... ..	7	170*
797	Lochinvar to Boyce's	3	35*
798	Lochinvar to Elderslie	16	350
799	Lochinvar to Railway Station... ..	2	40
800	Lorn to Pitnacree	3	75
801	Louth Park Road	3	130*
802	Major's Lane	3	50
803	Martin's Wharf Road	2	50
804	Marrowbone Road	4	120
805	Miller's Forest to Tarro	6	145*
806	Morpeth to Four-mile Creek	5	120*
807	Morpeth to Largs	3	35*
808	Morpeth Bridge to Largs	4	150
809	Morpeth to Raymond Terrace Road	3	120
810	Morpeth to Dungog	32	1,100
811	Nelson's Plains to Seaham	8	170
812	Oakhampton Road	5	150
813	Penshurst to Alleyn River	4	100*
814	Phoenix Park to McClymont's Swamp	4	50*
815	Pitnacree to Dunmore House... ..	3	150*
816	Pokolbin Road to Wills' Hill... ..	3	70
817	Rutherford to Cessnock	16	700
818	Rutherford to Hudson's	9	230
819	Rutherford to Maryvale	11	200
820	Sandy Creek to Mount Vincent	7	230
821	Scotch Creek Road	2	60
822	Stanhope Road to Branxton-Gresford Road	8	70
823	Tocal up Webber's Creek	3	50
824	Vacy to Summer Hill	5	80
825	Wallarobba to German Bridge and Brookfield	12	150
826	Wallarobba to Cox's Creek	4	30*
827	Woodville, <i>via</i> Stewart's Corner, to Dunn's Creek	7	70
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.			
828	Defence Road to Pittwater Road	6	300
829	Balgowlah, <i>via</i> French's Forest, to Gordon	14	150
830	Barrenjoey Road to M'Garr's Creek	3	100
831	Bunnerong Road to Cook's River Road	3	450
832	Cowan Creek Road	3	50
833	Dover Point Ferry to Heathcote	10	350
834	French's Forest to Greendale... ..	5	160
835	Fidden's Wharf Road	1	30
836	Fox Valley to Thornleigh Station	3	40

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
837	Galston Road to Berowra Creek	4	75
838	Galston to Dural	3	120
839	Galston to Dusthole Bay	10	300
840	Galston to Middle Dural	2	80
841	Gladesville, <i>via</i> Gordon, to Pittwater (Stony Creek Road) ...	21	400
842	Hornsby to Galston	7	350
843	Lane Cove Road to Cowan Creek, at Bobbin's Head ...	4	200
844	La Perouse to Little Bay	2	95
845	Manly to Barrenjoey	17	700
846	Mobb's Hill to Rogan's Hill	6	300
847	Pearce's Corner to Pennant Hills	5	250
848	Pearce's Corner to Brooklyn Railway Station	18	300
849	Pearce's Corner to Berowra Creek, at Crosslands	4	30
850	Pennant Hills Road to Mould's Corner	4	200
851	Pennant Hills Road to Thornleigh Quarry	1	40
852	Pennant Hills Road, <i>via</i> Beecroft, to Eastwood	4	200
853	Pennant Hills Road to Beecroft Station (Murray Road) ...	2	40
854	Randwick Toll-gate to La Perouse	7	500
855	Ray's Road, Carlingford	3	120
856	Roads through Harbord Estate	5	200
857	Round Corner, at Dural, to Wiseman's Ferry (Old North Road)	20	450
858	Sylvania to Port Hacking	7	250
859	Turramurra to Bobbin's Head Road	2	80
MOREE DISTRICT.			
860	Moree to Ironbarks	62	50
861	Moree, <i>via</i> Goonal, to Mogil Mogil	81	250
862	Moree to Mungindi	74	1,700
863	Moree to Bogamildi	28	200
864	Moree to Bingara	28	150
865	Moree to Rocky Creek	55	150
866	Booolooroo Bridge to Goondiwindi	65	350
867	Bobbiwoa Creek to Rocky Creek	27	200
868	Garah to Kunopia	30	200
869	Narrabri to Bulyeri	60	600
870	Narrabri to Terry-hie-hie	50	200
871	Narrabri to Boggabri, <i>via</i> Terriaro	33	250
872	Narrabri to Eulah and Bullawa Creeks	36	300
873	Narrabri, <i>via</i> Little Mountain, to Stony Creek	12	50
874	Narrabri to Pilliga	60	500
875	Wee Waa to Burren Station	36	100
876	Woolabra, <i>via</i> Millie, to Meroe	49	100
MORUYA DISTRICT.			
877	Moruya to Araluen	34	750
878	Moruya, <i>via</i> Kiora, to Larry's Mount	7	40
879	Bingie to Dwyer's Creek	7	25
880	Bodalla to Dignam's Creek	26	600
881	Bodalla, <i>via</i> Noorooma, to Tilba	24	280
882	Brooman to Nelligen	32	230
883	Eurobodalla to Nerrigunda	8	65
884	Eurobodalla to Billa Bilbow	8	30
885	Mogo to Ryan's Creek Bridge	28	90
886	Mogo to Tomakin	4	35
887	Nelligen to Bateman's Bay	6	40
888	Nelligen to Benandra	9	25
889	Nerrigundah Road, <i>via</i> Cadgee, to Tinpot	10	90
890	Punkalla to Noorooma	4	40
891	Termeil towards Milton	15	160
892	Turlinjah to Tuross Heads	5	15
893	Woodburn to Burrill	4	40

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MOSS VALE DISTRICT.			
894	Moss Vale to Barrengarry	17	510
895	Moss Vale towards Macquarie Pass	13	520
896	Moss Vale to Mandemar	10	300
897	Moss Vale to Meryla	18	450
898	Barber's Creek to Barrengarry	40	600
899	Berrima to Joadja	14	140
900	Berrima to Bowral	5	100
901	Bowral to Briars	2	80
902	Bowral to Robertson	15	600
903	Blenkensopp's to Myra Vale	2	80
904	Burrawang to Robertson Road	2	80
905	Bundanoon to Ferndale	3	75
906	Burradoo to Kangaloon Road	2	80
907	Bargo to Rockford	8	100
908	Bargo Bridge to Aylmerton	21	210
909	Barrengarry to Robertson	18	270
910	Bendeila Road to Jack's Corner	7	70
911	Exeter to Great Southern Road	6	150
912	Foster's Gate to Wells' Creek	10	100
913	Fitzroy Falls to Robertson	13	500
914	Glenquarry to Yarrunga	9	270
915	Glenquarry towards Macquarie Pass... ..	11	440
916	Great Southern Road to Wombeyan Caves	40	600
917	Great Southern Road to Jellore	8	40
918	Great Southern Road to Sutton Forest	3	60
919	Kangaloon to Chalker's and Swan's	6	100
920	Little Forest to Canyonleigh	27	780
921	Mayfield to Barrengarry	14	400
922	Mittagong towards Diamond Fields	4	50
923	Mittagong to Glenquarry	6	100
924	Pheasant's Nest to Rockford	5	50
925	Robertson to Carrington Falls and Jamberoo	5	150
926	Sutton Forest, <i>via</i> Exeter, to Barber's Creek	21	420
MUDGEE DISTRICT.			
927	Mudgee to Cassilis	41	960
928	Cudgegong to Denison Town	31	1,400
929	Cudgegong to Hill End	34	480
930	Cudgegong to Home Rule	6	120
931	Cudgegong to Merendee	14	130
932	Cudgegong to Rylstone	25	320
933	Cudgegong to Wollar	22	480
934	Cudgegong Village to Rylstone	13	280
935	Camboon, <i>via</i> Pyangle, to Dungaree	10	50
936	Capertee to Glen Alice	25	250
937	Cobborah to Denison Town	16	80
938	Cullenbone to Cobborah	37	1,400
939	Dunedoo to Stoll's	16	50
940	Grattai to Sally's Flat	31	480
941	Gulgong, <i>via</i> Barney's Reef, to Birriwa	18	50
942	Gulgong to Ulan	14	40
943	Guntawang to Goolma... ..	14	300
944	Hargraves to Triamble... ..	14	50
945	Monkey Hill to Hill End	16	400
946	Rylstone to Bylong	33	250
947	Rylstone to Glen Alice... ..	27	180
948	Rylstone to Narrango	12	80
949	Rylstone to Sofala	36	300
950	Tabrabucca to Hammond's	20	120
951	Tallewang Road to Goodiman Inn	4	100
952	Wall's Junction to Botoblar	10	100
953	Windeyer to Queen's Pinch	14	180

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MURWILLUMBAH DISTRICT.			
954	Murwillumbah to Blue Knob	26	840
955	Murwillumbah to Risley's	40	1,440
956	Murwillumbah, <i>via</i> Cudgen Wharf to Terranora	17	600
957	Murwillumbah to Boyd's Point Ferry	17	650
958	Murwillumbah to Queensland Border	12	360
959	Bilumbil to Cowen's	4	290
960	Binna Burra to Byron Bay	11	400
961	Bridger's to Laverty's Gap	2	40
962	Burringbar to Cudgera	4	100
963	Burringbar to Mooball	6	120
964	Burringbar to Upper Burringbar	5	120
965	Byangum to Dunbible	3	50
966	Byangum to Upper Middle Arm	5	125
967	Byron Bay to Broken Head	4	100
968	Condong to Duranbah	12	350
969	Condong to Palfrey's	3	70
970	Crabbe's to Lloyd's	3	100
971	Cudgen to Norrie's Head	6	50
972	Doran's up Mullumbimby Creek	4	180
973	Doran's to Risley's	10	400
974	Dungay to Skinner's and Knight's	7	150
975	Federal Factory to Binna Burra	6	280
976	Fox's to M'Cormack's	5	120
977	Granuaille to Bangalow	3	70
978	Hainsville, <i>via</i> Mullumbimby, to Byron Bay	19	800
979	Hartigan's to Upper North Arm	7	220
980	Kynumboon to Nobby's Creek	7	220
981	Monticollum to Coorabell	3	60
982	Mullumbimby to Upper Main Arm	6	300
983	Mullumbimby up Left Bank of Mullumbimby Creek	3	200
984	Myokum to Tyagarah	2	100
985	Old Chadwick Road to Pipeclay Siding	2	100
986	Pocket to Blindmouth	7	240
987	Possum Shoot to Binna Burra	6	200
988	Possum Shoot to Cooper's Shoot	6	150
989	Quarry, <i>via</i> Flick's, to McGettigan's	2	140
990	Reddacliff's to Brunswick Road and Pipeclay Siding	4	125
991	Ryan's to the Border	5	50
992	Skinner's Shoot to Byron Bay	2	40
993	Tumbulgum to Tweed Heads and Terranora Broadwater	15	300
994	Tyagarah to Boyle's	3	150
MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT.			
995	Muswellbrook to Merriwa	46	750
996	Muswellbrook Bridge to Sandy Hollow	22	310
997	Muswellbrook, <i>via</i> Dartbrook, to Scone	17	110
998	Aberdeen to McDonald's and Scrumlow	29	350
999	Aberdeen to Segenhoe and Gundy Road	7	40
1000	Belford to Lower Belford and Kelman's Gate	5	40
1001	Belltrees to Stewart's Brook and Top Camp	15	280
1002	Boggy Flat Crossing towards Dight's Ford	3	20*
1003	Bow to Idaville	15	20
1004	Broke, <i>via</i> Nine-mile, to Singleton Road	8	150
1005	Camberwell, <i>via</i> Kermod's, to Carrow Brook Road	12	55
1006	Cooper's Flat Road up Karakora Creek	9	40*
1007	Glennie's, <i>via</i> Chilcott's Flat, to Goorangoola Road	3	25
1008	Goorangoola Road to Bowers and Bowman's Creek	6	60*
1009	Goorangoola Road to Carrow Brook	16	200

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MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
1010	Great Northern Road, up Dry Creek	6	30
1011	Gundy to Timor Post Office	19	40
1012	Gundy Road, <i>via</i> Brushy Hill, to Rouchel Road	10	40
1013	Jerry's Plains to Denman	16	120
1014	Jerry's Plains to Doyle's Creek and Mills	15	40
1015	Jerry's Plains to Oak Hollow... ..	5	15
1016	Kayuga Road to Castle Rock	9	50
1017	Kayuga, <i>via</i> Baxter's, to Aberdeen	13	120
1018	Kermode's, <i>via</i> Goorangoola, to Dry Creek	11	55*
1019	Merriwa to Cassilis	27	780
1020	Merriwa to Bunnan	18	70
1021	Merriwa, <i>via</i> Flags, to Gungal	15	25
1022	Merriwa to Gilli Gilli	12	15
1023	Meehan's Crossing to Limestone and Maloney's	13	100
1024	Moonan Flat to Glenrock Cattle Station	25	200
1025	Muscle Creek Road	10	60
1026	Mount Mooby to Dartbrook Bridge	9	50
1027	Page's Creek Road	9	25
1028	Redbourneberry Bridge, <i>via</i> Clydesdale, to Glendon Road... ..	3	45
1029	Redbourneberry Bridge to Dyring	11	55*
1030	Rix's Creek, <i>via</i> Glennie's, to Goorangoola Road	5	30
1031	Rouchel Road, <i>via</i> Broad Crossing, to Scone-Gundy Road... ..	4	20
1032	Saddler's Creek Road	9	60
1033	Sandy Hollow to Wollar	53	220
1034	Scone to Bunnan	20	300
1035	Scone, up Middle Creek	16	180
1036	Scone to Moonan Brook	35	780
1037	Sedgefield, <i>via</i> Mitchell's Flat and Glendon Bridge, to Gresford Road	7	25
1038	Singleton to Cooper's Flat	25	360
1039	Singleton, <i>via</i> Warkworth, towards Jerry's Plains	16	250
1040	Singleton, <i>via</i> Maison Dieu Road, to Jerry's Plains	17	250
1041	Singleton to Brandy Creek	10	80*
1042	Singleton—Maison Dieu Road to Warkworth	6	35*
1043	Upper Dartbrook to Upper Wybong... ..	12	140
1044	Upper Dartbrook and Sparke's Creek	12	60
1045	Waddell's Orchard, <i>via</i> Glendon, to Great Northern Road, near Belford	11	90
1046	Whittingham to Broke... ..	13	120
1047	Wybong Road, at Eleven Miles, to Bunnan	21	75
1048	Wybong Road, at Hogan's and the Bridge, to Brogheda	9	20
NARRANDERA DISTRICT.			
1049	Narrandera to Darlington Ferry (North side)	40	140
1050	Narrandera to Ganmain	27	150
1051	Narrandera to Mirrool Creek	32	200
1052	Narrandera to Old Goree Bridge	40	300
1053	Narrandera towards Wagga	32	150
1054	Coolamon, <i>via</i> Cowabbie, to Warri	38	300
1055	Coonong Siding to Urana	20	550
1056	Gillenbah to Darlington Ferry	45	200
1057	Gillenbah to Old Man Creek	33	300
1058	Grong Grong to Warri	25	250
1059	Meejum to Barellan	23	200
1060	Urana to Urangeline	16	110
1061	Whitton Ferry to Pullitop Tank	53	300

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NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.			
1062	Awaba to Freeman's Water-holes	5	250
1063	Adamstown to Swansea	13	500
1064	Boolaroo to Teralba	2	50
1065	Cooranbong Road to Dora Creek Platform	3	100
1066	Cooranbong to Freeman's Water-holes	8	200
1067	Charlestown to Dudley	2	100
1068	Charlestown Road to Warner's Bay	3	50
1069	Hexham to Limeburners' Creek	22	750
1070	Hexham to Williamtown	9	200
1071	Lambton, <i>via</i> Cardiff, to Lake Road	6	250
1072	Lambton to Charlestown	3	30
1073	Minmi to Thornton	6	250
1074	Raymond Terrace to Seaham	9	200
1075	Raymond Terrace to Saltash	9	100
1076	Raymond Terrace to Williamtown Road	4	250
1077	Roads on Ash Island	6	100
1078	Roads on Mosquito Island	2	50
1079	Saltash to Browne's Selection	3	30
1080	Stroud Road, near Six-mile, to Seaham Road	3	30
1081	Stroud Road, near Eight-mile, to Clarencetown	6	60
1082	Stroud Road, near Twelve-mile, to Tea Gardens	20	350
1083	Stockton to Nelson's Bay	32	1,200
1084	Seaham Punt to Clarencetown	13	200
1085	Wallsend to Gosford Road	15	500
1086	Wallsend to Lake Macquarie... ..	3	150
1087	Wallsend to Sandgate	2	50
1088	Waratah to Minmi Road	10	500
1089	Williamtown, <i>via</i> Medowie, to Stroud Road	10	150
1090	Young Wallsend to Minmi	6	240
NOWRA DISTRICT.			
1091	Nowra to Budgong	14	350
1092	Nowra to Burrier	9	100
1093	Nowra to Kangaroo Valley	12	500
1094	Nowra to Nerriga	35	950
1095	Nowra to Yalwal	15	330
1096	Berry to Kangaroo Valley	14	500
1097	Cambewarra Mount towards Woodhill	10	100
1098	Cambewarra to Lumsden's Corner	6	150
1099	Emery's Corner to Brown's Mountain	6	100
1100	Fall's Creek towards Jervis Bay	5	150
1101	Kangaroo Valley to Budgong Gap	6	120
1102	Kangaroo Valley, <i>via</i> Woodhill, to Berry	10	350
1103	Tomerong to Jervis Bay	7	200
1104	Wollongong, <i>via</i> Mount Keira, to Thirteen-mile peg	13	200
ORANGE DISTRICT.			
1105	Orange to Canoblas	10	270
1106	Orange to Cargo	24	500
1107	Orange to Icely... ..	12	100
1108	Orange to Ophir	16	150
1109	Orange to Pinnacles	5	150
1110	Orange towards Carcoar	13	450
1111	Orange to Stuart Town	35	310
1112	Boree to Manildra	9	180
1113	Bridgewater to Yeoval... ..	28	400
1114	Cargo to Canowindra	13	230
1115	Cargo to Cudal	8	150
1116	Cumnock to Bolderogery	20	300
1117	Cudal to Barragan Hall	6	100
1118	Cudal to Manildra	5	75
1119	Curra Creek to Arthurville	9	150
1120	Curra Creek to Bolderogery	20	260
1121	Cummins' to Four-mile Creek	8	150
1122	Dripstone to Newrea	5	200
1123	Eslick's towards Four-mile Creek	3	100

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ORANGE DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
1124	Favell's towards Byng	4	200
1125	German's Hill to Boree	12	100
1126	German's Hill to Kite's Swamp	14	200
1127	Lucknow to Worboy's Junction	8	300
1128	Lucknow to Huntley	3	120
1129	Millthorpe to Byng	10	200
1130	Millthorpe to Lewis Ponds	16	150
1131	Millthorpe to Long Swamp	11	350
1132	Millthorpe to Spring Hill	5	100
1133	Molong to Cargo	24	160
1134	Molong to Norah Creek	10	40
1135	Molong to Warne	20	200
1136	Molong to Manildra	12	250
1137	Molong to Gregra	8	150
1138	Molong to Redbank	3	100
1139	Murphy's Hill to Cudal	19	40
1140	Mullion to Belgravia	6	50
1141	Mullion to Ophir	10	40
1142	Reservoir to Cadia	10	350
1143	Shadforth to Whiley's Junction	3	200
1144	Spring Hill towards Cadia	6	100
1145	Spring Terrace to Forest Reefs	6	200
1146	Spring Terrace to Long Swamp	5	60
1147	Stuart Town to Burrendong	16	250
1148	Stuart Town, Mookerawa	8	100
1149	Treweek's to Lewis Ponds	10	100
1150	Worboy's to Spring Terrace	5	50
1151	Warne Road to Kerr's Creek	4	40
1152	Wellington towards Burrendong	12	200
1153	Wellington to Ulundry	26	250
PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.			
1154	Parramatta to Pennant Hills	1	60
1155	Parramatta Park to Toongabbie Creek	5	150*
1156	Baulkham Hills to Round Corner, at Dural... ..	6	200
1157	Baulkham Hills School to Toongabbie	3	60
1158	Baulkham Hills to Seven Hills Road (Chapel Road)	2	30
1159	Blacktown Road, <i>via</i> Seven Hills Station, to Windsor Road	6	200
1160	Blacktown Road, <i>via</i> Mount Capicure, to Chatsworth	9	400
1161	Broken Back Bridge to Pennant Hills Road	4	150
1162	Bringelly to Luddenham	5	200
1163	Carne's Hill, <i>via</i> Bringelly, to Greendale	8	275
1164	Castle Hill to Main Windsor Road	2	40
1165	Castle Hill Hall to Banks	2	20
1166	Glenhaven Road, Castle Hill	3	30
1167	Great Western Road to Prospect Reservoir... ..	4	120
1168	Great Western Road to Lapstone Range	2	60
1169	Great Western Road to Blacktown Station (Flushcombe Road)	3	90
1170	Great Western Road, <i>via</i> Glenbrook, to Lucasville	3	60
1171	Great Western Road to Seven Hills Road (Toongabbie Road)	4	60*
1172	Liverpool to Penrith and Bringelly Road	10	350
1173	Main Windsor Road to Toongabbie Road (<i>via</i> Hammer's Bridge)	2	100
1174	Main Windsor Road to Model Farm Roads	1	50
1175	Old Castle Hill Road to Government Reserve	2	20*
1176	Old Windsor Road, <i>via</i> Pearce's, to Blacktown Station	3	60
1177	Round Corner, at Dural, to Rouse Hill	8	100*
1178	Seven Hills Road to Vardy's Grant	2	30*
1179	South Creek to Luddenham	6	250
1180	St. Mary's to Orphan School Road	5	50
1181	St. Mary's to Blacktown Road, <i>via</i> Llandilo	3	125
1182	Toongabbie Creek to Windsor Road, at Kellyville	5	125
1183	Toongabbie Post Office, <i>via</i> School, to Wentworthville Railway Station	3	100
1184	Woodville Road to Fairfield Station	2	50

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PORT MACQUARIE DISTRICT.			
1185	Port Macquarie to Tacking Point	4	40
1186	Port Macquarie towards Walcha	60	900
1187	Ballengarra Wharf to Glen Esk	14	300
1188	Beechwood to Rolland's Plains	10	200
1189	Blackman's Point to Ennis Ferry	6	70
1190	Blackman's Point and Ennis Road to Walcha Road	1	30
1191	Coast Road to Rolland's Plains	15	150
1192	Ennis to Carney's and Branch, to Sommerville's	11	340
1193	Ennis Road to Ballengarra Road	6	60
1194	Ellenborough Bridge towards Jacky's Bulga	10	90
1195	Kew to Rolland's Plains Road (North Coast Road)	46	1,400
1196	Laurieton to Upper Camden Haven	15	600
1197	Pappenbarra Creek to Cowal	10	150
1198	Road up Thone Creek	8	230
1199	Roads on Rawdon Island	4	80
1200	Road up left bank Wilson River	5	150
1201	Roads on Koree Island	3	35
1202	Road up Forbes River	6	70
1203	Rolland's Plains to Dungay Creek	13	150
1204	Stony Creek to Moreton's Creek	4	80
1205	Wauchope to Beechwood	3	80
1206	Wauchope to Heron's Creek	10	250
1207	Wilson River, <i>via</i> Ennis, to Walcha Road	18	200
QUEANBEYAN DISTRICT.			
1208	Queanbeyan towards Braidwood	20	250
1209	Queanbeyan to Upper Gundaroo	19	200
1210	Queanbeyan to Ginninderra and Branch towards Railway Station	14	175
1211	Queanbeyan to Uriarra and Taemas Road	24	200
1212	Queanbeyan to Gudgenby, <i>via</i> Rocky Crossing	26	200
1213	Bungendore to Doughboy	8	100
1214	Bungendore to Black Range	16	75
1215	Bungendore, <i>via</i> Captain's Flat, to Braidwood and Cooma Road	30	1,800
1216	Bungendore to Upper Gundaroo	18	100
1217	Captain's Flat to Norongo	8	50
1218	Canberra Post Office to Uriarra Road	3	25
1219	Ginninderra towards Gundaroo	11	60
1220	Hoskingtown towards Harold's Cross, <i>via</i> Rossi	6	60
1221	Majura towards Bungendore	18	100
1222	Old Burra Road to Micalago	20	200
1223	Sparrow's Corner to Foxlow, <i>via</i> Carwoola	13	200
1224	Tharwa to Tidbinbilly	12	40
1225	Tuggeranong to Tuggeranong Railway Platform	2	20
QUIRINDI DISTRICT.			
1226	Quirindi to Warrah Ridge	7	60
1227	Quirindi to Wallabadah	8	250
1228	Quirindi, <i>via</i> Bundella, to Bomera	59	1,250
1229	Quirindi, <i>via</i> Gaspard, to Great Northern Road	13	350
1230	Quirindi towards Borah Creek	6	100
1231	Quirindi, <i>via</i> Quipolly, to Werris Creek	11	50
1232	Quirindi to Gunnedah	48	260
1233	Quirindi to Willow Tree	8	130
1234	Blandford Railway Station to Box Tree Hill	10	80
1235	Box Tree Hill Road, <i>via</i> Timor Gap, to Isis River	12	150
1236	Curlewis towards Goran Lake	12	40
1237	Duri, <i>via</i> Colly Blue, to Bomera	53	600
1238	Gunnedah to Boggabri	24	100
1239	Gunnedah to Mullaley	22	750
1240	Gunnedah to Somerton	23	240
1241	Gunnedah towards Wondobah	6	30
1242	Gunnedah, <i>via</i> north side of Namoi, to Carroll	12	70
1243	Nundle to Crawney	10	120
1244	Timor Post Office to foot of Crawney	23	30
1245	Wallabadah to Nundle and Swamp Creek	33	180
1246	Woodton towards Quirindi	9	50
1247	Yarraman to Black Creek	5	20

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MINOR ROADS— <i>continued.</i>			
RICHMOND DISTRICT.		Miles.	£
1248	Richmond to Cornwallis Road	2	30
1249	Richmond to Yarramundi	3	100
1250	Richmond towards Dr. Clarke's Bridge	3	60
1251	Richmond Bridge to Mount Wilson	32	1,000
1252	Richmond, <i>via</i> Cornwallis, to Windsor	7	105
1253	Belmont, <i>via</i> Box Hill, to Bell's Line	6	220
1254	Bulga Road to West Portland	13	70
1255	Bell's Line to Putty	55	800
1256	Blaxland's Ridge, <i>via</i> Moran's Rock, to Head of Colo	18	300
1257	Churchill's Wharf to Page's Ferry Road	4	80
1258	Clarendon to Cornwallis	2	40
1259	Comleroy to Sackville Ferry	12	175
1260	Cattai Creek, at Clarke's, to Fisher's	6	50
1261	Enfield to Reiby's Grant	6	115
1262	E. M'Guire's to Pitt Town Bottoms	4	100
1263	Fleming's Hill to Grono's Farm	3	40
1264	Kenthurst Post Office to Porter's	3	30*
1265	Kurrajong to the Hermitage	2	40
1266	Marsden Park to Box Hill	5	150
1267	M'Grath's Hill to Maroota	16	600
1268	Nicholls' Corner to Enfield Road	2	100
1269	Nelson to Rouse Hill	2	20
1270	Pitt Town Road to old North Road	11	200
1271	Portland Ferry to Sackville Road	9	100
1272	Portland Ferry to Park Villa	5	120
1273	Rouse Hill to Schofield's Platform	4	90
1274	Rouse Hill and Dural Road, <i>via</i> Kenthurst, to Fisher's	6	90*
1275	Sackville Road, near Ebenezer, <i>via</i> Page's Ferry Road, to Maroota	6	60
1276	Windsor to Blacktown Road	2	100
1277	Windsor to Bull Ridge	9	200
1278	Windsor, <i>via</i> Sackville, to Wiseman's Ferry	27	600
1279	Windsor Road to Mulgrave Station	1	60
1280	Wiseman's Ferry, <i>via</i> Leet's and Loxton's, to Portland Ferry	11	500
1281	Wiseman's Ferry to Gentleman's Halt	19	100
1282	West Portland to Comleroy Road	10	100
1283	Wilberforce to Pitt Town	4	80
1284	Yarramundi to Wilberforce	13	400
STROUD DISTRICT.			
1285	Stroud to Dungog	13	300
1286	Stroud Road to New Wharf	2	50
1286	Booral to Bulladelah	19	550
1287	Booral up right bank of Karuah River	10	150
1288	Bullah Delah to Bungwall	19	450
1289	Bullah Delah to Cooalongook	18	100
1290	Bullah Delah to Larry's Flat	31	530
1291	Bullah Delah down Myall River	5	60
1292	Bendolba to Upper Wangat	12	320
1293	Barrington to Little Manning River	18	90
1294	Barrington to Cobark Road	10	300
1295	Bungwall to Forster	22	200
1296	Clarencetown to Thalabah	10	200
1297	Clarencetown to Limeburners' Creek	9	250
1298	Dungog to Underbank	15	440
1299	Dungog to Fosterton	5	160
1300	Dungog to Thalabah	4	100

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MINOR ROADS— <i>continued.</i>		Miles.	£
STROUD DISTRICT— <i>continued.</i>			
1301	Dungog to Weismantel's	17	400
1302	Farley's Gate, <i>via</i> Rocky Crossing, to Barrington Bridge ...	7	40
1303	Flyer's Creek to Dorney's	9	300
1304	Gloucester to Copeland	10	220
1305	Gloucester to Cobark	20	300
1306	Junction Barnard and Little Manning Rivers to Nowendoc	28	110*
1307	Limeburners' Creek to Krumbach (North Coast Road) ...	70	1,800
1308	Limestone Hill to Newell's Crossing	6	180
1309	Old Inn to Booral Road	6	90
1310	Ridgeway's, <i>via</i> Monkerai, up Karuah River	12	200
1311	Telegherry, <i>via</i> Masters to North Coast Road	10	150
1312	Underbank to Upper Chichester	12	160
1313	Underbank to Upper Williams	10	150
TAMWORTH DISTRICT.			
1314	Tamworth to Barraba	53	2,000
1315	Tamworth to Werris Creek	28	150
1316	Tamworth to Somerton	20	350
1317	Tamworth, <i>via</i> Moore Creek, to Attunga	9	180
1318	Tamworth to the Forest	6	25
1319	Tamworth to Nundle	34	600
1320	Tamworth to Winton	13	200
1321	Attunga to Somerton	12	200
1322	Attunga to Hall's Creek	16	50
1323	Barraba to Bundarra	44	200
1324	Barraba to Burindi	9	50
1325	Barraba to Horton River	19	150
1326	Currabubula to Piallaway	12	80
1327	Duri to Gowrie... ..	7	500
1328	Dungowan to Swamp Oak	27	290
1329	Dungowan Creek, south bank, to Cadell's	5	30
1330	Flanagan's Swamp to Orundumby and Upper St. Leonards	18	350
1331	Green's Lane to Hartford Gully	7	30
1332	Johnstone's Bridge to Moonbi Railway Station	7	50
1333	Manilla to Bendemeer	36	60
1334	Manilla up Namoi River	15	50
1335	Manilla to Crow Mountain	23	200
1336	Manilla to Burindi	35	50
1337	Manilla towards Gunnedah	14	100
1338	Manilla to Somerton	12	50
1339	Tarpolly to Carroll Gap	30	50
1340	Tintinhull, <i>via</i> Moonbi, to Limbri and Mulla Creek ...	20	75
1341	Upper Manilla to Crow Mountain	15	100
1342	Walcha Road to Bendemeer	21	20
1343	Walcha Road to Walcha	10	290
1344	Walcha Road to Niangla	28	200
1345	Walcha to Eulo	25	215
1346	Walcha to Aberaldie	11	180
1347	Walcha to Nowendoc	39	400
1348	Walcha towards Port Macquarie	45	400
1349	Werris Creek Gap to Railway	5	50
1350	Woolomin to Cadell's	4	20
1351	Woolomin to Crawley's	7	50

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MINOR ROADS— <i>continued.</i>		Miles.	£
TAREE DISTRICT.			
1352	Taree towards Tuncurry	14	330
1353	Taree to Wingham	7	240
1354	Taree Ferry to Glenthorne Wharf	2	50
1355	Ashlea to Upper Dingo Creek	16	310
1356	Bullock Wharf to Cooalongook	12	335
1357	Burril Creek to Kimbriki	6	170
1358	Cameron's Crossing to Moril Creek	4	20
1359	Cedar Party Creek Road up Killabakh Creek	7	145
1360	Cedar Party Road to Taree-Wingham Road... ..	6	100
1361	Chatham to Taree-Wingham Road	4	40
1362	Cooperook to Harrington	8	150
1363	Croki Punt to Main Road	1	50
1364	Cundle, <i>via</i> Saville's, to Cooperook	16	330
1365	Jericho over Big Swamp	5	100
1366	John's River Wharf to Stewart's River Road	6	250
1367	Krambach to Kew (North Coast Road)	55	1,530
1368	Krambach to Tuncurry	25	720
1369	Marlee Road to Gillogly's	2	30
1370	Moorland to Upper Stewart's River	12	250
1371	Nabiac, <i>via</i> Dargaville's, to Cucumbark	7	50
1372	Nowendoc Road to Dolly's Flat	4	20*
1373	Nowendoc Road to Upper Manning	21	85*
1374	Old Bar Road to Redbank Ferry	2	25*
1375	Roads through Dumaresq Island	5	60
1376	Roads through Mitchell's Island	13	180
1377	Roads through Oxley Island	10	275
1378	Road through Paterson's	5	150
1379	Road through Warren's Lane... ..	4	80
1380	Sussman's, <i>via</i> 'Possum Brush, to Failford Road	7	280
1381	Tinonee to Bootawah	5	50
1382	Tinonee Road to 'Possum Brush	11	160
1383	Tinonee Road to Killawarra	5	60
1384	Tinonee to Old Bar Reserve	12	210
1385	Tinonee to Wingham Ferry	7	130
1386	Upper Lansdowne Roads	18	360
1387	Wingham-Nowendoc Road to Karaak Flat	3	40
1388	Wingham to Nowendoc	60	1,240
1389	Wingham, <i>via</i> Ogden's Crossing, to Lansdowne	12	310
1390	Wingham, <i>via</i> Ashlea, to Kelvin Grove	12	260
1391	Wingham, <i>via</i> Brimbin, to Lansdowne	10	40
1392	Wingham, <i>via</i> Bungay, to Bo-Bo Creek	6	50
1393	Woola Woola Roads	4	50*
TENTERFIELD DISTRICT.			
1394	Tenterfield to Scrub	7	180
1395	Tenterfield, <i>via</i> Stembrook, towards Rocky River	8	200
1396	Tenterfield to Bonshaw	66	650
1397	Tenterfield towards Sunnyside School	4	50
1398	Acacia Creek to White Swamp	25	400
1399	Acacia Creek to Tooloom	21	150
1400	Amosfield to Acacia Creek	30	480
1401	Barney Downs to Lionsville	46	175
1402	Black Creek to Tooloom	28	550
1403	Border to New Koreelah, Rivertree, and Tooloom Road	30	120
1404	Deepwater, <i>via</i> Nine-mile, to Tent Hill	22	500
1405	Drice's Gate to Wallangarra	9	200
1406	Goddard's, <i>via</i> Torrington, to Tent Hill Road	10	70
1407	Great Northern Road towards Stanthorpe	4	120
1408	Sandy Flat and Bolivia to Main Range	18	100
1409	Wilson's Downfall to Rivertree	21	170
1410	Wallangarra Road to Bonshaw Road... ..	5	50

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TUMUT DISTRICT.			
1411	Tumut to Gundagai	20	1,000
1412	Tumut to Sandy Creek	15	225
1413	Tumut to Kiandra	64	1,000
1414	Tumut to Adelong	12	360
1415	Tumut to Tomorrana	20	300
1416	Tumut Plains to Gobarragandra	8	80
1417	Tumut, <i>via</i> the Plains, to Jones' Bridge	7	150
1418	Tumut, <i>via</i> Brungle, to Gundagai	23	920
1419	Tumut, <i>via</i> Piper's, up Bumbowlee Creek	5	75
1420	Adelong to Hillas Creek	21	230
1421	Adelong Crossing to Bago	38	750
1422	Brungle to Wyangle	10	380
1423	Brungle Bridge to Gobarralong	14	240
1424	Gilmore to Reilly's Crossing	7	130
1425	Gundagai to Bongongolong	10	120
1426	Gundagai to Wantabadgery	24	300
1427	Lacmalac to Gobarragandra	7	50
1428	Oberne to Upper Tarcutta	11	75
1429	Oddy's Bridge to West Blowering	10	200
1430	Reilly's Crossing, <i>via</i> Batlow, to Bago	13	200
1431	Tarrabandra to Gocup... ..	7	70
1432	Upper to Lower Bago	12	60
1433	Wendowie School up west bank Gilmore Creek	8	80
1434	Wendowie up east bank Gilmore Creek	8	120
TUMBARUMBA DISTRICT.			
1435	Tumbarumba to Little Billabong	38	750
1436	Tumbarumba to Bago	15	300
1437	Tumbarumba to Jingellic	30	450
1438	Tumbarumba, <i>via</i> Tooma, to Welaregang	34	400
1439	Tumbarumba to Courabyra	8	50
1440	Tumbarumba to Upper Burra... ..	6	20
1441	Carabost to Kyamba	9	90
1442	Courabyra to Oberne	15	150
1443	Germanton to Jingellic	36	200
1444	Glenroy to Coppabella... ..	32	60
1445	Glenroy to Mundaroo	12	30
1446	Jingellic to Kancoban	46	300
1447	Mundaroo to Ournie	15	30
1448	Rosewood to Humula	16	60
1449	Welaregang to Tintaldra	3	50
WAGGA WAGGA DISTRICT.			
1450	Wagga Wagga, <i>via</i> Wallace and Harefield, to Junee	19	160
1451	Wagga Wagga to Kyamba	29	600
1452	Wagga Wagga towards Narrandera	24	110
1453	Wagga Wagga to Old Man Creek	27	250
1454	Wagga Wagga to Gregadoo	12	250
1455	Wagga Wagga to Coolamon	22	250
1456	Wagga Wagga to Wantabadgery	21	190
1457	Wagga Wagga to Cookardina	34	275
1458	Wagga Wagga to The Rock	16	230
1459	Coolamon to Currawarna	15	160
1460	Henty to Pleasant Hills	16	300
1461	Humula to Kyamba	11	150
1462	Humula to Tarcutta	16	270
1463	Junee to Ganmain	33	180
1464	Lower Tarcutta to Alfred Town	17	320
1465	Rock Station to Urangeline, <i>via</i> Lockhart	41	290
1466	Rock Station to Lockhart, <i>via</i> Bullenbong	27	150
1467	Umbango, to Oberne	4	40
1468	Yerong Station to Urangeline Post Office	29	550

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WALGETT DISTRICT.			
1469	Walgett to Goondabloui	85	300
1470	Walgett, <i>via</i> Goodooga, to Brenda	105	450
1471	Walgett to Combogolong	29	150
1472	Walgett, <i>via</i> Boorooma, to Brewarrina	94	350
1473	Walgett to Corinda	50	150
1474	Walgett to Pilliga	63	350
1475	Walgett, <i>via</i> The Springs, to Brewarrina-Goodooga Road	76	150
1476	Angledool, towards Hebel	8	150
1477	Collarendabri towards Narrabri	40	150
1478	Collarendabri to Angledool	60	200
1479	Corinda to Nine-mile Dam	21	150
1480	Goodooga to Brewarrina	75	200
1481	Pilliga, <i>via</i> Bugilbone, to Eurie	60	150
1482	Wee Talaba, <i>via</i> Angledool, to Goodooga	49	80
WARIALDA DISTRICT.			
1483	Warialda towards Inverell	17	900
1484	Warialda to Bogamildi	24	200
1485	Warialda to Gunyerwarildi	25	800
1486	Warialda Road, at Blackjack, to Yetman	44	500
1487	Warialda to Bingara	22	800
1488	Warialda, <i>via</i> Ezzies, to Moree Road	16	200
1489	Warialda, <i>via</i> Gragin, to Reedy Creek	19	100
1490	Bingara to Barraba	36	1,300
1491	Bingara to Bundarra	47	300
1492	Bingara Road to Top Bingara	7	25
1493	Bingara to Rocky Creek	25	150
1494	Bingara, <i>via</i> Pallal, to Eulowrie	31	100
1495	Bingara Road, <i>via</i> Gineroi, to Yagobie	29	250
1496	Bingara to Boro	6	25
1497	Cobbedah to Rocky Creek	26	200
1498	Coolatai to Wallangra	10	40
1499	Gainen's up Right Bank of Horton River	10	25
1500	Inverell Road, at 23-mile post, to Yetman Road, at 10-mile post	22	100
1501	Moree Road, <i>via</i> Reeve's, to Pallal Road at Bangheet	14	100
1502	Salway's to Gineroi	10	40
1503	Turner's Selection, <i>via</i> Mobinbri Scrub, to Merriwa-Boggabilla Road	35	50
1504	Wallangra to Boggabilla	70	220
1505	Yetman to Texas	26	50
1506	Yallaroi towards Moree	22	30
WILCANNIA DISTRICT.			
1507	Wilcannia to Cœkburn	150	400
1508	Wilcannia to Jacob's Well	50	30
1509	Wilcannia to Tilpa	84	175
1510	Wilcannia to Wanaaring	170	60
1511	Wilcannia to Wentworth	270	250
1512	Wilcannia to Wompah	227	500
1513	Broken Hill to Cobham	150	225
1514	Broken Hill to Menindie	68	100
1615	Tallywalka towards Ivanhoe	125	30
1516	Wentworth to Euston	80	40
1517	Wentworth to South Australian Border	60	40

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WOLLOMBI DISTRICT.			
1518	Wollombi to Cessnock	18	600
1519	Wollombi up Narone Creek	4	20
1520	Wollombi up Yango Creek	10	100
1521	Wollombi Road up Howe's Valley	20	100
1522	Bellbird View to Mount View... ..	3	100
1523	Boggy Flat to Holmes' Creek... ..	8	100
1524	Buckety to Pemberton's	23	170
1525	Cessnock, <i>via</i> Mount View, to Millfield	11	350
1526	Ellalong to Wallaby Gully	3	45
1527	Laguna to top of Wattagan Mountain	17	250
1528	McDonald River up Webb's Creek	10	100
1529	McDonald River to Daniel's Run	5	20
1530	Murray's Run to Yarramalong	21	300
1531	Payne's Creek Bridge up Stockyard and Bagnell's Creeks... ..	6	20
1532	Sheppard's Hill, <i>via</i> St. Albans, to Mount Manning	27	450
1533	St. Albans, <i>via</i> Wright's Creek, to Book's Ferry	9	50*
1534	St. Albans up McDonald River	15	300
1535	Sternback's to Wiseman's Ferry	5	25
1536	Sandy Creek to Millfield	10	400
1537	The Pinch to Congewai	11	300
1538	The Pinch to Ellalong	3	50
1539	Thompson's up Dairy Arm	6	40*
1540	Woolong to head of Sandy Creek	3	45*
1541	Warkworth to Putty	46	750
1542	Wiseman's Ferry to Warkworth	77	1,200
1543	Yarramalong to Olney Reserve	5	130
YASS DISTRICT.			
1544	Yass to Black Range	15	75
1545	Yass to Fairfield Bridge	24	230
1546	Yass to Upper Gundaroo	23	300
1547	Yass, <i>via</i> Jerrawa, to Dalton	15	210
1518	Yass to Wargeila	24	45
1549	Yass, <i>via</i> Weejasper, towards Tumut	45	800
1550	Yass to Woolgarlo	15	200
1551	Yass to Dalton-Burrowa Road	9	90
1552	Berrybanglo Road, <i>via</i> Margules, to Jerrawa	14	130
1553	Bookham to Chidowla	11	150
1554	Bookham to Cooradigbee	15	150
1555	Bookham to Illalong	7	70
1556	Bowning to Binalong	15	170
1557	Burrowa to Binalong	17	400
1558	Collector to Gundaroo	13	65
1559	Collector, <i>via</i> Bohara, to Gunning	15	140
1560	Dalton to Narrawa	26	380
1561	Great Southern Road to Burrowa	24	230
1562	Gunning to Upper Gundaroo... ..	22	275
1563	Gunning, <i>via</i> Dalton, to Burrowa	45	650
1564	Kitty's Creek to Dog-trap Ford	17	170
1565	Murrumbateman to Ginninderra	16	230
1566	Narrawa Road, near Roche's, to Pudman Road	17	120
1567	Taemas to Brindabella	40	400
1568	Waroo, <i>via</i> Boambolo, to Cavan Gap... ..	17	170
1569	Wall's to Bowning	3	20

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YOUNG DISTRICT.			
1570	Young to Burrowa	26	400
1571	Young to Douglas	25	200
1572	Young to Grenfell	30	600
1573	Young to Koorawatha	24	260
1574	Young to Temora	47	520
1575	Young towards Bumbaldry	22	350
1576	Young, <i>via</i> Kingsvale, to Murrumburrah	16	140
1577	Young, <i>via</i> Wombat, to Murrumburrah	15	300
1578	Bendick Morrell to Marengo and Branch to Windermere	20	140
1579	Brundah to Monteagle Platform	25	250
1580	Burrangong to Emu Creek	15	180
1581	Burrowa to Breakfast Creek	26	190
1582	Burrowa to Cunningar	18	250
1583	Burrowa to Kenyu	18	120
1584	Burrowa to Narrava	23	400
1585	Clifton to Caragabal	42	400
1586	Conns to Morangarell	30	200
1587	Galong towards Burrowa	10	110
1588	Galong to Marengo	22	200
1589	Grenfell to Bimbi	23	260
1590	Grenfell to Marsden	51	320
1591	Grenfell to Weddin Gap	10	60
1592	Gunnary to Reid's Flat	27	240
1593	Harden towards Marengo	18	160
1594	Kingsvale to Walkendbeen	12	120
1595	Reid's Flat to Rugby	24	240
1596	Stockinbingal to Marsden	63	190
1597	Temora to Morangarell	21	210
1598	Temora to Stockinbingal	20	200
1599	Temora to Trungley	17	200
1600	Thuddungra to Morangarell	23	100
GRAND TOTAL		28,061	371,025

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SCHEDULE B.—1900-1901.			
Harbours and Rivers.			
<i>(Approximate appropriations only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>			
<i>The Votes provide for Erections, Additions, Repairs, Renewals, Furniture, Fittings, Materials, Maintenance, Contingencies, under each item, including Land Resumptions and Costs.</i>			
<i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i>			
		£	£
1	Works generally	15,000	
2	Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys	1,800	
3	Towards Expenses connected with or arising out of employment of Tugs on Special Service... ..	400	
4	Dock Establishment—Contingencies... ..	6,000	
5	Maintenance—Electric Light, Cockatoo Island	740	
6	„ Newcastle Harbour Works	5,000	
7	„ Shea's Creek and Cook's River	500	
8	„ Wollongong Harbour Works	500	
9	„ Kiama Harbour Works	300	
10	Jetty at Teralba, Lake Macquarie	450	
11	Wharf at head of Landsdowne River	250	
12	„ Taylor's Arm, Nambucca River	320	
13	„ Laurieton, Camden Haven	300	
14	„ Stuart's Point, Macleay River	200	
15	„ Macksville, Nambucca River	400	
16	„ Blackwall, Brisbane Water	350	
17	„ Cahill's, Bellinger River (Re-vote)	450	
18	„ Nelson's Plains, Hunter River (Re-vote)	750	
19	„ Murwillumbah, Tweed River	550	
20	„ Glenoak, Williams River	400	
21	„ Bowra, Nambucca River (Goods Shed and Approach)	240	
			34,900
22	Snagging Tweed River and Tributaries ... ..	.....	300
23	Great Marlow Levee, near Grafton (Repairs) ... ..	.....	1,000
24	Spectacle Island (Works and Repairs) ... ..	.....	500
25	Salaries, Equipment, Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidentals, Unforeseen Expenses, and Contingencies ... ..	.....	3,000
26	Dredge Service—Schedule B1 ... ..	.....	75,300
	TOTAL	£	115,000

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	
SCHEDULE B1.—1900-1901.			
Dredge Service.			
<i>(Approximate appropriation only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i>			
<i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i>			
		£	£
<i>Ladder Dredges—</i>			
1	Dredge Sydney	3,100	
2	" Newcastle	5,000	
3	" Samson	3,700	
4	" Hunter	3,300	
5	" Vulcan	3,200	
6	" Pluto	2,500	
7	" Fitzroy	2,600	
8	" Archimedes	2,600	
9	" Alcides	2,600	
10	" Minos	2,600	
11	" Charon	2,100	
<i>Combined Ladder and Sand Pump Dredge—</i>			
12	Dredge Ulysses	2,700	
<i>Sand Pump Dredges—</i>			
13	Dredge Dorus	2,700	
14	" Alesus	2,700	
15	" Actor	2,400	
16	" Dictys	2,800	
17	" Groper	3,400	
<i>Hopper Sand Pump Dredges—</i>			
18	Dredge Castor	2,600	
19	" Jupiter	3,000	
20	" Anteleon	3,600	
21	" Neptune	2,700	
22	" Juno	2,600	
<i>Combined Grab and Sand Pump Dredges—</i>			
23	Dredge Gamma	1,600	
24	" Delta	1,600	
25	" Eta... ..	1,600	
26	" Tau	1,600	
27	" Theta	1,600	
28	" Rho	1,600	
29	" Sigma	1,600	
<i>Grab Dredges—</i>			
30	Dredge Alpha	850	
31	" Beta	850	
32	" Zeta	850	
33	" Iota	850	
34	" Kappa	850	
35	" Mu... ..	850	
36	" Nu	850	
37	" Pi	850	
38	" Chi	850	
39	" Omega	850	
40	" Omicron	800	
41	" Lambda	800	
	Carried forward	£	85,800

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	
		£	£
	Brought forward ... ..	.....	85,800
	<i>Second Shifts for Dredges and Tugs—</i>		
42	Dredge Sigma	1,300	
43	„ Kappa	700	
44	Tug Ariel	200	
	<i>Steam-tugs—</i>		
45	Tug Thetis	2,400	
46	„ Ceres	1,600	
47	„ Orestes	1,600	
48	„ Rhea	1,250	
49	„ Dawn	1,250	
50	„ Galatea	1,200	
51	„ Achilles	1,100	
52	„ Dione	1,100	
53	„ Dooribaug	1,100	
54	„ Cyclops	1,100	
55	„ Dayspring	900	
56	„ Ganymede	900	
57	„ Athena	900	
58	„ Phœnix	900	
59	„ Aurora	650	
60	„ Callisto	650	
61	„ Octopus	400	
62	„ Oberon	400	
63	„ Vesta	400	
64	„ Seylla	300	
65	„ Ariel	300	
66	„ Europa	300	
67	New boilers for dredges Hunter and Actor	2,300	
68	New buckets, &c.	1,000	
69	New coaling punt for dredge Vulcan	500	
			112,500
	Less amount chargeable to Loan Votes ... ..	.....	37,200
	TOTAL ... ..	.....	<u>75,300</u>

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	
<p>SCHEDULE C.—1900—1901.</p> <p>Government Architect.</p> <p>(Approximate appropriation only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</p> <p>The Votes provide for erections, additions, repairs, renewals, furniture, fittings, materials, maintenance, contingencies under each item, including land resumptions and costs.</p> <p>(Irrespective of the date of claims.)</p>			
		£	
<p>MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.</p>			
1	Public Buildings generally	7,000	
2	Gaols (including Hard-labour Materials)	2,000	
3	Court-houses	3,500	
4	Police Buildings	3,500	
5	Post and Telegraph Offices	4,000	
6	Lands Offices	700	
7	Institutions for Insane	1,800	
8	Benevolent Asylums	1,000	
9	Hospitals	300	
10	Government Architect's Workshops, Plant, and Machinery	500	
11	Vice Regal and Admiralty Houses	1,100	
12	Public Parks and Gardens	700	
13	Parliamentary Buildings	3,300	
14	Sydney University—Roadway to Medical School	200	
			29,600
<p>FIXED ANNUAL CHARGES.</p>			
15	Gas—Lighting and Maintenance—Public Parks and Buildings	1,900	
16	Electric Lighting and Maintenance of Public Buildings	3,000	
17	Heating and Ventilating Public Buildings	500	
18	Electric Lighting and Maintenance—Gaols	1,000	
19	Working Lifts, Public Offices	1,000	
20	Maintenance of Government Architect's Workshop Staff	1,000	
21	Salaries, etc.	7,000	
			15,400
TOTAL		£	45,000

No.	Designation of Vote or Work.	Proposed appropriation from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.
<p>SCHEDULE D.—1900—1901.</p> <p>Miscellaneous.</p> <p><i>(Approximate appropriation only, and subject to such alterations within the limits of the total Vote as the exigencies of the Service may from time to time demand.)</i></p> <p><i>(Irrespective of date of claims.)</i></p> <p>SALARIES, Equipment Allowances, Travelling Expenses, Surveys, Rents, Cleaning, Caretaking, Incidentals, and Contingencies. £</p>		
1	Railway and Tramway Construction, including Store Buildings ...	1,055
2	Country Towns Water Supply	1,500
3	Water Conservation	1,500
4	Sewerage Construction	3,780
5	Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring	10,400
6	Compensations and Gratuities, &c.—	
	Compensation and Gratuities to employees and others for injuries, to relatives in cases of fatality, gratuities to employees after lengthy service, for settlement of minor claims for loss or injury to stock, goods, or materials; and for Departmental contingencies generally	1,200
7	To C. H. O. Bagge, late Principal Assistant Engineer, Sewerage Construction—Retired 31st December, 1895 (further gratuity)	250
8	To Refund of Deposit (in part) to Messrs. Pope, Maher, & Co., re Contract for Steel Pipes, Hunter District Water Supply	500
9	To Expenses in connection with Booth-street Embankment, Annandale	315
		£
		20,500

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

SCHEDULE TO MILITARY AND NAVAL ALLOWANCES.

(SHOWING AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES VOTED FOR 1899-1900, AND PROPOSED FOR 1900-1901.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 11 October, 1900.

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Rank.	Name.	Reference to Estimates.	Salary.	Allowances provided, or Cash drawn in lieu of—							Total Allowances.	Total voted for 1899-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.
				Lodging.	Forage.	Stabling.	Servant.	Rations.	Fuel and Light.	Uniform.			
MILITARY SECRETARY.													
Military Secretary and Director of Artillery and Stores	C. F. Roberts ...	33	£ 800	£ 120	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 120 0 0	£ 920 0 0	£ 920 0 0
HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF.													
Major-General	G. A. French ...	33	1,250	462 ^b	...	27	55 ^c	...	32 0 0 [†]	...	£ 576 0 0	£ 1,826 0 0	£ 1,826 0 0
Assistant Adjutant-General	H. D. Mackenzie ...	33	548	125 ^b	68	28	27	18 5 0	24 15 0	...	£ 291 0 0	£ 748 0 0	£ 839 0 0
Assistant Quartermaster-General	J. E. D. Taunton ...	33	548	125	68	28	27	18 5 0	24 15 0	...	£ 291 0 0	£ 748 0 0	£ 839 0 0
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General	M. W. Bayly ...	33	384	82	34	14	27	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	£ 189 0 0	£ 573 0 0	£ 573 0 0
Garrison Sergeant-Major ... ..	.....	33	178	41	...	...	...	27 2 3	9 17 9	5	£ 83 0 0	£ 261 0 0	£ 261 0 0
Sergeant Instructor of Musketry ... ..	.....	33	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	£ 37 0 0	£ 171 0 0	£ 171 0 0
Assistant Superintendent, Randwick Rifle Range ... ..	.....	33	153	41 ^b	...	...	...	29 2 3	9 17 9	5	£ 85 0 0	£ 238 0 0	£ 238 0 0
Sergeant, Rifle Range ... ..	.....	33	134	32 ^b	...	...	...	17 16 4	4 3 8	5	£ 59 0 0	£ 193 0 0	£ 193 0 0
Markers, Rifle Range (2) ... ..	.....	33	125	32 ^b	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	£ 37 0 0	£ 162 0 0	£ 162 0 0
Marker, Rifle Range ... ..	.....	33	134	32 ^b	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	£ 37 0 0	£ 171 0 0	£ 171 0 0
PAY BRANCH.													
Staff Paymaster ... ..	.....	34	457	102	...	...	27	18 5 0	16 15 0	...	£ 164 0 0	£ 621 0 0	£ 621 0 0
ORDNANCE BRANCH.													
Assistant Commissary of Ordnance	J. T. Blanchard ...	34	510 [†]	114	...	...	27	18 5 0	19 15 0	...	£ 179 0 0	£ 615 0 0	£ 689 0 0
Receiver and Issuer of Stores	W. J. Brown ...	34	275	45	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	£ 45 0 0	£ 320 0 0	£ 320 0 0
Laboratory Overseer, Goat Island	F. Holmes ...	34	175	25	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	£ 25 0 0	.....	£ 200 0 0
NEW SOUTH WALES ARTILLERY.													
Officer Commanding Artillery Forces	S. C. U. Smith ...	35	730	125 ^b	68	27	55 ^c	18 5 0	24 15 0	...	£ 318 0 0	£ 1,048 0 0	£ 1,048 0 0
Firemaster	W. T. Bridges ...	35	402 [§]	82 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	£ 189 0 0	£ 591 0 0	£ 591 0 0
Quartermaster	T. H. Rouse ...	35	200	46	...	...	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 98 0 0	£ 298 0 0	£ 298 0 0
BRIGADE DIVISION FIELD ARTILLERY.													
Officer Commanding Field Artillery Brigade	H. P. Airey ...	35	475 ^a	102 ^b	68	28	27 ^c	18 5 0	16 15 0	...	£ 260 0 0	£ 735 0 0	£ 735 0 0
Captain and Adjutant, Field Artillery	H. Dangar ...	35	321	54 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 154 0 0	£ 475 0 0	£ 475 0 0
Lieutenant, Field Artillery	E. A. Antill ...	35	216	46 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 146 0 0	£ 362 0 0	£ 362 0 0
Lieutenant, Field Artillery	S. E. Christian ...	35	216	46 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 146 0 0	£ 362 0 0	£ 362 0 0
Lieutenant, Field Artillery	H. S. Sweetland ...	35	180	46	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 146 0 0	£ 326 0 0	£ 326 0 0
1st GARRISON DIVISION.													
Captain and Adjutant, 1st Garrison Division.	A. P. Luscombe ...	36	367 ^d	55 ^b	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	£ 155 0 0	£ 522 0 0	£ 522 0 0

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* Includes £137 furniture allowance, and £200 table allowance. † Light only. ‡ Includes £36 charge pay. § Includes £46 as Acting Instructor. (a) Includes £55 command pay. (b) In Quarters. (c) Servants provided from soldiers. (d) Includes £46 as Acting Staff Captain.

Schedule to Military Allowances—continued.

Rank.	Name.	Reference to Estimates.	Salary.	Allowances provided, or Cash drawn in lieu of—							Total Allowances.	Total voted for 1899-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.
				Lodging.	Forage.	Stabling.	Servant.	Rations.	Fuel and Light.	Uniform.			
GARRISON COMPANIES-OFFICERS.													
Major, 1st Garrison Division ...	F. Baynes ...	36	£ 401 ^a	£ 82 ^b	£ 34	£ 14	£ 27 ^c	£ 18 s. d.	£ 13 s. d.	£	£ 189 s. d.	£ 590 s. d.	£ 590 s. d.
Major, 1st Garrison Division ...	P. L. Murray ...	36	401 ^a	82 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	189 0 0	590 0 0	590 0 0
Major, 1st Garrison Division ...	A. H. P. Savage ...	36	401 ^a	82 ^b	34	14	27 ^c	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	189 0 0	590 0 0	590 0 0
Captain, 1st Garrison Division ...	A. G. H. Morris ...	36	321	55 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	107 0 0	428 0 0	428 0 0
Captain, 1st Garrison Division ...	H. Le Messurier ...	36	321	55 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	107 0 0	428 0 0	428 0 0
Captain, 1st Garrison Division ...	A. H. Sandford ...	36	321	55 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	107 0 0	428 0 0	428 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	R. H. L. B. Jenkins	36	216	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	C. W. Lamb ...	36	216	46	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	H. J. C. Taylor ...	36	216	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	G. E. Bulmer ...	36	216	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	S. S. Rvrie ...	36	216	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	O. Griffiths ...	36	216	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	314 0 0	314 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	R. G. C. King ...	36	180	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	278 0 0	278 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	F. W. Parbury ...	36	180	46 ^b	...	...	27 ^c	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	278 0 0	278 0 0
Lieutenant, 1st Garrison Division	J. E. Westgarth ...	36	180	46	...	...	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	278 0 0	278 0 0
STAFF OFFICE FOR ENGINEER SERVICES.													
Chief Surveyor ...	J. H. R. King ...	38	350	55 ^b	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	55 0 0	405 0 0	405 0 0
Submarine Mining Storekeeper...	.....	38	183	41 ^b	...	...	...	22 2 3	9 17 9	5	78 0 0	261 0 0	261 0 0
Staff Instructor, Field Companies	C. Parton ...	38	240	46 ^b	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	46 0 0	.....	286 0 0
Staff Instructor to Electricians ...	.....	38	183	41 ^b	...	...	...	22 2 3	9 17 9	5	78 0 0	261 0 0	261 0 0
Sergeant-Artificer, Electricians...	.....	38	143	32	...	...	...	26 0 0	.....	5	63 0 0	206 0 0	206 0 0
Corporal Artificers, Electricians (2)	.....	38	125	26	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	31 0 0	156 0 0	156 0 0
ENGINEERS.—No. 3 COMPANY, SUBMARINE MINERS (PERMANENT).													
Officer Commanding ...	J. H. A. Lee ...	38	399*	82 ^b	34	14	27	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	189 0 0	588 0 0	588 0 0
Lieutenant ...	Vacant ...	38	175	46 ^b	...	...	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	98 0 0	.....	273 0 0
ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (PERMANENT).													
Surgeon-Colonel and Principal Medical Officer...	W. D. C. Williams	39	624*	125	34	14	27	18 5 0	25 15 0	...	244 0 0	868 0 0	868 0 0
ARMY SERVICE CORPS (PERMANENT).													
Adjutant and Quartermaster ...	R. Beauman ...	40	277	46	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	146 0 0	423 0 0	423 0 0
ARMY SERVICE CORPS (PERMANENT), BARRACK SECTION.													
Barrack Sergeant ...	.....	40	134	32 ^b	...	...	...	24 2 3	9 17 9	5	71 0 0	205 0 0	205 0 0
VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.													
Captain and Principal Veterinary Surgeon	A. P. Gribben ...	41	200	...	34	14	...	.....	.....	...	48 0 0	248 0 0	248 0 0

(a) Includes £45 command pay.

(b) In quarters.

(c) Servants provided from soldiers.

* Includes £15 command pay.

Schedule to Military Allowances—continued.

Rank.	Name.	Reference to Estimates.	Salary.	Allowances provided, or Cash drawn in lieu of—							Total Allowances.	Total voted for 1890-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.	
				Lodging.	Forage.	Stabling.	Servant.	Rations.	Fuel and Light.	Uniform.				
LANCERS REGIMENT.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	G. L. Lee...	41	£ 329	£ 55	£ 34	£ 14	£ 27	£ s. d. 18 5 0	£ s. d. 6 15 0	£ 155 0 0	£ s. d. 484 0 0	£ s. d. 484 0 0		
Regimental Sergeant-Major	41	160	41 ^a	34	14 ^c	...	22 2 3	9 17 9	5 126 0 0	286 0 0	286 0 0		
Quartermaster-Sergeant	41	160	38	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 91 0 0	251 0 0	251 0 0	
Orderly Room Clerk	41	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	228 0 0	228 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructors (5)	41	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	228 0 0	228 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructor (1)	41	134	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	.....	219 0 0	
FIRST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.														
Adjutant and Quartermaster	R. R. Thompson ...	42	329	55	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	155 0 0	408 0 0	484 0 0		
Sergeant-Major	42	160	41	34	14	...	24 2 3	9 17 9	5 128 0 0	288 0 0	288 0 0		
Quartermaster-Sergeant	42	160	38	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 91 0 0	244 0 0	251 0 0	
Orderly Room Clerk	42	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	.....	228 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructors (5)	42	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	228 0 0	228 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructor (1)	42	134	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	.....	219 0 0	
MOUNTED RIFLES.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	J. M. Antill ...	43	329	55	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	155 0 0	484 0 0	484 0 0		
Regimental Sergeant-Major	43	160	41	34	14	...	29 2 3	9 17 9	5 133 0 0	293 0 0	293 0 0		
Quartermaster-Sergeant	43	160	38	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 91 0 0	251 0 0	251 0 0	
Orderly Room Clerk	43	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	228 0 0	228 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructors (4)	43	143	32	34	14	...	.....	.....	5 85 0 0	228 0 0	228 0 0	
PARTIALLY-PAID ARTILLERY.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	L. H. Kyngdon ...	44	321	55 ^a	34	14	27 ^b	18 5 0	6 15 0	155 0 0	476 0 0	476 0 0		
Regimental Sergeant-Major	44	178	41	...	...	...	29 2 3	9 17 9	5 85 0 0	263 0 0	263 0 0	
Orderly Room Clerk	44	150	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 37 0 0	187 0 0	187 0 0	
PARTIALLY-PAID FIELD-ENGINEERS.														
Storemen (2)	45	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 37 0 0	171 0 0	171 0 0	
PARTIALLY-PAID ELECTRICIANS.														
Storemen (2)	46	125	29	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 34 0 0	159 0 0	159 0 0	
INFANTRY—1ST REGIMENT.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	G. C. Knight ...	47	370	82	34	14	27	18 5 0	13 15 0	189 0 0	559 0 0	559 0 0		
Regimental Sergeant-Major	47	160	41	...	...	...	17 2 3	9 17 9	5 73 0 0	233 0 0	233 0 0	
Quartermaster-Sergeant	47	160	38	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 43 0 0	203 0 0	203 0 0	
Orderly Room Clerk	47	153	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 37 0 0	190 0 0	190 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructors (6)	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0	
Sergeant-Instructors (2)	47	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5 37 0 0	171 0 0	.....	

a) In quarters.

b) Servant provided from soldiers.

c) Stabling provided.

Schedule to Military Allowances—*continued.*

Rank.	Name.	Reference to Estimates.	Salary.	Allowances provided, or Cash drawn in lieu of—							Total Allowances.	Total voted for 1899-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.	
				Lodging.	Forage.	Stabling.	Servant.	Rations.	Fuel and Light.	Uniform.				
INFANTRY—2ND REGIMENT.				£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adjutant and Paymaster...	J. G. Legge	47	334	55	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	155 0 0	489 0 0	489 0 0	
Regimental Sergeant-Major	.....	47	160	41	...	...	...	24 2 3	9 17 9	5	80 0 0	240 0 0	240 0 0
Quartermaster-Sergeant	.....	47	160	38	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	43 0 0	203 0 0	203 0 0
Orderly-room Clerk	.....	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0
Sergeant-Instructors (5)	.....	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0
Sergeant-Instructor	.....	47	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	171 0 0	171 0 0
INFANTRY—3RD REGIMENT.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	C. F. Bartlett	47	370	82	34	14	27	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	189 0 0	559 0 0	559 0 0	
Regimental Sergeant-Major	.....	47	160	41	...	...	...	24 2 3	9 17 9	5	80 0 0	240 0 0	240 0 0
Quartermaster-Sergeant	.....	47	160	38	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	43 0 0	203 0 0	203 0 0
Orderly-room Clerk	.....	47	153	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	190 0 0	190 0 0
Sergeant-Instructors (6)	.....	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0
Sergeant-Instructors (1)	.....	47	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	171 0 0	171 0 0
INFANTRY—4TH REGIMENT.														
Adjutant and Paymaster	M. A. Hilliard	47	334	55	34	14	27	18 5 0	6 15 0	...	155 0 0	489 0 0	489 0 0	
Regimental Sergeant-Major	.....	47	160	41	...	...	...	22 2 3	9 17 9	5	78 0 0	238 0 0	238 0 0
Quartermaster-Sergeant	.....	47	160	38	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	43 0 0	203 0 0	203 0 0
Orderly-room Clerk	.....	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0
Sergeant-Instructors (5)	.....	47	143	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0
Sergeant-Instructors (2)	.....	47	134	32	...	...	...	.....	.....	5	37 0 0	171 0 0	171 0 0
PARTIALLY-PAID ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.														
Warrant Officer and Staff Instructor	J. Bond	49	178	41	...	...	...	38 2 3	9 17 9	5	94 0 0	272 0 0	272 0 0
VOLUNTEERS.														
Staff Officer for Volunteer Forces	M. M. Boam	52	a384	82	34	14	27	18 5 0	13 15 0	...	189 0 0	a606 0 0	a573 0 0	

* In quarters. (a) Also paid £50 per annum from Regimental Trust Fund Clothing Account.

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Rank.	Name.	Reference to Estimates.	Salary.	Allowances provided, or Cash drawn in lieu of—							Total Allowances.	Total voted for 1899-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.																				
				Lodging.	Forage.	Stabling.	Servant.	Rations.	Fuel and Light.	Uniform.																							
			£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																	
5TH REGIMENT (SCOTTISH RIFLES).																																	
Adjutant and Quartermaster	Vacant	52	334	46	34	14	27	18	5	0	6	15	0	146	0	0	480	0	0	480	0	0										
Regimental Sergeant-Major	52	160	41	24	2	3	9	17	9	5	80	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0									
Quartermaster-Sergeant	52	153	38	5	43	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0									
Orderly-room Clerk	52	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0									
Sergeant-Instructors (2)	52	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0									
Do do (1)	52	134	32	5	37	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0									
6TH REGIMENT (AUSTRALIAN RIFLES).																																	
Lieutenant and Adjutant	Vacant	53	259	46	34	14	27	18	5	0	6	15	0	146	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0							
Regimental Sergeant-Major	53	160	41	24	2	3	9	17	9	5	80	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0						
Quartermaster-Sergeant	53	153	38	5	43	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0						
Orderly-room Clerk	53	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0						
Sergeant-Instructors (2)	53	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0						
Sergeant-Instructor (1)	53	134	32	5	37	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0						
7TH REGIMENT (ST. GEORGE'S RIFLES).																																	
Lieutenant and Adjutant	A. Holmes	53	259	46	34	14	27	18	5	0	6	15	0	146	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0				
Regimental Sergeant-Major	53	160	41	24	2	3	9	17	9	5	80	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0			
Quartermaster-Sergeant	53	153	38	5	43	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0			
Orderly-room Clerk	53	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0			
Sergeant-Instructors (2)	53	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0			
Do Instructor (1)	53	134	32	5	37	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0			
8TH REGIMENT (UNION).																																	
Lieutenant and Adjutant	A. Tower	54	259	46	34	14	27	18	5	0	6	15	0	146	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	405	0	0	
Regimental Sergeant-Major	54	160	41	24	2	3	9	17	9	5	80	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0
Quartermaster-Sergeant	54	160	38	5	43	0	0	196	0	0	196	0	0	203	0	0	203	0	0	203	0	0	203	0	0
Orderly-room Clerk	54	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0
Sergeant-Instructor (1)	54	134	32	5	37	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0	171	0	0
RAILWAY CORPS.																																	
Sergeant-Instructor	54	143	32	5	37	0	0	
NATIONAL GUARD.																																	
Sergeant-Instructor	54	143	32	5	37	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0	180	0	0

SCHEDULE TO NAVAL ALLOWANCES.

Reference to Estimates.	Name of Officer.	Offices, Allowances, and Deductions.	Proposed fixed Salaries, Allowances, and Deductions.				Total voted for 1899-1900.	Total proposed for 1900-1901.
			Salaries.	Allowances.	Deductions.	Total.		
		NAVAL FORCES.						
		<i>Torpedo Defence.</i>	£	£		£	£	
56	Geo. S. Bosanquet	Officer in Charge of Torpedoes ... Commander Volunteer Naval Artillery	280	72				
		In lieu of quarters		150				
		Do rations, fuel, and light		43	.....	545	545
56	Wm. Amess	Engineer for Torpedoes	223					
		In lieu of quarters		90				
		Do rations.....		37	.....	350	350

Chief Secretary's Department,
9th October, 1900.

CRITCHETT WALKER,
Principal Under Secretary.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING NOVEMBER, 1899.)

Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 26 June, 1900.

STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of November, 1899,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	103 18 10
Do Hong Kong Government	16 7 11
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Do Federated Malay States Government	76 0 0
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	47 17 4
Mercantile Marine Pensions	2 4 0
Police Superannuation Fund	20 12 6
Distribution of Seed Wheat to Distressed Farmers	28 10 6
Hastings River Improvements (Loans)	16 8 4
Expenses in connection with the Unemployed Advisory Board	52 1 8
Petty Sessions—Salaries	53 6 8
Expenses of Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and other Diseases in Stock	12 1 8
District Court—Salaries	4 3 4
Board of Health—Salaries	20 16 8
Glebe Island Abattoirs—Salaries	25 0 0
Analytical Branch, Medical Adviser—Salaries	1 16 8
Registrar-General—Salaries	50 11 8
Prothonotary—Salaries	33 6 8
Attorney-General—Salaries	45 16 8
Expenses in connection with the Immigration Restriction Act	4 3 4
Department of Lands—Salaries	20 13 4
Fisheries Commission—Salaries	4 3 4
Lunacy—Salaries	1 5 0
Military Secretary—Salaries	4 3 4
Department of Mines—Salaries	4 3 4
Master in Lunacy—Salaries	4 3 4
Rozelle Bay Reclamation and Roadway (Loans)	21 15 8
Expenses in connection with the Coal Mines Regulation Act	1 6 8
Expenses of Inquiry Board late Circular Quay Accident	1 9 8
Public Service Board—Salaries	8 11 1
Manning River Improvements (Loans)	1,345 0 3
Landing Silt from Dredges, Special Dredging, &c. (Loans)	1,968 13 11
Compensation to George Thompson for injuries sustained on Moree to Inverell Railway Line	345 0 0
Bankruptcy—Salaries	67 16 3
Colonial Ammunition Company <i>v.</i> Hon. J. N. Brunker—Verdict and costs	1,011 19 3
Expenses of Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital	22 10 0
Telephone Tunnels, Public Works Department (Loans)	1,025 10 0
Total	£ 6,478 5 6

The Treasury, New South Wales,
22nd December, 1899.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Approved,—
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING DECEMBER, 1899.)

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STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of December, 1899,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	104 8 10
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Do Hong Kong Government	16 7 11
Do British Guiana Government	24 19 3
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	47 17 4
Distribution of Seed Wheat to Distressed Farmers	15 19 5
Hastings River Improvements (Loans)	902 10 9
Petty Sessions—Salaries	53 6 8
Expenses, Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	9 11 8
District Courts—Salaries	4 3 4
Board of Health—Salaries	66 13 4
Glebe Island Abattoirs—Salaries	89 0 0
Analytical Branch, Medical Adviser—Salaries	3 13 4
Registrar-General—Salaries	56 10 6
Prothonotary—Salaries	23 6 8
Attorney-General—Salaries	45 16 8
Expenses in connection with the Immigration Restriction Act	4 3 4
Department of Lands—Salaries	16 13 4
Fisheries Commission—Salaries	4 3 4
Lunacy—Salaries	1 5 0
Military Secretary—Salaries	4 3 4
Expenses in connection with the Unemployed Advisory Board	328 13 8
Department of Mines—Salaries	8 6 8
Master in Lunacy—Salaries	4 3 4
Rozelle Bay Reclamation and Roadway (Loans)	96 8 11
Expenses in connection with the Coal Mines Regulation Act	78 15 0
Landing Silt from Dredges, Special Dredging, &c. (Loans)	31 5 10
Manning River Improvements (Loans)	1,010 4 4
Bankruptcy—Salaries	85 11 1
Colonial Ammunition Company <i>v.</i> Hon. J. N. Brunker—Counsel's fees, &c.	30 10 2
Expenses of Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital	29 5 6
Telephone Tunnels, Public Works Department (Loans)	3,864 16 0
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	9 1 0
Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers—Improvements (Loans)	767 0 9
Compensation, &c., <i>re</i> late Circular Quay Accident	394 1 6
Expenses in connection with the Pullen Patent Inquiry	115 10 0
Glebe Island Levelling (Loans)	736 5 3
Christmas Dinners for Unemployed	130 0 0
Survey Fees in connection with Dredging Leases (Loans)	1,000 0 0
Small Arms Ammunition for Reserve Stock (Loans)	7,500 0 0
Payments pending Warrant on account of:—	
Refund of Civil Service Superannuation Deductions payable to Officers who have voluntarily resigned from the Service	69 6 8
Erection of Buildings for Caretakers, Water Stations, &c. (Loans)	220 3 3
Total	£ 18,008 19 7

The Treasury, New South Wales,
20th January, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Approved,—
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING JANUARY, 1900.)

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STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of January, 1900, submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	116 14 4
Do Hong Kong Government... ..	27 0 5
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Do Straits Settlement Government	11 7 4
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	73 9 1
Mercantile Marine Pensions	2 4 0
Department of Lands—Salaries	10 4 8
Manning River Improvements (Loans)	1,065 5 3
Expenses of Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital	125 0 0
Telephone Tunnels, Public Works Department (Loans)... ..	13 17 8
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	2 10 0
Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers Improvements (Loans)	163 17 1
Compensation, &c., <i>re</i> late Circular Quay Accident	109 9 0
Expenses incurred in connection with the Pullen Patent Inquiry	26 5 0
Glebe Island Levelling (Loans)	6 6 0
Furniture—New Lending Branch, Public Library, "Queen Victoria Markets"	83 6 0
Expenses, Second Contingent for Service in South Africa	19,447 13 2
Colonial Lighthouses—Salaries	12 7 10
To pay Interest on Special Deposits by Savings Bank of New South Wales	307 13 4
Board of Health—Contingencies	15 4 1
Expenses, Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain Charges made by the Widow of the late Police Sergeant Wirrell, of West Maitland	50 0 0
Temporary Cargo Shed, Pyrmont, Darling Island (Loans)	570 18 3
Sydney Night Refuge and Reformatory—Special Grant... ..	50 0 0
Total	£ 22,295 9 2

Approved,—

The Treasury, New South Wales,
9th February, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING FEBRUARY, 1900.)

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STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of February, 1900,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	94 2 8
Do Hong Kong Government	16 7 11
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Do Pacific Islands Mail Service	50 0 0
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	47 17 4
Mercantile Marine Pensions... ..	1 2 0
Expenses of Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock... ..	13 0 0
Board of Health—Salaries	98 16 8
Registrar-General—Salaries... ..	2 3 4
Department of Lands—Salaries	46 11 8
Refund of Civil Service Superannuation deductions payable to officers who have voluntarily resigned from the Service	128 13 7
Expenses of Inquiry Board, late Circular Quay Accident... ..	7 4 8
Bankruptcy—Salaries	58 6 8
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	6 19 4
Compensation, &c., re late Circular Quay Accident	125 14 0
Colonial Light-houses—Salaries	13 15 6
Temporary Cargo Shed, Pyrmont—Darling Island (Loans)	1,095 16 10
Expenses of visit of Delegate to England in connection with the "Commonwealth Bill"	400 0 0
Expenses, Second Contingent for service in South Africa	43,653 0 6
Department of Agriculture—Salaries	17 4 5
Purchase of Ethnological collection for Australian Museum	62 0 0
White Cliffs Mechanics' Institute—Special grant... ..	100 0 0
Public Service Clerical Relieving Staff—Salaries	19 7 1
Expenses of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the case of William Creswell, at present an inmate of the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum	50 0 0
Board of Health—Contingencies	50 5 3
Medical comforts, &c., for prisoners belonging to the New South Wales Contingent at Pretoria, South Africa	100 0 0
Expenses in connection with the completion of the Historical Records of New South Wales	114 6 0
Corowa Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Society—Special grant	100 0 0
Improvements, Shark Island, Port Jackson—Special grant	125 0 0
Drummoyne Municipal Council—Grant for repairing damage to Roads and Footpaths of the Borough caused by cattle passing through to the Abattoirs... ..	250 0 0
Total	£ 46,852 12 1

The Treasury, New South Wales,
12th March, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Approved,—
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING MARCH, 1900.)

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STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of March, 1900,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	120 18 5
Do Hong Kong Government... ..	16 7 11
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	47 17 4
Board of Health—Salaries	170 4 0
Department of Lands—Salaries	52 2 0
Lunacy—Salaries	6 17 11
Refund of Civil Service Superannuation deductions payable to officers who have voluntarily resigned from the Service	25 14 5
Bankruptcy—Salaries	116 13 4
Expenses of Royal Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital	112 17 1
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	3 6 8
Colonial Light-houses—Salaries	25 9 6
Board of Health—Contingencies	17 15 6
Compensation, &c., <i>re</i> late Circular Quay Accident	30 0 0
Agriculture—Salaries	16 13 4
Civil Service Clerical Relieving Staff—Salaries	171 1 10
Expenses in connection with the compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales	57 12 0
Sea and River Pilots—Salaries	151 10 0
Expenses in preparing <i>précis</i> of evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	11 10 0
Erection of Fish Hatcheries	163 4 7
Expenses of Second Contingent for service in South Africa	19,367 8 4
Imported and Introduced Stock—Salaries	13 10 0
City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen - Special grant	300 0 0
Expenses of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain charges made against James Roberts (Tramways)	113 16 6
New South Wales Military Contingent to South Africa—Gratuities and allowances, &c., to relatives of members of the Contingent who were killed or injured	151 0 0
Agent-General—Advance on account of salary and travelling expenses... ..	375 0 0
Analytical Branch, Medical Adviser—Salaries	30 0 0
Expenses in connection with Imperial Contingent (Bushman's) to South Africa	5,000 0 0
Treasury—Salaries	17 15 6
Total... ..	£ 26,691 2 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
21st April, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

Approved,—
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING APRIL, 1900.)

Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 26 June, 1900.

STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of April, 1900,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	110 12 10
Do Hong Kong Government... ..	27 0 5
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Do Straits Settlements Government... ..	11 7 4
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	73 9 1
Mercantile Marine Pensions	2 4 0
Police Superannuation Fund	4,621 9 3
Expenses, Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	494 7 10
Attorney-General—Salaries... ..	137 5 1
Department of Lands—Salaries	37 10 7
Lunacy—Salaries	0 5 9
Contribution towards maintenance of Meteorological Stations at Mount Kosciusko and Merimbula	186 16 5
Bankruptcy—Salaries	31 1 8
Colonial Lighthouses—Salaries	0 13 10
Board of Health—Contingencies	56 4 7
Civil Service Clerical Relieving Staff—Salaries	36 5 10
Expenses in connection with the Historical Records of New South Wales	57 6 0
Expenses in preparing <i>précis</i> of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	6 0 0
Erection of Fish Hatcheries... ..	99 4 1
Expenses of Second Contingent for Service in South Africa	12,346 6 1
Expenses of Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain Charges made against James Roberts (Tramways)	64 17 0
New South Wales Military Contingent to South Africa—Gratuities and Allowances, &c., to relatives of members of the Contingent who were killed or injured	25 0 0
Newcastle and District Agricultural, Horticultural, Industrial Association—Special Grant	500 0 0
Gaols—Electric Lighting and Maintenance	6 18 2
Stores and Stationery—Contingencies	4,996 19 8
Parliamentary Buildings—General Repairs	1 10 0
Government House Repairs, Furniture, &c.	21 11 4
Hillston Municipal Council—Special Grant	200 0 0
General Post Office—Electric Lighting, &c.	45 8 6
Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under the Licensing Act	34 5 6
Expenses incurred in connection with the outbreak of the Bubonic Plague	*18,799 7 3
South Head Cemetery—Special Grant	50 0 0
Total	£ 43,086 4 9

* Since transferred to Special Account.

Approved,—

The Treasury, New South Wales,
16th May, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

(STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM, DURING MAY, 1900.)

Printed under No. 4 Report from Printing Committee, 12 July, 1900.

STATEMENT of Payments from the Treasurer's Advance Account during the month of May, 1900,
submitted for the approval of the Honorable the Treasurer.

Head of Service.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Advances on account of Mauritius Government	104 3 10
Do Hong Kong Government... ..	16 7 11
Do Sierra Leone Government	4 16 8
Pensions to Inspectors of Stock	47 17 4
Mercantile Marine Pensions	1 2 0
Board of Health—Salaries	77 10 0
Department of Lands—Salaries	12 0 0
Lunacy—Salaries	2 18 4
Military Secretary—Salaries	30 0 0
Payments pending Warrant... ..	6,507 10 3
Expenses of Commission of Inquiry <i>re</i> Site of Federal Capital	1 16 0
Charitable Institutions—Salaries	1 5 0
Colonial Lighthouses—Salaries	13 1 8
Board of Health—Contingencies	107 2 9
Expenses of visit of Delegate to England in connection with the Commonwealth Bill... ..	600 0 0
Agriculture—Salaries	8 6 8
Clerical Relieving Staff—Salaries	131 11 1
Expenses in connection with the Compilation of the Historical Records of New South Wales	54 12 0
Sea and River Pilots—Salaries	17 10 0
Preparing <i>précis</i> of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis and Diseases in Stock	3 0 0
Erection of Fish Hatcheries... ..	93 6 9
Second Contingent for Service in South Africa	14,987 6 4
Imported and Introduced Stock—Salaries... ..	1 10 0
Expenses incurred in connection with the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain Charges made against James Roberts (Tramways)	0 7 6
New South Wales Military Contingents to South Africa—Gratuities and Allowances, &c., to relatives of members of the Contingent who were killed or injured	117 5 0
Agent-General—Advance on account of Salary and Travelling Expenses	58 14 2
Analytical Branch, Medical Adviser—Salaries	3 6 8
Treasury—Salaries... ..	47 14 2
Stores and Stationery—Contingencies	3,563 8 10
Parliamentary Buildings—General Repairs	42 2 4
Government House—Repairs, Furniture	17 9 8
Allowances to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors under the Licensing Act	6 5 0
Government Statistician—Salaries	4 14 1
Botanic Gardens—Cleaning Ponds, &c.	72 2 0
Greater Sydney Conference—Expenses in connection with	50 0 0
Nepean Cottage Hospital, Penrith—Special Grant in aid of	50 0 0
Grants in aid of Public Institutions—Carcoar School of Arts Maintenance Fund	1 13 1
Interest on Advances made by Banks in London	4,326 0 0
Women's Hospital—Grant in aid of	250 0 0
Cobar District Hospital—Special Grant in aid of... ..	150 0 0
Darling Harbour to Dawes Point Resumption—Retaining Fees for Valuation	315 0 0
Federal Electoral Districts Commission	4 10 2
Board of Inquiry into the Working of the Telephone Exchange	93 9 0
Public Buildings generally	479 15 8
Total	£ 32,478 11 11

Approved,—

The Treasury, New South Wales,
25th June, 1900.

J. VERNON,
Accountant.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Treasurer.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.

(STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1899.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 34 Vic. No. 15.

Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 26 June, 1900.

ACCOUNT of all Deposits received and paid from 1st January to 31st December, 1899, together with a Statement of the total amount due to all Depositors at the close of 1899.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from 1898.....	5,026,069	7	9	By Amount of Repayments to Depositors during 1899	2,341,206	6	7
Cash received from Depositors during 1899	2,657,599	0	3				
Interest added to Depositors' Accounts for 1899.....	142,573	8	5	Balance.....	5,485,035	9	10
	£ 7,826,241	16	5		£ 7,826,241	16	5

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance due to all Depositors at the close of 1899	5,485,035	9	10	By New South Wales Government Debentures	165,800	0	0
				New South Wales Funded Stock, 36 Vic. No. 21	403,248	13	2
				New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1	1,000,000	0	0
				New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6	880,000	0	0
				New South Wales Funded Stock, 60 Vic. No. 32	500,000	0	0
				New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9	452,600	0	0
				New South Wales Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22	1,024,700	0	0
				New South Wales 1924 Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14	20,000	0	0
				New South Wales 1925 Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6.....	150,000	0	0
Balance.....	14,983	14	10	Stock issued under Advances to Settlers Act of 1899	100,000	0	0
	£ 5,500,019	4	8	Interest due and accrued on Investments	80,473	7	10
				Uninvested funds at credit of Trust Account	679,064	16	10
				Cash in hands of Controller.....	44,132	6	10
					£ 5,500,019	4	8

PROFIT AND LOSS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Departmental Expenses for 1899	9,198	15	7	By Balance from preceding Account	18,668	8	6
Premium paid on investments	13,079	15	10	Interest received from investments ...	90,672	2	7
Amount transferred to Consolidated Revenue	10,000	0	0	" refunded on irregular Accounts	21	15	9
Interest added to Depositors' Accounts	142,573	8	5	" accrued and due on uninvested Funds in the Treasury	80,473	7	10
Balance	14,983	14	10				
	£ 189,835	14	8		£ 189,835	14	8

Total amount transferred to Consolidated Revenue to 31st December, 1899.....£47,759 1s. 4d.

A. J. DOAK, Controller,
Sydney, 26th February, 1900.

W. P. CRICK,
Postmaster-General.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement of all deposits received and paid from the 1st January to 31st December, 1899, has been examined and found to correspond with the Books and Accounts of the Government Savings Bank.

March, 1900.

E. A. RENNIE,
Auditor-General.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TRUST MONEYS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

(FROM 1st APRIL, 1899, TO 31st MARCH, 1900.)

Printed under No. 1 Report from Printing Committee, 26 June, 1900.

TRUST MONEYS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

(From 1st April, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.)

THE Treasurer of New South Wales in account with the Trust Moneys Deposit Accounts, under the Act
20 Victoria No. 11, from 1st April, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Receipts.	Amount.	Payments.	Amount.
To Balance, 31st March, 1899	£ s. d. 276 3 4	By W. H. Palmer	£ s. d. 265 13 1
W. H. Palmer	384 15 6	Balance on 31st March, 1900	401 16 9
N. F. Giblin	6 11 0		
	£667 9 10		£667 9 10

The Treasury, New South Wales,
26th May, 1900.

JOHN VERNON,
Accountant.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT.

(RETURN SHOWING THE GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1899 AND 1900, WITH PERCENTAGE OF EXPENDITURE TO RECEIPTS.)

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TAXATION DEPARTMENT.

RETURN showing, in relation to Income and Land Taxes, the Gross Receipts and Expenditure for financial years ended 30th June, 1899 and 1900, with Percentage of Expenditure to Receipts.

Tax.	For Year ended 30th June—					
	1899.			1900.		
	Gross Receipts.	Gross Expenditure.	Percentage of Expenditure to Receipts.	Gross Receipts.	Gross Expenditure.	Percentage of Expenditure to Receipts.
	£	£		£	£	
Income	182,447	10,329	5·66	194,365	8,582	4·41
Land	271,400	27,261	10·04	295,602	27,178	9·19
Total	453,847	37,590	8·28	489,967	35,760	7·29

The above information is furnished as a reply to the Question of Mr. Affleck, M.P., to be asked in the Legislative Assembly this day.

11/7/00.

N. LOCKYER,
First Commissioner of Taxation.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

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1900.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

(TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.)

To the Honorable T. H. Hassall, M.P., Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 31 July, 1900.

I have the honor to submit for your information the Twentieth Annual Report of business of the Department, being that for the year 1899.

During the year under review, fresh legislation of a new and important character was passed, the effect of which will, no doubt, be watched with special interest. For some time past the question of appraising the capital value of conditional purchases gradually developed into one which it was thought necessary seriously to face, and on the 29th December last an Act dealing with it came into operation. The Crown Lands Acts from 1861 downwards placed a statutory value of £1 per acre on all lands open to selection, the only departure from this standard having been made by the Act of 1884, in the direction of placing a higher price on lands deemed to have a higher value. No doubt the statutory price was unnecessarily rigid, it being quite obvious that all lands cannot possibly be of a uniform value. The Crown, while agreeing to break through its contract with those who claimed to have paid too much, could not, of course, repudiate its contract with those who paid too little; and, therefore, as no selectors will avail themselves of the provisions of the Act, except those who see a possibility, or probability, of a reduction of price, the expectation must be that the Revenue will in some degree suffer. Against this result has, of course, to be set the larger benefits calculated to flow from the fact of landholders being relieved of financial burdens admitted to have been in excess of what they should have been called upon to bear.

The Act in question restricts the privilege of appraisalment to those who are actually in residence on the land, in other words, to those whose livelihood is, presumably, derived from the land, and one cost of a reduction of price will be a new term of residence over and above, though in some cases possibly concurrent with, the term of residence required by the particular Act under which the land happened to have been taken up. Where the land has not passed out of the hands of the original selector, the new term of residence is dispensed with, the presumption being that he selected the land for his own use and benefit, and, such being the case, that he belongs to the class of selectors for whose benefit the Act was specially designed.

The value of the land will be determined by the Local Land Board on an unimproved basis, and taking its value at the date the appraisalment was applied for. The Crown and the Selector will have to face each other in open Court, but either party will have the right to appeal to the Land Appeal Court should dissatisfaction be felt with the Land Board's valuation. Should an alteration of price eventuate, the annual instalments will vary with the alteration, falling or rising according as the original price is reduced or increased, and this, in the case of a reduction of price, is where the Selector will obtain the immediate benefit.

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So far as the Selector's debt is concerned, it will be represented by the difference between the value of the land as appraised and the sum paid off the original debt, such sum being ascertained as though there had been no alteration of the law.

The Act provides also for the appraisal of the capital values of conditional leases, thus settling the price at which leaseholders may convert their leases into purchases; gives the holders of homestead selections, settlement leases, and conditional leases an opportunity of having their rents re-determined should they desire to do so; and makes several convenient alterations of the law.

Not the least important change which the new Act has made in the law is that referring to conflicting applications. Hitherto, when two or more persons simultaneously applied for the same land, their right to the land was determined by ballot, and the result thus left to chance alone. The respective merits of applicants had to be left out of account altogether, and the chance of winning a block offered an irresistible temptation to land-gamblers, whose only object, if successful, was to extort from the *bona-fide* land-seeker a premium to withdraw in his favour; while, apart from this, where an applicant desired to obtain land, to the exclusion of someone who, perhaps, better deserved it, he found it convenient to multiply his chances by resorting to the vicious practice of engaging several applicants to represent him, the success of any one of whom meant, of course, his own individual success.

Under the new system the successful applicant is determined by the Land Board by a process of selection, and while this process need not involve more delay than the one it has superseded, its advantages will no doubt ultimately meet with proper appreciation. The speculative applicant will, as may be expected, be the keenest to see any defects in the new system, and although it is not claimed to be free from disadvantages, it has been noticed that none of those who decried it seem prepared with a sufficiently satisfactory substitute.

Before the law was altered an applicant had to visit the district in which the land applied for was situated at least twice—first to lodge his application in person with the Crown Lands Agent, and subsequently, (if successful at ballot) to attend, after perhaps a fairly long interval, a meeting of the Local Land Board. Under the present system the personal attendance of the applicant is necessary only once, as, although he has to appear before the Land Board for examination and to have his case disposed of, he is allowed to send his application to the Land Agent through the post.

No doubt the principal difficulty surrounding the present arrangement lies in the fact that, directly attractive land is made available, a disproportionate number of applicants compete for it. It has been suggested that the throwing open of land in large quantities will afford a remedy, but although it is recognised that it is convenient that the supply should equal the demand, each applicant cannot be made to apply for a different portion. The best block is certain therefore to attract the most applicants. If only one applicant applied for a particular block, no difficulty would exist, as there would be an absence of competition in the matter. On the other hand, if blocks were made available in various districts simultaneously, intending applicants would probably expect to be allowed to apply in several quarters at once, on the ground that it would be unfair that they should have only one chance among so many possibilities. If placed under no restriction, it might happen that one and the same person was the only applicant for several blocks in different places. He might, of course, be compelled to choose one of the blocks; but the difficulty would arise where for some of the blocks there were several applicants, and the Boards of different districts desired their attendance in different towns at much about the same time. One way of meeting such a difficulty might be by the Boards of different districts sitting in rotation, so that the work of one Board finished before that of another commenced. Possibly, the throwing open of lands, not at the same time, but at periods succeeding each other, will be found the most convenient, and least likely to produce confusion, particularly if the intervals are sufficiently long to allow of the disposal of applications in one district before the unsuccessful applicants for land in that district find it necessary to turn their attention to another. No doubt the matter would be simplified if it were considered sufficiently safe to accept or reject applicants on their own declarations, and without their personal attendance in the first instance, but some apprehension is felt that such an arrangement would be apt to be followed by uncertain results. The question whether an intending applicant, or an applicant who has successfully passed the Board, might obtain a
certificate

certificate which would render his subsequent examination unnecessary, would deserve close attention if the law gave force to the certificate, or if one Land Board agreed to recognise the certificate of another; but at the same time it is quite conceivable that the usefulness of such a certificate might easily be destroyed by a radical change in the circumstances of the holder after he had obtained the certificate, and before he applied for the land, though of course he could be compelled to declare whether any such change of circumstances had occurred. The Department has been giving the matter careful consideration; but it has been thought that a passing reference to the difficulties might at least show that they are less susceptible of instant and easy solution than some persons evidently suppose them to be.

The Advances to Settlers' Act was also passed during the year 1899, with the object of making temporary advances to relieve settlers financially embarrassed owing to droughts and other causes. Some detailed information respecting the operation of the Act, and of the transactions which have already taken place under its provisions, will be found on pages 9 and 10.

On the 1st November, 1899, the administration of the Acts relating to public watering-places and artesian wells was transferred from the control of the Department of Mines and Agriculture to that of this Department, it being subsequently decided that the functions incidental to the construction and repair of works under the Acts in question should be exercised by the Secretary for Public Works, while the administration of the Acts should remain vested in the Ministerial control and direction of the Secretary for Lands.

LEGAL DECISIONS.

Harrington v. Minister for Lands.

Decision of Privy Council.

In this case the Privy Council held that lands set apart under sections 10 and 13 of the Act of 1895 are not open to additional conditional purchase before the expiration of sixty days from the date of revocation of a reserve from sale covering the same land.

The facts of the case are as follow:—By *Gazette* notice of the 9th January, 1897, certain lands were, under the provisions of the 10th and 13th sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, set apart for homestead selection. Prior to this date, viz., on the 4th July, 1896, these lands were, by notification in the *Gazette*, included in reserve from sale No. 24,376. This reserve was, on the 9th January, 1897, notified as revoked—the notification of the revocation containing an intimation that the lands were not to be sold until after the expiration of sixty days from the date of revocation. On the 11th February, 1897—that is, thirty-three days after date of revocation of reserve No. 24,376—Joseph Harrington, the holder of a conditional purchase adjoining this reserve, applied for the whole of the lands the subject of the notification of the 9th January, 1897, as an additional conditional purchase under section 11, Act of 1895. The Local Land Board, and on appeal the Land Appeal Court, disallowed the application, on the ground that it included land within reserve No. 24,376, and was made before the expiration of sixty days from the date of revocation of the reserve. The Land Appeal Court then stated a case for the Supreme Court at Harrington's instance. The question for determination was whether, under the circumstances set forth, Harrington was entitled, under section 11 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, to take up, as an additional conditional purchase or conditional lease, the lands set apart under section 10, notwithstanding that sixty days had not elapsed from the date of revocation of the reserve. The Supreme Court held that, under the circumstances set forth, the appellant, Joseph Harrington, was entitled to apply for the land.

The Minister for Lands thereupon appealed to the Privy Council, which reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court, and held that Harrington was not entitled under the circumstances to make an application for an additional conditional purchase. Their Lordships failed to see any contradiction between section 102, Act of 1884, and section 11, Act of 1895. They also held that section 102 applies to a conditional sale equally with an absolute sale. (N.S.W.L.R., xviii, p. 418; W.N., xiv, p. 87; and N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 253.)

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Minister for Lands v. O'Shea.

In this case it was decided that the Land Appeal Court has no power, under Rule 39, after fourteen days have expired, to extend the time within which notice to state a case for the Supreme Court may be lodged.

This was a special case stated by the Land Appeal Court, the point for determination being whether, at the date of the respondent's application, the land applied for was open to conditional purchase.

The judgment of the Land Appeal Court was delivered on the 20th March, 1899. No notice requiring the Land Appeal Court to state a case for the Supreme Court was lodged within fourteen days, but on the 19th May an order was made by that Court extending the term for lodging the notice until the 2nd June. The notice was lodged within the extended time.

Respondent's Counsel took the preliminary objection that the appeal could not be heard because the notice requiring the Land Appeal Court to state a case had not been lodged within fourteen days, and the extension of time was not obtained within the fourteen days.

It was admitted that the appellant took no steps respecting the appeal within fourteen days after the decision of the Land Appeal Court, which is the time prescribed by Rule 39. After the lapse of fourteen days an application was made to the Land Appeal Court to extend the time for lodging the requisite notice. The extension was granted, and the notice was given within the extended time.

The Supreme Court held that they had no jurisdiction to entertain this appeal, inasmuch as the Land Appeal Court had no jurisdiction, after the lapse of fourteen days, to make an order extending the time within which a notice might be lodged. (W.N., XVI, p. 80.)

Wilson v. The Minister for Lands.

Mercadool Case.

From a departmental point of view this case is one of considerable importance; the principal questions for determination being as to the validity of a reference by the Minister, under section 20, of the same matter to two different Land Boards, and as to the power of a Land Board to sit outside its own district; also, whether the proceedings before the Land Board did or did not amount to a mistrial, and whether the Land Appeal Court could lawfully reject from the Board's finding irrelevant evidence, and after rejecting evidence alleged to have been wrongfully admitted, could lawfully decide the case on the evidence held to have been properly admitted.

As the Crown has taken steps to appeal to the Privy Council, further reference to the case will be postponed until after the Privy Council's judgment has been delivered. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 104.)

Marshall v. The Minister for Lands.

In this case it was decided that a conditional purchase originally made in good faith and not subsequently held in good faith is not liable to forfeiture after death of selector when held by devisee. Proper terms of reference to Board were indicated.

On the 31st October, 1895, Edwin Chambers applied for a conditional purchase of 500 acres and a conditional lease of 400 acres, situated on a run held by W. Patrick and H. C. Patrick. These applications were confirmed on the 15th July, 1896. On the 29th July, 1897, Chambers applied for an additional conditional purchase of 40 acres and an additional conditional lease of 120 acres. On the 2nd August, 1897, Chambers died, leaving a will, dated 29th December, 1896, whereby he devised his real and personal property to Mary Marshall, and appointed her brothers his executors. Probate was granted in due course; the land became vested in Mary Marshall, and on the 29th January, 1898, she was registered as the owner in the books of the Lands Department. On the 17th February, 1898, the applications for the additional conditional purchase and additional conditional lease were confirmed by the Land Board. On the 22nd March, 1898, the Minister directed a reference to the Land Board, under section 20, Act of 1884, as to whether the original conditional purchase was held or used otherwise than for the exclusive benefit of E. Chambers, or is now held otherwise than for the exclusive benefit of M. Marshall.

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The inquiry was held on the 15th and 16th April, and on the 18th the Land Board found that the land had not been held exclusively for the benefit of Edwin Chambers, but for the benefit of H. and W. Patrick.

On the 6th July the Government informed Mary Marshall of their intention to forfeit, and she thereupon instituted a suit for a direction that the forfeiture was invalid, and for consequential relief.

The Chief Judge in Equity, in delivering judgment, pointed out that under the Act of 1884 the taking up of land in bad faith, and not really for an applicant's own benefit, rendered the land liable to forfeiture in the hands of the selector or any assign, with notice, but not so in the hands of a purchaser without notice; therefore, in the absence of any provision of the law for forfeiting land taken up in good faith, and subsequently agreed upon to be held for the benefit of another person, the facts, as found by the Land Board, did not constitute a valid ground for forfeiture, and plaintiff was entitled to relief, with costs.

The Judge held that the Minister's reference to the Board was defective, inasmuch as it did not include the question, "Was the application by E. Chambers made in good faith?" The finding was also incomplete, inasmuch as it did not contain a reply to the Minister's reference as to whether the conditional purchase was, at date of reference, held in good faith by Mary Marshall. He saw no objection, however, to a fresh reference to the Land Board of these particular questions. (N.S.W. L.R., xx, p. 122.)

In re Buckley.

The holder of a conditional purchase outside of but adjoining a special area in the Central Division is not entitled to take up land within such special area by way of conditional lease.

Buckley was the holder of a conditional purchase outside of but adjoining a special area which had been set apart for settlement lease. The said special area and conditional purchase were situated in the Central Division.

On the 13th January, 1898, Buckley applied for a conditional lease of 640 acres inside the said special area, but the application was disallowed by the Land Board at Gunnedah, which held that the land being within a special area was not available for conditional lease.

Buckley appealed to the Land Court, which dismissed the appeal, and from their decision he appealed to the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Court dismissing the appeal, held that under section 24 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 18 of the Act of 1899, special areas can only be taken up by conditional purchase. He added that a decision in favour of the appellant would set at nought the whole policy of the Crown Lands Acts with regard to special areas, that policy being to limit the amount of land which an individual may take up in those areas which contain the richer lands of the Colony. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 125.)

Johnson v. The Minister for Lands.

Non-completion of contract for sale of certain land.

In December, 1853, certain Crown lands in the town of Albury were purchased at auction by one F. O. Roberts, of whose estate J. W. Johnson was administrator.

Johnson declared that the said Roberts had duly paid the purchase money as provided by the contract of sale, and had also tendered the necessary deed fees, but the deed of grant for the land had not been completed and issued, and the Government had refused to do so; consequently the plaintiff had not been able to obtain or claim the land. Plaintiff claimed £5,000 as compensation for his losses.

A plea was entered on behalf of the Minister that one of the conditions of the said contract of sale had not been fulfilled, namely, the payment of the balance of purchase money within one calendar month from the date of sale, 9th December, 1853.

In his replication the plaintiff admitted the non-fulfilment of this condition, but pleaded that the Government had waived the breach, and had subsequently accepted and received the said purchase money, and was therefore not entitled to aver non-performance of the conditions.

A demurrer was then entered on behalf of the Minister on the grounds that the reply was a departure from the declaration, inasmuch as the declaration alleged that all conditions had been fulfilled, and the reply admitted that one of such conditions had not been fulfilled, and that the Government could not legally renounce or waive the said breach, and, further, that the facts did not amount to an estoppel.

The Court held that the replication was bad on the ground of departure from the plea, and judgment was accordingly given for the Government. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 147.)

Minister for Lands v. Nestrom.

Lands proclaimed as a special area and subsequently set apart for homestead selection are not available except for homestead selection.

On 23rd April, 1898, certain lands forming part of the leasehold area of Hartwood holding, in the Deniliquin district, were declared to be a resumed area. On the same day, by a proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, the said lands were set apart as a special area under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, and by the same proclamation it was notified that the lands were about to be made available for homestead selection. This notification was never revoked or modified.

On the 27th April, 1898, in pursuance of sections 10 and 13 of Crown Lands Act of 1895, the said lands were set apart as a homestead selection area, to be open for application on and after the 23rd June.

On 5th May, 1898, Nestrom applied for an original conditional purchase of 640 acres of the said land, and paid the deposit, &c., required by the notification setting the land apart as a special area. The Local Land Board disallowed the application, on the ground that the land was not available. Nestrom appealed to the Land Appeal Court, who reversed the decision of the Local Land Board, and held that the land was available.

The Minister then appealed to the Supreme Court. The Court held that, in view of the terms of section 10 of the Land Act of 1895, no matter how the land may have been classified before, if once included in a classification area it ceased to be available for any class of holding except those mentioned in the notification. It also appeared to the Court possible that the proclamation under the Act of 1895 might in effect be regarded as a revocation or modification of the proclamation under section 18, Act of 1889. The decision of the Land Appeal Court was therefore reversed. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 167.)

Minister for Lands v. Chick.

There is no power in connection with the proclamation of a special area within a population area to impose a condition debarring the holder of a conditional purchase outside the special area from making an additional conditional purchase within that special area.

By a proclamation of 6th May, 1898, certain lands within the population area of the town of Tenterfield were set apart as a special area under section 18, Act of 1889. By this proclamation it was declared, *inter alia*, that the land should be open to conditional purchase on 7th July, 1898, and that an additional conditional purchase should not be made within that special area, except in virtue of an original conditional purchase within such special area.

On 7th July, 1898, John F. Chick applied for part of the land comprised in the special area as an additional conditional purchase, but he was not the holder of an original conditional purchase within such special area.

On 23rd August, 1898, the Local Land Board disallowed Chick's application, having in view the condition aforesaid.

Chick then appealed to the Land Appeal Court from the Board's decision.

On 15th November, 1898, the Land Appeal Court heard the appeal, and, on the 29th November, delivered a decision thereon, sustaining the appeal, on the ground that the said condition was not a condition at all, but a prohibition or exclusion of certain classes of persons who would otherwise, under section 42, Act of 1884, have been competent to make additional conditional purchases within the said special area.

The Minister for Lands then required the Land Appeal Court to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court as to whether, under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, the Governor was empowered to impose such a condition.

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After hearing argument, the Supreme Court answered the question submitted to them in the negative, holding that the words in section 18, Act of 1889—"subject to the fulfilment of such conditions as to residence, improvements, fencing, or otherwise as may be specified in the proclamation,"—apply to conditions which are capable of fulfilment of which the condition sought to be imposed in this particular case is not one. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 217).

Minister for Lands v. Watt and Gilchrist.

Existing improvements upon land at the date of its withdrawal from a pastoral lease in the Central Division, under section 3, Act of 1895, are Crown property.

By notification in the *Gazette* of the 10th June, 1896, the Governor, under section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, withdrew certain lands from the pastoral holding of Genanagie, Central Division. In the said notification it was stated that such withdrawal was to take effect on the 14th October, 1896, from and after which date the land so withdrawn was to cease to be held under such pastoral lease, and to cease to form part of the leasehold area of the said pastoral holding.

During the term of the pastoral lease, and prior to the said withdrawal, certain improvements had been effected by the respondents in and upon the lands so withdrawn.

By a notification in the *Gazette* of 14th October, 1896, the said lands were set apart for homestead selection in pursuance of sections 10 and 13 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, to become available on the 3rd December, 1896.

A homestead selection was applied for by James Wilmott. This block contained improvements, and the Land Board, when they confirmed the application, found that, as the lands had been withdrawn under section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the improvements were the property of the pastoral lessees. The Minister then referred the case to the Land Appeal Court, under section 59 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, on the grounds that the rights and interests of the Crown were injuriously affected by the Land Board's decision, and that the Board had failed to discharge its duty according to law. The Land Appeal Court held that it had no jurisdiction to entertain the reference, inasmuch as there was no evidence before the Court in support of the Minister's allegations. The Minister then caused a case to be stated for the decision of the Supreme Court as to whether the Land Appeal Court was right in holding that they had no jurisdiction to entertain the said reference. The Supreme Court decided that the Land Appeal Court had the necessary jurisdiction (*see* 19 N.S.W.L.R., 258). When the reference came on for hearing, the Counsel for the Minister for Lands requested the Land Appeal Court to determine the question of ownership of the said improvements in favour of the Crown; or, if the evidence before the Board was insufficient, to remit the case to the Local Land Board for further evidence respecting the facts and circumstances under which the improvements were effected. The Land Appeal Court in delivering judgment, refused to remit the matter to the Local Land Board for the purpose stated, and affirmed the finding of the Local Land Board.

The Minister of Lands thereupon required the Land Appeal Court to state and submit a case to the Supreme Court, the question for decision being whether, upon the facts and under the circumstances hereinbefore set out, the Land Appeal Court was right in affirming the finding of the Local Land Board, and in holding that the improvements effected by the respondents on the lands so withdrawn as aforesaid from the pastoral lease of the pastoral holding of Genanagie, were the property of the said respondents and not the property of the Crown?

The Supreme Court held that, in the absence of any express provision for the granting of compensation for improvements on lands within the Central Division, withdrawn from pastoral lease under section 3 of the Act of 1895, the improvements became the property of the Crown. It was also held that section 78, Act of 1884, has no application to a withdrawal under section 3, Act of 1895; and further, that by the omission of tenant right as expressly conferred by a number of sections in the Act of 1895 it was clearly intended that ownership of the improvements should remain vested in the Crown. (N.S.W.L.R., xx, p. 229.)

Minister for Lands v. Dalgety & Co.

The granting of a preferential occupation license over an area withdrawn from pastoral lease under section 3, Act of 1895, has not the effect of divesting the Crown of its ownership of improvements within that area.

In this case, Dalgety & Co., the pastoral lessees of Burrawang holding, situate in the Central Division, made certain improvements on their holding in the year 1886, and during the currency of the lease. In June, 1895, the lessees obtained an extension of their lease for five years, under section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

On the 6th November, 1897, a portion of the leasehold was withdrawn from the lease under section 3 of the Act of 1895, and the lessees obtained a preferential occupation license of the area so withdrawn.

In May, 1898, this land was set apart by notification in the *Gazette* for homestead selection, and on the 30th June following, one Walter Jackson obtained a homestead selection of part of the land withdrawn, which included improvements made by the lessees in the year 1886. Thereupon Dalgety & Co. claimed to be the owners of the improvements, and to be entitled to be paid their value by the incoming selector.

The Supreme Court having already decided (*see* preceding case, *Minister for Lands v. Watt and Gilchrist*) that any improvements on an area withdrawn under section 3 of the Act of 1895 from a pastoral lease situate in the Central Division, are Crown property, the only question for decision in this case was, whether the subsequent granting of a preferential occupation license of the withdrawn area gave the licensees any ownership in the improvements situated thereon.

The Court held that a preferential occupation license under section 4 of the Act of 1895 stands upon a totally different footing to an occupation license granted under section 81, Act of 1884, and that under section 4 of the Act of 1895 only those improvements made with the consent of the Crown, after the granting of the preferential occupation license, are the property of the licensees. (N.S.W.L.R., vol. xx, p. 242).

Dight v. Callachor.

The side of a reserved road cannot be a common boundary line within the meaning of sec. 141, Act of 1884.

This was a special case stated by the Land Appeal Court. Phillip Callachor is the holder of a conditional lease, George William Dight is the holder of an improvement lease, the west boundary of which coincides with the eastern boundary of Callachor's conditional lease, but a road 2 chains wide has been reserved along and within the western boundary of the improvement lease.

The Local Land Board having made an order that G. W. Dight should pay half the cost of the fence along the eastern boundary of Callachor's conditional lease, Dight appealed from such order to the Land Appeal Court, on the ground (*inter alia*) that he was not liable to pay any contribution towards the said fencing, as his improvement lease does not adjoin Callachor's conditional lease, being separated therefrom by a reserved road.

The Land Appeal Court having dismissed the appeal, and affirmed the order of the Local Land Board, the question submitted for decision by the Supreme Court was, whether the side of the reserved road can be a common boundary line within the meaning and for the purposes of section 141 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

The Supreme Court upheld the appeal, and answered the question in the negative. (W.N., xv., p. 315.)

Minister for Lands v. Baldwin.

Interpretation of the term "value of improvements," in Act 52 Vic. No. 7.

Charles Baldwin being the holder of an original conditional purchase applied for two additional conditional purchases, which were confirmed on 15th January, 1895. On the 8th November, 1898, the Local Land Board held an inquiry as to whether the conditions of improvements on the additional conditional purchases had been complied with. The Board found that the additional conditional purchases were not fenced, but improvements in lieu thereof had been made thereon, under 52 Vic. No. 7 section 2 and section 33 of the Act of 1895, and that the condition of improvements for the intermediate term of three years from date of confirmation had also been complied with—that is to say, the said improvements were of the value of at least 6s. per acre.

Certain

Certain of the improvements consisted of ringbarking and suckering, which cost 2s. per acre, and which the Board valued at 5s. per acre. Against this decision the Minister appealed, maintaining that the Land Board was in error in allowing 5s. an acre, and in finding the improvement conditions fulfilled. The Land Appeal Court having upheld the decision of the Land Board, the Minister appealed to the Supreme Court.

The question for determination was whether the value of the improvements is to be based on what they cost, or on what they are worth. The Court held that the view taken by the Land Appeal Court was correct, and dismissed the appeal. (N.S.W.L.R., vol. XVI, p. 24.)

NOTE.—The law has been amended by Act No. 38 of 1898, which provides that for the purposes of Act 52 Vic. No. 7, the appraised value of improvements shall in no case exceed the cost of making them.

Heffernan v. Cowled.

On the 23rd June, 1898, Heffernan lodged two applications for original conditional purchases, each application being for a separate block of land. Both applications were lodged at the same time, viz., 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

A large number of conflicting applications were tendered at the same time as those of the appellant, who was warned by the Crown Lands Agent that the two applications could only be received subject to approval, whereupon, and before any ballot was held, Heffernan withdrew one of his applications. In the ballot, Heffernan's application was drawn first and Cowled's second.

On the 24th October, 1898, the Local Land Board disallowed Heffernan's application, on the ground that it was one of two simultaneous applications for an original conditional purchase made by him, and confirmed Cowled's.

Against this decision Heffernan appealed to the Land Appeal Court, which upheld the decision of the Land Board. The Supreme Court sustained the appeal, as they held that Heffernan having withdrawn one of his applications before the ballot the remaining application was a valid one. The Court held that Reg. 81 had no bearing on the case. (N.S.W.L.R., vol. xx, p. 419.)

Attorney-General v. Ffrench and Thompson.

This was a suit in relation to 140 acres of Crown land situate at North Willoughby. The defendant, John Henry Oscar Ffrench, claimed that he was entitled to the land, and in assertion of his supposed claim caused notices to be posted on the land, claiming it as his property, and had warned the public from entering upon it, and had employed William Thompson to reside and work on the land. The Attorney-General charged the defendants with intruding upon the land of Her Majesty, encroaching upon Her rights, and bringing the title of Her Majesty to the land into doubt and question. The Attorney-General asked that the title of Her Majesty to the land might be declared and established; that the defendants might be ordered to deliver possession of the land to the Crown Lands Bailiff on behalf of Her Majesty; and that the defendants might be restrained by injunction from doing any act in assertion of the claim of Ffrench.

The defendant Ffrench traced his alleged title to the land, and represented that in or about the year 1807 William Gore entered into possession of the land with the intention of exercising dominion over it, and did thenceforward hold possession until his death in or about the year 1845. It was also pleaded that Governor Bourke granted the land to Annie Gore, wife of the late William Gore, and that such grant was still in full force and effect.

The Court held that there was no evidence of adverse possession for sixty years as against the Crown, and further declared the title to be vested in the Crown, granted an injunction, and directed defendants to deliver up possession. (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 16th February, 1899.)

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD.

The Advances to Settlers Act (assented to on the 4th of April, 1899) was framed to assist settlers in necessitous circumstances who were financially embarrassed owing to recent and existing droughts, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Act the Colonial Treasurer sold Inscribed Stock secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Colony to the amount of £220,050, bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, with a currency of twenty years.

The administration of the Act is vested in a Board of three members appointed by the Governor.

Advances, which are limited in extent to £200, must be repaid with interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum within specified periods not to exceed ten years, and provision is made by which in default of such repayment the amount may be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction, or freehold securities may be sold or otherwise disposed of, and in cases where securities consist of lands held under any Acts dealing with Crown lands (not being freehold) they may be forfeited, together with all moneys paid in respect thereof.

The transactions of the Board cover the period 19th April to 31st December, 1899, and the following is a summary of the work performed in the office during that period :—

		£	s.	d.
Number of applications for advances received 3,141	Amount applied for	321,085	0	0
Number of applications for advances approved 2,208	Amount represented by approved applications	168,157	0	0*
Number of applications on which advances were actually made 1,511	Amount advanced	121,833	13	4
Number of applications refused 543	Amount represented by refused applications	69,172	0	0
Number of applications on which action is incomplete 390	Amount represented by incomplete applications and reduced advances	83,756	0	0

* Of this amount, £46,323 6s. 8d. is awaiting compliance by applicants with certain conditions before payment is made.

Average amount of advances applied for.....	£102
" " approved of	£76

In connection with these advances, borrowers paid to the Crown, through the Advances to Settlers Board, the sum of £25,030 10s. 5d., made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Amounts due to Crown for arrears of instalments, rent, &c.	23,908	15	3
Amount paid to Mines Department for seed wheat supplied	247	18	11
Amount paid for registration fees, &c.	759	15	3
Amount paid for inspections and reports	114	1	0
Total	£25,030	10	5
Cost of administration :—			
Salaries (Permanent officers)	975	0	0
" (Temporary officers)	1,099	12	8
Rent	133	1	3
Fees and other expenses	343	19	5
Total...	£2,551	13	4

The number of meetings held by the Board was sixty-two. The number of papers registered, exclusive of applications, was 8,144; the number of manuscript letters written was 3,333; and the number of notices, vouchers, acknowledgments, &c., issued was 18,021.

After some practical experience in the working of the Act, the Board, with the advice of the Crown Law Officers, found it necessary to recommend alterations and additions to the regulations, which resulted, on the 15th of December, in their repeal and the substitution of those now in force.

Advances were made, in the majority of cases, to settlers in the south-western districts of the Colony, and evidence is not wanting to show that a large measure of timely assistance has been given to many who have suffered severely from the effects of disastrous droughts.

It may be mentioned that payments due to the Crown were made to the Treasury at the request, and with the consent, of the applicants in nearly every instance.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Judging from the volume of work transacted in this Branch of the Department during 1899 and preceding years, there is very little reason to doubt its usefulness and popularity; and it has, in fact, now become a recognised centre from which particulars can be readily obtained regarding all Crown lands which are available for settlement.

During

During the year replies have been sent to 1,835 letters, and, in addition, a large number of memoranda have been written to Crown Land Agents and others respecting matters arising in connection with the general work of the Branch.

The publication of two editions of the "Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease Pamphlet" has also been carried out during the year. This pamphlet contains full particulars of the various lands that have been thrown open, and that are still available for homestead selection and settlement lease. This publication is in considerable demand; and the public generally, both in this and the neighbouring Colonies, evidently appreciate the advantages it offers.

The Lands Department Weekly Gazette has now become a recognised factor in providing intending settlers with early information regarding Crown Lands that are being made available under the several tenures resulting from the operations of the present Land Laws.

Apart from its usefulness to the general public, the advantages to the Department are considerable, owing to the avoidance of all extraneous matter, while, at the same time, the Departmental notifications are retained in a concise and compact form.

The preparation of monthly advertisement-sheets and pamphlets has also been continued. These publications, which give particulars of areas notified each month in the *Gazette* as available for homestead selection, settlement lease, improvement lease, occupation license, auction sale, &c., afford a good medium for conveying to the public information respecting the latest movements in connection with Crown lands, and are exhibited at all Crown Lands, and District Survey offices, and also at the more important railway-stations, and post-offices.

Inquiry Branch.—The advantages which this Division of the Information Bureau offers to the general public are considerable, and questions of all descriptions relating to the general business of the Department are answered. Searches against conditional purchases and leases are carried out at the instance of solicitors, banks, private land agents, and financial companies, who wish to be assured that no forfeiture is impending, and that no other defects exist which might in any way be prejudicial to a title. Small fees are charged for supplying particulars of this kind, which realised in 1899 the sum of £368 9s. 3d., as compared with £346 9s. 6d. in 1898, and £358 8s. 6d. in 1897.

The inquiry papers lodged during the year were 5,180 in number, and for supplying answers to 1,830 of these, fees were charged as above mentioned. The balance of these inquiries, namely, 3,350, which had reference chiefly to matters then under Departmental consideration, were answered without charge. In addition, a large number of personal inquiries were answered verbally, and advice was given as to the various methods of procedure prescribed by the Crown Lands Acts.

The Map Sales Branch.—This Division of the Bureau has charge of the various lithographs published by the Department, such as those of counties, towns, parishes, &c., and issues the necessary supplies to Crown Land Agents, District Survey Offices, and other Departments. In addition to this, the sale of lithographs to the general public is also carried out, which involves, in many instances, explanations as to the information shown on these maps.

On 31st December, 1897, there were 182,217 lithographs in stock, the sale price being £15,671 3s. 6d. On 31st December, 1898, the stock had increased to 200,573, of which the value was £17,409 1s. 1d.; and on 31st December, 1899, a further increase has to be recorded, the lithographs on that date amounting to 215,285, the value being £19,146 18s. 8d.

During 1899, 49,416 lithographs were received into stock, and 34,704 issued. Of these latter, 21,046 were required for the Department's own purposes; 6,096 were issued to other Departments; 291 were given to Members of Parliament; 3,450 were cancelled, being obsolete; and 3,820 were sold, realising £322 10s. 5d. The various Crown Land Agents also disposed of 5,570 lithographs, bringing the total receipts from the sale of lithographs to £614 5s. 11d., as compared with £531 1s. 4d. in 1898.

The issue to Crown Land Agents for sale purposes of Crown Land Acts, pamphlets, and parchment forms used in connection with the transfer of conditional purchases is also undertaken by this Branch. The parchment forms sold by Crown Land Agents amounted to 7,786, realising £973 5s.; and 362 Crown Lands Acts and pamphlets were also disposed of, the receipts being £41 6s. 6d.

RABBIT BRANCH.

The continuance of the previous year's drought has proved a valuable auxiliary in the work of rabbit destruction in those parts of the Colony known as the "infested districts," the periodical reports furnished by the local Rabbit Inspectors showing that many of the occupiers of land were in consequence taking no steps to exterminate the pest.

Notwithstanding the decrease of rabbits in the "infested" districts, their progress eastward slowly but surely continues, so that it is merely a question of time as to when the whole of the Colony will be subject to its depredations.

During the past year the duty of destroying rabbits has been made compulsory within the boundaries of the late Milby Pastoral Holding, in the Land District of Condobolin, and the necessary action is now being taken to extend the operation of the compulsory clauses of the Act to the greater portion of the Sheep District of Young.

It has also been proposed to make the compulsory clauses operative in several other limited areas, but owing to local opposition it has not been considered expedient to carry these proposals into effect.

The authorised extension of the Mungindi-Namoi River barrier fence from its present terminus at Yarraldool to Wingadee and Narrabri has been delayed in consequence of the difficulty experienced (since overcome) by the promoters in obtaining the balance of the amount that is to be contributed by private individuals towards the cost of the whole line from Mungindi to Narrabri.

It is, however, anticipated that the necessary contributions will soon be available; and as a complete inspection of the most suitable route has been made, and its adoption recommended by the District Surveyor, there is every reason to expect that the barrier fence will be completed to Narrabri before the end of the year 1900.

It may be pointed out in this connection that the actual length of the rabbit-proof fencing ascertained by the Department to have been erected in the Colony is 22,856 miles, of which 1,157 miles were erected by the State, and the remainder by private individuals.

Six persons obtained licenses under the provisions of the 41st section of the Act to have live rabbits in their possession, details of which have been recorded in the subjoined Schedule:—

Licenses to keep Live Rabbits.

Name.	Place.	Period.
R. Greig Smith, M.Sc. ...	Linnaean Society's Laboratory, Elizabeth Bay	12 months.
Robert Dick, M.B., M.Ch....	Turton-road, Waratah	12 "
J. McGarvie Smith ...	Denison-street, Woollahra	12 "
Frank Tidswell, M.B., D.P.H.	Biological and Bacteriological Laboratories of the Board of Health, Sydney.	12 "
Eugène Rougier, M.D. ...	Rose Bay Lodge, Rose Bay	12 "
John E. Cory	Berrigal, Moree	12 "

LABOUR SETTLEMENTS.

In-common with a large percentage of the rural population of the Colony, the members of the Labour Settlements at Bega and Wilberforce have not been exempt from the troubles incident to the protracted drought of the past few years, and complaints of the losses caused by the whole or partial failure of all kinds of crops have unfortunately been both frequent and general, and consequently there is little or no improvement to chronicle.

There has been no valuation of the improvements and live stock at the Wilberforce Settlement since the latter part of the year 1895, but it is estimated that their value is considerably in excess of the total amount advanced by the Crown to the Board of Control.

A recent appraisalment of the live stock and improvements at the Bega Labour Settlement made on behalf of the Department shows that the improvements upon the land and the live stock and working plant are valued at £2,296 1s. 3d. and £1,049 9s. respectively, as against the Board's total indebtedness of £2,246 6s. 1d.

ANIMALS INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT.

The number of licenses issued under this Act during the year 1899 far exceeded that of any previous year.

This abnormal activity was due to the encroachments of tick or Texas fever in the neighbouring Colony of Queensland, and the desire of stockowners in New South Wales to render their cattle immune by inoculating them with the defibrinated blood of cattle which have been affected with that disease.

During the year ninety-five licenses, under the 6th and 7th sections of the Act, were granted.

Inoculation for tick is responsible for seventy-four of these, while of the remainder twelve were issued in connection with the vaccination of sheep against anthrax, and nine for purely experimental purposes.

From the reports furnished by Messrs. McGarvie Smith and Gunn, it is gathered that during the twelve months ended the 31st of December, 1899, the firm vaccinated 2,618 head of cattle and 1,063,191 sheep against anthrax, and that with the exception of a few lots, where two vaccinations were stipulated for at the time of contract, the whole of the stock operated upon received but one vaccination.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Pasteur Anthrax Vaccine Laboratory of Australasia (Limited) has also been granted licenses to vaccinate sheep against anthrax; but, in the absence of any returns showing the number of sheep inoculated, it is impossible to form an opinion respecting the extent to which the pastoral industry has been benefited by the Laboratory's operations.

REVENUE.

The sums paid to the Treasury for the year (1st January to 31st December) aggregated £1,985,281, as against £2,002,415 for the year 1898.

A comparison of the amounts received during the years 1898 and 1899 is given in the appended statement, which also shows the increase or decrease under each head of revenue:—

	1898.	1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Newcastle Pasturage Reserve... ..	1,770	1,870	100	.....
Improvement Purchases	1,981	2,044	63	.....
Conditional Purchases (balances)	98,374	110,828	12,454	.....
Miscellaneous Purchases	2,715	12,135	9,420	.....
Homestead Selections (rents, &c.)	17,120	25,541	8,421	.....
Settlement Leases	31,620	39,320	7,700	.....
Improvement Leases	7,009	11,586	4,577	.....
Quit Rents	269	498	229	.....
Fees on transfers of Runs	957	1,038	81	.....
Fees on preparation of Title Deeds	2,623	3,203	580	.....
Survey Fees	32,876	34,278	1,402	.....
Auction Sales	105,149	93,646	.....	11,503
Conditional Purchases { Deposits... ..	38,913	38,502	.....	411
{ Instalments	906,390	901,516	.....	4,874
{ Interest	75,803	66,181	.....	9,622
Pastoral Leases (runs)	244,120	222,185	.....	21,935
Conditional Leases	159,135	158,411	.....	724
Annual Leases	49,130	47,779	.....	1,351
Occupation Licenses	109,066	102,965	.....	6,101
Snow and Inferior Leases	696	519	.....	177
Artesian Well Leases	1,176	933	.....	243
Church and School Lands	9,111	6,024	.....	3,087
Licenses to cut timber... ..	12,806	11,693	.....	1,113
Special Leases	20,622	20,468	.....	154
Scrub Leases	747	4,095	3,348	.....
Homestead Leases	55,288	51,618	.....	3,670
All other Receipts	16,949	16,405	.....	544
Totals	£ 2,002,415	1,985,281	48,375	65,509
Total Decrease ... ..	£ .....	.....	.....	17,134

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure amounted to £341,137 0s. 6d., *i.e.*—

For services paid from Consolidated Revenue	...	...	£305,434	6	10
" " Loan Votes	...	...	35,702	13	8
Total	...	...	£341,137	0	6

The expenditure for 1898 was £327,071 18s. 3d., or £14,065 2s. 3d. less than for the year under review.

It may be stated, however, that during the year 1899 a sum of £14,559 10s. 4d. was expended on the undermentioned services in connection with which there was no expenditure by this Department in 1898:—

Advances to Settlers' Board—					
Contingent expenses	...	...	£1,510	8	6
Salaries	...	...	1,749	12	8
Public Watering Places—					
Salaries	...	...	645	8	4
Contingencies from Consolidated Revenue	£1,214	13	10		
Loan Votes	...	...	7,218	12	4
			8,433	6	2
			12,338	15	8
Climatic Allowances to Officers	...	...	2,220	14	8
Total	...	...	£14,559	10	4

Were these amounts omitted from the accounts for the year 1899, the disbursements for that year would be slightly less than those for the year 1898.

The number of accounts registered was 10,820, an increase of 1,007 over the year 1898, and 23,457 separate payments were made by 8,235 cheques.

Schedule IV shows the salaries paid to the permanent and temporary staffs of officers during the year. Expenditure in this direction has necessarily been increased by the establishment of the Advances to Settlers' Board office (which has a staff of twenty clerks), by the transfer to this Department of fifty-five officers engaged in the administration of the Acts relating to Public Watering Places and Artesian Wells, and also by the payment of increments under the Public Service Board regulations to various officers throughout the Service.

During the year various changes have taken place in connection with the staff, caused in the following manner:—

Resignations	...	...	...	...	5
Retirements...	...	...	...	...	2
Dismissals	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Deaths	...	...	...	...	4
Transfers to other Departments	...	...	...	...	2
					— 13

The staff has, however, been augmented as indicated hereunder:—

New appointments (including temporary assistants)	...	...	45
Reappointments	...	...	9
Transferred from other Departments	...	...	61
			— 115

Schedule V is a statement showing the numerical strength of the staff, and the annual rate of the salaries as paid on the 31st December, 1898 and 1899, respectively. It is apparent that the expenditure, in respect of salaries, was on the 31st December, 1899, at the rate of £16,049 in excess of that at the end of 1898. The establishment of the office of the Advances to Settlers' Board and the transfer of the Public Watering Places Branch were mainly instrumental in causing this increase in expenditure. It must not, however, be understood that this sum (£16,049) was actually expended, inasmuch as savings were effected through delays in filling vacancies, and in consequence of the fact that all appointments made during the year did not necessarily take effect from the commencement of it.

Schedule VI indicates the amounts paid in connection with the various Local Land Board meetings during the year, and shows a slight increase on the expenditure of the previous year.

A comparison of the expenditure for the two years is given hereunder:—

	1898.	1899.
Chairmen and Clerks (travelling expenses and equipment)	£4,424 12 1	£4,562 15 8
Travelling expenses, Members	1,211 4 10	1,260 19 11
Fees to Members	4,198 3 6	4,210 10 0
Fees, travelling expenses of Surveyors, Inspectors, and other witnesses	941 5 10	903 5 11
	£10,775 6 3	10,937 11 6

Schedule VII gives a comparative statement of the revenue and expenditure from 1886 to 1899. In thirteen years the percentage of expenditure to revenue has eased from 34 per cent. to 13·21 per cent., although there has, for the reasons already assigned, been an increase in 1899 of 41 per cent. over the year 1898.

The accounts of the Department were audited as usual by the Inspector of Public Accounts, whose report was of a satisfactory character.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

During the year 1899 the Court heard and disposed of 381 cases, comprising 229 appeals and 152 references. Of these cases, 349 were dealt with in Sydney and 32 in the country: The Court held sittings in Sydney on thirteen different occasions, and in the country as follows:—Dubbo, 2; Wagga Wagga, 2.

At the close of the year 1898, 8 cases remained with the Land Appeal Court for settlement of terms of special cases for the decision of the Supreme Court. Five of these were subsequently withdrawn, and the remaining three were dealt with by the Supreme Court, the ruling of the Land Appeal Court being confirmed in one instance and reversed in the other two.

During 1899 the Land Appeal Court was asked to state special cases for the decision of the Supreme Court on twelve occasions. Eight of these cases were sent to the Supreme Court, resulting in the Land Appeal Court's ruling being upheld in three instances and reversed in the other five. Of the remaining four asked to be stated, one was refused as no point of law was disclosed, and another application was dismissed on a technical objection, whilst two were still before the Land Appeal Court for settlement at the close of the year.

FOREST BRANCH.

On the 31st December, 1899, the total area of reserved forest land was 5,946,355 acres, most, if not all, of which is held under pastoral or other lease. These reserved lands are, for the sake of convenience, divided into three classes, A, B, and C. Within Classes A and B fixed license fees are charged, and in Class C royalty on the quantity of timber felled is charged in addition to the license fees. The areas reserved under each class are as follows:—

	acres.
Class A	2,824,320
Class B	157,743
Class C	2,964,292
Total	5,946,355

The total area of land reserved for forestry has been increased by 49,774 acres during the past year.

The classification of timber reserves, with a view to placing the more important of them on a permanent basis, is being proceeded with, and is in a fairly forward state as far as the principal inland districts are concerned. The reserves in the coastal districts will, however, require to be similarly dealt with.

The year's transactions show increased activity in the coastal timber trade, a slight advance in the prices of timber, and an increase in forest revenue. Export to European markets is gradually increasing, there being a large demand for first quality hardwoods, but few shippers avail themselves of the Government certificate as to name and quality of timber, the Department having only been asked to brand and certify some 666,000 superficial feet during the year. Intercolonial export is assuming large proportions, the New Zealand market alone absorbing from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 superficial feet—principally coastal ironbark—the most useful timber in the Colony's possession for public works and constructive purposes.

The question of Forest Conservation is one the importance and financial possibilities of which have certainly not been overlooked. Any suggestions made in connection with it point to a substantial increase of expenditure, the warrant for which

which would, however, be evident enough if a sufficient increased revenue could be assured. This is the first point to be gained, and it is a very important one in the situation. At present the revenue from timber only about equals the cost of administration, and if additional expense were incurred to more effectively police timber lands, and if (in accordance with the ideas of some persons) enormous rent-producing areas were withdrawn from occupation with a view to natural or artificial reafforestation, the Crown should certainly expect something to at least balance its losses and expenses. Unfortunately, however, attempts to obtain higher rates from those engaged in the timber trade are very consistently and successfully resisted, and it is obvious that unless the Crown can succeed in obtaining a fair proportion of the timber-trader's profit, an enlarged Forest Establishment would result mainly in the Crown providing for and supporting a private industry at a serious loss to itself.

During the year many inquiries have been made by persons seeking investment of capital, with the object of working the less accessible forest tracts, particularly with a view to export of timber; but protection of interests, by securing some exclusive right to work forests thus opened, cannot be granted in the present state of the law.

In connection with the leasing of Crown lands under various tenures, conditions for the preservation of useful timbers have been carefully revised by this Branch, and in a large number of cases improvement conditions have been inserted.

Arrears of royalty due on timber lodged in depôts were considerably reduced during the year, the outstanding balance at the close thereof being £637, as against £3,191 at the end of the first quarter.

A pamphlet was issued during the year, inviting contributions of seeds of useful varieties of indigenous and exotic timber trees, and the quantity received in consequence from various sources has reduced the cost of procuring seed by one-half.

There were 215 prosecutions for offences, under which 168 convictions were secured, and penalties amounting to £165 19s. were inflicted, while the proceeds from sales of confiscated timber amounted to £421 10s. 10d.

Office work and records.—The number of papers registered in the Branch was 6,480, which, with 601 papers of other branches dealt with, makes a total of 7,081. The number of letters issued, exclusive of circulars and forms, was 2,500. The Forest Branch Library was increased during the year by the addition of 25 documents, comprising special articles on timber and its products, reports of other departments, &c., and by the purchase of 3 volumes of works on Forestry.

Forestry Museum.—The carpentry work at this establishment, preparation of specimens for exhibition and export, dressing of samples, &c., has kept the carpenter fully employed. Four hundred and fifty specimens of timber were distributed and certificates were issued in connection with 666,586 superficial feet of timber branded for export to Europe. These shipments comprised principally hardwoods for paving and flooring purposes, and small quantities of ornamental timbers for furniture manufacture.

Forest Improvement, Thinning, &c.—The class of work performed was thinning and cleaning up cypress pine forests (*Callitris calcarata* and *verrucosa*) in the Condobolin, Grenfell, Narrandera, and Mulwala districts. The total expenditure for the year was £6,305 10s. 1d., and details of the improvement effected are given in the following table:—

Period.	Class work.	Name of Forest.	Particulars of Improvement.	Area, acres.	Average cost per acre.
June to December, 1899..	Day-labour	NARRANDERA DISTRICT.			
		Piney Ridge (1,799, Urana)	Thinned and stacked	6,966	£ s. d. 0 3 9
" "	"	" " ")...	Prior thinning, ringbarked, and suckered.	2,056	0 0 5
" "	"	Morundah (1,833, ")...	" " " ...	8,602	0 0 4½
" "	Contract ...	" " "	Stacked "thinnings burnt off	8,397	0 0 5½
" "	Day-labour	COROWA DISTRICT.			
		Wahgunyah (1,591, Denison)	Rethinned, suckered, and stacked...	737	0 3 0
		.....	Stacked thinnings burnt off	300	0 0 9
		.....	Thinned only	1,307	0 4 6
		.....	Thinned and stacked	228	0 6 0
" "	.....	.....	Thinned, stacked, and burnt off ...	1,000	0 7 6
" "	Day-labour	CONDOUBLIN DISTRICT.			
" "	Day-labour	Condoumlin (1,269, Cunningham.)	997 acres thinned and stacked, 1,472 acres thinned only.	2,469	0 8 7½
August "	1899..	GRENFELL DISTRICT.			
		Weddin (1,855, Montegale)	Thinned and stacked	2,896	0 9 11½
" "	1899..	" " " ...	Thinned only	4,060	0 4 0

Planting.—In the proposed extension to Hogan's Brush plantation, 3½ acres, referred to in last report, 4,000 young cedars (*Cedrela australis*) were planted.

Five and a half acres of the site for Marram plantation, at Cook Park, were planted with marram grass roots, of which all but a few tufts are growing strongly. The usual planting of trees on Government parks, farms, and public lands under trust was continued, 22,739 trees being planted.

Gosford State Forest Nursery.—The staff at this establishment now consists of the foreman, one labourer, and four youths. The work of labelling seed-bearing stocks, after botanical examination, is being done gradually, 250 species having been identified and labelled during the year. The whole nursery is now in capital order, with a larger and healthier stock of useful timber and other plants than has been available for the past five years. After considerable trouble in collection and purchase from foreign countries the reserve seed supply has been increased so as to ensure the full propagation of requisite varieties.

The distribution of plants from this establishment during the 1898 season was as follows:—

Plantations, Farms, and Experimental Sites	10,656
Municipal Councils and Progress Associations	14,855
Public Parks and Recreation Reserves	3,771
Hospitals... ..	1,030
Cemeteries	3,215
Asylums and Government Institutions	5,097
Pastoral and Agricultural Associations	496
Exchanges	886
Total	40,006

The cost of maintaining the State Nursery amounted to £459 16s., made up as follows:—Salaries and wages, £318 4s. 6d.; Incidental expenses, £141 11s. 6d.

Revenue and Expenditure.—Total revenue for the year amounted to £11,866 8s. 9d., as against £10,952 9s. 1d. for the preceding year. Excluding disbursements under Loan Votes, the total expenditure amounted to £5,322 18s. 6d., the difference between revenue and expenditure representing a surplus of £6,543 10s. 3d. The details of revenue and expenditure are as under:—

REVENUE.

Particulars.	Amounts.		Totals.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Royalty—Class C, at per 100 sup. feet	4,742	16 10		
" Under tree permit at per tree	281	1 0		
" Miscellaneous	231	1 5		
			5,254	19 3
Licenses—Forest Reserves, Class C, with royalty	379	10 0		
" " Classes A and B, without royalty... ..	1,279	15 0		
" Wattle Bark	289	10 0		
" Sawmill Sites	37	5 0		
			1,986	0 0
Licenses—Crown Lands—Cedar, 625 issued	320	0 0		
" " Quarry, 549 issued	300	0 0		
" " Woodcutters, 9,452 issued... ..	2,076	17 6		
" " Fuel, 3,212 issued	486	4 0		
			3,483	6 6
Miscellaneous Revenue—				
Rent of Prickly-pear leases	537	19 0		
Sales of confiscated material	421	10 10		
Penalties	182	13 2		
			1,142	3 0
Total			£11,866	8 9

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries—Permanent	£2,824	3 0
" Temporary	388	7 6
Travelling expenses (including equipment allowances)	1,197	19 0
Gosford Nursery	459	16 0
Contingencies	452	15 9
Total	£5,322	18 6*

* NOTE.—This does not include the salaries and allowances of Officers carrying out the combined duties of C. P. Inspectors and Foresters.

Prickly-pear

Prickly-pear Eradication.—Under the provisions of the Prickly-pear Act, during the year ending 31st December, 1899, tenders for leases were invited for 102 portions, embracing an area of 23,739 acres. Of these, 29 lots, totalling 6,155 acres, were let for terms varying from five to twenty-one years, realising an annual rental of £64 1s.

The total area of Crown lands held as leases under the Prickly-pear Act at the end of the year was 40,776 acres, yielding an annual rental of £537 19s., or, roughly, £8 8s. per section of 640 acres.

Eleven contracts for destroying the pear on travelling stock, camping, and water reserves, were let during the year. These contracts covered an area of about 3,000 acres, and were let at a cost of £443.

Settled Districts.—Several hundred notices to destroy prickly-pear were served on the owners or occupiers of private lands, with the result that the pear has been entirely eradicated in many places, while in many others satisfactory endeavours to exterminate it have been made.

Outlying Districts.—In these localities, particularly the north-western portion of the Colony, little progress has been made in pear destruction, the work, it is feared, being practically at a standstill and the pest rapidly spreading. Supervision is incomplete and the law difficult to enforce in these districts, the holdings therein being large.

Botanical Work.—The Botanical work of the Department is undertaken by the Government Botanist, and includes identification of species, naming trees, and seed-testing; he also affords technical information to foresters and officials on the botany of their respective districts.

During the year a large number of plants, forwarded by officials and correspondents, were identified, and a further review was made of the nomenclature of stocks at the Gosford Nursery. Reports and articles on the following subjects were furnished:—“The destruction or preservation of box timber (*E. hemiphloia*) when occurring in forests of Cypress Pine (*Callitris*)”; “Additional report on the use of Colonial Timbers for wine casks”; “A descriptive article and notes on Valonia Oak.”

Mr. Maiden, Government Botanist, made a special visit last year to the forests of the Grenfell district, and during that tour and other expeditions undertaken in wider fields of botanical research, collected much information on the subject of forestry.

AUCTION SALES.

Town Lands.—During the year 1,521 lots, comprising an aggregate area of 566 acres 0 roods $28\frac{1}{2}$ perches, were offered for sale, of which 417 lots, containing 167 acres 0 roods 10 perches, were sold, and the sum of £8,513 15s. (an average of £50 19s. $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. per acre) was realised. This is considerably in excess of last year's average.

Suburban Lands.—502 lots were offered, containing an area of 2,110 acres 1 rood 10 perches. 178 lots were sold, comprising 735 acres 2 roods $2\frac{1}{2}$ perches, and realising £6,350 3s., or an average of £8 12s. 8d. per acre.

Country Lands.—780 lots were offered, containing in all 52,472 acres 1 rood $13\frac{1}{2}$ perches. 399 lots were sold, comprising 37,855 1 rood $21\frac{3}{4}$ perches. The amount realised was £57,367 9s. 9d., or £1 10s. $3\frac{3}{4}$ d. per acre.

From Schedule XXXI it will be seen that the total number of lots offered for sale by auction during 1899, and comprising all classes of land, was 2,803, while the area so offered amounted to 55,148 acres 3 roods $12\frac{1}{2}$ perches.

The total number of lots sold was 994, comprising an area of 38,757 acres 3 roods $34\frac{1}{4}$ perches, and realising a total sum of £72,231 7s. 9d.

Transactions in connection with sales of this class in 1898 and 1899 are compared in the following Schedule :—

	Year.	No. of lots offered.	Area offered.			No. of lots sold.	Area sold.			Amount realised.			Average price per acre.		
			a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Town ...	1898	4,416	1,783	0	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	749	299	3	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	9,810	15	3	32	14	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1899	1,521	566	0	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	417	167	0	10	8,513	15	0	50	19	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Suburban ...	1898	1,592	5,622	1	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	273	935	3	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,285	19	6	6	14	4
	1899	502	2,110	1	10	178	735	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,350	3	0	8	12	8
Country ...	1898	2,382	176,770	1	30	651	50,556	1	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	85,540	8	11	1	7	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1899	780	52,472	1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	399	37,855	1	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	57,367	9	9	1	10	3 $\frac{3}{4}$

It will be seen that about 29 per cent. of town lands, 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of suburban lands, and 72 per cent. of country lands were sold out of the areas offered in 1899. The proportion of land sold to that offered was much greater than in the preceding year, the figures for which were 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for town, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for suburban, and 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for country lands.

It is also shown by the above Schedule that the revenue derived from auction sales during 1899 was £72,231 7s. 9d., and it is noticeable that, although the quantity of land submitted to auction was far less than in 1898, the total amount realised was only about one-third less than in that year, when the amount realised was £101,637 3s. 8d. Particulars of areas offered and sold are given in Schedule XXXI.

AFTER AUCTION SELECTIONS.

The number of applications of this kind received last year was 893. Of these, 93 were either refused or withdrawn, while 796 applications, comprising 1,049 lots, were granted.

The aggregate area sold in this manner was 2,451 acres 2 roods 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, the revenue realised therefrom being £18,520 16s. 8d. The average prices obtained per acre were as follow:—For town lands, £20 3s. 7d.; for suburban lands, £6 13s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; and for country lands within population areas, £4 14s. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Additional particulars with respect to these sales will be found in Schedule XXXII.

FORFEITURE OF AUCTION PURCHASES.

During the year 151 lots, comprising an aggregate area of 194 acres 3 roods 22 perches, were forfeited, together with deposits amounting to £818 7s. 3d. These forfeitures were incurred through non-payment of balances of purchase money within the prescribed time. For additional particulars, see Schedule XXXIII.

Whenever purchasers of Crown lands are entitled to the improvements existing thereon, the usual practice is to add the value of such improvements to the upset price of the land, and to remit it subsequently should the owner of the improvements become the purchaser. In accordance with this practice a sum of £627 18s. 10d. was refunded during the year, together with other payments made in excess, amounting to £106 13s.

HOMESTEAD SELECTIONS.

The demand for holdings of this class during the year under review was somewhat less than in the preceding one. Schedule XIX shows that 833 applications were received during the year ending 31st December, 1899, for a total area of 329,128 acres 1 rood 38 perches, as against 1,081 in the preceding year, for an area of 461,646 acres 2 roods 7 perches.

During

During the same period the Land Boards dealt with 874 applications, comprising 361,560 acres 2 roods 18 perches, of which 690 applications were confirmed for an area of 269,195 acres 0 roods 27 perches, and 184 were disallowed or withdrawn.

From Schedule XXII it will be seen that the number of Homestead Selections applied for up to the 31st December, 1899, exclusive of those disallowed, &c., prior to the 31st December, 1898, was 3,528, embracing an area of 1,366,356 acres 1 rood 15 perches. After deducting 307 disallowed, &c., during 1899, comprising an area of 125,142 acres 1 rood 39 perches, the number in existence at the close of the year (exclusive of conversions of Conditional Purchases, Conditional Leases, and Church and School Leases into Homestead Selections) was 3,221, containing an area of 1,241,213 acres 3 roods 16 perches.

From Schedule LXXXI it will be seen that 745 blocks, containing an aggregate area of 265,766 acres 2 roods 3 perches, were notified during the year as being set apart for Homestead Selection.

During the year, twelve applications were made to convert Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases into Homestead Selections. These applications included 29 Conditional Purchases and 6 Conditional Leases, the area represented being 5,131 acres 3 roods 29 perches.

The total number of Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases converted in this manner from the 1st June, 1895 (the date on which the Crown Lands Act of 1895 came into operation), to the 31st December, 1899, is 143 (under sixty-two applications), the area comprised being 28,253 acres 3 roods 30 perches. (*Vide* Schedule XXIV.)

One hundred and twenty-three selections, containing an area of 32,777 acres 0 roods 8 perches, were forfeited during the year on account of non-fulfilment of the prescribed conditions (*vide* Schedule XXI), and forfeiture was waived in 173 instances.

Information is given in Schedule XXIII respecting the notification and disposal of Homestead Selection areas since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. From the Schedule it will be seen that 5,300 blocks, containing 1,724,605 acres 0 roods 12 perches, had been set apart for Homestead Selection up to 31st December, 1899. As, however, 717 blocks, containing 232,079 acres 0 roods 39½ perches, did not become available during the year, the actual area made available for selection up to the end of the year was only 1,492,525 acres 3 roods 12½ perches, comprised within 4,583 blocks. Of this area, 3,175 blocks, comprising an area of 1,185,932 acres 3 roods 11 perches, were selected, or 79 per cent. of the area available. The capital value represented by the land selected is £1,626,137 18s. 4½d.

The table hereunder (compiled from Schedule XXIII) shows transactions in each of the Land Board Districts.

Land Board District.	Quantity of land available.			Area selected.			Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.			Capital value represented by land selected.					
	No. of Blocks.	Area.			No. of Blocks.	Area.			No. of Blocks.		Area.				
		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.	£.	s.	d.
Armidale	198	62,036	1	4	185	60,462	2	14	13	1,573	2	30	68,373	12	10
Bourke	121	28,021	0	12	53	17,411	1	37	68	10,609	2	15	20,152	1	0
Dubbo	299	114,479	3	39	275	111,678	2	21	24	2,801	1	18	160,479	2	3
Forbes	250	181,840	2	0	235	175,597	0	0	15	6,243	2	0	179,313	17	6
Goulburn	321	61,016	3	0	253	46,407	0	12	68	14,609	2	28	71,125	2	7
Grafton	374	105,095	2	30	164	39,725	0	30	210	65,370	2	0	43,900	7	2
Hay	484	295,094	2	21	310	172,357	0	9	174	122,737	2	12	200,782	12	5
Maitland	450	68,488	1	27	269	42,388	0	37	181	26,100	0	30	49,893	8	5
Moree	23	24,957	1	20	21	23,037	1	20	2	1,920	0	0	24,104	14	5
Orange	178	35,097	1	33½	154	32,625	3	6	24	2,471	2	27½	46,114	2	3
Sydney	598	30,670	0	13	142	5,907	3	32	456	24,762	0	21	7,719	12	8
Tamworth	305	105,087	2	0	259	93,691	2	0	46	11,396	0	0	124,710	0	0
Wagga	982	380,640	0	13	855	364,642	3	33	127	15,997	0	20	629,469	4	10½
Totals.....	4,583	1,492,525	3	12½	3,175	1,185,932	3	11	1,408	306,593	0	1½	1,626,137	18	4½

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

A larger number of applications for holdings of this class were lodged in 1899 than in the previous year. There was also an increase in the aggregate area applied for.

In 1899, 303,112 acres 3 roods 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches were applied for under 1,770 applications; while in 1898, 1,591 applications were received for a total of 298,137 acres 2 roods 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches.

From Schedule VIII and subjoined summary it will be seen that 941 of these applications were for original Conditional Purchases, and 788 and 41 applications were for additional Conditional Purchases and Non-residential Conditional Purchases respectively.

Year.	Section 26. (O.C.P.)			Section 42. (A.C.P.)			Section 47. (N.R.C.P.)			Special Areas.			Total.												
	No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	No.	Area.	Deposit.										
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.							
1885	2430	772,718	3 0	77,272	17 0	2639	344,053	3 20	34,405	10 4	302	47,806	3 0	9,251	1 0	6	742	0 0	140	8 0	5377	1,165,351	1 20	121,069	16 4
1886	2660	579,539	2 28	57,954	0 1	2937	330,279	3 2	33,028	0 4	355	43,636	2 37	8,850	5 0	78	9,690	2 0	2,121	17 6	6030	963,196	2 27	101,794	2 11
1887	2300	529,628	2 14	52,962	17 5	2185	231,912	2 5	23,191	5 3	186	20,073	3 12	4,014	16 0	93	11,389	1 0	2,501	12 3	4769	793,004	0 31	82,670	10 11
1888	2474	560,109	3 23	56,010	19 11	2334	247,639	0 16	24,763	18 4	233	26,139	0 22	5,227	17 0	273	31,311	0 17	7,155	9 0	5304	865,199	0 38	93,158	4 3
1889	2722	533,213	0 0	53,321	3 0	2634	283,215	0 20	28,320	15 3	271	26,660	3 0	5,532	3 0	528	60,070	2 29	12,680	5 0	6205	903,159	2 9	99,854	6 3
1890	3252	879,058	3 3	87,907	18 8	4064	600,829	2 16	60,119	2 2	230	28,163	1 33	5,635	10 6	980	205,515	1 28	40,316	1 4	8526	1,713,577	1 0	193,978	12 8
1891	2243	536,570	1 30	53,656	19 5	2540	429,749	3 38	42,975	11 5	127	12,887	0 13	2,571	9 11	1243	273,836	3 1	54,948	17 9	6153	1,303,094	1 2	159,152	18 6
1892	1535	314,920	1 24	31,492	2 9	1823	323,557	0 26	32,355	10 1	105	9,284	1 3	1,922	3 8	923	168,637	2 6	32,087	15 3	4396	816,399	1 19	97,857	11 9
1893	1156	197,092	2 15	19,709	7 2	1101	174,163	1 32	17,416	11 7	57	4,536	2 0	912	2 0	1079	158,012	3 37	31,320	2 10	3393	533,805	2 4	69,358	3 7
1894	830	132,238	3 20	13,223	13 4	853	170,802	0 24	17,080	4 4	49	3,424	0 0	684	16 6	880	107,889	3 36	21,450	3 4	2617	414,355	0 10	52,439	2 0
1895	631	102,365	0 0	10,236	10 0	643	94,218	3 0	9,421	13 0	19	1,253	2 0	250	14 0	458	55,593	3 12	10,322	19 9	1751	253,431	0 12	30,231	19 6
1896	526	71,747	0 0	7,174	14 0	403	83,474	2 36	8,403	11 9	19	1,079	3 0	215	19 0	331	43,148	2 1	8,134	12 0	1279	199,449	3 37	23,928	16 9
1897	521	69,492	2 11	6,949	6 6	407	126,503	3 0	12,651	1 7	21	1,823	0 0	364	11 0	357	43,964	3 33	7,780	10 9	1306	241,789	1 4	27,745	9 10
1898	603	73,358	0 0	7,355	16 0	565	165,315	0 0	16,531	13 0	22	2,003	1 0	400	13 0	401	57,461	1 11	10,557	4 2	1591	298,137	2 11	34,325	6 2
1899	778	100,460	0 38	10,045	1 5	661	153,315	2 30	15,867	9 5	40	4,033	1 0	816	13 0	291	40,253	3 2	7,072	15 6	1770	303,112	3 8	33,801	19 4

Particulars relating to the number of applications received during the year for land within special areas, and for ordinary lands, also respecting the number and area of Conditional Purchases applied for from 1862 up to the present time, are furnished in Schedules VIII and IX.

Of the applications made during the year, 694 were confirmed for an area of 133,804 acres 0 roods 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, and 275 applications were disallowed.

Including the applications made prior to 1st January, 1899, the total number confirmed during the year was 1,184, for an area of 207,308 acres 2 roods and 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, while 383 were disallowed. Further details are given in Schedule X.

There were 150,125 incomplete Conditional Purchases in existence at the end of the year, comprising an area of 20,212,507 acres 1 rood 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, and the number of Conditional Purchases for which deeds of grant had been issued was 27,227, representing an area of 3,310,396 acres 2 roods 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches. (*Vide* Schedule XVIII.)

The number of Conditional Purchases forfeited in 1899 was 284, representing an area of 26,659 acres 2 roods and 32 perches, as against 356 Conditional Purchases, containing an area of 43,990 acres 1 rood and 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches in 1898.

It will be seen from Schedules XV and XVI that of the total forfeitures, 93 were due to non-fulfilment of the required conditions, and 191 to non-payment of balances, interest, or instalments of purchase money.

Under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1891, forfeiture was conditionally waived in 115 instances, and absolutely waived in 85.

Extensions of time for payment of instalments were granted to the holders of 3,097 Conditional Purchases, the total area of the holdings involved being 480,867 acres 3 roods 21 perches.

The provisions of Section 28, Crown Lands Act of 1895, under which resident conditional purchasers can obtain suspension of payment of instalments for twelve months, were taken advantage of to a much larger extent than in 1898.

Applications

Applications were granted with respect to 812 Conditional Purchases, containing 189,786 acres 0 roods 36 perches, and 101 applications were refused, as compared with 322 applications granted and 164 refused in 1898.

Transactions under the Conditional Purchasers' Relief Act of 1896, were not as numerous in 1899 as in the preceding year. Two hundred and thirty-six applications were granted in connection with 633 Conditional Purchases, the difference between the original amount of instalments payable and the reduced amount being £1,982 0s. 2d. In 1898, 336 applications were granted with respect to 987 purchases, involving a difference of £2,819 9s. 4d. between amount of instalments payable and amount as reduced. For further particulars see Schedule XII.

	Number of Applications.	Number of Conditional Purchases.	Original Amount of Annual Instalment.	Reduced Amount of Annual Instalment.	Difference between Original and Reduced Amount.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ordinary Conditional Purchases ...	180	538	4,427 17 6	2,714 17 3	1,713 0 3
Special Area Conditional Purchases..	56	95	981 1 5	712 1 6	268 19 11
Totals... ..	236	633	5,408 18 11	3,426 18 9	1,982 0 2

Information respecting transfers received and dealt with during the year will be found in Schedule XIV. The number received was 9,366, and 9,072 were dealt with, representing 16,532 Conditional Purchases in all. This number, however, includes purchases which were transferred more than once during the year. The number of purchases actually transferred was 11,062, containing 1,686,002 acres 1 rood 15 perches.

The number of transfers on which stamp duty was paid was 3,709, the revenue derived therefrom being £7,381 12s.

Five Conditional Purchases, containing 1,842 acres 1 rood and 20 perches, and two Conditional Leases, containing 1,065 acres and 2 roods, were validated under the 44th Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 during the year. Details are given in Schedule XVII.

Information is given in Schedule LXXXIX with respect to the number of instructions issued to, and reports received from, Conditional Purchase Inspectors. The total number of instructions issued was 12,485, and 11,258 reports were received.

Since December, 1885, the following areas have been resumed from Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases, on account of the auriferous character of the land, viz. : 3,461 acres 1 rood 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, affecting 20 Conditional Purchases, and 10,061 acres 1 rood from 19 Conditional Leases.

SPECIAL AREAS.

The number of Special Areas proclaimed during the year was 127, including an area of 41,391 acres 1 rood 4 perches, as against 179, containing 60,894 acres 2 roods 25 perches, proclaimed in 1898. Of the Special Areas proclaimed, 101 represented 38,008 acres 3 roods of country land, while 26 included 3,382 acres 2 roods 4 perches of land within Population or Suburban Areas. Further details are given in Schedule LXXX.

It will be seen from Schedule XI that out of a total area of 134,969 acres 1 rood 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches of land made available as Special Areas since 1885 within Suburban or Population Areas, 106,641 acres 0 roods 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches have been selected, and that from an area of Country Land amounting to 951,517 acres 2 roods 16 perches, made available similarly, not less than 873,751 acres 3 roods 7 perches have been selected. The area which remained available for selection on 31st December, 1899, was 106,094 acres and 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches.

The appended summary taken from Schedule XI shows the transactions in the several Land Board Districts since 1st January, 1885 :—

Land Board District.	Class of Land.	Quantity of Land available.			Area selected.			Area unselected.		
		a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
Armidale	Suburban or Population...	4,048	2	5	3,393	2	1	655	0	4
	Country	28,998	0	0	26,136	0	0	2,862	0	0
Bourke	Suburban or Population...	40	0	0	40	0	0	.....	.....	.....
	Country	5,991	1	0	2,202	1	0	3,789	0	0
Dubbo	Suburban or Population...	6,556	1	29	5,533	3	39	1,022	1	30
	Country	18,471	1	0	17,431	2	0	1,039	3	0
Forbes	Suburban or Population...	19,086	1	2	17,448	3	25	1,637	1	17
	Country	128,887	3	28	125,704	2	28	3,183	1	0
Goulburn	Suburban or Population...	44,254	0	34	37,618	0	3	6,636	0	31
	Country	69,649	0	30	65,549	0	20	4,100	0	10
Grafton	Suburban or Population...	4,900	1	39½	2,941	1	27½	1,959	0	11½
	Country	46,277	3	20	38,759	3	20	7,518	0	0
Hay	Suburban or Population...	9,542	3	0	9,234	0	0	308	3	0
	Country	121,213	2	0	113,920	1	0	7,293	1	0
Maitland	Suburban or Population...	9,220	0	8	7,236	1	17	1,983	2	31
	Country	12,608	3	18	11,615	0	18	993	3	0
Moree	Suburban or Population..	2,338	1	20	1,256	2	20	1,081	3	0
	Country	27,957	1	13	23,452	1	13	4,505	0	0
Orange	Suburban or Population..	10,466	1	10	10,145	1	4	321	0	6
	Country	58,819	0	30	56,729	1	30	2,089	3	0
Sydney	Suburban or Population...	5,578	3	31	2,345	3	30	3,233	0	1
	Country	6,502	3	0	5,132	0	0	1,370	3	0
Tamworth	Suburban or Population..	16,791	1	9	7,884	1	5	8,907	0	4
	Country	105,401	1	34	89,525	3	35	15,875	1	39
Wagga Wagga	Suburban or Population...	2,145	3	4	1,562	2	30	583	0	14
	Country	320,739	0	3	297,593	1	3	23,145	3	0
Total	Suburban or Population...	134,969	1	31½	106,641	0	1½	28,328	1	29½
	Country	951,517	2	16	873,751	3	7	77,765	3	9
Grand Total ... ..	.....	1,086,487	0	7¼	980,392	3	8½	106,094	0	38½

The appraisements under section 36 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 of conditional purchases within special areas have been completed. Two thousand seven hundred and twenty-three applications, embracing an area of 597,011 acres 2 roods 17½ perches, were lodged. Excluding applications which were refused or withdrawn, the total area appraised was 579,794 acres 18½ perches.

The capital value of this area prior to appraisement was £1,157,494 3s. 1½d., the capital value as determined by appraisement is £817,967 4s. 6½d., thus showing a reduction of £339,526 18s. 7d. The annual instalments payable in respect of this area prior to appraisement amounted to £57,874 14s. 2d., whilst under the recently appraised values they would only amount to £40,898 7s. 2d., thus showing an annual loss of £16,976 7s.

The appended summary shows the transactions in each of the Land Board Districts :—

SUMMARY.

Land Board District.	Total Number of Applications Received.	Area.		Total Number of applications dealt with by L.L.B. to 31st December 1899.	Area.		Cases in which Values have been Finally Determined.										
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.	Number of Conditional Purchases.	Amount of Purchase Money Represented at Original Price.		Amount of Purchase Money Represented after Appraisement.		Amount of Annual Instalments Represented at Original Rate.		Amount of Annual Instalments Represented after Appraisement.			
		£	s.		d.	£		s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Armidale	111	18,171	1 0	111	18,171	1 0	114	17,333	1 0	33,990	12 7½	24,716	6 0½	1,699	10 7	1,235	16 2
Bourke	5	1,202	1 0	5	1,202	1 0	5	1,202	1 0	2,229	7 6	1,996	7 6	111	9 4	99	16 4
Dubbo	46	11,299	0 0	46	11,299	0 0	40	10,736	0 0	19,724	7 9	15,708	12 9	986	4 5	785	8 8
Forbes	341	96,787	2 19	341	96,787	2 19	378	95,305	1 19	171,045	6 2	116,631	9 4	8,582	5 5	5,834	1 0
Goulburn	369	53,059	2 0	369	53,059	2 0	367	52,753	3 33	120,761	7 5	98,809	3 11	6,035	1 4	4,940	9 4
Grafton	191	20,530	0 20	191	20,530	0 20	220	20,330	0 20	46,510	0 8	31,832	10 5	2,325	10 0	1,590	12 6
Hay	272	102,632	0 0	272	102,632	0 0	249	98,719	2 0	176,125	12 7	127,410	8 0	8,806	5 8	6,370	10 5
Maitland	67	8,666	0 0	67	8,666	0 0	70	7,319	1 30	15,555	5 8	14,459	1 9	777	15 4	722	19 0
Moree	60	16,130	3 0	60	16,130	3 0	59	15,897	2 20	25,409	15 6	23,157	11 8	1,570	9 9½	1,157	17 7
Orange	204	40,754	1 30	204	40,754	1 30	218	37,441	1 14	71,405	18 3	61,579	13 7	3,570	5 11	3,073	19 8
Sydney	36	2,912	1 30	36	2,912	1 30	36	2,912	1 30	6,346	2 6	4,647	10 1	317	6 2	232	7 6
Tamworth	166	27,356	0 30	166	27,356	0 30	160	26,596	0 10	58,395	3 9	52,326	5 5	2,919	15 1	2,616	6 3
Wagga Wagga	855	197,460	0 8½	855	197,460	0 8½	887	193,056	3 2½	469,395	2 9	244,662	4 1	20,469	15 2	12,233	2 3
Totals	2,723	597,011	2 17½	2,723	597,011	2 17½	2,803	579,794	0 18½	1,157,494	3 1½	817,967	4 6½	57,874	14 2½	40,898	7 2

IMPROVEMENT PURCHASES.

Applications under section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 were more numerous in 1899 than in the previous year, and the average price realised was greater. The number received during 1899 was 199, of which 123 were approved and 33 were refused. The area alienated comprised 57 acres 2 roods 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, representing 143 lots, and the price realised was £2,043 18s. 8d. In 1898 the applications received numbered 158. The area sold amounted to 54 acres 2 roods 22 perches, while the price realised was £1,612 18s. 9d. (Details will be found in Schedule XXXIV.)

SPECIAL PURCHASES.

Special-purchase applications are of the following kinds:—For rescission of water frontage reservations (section 63, Act of 1884); for permission to reclaim and purchase land (section 64, Act of 1884); for the purchase of small, isolated areas, &c. (section 66, Act of 1884); for permission to close and purchase unnecessary roads, and also for the granting of Crown lands in lieu of land resumed for roads (the Public Roads Act of 1897). It may, however, be pointed out that previously to the passing of the last-named Act, the two latter classes of "Special Purchases" were dealt with under section 67 of the Act of 1884, and section 42 of the Act of 1889, respectively.

The number of applications received during the year was 162, of which 11 were under section 63, Act of 1884; 20 were under section 64, Act of 1884; 14 under section 66, Act of 1884; and 117 under the Public Roads Act of 1897.

Under the last-named sections an area of 634 acres 0 roods 16 perches was alienated, the revenue realised being £12,135 10s. 7d. In the previous year the area alienated was 262 acres 2 roods 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, the purchase money received being £2,965 16s. 4d.

Under section 42 of the Act of 1889, 10 cases were disposed of, the area dealt with being 57 acres 1 rood 35 perches.

Transactions under the above-named sections during 1899 are summarised hereunder, and further particulars are given in Schedule XXXV:—

	Area sold.			Purchase money.		
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Section 63, Act 1884	2	3	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	544	2	6
" 64, "	3	2	15	9,078	16	6
" 66, "	63	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	873	15	9
" 67, "	255	1	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	813	12	10
Public Roads Act of 1897	308	3	35 $\frac{3}{4}$	825	3	0
Section 42, Act of 1889	57	1	35	.....	
	691	2	11	12,135	10	7

SURRENDERS AND EXCHANGES.

The amount of business transacted under this heading compares favourably with that of last year. This is evidenced by the fact that 81 cases, representing an area of 203,378 acres 20 perches, were finally completed, and the surrenders accepted by the Governor-in-Council.

Further information on this subject will be found in Schedule XXXVI, from which it will be seen that 156 applications were received, 57 were refused or withdrawn, and 348 were outstanding at the end of the year. In the previous year, 127 applications were received, 78 were refused or withdrawn, and 330 were outstanding at the close of it.

The principal exchanges (as far as area is concerned) accepted by the Governor and Executive Council during the year were as follow:—Buttabone, 28,197 acres; Calga, 17,244 acres; Nyang, 13,234 acres; Collymongool, 11,691 acres; Tyreel, 8,314 acres; Gragin and Graman, 16,073 acres; Widgiewa, North Goonambil, 9,469 acres; and Boondarra, 10,455 acres.

With reference to the subsequent disposal of surrendered lands, it may be remarked that, if they are not within a leasehold area, the necessary steps are at once taken to have the areas made available for settlement, or if too limited in extent for this purpose, they are added to adjoining selections, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

During the year 3,339 deeds were issued for an area of 480,431 acres 1 perch. A fair proportion of these deeds related to land alienated by way of exchange, and it has already been pointed out in previous reports, that the investigation of titles to land surrendered involves much work of an exceedingly difficult and complicated character. (*See* Schedule XXXVII.)

VOLUNTEER LAND ORDER APPLICATIONS.

Seven applications of this kind were received during the year for land in the Moree and Tamworth Land Districts respectively. Including these, and also the applications lodged prior to 1898 but not dealt with, the transactions during the year were as follow:—6 applications refused, 1 approved, and 2 (representing an area of 100 acres) finally dealt with.

SETTLEMENT LEASES.

The area notified during the year as available for settlement lease was 885,429 acres 3 roods 30 perches, included in 289 farms. (*Vide* Schedule LXXXII.)

During the year, 413 applications for settlement leases were received, comprising an area of 1,138,726 acres 2 roods, and representing an annual rental of £14,689 3s. 7d. The number of applications confirmed was 283, for an area of 632,368 acres 3 roods 20 perches, while 181 applications were disallowed, leaving 61 applications outstanding at the close of the year. (For further details, *see* Schedule LV.)

The total number of leases of this class executed since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, and current at the end of 1899, was 966, embracing an area of 2,635,955 acres, the annual rental payable thereon being £32,626 2s. 1d., or an average of 2 $\frac{97}{100}$ d. per acre.

The number of leases current at the end of the preceding year was 682, containing 1,858,367 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. (*See* Schedule LVI.)

During the year an area of 8,831 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, comprised in three leases, and returning a rental of £66 2s. 1d., were declared null and void; while eight leases, containing 23,956 acres, and upon which a rental of £217 10s. 5d. was payable, were forfeited. (*Vide* Schedule LVII.)

Seventy-four transfers were received during the year, which, with 11 outstanding at the end of the previous year, made a total of 85. Sixty-five of these were dealt with during the year under review, leaving 20 outstanding at the close of it.

Information is given in Schedule LVIII with respect to the notification and disposal of settlement lease areas since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. It will be seen therefrom that up to the 31st December, 1899, an area of 5,278,833 acres 0 roods 25 perches, comprising 1,725 farms, had been set apart for settlement lease. Of this area, however, only 1,402 farms, containing 4,139,332 acres 3 roods 25 perches, became available before the close of the year, and of these 1,083 farms, embracing 2,985,404 acres 3 roods 15 perches, had been selected, showing that 72 per cent. of the area available had been applied for. The capital value of the land selected was £2,997,745 12s. 10d., and the average rental per acre about 3d.

The following summary gives information derived from Schedule LVIII with respect to the transactions in each Land Board District:—

Land Board District.	Quantity of Land Available.			Area Selected.			Area unselected on the 31st Dec., 1899.			Capital value represented by land selected.
	No. of Farms.	Area Available.		No. of Farms.	Area.		No. of Farms.	Area.		
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale.....	48	171,991	2 0	40	134,895	0 0	8	37,096	2 0	79,686 18 5
Bourke	33	124,209	0 0	27	100,389	0 0	6	23,820	0 0	79,585 19 2
Dubbo	319	883,714	3 0	283	737,769	3 0	36	145,945	0 0	802,765 7 1
Forbes	210	513,177	3 0	141	327,403	3 0	69	185,774	0 0	269,064 12 9
Goulburn	28	62,212	0 0	6	18,129	0 0	22	44,083	0 0	5,809 10 0
Hay	86	255,635	1 20	62	137,102	2 20	24	118,532	3 0	169,126 6 6
Maitland	19	37,261	2 0	3	7,900	0 0	16	29,361	2 0	4,383 6 8
Moree	328	1,056,168	0 35	296	913,825	1 35	32	142,342	3 0	978,627 10 6
Orange	46	89,554	2 10	18	36,397	0 0	28	53,157	2 10	20,308 6 4
Sydney	3	6,730	0 0	.....	.....	.....	3	6,730	0 0	.....
Tamworth	240	821,183	0 0	177	501,606	0 0	63	319,577	0 0	530,775 0 0
Wagga.....	42	117,495	1 0	30	69,987	1 0	12	47,508	0 0	57,612 15 5
Totals	1,402	4,139,332	3 25	1,083	2,985,404	3 15	319	1,153,928	0 10	2,997,745 12 10

ANNUAL LEASES.

The number of annual leases in existence on 31st December, 1899, was 11,612, embracing an area of 6,879,565 acres 3 roods 37 perches, producing an annual rental of £46,553 12s 2d. (*Vide* Schedule LXXI.)

Table hereunder shows the number, area, and rental of the leases in existence in each Division of the Colony at the end of 1899 :—

Division.	No.	Area.			Rental.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Eastern	10,184	5,749,450	2	37	36,870	3	7
Central	1,344	1,059,007	2	0	9,100	4	1
Western	84	71,107	3	0	583	4	6
	11,612	6,879,565	3	37	46,553	12	2

From Schedule LXX it will be seen that the number of leases lapsed during the year was 821, containing an area of 418,869 acres 3 roods, the rental derivable therefrom being £3,288 19s. 7d. 103 leases were cancelled, the area being 85,853 acres 2 roods, and the rental £481 3s. 2d.

2,237 applications were received, and 2,429 applications were disposed of, during the year; of the latter, 1,959 were granted and 470 were either disallowed or withdrawn. Some of the applications disposed of were lodged prior to 1899. The area leased in connection with the applications granted was 1,154,504 acres 3 roods 14 perches, representing an annual rental of £6,726 18s. 8d. (*Vide* Schedule LXVIII.)

The area offered for lease by auction or tender included 58,207 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, of which 15,954 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres were sold, realising an annual rental of £398 15s 10d. (Schedule LXIX.)

The Table hereunder, compiled from Schedules LXVIII and LXIX, gives the number of applications made, the area applied for, and the area leased by auction and tender during the past five years :—

Year.	Applications made.	Area applied for.			Area leased by auction.		
		a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.
1895	2,444	1,458,627	2	0	6,929	3	0
1896	1,928	1,072,830	0	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,689	2	0
1897	2,322	1,473,680	1	24	33,232	1	0
1898	2,216	1,339,757	0	0	15,102	2	0
1899	2,237	1,301,130	3	0	15,954	2	0

CONDITIONAL LEASES.

1,245 applications were received in 1899 for an area of 446,158 acres 2 roods 30 perches.

From Schedule XXV, and the summary hereunder, which has been compiled from it, it will be seen that the number of applications lodged, and the area applied for last year, were greater than during the two preceding years; also, that there has been a proportionate increase in the rental derived :—

Year.	Number.	Area.			Deposits.		
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
1885	3,816*	2,547,045	0	15*	21,225	7	6
1886	2,500	1,207,953	0	8	10,065	5	6
1887	2,228	1,242,380	0	0	10,353	3	4
1888	2,623	1,424,753	1	25	11,872	18	11
1889	3,470	1,569,949	3	30	13,082	18	4
1890	5,466	3,056,774	2	26	25,489	7	2
1891	3,952	2,177,810	0	15	18,140	17	10
1892	2,692	1,171,971	1	18	9,769	5	1
1893	1,800	715,611	0	34	5,943	8	4
1894	1,338	528,612	2	30	4,409	9	10
1895	1,120	478,301	3	20	3,985	1	8
1896	736	335,101	1	30	2,783	7	5
1897	713	298,819	0	0	2,498	11	9
1898	949	367,440	2	2	3,069	13	4
1899	1,245	446,158	2	30	3,721	8	3

* This includes 1,994 applications, made under 54th section of the Act of 1884, representing an area of 1,198,617 acres 0 roods 30 perches.

1,037 applications were dealt with during the year, of which 730 were confirmed, for an area of 238,386 acres 2 roods, and 307 were disallowed. The latter represented an area of 121,451 acres 2 roods. (Fuller details are given in Schedule XXVI.)

The number of transfers passed in 1899 was 2,143, under which 3,300 leases, containing a total area of 1,392,269 acres 0 roods 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, were transferred. (*Vide* Schedule XXVII.)

235 conversions of conditional leases into conditional purchases took place last year, under the provisions of section 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889. Of these leases, 146 were wholly, and the remainder partly, converted. The total area converted in this manner embraced 98,878 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, which prior to conversion returned a rental of £1,384 16s. 9d. (For particulars, *see* Schedule XXIX.)

The rents recommended by the Land Board were approved by the Minister in 695 cases, and no references were made to the Land Appeal Court.

Extension of time for payment of rent on conditional leases was granted in 333 cases, the amount involved being £4,789. Forfeitures incurred for breach of conditions were provisionally waived in 88 cases, and absolutely waived in 45 cases. The fees called for to cover cost of provisional waiver amounted to £55 13s.

During the year 687 conditional leases were gazetted as approved, representing an area of 237,210 acres 3 roods 20 perches, and a rental of £2,554 4s. 2d. The total number of gazetted leases current at the end of the year was 22,591, embracing an aggregate area of 12,738,779 acres 3 roods 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, and producing an annual rental of £151,169 6s. 10d. (Further information will be found in Schedule XXX.)

The number of conditional leases gazetted as forfeited during the year amounted to 87, representing an area of 22,474 acres 3 roods 15 perches, and a rental of £259 2s. 3d. (*See* Schedule XXVIII.)

An area of 10,061 acres 1 rood has, since December, 1885, been excised from 19 conditional leases, on account of the land having been found to be auriferous.

PASTORAL LEASES.

The number of pastoral leases current on the 31st December, 1899, was 629, representing an area of 51,038,500 acres, and an annual rental of £225,324 17s. 9d. 322 of these leases were situated in the Central Division, and 307 in the Western. (*See* Schedule XXXVIII.)

Schedule hereunder shows the area leased in each Division, and the rental returned :—

No. of Leases.	Division of Colony.	Area.	Rent.	
		acres.	£	s. d.
322	Central	8,917,341	88,905	9 5
307	Western	42,121,159	136,419	8 4
629		51,038,500	225,324	17 9

Two pastoral leases were forfeited during the year—one in the Central Division, and one in the Western. (*See* Schedule XLVI.)

The area withdrawn from pastoral lease for public purposes in 1899 was 497,122 acres. This area was excised from 105 leaseholds, and refunds to lessees of rent paid in advance upon the area withdrawn amounted to £3,915 0s. 8d. (*See* Schedule XXXIX.)

The number of pastoral leases transferred during the year was 33, of which 28 were in the Central and 5 in the Western Division. (*See* Schedule XL.)

During the year the rentals of two pastoral leases were reappraised under the provisions of section 29 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889. The area comprised in these leases was 116,480 acres, which, prior to reappraisal, returned a rental of £103 9s. The total rentals, as redetermined, amounted to £138 11s. 9d., or an average rate per acre of $\frac{28}{100}$ ths of a penny, as against the original rate of $\frac{21}{100}$ ths. (*See* Schedule XLIII.)

Four applications (comprising an area of 791,944 acres) were made during the year under section 8 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 for the attachment of resumed areas to their respective leaseholds. Three applications, relating to 320,020 acres, were approved; and 4, referring to 488,042 acres, were either refused or withdrawn; while 8 applications, covering 1,607,082 acres, were outstanding at the close of the year. (For additional particulars, see Schedule XLI.)

The names and numbers of the pastoral leases which expired during 1899 are given in Schedule XLVIII, and particulars respecting those which will expire in 1900 will be found in Schedule XLVII.

In order to meet the demand for land for closer settlement, 14,300 acres were withdrawn from pastoral lease during the year, under the provisions of section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the whole of this area was situated in the Central Division. Further information respecting the area withdrawn, and the names of holdings from which it is proposed to withdraw land, is given in Schedule XLIX.

OCCUPATION LICENSES.

The number of licenses in force during 1899 was 1,854, embracing an area of 36,371,124 acres, while the fees payable annually thereon amounted to a total of £102,497 3s. 10d. (See Schedule XXXVIII.)

The Table hereunder shows that the licenses current in 1899 were more numerous than in the preceding year, though the area under occupation was somewhat less:—

Current on 31st December, 1898.				Current on 31st December, 1899.			
Division.	No.	Area.	Rent.	Division.	No.	Area.	Rent.
		acres.	£ s. d.			acres.	£ s. d.
Eastern	502	5,877,510	15,532 17 10	Eastern	536	6,059,261	12,423 10 2
Eastern (preferential)...	309	3,553,986	15,807 12 1	Eastern (preferential)	303	3,423,088	14,640 1 5
Central	538	5,233,325	26,604 14 2	Central	520	5,195,831	25,019 2 4
Central (preferential) ...	269	4,376,272	28,479 16 4	Central (preferential).	304	4,734,033	32,278 8 10
Western	189	18,226,261	19,700 7 5	Western	191	16,948,911	18,136 1 1
Total	1,807	37,267,354	106,125 7 10	Total	1,854	36,371,124	102,497 3 10

169 licenses, embracing an area of 2,420,476 acres, were offered for sale by auction, of which 60, containing 672,721½ acres, were sold. (Vide Schedule XLIII.)

The number of preferential occupation licenses which were not renewed in 1899 was 37, of which 9 are situated in the Eastern Division and 28 in the Central Division; whilst the number of ordinary occupation licenses was 58, of which 19 were situated in the Eastern Division, 31 in the Central, and 8 in the Western. (Vide Schedule XLVI.)

Transfers were made during the year of 34 preferential and 75 ordinary occupation licenses. (Schedule XL.)

An area of 14,300 acres was withdrawn from pastoral lease for settlement under the provisions of section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. (Schedule XLIX.)

With regard to lands withdrawn from pastoral lease under sections 3 and 6 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the lessees have the privilege of holding them temporarily, under occupation license, pending selection, subject, however, to appraisement of rental. During the year 8 appraisements, affecting an area of 176,000 acres, were made, the annual license fees payable in respect thereof being appraised at £1,317 10s. (For further details, see Schedule XLIV.)

Certain unrenewed occupation licenses and preferential occupation licenses were reinstated last year. Of the former, 6 were situated in the Eastern Division, 7 in the Central, and 2 in the Western; while of the latter, 9 were situated in the Central, there being none in the other Divisions.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals for purposes of alienation, reservation, &c., were made from 351 licenses, the area withdrawn being 1,563,447 acres, necessitating refund to licensees of rent, paid in advance, amounting to £7,359 18s. 1d. (Schedule XXXIX.)

With respect to 14 resumed areas, the license fees were reappraised and gazetted under the provisions of the 81st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. (For further particulars, see Schedule XLV.)

Information respecting the attachment of resumed areas to leasehold areas is given in this report under the heading "Pastoral Leases," and also in Schedule XLI.

The areas and rentals of certain preferential occupation licenses (formerly held under pastoral lease in the Central Division) were reappraised, and detailed information respecting them is given in Schedule L.

HOMESTEAD LEASES.

At the close of the year, 1,297 homestead leases were in existence, comprising an area of 10,797,503 acres, and returning a rental of £55,086 1s. 3d.

Of these leases, 835 are situated in the Land Board District of Bourke. They contain an aggregate area of 7,107,534 acres, and yield a rental of £34,777 4s. 10d., the average rate per acre being $1\frac{1}{10}$ d. The district of Hay has 339 leases, containing 2,642,917 acres, and returning £11,929 2s. 8d. rent, or an average rate per acre of $1\frac{8}{10}$ d.; while Moree has 123 leases, comprising 1,047,052 acres, with a rental of £8,379 13s. 9d., or an average rate per acre of $1\frac{9}{10}$ d. (*Vide* Schedule LIV.)

Applications for homestead leases were more numerous than in the preceding year. Fifty applications were received in 1898, and 61 in 1899.

The Table hereunder shows the number of applications received each year since 1885, together with the area applied for, and the amount received each year by way of deposit. Further details are given in Schedule LI:—

Year.	No. of Applications.	Area applied for.	Deposits lodged.
		acres.	£ s. d.
1885	391	3,823,235	15,830 2 11
1886	121	1,141,963	4,758 3 7
1887	128	1,198,286	4,992 17 2
1888	141	1,332,691	5,511 15 7
1889	238	2,187,837	9,113 19 9
1890	310	2,620,959	10,920 13 3
1891	191	1,515,629	6,278 2 1
1892	176	1,214,447	5,648 16 6
1893	135	870,044	3,582 10 4
1894	110	692,515	2,885 9 7
1895	106	613,723	2,557 3 7
1896	89	605,146	2,521 8 10
1897	78	494,680	2,055 4 11
1898	50	353,842	1,492 17 6
1899	61	432,392	1,801 12 8

Forty-five homestead leases were granted during the year, comprising a total area of 279,263 acres, and returning a rental of £647 18s. 11d. These figures are somewhat under those of the previous year, in which the number of leases granted was 50, the area embraced being 362,047 acres, and the annual rental £1,033 6s. 2d. The average rental per acre of the area leased in 1899 was $\frac{5}{10}$ d.

Twenty-two applications were either refused or permitted to be withdrawn, and 37 were outstanding at the close of the year. (*See* Schedule LII.)

Five leases, comprising an area of 131,446 acres, and returning a rental of £137 3s. 7d., were forfeited during the year. (See Schedule LIII.)

An area of 222,592 acres, included in 42 leases, was reappraised under the provisions of section 29 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889. The rental payable on this area, prior to reappraisal, amounted in the aggregate to £834 9s. 10d.

The rental as reappraised amounts to £643 19s. 3d., about 16 per cent. less than the original amount. The original rent amounted to an average of about $\frac{89}{100}$ d. per acre, whilst the rent as reappraised was at the rate of $\frac{69}{100}$ d. For additional details respecting reappraisal, see table hereunder:—

TABLE showing details respecting Homestead Leases reappraised under Section 29 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 during the year 1899.

Land Board District.	Leases on which Reappraisements have been completed and New Rates determined.			
	No. of Lease.	Area.	Rental according to Original Rates.	Rental according to New Rates.
		acres.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balranald	7	43,394	130 19 6	97 11 3
Bourke	3	13,802	82 16 3	65 10 4
Brewarrina	2	20,466	110 17 2	96 7 3
Wilcannia	9	55,497	245 17 4	167 7 10
Willyama	8	35,235	110 11 7	86 6 4
Hillston	2	12,517	55 4 9	56 11 2
Wentworth	11	41,681	98 3 3	74 5 1
	42	222,592	834 9 10	643 19 3
Average rate per acre			$\frac{89}{100}$ d.	$\frac{69}{100}$ d.

The number of transfers of homestead leases completed was 136.

SPECIAL LEASES.

In 1899, 838 applications for special leases were received, being a decided advance on the number received in the preceding year, viz., 743. Six hundred and four applications were outstanding on 31st December, 1898; the number to be dealt with during the year under review was therefore 1,442. Of these, 837 were dealt with, 384 being granted and 453 declined, lapsed, &c. The leases granted comprise an area of 25,269 acres 0 roods and $\frac{1}{4}$ perch, returning an annual rental of £2,267 11s. 6d. The number of applications on which action was not completed in 1898 was 643. Additional information is given in Schedule LX.

Twenty-five leases were forfeited in 1899, comprising 1,099 acres 1 rood and $19\frac{1}{2}$ perches, and yielding a rental of £472 5s., as against thirty-nine leases, containing 1,171 acres and 25 perches, with a rental of £480 11s. 7d. in the preceding year. For further details see Schedule LXI.

A larger number of leases were current at the close of the year than at the end of 1898. The number, inclusive of those which terminated by effluxion of time during 1899, was 1,276, containing 62,238 acres 0 roods $3\frac{1}{2}$ perches, and returning a rental of £18,392 10s. 1d., as against 992 leases current at the close of 1898, containing 39,364 acres 1 rood 28 perches, with a rental of £17,271 7s. 2d. Seventy leases expired by effluxion of time during the year, comprising an area of 1,210 acres 1 rood $26\frac{3}{4}$ perches. (Additional details will be found in Schedules LXII and LXIII.)

Special

Special leases are granted under the provisions of sections 89, 90, and 92, of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, for the various purposes specified hereunder:—

Under section 89—

Floating docks, jetties, piers, and wharfs below high-water mark.

Under section 90—

Access to water.	Garden (vegetable).	Residence.
Accommodation house.	Gravel (to obtain).	Saw-mills.
Accommodation paddock.	Grazing.	Sericulture.
Agriculture.	Graving dock.	Shells (to obtain).
Bakery.	Guano (to obtain).	Ships (building or repairing).
Ballast (to obtain).	Inn.	Skin-drying and packing.
Bathing places.	Irrigation.	Slaughter-houses.
Bee and Poultry Farm.	Landing-places.	Smelting-works.
Boats (building and repairing)	Lime-kilns.	Smithy.
Boiling-down works.	Limestone (to obtain).	Stables and accommodation paddocks.
Brick earth (to obtain).	Loam (to obtain).	Store.
Brick-kiln.	Machinery (erection of).	Storage of explosives.
Bridges.	Mail stations in sparsely-populated districts.	Storage purposes.
Cricket.	Night-soil depôt.	Sugar-cane growing.
Cultivation of eucalyptus.	Nursery garden.	Tanks.
Dairying.	Patent slip.	Tanneries.
Dams.	Pipe-line.	Tobacco-growing.
Drainage.	Pig and poultry farm.	Vegetable garden.
Engineering works.	Public recreation and Show Ground.	Village settlement.
Eucalyptus (cultivation of).	Punt-houses.	Wattle-growing.
Explosives (sites for storage of).	Quarries.	Well.
Factory.	Railway station and depôt.	Wharfs (above high-water mark).
Ferries.	Recreation.	Wool-washing establishments.
Fisheries.		Working mineral springs.
Freezing works.		

Under section 92—

Irrigation works and tramway purposes.

Under section 46, Crown Lands Act of 1895—

- Business purposes.
- Erection of buildings.

ARTESIAN WELL LEASES.

The number of these leases, which were current on 31st December, 1899, was 37, representing an area of 378,547 acres and a rental of £1,023 16s. 7d., but no new leases were granted during the year.

IMPROVEMENT LEASES.

These leases are either sold at auction or let by tender. The tenures under which they are held are of considerable length, and the rents are exceedingly moderate in proportion to the areas leased. They are, however, subject to stringent conditions with respect to the improvements to be effected by lessees.

During the year, 146 leases, comprising 973,304 acres, and yielding a rental of £2,510 0s. 8d., were sold at auction, while 36 leases, representing an area of 199,529 acres and a rental of £1,627 10s. 11d., were disposed of by tender. (*Vide* Schedule LIX, Part A.)

Schedule LIX, Part B, shows that on the 31st December, 1899, 544 leases were current, including an area of 4,626,632 acres 3 roods and 39 perches, and producing a rental of £10,498 6s. 10d., or an average of $\frac{54}{100}$ d. per acre; also, that 22 leases, containing 216,905 acres, were either forfeited or declared void during the year, the total rental involved being £401 6s. 7d.

SCRUB LEASES.

More applications for leases of this kind were received in 1899 than during the preceding year. Sixty-six applications were received in 1899 for an area of 585,989 acres, as against 47 applications and an area of 659,488 acres in 1898. Forty-seven applications, for an area of 1,585,060 acres, were outstanding on the 31st December, 1898, making a total of 113 applications to be dealt with during the year. Twenty-six of these were granted, representing an area of 820,090 acres and a rental of £1,435 0s. 6d., while 27 were either disallowed or withdrawn.

One lease expired during the year, containing an area of 2,500 acres, but none were forfeited. Eighty-two leases were in force at the close of the year, embracing 1,231,889 acres, and returning an annual rental of £2,402 18s. 6d. (*Vide* Schedule LXIV.)

LEASES OF INFERIOR LANDS.

Only one lease was granted during the year, the area of which was 4,050 acres, and the rental £3 per annum. Fourteen leases were forfeited, their areas amounting to 70,650 acres and rentals to £63 14s. 6d., and 25 leases, representing an area of 311,980 acres, and an annual rental of £239 18s. 9d., were current at the end of the year. (*Vide* Schedule LXV.)

RESIDENTIAL LEASES.

One hundred and six applications were received in 1899, which, with 136 outstanding on 31st December, 1898, left a total of 242 leases to be dealt with for an aggregate area of 1,663 acres 1 rood 31 perches. Fifty applications were disallowed or withdrawn, while 74 were granted for an area of 1,183 acres 1 rood 26 perches, at a rental of £118 4s.

Eight leases were forfeited, their aggregate areas amounting to 74 acres 0 roods 11 perches, and their rentals to £10 10s.

The leases current at the close of the year numbered 333, the area embraced by them amounting to 4,155 acres 3 roods 24 perches, and the rental payable in connection therewith being £520 9s. 10d. (*Vide* Schedule LXVI.)

SNOW LEASES.

From Schedule LXVII it will be seen that no leases of this description were granted during the year; and none were declared forfeited, while the number of these leases current on 31st December, 1899, was the same as at the end of the preceding year, viz., 19, containing an area of 89,767 acres, and yielding an annual rental of £782 19s. 7d.

DEDICATIONS, RESERVES, RESUMPTIONS.

The total number of reserves from sale for various purposes notified during the year was 1,226, comprising an area of 1,498,440 acres, while the revocations of similar reserves numbered 1,994, and affected an area of 2,884,233 acres. (Schedules LXXV and LXXVI.)

Two hundred and sixty-one reserves from lease and license, annual lease, &c., were notified in 1899, comprising a total area of 564,657 acres.

The revocations of reserves of this class numbered 278, and affected an area of 324,700 acres. (Schedules LXXVII and LXXVIII.)

During the year 126 dedications for public purposes were made, within which were included 1,498 acres 2 roods 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches. Particulars respecting the objects of these dedications are given in Schedule LXXIX.

A total area of 1,580 acres 2 roods 16 $\frac{7}{8}$ perches was resumed during the year under the provisions of Section 105 of the Act of 1884, Section 41 of 1889, and Section 7 of the Public Trusts Act of 1897. The area resumed under these sections in 1898 was 2,128 acres 2 roods 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches. Additional particulars appear in Schedule LXXIV.

NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE.

There are 434 holdings under the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Act on which purchase money is being paid by instalments. Balances on 13 purchases were paid during the year, bringing the total number of completed purchases up to 350, the purchase money represented being £21,320 8s. 3d. (*Vide* Schedule LXXIII.)

CASES OF TRESPASS ON CROWN LANDS.

Cases of this class were more numerous in 1899 than during the preceding year. Four hundred and seventy-nine cases were reported by the Crown Lands Bailiffs during 1899, as against 291 cases in 1898. The number of cases outstanding at the end of 1898 was 328, making a total of 807 requiring action in 1899, of which 301 cases were dealt with in various ways, leaving a balance at the close of the year of 506 incomplete cases. (*Vide* Schedule LXXXIII.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO RINGBARK.

Two hundred and ninety-three applications were received during the year, embracing an area of 1,442,148 acres. The fees lodged with these applications amounted to £580. Of the applications received prior to 1898, 53 were granted, while of 293 applications received during the year, 167 were also granted, making a total of 220 applications, and including a total area of 1,270,965 acres. Twenty applications were disallowed during the year, and 117 were outstanding at the close thereof. (See Schedule XC for further particulars.)

PERMISSIVE

PERMISSIVE OCCUPANCIES.

At the close of the year 630 permission occupancies were current, comprising an area of 71,299 acres 2 roods 38 perches, returning a rental of £1,210 11s. 3d. (*Vide* Schedule LXXII.)

CASES DEALT WITH BY LOCAL LAND BOARDS.

During the year 16,568 cases were dealt with by the Local Land Boards, of which 1,308 cases were adjourned. Hereunder is a comparative statement showing the number of cases considered and adjourned, respectively, and the number of days occupied in sittings of Boards during the past six years, while additional information on this subject will be found in Schedule LXXXVIII.

1893	30,910 cases dealt with ;	2,830 cases adjourned ;	1,449½ days occupied.
1894	25,988	2,055	1,438
1895	21,436	1,970	1,236½
1896	22,067	2,308	1,697
1897	17,597	1,355	1,266
1898	16,468	995	1,169½
1899	16,568	1,308	1,164

CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS.

As pointed out in the Annual Report for the year 1898, under the provisions of the Church and School Lands Act of 1897 (assented to 2nd December, 1897), all the lands formerly known as the Church and School Lands became Crown lands vested in Her Majesty the Queen, free from all trusts and provisions affecting the same, but subject to the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the Mining Act of 1874, and of any Acts amending them.

When the Church and School Lands Dedication Act (44 Vic. No. 19) came into force on the 20th June, 1880, the area of the Estate was estimated to be 271,740 acres. Of this area 30 acres 2 roods 28 perches was subsequently alienated, consequently when the Church and School Lands Act of 1897 (No. 20) came into operation on the 2nd December, 1897, the area of land which became vested in the Crown was 271,709 acres 1 rood 12 perches.

The subjoined schedule shows the areas leased and the tenures by which they were held under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, at the date of the repeal of that Act by the Church and School Lands Act of 1897.

AREA of Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, 44 Vic. No. 19, in existence since 2nd December, 1897.

	a.	r.	p.
Pastoral	244,071	1	7
Agricultural	10,453	3	32
Gold	619	3	29
Mineral	284	0	1
Ninety-nine years' Lease	16	1	31
Other period Leases	11	0	0
Vacant land	16,283	1	20
	271,740	0	0

Though the Church and School Lands Act of 1897 provided for the conversion of leases into holdings under the Crown Lands Acts, it was optional with the lessees whether they took advantage of the provision, inasmuch as the Act further declared all leases granted or renewed under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880 before the 1st December, 1897, to be valid.

The appended statement will give a fair indication of the extent to which the lessees availed themselves of the provisions of the Church and School Lands Act of 1897. Applications to convert into holdings under the Crown Lands Acts embraced an area of 127,745½ acres, and leases aggregating 29,349¼ acres, were either surrendered or cancelled, thus increasing the acreage of the vacant land from 16,283 acres to 36,515¾ acres.

AREA of Leases Current on the 31st December, 1899; the area applied for to be converted; and the area of land which reverted to the Crown.

	a.	r.	p.
Pastoral	104,385	2	32
Agricultural	2,353	1	26
Gold	170	1	16
Mineral	552	0	0
Ninety-nine years' Leases	16	1	31
Other period Leases	0	2	36
Area applied for to be converted	127,745	1	39
Vacant land	36,515	3	20
	271,740	0	0

From Schedule LXXXVII it will be observed that the applications to convert into holdings under the Crown Lands Acts numbered 188, and embraced an area of 127,745 acres 1 rood 39 perches. Of these applications, 68, comprising an area of 60,910 acres 2 roods 37 perches, were dealt with during the year, leaving 101 applications still outstanding. The rental derived from the converted area amounted to £1,256 16s. 8d.

Part "A," Schedule LXXXIV, shows that 121 pastoral leases granted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880, were current on the 31st December, 1899, comprising an area of 104,385 acres 2 roods 32 perches, and returning an annual rental of £1,491 0s. 4d.

Part "B," Schedule LXXXIV, shows that on the date abovenamed, 145 Agricultural Leases were current, embracing an area of 2,353 acres 1 rood 26 perches, and producing an annual rental of £334 4s. 1d.

The Church and Schools Lands having been vested in the Crown since 2nd December, 1897, all applications for Gold or Mineral Leases on the late Church and School Estate are now made under the Mining Act of 1874, consequently, there were no transactions for this Department to record.

Part "A," Schedule LXXXV, shows that 47 Gold Leases were current on the 31st December, 1899, comprising an area of 170 acres 1 rood 16 perches, and yielding a revenue of £171. During the year 1899, 28 Gold Leases were cancelled and 7 converted into Gold Leases under the Crown Lands Mining Acts.

Part "B," Schedule LXXXV, shows that 9 Mineral Leases were current, on 31st December, 1899, containing 552 acres, returning a rental of £140 1s. per annum; also, that during the year 1 lease was cancelled.

44 leases were granted by the late Church and School Lands Corporation, and the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880, for periods ranging from sixty to ninety-nine years, most of which are situated within the City of Sydney. One fifty-years' lease in the Village of Blayney has been cancelled, and 6 applications have been received to convert a total area of 2 acres 1 rood 35 perches into Special Purchases. These applications have not yet been finally dealt with. For further particulars see Schedule LXXXVI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The number of documents received and registered in the Head Office during the year was 137,715, showing an increase of 13,328 in comparison with the number registered in 1898. (Schedule XCI.)

During the year 180,008 printed and manuscript letters, schedules, parcels, &c., were despatched, while 2,371 telegrams were sent and 104 circulars were issued. (Schedule XCII.)

The number of letters and circulars received at the various Land Board Offices during 1899 was 112,804, as against 108,244 received in 1898, while 123,021 letters, parcels, &c., were despatched. Further particulars are given in Schedule XCIII.

COST OF SURVEY.

Information as to cost of various classes of measurements effected during the year by licensed surveyors, paid under a system of fees, will be found in Schedule XCV.

CHIEF SURVEYOR.

The report of the Chief Surveyor and Director of Trigometrical Survey is appended hereto.

H. CURRY,
Under Secretary.

SCHEDULE I.
REVENUE and Receipts for 1899.

Sales—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auction Sales (including payments on account of sales in previous years)	93,646	0	0			
Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Sales	1,870	0	0			
Improvement Purchases, &c.	2,044	0	0			
Deposits, &c., on Conditional Purchases	38,502	0	0			
Instalments (including interest) on Conditional Purchases	901,516	0	0			
Balances on Conditional Purchases	110,828	0	0			
Miscellaneous Purchases	12,135	0	0			
Total, Land Sales						1,160,541 0 0
Interest on Land Conditionally Purchased... ..						66,181 0 0
Pastoral Occupation—						
Pastoral Leases (Runs)...	222,185	0	0			
Conditional Leases	158,411	0	0			
Annual Leases...	47,779	0	0			
Occupation Licenses	102,965	0	0			
Homestead Leases	51,618	0	0			
Snow Leases	330	0	0			
Inferior Leases	189	0	0			
Scrub Leases	4,095	0	0			
Homestead Selections (Rents, &c.)	25,541	0	0			
Settlement Leases	39,320	0	0			
Improvement Leases	11,586	0	0			
Artesian Well Leases.....	933	0	0			
Quit Rents	498	0	0			
Total, Pastoral Occupation						665,450 0 0
Church and School Lands						6,024 0 0
Miscellaneous—						
Licenses to cut Timber	11,693	0	0			
Fees on Transfer of Runs, &c.	1,038	0	0			
Fees on Preparation and Enrolment of Title Deeds	3,203	0	0			
Survey Fees	34,278	0	0			
Special Leases	20,468	0	0			
All other Receipts	16,405	0	0			
Total, Miscellaneous						87,085 0 0
Total						£1,985,281 0 0

SCHEDULE II.

EXPENDITURE for all Services during 1899.

Heads of Services, &c.	1897 Services.	1898 Services.	1899 Services.	Total.
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAWS.				
Salaries—Permanent Staff	£	s.	d.	£
Do Temporary Employees		526	6 1	158,102 14 8
Travelling Expenses (including Equipment and Forage Allowances)		34	10 8	3,075 10 8
General Expenses		2,297	4 0	25,191 10 10
Appraisal and Inspection Fees		552	1 0	5,355 17 4
Fees for attendance at Local Land Courts		110	5 0	257 15 6
Rent	40	0	0	4,004 4 6
Legal Expenses and special inquiries under Crown Lands Acts		396	5 0	358 7 0
Compensation Claims (excluding payments for Parks, Cemeteries, and Roads)		270	16 2	2,503 0 8
Roads under Roads Act of 1897—Compensation, &c.				2,075 9 0
Preparation of Deeds ..				2,872 4 3
Stamp Duties		119	6 0	1,037 12 10
Wages and Provisions for Surveyors' Labourers ..		11	0 0	96 3 0
Plans and Tracings by Contract ..		928	7 0	10,696 4 5
Lithography		351	16 7	3,568 6 9
Instruments, Materials, and Books		11	17 6	86 6 6
Survey Fees		27	16 0	275 8 1
Photo lithography (performed at Government Printing Office)	34	5	1	7,973 8 9
Land Appeal Court—Salaries and Contingencies		210	2 3	434 11 9
Expenses of removal of Officers		170	12 6	5,904 14 6
Climatic Allowances		45	0 7	887 14 9
		716	12 1	1,504 2 7
Total Services in connection with the Administration of the Land Laws ..	£	74	5 1	262,137 9 5
SPECIAL SERVICES.				
Public Cemeteries—Fencing, clearing, and acquisition of sites for				1,601 11 2
Public Parks and Recreation Reserves—For acquisition of sites for, and improvements, &c.				20,864 15 8
Rabbit-proof Fencing		41	11 1	899 12 6
Labour Settlements				94 8 1
Gosford Nursery (exclusive of salaries and wages)		3	14 9	136 19 6
Church and School Lands—Contingencies		190	9 4	168 11 9
Steam Mail Service, Pacific Islands		525	0 0	1,575 0 0
Advances to Settlers' Board (from 1st May, 1899) ..				1,510 8 6
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring, exclusive of Salaries (paid from Consolidated Revenue Vote) from 1st November, 1899 ..				1,214 13 10
Total, Special Services ..		760	15 2	27,556 1 0
Total Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Votes, &c. ..	£	74	5 1	289,693 10 5
		15,666	11 4	305,434 6 10

* In connection with the government of Norfolk Island.

SCHEDULE II—continued.

Hheads of Services, &c.	1897 Services.	1898 Services.	1899 Services.	Total.
OTHER SERVICES, PAID FOR FROM LOAN VOTES.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Scrub clearing—West Bogan Scrub*	.. ..	18 8 0	20,855 7 3	20,873 15 3
Hay Irrigation Works	.. ..	.. ..	86 0 0	86 0 0
Terragong Swamp Drainage	.. ..	9 13 8	306 16 11	316 10 7
Thinning out Forest Reserves	.. ..	.. ..	6,116 7 1	6,116 7 1
Clearing and improving Crown Lands	.. ..	1,068 12 11	22 15 6	1,091 8 5
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring— From 1st November, 1899	.. ..	.. ..	7,218 12 4	7,218 12 4
Total, paid from Loan Votes....	.. ..	1,096 14 7	34,605 19 1	35,702 13 8
Grand Total	£ 74 5 1	16,763 5 11	324,299 9 6	341,137 0 6

* Work performed under the supervision of the Department of Labour and Industry.

SCHEDULE III.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Expenditure in 1898 and 1899 respectively.

Head of Service.	1898.	1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAWS.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	159,087 8 1	161,739 2 1	2,651 14 0	.....
Travelling Expenses, Equipment and Forage Allowances	25,278 4 11	27,488 14 10	2,210 9 11	.....
General Expenses	5,105 12 3	5,907 18 4	802 6 1	.....
Appraisal and Inspection Fees	771 10 8	368 0 6	.....	403 10 2
Fees for Attendance at Local Land Courts	4,367 16 0	4,400 9 6	32 13 6	.....
Rents	662 16 0	552 16 0	.....	110 0 0
Legal Expenses and special inquiries under Crown Lands Acts	3,262 15 7	2,833 16 10	.....	428 18 9
Compensation Claims (excluding payments for Parks, Cemeteries, and Roads under Roads Act)	760 1 9	2,075 9 0	1,315 7 3	.....
Roads under Roads Act of 1897—Compensation, &c.	3,468 3 0	2,872 4 3	.....	595 18 9
Preparation of Deeds	1,053 2 0	1,156 18 10	103 16 10	.....
Stamp Duties	126 12 0	107 3 0	.....	19 9 0
Wages and Provisions for Surveyors' Labourers	12,122 3 9	11,622 11 5	.....	499 12 4
Plans and Tracings by Contract	4,132 6 5	3,920 3 4	.....	212 3 1
Lithography	254 1 4	98 4 0	.....	155 17 4
Instruments, Materials, and Books	396 12 0	303 4 1	.....	93 7 11
Survey Fees	40,131 11 11	41,797 3 8	1,665 11 9	.....
Photo-lithography (performed at Government Printing Office)	910 9 0	644 14 0	.....	265 15 0
Land Appeal Court (including Salaries, Travelling Expenses, &c)	6,272 18 3	6,075 7 0	.....	197 11 3
Expenses of removal of Officers	1,077 14 0	932 15 4	.....	144 18 8
Fees, &c.—Court of Claims	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Climate Allowances* .....	.....	2,220 14 8	2,220 14 8	.....
Total Services in connection with the Administration of the Land Laws...£	269,311 18 11	277,117 10 8	11,002 14 0	3,227 2 3
SPECIAL SERVICES.				
Public Cemeteries—Fencing, clearing, and acquisition of sites for	1,665 13 10	1,601 11 2	.....	64 2 8
Public Parks and Recreation Reserves—For acquisition of sites for, and improvements, &c.	12,868 15 4	20,864 15 8	7,996 0 4	.....
Rabbit-proof Fencing	103 17 11	441 3 7	337 5 8	.....
Labour Settlements .....	.....	94 8 1	94 8 1	.....
Gosford Nursery (exclusive of salaries and wages)	170 13 2	140 14 3	.....	29 18 11
Church and School Lands	887 5 10	+349 1 1	.....	538 4 9
Steam Mail Service, Pacific Islands	2,525 0 0	2,100 0 0	.....	425 0 0
Advances to Settlers' Board .....	.....	1,510 8 6	1,510 8 6	.....
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring (paid from Consolidated Revenue Vote)—From 1st November, 1899† .....	.....	1,214 13 10	1,214 13 10	.....
Total, Special Services	£ 18,221 6 1	28,316 16 2	11,152 16 5	1,057 6 4
Total Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Votes, &c.... £	287,563 5 0	305,434 6 10	22,155 10 5	4,284 8 7
OTHER SERVICES, PAID FOR FROM LOAN VOTES.				
Scrub-clearing—West Bogan Scrub	28,355 0 11	20,873 15 3	.....	7,481 5 8
Do Stock Routes	5,386 11 10	.....	.....	5,386 11 10
Hay Irrigation Works	389 4 10	86 0 0	.....	303 4 10
Terragong Swamp Drainage	145 15 9	316 10 7	170 14 10	.....
Thinning-out Forest Reserves	4,770 2 3	6,116 7 1	1,346 4 10	.....
Clearing and improving Crown Lands	461 17 8	1,091 8 5	629 10 9	.....
Public Watering Places and Artesian Boring—From 1st November, 1899 ..	.....	7,218 12 4	7,218 12 4	.....
Total Expenditure from Loan Votes	£ 39,508 13 3	35,702 13 8	9,365 2 9	13,171 2 4
Totals	£ 327,071 18 3	341,137 0 6	31,520 13 2	17,455 10 11
			Deduct Decrease.....	17,455 10 11
			Net Increase.....	£ 14,065 2 3

* To cover extra cost of living in the cases of officers stationed in remote districts. † Salaries of officers of Church and School Lands Branch included under the heading "Salaries" ‡ Transferred from the Department of Mines and Agriculture.

SCHEDULE IV.

SALARIES paid in the year 1899.

	Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH.			
Head Office Staff	32,276 13 0	264 4 11	32,540 17 11
Local Land Boards	20,127 4 5	27 8 4	20,154 12 9
Land Agents and Assistants	9,710 13 1	.....	9,710 13 1
Inspectors of Conditional Purchases and Foresters	9,160 13 1	56 5 0	9,216 18 1
Forest Branch	2,801 10 3	699 13 2	3,501 3 5
Messengers and others	4,193 0 6	62 15 2	4,255 15 8
	78,269 14 4	1,110 6 7	79,380 0 11
SURVEY BRANCH.			
Head Office Staff	30,138 16 1	970 17 4	31,109 13 5
District Survey Offices	33,411 3 5	596 11 9	34,007 15 2
Salaried Surveyors	10,997 18 4	239 5 8	11,237 4 0
Assistant Surveyors	1,283 6 8	.....	1,283 6 8
Field Assistants	329 10 0	.....	329 10 0
	76,160 14 6	1,806 14 9	77,967 9 3
TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY BRANCH.			
Field Staff	1,512 18 1	.....	1,512 18 1
Office Staff	854 0 6	1 10 0	855 10 6
	2,366 18 7	1 10 0	2,368 8 7
TOTAL	156,797 7 5	2,918 11 4	159,715 18 9
LAND APPEAL COURT.			
President and Commissioners	4,000 0 0	.....	*4,000 0 0
Registrar, Clerks, and Messenger	1,035 10 0	.....	1,035 10 0
	5,035 10 0	.....	5,035 10 0
CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS.			
Clerks and Ranger	600 0 0	127 15 0	727 15 0
WEST BOGAN SCRUB.			
Inspector .....	.....	225 0 0	†225 0 0
PUBLIC WATERING PLACES AND ARTESIAN BORING.‡			
Field and Office Staff	581 13 4	63 15 0	645 8 4
ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BOARD.§			
Chairman, Clerks, and Messenger	650 0 0	1,099 12 8	1,749 12 8
GRAND TOTAL	163,664 10 9	4,434 14 0	168,099 4 9

* Salaries of President and Commissioners (£4,000) paid from Special Appropriation, under Act 55 Vic. No. 24.

† Salary paid from Loan Vote, £100,000, 59 Vic. No. 6.

‡ Transferred from Department of Mines to Department of Lands, 1st November, 1899.

§ From 1st May, 1899.

SCHEDULE V.

STATEMENT showing the Strength of the Staff and Annual Rate of Salaries on the 31st December, 1898 and 1899 respectively

Branches	Numbers		Salaries	
	31st Dec 1898	31st Dec, 1899	31st Dec, 1898	31st Dec, 1899
Administrative Branch (Head Office)	168	179	£ 32,800	£ 34,288
Survey Branch (Head Office)... ..	131	149	29,340	32,851
Trigonometrical Survey Branch	8	9	2,325	2,425
Local Land Boards	133	134	30,962	30,447
District Survey Offices	174	165	47,011	46,430
Church and School Lands	3	4	600	710
Land Agents and Assistants	35	32	9,990	9,250
Forest Branch	9	16	1,925	2,990
Land Appeal Court	7	7	5,019	5,030
Advances to Settlers Board . . . . .	...	*20	.	3,195
Public Watering Places . . . . .	...	†55	.	8,405
Totals	668	770	159,972	176,021

* Inaugurated 1st May, 1899

† Transferred from Mines Department to Lands, 1st November, 1899

SCHEDULE VI.

STATEMENT of Travelling Expenses and Fees paid in connection with Local Land Board Meetings during the year 1899.

District	Particulars	Amount	Total
		£ s d	£ s d.
Armidale	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	436 19 6	
	Members' travelling expenses	166 14 0	
	Members' fees	289 16 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	50 16 10	944 6 4
Bourke	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	415 10 1	
	Members' travelling expenses	68 19 3	
	Members' fees	221 11 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	79 5 7	785 5 11
Dubbo . .	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	186 5 0	
	Members' travelling expenses	39 19 4	
	Members' fees	274 1 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	131 10 7	631 15 11
Forbes	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	437 0 3	
	Members' travelling expenses	71 18 3	
	Members' fees	365 8 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	79 1 6	953 8 0
Goulburn . .	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	549 1 4	
	Members' travelling expenses	156 19 0	
	Members' fees	390 12 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	20 12 1	1,117 4 5
Grafton	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	336 3 11	
	Members' travelling expenses	74 4 3	
	Members' fees	182 14 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	15 8 6	608 10 8
Hay	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	404 4 3	
	Members' travelling expenses	35 7 6	
	Members' fees	330 15 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	15 2 6	785 9 3
Matland . .	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	264 13 1	
	Members' travelling expenses	108 7 5	
	Members' fees	263 11 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	79 3 3	715 14 9
Moree	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	344 9 5	
	Members' travelling expenses	94 17 6	
	Members' fees	289 16 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	51 1 1	780 4 0
Orange	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	305 5 1	
	Members' travelling expenses	122 7 11	
	Members' fees	394 16 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	60 15 9	883 4 9

SCHEDULE VI—continued.

District	Particulars.	Amount	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sydney	Chairman's and clerk's travelling expenses	76 9 11	377 14 9
	Members' travelling expenses	8 4 4	
	Members' fees	249 18 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	43 2 6	
Tamworth	Chairmen's and clerk's travelling expenses	388 18 3	1,070 15 0
	Members' travelling expenses	227 19 2	
	Members' fees	345 9 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	108 8 7	
Wagga Wagga	Chairmen's and clerk's travelling expenses	417 15 7	1,283 17 9
	Members' travelling expenses	85 2 0	
	Members' fees	612 3 0	
	Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	168 17 2	
	Grand Total		£10,937 11 6

SUMMARY.

Chairmen's and clerks' travelling expenses	£ s. d.
Members' travelling expenses	4,562 15 8
Members' fees	1,260 19 11
Fees and travelling expenses of surveyors, inspectors, and witnesses	4,210 10 0
	903 5 11
	<u>£10,937 11 6</u>

SCHEDULE VII.

STATEMENT of Revenue and Expenditure for the years 1886 to 1899 inclusive, showing the percentage of the latter to Revenue.

Year.	Total Expenditure	*Extraordinary Expenses deducted	Net Expenditure	Decrease as compared with 1886	Revenue.	Percentage of Net Expenditure to Revenue.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	per cent.
1886	555,873 5 10		555,873 5 10		1,599,714	34 00
1887	684,312 1 7	175,269 13 8	509,042 7 11	46,830 17 11	2,323,681	21 00
1888	472,336 8 2	96,355 14 4	375,980 13 10	179,892 12 0	2,154,409	17 00
1889	399,754 10 4	41,407 19 1	358,346 11 3	197,526 14 7	2,067,385	17 00
1890	421,242 14 9	33,719 17 5	387,522 17 4	168,350 8 6	2,165,528	17 00
1891	435,156 2 9	26,778 1 6	408,378 1 3	147,495 4 7	2,197,090	18 00
1892	410,842 0 8	43,023 17 5	367,818 3 3	188,055 2 7	2,154,717	17 00
1893	379,531 10 11	57,346 2 0	322,185 8 11	233,687 16 11	2,147,144	15 00
1894	336,835 19 2	34,866 19 11	301,968 19 3	253,904 6 7	2,075,885	14 54
1895	320,308 7 9	30,397 8 4	289,910 19 5	265,962 6 8	1,960,605	14 78
1896	341,049 6 11	56,388 1 1	284,661 5 10	271,212 0 0	1,882,857	15 11
1897	361,345 16 1	96,012 19 5	265,332 16 8	290,540 9 2	1,891,907	14 02
1898	327,071 18 3	70,607 9 5	256,464 8 10	299,408 17 0	2,002,415	12 80
1899	341,137 0 6	78,683 8 8	262,453 11 10	293,419 14 0	1,985,281	13 21
	£ 5,786,797 3 8	840,857 12 3	4,945,939 11 5	..	28,608,618	

* Includes expenditure mainly in connection with the Forest Branch, the Rabbit Branch, the Public Watering places and Artesian-boring Branch, Roads under Public Roads Act, Public Parks and Recreation Reserves, Labour Settlements, Land Appeal Court, and works paid for from Loan Votes, not incurred in 1886.

Extraordinary Expenses to be deducted from Expenditure for 1899 (Schedule VII).

	£ s. d.
Special Services (see Return II)	28,316 16 2
Other Services (Loans)	35,702 13 8
Roads under Roads Act	2,872 4 3
Land Appeal Court	6,075 7 0
Forest Branch (Salaries and Contingencies)	5,070 19 3
	<u>£78,038 0 4</u>
Public Watering-places Branch—Salaries (Permanent)	581 13 4
Do do (Temporary)	63 15 0
	<u>£78,683 8 8</u>

SCHEDULE VIII.

SCHEDULE VIII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases applied for during 1899, with the amount of Deposits and Survey Fees received.

Local Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Land.	Section 26.				Section 42.				Section 47.				Total in each Class.			
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armidale—																	
Armidale	Ordinary lands	50	7,491 0 0	749 2 0	287 12 6	34	5,414 2 0	541 9 0	91 13 11	...	.....	.....	.....	84	12,905 2 0	1,290 11 0	379 6 5
	Special areas..	2	73 0 0	12 18 0	5 15 0	2	9 2 0	8 16 0	1 17 6	...	.....	.....	.....	4	82 2 0	21 14 0	7 12 6
Glen Innes	Ordinary lands	26	2,203 2 0	220 7 0	125 5 0	15	1,304 3 0	134 5 3	41 17 2	1	46 1 0	9 5 0	4 5 0	42	3,554 2 0	363 17 3	171 7 2
	Special areas...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	75 0 0	11 5 0	3 13 2	...	.....	.....	.....	1	75 0 0	11 5 0	3 13 2
Inverell	Ordinary lands	21	2,689 0 0	268 18 0	114 5 0	16	1,661 2 0	166 3 0	51 14 0	...	.....	.....	.....	37	4,350 2 0	435 1 0	165 19 0
	Special areas...	1	100 0 0	15 0 0	5 5 0	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	100 0 0	15 0 0	5 5 0
Tenterfield	Ordinary lands	47	6,181 0 0	618 2 0	258 12 6	35	3,038 2 0	303 18 0	93 4 9	1	43 0 0	8 12 0	3 1 11	83	9,262 2 0	930 12 0	354 19 2
	Special areas...	1	24 0 0	3 12 0	3 4 0	2	39 3 10	5 19 6	4 10 0	...	.....	.....	.....	3	63 3 10	9 11 6	7 14 0
Walcha	Ordinary lands	16	1,653 2 0	165 7 0	82 7 6	12	1,410 0 0	141 0 0	42 2 0	...	.....	.....	.....	28	3,063 2 0	306 7 0	124 9 6
Total {	Ordinary lands ...	160	20,218 0 0	2,021 16 0	863 2 6	112	12,829 1 0	1,286 15 3	320 11 10	2	89 1 0	17 17 0	7 6 11	274	33,136 2 0	3,326 8 3	1,196 1 3
	Special areas	4	197 0 0	31 10 0	14 4 0	5	124 1 10	26 0 6	10 0 8	...	.....	.....	.....	9	321 1 10	57 10 6	24 4 8
	Grand Total	164	20,415 0 0	2,053 6 0	882 6 6	117	12,953 2 10	1,312 15 9	330 12 6	2	89 1 0	17 17 0	7 6 11	283	33,457 3 10	3,383 18 9	1,220 5 11
Bourke—																	
Brewarrina East..	Ordinary lands	2	104 0 0	10 8 0	8 12 6	1	320 0 0	32 0 0	6 0 0	...	.....	.....	.....	3	424 0 0	42 8 0	14 12 6
Dubbo—																	
Coonamble.....	Ordinary lands	8	2,123 0 0	212 6 0	55 2 6	18	14,220 2 0	1,422 1 0	117 7 8	...	.....	.....	.....	26	16,343 2 0	1,634 7 0	172 10 2
Dubbo	Ordinary lands	6	1,190 0 0	119 0 0	37 10 0	9	1,008 0 0	100 16 0	30 19 5	...	.....	.....	.....	15	2,198 0 0	219 16 0	63 9 5
	Special areas...	6	453 0 0	113 5 0	28 17 6	1	640 0 0	96 0 0	8 1 3	...	.....	.....	.....	7	1,093 0 0	209 5 0	36 18 9
Nyngan	Ordinary lands	...	.....	.....	.....	4	802 0 0	80 4 0	19 13 10	...	.....	.....	.....	4	802 0 0	80 4 0	19 13 10
	Special areas...	1	21 0 20	8 9 0	3 2 0	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	21 0 20	8 9 0	3 2 0
Warren	Ordinary lands	4	524 1 0	52 8 6	21 15 0	18	12,443 1 0	1,244 6 6	110 3 5	...	.....	.....	.....	22	12,967 2 0	1,296 15 0	131 18 5
	Special areas...	2	170 3 0	46 8 9	9 2 6	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	170 3 0	46 8 9	9 2 6
Total {	Ordinary lands ...	18	3,837 1 0	383 14 6	114 7 6	49	28,473 3 0	2,847 7 6	278 4 4	...	.....	.....	.....	67	32,311 0 0	3,231 2 0	392 11 10
	Special areas	9	644 3 20	168 2 9	41 2 0	1	610 0 0	96 0 0	8 1 3	...	.....	.....	.....	10	1,284 3 20	264 2 9	49 3 3
	Grand Total	27	4,482 0 20	551 17 3	155 9 6	50	29,113 3 0	2,943 7 6	286 5 7	...	.....	.....	.....	77	33,595 3 20	3,495 4 9	441 15 1
Forbes—																	
Barmedman	Ordinary lands	3	760 0 0	76 0 0	19 15 0	6	5,003 0 0	500 6 0	17 3 2	...	.....	.....	.....	9	5,763 0 0	576 6 0	36 18 2
Barmedman East	Ordinary lands	2	240 0 0	24 0 0	11 0 0	2	124 0 0	12 8 0	6 16 11	...	.....	.....	.....	4	364 0 0	36 8 0	17 16 11
Condobolin	Ordinary lands	1	160 0 0	16 0 0	6 0 0	10	7,155 0 0	715 10 0	72 15 3	...	.....	.....	.....	11	7,315 0 0	731 10 0	78 15 3
	Special areas...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	20 0 0	8 0 0	2 5 0	...	.....	.....	.....	1	20 0 0	8 0 0	2 5 0
Forbes	Ordinary lands	...	.....	.....	.....	10	7,104 3 0	710 9 6	63 0 2	...	.....	.....	.....	10	7,104 3 0	710 9 6	63 0 2
	Special areas...	5	973 2 20	161 6 9	28 12 0	3	173 1 0	24 13 5	10 2 7	...	.....	.....	.....	8	1,146 3 20	186 0 2	38 14 7
Grenfell	Ordinary lands	8	2,638 0 0	263 16 0	61 12 6	15	4,703 3 0	470 8 6	76 2 8	...	.....	.....	.....	23	7,341 3 0	734 4 6	137 15 2
	Special areas .....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	80 0 0	12 0 0	6 0 0	...	.....	.....	.....	2	80 0 0	12 0 0	6 0 0
Parkes	Ordinary lands	5	898 3 10	89 18 0	29 0 0	25	3,869 1 0	386 18 6	105 11 5	...	.....	.....	.....	30	4,768 0 10	476 16 6	134 11 5
	Special areas...	8	307 0 20	51 3 6	28 15 10	3	60 0 0	12 19 0	5 18 6	...	.....	.....	.....	11	367 0 20	64 2 6	34 14 4
Total {	Ordinary lands ...	19	4,696 3 10	469 14 0	127 7 6	68	27,959 3 0	2,796 0 6	341 9 7	...	.....	.....	.....	87	32,656 2 10	3,265 14 6	468 17 1
	Special areas	13	1,280 3 0	212 10 3	57 7 10	9	333 1 0	57 12 5	24 6 1	...	.....	.....	.....	22	1,614 0 0	270 2 8	81 13 11
	Grand Total	32	5,977 2 10	682 4 3	184 15 4	77	28,293 0 0	2,853 12 11	365 15 8	...	.....	.....	.....	109	34,270 2 10	3,535 17 2	550 11 0

SCHEDULE VIII—continued.

Local Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Land.	Section 26.				Section 42.				Section 47.				Total in each Class.				
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
246—F Goulburn—	Bega	Ordinary lands	7	590 0 0	59 0 0	34 7 6	2	110 0 0	11 0 0	6 11 3	...	.....	.....	9	700 0 0	70 0 0	40 18 9
	Bombala	Ordinary lands	13	1,220 0 0	122 0 0	64 17 6	4	170 0 0	17 0 0	9 3 9	...	.....	.....	17	1,320 0 0	139 0 0	74 1 3
		Special areas...	7	618 3 0	109 1 9	34 5 0	2	118 0 0	21 12 0	6 15 0	...	.....	.....	9	736 3 0	130 13 9	41 0 0
	Boorowa	Ordinary lands	3	140 0 0	14 0 0	12 10 0	11	927 3 0	92 15 6	32 16 4	...	.....	.....	14	1,067 3 0	106 15 6	45 6 4
		Special areas...	6	1,279 3 0	172 2 6	40 0 0	4	309 2 0	51 1 3	14 14 6	...	.....	.....	10	1,589 1 0	223 3 9	54 14 6
	Braidwood.....	Ordinary lands	1	50 0 0	5 0 0	4 5 0	7	313 0 0	31 6 0	21 15 1	...	.....	.....	8	363 0 0	36 6 0	26 0 1
		Special areas...	3	215 3 34	39 14 0	12 11 8	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3	215 3 34	39 14 0	12 11 8
	Cooma	Ordinary lands	38	4,603 3 0	460 7 6	206 5 0	18	1,318 1 0	131 16 6	51 18 3	...	.....	.....	56	5,922 0 0	592 4 0	258 3 3
		Special areas...	5	229 3 24	72 1 8	17 5 0	5	140 3 10	28 13 0	11 15 6	...	.....	.....	10	370 2 34	106 14 8	29 0 6
	Eden	Ordinary lands	11	590 0 0	59 0 0	47 10 0	9	626 3 0	62 13 6	27 9 5	...	.....	.....	20	1,216 3 0	121 13 6	74 19 5
	Goulburn	Ordinary lands	9	565 0 0	56 10 0	40 2 6	2	140 0 0	14 0 0	6 18 9	...	.....	.....	11	705 0 0	70 10 0	47 1 3
	Gunning	Ordinary lands	2	123 0 0	12 6 0	9 2 6	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	...	.....	.....	3	163 0 0	16 6 0	12 2 6
		Special areas...	1	64 0 0	14 8 0	4 12 6	2	170 1 0	17 0 6	7 10 0	...	.....	.....	3	231 1 0	31 8 6	12 2 6
	Moruya	Ordinary lands	8	982 0 0	98 4 0	42 12 6	2	190 0 0	19 0 0	4 8 2	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	11	1,212 0 0	125 4 0	51 0 8
	Moss Vale	Ordinary lands	6	889 0 0	88 18 0	34 5 0	2	300 0 0	30 0 0	5 15 0	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	3 0 0	9	1,229 0 0	126 18 0	43 0 0
	Queanbeyan	Ordinary lands	9	1,052 0 0	105 4 0	48 2 6	3	840 0 0	84 0 0	4 2 6	...	.....	.....	12	1,892 0 0	189 4 0	52 5 0
		Special areas...	4	1,220 0 0	183 0 0	31 10 0	1	315 0 0	47 5 0	6 0 0	...	.....	.....	5	1,535 0 0	230 5 0	37 10 0
	Yass	Ordinary lands	6	1,420 0 0	142 0 0	41 5 0	3	130 0 0	13 0 0	9 3 9	...	.....	.....	9	1,550 0 0	155 0 0	50 8 9
Young	Ordinary lands	1	100 0 0	10 0 0	5 5 0	3	488 1 0	48 16 6	8 12 6	1	50 0 0	10 0 0	4 5 0	5	638 1 0	68 16 6	18 2 6	
	Special areas...	3	264 2 18	44 16 3	12 12 0	1	169 1 0	25 7 9	4 11 11	...	.....	.....	4	433 3 18	70 4 0	17 3 11	
Total	{ Ordinary lands ...	114	12,324 3 0	1,232 9 6	590 10 0	67	5,594 0 0	559 8 0	191 14 9	3	130 0 0	26 0 0	11 5 0	184	18,048 3 0	1,817 17 6	793 9 9	
	{ Special areas	29	3,892 3 36	635 4 2	152 16 2	15	1,222 3 10	190 19 6	51 6 11	...	.....	.....	.....	44	5,115 3 6	826 3 8	204 3 1
Total		143	16,217 2 36	1,867 13 8	743 6 2	82	6,816 3 10	750 7 6	213 1 8	3	130 0 0	26 0 0	11 5 0	228	23,164 2 6	2,644 1 2	997 12 10	
Grafton—	Bellingen	Ordinary lands	34	3,092 1 0	309 4 6	166 17 6	8	650 0 0	65 0 0	27 10 1	2	80 0 0	16 0 0	8 0 0	44	3,822 1 0	390 4 6	202 7 7
		Special areas...	...	.....	.....	.....	1	57 1 0	8 11 9	3 7 6	...	.....	.....	1	57 1 0	8 11 9	3 7 6
	Casino	Ordinary lands	4	327 0 0	32 14 0	20 0 0	16	4,336 0 0	433 12 0	45 10 9	1	60 0 0	12 0 0	4 10 0	21	4,723 0 0	478 6 0	70 0 9
		Special areas...	3	318 3 9½	64 4 11	13 3 4	1	15 2 0	5 8 6	1 19 0	...	.....	.....	4	334 1 9½	69 13 5	15 2 4
	Grafton	Ordinary lands	8	575 0 0	57 10 0	36 15 0	6	1,049 0 0	104 18 0	18 13 3	1	50 0 0	10 0 0	4 5 0	15	1,674 0 0	172 8 0	59 13 3
	Kempsey	Ordinary lands	17	1,206 0 0	120 12 0	79 7 6	3	358 0 10	35 16 2	11 5 1	...	.....	.....	20	1,564 0 10	156 8 2	90 12 7
		Special areas...	3	234 2 23	42 17 5	11 16 6	2	9 2 27	3 17 5	1 15 0	...	.....	.....	5	244 1 13	46 14 10	13 11 6
	Lismore	Ordinary lands	4	379 1 0	37 18 6	20 17 6	4	305 0 0	30 10 0	14 10 8	...	.....	.....	8	684 1 0	68 8 6	35 8 2
		Special areas...	7	43 2 33	24 5 7	10 11 4	4	68 3 10½	18 13 4	6 7 6	...	.....	.....	11	112 2 8½	42 18 11	16 18 10
	Murwillumbah ...	Ordinary lands	12	1,080 0 0	107 0 0	59 2 6	6	754 0 0	75 8 0	25 10 0	2	140 0 0	28 0 0	9 5 0	20	1,974 0 0	210 8 0	93 17 6
		Special areas...	6	137 1 14	38 19 6	15 12 8	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	6	137 1 14	38 19 6	15 12 8
	Port Macquarie...	Ordinary lands	16	832 0 20	83 4 3	67 10 0	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	.....	...	.....	.....	17	872 0 20	87 4 3	67 10 0
	Total	{ Ordinary lands ...	95	7,491 2 20	748 3 3	450 10 0	44	7,492 0 10	749 4 2	142 19 10	6	330 0 0	66 0 0	26 0 0	145	15,313 2 30	1,503 7 5	619 9 10
		{ Special areas	19	734 2 7½	170 7 5	51 3 10	8	151 0 37½	36 11 0	13 9 0	27	885 3 5½	206 18 5	64 12 10
	Grand Total		114	8,226 0 27½	918 10 8	501 13 10	52	7,613 1 7½	785 15 2	156 8 10	6	330 0 0	66 0 0	26 0 0	172	16,199 1 35½	1,770 5 10	684 2 8

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Local Land Board District and District.	Class of Land.	Section 26.			Section 42.			Section 47.			Total in each Class.		
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.
			a. r. p.	£. s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hay—													
Balranald South..	Ordinary lands	1	203 2 0	20 7 0	4 19 5	1	203 2 0	20 7 0	4 19 5	1	203 2 0	20 7 0	4 19 5
Deniliquin.....	Ordinary lands	7	2,231 1 0	223 2 6	30 0 1	7	2,231 1 0	223 2 6	30 0 1	7	2,231 1 0	223 2 6	30 0 1
	Special areas...	1	635 0 0	111 2 6	10 12 6	3	387 2 0	85 1 6	12 15 1	4	1,022 2 0	196 4 0	23 7 7
Hay	Ordinary lands	1	227 3 0	22 15 6	6 17 6	2	244 0 0	24 8 0	8 6 11	3	471 3 0	47 3 6	15 4 5
Hillston	Ordinary lands	2	200 0 0	20 0 0	10 10 0	2	200 0 0	20 0 0	10 10 0	2	200 0 0	20 0 0	10 10 0
Total {	Ordinary lands ...	3	427 3 0	42 15 6	17 7 6	10	2,678 3 0	267 17 6	43 6 5	13	3,106 2 0	310 13 0	60 13 11
	Special areas	1	635 0 0	111 2 6	10 12 6	3	387 2 0	85 1 6	12 15 1	4	1,022 2 0	196 4 0	23 7 7
Grand Total		4	1,062 3 0	153 18 0	28 0 0	13	3,066 1 0	352 19 0	56 1 6	17	4,129 0 0	506 17 0	84 1 6
Maitland—													
Cassilis	Ordinary lands	7	980 0 0	98 0 0	38 15 0	7	1,845 3 0	184 11 6	23 16 11	14	2,825 3 0	282 11 6	62 11 11
	Special areas ..	1	172 0 0	34 8 0	6 5 0	1	172 0 0	34 8 0	6 5 0	1	172 0 0	34 8 0	6 5 0
Dungog	Ordinary lands	4	370 0 0	37 0 0	19 2 6	1	60 0 0	6 0 0	3 7 6	2	90 0 0	18 0 0	8 5 0
	Special areas...	1	176 0 0	26 8 0	6 5 0	1	176 0 0	26 8 0	6 5 0	1	176 0 0	26 8 0	6 5 0
Gosford	Ordinary lands	7	300 0 0	30 0 0	28 0 0	7	300 0 0	30 0 0	28 0 0	7	300 0 0	30 0 0	28 0 0
	Special areas ..	2	10 2 24	2 3 0	3 0 3	1	8 0 15	1 12 6	1 11 0	3	18 2 39	3 15 6	4 11 3
Maitland	Ordinary lands	4	220 0 0	22 0 0	17 10 0	1	50 0 0	5 0 0	3 3 9	5	270 0 0	27 0 0	20 13 9
Muswellbrook ...	Ordinary lands	3	120 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	3	120 0 0	12 0 0	9 0 0	6	240 0 0	24 0 0	21 0 0
Paterson	Ordinary lands	3	235 0 0	23 10 0	15 7 6	5	642 0 0	64 4 0	14 15 1	8	927 0 0	92 14 0	30 2 7
	Special areas...	2	127 2 0	19 2 6	7 0 8	2	127 2 0	19 2 6	7 0 8	2	127 2 0	19 2 6	7 0 8
Raymond Terrace	Ordinary lands	1	80 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	1	80 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	1	80 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0
Scone	Ordinary lands	37	10,658 0 0	1,065 16 0	280 10 0	14	4,497 0 0	449 14 0	40 13 2	51	15,155 0 0	1,515 10 0	321 3 2
Singleton	Ordinary lands	4	175 0 0	17 10 0	16 7 6	3	798 0 0	79 16 0	14 14 5	1	60 0 0	12 0 0	4 10 0
Stroud	Ordinary lands	4	170 0 0	17 0 0	16 5 0	4	233 3 0	23 7 6	13 8 2	8	403 3 0	40 7 6	29 13 2
	Special areas ..	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0
Taree	Ordinary lands	33	2,234 1 0	223 9 0	150 7 6	21	1,292 3 0	129 5 6	63 1 11	1	68 0 0	13 12 0	4 15 0
	Special areas...	1	44 1 0	6 12 9	3 1 11	1	44 1 0	6 12 9	3 1 11	1	44 1 0	6 12 9	3 1 11
Woolambi	Ordinary lands	18	1,262 1 0	126 4 6	82 2 6	1	64 0 0	6 8 0	3 9 5	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0
Total {	Ordinary lands...	124	16,774 2 0	1,677 9 6	676 7 6	61	9,633 1 0	968 6 6	189 10 4	5	258 0 0	51 12 0	21 10 0
	Special areas.....	4	358 2 24	62 19 0	15 10 3	5	219 3 15	33 7 9	14 13 7	9	578 1 39	96 6 9	30 3 10
Grand Total		128	17,133 0 24	1,740 8 6	691 17 9	66	9,903 0 15	1,001 14 3	204 3 11	5	258 0 0	51 12 0	21 10 0
Moree—													
Bingara	Ordinary lands	5	1,660 0 0	166 0 0	38 7 6	7	2,699 2 0	269 19 0	38 6 11	12	4,359 2 0	435 19 0	76 14 5
	Special areas...	1	338 0 0	50 14 0	8 5 0	1	338 0 0	50 14 0	8 5 0	1	338 0 0	50 14 0	8 5 0
Moree	Ordinary lands	3	1,840 0 0	184 0 0	31 10 0	7	2,186 2 20	218 13 6	11 10 8	10	4,026 2 20	402 13 6	43 0 8
	Special areas...	2	127 0 0	41 6 0	9 5 0	2	230 0 0	51 15 0	8 5 0	4	357 0 0	93 1 0	17 10 0
Walgett	Ordinary lands	7	1,146 2 0	114 13 0	40 5 0	6	3,343 0 0	334 6 0	42 0 2	13	4,489 2 0	448 19 0	82 5 2
Warialda	Ordinary lands	12	2,690 0 0	269 0 0	78 4 6	30	10,428 0 0	1,042 16 0	139 0 7	42	13,118 0 0	1,311 16 0	217 5 1
	Special areas ..	2	840 0 0	126 0 0	17 5 0	6	2,327 2 0	349 4 0	38 5 0	8	3,167 2 0	475 4 0	55 10 0
Total {	Ordinary lands ...	27	7,336 2 0	733 13 0	188 7 0	50	18,657 0 20	1,865 14 6	230 18 4	77	25,993 2 20	2,599 7 6	419 5 4
	Special areas	5	1,305 0 0	218 0 0	34 15 0	8	2,557 2 0	400 19 0	46 10 0	13	3,862 2 0	618 19 0	81 5 0
Grand Total		32	8,641 2 0	951 13 0	223 2 0	58	21,214 2 20	2,266 13 6	277 8 4	90	29,856 0 20	3,218 6 6	500 10 4

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Local Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Land.	Section 26				Section 42.				Section 47.				Total in each Class.			
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Orange—																	
Bathurst	Ordinary lands	2	213 2 0	21 7 0	10 15 0	7	420 0 0	42 0 0	23 12 6	.....	.....	.....	9	633 2 0	63 7 0	34 7 6	
Carcoar	Ordinary lands	7	347 0 0	34 14 0	29 15 0	4	240 0 0	24 0 0	13 6 3	3	676 0 0	135 4 0	20 5 0	14	1,263 0 0	193 18 0	63 6 3
	Special areas	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	303 2 0	45 10 6	14 16 5	.....	.....	.....	4	303 2 0	45 10 6	14 16 5	
Cowra	Ordinary lands	1	60 0 0	6 0 0	4 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60 0 0	6 0 0	4 10 0	
	Special areas	6	829 2 23	132 16 0	32 11 0	1	27 3 0	6 18 9	2 11 0	.....	.....	.....	7	857 1 23	139 14 9	35 2 0	
Lithgow.....	Ordinary lands	14	986 2 0	98 13 0	63 7 6	7	470 0 0	47 0 0	22 12 6	.....	.....	.....	21	1,456 2 0	145 13 0	86 0 0	
	Special areas	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	
Molong	Ordinary lands	13	2,732 0 0	273 4 0	85 7 6	14	2,017 2 0	201 15 0	47 3 10	.....	.....	.....	27	4,749 2 0	474 19 0	132 11 4	
	Special areas	12	1,633 3 0	250 0 6	67 15 0	9	640 0 0	97 16 8	30 15 1	.....	.....	.....	21	2,273 3 0	347 17 2	98 10 1	
Mudgee	Ordinary lands	24	1,971 0 0	197 2 0	113 7 6	24	1,937 0 0	193 14 0	79 16 5	1	50 0 0	10 0 0	4 5 0	49	3,958 0 0	400 16 0	197 8 11
Orange	Ordinary lands	1	320 0 0	32 0 0	8 0 0	2	90 0 0	9 0 0	5 3 9	.....	.....	.....	3	410 0 0	41 0 0	13 3 9	
Rylstone	Ordinary lands	32	2,539 3 0	253 19 6	152 2 6	23	1,406 2 0	140 13 0	75 5 2	9	1,420 0 0	284 0 0	51 2 6	64	5,366 1 0	678 12 6	278 10 2
	Special areas	2	120 0 0	18 0 0	9 0 0	1	80 0 0	12 0 0	3 15 0	.....	.....	.....	3	200 0 0	30 0 0	12 15 0	
Wellington	Ordinary lands	18	3,829 0 0	382 18 0	120 2 6	9	1,189 2 0	118 19 0	33 5 8	5	890 0 0	178 0 0	29 4 5	32	5,908 2 0	679 17 0	182 12 7
	Special areas	1	211 0 0	31 13 0	6 15 0	1	126 0 0	18 18 0	4 4 5	.....	.....	.....	2	337 0 0	50 11 0	10 19 5	
Total {	Ordinary lands	112	12,998 3 0	1,299 17 6	587 7 6	90	7,770 2 0	777 1 0	300 6 1	18	3,036 0 0	607 4 0	104 16 11	220	23,805 1 0	2,684 2 6	992 10 6
	Special areas	22	2,834 1 23	488 9 6	120 1 0	16	1,177 1 0	181 3 11	56 1 11	.....	.....	.....	38	4,011 2 23	619 13 5	176 2 11	
Grand Total		134	15,833 0 23	1,788 7 0	707 8 6	106	8,947 3 0	958 4 11	356 8 0	18	3,036 0 0	607 4 0	104 16 11	258	27,816 3 23	3,303 15 11	1,168 13 5
Sydney—																	
Milton	Ordinary lands	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	1	84 0 0	8 8 0	3 16 11	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	3	164 0 0	20 8 0	11 16 11
Nowra	Ordinary lands	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	2	80 0 0	12 0 0	8 0 0
Parramatta	Ordinary lands	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	.....
	Special areas	3	84 0 30	25 5 3	10 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	84 0 30	25 5 3	10 6 0
Penrith	Ordinary lands	2	126 2 0	12 13 0	9 5 0	1	120 0 0	12 0 0	.....	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	4	286 2 0	32 13 0	13 5 0
Picton	Ordinary lands	2	80 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	3	120 0 0	16 0 0	12 0 0
Windsor.....	Ordinary lands	3	140 0 0	14 0 0	12 10 0	1	47 0 0	4 14 0	3 3 9	2	80 0 0	16 0 0	8 0 0	6	267 0 0	34 14 0	23 13 9
	Special areas	2	79 3 10	22 9 8	7 17 6	1	18 0 20	4 10 8	2 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	97 3 30	27 0 4	10 1 0
Total {	Ordinary lands	9	426 2 0	42 13 0	37 15 0	4	291 0 0	29 2 0	7 0 8	6	240 0 0	48 0 0	24 0 0	19	957 2 0	119 15 0	68 15 8
	Special areas	5	164 0 0	47 14 11	18 3 6	1	18 0 20	4 10 8	2 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	182 0 20	52 5 7	20 7 0
Grand Total		14	590 2 0	90 7 11	55 18 6	5	309 0 20	33 12 8	9 4 2	6	240 0 0	48 0 0	24 0 0	25	1,139 2 20	172 0 7	89 2 8

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Local Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Land.	Section 26.				Section 42.				Section 47.				Total in each Class.				
		No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	No.	Area.	Deposit.	Survey Fee.	
Tamworth--			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Coonabarrabran...	Ordinary lands	16	1,270 0 0	127 0 0	76 0 0	15	3,341 3 0	334 3 6	48 14 4	...	...	...	31	4,611 3 0	461 3 6	124 14 4	
Gunnedah	Ordinary lands	7	1,130 0 0	113 0 0	42 0 0	16	6,409 0 0	640 18 0	91 0 2	...	...	...	23	7,539 0 0	753 18 0	133 0 2	
	Special areas...	8	110 3 9	66 19 9	17 5 10	15	4,325 3 0	845 1 7	83 1 5	...	...	...	23	4,436 2 9	912 1 4	100 7 3	
Murrurundi	Ordinary lands	7	846 0 0	84 12 0	33 5 0	1	40 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	...	8	886 0 0	88 12 0	41 5 0	
	Special areas...	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	
Narrabri	Ordinary lands	6	871 3 8	87 3 8	34 0 0	15	13,122 3 0	1,344 5 6	106 1 4	...	...	...	21	13,994 2 8	1,431 9 2	140 1 4	
	Special areas...	1	49 0 0	9 16 0	4 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	49 0 0	9 16 0	4 5 0	
Tamworth	Ordinary lands	15	2,900 2 0	290 1 0	96 0 0	22	2,532 1 0	253 4 6	58 15 6	...	...	...	37	5,432 3 0	543 5 6	154 15 6	
	Special areas...	12	1,741 2 10	302 12 6	61 10 0	5	258 0 0	60 4 0	15 3 9	...	...	...	17	1,999 2 10	362 16 6	76 13 9	
Totals.....	Ordinary lands	51	7,018 1 8	701 16 8	266 5 0	69	25,445 3 0	2,576 11 6	307 11 4	...	...	...	120	32,464 0 8	3,278 8 2	593 16 4	
	Special areas...	22	1,941 1 19	387 8 3	87 0 10	20	4,583 3 0	905 5 7	98 5 2	...	...	...	42	6,525 0 19	1,292 13 10	185 6 0	
	Total	73	8,959 2 27	1,089 4 11	373 5 10	89	30,029 2 0	3,481 17 1	405 16 6	...	...	...	162	38,999 0 27	4,571 2 0	779 2 4	
Wagga Wagga--																		
Albury	Ordinary lands	2	450 0 0	45 0 0	13 12 6	1	384 2 0	38 9 0	6 9 5	...	...	...	3	834 2 0	83 9 0	20 1 11	
	Special areas...	3	384 2 0	61 3 6	16 15 0	2	165 0 0	31 0 0	7 4 5	...	...	...	5	549 2 0	92 3 6	23 19 5	
Cootamundra ...	Ordinary lands	3	430 0 0	43 0 0	17 7 6	2	372 1 0	37 4 6	9 11 3	...	...	...	5	802 1 0	80 4 6	26 18 9	
	Special areas...	6	592 0 0	107 2 0	29 7 0	2	24 1 20	5 10 3	3 4 6	...	...	...	8	616 1 20	112 12 3	32 11 6	
Corowa	Ordinary lands	...	...	...	...	1	643 2 0	64 7 0	8 3 2	...	...	...	1	643 2 0	64 7 0	8 3 2	
	Special areas...	2	398 1 0	63 14 9	13 0 0	4	961 3 0	252 5 3	21 1 11	...	...	...	6	1,360 0 0	316 0 0	34 1 11	
Gundagai	Ordinary lands	9	1,242 3 0	124 5 6	50 5 0	2	140 0 0	14 0 0	6 18 9	...	...	...	11	1,382 3 0	138 5 6	57 3 9	
Narrandera	Special areas...	1	259 3 0	38 19 3	7 5 0	2	372 2 0	55 17 6	9 11 3	...	...	...	3	632 1 0	94 16 9	16 16 3	
Tumbarumba ...	Ordinary lands	10	1,286 0 0	128 12 0	54 5 0	4	1,467 1 0	146 14 6	23 16 4	...	...	...	14	2,753 1 0	275 6 6	78 1 4	
	Special areas...	1	20 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	
Tumbarumba N.	Ordinary lands	...	...	...	...	5	1,325 3 0	132 11 6	26 7 0	...	...	...	5	1,325 3 0	132 11 6	26 7 0	
	Special areas...	3	1,073 2 0	161 0 6	25 5 0	1	130 1 0	26 1 0	4 6 3	...	...	...	4	1,203 3 0	187 1 6	29 11 3	
Tumut	Ordinary lands	13	1,970 0 0	197 0 0	73 17 6	4	255 1 0	25 10 6	10 2 6	...	...	...	17	2,225 1 0	222 10 6	84 0 0	
	Special areas...	...	...	...	...	8	3,819 3 0	381 19 6	39 15 1	...	...	...	8	3,819 3 0	381 19 6	39 15 1	
Urana	Ordinary lands	9	2,668 2 0	412 0 9	68 15 0	10	2,253 1 0	405 11 10	50 9 0	1	320 0 0	96 0 0	8 0 0	20	5,241 3 0	913 12 7	127 4 0	
Wagga Wagga ...	Ordinary lands	7	1,426 3 0	142 13 6	45 7 6	9	2,712 1 0	271 4 6	43 13 11	...	...	...	16	4,139 0 0	413 18 0	89 1 5	
	Special areas...	5	950 2 0	148 14 0	31 17 6	15	4,275 2 0	700 14 4	80 18 5	...	...	...	20	5,226 0 0	849 8 4	112 15 11	
Totals.....	Ordinary lands	44	6,805 2 0	680 11 0	254 15 0	36	11,120 2 0	1,112 1 0	174 17 5	...	...	...	80	17,926 0 0	1,792 12 0	429 12 5	
	Special areas...	30	6,347 0 0	998 14 9	195 4 6	36	8,182 2 20	1,477 0 2	176 15 9	1	320 0 0	96 0 0	8 0 0	67	14,849 2 20	2,571 14 11	380 0 3	
Grand Totals.....		74	13,152 2 0	1,679 5 9	449 19 6	72	19,303 0 20	2,589 1 2	351 13 2	1	320 0 0	96 0 0	8 0 0	147	32,775 2 20	4,364 6 11	809 12 8	
SUMMARY.																		
Total	Ordinary lands	778	100,460 0 38	10,045 1 5	4,207 14 6	661	158,315 2 30	15,867 9 5	2,534 10 11	40	1,033 1 0	816 13 0	194 18 10	1,479	262,859 0 28	26,729 3 10	6,937 4 3	
	Special areas...	163	20,335 2 9½	3,482 3 6	798 1 5	127	19,598 0 32½	3,494 12 0	514 8 11	1	320 0 0	96 0 0	8 0 0	291	40,253 3 2½	7,072 15 6	1,320 10 4	
Grand Total for the whole Colony...		941	120,795 3 7½	13,527 4 11	5,005 15 11	788	177,913 3 22½	19,362 1 5	3,048 19 10	41	4,403 1 0	912 13 0	202 18 10	1,770	303,112 3 30½	33,801 19 4	8,257 14 7	

SCHEDULE IX.

SUMMARY of Number and Area of Conditional Purchases applied for from the year 1862 to 1899 inclusive.

Years.	Applied for.			Years.	Applied for.		
	No.	Area.			No.	Area.	
1862 to 1869	27,994	a. 2,161,390	r. p. 2 2	1886	6,080	a. 963,196	r. p. 2 27
1870	4,471	329,318	1 2	1887	4,769	793,004	0 31
1871	4,751	358,682	2 8	1888	5,364	865,199	0 38
1872	8,281	749,586	3 0	1889	6,205	903,159	2 9
1873	13,417	1,391,719	0 0	1890	8,526	1,713,577	1 0
1874	14,510	1,586,282	0 0	1891	6,153	1,303,094	1 2
1875	14,517	1,756,678	0 0	1892	4,396	816,399	1 19
1876	12,654	1,984,212	0 0	1893	3,393	533,805	2 4
1877	12,009	1,699,816	0 0	1894	2,617	414,355	0 10 ³ / ₄
1878	12,602	1,588,247	3 18	1895	1,751	253,431	0 12
1879	7,540	924,136	1 0	1896	1,279	199,449	3 37
1880	8,583	1,147,001	2 39	1897	1,306	241,789	1 4 ¹ / ₂
1881	14,220	2,329,202	0 15	1898	1,591	298,137	2 11 ¹ / ₂
1882	14,606	2,392,217	2 35	1899	1,770	303,112	3 30 ¹ / ₄
1883	10,674	1,617,712	0 7				
1884	10,657	1,453,937	0 33	Total	252,063	34,237,203	1 15
1885	5,377	1,165,351	1 20				

SCHEDULE X.

RETURN showing the Number of Conditional Purchase Applications Confirmed or Disallowed during 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Application.	Applications made during 1899.				Applications made prior to 1st January, 1899.				Total.			
		Confirmed.		Disallowed.		Confirmed.		Disallowed.		Confirmed.		Disallowed.	
ARMIDALE.		No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.
Armidale	Ordinary	18	2,547 0 0	7	1,172 2 0	10	732 0 0	2	80 0 0	28	3,279 0 0	9	1,252 2 0
Do	Special area	2	73 0 0	4	292 0 0	8	952 1 0	30	5,000 3 0	4	292 0 0		
Glen Innes	Ordinary	10	672 3 0	5	365 0 0	3	63 2 0	1	40 0 0	13	987 3 0	6	405 0 0
Do	Special area	5	411 2 0	1	101 0 0	4	151 0 0	9	592 2 0	1	101 0 0	1	46 1 0
Inverell	Ordinary	6	532 0 0	5	810 0 0	7	640 0 0	3	350 0 0	13	1,222 0 0	8	1,160 0 0
Do	Special area	3	286 2 0	3	239 2 0	10	838 0 0	1	81 0 0	13	1,124 2 0	4	320 2 0
Tenterfield	Ordinary	9	822 0 0	8	343 0 0	10	835 0 0	1	40 0 0	19	1,657 0 0	9	883 0 0
Do	Special area	10	673 0 0	8	622 0 0	4	278 0 0	14	951 0 0	8	622 0 0	1	43 0 0
Walcha	Ordinary	1	24 0 0	1	43 0 0	1	20 0 0	1	15 3 17	2	44 0 0	1	15 3 17
Do	Special area	2	39 3 10	1	69 1 5	4	69 1 5	6	109 0 15	6	109 0 15		
Do	Ordinary	10	1,183 3 0	1	96 0 0	5	378 0 0	1	60 0 0	15	1,561 3 0	2	156 0 0
Do	Special area	6	667 1 0	4	480 0 0	1	40 0 0	7	707 1 0	4	480 0 0	2	480 0 0
	SUMMARY.												
	Ordinary	53	5,807 2 0	26	3,286 2 0	35	2,900 0 0	8	570 0 0	88	8,707 2 0	34	3,856 2 0
	Special area	46	6,096 3 0	20	1,734 2 0	27	2,289 1 0	1	81 0 0	73	8,376 0 0	21	1,815 2 0
	Total	99	11,894 1 0	48	5,110 1 0	62	5,189 1 0	9	651 0 0	161	17,083 2 0	57	5,761 1 0
	Special area	3	97 0 0			4	247 2 0	1	15 3 17	7	344 2 0	1	15 3 17
	Total	4	117 3 10			6	192 2 5	1	40 0 0	10	310 1 15	1	40 0 0
	Grand Total	7	214 3 10			10	440 0 5	2	55 3 17	17	654 3 15	2	55 3 17
	Grand Total	106	12,109 0 10	48	5,110 1 0	72	5,629 1 5	11	706 3 17	178	17,738 1 15	59	5,817 0 17
BOURKE.													
Brewarrina East	Ordinary			2	104 0 0							2	104 0 0
DUBBO.													
Coonamble	Ordinary	1	525 0 0	4	1,358 0 0	4	700 0 0	1	320 0 0	5	1,225 0 0	5	1,678 0 0
Do	Special area	8	9,807 0 0	6	1,194 0 0	2	297 3 0	1	150 0 0	10	10,104 3 0	7	1,844 0 0
Dubbo	Ordinary	2	840 0 0	2	175 0 0	9	1,155 1 0	2	310 0 0	11	1,995 1 0	4	485 0 0
Do	Special area	5	671 0 0	1	98 2 0	23	8,538 2 0	4	1,255 0 0	28	9,209 2 0	5	1,353 2 0
Nyngan	Ordinary	1	353 0 0							5	353 0 0		
Do	Special area	1	640 0 0							1	640 0 0		
Warren	Ordinary	1	167 0 0			5	1,377 2 0	2	241 0 0	6	1,544 2 0	2	241 0 0
Do	Special area	1	21 0 20			1	20 2 24			2	41 3 4		
Do	Ordinary	10	6,452 3 0	3	476 1 0	2	80 0 0	2	1,173 0 0	15	10,348 3 0	5	3,050 0 0
Do	Special area	1	145 3 0	3	1,877 0 0	5	3,896 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	145 3 0	1	50 0 0
	SUMMARY.												
	Ordinary	3	1,365 0 0	9	2,009 1 0	15	1,935 1 0	3	630 0 0	18	3,300 1 0	12	2,639 1 0
	Special area	21	17,097 3 0	10	3,169 2 0	35	14,109 3 0	9	2,819 0 0	59	31,207 2 0	19	5,988 2 0
	Total	27	18,462 3 0	19	5,178 3 0	50	16,045 0 0	12	3,449 0 0	77	34,507 3 0	31	8,627 3 0
	Special area	7	519 3 20			1	20 2 24	1	50 0 0	8	540 2 4	1	50 0 0
	Total	1	640 0 0			1	20 2 24	1	50 0 0	9	1,180 2 4	1	50 0 0
	Grand Total	35	19,622 2 20	19	5,178 3 0	51	16,065 2 24	13	3,499 0 0	86	35,688 1 4	32	8,677 3 0

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FORBES.													
Barnedman	Ordinary	Original	3 747 0 0							3 747 0 0			
		Additional	3 2,383 0 0	2 2,270 0 0		1 1,689 0 0				4 4,072 0 0	2 2,270 0 0		
Barnedman East	Ordinary	Original	2 240 0 0							2 240 0 0			
		Additional	2 124 0 0			1 75 0 0				3 199 0 0			
Condobolin	Ordinary	Original	1 160 0 0							1 160 0 0			
		Additional	6 6,788 0 0	1 51 0 0		1 40 0 0	1 101 0 0			7 6,828 0 0	2 152 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	1 20 0 0							1 20 0 0			
		Additional	7 5,492 2 0	3 1,546 0 0		1 80 0 0	1 140 0 0			8 5,577 2 0	4 1,686 0 0		
Forbes	Ordinary	Original	3 283 2 20	2 690 0 0		1 85 0 0				3 283 2 20	2 690 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	2 120 2 0			1 223 2 0				3 344 0 0			
		Additional	2 593 0 0	4 1,785 0 0						2 593 0 0	4 1,785 0 0		
Grenfell	Ordinary	Original	12 4,463 2 0	2 129 0 0		2 221 0 0				14 4,684 2 0	2 129 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	1 40 0 0	1 40 0 0						1 40 0 0	1 40 0 0		
		Additional	1 640 0 0	1 60 0 0		1 40 0 0				2 680 0 0	1 60 0 0		
Parkes	Ordinary	Original	7 527 1 0	2 263 0 0		2 262 0 0	3 507 1 0			9 789 1 0	5 770 1 0		
		Additional	5 187 0 20	2 40 0 0						5 187 0 20	2 40 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	3 60 0 0	3 45 0 0						6 105 0 0			
		Additional											
SUMMARY.													
	Ordinary	Original	9 2,380 0 0	5 1,845 0 0		3 195 0 0				12 2,575 0 0	5 1,845 0 0		
		Additional	37 19,778 1 0	10 4,259 0 0		7 2,297 0 0	5 748 1 0			44 22,075 1 0	15 5,007 1 0		
	Total		46 22,158 1 0	15 6,104 0 0		10 2,492 0 0	5 748 1 0			56 24,650 1 0	20 6,852 1 0		
	Special area	Original	8 470 3 0	4 730 0 0						8 470 3 0	4 730 0 0		
		Additional	7 240 2 0	2 40 0 0		4 268 2 0				11 509 0 0	2 40 0 0		
	Total		15 711 1 0	6 770 0 0		4 268 2 0				19 979 3 0	6 770 0 0		
	Grand Total		61 22,869 2 0	21 6,874 0 0		14 2,760 2 0	5 748 1 0			75 25,630 0 0	26 7,622 1 0		
GOULBURN.													
Bega	Ordinary	Original	2 192 0 0	3 240 0 0		1 60 0 0				3 252 0 0	3 240 0 0		
		Additional	1 50 0 0	1 50 0 0		1 40 0 0				1 40 0 0	1 50 0 0		
Bombala	Ordinary	Original	5 320 0 0	3 200 0 0		3 376 0 0				8 676 0 0	3 200 0 0		
		Additional	2 90 2 0	1 40 0 0		2 140 0 0				4 230 2 0	1 40 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	2 243 0 0	2 235 0 0		1 50 0 0				3 293 0 0	2 235 0 0		
		Additional	1 40 0 0	1 78 0 0						1 40 0 0	1 78 0 0		
Boorowa	Ordinary	Original	4 253 1 0	5 304 2 0		3 392 0 0	1 152 2 0			4 253 1 0	6 457 0 0		
		Additional	3 479 2 0	1 50 0 0						3 479 2 0			
Do	Special area	Original	1 101 2 0	1 101 2 0						1 101 2 0	1 50 0 0		
		Additional	3 123 0 0			3 120 0 0				3 120 0 0			
Braidwood	Ordinary	Original	3 215 3 34			2 180 0 0				5 303 0 0			
Do	Special area	Original	7 891 3 0	6 485 0 0		15 1,596 2 0	4 190 0 0			22 2,488 1 0	10 675 0 0		
		Additional	5 380 0 0	3 235 0 0		7 400 0 0				12 780 0 0	3 235 0 0		
Cooma	Ordinary	Original	4 217 3 20	1 12 0 4		2 2 0 0				5 219 3 20	1 12 0 4		
		Additional	3 96 3 10							3 96 3 10			
Do	Special area	Original	3 170 0 0	2 80 0 0		4 180 0 0	1 40 0 0			7 350 0 0	3 120 0 0		
		Additional	5 294 1 0	2 170 0 0						5 294 1 0	2 170 0 0		
Eden	Ordinary	Original	2 104 0 0	1 40 0 0		3 642 3 0				10 746 3 0	1 40 0 0		
		Additional				2 84 0 0				2 84 0 0			
Goulburn	Ordinary	Original				1 50 0 0				1 50 0 0			
		Additional											
Gunning	Ordinary	Original				1 50 0 0				1 50 0 0			
		Additional											
Do	Special area	Original	1 64 0 0			1 85 2 0				2 149 2 0			
		Additional	1 60 0 0							1 60 0 0			
Moruya	Ordinary	Original	1 100 0 0			1 80 0 0				2 180 0 0			
		Additional	1 40 0 0			1 67 2 0				2 107 2 0			
Moss Vale	Ordinary	Original	4 519 0 0	1 320 0 0		2 165 3 0				6 684 3 0	1 320 0 0		
		Additional	1 40 0 0			1 80 0 0				1 80 0 0			
		Non-residential	1 108 3 0			4 240 0 0				5 348 3 0			
Queanbeyan	Ordinary	Original	2 720 0 0							2 720 0 0			
		Non residential											
Do	Special area	Original	2 630 0 0	1 275 0 0						2 630 0 0	1 275 0 0		
		Additional	1 320 0 0	3 320 0 0		3 180 0 0				3 180 0 0	1 320 0 0		
Yass	Ordinary	Original	1 40 0 0	1 40 0 0		2 140 0 0	1 200 0 0			1 40 0 0	3 180 0 0		
		Additional	1 173 3 0	1 100 0 0		2 302 0 0	1 40 0 0			3 475 3 0	2 300 0 0		
Young	Ordinary	Original	3 264 2 18	1 50 0 0						3 264 2 18	1 50 0 0		
		Additional	1 169 1 0			1 123 2 0				2 292 3 0			
		Non-residential											
SUMMARY.													
	Ordinary	Original	25 2,405 2 0	18 1,725 0 0		48 4,063 0 0	5 230 0 0			73 6,468 2 0	23 1,955 0 0		
		Additional	24 2,114 3 0	15 979 2 0		18 1,293 2 0	4 492 2 0			42 3,408 1 0	19 1,472 0 0		
		Non-residential	1 40 0 0	1 50 0 0		1 50 0 0	1 40 0 0			2 90 0 0	2 90 0 0		
	Total		50 4,560 1 0	34 2,754 2 0		67 5,406 2 0	10 762 2 0			117 9,966 3 0	44 3,517 0 0		
	Special area	Original	18 2,114 3 32	4 522 0 4		4 143 2 11				22 2,258 2 3	4 522 0 4		
		Additional	7 467 2 10	2 128 0 0		1 123 2 0				8 591 0 10	2 128 0 0		
	Total		25 2,582 2 2	6 650 0 4		5 267 0 11				30 2,849 2 13	6 650 0 4		
	Grand Total		75 7,142 3 2	40 3,404 2 4		72 5,673 2 11	10 762 2 0			147 12,816 1 13	50 4,167 0 4		

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GRAFTON.													
Bellingen	Ordinary	10	931 1 0	2	160 0 0	5	312 3 0	2	117 3 0	15	1,244 0 0	4	277 3 0
Do	Special area	1	57 1 0	1	50 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	57 1 0	3	150 0 0	1	50 0 0
Casino	Ordinary	10	3,379 0 0	2	440 0 6	1	50 0 0	1	100 0 0	11	3,429 0 0	3	540 0 0
Do	Special area	1	60 0 0	1	157 0 0	2	39 2 18	2	163 1 8	4	201 1 27	3	320 1 8
Grafton	Ordinary	5	335 1 0	1	52 0 0	5	997 0 0	1	700 0 0	5	997 0 0	1	52 0 0
Kempsey	Ordinary	9	700 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	158 0 20	1	228 2 22	3	228 2 22	1	80 0 0
Do	Special area	1	5 0 0	1	4 2 17	1	5 0 0	1	4 2 17	3	235 1 0	1	4 2 17
Lismore	Ordinary	6	38 1 31	1	5 1 7	5	472 2 0	1	148 2 29	6	38 1 31	1	5 1 7
Do	Special area	3	67 0 39	1	67 0 39	3	67 0 39	1	67 0 39	7	300 0 0	1	67 0 39
Murwillumbah	Ordinary	2	479 0 0	1	75 0 0	1	57 0 0	1	60 0 0	3	536 0 0	2	135 0 0
Do	Special area	5	131 1 7	1	5 3 7	3	99 2 29	2	3 0 30	8	230 3 36	1	5 3 7
Port Macquarie	Ordinary	5	360 0 0	2	80 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	3 0 30	7	440 0 0	2	80 0 0
	Additional	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
SUMMARY.													
	Ordinary	36	2,959 2 0	6	389 1 0	12	850 3 0	2	117 3 0	48	3,810 1 0	8	507 0 0
	Additional	21	5,168 0 20	5	617 0 0	8	619 2 0	2	160 0 0	29	5,787 2 20	7	777 0 0
	Non-residential	1	60 0 0	1	60 0 0	1	60 0 0	1	60 0 0	1	60 0 0	1	60 0 0
	Total	58	8,187 2 20	11	1,006 1 0	20	1,470 1 0	4	277 3 0	78	9,657 3 20	15	1,284 0 0
	Special area	16	560 0 29	3	168 0 14	8	249 2 5	3	243 1 8	24	809 2 34	6	411 1 22
	Additional	6	144 3 39	1	4 2 17	1	3 0 30	1	3 0 30	7	148 0 29	2	7 3 7
	Total	22	705 0 28	4	172 2 31	9	252 2 35	4	246 1 33	31	957 3 23	8	419 0 29
	Grand Total	80	8,892 3 8	15	1,178 3 31	29	1,722 3 35	8	524 0 38	109	10,615 3 33	23	1,703 0 29
HAY.													
Barnald South	Ordinary	1	203 2 0	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0
Deniliquin	Ordinary	5	1,308 0 0	2	923 1 0	1	550 0 0	3	3,280 0 0	6	1,858 0 0	3	3,280 0 0
Do	Special area	3	387 2 0	1	635 0 0	2	1,275 0 0	2	743 1 39	5	1,183 1 0	1	635 0 0
Hay	Ordinary	1	227 3 0	1	597 0 0	2	597 0 0	1	824 3 0	3	824 3 0	1	824 3 0
Hillston	Ordinary	1	156 2 0	1	100 0 0	3	1,530 2 0	1	280 0 0	4	1,687 0 0	2	380 0 0
SUMMARY.													
	Ordinary	1	227 3 0	1	100 0 0	3	757 0 0	4	3,560 0 0	4	984 3 0	5	3,660 0 0
	Additional	7	1,668 0 0	2	923 1 0	4	2,080 2 0	1	248 0 0	11	3,748 2 0	3	1,171 1 0
	Total	8	1,895 3 0	3	1,023 1 0	7	2,837 2 0	5	3,808 0 0	15	4,733 1 0	8	4,831 1 0
	Special area	3	387 2 0	1	635 0 0	2	1,275 0 0	2	743 1 39	5	1,183 1 0	1	635 0 0
	Additional	3	387 2 0	1	635 0 0	2	795 3 0	2	743 1 39	7	2,458 1 0	3	1,878 1 39
	Total	3	387 2 0	1	635 0 0	4	2,070 3 0	2	743 1 39	7	2,458 1 0	3	1,878 1 39
	Grand Total	11	2,283 1 0	4	1,658 1 0	11	4,908 1 0	7	4,551 1 39	22	7,191 2 0	11	6,209 2 39
MAITLAND.													
Cassilis	Ordinary	1	177 1 0	1	40 0 0	1	140 0 0	1	140 0 0	2	317 1 0	1	40 0 0
Do	Special area	2	830 3 0	1	172 0 0	1	172 0 0	1	172 0 0	3	920 3 0	1	172 0 0
Dungog	Ordinary	3	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	3	120 0 0	3	120 0 0	3	120 0 0	1	50 0 0
Do	Special area	1	50 0 0	1	176 0 0	1	176 0 0	1	176 0 0	1	176 0 0	1	176 0 0
Gosford	Ordinary	3	140 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	85 0 0	1	40 0 0	5	225 0 0	2	80 0 0
Do	Special area	1	7 2 24	1	3 0 0	1	46 2 0	1	46 2 0	1	7 2 24	1	3 0 0
Maitland	Ordinary	1	8 0 15	1	8 0 15	1	8 0 15	1	8 0 15	1	8 0 15	1	8 0 15
Do	Special area	2	100 0 0	1	13 2 10	2	96 3 0	1	96 3 0	4	196 3 0	1	13 2 10
Muswellbrook	Ordinary	2	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	2	80 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	40 0 0
Do	Special area	3	409 2 0	1	127 2 0	3	409 2 0	3	409 2 0	3	409 2 0	1	127 2 0
Paterson	Ordinary	2	127 2 0	1	80 0 0	2	127 2 0	2	127 2 0	2	127 2 0	1	80 0 0
Do	Special area	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0
Raymond Terrace	Ordinary	2	6,185 0 0	9	2,560 0 0	3	710 0 0	1	145 0 0	25	6,895 0 0	9	2,560 0 0
Scone	Ordinary	6	3,320 0 0	2	380 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	145 0 0	7	3,420 0 0	3	525 0 0
Singleton	Ordinary	1	40 0 0	1	90 0 0	1	90 0 0	1	90 0 0	2	130 0 0	1	90 0 0
Do	Special area	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0
Stroud	Ordinary	2	90 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	3	140 0 0	1	50 0 0
Do	Special area	2	103 3 0	1	40 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	3	203 3 0	1	40 0 0
Taree	Ordinary	10	561 1 0	1	50 0 0	4	230 1 0	1	82 0 0	14	791 2 0	1	50 0 0
Do	Special area	8	563 2 0	4	230 0 0	2	82 0 0	1	82 0 0	10	645 2 0	4	230 0 0
Do	Special area	1	68 0 0	1	44 1 0	1	68 0 0	1	44 1 0	1	68 0 0	1	44 1 0
Do	Special area	1	44 1 0	1	44 1 0	1	44 1 0	1	44 1 0	1	44 1 0	1	44 1 0
Wollombi	Ordinary	9	527 1 0	2	165 0 0	9	527 1 0	2	165 0 0	9	527 1 0	2	165 0 0
Do	Special area	1	40 0 0	1	64 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	64 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	64 0 0
	Non-residential	1	40 0 0	1	64 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	64 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	64 0 0
SUMMARY.													
	Ordinary	55	8,020 3 0	14	2,855 0 0	14	1,402 0 0	1	40 0 0	69	9,422 3 0	15	2,895 0 0
	Additional	25	5,487 2 0	9	764 0 0	5	322 0 0	1	145 0 0	30	5,809 2 0	10	909 0 0
	Non residential	2	108 0 0	1	50 0 0	2	86 2 0	1	145 0 0	4	194 2 0	1	50 0 0
	Total	82	13,616 1 0	24	3,669 0 0	21	1,810 2 0	2	185 0 0	103	15,426 3 0	26	3,854 0 0
	Special area	4	369 0 34	1	3 0 0	4	369 0 34	1	3 0 0	4	369 0 34	1	3 0 0
	Additional	4	179 3 15	1	40 0 0	4	179 3 15	1	40 0 0	4	179 3 15	1	40 0 0
	Total	8	549 0 9	2	43 0 0	8	549 0 9	2	43 0 0	8	549 0 9	2	43 0 0
	Grand Total	90	14,165 1 9	26	3,712 0 0	21	1,810 2 0	2	185 0 0	111	15,975 3 9	28	3,897 0 0

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MOREE.														
Bingara	Ordinary	Original	3	700 0 0	2	290 0 0	2	710 0 0	5	990 0 0	2	710 0 0
		Additional	2	255 0 0	2	144 0 0	2	400 0 0	4	655 0 0	2	144 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	1	338 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	338 0 0	..	.....
		Additional	3	1,582 0 0	1	600 0 0	2	593 0 0	4	1,105 0 0	4	2,834 0 0	5	1,471 2 0
Moree	Ordinary	Original	1	63 0 0	2	110 0 0	2	1,021 0 0	1	200 0 0	2	63 0 0	3	310 0 0
		Additional	6	1,280 0 0	2	1,460 0 0	2	360 0 0	1	50 0 0	10	2,050 0 0	4	1,460 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	12	2,389 0 0	5	946 0 0	3	320 0 0	1	50 0 0	15	2,709 0 0	6	996 0 0
		Additional	1	200 0 0	1	200 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	200 0 0	1	200 0 0
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	9	1,980 0 0	6	1,230 0 0	10	2,674 0 0	4	960 0 0	19	4,654 0 0	10	2,190 0 0
		Additional	17	4,226 0 0	10	2,916 2 0	8	2,332 0 0	5	1,155 0 0	25	6,558 0 0	15	4,071 2 0
	Total		26	6,206 0 0	16	4,146 2 0	18	5,006 0 0	9	2,115 0 0	44	11,212 0 0	25	6,261 2 0
	Special area	Original	3	601 0 0	1	200 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	3	601 0 0	1	200 0 0
	Grand Total		29	6,807 0 0	17	4,346 2 0	18	5,006 0 0	9	2,115 0 0	47	11,813 0 0	26	6,461 2 0
ORANGE.														
Bathurst	Ordinary	Original	1	78 2 0	1	135 0 0	5	350 0 0	..	.....	6	428 2 0	1	135 0 0
		Additional	3	177 3 0	2	130 0 0	2	500 0 0	..	.....	5	677 3 0	2	130 0 0
		Non-residential	1	80 0 0	..	.....	1	52 0 0	..	.....	1	52 0 0	..	.....
Carcoar	Ordinary	Original	2	626 0 0	1	50 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	3	240 0 0	1	40 0 0
		Additional	2	626 0 0	1	50 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	3	240 0 0	1	40 0 0
		Non-residential	2	626 0 0	1	50 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	3	240 0 0	1	40 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	..	..	2	11 3 16	..	.....	..	.....	2	11 3 16	..	.....
		Additional	..	..	2	11 1 15	..	.....	..	.....	2	11 1 15	2	151 3 0
Cowra	Ordinary	Original	..	..	1	70 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	70 0 0	..	.....
		Additional	3	263 3 33	..	.....	2	379 0 0	..	.....	3	263 3 33	..	.....
Do	Special area	Original	1	27 3 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	27 3 0	..	.....
		Additional	4	304 0 0	3	120 0 0	4	185 3 0	..	.....	3	489 3 0	3	120 0 0
Lithgow	Ordinary	Original	3	208 2 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	3	208 2 0	1	40 0 0
		Additional	1	40 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....
Do	Special area	Original	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0
		Additional	4	551 0 0	2	360 0 0	1	55 0 0	..	.....	5	606 0 0	2	360 0 0
Molong	Ordinary	Original	5	934 2 0	3	756 3 0	4	659 3 0	..	.....	9	1,594 1 0	3	756 3 0
		Additional	5	757 1 0	1	80 0 0	1	200 0 0	..	.....	6	957 1 0	1	80 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	2	80 0 0	3	230 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	2	80 0 0	3	230 0 0
		Additional	8	712 2 0	5	370 0 0	15	1,611 1 0	3	400 0 0	23	2,323 3 0	3	770 0 0
Mudgee	Ordinary	Original	4	406 3 0	2	80 0 0	10	1,395 3 0	2	154 2 0	14	1,802 2 0	4	234 2 0
		Additional	1	50 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	50 0 0	..	.....
Orange	Ordinary	Original	10	786 3 0	3	123 3 0	11	742 2 0	..	.....	21	1,529 1 0	3	123 3 0
		Additional	7	476 1 0	4	240 0 0	5	431 2 0	2	280 0 0	12	907 3 0	6	520 0 0
		Non-residential	1	80 0 0	2	120 0 0	1	244 1 0	..	.....	1	244 1 0	2	120 0 0
Rylstone	Ordinary	Original	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0
		Additional	3	575 0 0	6	1,276 0 0	10	2,487 0 0	1	40 0 0	13	3,062 0 0	7	1,316 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	4	527 3 0	1	144 0 0	8	1,753 2 0	..	.....	12	2,281 1 0	1	144 0 0
		Additional	1	211 0 0	2	120 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	211 0 0	2	120 0 0
Wellington	Ordinary	Original	1	126 0 0	..	.....	1	46 1 0	..	.....	2	172 1 0	..	.....
		Additional	1	126 0 0	..	.....	1	46 1 0	..	.....	2	172 1 0	..	.....
Do	Special area	Original	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	..	..	..
		Additional	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	..	..	..
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	31	3,087 3 0	20	2,384 3 0	49	5,661 2 0	5	480 0 0	80	8,749 1 0	25	2,864 3 0
		Additional	27	2,781 2 0	14	1,500 3 0	31	5,119 2 0	6	514 2 0	58	7,901 0 0	20	2,015 1 0
		Non-residential	2	626 0 0	5	290 0 0	2	296 1 0	..	.....	4	922 1 0	5	290 0 0
	Total		60	6,495 1 0	39	4,175 2 0	82	11,077 1 0	11	994 2 0	142	17,572 2 0	50	5,170 0 0
	Special area	Original	11	1,352 0 33	2	120 0 0	3	211 3 16	1	40 0 0	14	1,564 0 9	2	120 0 0
		Additional	5	313 3 0	5	381 3 0	3	57 2 15	..	.....	8	371 1 15	6	421 3 0
	Total		16	1,665 3 33	7	501 3 0	6	269 1 31	1	40 0 0	22	1,935 1 24	8	541 3 0
	Grand Total		76	8,161 0 33	46	4,677 1 0	88	11,346 2 31	12	1,034 2 0	164	19,507 3 24	58	5,711 3 0
SYDNEY.														
Milton	Ordinary	Original	..	..	1	84 0 0	..	.....	1	80 3 0	..	.....	1	80 3 0
		Additional	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	50 0 0	1	84 0 0	2	90 0 0	2	168 0 0
Nowra	Ordinary	Original	..	..	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	50 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	50 0 0
		Additional	..	..	1	40 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
Parramatta	Ordinary	Original	1	40 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....
Do	Special area	Original	3	84 0 30	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	3	84 0 30	..	.....
		Additional	1	62 2 0	1	64 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	62 2 0	1	64 0 0
Penrith	Ordinary	Original	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....	2	80 0 0	..	.....
		Additional	1	40 0 0	..	.....	2	89 3 0	..	.....	3	129 3 0	..	.....
Picton	Ordinary	Original	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....
		Additional	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....
		Non-residential	1	40 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	40 0 0	..	.....
Windsor	Ordinary	Original	..	..	2	100 0 0	1	40 0 0	..	.....	2	100 0 0	1	40 0 0
		Additional	..	..	1	86 2 0	..	.....	..	.....	1	86 2 0	..	.....
Do	Special area	Original	2	79 3 10	..	.....	1	27 2 30	..	.....	3	107 2 0	..	.....
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	3	142 2 0	1	64 0 0	5	239 3 0	2	120 3 0	8	382 1 0	3	184 3 0
		Additional	1	40 0 0	1	84 0 0	2	80 0 0	2	134 0 0	3	120 0 0	3	218 0 0
		Non residential	2	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	126 2 0	..	.....	4	206 2 0	1	40 0 0
	Total		6	262 2 0	3	188 0 0	9	446 1 0	4	254 3 0	15	708 3 0	7	442 3 0
	Special area	Original	5	164 0 0	..	.....	1	27 2 30	..	.....	6	191 2 30	..	.....
	Total		5	164 0 0	..	.....	1	27 2 30	..	.....	6	191 2 30	..	.....
	Grand Total		11	426 2 0	3	188 0 0	10	473 3 30	4	254 3 0	21	900 1 30	7	442 3 0

SCHEDULE X—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Class of Application.	Applications made during 1899.				Applications made prior to 1st January, 1899.				Total.				
		Confirmed.		Disallowed.		Confirmed.		Disallowed.		Confirmed.		Disallowed.		
		No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	No.	a. r. p.	
TAMWORTH.														
Coonabarabran ..	Ordinary	Original	3	290 0 0	1	100 0 0	2	720 0 0	3	130 0 0	5	1,010 0 0	4	230 0 0
		Additional	3	1,500 0 0					1	55 0 0	3	1,500 0 0	1	55 0 0
Gunnedah	Ordinary	Original	1	100 0 0	2	200 0 0	4	388 0 0	5	488 0 0	2	488 0 0	2	200 0 0
		Additional	5	2,829 0 0	5	1,041 2 0	2	179 0 0	7	3,008 0 0	5	3,008 0 0	5	1,041 2 0
Do	Special area	Original	7	105 3 9			2	144 1 0			9	250 0 9		
		Additional	4	781 1 0	1	232 0 0	1	40 0 0			5	821 1 0	1	232 0 0
rrurundi	Ordinary	Original	2	120 0 0	1	76 0 0	3	223 2 0			5	343 2 0	1	76 0 0
		Additional			1	40 0 0	2	238 1 0			2	238 1 0	1	40 0 0
Do	Special area	Original	1	40 0 0			2	615 1 0			3	655 1 0		
		Additional					1	41 0 0			1	41 0 0		
rrabri	Ordinary	Original			1	100 0 0	1	40 0 0			1	40 0 0	1	100 0 0
		Additional	5	8,073 3 0	4	4,000 0 0			2	365 1 0	5	8,073 3 0	6	4,365 1 0
Do	Special area	Original					1	485 0 0			1	485 0 0		
		Additional	7	1,539 2 0	1	111 0 0	3	276 0 0	1	40 0 0	10	1,865 2 0	2	151 0 0
worth	Ordinary	Original	16	2,098 1 0			8	961 3 0	2	952 0 0	24	3,060 0 0	2	952 0 0
		Additional	9	1,023 2 10			2	54 0 0			11	1,077 2 10		
Do	Special area	Original	3	168 0 0	1	10 0 0	1	44 2 0			4	212 2 0	1	10 0 0
		Additional												
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	13	2,099 2 0	6	587 0 0	13	1,647 2 0	4	170 0 0	26	3,747 0 0	10	757 0 0
		Additional	29	14,501 0 0	10	5,081 2 0	12	1,379 0 0	5	1,372 1 0	41	15,880 0 0	15	6,453 3 0
	Total		42	16,600 2 0	16	5,668 2 0	25	3,026 2 0	9	1,542 1 0	67	19,627 0 0	25	7,210 3 0
	Special area	Original	17	1,169 1 19			6	813 2 0			23	1,982 3 19		
		Additional	7	949 1 0	2	242 0 0	4	610 2 0			11	1,559 3 0	2	242 0 0
	Total		24	2,118 2 19	2	242 0 0	10	1,424 0 0			34	3,542 2 19	2	242 0 0
	Grand Total		66	18,719 0 19	18	5,910 2 0	35	4,450 2 0	9	1,542 1 0	101	23,169 2 19	27	7,452 3 0
WAGGA WAGGA.														
Albury	Ordinary	Original			1	320 0 0	2	160 0 0	1	320 0 0	2	160 0 0	2	640 0 0
		Additional	1	384 2 0			5	1,410 2 0	1	279 2 0	6	1,795 0 0	1	279 2 0
Do	Special area	Original	1	167 1 0	2	227 1 0	1	98 2 0	1	320 0 0	2	255 3 0	3	547 1 0
		Additional					1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0
Cootamundra	Ordinary	Original	2	372 1 0			1	174 0 0	1	51 0 0	3	546 1 0	1	320 0 0
		Additional	5	572 0 0			1	318 0 0			6	890 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original	1	18 0 0							1	18 0 0		
		Additional					1	142 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	142 0 0	1	50 0 0
Corowa	Ordinary	Original	2	398 1 0			1	136 1 0			3	534 2 0		
		Additional			1	241 3 0	1	241 3 0			1	241 3 0	1	241 3 0
Do	Special area	Original	1	84 0 0	2	420 0 0	3	280 0 0	1	50 0 0	4	364 0 0	3	470 0 0
		Additional			1	40 0 0	2	608 0 0			2	608 0 0	1	40 0 0
Gundagai	Ordinary	Original					2	596 0 0	1	320 0 0	2	596 0 0	1	320 0 0
		Additional					2	310 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	310 0 0	1	40 0 0
Narrandera	Ordinary	Original			1	259 3 0						1	259 3 0	
		Additional	2	372 2 0			1	40 0 0			3	412 2 0		
Do	Special area	Original	4	226 0 0	3	770 0 0	3	270 0 0			7	496 0 0	3	770 0 0
		Additional	1	17 3 0	1	701 3 0					1	701 3 0	1	701 3 0
Tumbarumba	Ordinary	Original	1	17 3 0							1	17 3 0		
		Additional					1	80 0 0			1	80 0 0		
Do	Special area	Original					1	57 0 0			1	57 0 0		
		Additional	2	640 3 0							2	640 3 0		
Tumbarumba, North	Ordinary	Original	1	320 3 0	2	752 3 0					1	320 3 0	2	752 3 0
		Additional	1	130 1 0							1	130 1 0		
Do	Special area	Original					6	400 0 0	1	235 0 0	6	400 0 0	1	235 0 0
		Additional					4	316 2 0	1	50 0 0	4	316 2 0	1	50 0 0
Tumut	Ordinary	Original					1	40 0 0			1	40 0 0		
		Additional	4	1,181 0 0			1	244 3 0			5	1,425 3 0		
Urana	Ordinary	Original	6	1,868 2 0	2	480 0 0	2	680 0 0			8	2,548 2 0	2	480 0 0
		Additional	3	416 1 0			5	1,174 3 10			8	1,591 0 10		
Do	Special area	Original	3	907 1 0			2	400 3 0			5	1,308 0 0		
		Additional	2	867 3 0			6	1,972 3 0	2	260 0 0	8	2,840 2 0	2	260 0 0
Wagga Wagga	Ordinary	Original	2	248 2 0			4	1,151 0 0	3	1,000 2 0	6	1,399 2 0	3	1,000 2 0
		Additional	10	3,421 2 0			9	2,039 0 0	2	1,280 0 0	19	5,460 2 0	2	1,280 0 0
			54	12,605 0 0	16	4,213 1 0	69	13,656 2 10	18	4,576 0 0	123	26,261 2 10	34	8,789 1 0
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	8	1,217 1 0	6	1,510 0 0	21	2,523 3 0	5	1,245 0 0	29	3,741 0 0	11	2,755 0 0
		Additional	11	3,446 1 0	2	741 3 0	22	5,173 2 0	7	730 2 0	33	8,619 3 0	9	1,472 1 0
	Total		19	4,663 2 0	8	2,251 3 0	43	7,697 1 0	12	1,975 2 0	62	12,360 3 0	20	4,227 1 0
	Special area	Original	18	3,583 0 0	7	1,719 3 0	9	2,383 3 0	4	1,320 2 0	27	5,966 3 0	11	3,040 1 0
		Additional	17	4,358 2 0	1	241 3 0	17	3,575 2 10	2	1,280 0 0	34	7,934 0 10	3	1,521 3 0
	Total		35	7,941 2 0	8	1,961 2 0	26	5,959 1 10	6	2,600 2 0	61	13,900 3 10	14	4,562 0 0
	Grand Total		54	12,605 0 0	16	4,213 1 0	69	13,656 2 10	18	4,576 0 0	123	26,261 2 10	34	8,789 1 0
SUMMARY.														
	Ordinary	Original	246	31,693 0 0	120	18,089 3 0	228	24,849 2 0	43	8,123 2 0	474	56,542 2 0	163	26,213 1 0
		Additional	269	82,395 3 20	108	22,771 1 0	179	37,095 2 0	48	8,600 0 0	448	119,491 1 20	156	31,371 1 0
		Non-residential	8	914 0 0	10	519 1 0	7	559 1 0	1	40 0 0	15	1,473 1 0	11	559 1 0
	Total for the whole Colony		523	115,002 3 20	238	41,380 1 0	414	62,504 1 0	92	16,763 2 0	937	177,507 0 20	330	58,143 3 0
	Special area	Original	110	11,001 2 7½	23	4,097 3 18	38	5,373 0 6	9	1,629 2 25	148	16,374 2 13½	32	5,727 2 3
		Additional	61	7,799 2 34	14	1,078 0 17	33	5,627 0 20	7	2,166 2 29	99	13,426 3 14	21	3,184 3 6
	Total for the whole Colony		171	18,801 1 13½	37	5,175 3 35	76	11,000 0 26	16	3,736 1 14	247	29,801 1 27½	53	8,912 1 9
	Grand Total for the whole Colony		694	133,804 0 21½	275	46,556 0 35	490	73,504 1 26	108	20,499 3 14	1,184	207,308 2 7½	383	67,056 0 9

SCHEDULE XI.

SPECIAL AREAS.

RETURN giving particulars as to proclamation and disposal of Special Areas from 1st January, 1885, to 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Class of Land.	Total acreage in Special Areas when proclaimed.	Area proclaimed but not yet available for Conditional Purchase or rendered unavailable since Proclamation by reservation or other cause.	Area available for Selection.	Area Selected.	Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.	Capital value of land selected at Original Price.	Capital value of land selected after appraisalment under Sec. 36 C.L. Act, 1895.	Percentage of area selected to area available for selection.
			a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Per cent.
Armidale.....	Armidale	Suburban or Population	1,511 0 32	19) 2 20	1,311 2 12	807 3 18	503 2 34	3,057 1 0	2,986 19 9	62
		Country	19,154 0 10	8,059 1 10	11,094 3 0	8,612 2 0	2,432 1 0	15,253 7 6	13,781 10 9	78
	Glen Innes	Suburban or Population	605 0 0	150 0 0	455 0 0	334 2 0	120 2 0	4 9 0	436 15 0	73
		Country	14,503 3 0	8,710 3 0	5,793 0 0	5,691 0 0	102 0 0	10,617 3 9	7,837 14 6	93
	Inverell.....	Suburban or Population	705 0 30	457 2 0	247 2 30	247 2 30	.....	572 4 4	572 4 4	100
		Country	9,335 0 0	2,244 0 0	7,141 0 0	6,876 1 0	264 3 0	14,491 16 0	12,669 7 0	96
	Tenterfield	Suburban or Population	1,685 0 11	96 3 8	1,588 1 3	1,557 1 33	30 3 10	3,220 6 9	2,859 13 4	98
		Country	2,507 1 0	1,989 1 0	518 0 0	505 0 0	13 0 0	771 0 0	346 0 0	97
	Walcha	Suburban or Population	3,799 3 0	3,353 3 0	446 0 0	445 0 0	.....	1,333 0 0	836 5 0	100
		Country	7,086 1 0	2,635 0 0	4,451 1 0	4,451 1 0	.....	8,663 10 0	6,911 13 1	100
	Totals	Suburban or Population	8,306 0 33	4,257 2 23	4,048 2 5	3,393 2 1	655 0 4	8,656 12 1	7,691 17 5	84
		Country	52,636 1 10	23,638 1 10	23,998 0 0	26,136 0 0	2,862 0 0	49,796 17 3	41,546 5 4	90
Grand Total .....	.....	60,942 2 3	27,895 3 33	33,046 2 5	29,529 2 1	3,517 0 4	£8,453 9 4	49,238 2 9	89	
Bourke	Bourke	Suburban or Population	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Country	10,780 0 0	5,588 3 0	5,191 1 0	1,402 1 0	3,789 0 0	2,629 7 6	2,396 7 6	27
	Brewarrina	Suburban or Population	1,987 0 0	1,167 0 0	800 0 0	800 0 0	.....	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0	100
		Country	2,060 2 0	2,020 2 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....	60 0 0	60 0 0	100
	Cobar.....	Suburban or Population	5,188 1 0	5,188 1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Country .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals	Suburban or Population	2,100 2 0	2,060 2 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....	60 0 0	60 0 0	100
Country		17,935 1 0	11,944 0 0	5,991 1 0	2,202 1 0	3,789 0 0	3,829 7 6	3,596 7 6	37	
Grand Total .....	.....	20,035 3 0	14,004 2 0	6,031 1 0	2,242 1 0	3,789 0 0	3,889 7 6	3,656 7 6	37	
Dubbo.....	Coonamble	Suburban or Population Area	170 2 19	.....	170 2 19	170 2 19	.....	542 15 11	542 15 11	100
		Country	4,887 3 0	3,873 3 0	1,014 0 0	1,014 0 0	.....	3,069 0 0	3,069 0 0	100
	Dubbo	Suburban or Population Area	2,120 0 0	454 3 0	1,665 1 0	1,048 1 10	616 3 30	2,873 8 9	2,748 8 9	62
		Country	7,870 1 0	3,185 0 0	4,685 1 0	4,685 1 0	.....	6,571 7 6	6,307 17 6	100
	Nyngan.....	Suburban or Population Area	1,053 3 10	785 2 0	267 1 10	267 1 10	.....	1,195 8 6	1,195 8 6	100
		Country	3,255 0 0	2,615 0 0	640 0 0	640 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Warren.....	Suburban or Population Area	7,922 2 0	3,469 1 0	4,453 1 0	4,047 3 0	405 2 0	13,295 3 9	12,507 13 9	90
		Country	31,199 3 0	19,067 3 0	12,132 0 0	11,732 1 0	399 3 0	18,255 3 11	15,415 6 5	96
	Totals	Suburban or Population Area	11,266 3 29	4,710 2 0	6,556 1 29	5,533 3 39	1,022 1 30	17,906 16 11	16,994 6 11	84
		Country	47,212 3 0	28,741 2 0	18,471 1 0	17,431 2 0	1,039 3 0	27,895 11 5	24,792 3 11	94
Grand Total .....	.....	58,479 2 29	33,452 0 0	25,027 2 29	22,965 1 39	2,062 0 30	45,802 8 4	41,786 10 10	91	

SCHEDULE XI—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Class of Land.	Total acreage in Special Areas when proclaimed.		Area proclaimed but not yet available for Conditional Purchase or rendered unavailable since Proclamation by reservation or other cause.		Area available for Selection.		Area Selected.		Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.		Capital value of land selected at Original Price.		Capital value of land selected after appraisalment under Sec. 36 C.L. Act, 1895.		Percentage of area selected to area available for selection.	
			a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Forbes	Barmedman	Suburban or Population	469	2 0	.....	499	2 0	160	0 0	339	2 0	180	0 0	180	0 0	32	
		Country	31,977	2 0	9,936	1 0	22,041	1 0	21,622	3 0	418	2 0	38,541	5 0	27,774	12 5	98	
	Barmedman East	Country	32,433	0 0	14,045	3 0	18,387	1 0	17,807	1 0	580	0 0	35,179	0 0	19,397	10 0	97	
		Suburban or Population	1,020	2 36	141	1 0	879	1 36	725	0 36	154	1 0	1,925	0 0	1,727	10 0	82	
	Condobolin	Country	15,742	1 0	5,166	0 0	10,576	1 0	10,576	1 0	.....	.....	16,805	4 2	14,907	19 2	100
		Suburban or Population	9,524	3 25	591	3 8	8,933	0 17	8,918	0 28	14	3 29	24,902	2 7	22,358	6 3	99	
	Forbes	Country	43,434	1 28	11,250	3 0	32,183	2 28	31,015	2 28	1,168	0 0	47,987	2 6	41,118	3 11	96	
		Suburban or Population	5,567	2 37	1,109	0 32	4,458	2 5	4,106	0 5	352	2 0	8,402	6 8	6,425	5 5	92	
	Grenfell	Country	13,854	2 0	1,689	3 0	12,164	3 0	12,030	0 0	134	3 0	20,152	19 11	14,237	13 9	98	
		Suburban or Population	4,460	3 0	145	0 16	4,315	2 24	3,539	1 36	776	0 28	8,283	10 7	7,429	8 5	82	
	Parkes	Country	38,721	2 0	5,186	3 0	33,534	3 0	32,652	3 0	882	0 0	50,032	9 2	41,870	3 7	97	
		Suburban or Population	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals	Suburban or Population	21,073	2 18	1,987	1 16	19,086	1 2	17,448	3 25	1,637	1 17	43,692	19 10	38,120	10 1	91	
		Country	176,163	0 28	47,275	1 0	128,887	3 28	125,704	2 23	3,183	1 0	208,693	0 9	159,306	2 10	97	
Grand total		197,236	3 6	49,262	2 16	147,974	0 30	143,153	2 13	4,820	2 17	252,391	0 7	197,426	12 11	96
Goulburn	Bega	Suburban or Population	2,029	0 37	.....	2,029	0 37	2,029	0 37	.....	.....	10,325	18 2	9,477	2 7	100	
		Country	1,198	0 0	.....	1,193	0 0	1,052	1 0	145	3 0	2,481	2 6	2,427	12 6	88	
	Bombala	Suburban or Population	2,844	3 0	625	0 0	2,219	3 0	2,018	0 0	171	3 0	4,639	10 0	4,639	10 0	92	
		Country	8,060	1 20	1,514	0 0	6,546	1 20	6,112	3 0	433	2 20	9,913	10 0	9,828	9 4	93	
	Boo-owa	Suburban or Population	14,737	3 26	1,427	3 30	13,309	3 36	12,622	1 0	687	2 36	25,500	19 7	22,254	18 10	95	
		Country	16,096	2 0	4,340	0 0	11,756	2 0	11,115	2 0	641	0 0	22,523	3 9	20,518	0 0	94	
	Braidwood	Suburban or Population	42	3 35	4	3 6	38	0 29	38	0 29	.....	.....	179	12 0	179	12 0	100
		Country	1,075	0 0	331	1 0	743	3 0	515	0 0	198	3 0	843	15 0	843	15 0	73	
	Cooma	Suburban or Population	5,735	2 28	4,224	2 33	1,510	3 30	1,455	2 15	55	1 15	3,275	9 2	3,275	9 2	96	
		Country	19,681	3 20	5,424	2 20	14,257	1 0	13,495	1 0	762	0 0	22,948	4 2	22,115	0 1	94	
	Eden	Suburban or Population	1,012	2 30	479	2 10	533	0 20	472	2 30	60	1 30	1,276	1 8	1,032	8 2	88	
		Country	1,342	1 0	979	0 0	363	1 0	363	1 0	.....	.....	903	2 6	908	2 6	100
	Goulburn	Suburban or Population	1,214	0 7	521	0 0	723	0 7	103	0 0	617	0 7	286	11 3	199	18 9	14	
		Country	2,019	0 0	808	2 0	1,210	2 0	1,210	2 0	.....	.....	2,421	0 0	2,182	18 9	100
	Gunning	Suburban or Population	5,414	1 20	2,994	2 0	2,419	3 20	1,819	3 10	600	0 10	3,870	8 9	3,272	1 3	75	
		Country	23,830	0 0	21,553	2 0	2,246	2 0	1,895	2 0	351	0 0	3,197	5 0	2,726	18 9	84	
	Moruya	Suburban or Population	920	2 25	.....	920	2 25	172	1 20	748	1 5	231	18 2	281	18 2	18	
		Country	2,455	2 30	215	3 0	2,239	3 30	1,896	3 0	343	0 20	3,109	18 9	2,948	3 9	85	
	Moss Vale	Suburban or Population	2,254	0 26	.....	2,254	0 26	.....	.....	2,254	0 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Country	1,148	3 0	778	0 0	370	3 0	242	0 0	128	3 0	434	0 0	334	0 0	65	
	Queanbeyan	Suburban or Population	2,903	0 10	1,533	3 4	1,369	1 6	1,180	2 8	188	2 38	4,124	1 9	4,022	16 6	86	
		Country	3,236	2 0	609	1 0	2,627	1 0	2,627	1 0	.....	.....	4,156	2 6	4,052	2 6	100
	Yass	Suburban or Population	4,258	2 0	2,052	3 0	2,175	3 0	1,695	3 0	480	0 0	2,703	12 6	2,703	12 6	78	
		Country	2,614	3 0	374	1 20	2,240	1 20	2,145	1 20	95	0 0	3,961	18 9	3,616	1 10	95	
Young	Suburban or Population	16,066	3 31	1,316	2 33	14,750	0 38	13,977	2 14	772	2 24	37,389	0 7	31,626	3 1	95		
	Country	30,904	3 0	7,056	0 0	23,848	3 0	22,847	3 0	1,001	0 0	47,672	13 9	38,963	2 5	96		
Totals	Suburban or Population	59,464	3 35	15,210	3 1	44,254	0 34	37,618	0 3	6,636	0 31	93,353	3 7	82,965	11 0	85		
	Country	113,663	1 30	44,014	1 0	69,649	0 30	65,549	0 20	4,100	0 10	124,600	16 8	110,464	7 5	94		
Grand total		173,128	1 25	59,225	0 1	113,903	1 24	103,167	0 23	10,736	1 1	217,954	0 3	193,429	18 5	90

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			a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Per cent.	
Grafton	Bellingen	Suburban or Population.....	633 1 20	509 3 0	123 2 20	84 0 0	39 2 20	136 10 0	136 10 0	68	
		Country.....	23,533 3 0	11,997 1 0	11,541 2 0	9,290 3 0	2,250 3 0	15,534 2 6	12,442 11 6	80	
	Casino	Suburban or Population.....	942 0 18	14 0 39½	927 3 18¾	612 3 18¾	315 0 0	2,634 13 4	2,634 13 4	66	
		Country.....	6,969 2 0	5,070 1 0	1,899 1 0	1,899 1 0	.....	4,773 10 0	4,173 3 9	100
	Grafton.....	Suburban or Population.....	1,081 3 28	.....	1,081 3 28	544 1 23	537 2 0	1,029 0 6	1,029 0 6	50
		Country.....	5,929 2 0	2,151 0 0	3,778 2 0	2,661 2 0	1,117 0 0	4,541 2 6	3,997 2 6	70	
	Kempsey	Suburban or Population.....	430 2 34	.....	430 2 0¾	89 2 32	341 0 2	318 16 0	318 16 0	20
		Country.....	7,519 0 0	2,155 0 0	5,364 0 0	5,297 0 0	67 0 0	7,960 10 0	6,423 9 6	93	
	Lismore.....	Suburban or Population.....	2,162 0 1	43 3 19	2,118 0 22	1,477 3 27½	640 0 34½	3,906 6 1	3,957 11 8	69	
		Country.....	57,140 0 0	41,597 0 0	15,543 0 0	5,232 2 0	310 2 0	39,084 14 0	30,796 7 11	98	
	Murwillumbah.....	Suburban or Population.....	218 0 36½	.....	218 0 36½	132 2 1½	85 2 35½	538 12 6	538 12 6	60
		Country.....	16,704 0 20	9,205 3 0	7,498 1 20	4,278 3 20	3,219 2 0	7,834 5 0	7,146 13 0	57	
	Port Macquarie	Suburban or Population.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Country.....	653 1 0	.....	653 1 0	100 0 0	553 1 0	150 0 0	150 0 0	15
Totals	Suburban or Population.....	Country.....	5,468 1 17½	567 3 18½	4,900 1 39½	2,941 1 27½	1,959 0 11¾	8,563 18 5	8,615 4 0	60	
		Country.....	118,454 0 20	72,176 1 0	46,277 3 20	38,759 3 20	7,518 0 0	79,878 4 0	65,079 8 2	83	
Grand total .....	.....	.....	123,922 1 37½	72,744 0 18½	51,178 1 19½	41,701 1 7½	9,477 0 11¾	88,442 2 5	73,694 12 2	81
Hay	Balranald	Suburban or Population.....	3,040 3 0	243 2 0	2,797 1 0	2,662 1 0	135 0 0	4,572 10 0	4,002 1 3	95	
		Country.....	47,473 3 0	25,621 0 0	21,852 3 0	19,136 3 0	2,716 0 0	31,104 7 6	24,151 2 8	87	
	Deniliquin	Suburban or Population.....	6,123 3 0	557 2 0	5,566 1 0	5,566 1 0	.....	16,051 2 6	10,243 12 6	100
		Country.....	*157,947 2 39	83,865 1 39	74,082 1 0	71,943 2 0	2,138 3 0	128,804 0 0	105,058 19 3	97	
	Hay	Suburban or Population.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Country.....	93,079 1 19	70,801 1 19	22,778 0 0	21,403 3 0	1,374 1 0	36,818 1 4	25,836 17 5	93	
	Hillston	Suburban or Population.....	1,179 1 0	.....	1,179 1 0	1,005 2 0	173 3 0	1,508 5 0	1,304 0 0	85
		Country.....	7,816 3 0	5,316 1 0	2,500 2 0	1,436 1 0	1,064 1 0	2,521 10 0	2,067 18 0	57	
	Totals	Suburban or Population.....	Country.....	10,343 3 0	801 0 0	9,542 3 0	9,234 0 0	308 3 0	22,131 17 6	15,549 13 9	96
			Country.....	306,317 2 18	185,104 0 18	121,213 2 0	113,920 1 0	7,293 1 0	199,247 18 10	157,114 17 4	93
Grand Total	316,661 1 18	185,905 0 18	130,756 1 0	123,154 1 0	7,602 0 0	221,379 16 4	172,664 11 1	90	

* 56 acres did not become available during 1899.

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Maitland.....	Cassilis	Country.....	4,300 1 0	1,828 0 0	2,472 1 0	2,472 1 0	4,139 10 0	4,091 10 0	100	
	Dungog	Country.....	2,818 0 0	778 2 0	2,039 2 0	1,851 3 0	187 3 0	3,564 15 0	3,175 15 0	91	
	Gosford.....	}	Country.....	906 0 20	191 2 0	714 2 20	714 2 20	1,991 0 0	1,852 8 9	100
			Suburban or Population	611 1 28	10 0 0	601 1 28	297 1 7	304 0 21	594 11 9	594 11 9	50
	Maitland	}	Country.....	2,177 3 0	1,448 3 0	729 0 0	360 2 0	368 2 0	657 15 0	657 15 0	49
			Suburban or Population	2,068 1 20	216 1 30	1,851 3 30	1,416 2 20	435 1 10	2,702 1 3	2,702 1 3	76
	Muswellbrook	}	Country.....	1,295 3 0	1,065 3 0	230 0 0	230 0 0	575 0 0	575 0 0	100
			Suburban or Population	4,185 3 0	754 0 0	3,431 3 0	3,111 3 0	320 0 0	7,722 2 6	7,543 14 2	90
	Newcastle	}	Country.....	5,660 3 0	5,277 1 0	383 2 0	3-3 2 0	707 0 0	707 0 0	100
			Suburban or Population	977 1 0	125 0 0	852 1 0	852 1 0	1,392 7 6	1,392 7 6	100
	Paterson	}	Country.....	127 2 0	127 2 0	127 2 0	191 5 0	191 5 0	100
			Suburban or Population	2,391 3 0	2,241 3 0	150 0 0	150 0 0
	Raymond Terrace ...	}	Country.....	273 3 10	273 3 10	84 0 10	189 3 0	180 1 4	180 1 4	31
			Suburban or Population	984 2 38	984 2 38	984 2 38	1,678 4 6	1,565 3 3	100
	Scone.....	}	Country.....	1,109 0 0	140 0 0	969 0 0	969 0 0	2,228 10 0	1,911 9 9	100
			Suburban or Population	1,306 3 0	1,306 3 0	1,306 3 0	2,343 17 6	2,236 14 8	100
	Stroud	}	Country.....	7,008 3 0	5,024 1 0	1,984 2 0	1,944 2 0	40 0 0	3,541 15 0	3,541 15 0	98
			Suburban or Population	897 0 0	897 0 0	771 0 0	126 0 0	1,389 11 3	1,389 11 3	86
	Taree	}	Country.....	1,671 0 20	44 1 0	1,626 3 20	892 1 20	734 2 0	1,425 11 3	1,425 11 3	56
			Suburban or Population	202 2 0	202 2 0	81 0 0	121 2 0	162 0 0	162 0 0	40
	Wollombi	}	Country.....	30,729 2 18	18,120 3 0	12,603 3 18	11,615 0 18	993 3 0	22,027 8 3	21,021 15 6	92
Population or Suburban			10,244 2 38	1,024 2 30	9,220 0 8	7,236 1 17	1,983 2 31	15,164 10 7	14,873 19 5	78	
	Grand Total		40,974 1 16	19,145 1 30	21,828 3 26	18,851 1 35	2,977 1 31	37,191 18 10	35,895 14 11	86	
Moree	Bingara	}	Country	2,171 3 0	654 0 0	1,517 3 0	1,372 2 0	145 1 0	2,492 7 6	2,332 7 6	90
			Suburban or Population Area	278 0 0	150 1 0	127 3 0	127 3 0
	Moree	}	Country.....	38,862 1 0	23,200 1 0	15,662 0 0	14,178 1 0	1,483 3 0	22,359 8 9	20,954 19 11	91
			Suburban or Population Area	1,573 2 0	1,573 2 0	822 0 0	751 2 0	2,443 5 0	2,239 5 0	52
	Walgett.....	}	Country.....	5,984 1 0	3,709 0 0	2,275 1 0	766 1 0	1,509 0 0	1,338 15 0	1,338 15 0	33
			Suburban or Population Area
	Warialda	}	Country.....	20,132 2 13	11,630 1 0	8,502 1 13	7,135 1 13	1,367 0 0	11,165 7 0	10,686 18 3	83
			Suburban or Population Area	1,761 3 30	1,124 3 10	637 0 20	434 2 20	202 2 0	1,188 0 4	1,182 14 1	68
	Totals	}	Country	67,150 3 13	39,193 2 0	27,937 1 13	23,452 1 13	4,505 0 0	37,355 18 3	35,313 0 8	83
			Suburban or Population Area	3,613 1 30	1,275 0 10	2,338 1 20	1,256 2 20	1,081 3 0	3,631 5 4	3,421 19 1	53
	Grand Total		70,764 1 3	40,468 2 10	30,295 2 33	24,708 3 33	5,586 3 0	40,987 3 7	38,734 19 9	81	

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			a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	£ s d.	£ s d.	Percent.
Orange	Bathurst	Suburban or Population	837 2 10	837 2 10
		Country	2,284 3 0	544 1 0	1,740 2 0	1,544 2 0	196 0 0	2,515 0 0	2,476 17 6	89
	Carcoar	Suburban or Population	76 0 31	...	76 0 31	70 1 25	5 3 6	176 0 4	176 0 4	92
		Country	1,805 0 30*	954 1 0*	850 3 30	633 2 30	217 1 0	950 18 8	950 18 8	74
	Cowra	Suburban or Population	1,890 2 38	18 1 5	1,792 1 33	1,593 2 1	198 3 32	5,149 6 8	4,957 7 9	89
		Country	29,302 1 0†	2,708 3 0†	26,593 2 0	26,077 1 0	516 1 0	47,883 15 4	43,649 14 2	98
	Lithgow	Suburban or Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Country	4,416 2 0	2,099 3 0	2,316 3 0	1,537 0 0	779 3 0	3,595 7 6	3,555 7 6	66
	Molong	Suburban or Population	4,792 3 37	1,315 2 11	3,477 1 25	3,361 0 18	116 1 8	6,767 18 9	6,358 16 8	97
		Country	28,265 0 0	5,995 1 0	22,269 3 0	21,889 1 0	380 2 0	39,799 10 0	34,832 15 5	98
	Mudgee	Suburban or Population	2,199 0 0	919 0 0	1,280 0 0	1,280 0 0	...	2,678 2 6	2,427 2 6	100
		Country	3,668 3 0	728 0 0	2,940 3 0	2,940 3 0	...	4,614 15 0	4,286 18 2	100
	Orange	Suburban or Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Country	468 2 0	...	468 2 0	468 2 0	...	1,804 0 0	1,768 0 0	100
	Ry stone	Suburban or Population	1,688 2 0	431 1 0	1,257 1 0	1,257 1 0	...	2,435 0 0	2,345 10 0	100
		Country	486 3 0	...	486 3 0	486 3 0	...	842 7 6	842 7 6	100
	Wellington	Suburban or Population	2,800 0 0	217 0 0	2,583 0 0	2,583 0 0	...	4,402 5 0	4,041 15 8	100
		Country	1,253 0 0	101 1 0	1,151 3 0	1,151 3 0	...	1,750 15 0	1,710 15 0	100
Totals	Suburban or Population	14,284 3 36	3,818 2 26	10,166 1 10	10,145 1 4	321 0 6	21,608 13 3	20,709 12 11	97	
	Country	71,950 2 30	13,131 2 0	58,819 0 30	56,723 1 30	2,089 3 0	102,786 9 0	91,073 13 11	96	
Grand Total		86,235 2 26	16,950 0 26	69,285 2 0	66,874 2 34	2,410 3 6	124,395 2 3	114,383 6 10	96	
Sydney	Campbelltown	Suburban and Population Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Country	9,141 1 0	6,802 1 0	2,339 0 0	2,255 3 0	83 1 0	3,847 10 6	3,002 0 0	96½
	Liverpool	Suburban and Population Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Country	96 2 0	...	96 2 0	96 2 0	...	193 0 0	193 0 0	100
	Milton	Suburban and Population Area	1,178 2 21	473 1 4	705 1 17	...	705 1 17	...	...
		Country	2,695 0 0	1,730 0 0	965 0 0	965 0 0	...	1,652 10 0	1,043 10 0	100
	Nowra	Suburban and Population Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Country	459 1 0	15 1 0	364 0 0	298 0 0	66 0 0	510 1 3	593 12 6	82
	Parramatta	Suburban and Population Area	722 0 22	355 0 38	365 3 24	147 2 10	219 1 14	635 13 9	635 13 9	40
		Country	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	225 0 0	225 0 0	100
	Penrith	Suburban and Population Area	1,210 1 20	1,091 2 20	118 3 0	118 3 0	...	294 10 0	294 10 0	100
		Country	899 0 0	259 2 0	639 2 0	479 0 0	160 2 0	1,978 5 0	1,978 5 0	75
	Picton	Suburban and Population Area	613 0 6	63 3 26	579 0 20	105 1 20	473 3 0	187 15 0	187 15 0	18
		Country	1,980 1 0	43 0 0	1,937 1 0	876 1 0	1,061 0 0	2,335 0 0	2,335 0 0	45
	Windsor	Suburban and Population Area	3,846 2 10	37 3 0	3,803 3 10	1,974 1 0	1,834 2 10	6,200 13 9	5,975 16 10	52
		Country	61 2 0	...	61 2 0	61 2 0	...	123 0 0	123 0 0	100
	Totals	Suburban and Population Area	7,600 2 39	2,021 3 8	5,578 3 31	2,345 3 30	3,233 0 1	7,318 12 6	7,093 15 7	42
		Country	15,432 3 0	8,930 0 0	6,502 3 0	5,132 0 0	1,370 3 0	10,864 6 9	9,493 7 6	79
Grand Total		23,033 1 39	10,951 3 8	12,031 2 31	7,477 3 30	4,603 3 1	18,182 19 3	16,587 3 1	62	

* 433½ acres did not become available during 1899.

† 331 acres did not become available during 1899.

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			a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Tamworth	Coonabarabran	Suburban or Population	264	0	0				264	0	0			264	0	0								
		Country	2,509	0	0	1,537	0	0	972	0	0	160	0	0	812	0	0	240	0	0	240	0	0	16
	Gunnedah	Suburban or Population	4,903	1	12	354	1	12	4,549	0	0	4,348	1	28	200	2	12	10,849	15	0	10,849	15	0	95
		Country	23,026	2	0	2,792	0	0	20,234	2	0	14,173	1	36	6,061	0	4	25,488	19	2	25,044	16	8	70
	Murrurundi	Suburban or Population	697	3	11	112	1	20	585	1	31	139	0	31	416	1	0	418	5	0	418	5	0	24
		Country	18,699	3	20	6,312	0	10	12,387	3	10	11,907	1	20	480	1	30	23,897	1	8	22,933	4	10	96
	Narrabri	Suburban or Population	413	3	20				413	3	20	94	0	20	319	3	0	460	4	4	460	4	4	23
		Country	44,441	2	0	26,111	0	0	18,330	2	0	16,180	0	0	2,150	2	0	27,034	12	11	27,021	0	5	88
	Tamworth	Suburban or Population	11,357	1	38	378	2	0	10,978	3	38	3,302	2	6	7,676	1	32	14,254	15	2	13,068	8	11	30
		Country	62,631	1	4	9,174	2	20	53,476	2	24	47,105	0	19	6,371	2	5	97,795	6	0	94,334	5	9	88
Totals	Suburban or Population	17,636	2	1	815	0	32	16,791	1	9	7,884	1	5	8,907	0	4	174,505	19	9	24,796	13	3	47	
	Country	151,328	0	24	45,926	2	30	105,401	1	34	89,525	3	35	15,875	1	39	25,982	19	6	169,623	7	8	85	
Grand Total			168,964	2	25	46,771	3	22	122,192	3	3	97,410	1	0	24,782	2	3	200,488	19	3	194,420	0	11	79
Wagga Wagga	Albury	Suburban or Population	630	0	0	420	1	10	209	2	30	173	2	0	36	0	30	521	1	3	461	1	3	82
		Country	24,402	3	3	5,791	0	10	18,611	2	33	17,878	0	33	733	2	0	48,420	0	0	34,367	17	1	96
	Cootamundry	Suburban or Population	1,032	1	17				1,032	1	17	752	3	27	279	1	30	2,863	19	3	2,837	6	9	73
		Country	66,900	1	10	12,019	3	30	54,880	1	20	52,993	1	20	1,887	0	0	78,797	18	4	47,582	19	7	96
	Cootamundry Central	Country	3,203	0	0				3,203	0	0	2,129	1	0	1,073	3	0	4,258	10	0	3,113	6	10	66
		Suburban or Population																						
	Corowa	Country	50,981	2	0	11,621	3	0	39,359	3	0	34,594	0	20	4,765	2	20	93,945	1	10	74,315	14	9	87
		Suburban or Population																						
	Gundagai	Country	17,990	2	0	1,051	2	0	16,939	0	0	16,865	1	0	73	3	0	34,336	3	4	25,161	7	0	99
		Suburban or Population																						
	Narrandera	Country	49,847	1	0	24,944	1	0	24,903	0	0	23,299	0	0	1,604	0	0	57,346	19	2	49,245	17	1	93
		Suburban or Population	112	3	0				112	3	0	112	3	0				169	2	6	169	2	6	100
	Tumbarumba	Country	13,684	2	10	3,070	1	0	10,614	1	10	9,552	2	0	1,061	3	10	21,342	7	6	15,735	5	6	90
		Suburban or Population																						
	Tumbarumba North	Country	883	0	0				883	0	0	451	0	0	432	0	0	741	12	6	741	12	6	51
Suburban or Population																								
Tumut	Country	7,451	3	0	4,548	1	0	2,903	2	0	2,743	2	0	160	0	0	4,836	0	0	3,837	15	0	94	
	Suburban or Population	534	0	4	57	2	17	476	1	27	208	3	33	267	1	34	333	8	8	333	8	8	43	
Urana	Country	84,244	1	23	25,588	0	18	58,656	1	10	50,674	1	10	7,982	0	0	100,740	4	2	77,171	4	10	86	
	Suburban or Population	994	2	10	680	0	0	314	2	10	314	2	10				1,063	14	2	1,020	8	7	100	
Wagga Wagga	Country	107,798	0	10	18,013	0	0	89,785	0	10	86,412	3	0	3,372	1	10	177,089	19	8	127,752	13	1	96	
	Suburban or Population																							
Totals	Suburban or Population	3,303	2	31	1,157	3	27	2,145	3	4	1,562	2	30	583	0	14	4,951	5	10	4,821	7	9	72	
	Country	427,387	0	21	106,648	0	18	320,739	0	3	297,593	1	3	23,145	3	0	621,854	16	6	459,025	13	3	92	
Grand Total			430,690	3	12	107,806	0	5	322,884	3	7	299,155	3	33	23,728	3	14	626,806	2	4	463,847	1	0	92
SUMMARY.																								
Totals	Suburban or Population	174,708	1	27½	39,738	3	36½	134,969	1	31½	106,641	0	1½	28,328	1	29½	421,545	15	7	245,314	11	2	79	
	Country	1,596,361	3	12	644,844	0	36	951,517	2	16	873,751	3	7	77,765	3	9	1,514,818	14	8	1,350,450	11	0	91	
Grand Total			1,771,070	0	39½	684,583	0	32½	1,086,487	0	7½	980,392	3	8½	106,094	0	38½	1,936,364	10	3	1,595,765	2	2	90

SCHEDULE XII.

RETURN giving particulars of applications made by holders of Conditional Purchases for reduction of amount of Annual Instalment during the year 1899.

Land District.	No. of Conditional Purchases.	No. of Applications.	Reduction in amount of Annual Instalments.	Land District.	No. of Conditional Purchases.	No. of Applications.	Reduction in amount of Annual Instalment.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Armidale	8	8	23 5 0	Lismore	2	1	3 2 1
Balranald	7	2	72 7 9	Maitland	1	1	4 0 0
Barmedman	10	5	53 11 1	Molong	7	4	20 17 0
Bathurst	10	5	18 3 3	Moree	12	3	103 19 11
Bingara	2	2	6 15 0	Moruya	10	4	30 15 10
Bombala	69	17	143 12 2	Mudgee	4	3	7 16 5
Braidwood	2	1	5 13 9	Murrurundi'	4	3	26 11 11
Boorowa	2	1	0 19 6	Miltcn	2	1	2 11 6
Carcoar	10	4	8 18 1	Murwillumbah	2	2	3 15 0
Casino	1	1	4 19 0	Narrabri	3	1	41 0 0
Cassilis	7	2	12 10 0	Nyngan	1	1	8 0 0
Condobolin	2	2	12 0 0	Orange.....	1	1	1 0 7
Cooma	34	17	53 0 11	Queanbeyan	97	17	127 11 4
Coonabarabran	10	5	17 16 6	Raymond Terrace	1	1	0 15 0
Coonamble.....	4	2	19 4 0	Rylstone	1	1	2 10 0
Cootamundra	13	10	57 17 9	Singleton.....	5	1	6 8 4
Corowa	2	1	2 6 3	Tamworth	8	4	23 1 11
Cowra	10	4	38 2 1	Taree	6	4	11 0 5
Deniliquin.....	4	3	25 7 7	Tenterfield	10	4	15 18 4
Dubbo	5	2	12 3 6	Tumut.....	1	1	2 10 0
Eden	22	5	43 0 6	Tumbarumba	1	1	4 2 9
Forbes	4	3	22 7 9	Urana	23	11	166 3 4
Glen Innes	6	3	9 18 0	Wagga Wagga	35	9	178 5 4
Goulburn	59	10	74 13 7	Walcha	7	1	13 16 9
Grafton.....	14	5	33 10 0	Warialda.....	1	1	2 11 10
Gunning	7	2	14 7 0	Wellington.....	4	1	8 10 0
Hay	36	19	313 9 9	Yass	1	1	1 15 0
Inverell.....	7	4	13 1 11	Young	7	6	36 9 3
Kempsey	2	1	7 13 8				
Lithgow.....	7	1	6 5 0	Total	633	236	1,982 0 2

SCHEDULE XIII.

RETURN showing Increases and Decreases in Areas of Conditional Purchases during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Crown Lands Act of 1884.		Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.	
		Increase in Area.	Decrease in Area.	Increase in Area.	Decrease in Area.
		a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.	a. r. p.
Armidale	Armidale	209 2 0	82 2 0	27 2 0	32 0 24
	Glen Innes	21 0 0		101 0 0	1 1 20
	Inverell	292 0 0	6 0 0	80 1 0	0 3 0
	Tenterfield	31 3 0		0 2 0	
	Walcha	17 2 0			1 0 0
Bourke	Brewarrina			26 3 0	
	Willyama				12 2 22
Dubbo	Coonamble	44 3 0	34 0 0		
	Dubbo	9 0 0	13 0 0	10 1 0	
	Nyngan	5 2 0	34 0 0		
	Warren	509 2 0	24 0 0		
Forbes.....	Barmedman		16 0 0	3 1 0	3 0 0
	Barmedman, East		2 0 0		
	Condobolin		7 2 0		
	Forbes		66 3 0	35 1 0	1 1 0
	Grenfell		71 1 0	40 0 0	
Goulburn	Parkes	200 0 0	5 0 0		3 1 10
	Bega	2 0 0	1 2 0	3 0 0	39 3 0
	Bombala	62 2 0			1 0 0
	Boorowa	4 0 0	10 1 0	4 1 0	14 2 0
	Braidwood				1 0 0
	Cooma	30 2 0	7 0 0	11 1 0	12 0 0
	Eden		17 2 0	1 3 0	6 0 0
	Goulburn	8 0 0			
	Moruya	3 2 0			
	Moss Vale	1 3 0		1 3 0	3 0 0
	Queanbeyan	8 3 0	2 2 0		
Grafton	Yass	10 2 0			2 0 0
	Young	42 0 0		9 3 7	
	Bellingen	102 3 0	2 0 0		1 1 0
	Casino	151 0 0	1 2 0		2 0 0
	Grafton	0 1 0		2 3 0	1 0 0
	Kempsey	15 0 7	4 2 7		6 1 0
	Lismore	0 3 0	12 0 0	27 3 37	15 0 0
	Murwillumbah	23 3 0	3 0 0	7 1 0	1 2 0
	Balranald, South				25 1 0
	Deniliquin	4,059 0 0	1 1 0	401 1 21	3 1 0
Maitland	Hay	392 1 0	7 0 0		8 3 0
	Hillston		17 0 0		2 3 0
	Cassilis	77 1 0			
	Dungog				2 3 0
	Gosford		3 2 0		
	Maitland	16 3 0			0 1 0
	Muswellbrook				1 1 0
	Newcastle			2 0 0	
	Raymond Terrace		2 3 0		3 2 20
	Singleton			3 1 0	6 1 0
Moree	Taree	5 0 0	8 3 0	3 0 0	6 2 0
	Wollombi				2 0 0
	Bingara				0 1 0
	Moree	493 0 0	3 0 27		37 1 10
	Walgett		4 0 0		
	Warialda	949 3 0	14 2 27	449 1 0	26 0 19
	Bathurst	34 0 0	2 1 0		1 3 0
	Carcoar	20 0 0		8 1 0	0 2 0
	Cowra	29 0 10	6 0 0		2 1 0
	Lithgow	80 2 0			1 0 0
Orange.....	Molong	40 0 0	6 0 0	1 1 0	1 0 0
	Mudgee	236 1 0	39 0 0		
	Orange				4 1 0
	Rylstone	190 3 0	8 2 0		4 3 0
	Wellington	66 0 0	102 0 0		
	Nowra			1 1 39	3 0 0
	Picton	12 3 0		3 1 0	6 3 0
	Windsor		9 2 0		
	Wollongong				5 2 0
	Tamworth	3 0 0	611 0 0	394 0 0	26 2 0
Wagga Wagga	Murrurundi		6 3 0	44 1 0	11 0 0
	Narrabri			50 0 0	
	Tamworth	11 1 0	167 0 0	22 0 5	161 2 30
	Albury		50 0 0		
	Cootamundry		2 0 0		
	Corowa	149 0 0	318 1 0	881 2 20	65 1 14
	Gundagai	34 0 0	53 0 0	49 1 26	
	Narrandera		7 0 0	5 1 0	5 1 0
	Tumbarumba		2 1 0		32 1 0
	Tumut		3 2 0		
Urana	21 2 0			0 0 25	
Wagga Wagga	3 2 0	542 0 0	60 0 0	4 0 0	

GRAND TOTALS.

Crown Lands Act of 1884.		a. r. p.	Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.		a. r. p.
Increase in Area	8,732	0 17	Increase in Area	2,774	0 35
Decrease "	2,421	3 21	Decrease "	624	3 34
Total Increase in Area		11,506	1 12	Total Increase in Area	
Total Decrease "		3,046	3 15	Total Decrease "	

SCHEDULE XIV.

RETURN showing number of Transfers of Conditional Purchases received from 1st January to 31st December, 1899, and the number dealt with, inclusive of those on hand.

Number of Transfers received	9,366
„ „ registration of which have been intimated to Treasury	9,072
„ Conditional Purchases thereby transferred	16,532*
„ „ „ and area actually transferred	{ Number of Conditional Purchases 11,062 Area..... 1,686,002a. 1r. 15p.
„ Transfers upon which stamp duty was paid .....		3,709

Amount of stamp duty paid thereon—

Paid through Lands Department	£5,292 6 0	} £7,381 12 0
Paid prior to lodgment	£2,089 6 0	

Number of Transfers registered in Registrar-General's Office.....	9,074
„ „ in Registrar-General's Office awaiting registration.....	Nil
„ Crown Solicitor's certificates received	498
„ Notices despatched, informing parties, Crown Land Agents, and Chairmen of Local Land Boards of registration of transfers.....	11,608

* Includes conditional purchases transferred more than once during the year.

SCHEDULE XV.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Conditional Purchases declared forfeited during the year 1899 for non-fulfilment of the required conditions.

Land Board District and Land District.	Ordinary Lands.						Special Areas.						Total.	
	Original.		Additional.		Non residential.		Original.		Additional.		Non-residential.			
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		acres.		a. r. p.
Armidale—														
Armidale	1	40 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	40 0 0
Glen Innes	2	81 2 0	1	40 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	3	121 2 0
Tenterfield .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	39 3 0	1	19 2 30	...	...	2	59 1 30
Total	3	121 2 0	1	40 0 0	...	.....	1	39 3 0	1	19 2 30	...	...	6	220 3 30
Dubbo—														
Coonamble	3	253 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	3	253 0 0
Dubbo	1	79 2 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	79 2 0
Warren .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	100 0 0	...	.....	...	...	1	100 0 0
Total	4	332 2 0	...	.....	...	.....	1	100 0 0	...	.....	...	...	5	432 2 0
Forbes—														
Barmedman East..	1	50 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	50 0 0
Parkes .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	23 3 30	...	.....	...	...	1	23 3 30
Total	1	50 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	1	23 3 30	...	.....	...	...	2	73 3 30
Goulburn—														
Bombala .....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	85 0 0	...	.....	...	...	2	85 0 0
Boorowa .....	...	.....	1	40 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	40 0 0
Braidwood .....	...	.....	...	.....	1	50 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	50 0 0
Cooma	1	80 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	1	31 0 0	...	.....	...	...	2	111 0 0
Eden .....	...	.....	...	.....	1	80 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	80 0 0
Goulburn	1	40 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	40 0 0
Moruya	1	40 0 0	...	.....	2	130 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	3	170 0 0
Moss Vale	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	3	234 1 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	5	314 1 0
Queanbeyan .....	...	.....	1	60 0 0	1	150 2 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	2	210 2 0
Yass .....	...	.....	1	40 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	1	40 0 0
Total	4	200 0 0	4	180 0 0	8	644 3 0	3	116 0 0	...	.....	...	...	19	1,140 3 0

SCHEDULE XV—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Ordinary Lands.						Special Areas.						Total.	
	Original.		Additional.		Non-residential.		Original.		Additional.		Non-residential.			
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Grafton—		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		acres.		a. r. p.
Bellingen	1	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0
Casino	1	47 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	47 3 0
Grafton	1	51 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	51 0 0
Lismore .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	79 1 0	2	156 0 0	...	...	3	235 1 0
Port Macquarie ...	3	245 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	245 0 0
Total	6	383 3 0	...	...	...	...	1	79 1 0	2	156 0 0	...	...	9	619 0 0
Maitland—														
Cassilis	3	240 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	240 0 0
Gosford	1	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0
Scone	2	255 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	255 0 0
Stroud	1	80 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	230	...	2	310 0 0
Total	7	615 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	230	...	8	845 0 0
Moree—														
Warialda	2	200 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	200 0 0
Orange—														
Bathurst	1	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0
Carcoar	2	80 0 0	...	...	...	...	1	5 3 6	...	...	...	...	3	85 3 6
Lithgow	3	277 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	277 1 0
Rylstone .....	...	...	1	55 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	55 3 0
Wellington	1	150 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	150 0 0
Total	7	547 1 0	1	55 3 0	...	...	1	5 3 6	...	...	...	...	9	608 3 6
Sydney—														
Campbelltown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	1	40 0 0
Milton .....	...	...	1	61 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	61 0 0
Parramatta .....	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40 0 0
Penrith .....	...	...	...	...	3	229 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	229 0 0
Picton	2	120 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	3	160 0 0
Windsor	3	153 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	92 0 30	...	...	...	...	7	365 0 30
Total	5	273 0 0	2	141 0 0	5	309 0 0	2	92 0 30	...	...	2	80	16	895 0 30
Tamworth—														
Narrabri	3	662 1 0	...	...	...	...	1	5 0 36	...	...	...	...	4	667 1 36
Tamworth	1	111 0 0	...	...	...	...	1	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	2	113 0 0
Total	4	773 1 0	...	...	...	...	2	7 0 36	...	...	...	...	6	780 1 36
Wagga Wagga—														
Albury	1	100 0 0	...	...	...	...	1	36 0 30	...	...	...	...	2	136 0 30
Cootamundra	2	297 0 0	...	...	...	...	3	60 3 30	...	...	...	...	5	357 3 30
Gundagai	1	300 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	80	...	2	380 0 0
Tumbarumba	1	100 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	100 0 0
Wagga Wagga ...	1	332 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	332 3 0
Total	6	1,129 3 0	...	...	...	...	4	97 0 20	...	...	1	80	11	1,306 3 20
Grand Total ...	49	4,626 0 0	8	416 3 0	13	953 3 0	16	561 1 2	3	175 2 30	4	390	93	7,123 1 32

SCHEDULE XVI.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Conditional Purchases declared forfeited during the year 1839 for non-payment of Balance, Interest, or Instalment of Purchase Money.

Land Board District and Land District	Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861										Crown Lands Act of 1884.															
	Section 13		Section 14.		Section 19		Section 21		Total		Section 26 (Ordinary).		Section 42 (Ordinary)		Section 47 (Ordinary)		Sections 26 24 (Special Areas).		Sections 42-24 (Special Areas)		Sections 47-24 (Special Areas)		Total			
	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.	No	Area.
ARMIDALE—		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Armidale ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	82 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	82 1 0
Glen Innes ..		..	..	2	80 0 0	..	..	2	80 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverell ..	1	40 0 0	..	..	..	..	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tenterfield ..		..	..	6	320 0 0	..	..	..	320 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Walcha ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	226 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	226 0 0
Total ..	1	40 0 0	..	8	400 0 0	1	40 0 0	10	480 0 0	2	308 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	308 1 0
BURK—																										
Wilcannia ..		..	..	..	..	..	1	76 0 0	1	76 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
DUBBO—																										
Warren ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25 0 0
GOULBURN—																										
Bombala ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	300 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	300 0 0
Boorowa ..	1	41 2 0	..	..	..	4	160 0 0	5	201 2 0	..	1	110 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	110 0 0
Braidwood ..	1	41 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	41 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cooma ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	257 3 0	2	241 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	499 0 0
Goulburn ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50 0 0
Gunning ..		..	..	..	..	2	80 0 0	2	80 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moruya ..	1	320 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	320 0 0	..	..	..	1	320 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	320 0 0
Moss Vale ..	1	50 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	1	50 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Queanbeyan ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	100 0 0
Yass ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	188 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	188 2 0
Total ..	4	452 2 0	..	..	..	6	240 0 0	10	692 2 0	3	657 3 0	5	580 3 0	1	320 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1,567 2 0
GRAFTON—																										
Bellingen ..	1	100 0 0	..	..	..	1	120 0 0	2	220 0 0	1	63 0 0	3	350 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	443 0 0
Casino ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	446 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	446 0 0
Grafton ..	3	121 2 0	..	..	2	80 0 0	4	220 0 0	9	421 2 0	5	1,087 0 0	6	560 0 0	1	96 0 0	1	40 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	13	1,783 0 0
Kempsey ..	3	350 0 0	..	..	..	9	599 3 0	12	949 3 0	..	..	3	203 2 0	2	304 0 0	2	180 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	687 2 0
Lismore ..	3	749 0 0	..	..	..	5	415 2 0	8	1,164 2 0	1	199 1 0	1	100 0 0	..	1	75 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	374 2 0
Murwillumbah ..		..	..	..	..	1	48 0 0	1	48 0 0	2	637 0 0	4	500 0 0	..	1	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,237 0 0
Port Macquarie	1	40 0 0	..	..	..	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	48 0 0	2	145 1 0	2	263 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	456 3 0
Total ..	11	1,360 2 0	..	2	80 0 0	21	1,443 1 0	34	2,883 3 0	12	2,480 1 0	19	1,888 3 0	3	359 2 0	5	519 1 0	2	180 0 0	..	..	..	..	41	5,427 3 0

SCHEDULE XVI—continued.

Land Board District and Land District	Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.										Crown Lands Act of 1884.													
	Section 13.		Section 14.		Section 19.		Section 21.		Total.		Section 26 (Ordinary).		Section 42 (Ordinary).		Section 47 (Ordinary).		Sections 26-24 (Special Areas).		Sections 42-24 (Special Areas).		Sections 47-24 (Special Areas).		Total.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
MAITLAND—		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Dungog	1	40 0 0	7	444 0 0	1	40 0 0	9	524 0 0	2	40 0 0	2	90 0 0	2	190 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	250 0 0	1	119 0 0	2	40 0 0	3	230 0 0
Gosford	1	40 0 0	1	500 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Newcastle	1	40 0 0	1	500 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Paterson	1	40 0 0	1	500 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Raymond Terrace	1	40 0 0	1	500 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Scone	1	40 0 0	1	500 0 0	1	40 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	50 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Singleton	3	140 0 0	2	80 0 0	1	580 0 0	6	800 0 0	3	160 0 0	3	160 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0
Stroud	3	120 0 0	3	310 0 0	3	136 0 0	9	566 0 0	8	522 1 0	9	969 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0
Taree	3	120 0 0	3	310 0 0	3	136 0 0	9	566 0 0	8	522 1 0	9	969 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0
Total	9	380 0 0	6	430 0 0	8	944 0 0	7	846 0 0	30	2,600 0 0	15	1,017 2 0	19	1,832 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0	3	309 0 0
ORANGE—																								
Bathurst	3	330 0 0	2	122 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
Carcoar	1	40 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
Lithgow	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0	3	789 2 0
Molong	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
Total	5	410 0 0	2	122 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0
SYDNEY—																								
Penrith	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0	1	67 2 0
TAMWORTH—																								
Murrurundi	1	320 0 0	1	78 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	78 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	78 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	78 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	78 0 0	1	320 0 0
Tamworth	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0	2	308 0 0
Total	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0	3	628 0 0
WAGGA WAGGA—																								
Narrandera	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0	1	100 0 0
Grand Total	25	2,233 0 0	6	430 0 0	21	2,213 2 0	36	2,645 1 0	83	7,521 3 0	37	4,873 3 0	47	4,762 2 0	9	1,408 2 0	7	622 1 0	1	67 2 0	103	12,014 2 0	103	12,014 2 0

SCHEDULE XVII.

RETURN for the Year 1899, showing the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases validated under the 44th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Conditional Purchases.			Conditional Leases.		
Land District.	No.	Area.	Land District.	No.	Area.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.
Tamworth	1	100 0 0	Armidale	1	70 0 0
Casino.....	1	59 1 20	Barmedman	1	995 2 0
Narrandera	1	320 0 0			
"	1	159 1 0			
Urana	1	1,203 3 0			
Totals	5	1,842 1 20	Totals	2	1,065 2 0

SCHEDULE XVIII.

SUMMARY of Particulars relating to the Number and Area of Conditional Purchases in existence on 31st December, 1899.

Particulars.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Number and area selected up to 31st December, 1898, after deducting number and area cancelled, lapsed, forfeited, disallowed, withdrawn, converted into homestead selections, and for which deeds have issued	150,697	20,243,738 0 15		
Number and area applied for during 1899	1,770	303,112 3 30½	152,467	20,546,851 0 5½
Less net decrease due to disallowances, &c., as below.....	637	83,138 1 4		
„ number and area for which deeds were issued during 1899.....	1,705	251,205 1 14½	2,342	334,343 2 18½
Number and area in existence on 31st December, 1899			150,125	20,212,507 1 26½
Number and area of conditional purchases for which deeds have been issued up to 31st December, 1899.....			27,227	3,310,396 2 7½
Disallowed or withdrawn during 1899	383	67,056 0 9		
Declared forfeited during 1899	284	26,659 2 32		
Decrease in area (Schedule XIII)		3,046 3 15		
Applied to be converted into homestead selections during 1899, exclusive of applications withdrawn or refused.....	29	3,521 2 0	696	100,284 0 16
Reversals of forfeiture for non-payment—Crown Lands Act, 1861	19	1,183 1 0		
„ „ „ „ 1884	24	2,312 1 0		
„ „ reasons other than non-payment—Crown Lands Act, 1884	7	961 0 0		
Reversal of voidance.....	1	40 0 0		
Increase in area (Schedule XIII)		11,506 1 12		
Applied to be converted into homestead selections prior to 31st December, 1898, and applications withdrawn or refused during 1899.....	8	1,143 0 0	59	17,145 3 12
Net decrease in number and area due to disallowances, &c.			637	83,138 1 4

SCHEDULE XIX.
RETURN of applications for Homestead Selections received from 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1899.*

Lund Board District and Land District	Section	From 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1898					From 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899					Total					
		No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	
			a r p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d		a r p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d		a r p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Armidale—	14	62	13,035 0 30	169 9 4	253 17 1	13,536 5 2	14	3 6 0 20	44 4 6	63 9 9	3,536 19 5	76	16,704 1 10	213 13 10	317 6 10	17,073 4 7	
		18	1 55 0 0	1 10 11	1 1 11	123 15 0	23	17,550 0 0	267 10 6	190 14 9	21,419 18 7	41	21,326 2 14	814 7 0	272 11 9	25,145 10 6	
		39	14,624 1 0	246 13 1	239 0 6	19,732 7 5	5	1,983 3 0	30 0 3	31 12 3	2,401 9 7	44	16,608 0 0	276 13 4	270 12 9	22,133 17 0	
		14	14,129 2 10	138 16 8	216 1 11	11 106 0 10	10	6,690 0 0	51 13 1	78 9 8	4,131 13 4	59	20,319 2 10	190 9 9	290 11 7	15,237 14 2	
		14	4,386 2 0	105 3 0	92 2 6	8,410 14 2	7	367 3 30	18 7 10	29 13 0	1,469 12 3	26	5,254 1 30	123 10 10	121 15 0	9 880 6 5	
		Total	188	50,002 0 14	708 4 6	879 0 11	56,634 14 6	59	30,765 3 10	412 1 2	398 19 5	32,959 13 2	247	80,767 3 24	1,120 5 8	1,278 0 4	89,594 7 8
Bourke—	14	22	452 1 20	110 0 0	70 6 3	8 800 0 0					22	452 1 20	110 0 0	75 6 3	8,800 0 0		
		18	15,316 2 20	136 11 10	143 0 3	10,725 10 9	1	1,012 0 0	7 18 2	9 17 0	19	16,328 2 20	144 10 0	157 17 3	11,358 0 9		
		21	3,208 2 16	26 14 1	63 15 9	2 467 16 5					21	3,208 2 16	26 14 1	68 15 9	2,467 16 5		
Total	61	18 977 2 16	273 5 11	292 2 3	21,983 7 2	1	1,012 0 0	7 18 2	9 17 0	632 10 0	62	19,989 2 16	281 4 1	301 19 3	22,615 17 2		
Dubbo—	14	16	1,813 3 11	32 15 9	53 9 0	2 620 11 4	2	53 2 22	1 15 0	5 1 3	140 1 11	18	1,867 1 33	34 10 9	58 10 3	2,760 13 3	
		231	145,465 3 37	2,570 10 1	1,759 11 6	205,442 1 5	79	23,258 2 20	472 8 9	405 2 0	37,756 12 1	310	171,724 2 17	3,042 18 10	2,104 13 6	243,228 13 6	
		52	21,499 3 0	302 10 8	332 4 7	24,200 7 9	2	1,022 0 0	25 0 8	17 16 6	2,002 10 0	54	23,101 3 0	327 11 4	350 1 1	26,202 17 9	
		14	3,502 0 29	184 3 9	86 13 6	14,733 13 9	4	240 2 34	7 10 6	13 6 0	602 0 1	22	3,742 3 23	191 14 3	99 19 6	15,335 13 10	
		Total	317	175,281 2 37	3 090 0 3	2,231 13 7	246 996 14 3	87	25 154 3 36	506 14 11	441 5 9	40,531 4 1	404	200,436 2 33	3,596 15 2	2,673 4 4	287,527 18 4
Forbes—	14	17	10,582 2 0	140 9 6	132 6 3	11,236 19 5	24	12 864 2 0	159 13 8	176 4 0	12,771 5 0	41	23 447 0 0	300 3 2	308 10 3	24,008 4 5	
		5	3 948 3 0	49 18 2	43 8 6	3 992 2 6	5	3 948 3 0	49 18 2	43 8 6	3 992 2 6	5	3 948 3 0	49 18 2	43 8 6	3 992 2 6	
		4	1,041 0 0	15 0 8	22 1 0	1 041 0 0	4	1,041 0 0	15 0 8	22 1 0	1 041 0 0	4	1,041 0 0	15 0 8	22 1 0	1 041 0 0	
		93	63,219 1 0	1,005 14 11	778 4 0	80,488 10 11	5	4,074 0 0	43 4 8	43 17 6	3,458 6 8	98	72,273 1 0	1,048 19 7	822 1 6	83,946 17 7	
		14	7,598 3 23	104 8 9	102 12 3	8 306 10 5	7	8,197 0 0	85 9 2	74 1 3	6,836 8 4	24	15,795 3 23	189 17 11	176 13 6	15,192 13 9	
		14	109,985 0 10	1,225 5 7	1,162 12 3	105,999 7 0	10	5,577 0 0	74 2 3	72 4 6	5,928 7 9	137	115,562 0 10	1,399 7 10	1,234 16 9	111,927 14 9	
		Total	254	196,385 2 33	2,575 18 9	2,175 14 9	206 051 7 9	50	35,682 1 0	427 8 7	431 16 9	34,189 14 0	309	232,067 3 33	3,003 7 4	2,607 11 6	240,271 1 9
Goulburn—	14	7	1,071 0 10	14 10 8	24 7 0	1,162 2 6					7	1 071 0 10	14 10 8	24 7 0	1,162 2 6		
		32	1,797 1 0	59 15 9	99 12 8	4,778 15 1	1	50 0 0	1 11 3	3 3 9	125 0 0	33	1 847 1 0	61 7 0	102 16 5	4,903 15 1	
		29	7,888 0 0	146 11 9	155 1 9	11,634 6 10	1	142 0 0	2 4 5	4 8 3	177 10 0	30	8 030 0 0	148 16 2	159 10 0	11,811 16 10	
		11	2,175 0 22	32 3 10	46 16 3	2,572 2 9						11	2 175 0 22	32 3 10	46 16 3	2,572 2 9	
		40	12,122 0 28	191 2 7	205 19 6	15,288 15 4	8	951 1 22	29 2 8	32 16 9	237 15 6	48	13,103 2 10	220 5 3	238 16 3	17,618 10 10	
		24	1,756 3 30	41 1 7	87 17 0	3,234 12 11	1	30 0 0	1 2 6	2 12 6	90 0 0	25	1,786 3 30	42 4 1	90 9 6	3,374 12 11	
		10	2,847 2 30	59 18 11	71 7 6	4,801 0 9						15	2,847 2 30	59 18 11	71 7 6	4,801 0 9	
		12	2,191 3 0	37 19 0	57 2 6	3,053 12 6	1	109 1 0	2 19 9	4 10 0	238 17 6	13	2,351 0 0	40 18 9	61 12 6	3,292 10 0	
		10	2,083 2 0	18 19 10	51 6 9	1,517 18 2						10	2,083 2 0	18 19 10	51 6 9	1,517 18 2	
		14	2,862 2 30	71 11 2	73 17 5	5 717 2 6						17	2,862 2 30	71 11 2	73 17 5	5 717 2 6	
		13	2,149 2 0	40 8 9	59 7 6	3,233 17 6	4	568 0 0	10 13 1	17 9 0	802 0 0	17	2,717 2 0	51 1 10	76 16 6	4,035 17 6	
		1	82 0 0	4 6 2	3 17 0	123 0 0						1	82 0 0	4 6 2	3 17 0	123 0 0	
		86	15,435 2 2	351 17 0	363 7 2	23,140 13 6	17	4,162 1 0	81 10 5	86 14 0	6,520 8 9	103	19 697 3 2	433 7 5	450 1 2	34,661 2 3	
1	32 3 0	5 14 7	3 2 0	163 15 0						1	32 3 0	5 14 7	3 2 0	163 15 0			
Total	298	54,495 3 32	1,076 1 7	1,303 2 0	80,471 15 4	33	6 092 3 22	129 4 1	151 14 3	10 313 11 9	331	60,588 3 14	1,205 5 8	1,454 16 3	95,805 7 1		
Grafton—	14	21	3,427 3 0	42 17 1	90 17 11	3,427 15 0	47	9,995 0 0	97 18 11	234 1 3	7,832 12 6	68	13,422 3 0	140 16 0	329 19 2	1,260 7 6	
		4	1 662 2 0	30 8 3	25 17 9	2 432 12 6	13	5,134 3 0	111 17 10	84 10 3	8,949 0 1	17	6,797 1 0	142 6 1	110 8 0	11,381 12 7	
		12	2,938 0 0	27 5 7	60 1 4	2,180 13 6	9	1,121 2 30	13 0 8	33 16 9	1,001 8 1	21	4 059 2 30	40 11 3	93 18 1	3,242 1 7	
		14	1,866 3 0	36 6 4	62 5 6	2,904 5 0						14	1,866 3 0	36 6 4	62 5 6	2,904 5 0	
		32	7,511 0 0	115 16 0	165 17 9	9,261 18 9	11	3 362 0 0	43 16 1	64 3 3	3 506 2 11	43	10,873 0 0	159 12 1	230 1 0	12,768 1 8	
		17	3,372 0 0	53 14 8	82 5 5	4,298 5 1	6	1,726 1 0	22 0 11	33 17 3	1,764 2 6	23	5,093 1 0	75 15 7	116 2 8	6,062 7 7	
		1	100 3 0	5 6 0	4 0 9	151 2 6						1	100 3 0	5 6 0	4 0 9	151 2 6	
		11	3,396 3 0	42 9 3	64 12 3	3,396 15 0	11	3,396 3 0	42 9 3	64 12 3	3,396 15 0	11	3,396 3 0	42 9 3	64 12 3	3,396 15 0	
		1	226 0 0	7 18 3	5 3 3	226 0 0						1	226 0 0	7 18 3	5 3 3	226 0 0	
		Total	101	20,878 3 0	311 13 11	496 6 5	24,656 12 4	98	24,962 1 30	339 6 11	520 4 3	26,736 1 1	199	45,841 0 30	651 0 10	1,016 10 8	51,392 13 5
		Hay—	14	3	3,511 0 0	39 8 0	33 3 9	3,151 14 0	6	5,004 0 0	44 16 4	51 15 0	3,585 0 0	9	8,515 0 0	84 4 4	84 18 9	6,736 14 0
24	26 486 0 0			486 19 9	247 6 6	39 155 4 6	5	6 260 2 0	94 17 1	56 2 3	7,583 17 0	29	32,755 2 0	581 16 10	303 8 9	46,744 1 6	
201	86,058 2 38			2,224 17 4	1,314 12 0	177,751 10 10	7	5,015 1 10	91 13 0	56 11 3	7,390 12 6	208	91,074 0 8	2,316 10 4	1,371 3 3	185,082 3 4	
1	160 0 0			11 4 0	4 10 0	320 0 0						1	160 0 0	11 4 0	4 10 0	320 0 0	
68	53,289 1 0			831 16 10	569 2 7	66,521 12 4	28	12,607 3 0	220 10 11	179 17 3	17,642 6 3	96	65,897 0 0	1,052 7 9	748 19 10	84,163 13 7	
2	1,464 0 0			27 9 2	17 1 3	2,196 0 0						2	1,464 0 0	27 9 2	17 1 3	2,196 0 0	
96	49,709 2 0			484 12 9	675 18 6	38,006 17 7	19	9,345 1 0	78 16 8	126 4 9	6,304 3 9	115	59,104 3 0	563 9 5	802 3 3	44,311 1 4	
4	142 3 0			3 11 5	11 8 0	230 10 0						4	142 3 0	3 11 5	11 8 0	230 10 0	
Total	402	224,275 0 38	4,128 6 1	2,904 7 1	328,855 11 3	69	43,359 3 10	558 13 11	514 15 6	44,690 9 6	471	267,635 0 8	4,687 0 0	3,419 2 7	378,546 0 9		

SCHEDULE XIX—continued.

Land Board District and Land District	Section	From 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1898.					From 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899.					Total.																														
		No.	Area.	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fees.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fees.	Capital Value.																										
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																				
Maitland—																																										
Cassilis	14	97	11,309	1	10	216	2	8	364	7	3	17,237	12	9	9	1,258	0	10	25	10	1	33	18	9	2,040	7	2	106	12,567	1	20	241	12	9	208	6	0	19,327	19	11		
Dungog	14	11	1,317	2	20	26	7	0	45	9	5	2,107	19	8	2	319	1	0	4	9	11	9	0	0	359	7	6	13	1,636	3	20	30	16	11	54	9	5	2,467	7	2		
Gosford	14	50	5,108	0	0	60	3	11	178	18	1	4,753	18	4	5	523	0	0	6	15	4	19	8	3	540	18	4	55	5,636	0	0	66	19	3	198	6	4	5,294	16	8		
Maitland	14	29	2,256	3	20	32	0	10	106	2	7	2,562	0	10	9	777	0	0	8	13	4	33	7	9	692	11	8	38	3,033	3	20	40	14	2	139	10	4	3,254	12	6		
Muswellbrook	14	2	398	0	0	5	16	2	9	15	0	464	6	8	2	598	0	0	11	4	4	11	12	6	897	0	0	4	696	0	0	17	0	6	21	7	6	1,361	6	8		
Newcastle	14	17	1,074	0	0	14	5	0	58	8	9	1,138	6	11	4	227	1	0	3	4	10	13	4	9	259	1	3	21	1,301	1	0	17	9	10	71	13	6	1,397	8	2		
Paterson	14	19	3,365	1	0	36	6	9	88	8	5	2,905	17	6	5	1,120	0	0	12	2	6	25	14	0	1,023	14	2	24	4,485	1	0	49	2	11	114	2	5	3,929	11	8		
Raymond Terrace	14														1	123	2	20	2	6	6	4	4	6	195	8	9	1	123	2	20	2	6	6	4	4	6	185	8	9		
"	18														2	146	0	0	7	11	7	7	0	9	216	10	0	2	136	0	0	7	11	7	7	0	9	216	10	0		
Scone	14	13	14,414	2	0	180	3	5	130	19	6	14,413	10	0	1	1,280	0	0	16	0	0	11	1	3	1,280	0	0	14	15,693	2	0	196	3	5	142	0	9	15,693	10	0		
Singleton	14	41	3,315	2	14	65	3	1	152	17	3	5,321	2	1	8	610	0	30	12	2	5	28	13	11	969	0	1	49	3,924	3	4	77	5	6	191	11	2	6,290	2	2		
Stroud	14	9	7,626	1	0	117	2	11	81	9	9	9,369	16	3	3	2,961	1	0	42	8	7	29	1	6	3,393	17	6	12	10,587	2	0	159	11	6	110	11	3	12,763	13	9		
Taree	14	4	264	2	10	4	14	3	14	3	6	376	16	10	1	94	1	0	1	9	2	3	13	9	116	11	3	5	357	3	10	6	3	5	18	2	3	493	8	1		
Total		292	50,448	3	34	753	6	0	1,230	19	6	60,701	7	10	52	10,030	3	20	154	12	3	230	6	8	11,974	7	8	341	60,479	3	14	912	18	3	1,461	6	2	72,675	15	6		
Moree—																																										
Walgett	14	13	12,310	1	20	167	4	7	123	15	6	13,377	14	5	7	8,167	0	0	102	1	9	73	15	9	8,167	0	0	20	20,477	1	20	269	6	4	197	11	3	21,544	14			
Warralda	14	8	10,240	0	0	123	0	0	88	10	0	10,240	0	0														8	10,240	0	0	123	0	0	88	10	0	10,240	0			
Total		21	22,550	1	20	295	4	7	212	5	6	23,617	14	5	7	8,167	0	0	102	1	9	73	15	9	8,167	0	0	28	30,717	1	20	397	6	4	296	1	3	31,784	14	5		
Orange—																																										
Catcon	14	1	408	0	0	5	2	0	6	11	3	408	0	0	6	1,750	1	0	36	13	4	34	8	9	2,932	7	6	7	2,158	1	0	41	15	4	41	0	0	3,340	7	6		
Cowra	14	23	1,95	2	39	24	17	5	52	6	0	1,989	19	1	22	2,240	3	0	79	11	10	77	11	6	6,365	3	0	45	3,536	1	39	104	9	3	129	17	6	8,355	2	1		
Lithgow	14	3	579	1	0	10	17	3	14	10	1	868	17	6													3	579	1	0	10	17	3	14	10	1	868	17	6			
Molong	14	35	7,494	2	7	148	14	10	156	8	10	11,895	14	5	10	258	2	22	7	19	8	20	1	0	683	13	2	45	7,753	0	29	156	13	9	176	9	10	12,534	7	7		
Mudgee	14	77	13,032	1	19	251	14	9	333	15	6	19,416	0	10	6	919	3	1	15	0	1	25	13	3	1,199	13	0	83	13,952	0	20	266	14	10	359	13	9	20,615	18	10		
Rylstone	14	5	4,714	0	0	43	12	4	47	11	0	3,887	5	0	11	12,670	0	0	136	1	10	115	5	0	10,886	12	0	16	17,334	0	0	134	14	2	162	16	0	14,773	17	0		
Wellington	14	4	602	3	0	16	19	10	17	16	6	1,358	7	6	14	8,712	2	0	133	11	8	108	6	9	10,685	13	4	18	9,315	1	0	150	11	6	128	3	3	12,044	0	10		
Total		149	28,126	2	25	506	17	8	628	19	2	39,824	4	4	69	26,551	3	23	408	18	5	381	11	3	32,708	7	0	217	54,678	2	8	915	16	1	1,010	10	5	72,592	11	4		
Sydney—																																										
Campbelltown	14	33	1,026	2	22	25	7	8	107	17	9	1,988	18	6	3	50	2	39	1	14	8	6	16	6	138	17	3	41	1,036	1	21	27	2	4	114	14	3	2,127	15	9		
"	18	1	13	0	10	1	3	0	1	16	0	32	13	3													1	13	0	10	1	3	0	1	16	0	32	13	3			
Liverpool	14	15	574	3	0	8	7	2	40	4	6	663	5	0	3	73	1	0	1	2	9	7	9	3	91	2	6	18	653	0	0	9	9	11	47	13	9	759	7	6		
Milton	14	5	61	0	8	1	3	2	8	8	6	91	11	6	3	66	0	0	0	19	10	6	9	0	79	0	8	8	127	0	8	2	3	0	14	17	6	170	11	6		
Nowra	14	8	220	1	20	4	0	6	22	14	6	321	11	11	1	17	2	0	0	4	5	2	2	0	17	10	0	9	247	3	20	4	4	11	24	16	0	339	1	11		
"	18	1	36	1	20	0	13	2	2	17	9	72	15	0													1	36	1	20	0	13	2	2	17	9	72	15	0			
Pemrith	14	11	543	0	30	6	19	10	36	7	6	553	1	6	11	543	0	0	6	15	11	35	7	9	543	0	0	22	1,036	0	30	13	15	9	71	15	3	1,101	1	6		
Pictou	14	1	33	0	0	0	6	11	2	14	9	27	10	0													1	33	0	0	0	6	11	2	14	9	27	10	0			
"	18	2	140	3	0	4	2	2	9	9	9	117	5	10													2	140	3	0	4	2	2	9	9	9	117	5	10			
Windsor	14	31	3,837																																							

SCHEDULE XX.

RETURN of Homestead Selections confirmed from 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District	Section	From 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1898					From 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899					Total						
		No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value		
246— I Armidale—	14	52	a 1 p 9,19 2 20	£ s d 181 12 4	£ s d 203 11 4	£ s d 10 6 8 7 10	12	a 1 p 4,412 1 20	£ s d 49 1 10	£ s d 62 16 6	£ s d 3,926 10 3	64	a r p 13,962 0 0	£ s d 180 14 2	£ s d 271 7 10	£ s d 14,584 18 1		
		18	1	0 5 0 0	1 11 0	1 1 11	123 15 0	1				1	55 0 0	1 11 0	1 1 11	123 15 0		
		14	17	3 031 2 14	46 11 9	76 17 0	3 725 11 11	16	11,219 3 0	178 15 10	130 17 0	14,302 19 10	33	14,251 1 14	225 7 7	207 14 0	18,028 11 9	
		14	29	10,815 3 0	174 13 4	174 10 9	13,972 5 10	4	1,690 0 0	27 17 9	26 7 3	2 231 4 7	33	12,508 3 0	202 11 1	200 18 0	16,203 10 5	
		14	38	11,551 0 10	116 5 10	183 12 2	9,458 13 0	6	4,416 0 0	37 1 0	48 9 8	2,963 11 8	44	15,967 0 10	153 6 10	232 1 10	12,422 4 8	
		14	16	3,436 1 0	90 7 8	69 16 9	6,419 1 8	5	664 3 30	13 11 6	21 9 9	1,084 19 1	21	4,091 0 30	103 19 2	91 6 6	7,504 0 9	
				153	38,412 1 4	561 1 11	714 9 11	44,357 15 3	43	22,423 0 10	306 7 11	290 0 2	24 569 5 5	196	60,835 1 14	867 9 10	1,004 10 1	68,867 0 8
		Bourke—	14	22	452 1 20	110 0 0	78 5 3	8 800 0 0	22					22	452 1 20	110 0 0	78 5 3	8 800 0 0
		Bourke	14	18	15,316 2 20	136 11 6	158 0 3	10,925 10 9	1	1 012 0 0	7 18 2	9 17 0	632 10 0	19	16,328 2 20	144 9 8	167 17 3	11,558 0 9
		Brewarrina	14	17	2,016 1 37	19 12 1	52 11 0	1,566 10 0	17					17	2,016 1 37	19 12 1	52 11 0	1,566 10 0
		Cobar		57	17,785 1 37	266 3 7	288 16 6	21,292 0 9	1	1,012 0 0	7 18 2	9 17 0	632 10 0	58	18,797 1 37	274 1 9	295 13 6	21,924 10 9
		Dubbo—	14	12	457 2 9	13 13 8	31 4 3	1,093 18 1	3	88 3 32	2 17 1	7 18 3	228 7 7	15	526 2 1	16 10 9	42 2 6	1,322 5 8
		Coonamble	14	153	79 644 1 37	1,348 7 7	1 052 9 8	107 811 17 6	26	8,906 3 0	184 2 8	147 4 5	14,723 7 11	179	88,551 0 37	1,032 10 3	1,199 14 1	122,540 5 5
		Dubbo	14	45	18,594 1 0	254 7 2	283 19 3	20,346 19 4	45					45	18,594 1 0	254 7 2	283 19 3	20,346 19 4
Warren	14	14	2,641 1 20	142 6 10	63 15 9	11 386 11 3	5	333 3 3	10 8 9	17 4 9	885 0 1	19	2 979 0 23	152 15 7	84 0 6	12,221 11 4		
		224	101,371 2 21	1 758 15 3	1,437 8 11	110,659 6 2	84	9 329 1 35	197 8 6	172 7 5	15 791 15 7	258	110 6 1 0 21	1,956 3 9	1,609 16 4	156,431 1 9		
Forbes—	14	17	10,582 2 0	140 9 6	1 2 6 3	11 236 19 5	18	9 413 3 0	120 15 0	131 0 3	9 657 0 0	35	19,996 1 0	261 4 6	263 6 6	20,893 19 5		
Barmadman	14						4	2,512 3 0	35 14 2	33 0 3	2,956 2 6	4	2,812 3 0	35 14 2	33 0 3	2,806 2 6		
Condobolin	14						2	518 0 0	7 13 8	10 19 6	614 16 3	2	518 0 0	7 13 8	10 19 6	614 16 3		
Forbes	14	58	43,352 1 0	631 15 5	488 16 0	50 55 5 9	11	7,663 2 0	94 1 5	90 13 6	7,525 12 8	69	51 015 3 0	725 16 10	579 9 6	58,040 18 5		
Glenfell	14	16	7,566 2 25	103 17 0	8,308 3 3	8,308 3 3	5	9 929 0 0	61 4 6	53 5 0	4,897 15 0	21	13,495 2 25	165 1 6	153 4 3	13,205 18 3		
Parkes	14	96	84,914 0 10	991 12 4	870 0 0	79,316 17 11	9	4 751 0 0	62 10 1	63 4 3	4,999 2 9	105	88,575 0 10	1,054 2 5	933 4 3	84,316 0 8		
		187	145 355 1 35	1 867 14 3	1,591 1 6	149 377 6 4	49	31,058 0 0	381 18 10	382 2 9	10 560 9 2	236	176 403 1 35	2,249 13 1	1 973 4 3	179,927 15 6		
Goulburn	14	5	91 0 10	2 5 8	10 3 9	182 2 6	1	364 0 0	4 11 0	6 5 8	364 0 0	6	455 0 10	6 16 8	15 9 5	546 2 6		
Bega	14	19	1 300 3 20	42 0 2	61 18 8	3 459 18 2	12	470 0 30	17 2 5	35 3 7	1 366 9 5	31	1,771 0 10	59 2 7	97 2 3	4 826 7 7		
Bombala	14	21	5 630 2 0	104 2 1	111 16 9	8,326 12 2	3	457 2 0	8 7 7	13 10 3	669 16 3	24	6 0 8 0 0	112 9 8	125 7 8	8,996 5 5		
Boorowa	14	7	1 258 3 12	19 8 4	28 17 9	1,551 11 6	7					7	1,288 3 12	19 8 4	28 17 9	1,551 11 6		
Braewood	14	27	6 666 1 28	125 5 7	126 18 3	10,021 7 0	13	5,120 0 22	66 5 6	77 7 6	5,300 16 4	40	11 736 2 10	191 11 1	204 5 9	15,322 3 4		
Cooma	14	18	1 312 0 30	27 13 4	62 3 5	2,211 17 11	1	30 0 0	1 2 6	2 12 6	90 0 0	19	1 342 0 30	28 15 10	64 15 2	2,301 17 11		
Deniliquin	14	11	1 923 3 0	40 17 1	51 8 0	3 271 1 1	1	256 0 0	6 8 0	5 8 9	512 0 0	12	2 179 3 0	47 5 1	56 16 9	3,783 15 1		
Goulburn	14	9	1 610 2 0	28 13 0	42 11 9	2,334 1 0	2	463 5 0	6 15 11	10 8 3	543 7 6	11	2 071 1 0	35 14 11	53 0 0	2 877 8 6		
Gunning	14	10	2 083 2 0	19 10 10	51 1 9	1,517 18 2	4	790 2 0	29 13 2	19 10 3	2 371 10 0	15	2 083 2 0	19 10 10	51 1 9	1,517 18 2		
Moruya	14	11	1 035 0 30	25 12 4	39 14 8	1,995 3 4	4					15	1 820 2 30	55 5 6	69 4 11	4,366 15 4		
Queanbeyan	14	9	1 435 2 0	26 2 8	40 16 3	2,090 0 0	3	687 2 0	10 4 8	15 5 9	818 7 6	12	2 124 0 0	36 7 4	56 2 0	2,908 7 6		
Yass	15	1	82 0 0	4 6 2	3 17 0	123 0 0	1					1	82 0 0	4 6 2	3 17 0	123 0 0		
Young	14	65	11 031 2 38	247 6 2	271 0 9	19 913 12 6	13	2 862 0 8	53 16 1	61 7 9	4 303 0 6	78	13,943 3 1	301 2 3	352 8 6	24,246 13 0		
		213	35 506 0 3	713 8 5	902 8 0	57,028 19 4	53	11,501 2 20	204 6 10	247 0 3	16,339 7 6	266	47,009 2 23	917 15 3	1,149 8 3	73,368 6 10		
Grafton—	14	14	2 403 3 0	30 1 0	65 0 1	2 403 15 0	22	3,293 2 0	58 12 6	97 7 9	3,089 10 0	36	5 697 1 0	68 13 6	162 7 10	5,493 5 0		
Bellingen	14	3	1 475 2 0	28 13 2	21 2 0	2,292 7 6	3	1 562 1 0	17 16 4	19 17 9	1 424 12 6	6	2 737 3 0	46 9 6	40 9 0	3,717 0 0		
Casino	14	11	2 310 0 0	23 7 1	52 1 8	1 866 13 6	8	1 153 2 20	12 18 10	51 13 3	1 034 6 3	19	3 413 2 20	36 5 11	83 14 11	2,900 19 9		
Grafton	14	11	1 488 3 0	23 16 5	46 16 1	2,04 15 0	2	2 5 0 0	4 8 2	5 5 0	352 10 0	13	1 723 3 0	33 4 7	55 1 1	2,657 5 0		
Kempsey	14	24	5 092 0 0	82 15 11	119 10 7	6,222 2 1	11	3 759 3 0	44 13 8	67 5 0	3,576 15 10	25	8 561 3 0	127 9 7	186 15 7	10,198 17 11		
Lismore	14	12	2 060 1 0	35 8 11	55 14 8	2,333 12 7	7	2 331 1 0	28 7 3	41 1 9	2,269 2 6	19	4 291 2 0	63 16 2	96 16 5	5 104 15 1		
Marwathumbah	14						5	2,568 3 0	32 2 3	47 16 6	2,558 15 0	8	2,568 3 0	32 2 3	47 16 6	2,568 15 0		
Port Macquarie	18						1	226 0 0	7 18 3	5 3 3	226 0 0	1	226 0 0	7 18 3	5 3 3	226 0 0		
		75	14,830 1 0	229 2 6	360 5 1	18,325 5 8	62	14,690 0 20	186 17 3	318 10 3	14,541 12 1	137	29,520 1 20	415 19 9	678 15 4	32,866 17 9		
Hwy—	14	3	3,511 0 0	89 8 0	32 0 5	3,151 14 0	4	4,274 0 0	40 6 7	40 6 3	3,226 5 0	7	7 785 0 0	79 14 7	72 6 8	6,377 19 0		
Balranald	14	17	18,735 3 0	339 17 5	174 12 4	27,188 15 9	4	5 000 0 0	71 2 7	44 9 3	5,690 12 0	21	23,739 3 0	411 0 0	219 1 7	32,879 7 9		
Deniliquin	14	115	49,249 0 0	1,268 4 4	753 12 6	101,456 14 5	13	6,159 3 9	153 10 4	88 5 6	12,260 9 0	128	55,408 3 9	1,421 14 8	841 13 0	113,737 4 2		
Hay	14	49	37,747 1 0	582 10 3	405 8 7	46,599 8 2	21	8,904 1 0	155 3 8	131 9 6	12,413 14 3	70	46,631 2 0	737 13 11	534 18 1	59,013 2 5		
North Hillston	14	1	749 0 0	14 1 0	8 12 6	1,123 10 0	1					1	749 0 0	14 1 0	8 12 6	1,123 10 0		
Hillston	14	81	40,528 3 0	399 3 4	545 13 3	31,925 3 3	15	9,018 3 0	75 6 7	111 4 6	6,024 0 8	96	49,547 2 0	474 9 11	656 17 9	37,949 3 11		
North Hillston	14	2	80 0 0	2 0 0	6 0 0	160 0 0	2	62 3 0	1 11 5	5 8 0	125 10 0	4	142 3 0	3 11 5	11 8 0	285 10 0		
Wentworth	14	3	3,404 0 0	18 6 10	31 4 6	1,467 2 0	3	3,838 0 0	19 19 11	33 3 9	1,599 10 0	6	7,242 0 0	38 6 9	64 8 3	3,066 12 0		
		271	154,004 3 0	2,663 11 2	1,955 4 1	213,072 7 7	62	37,261 2 9	517 1 1	454 6 9	41,360 1 8	333	191,266 1 9	3,180 12 3	2,409 10 10	254,432 9 3		

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SCHEDULE XX—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Section	From 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1898					From 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899					Total				
		No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value.	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value	No	Area	Annual Rent	Full Survey Fees	Capital Value
Maitland—			a l p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	a l p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d		a l p	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	
Cassilis	14	81	7,562 2 10	153 5 4	286 18 3	12,259 14 0	1,614 0 10	28 8 11	39 5 9	2,275 3 2	90	9,176 2 20	181 14 3	526 4 0	14,534 17 2	
Dungog	14	10	1,217 2 20	25 6 2	41 10 8	2,024 13 0	419 1 0	5 10 9	12 18 9	442 14 2	13	1,636 3 20	30 16 11	54 9 5	2,467 7 2	
Gosford	14	45	4,974 1 0	56 5 11	167 3 8	4,502 0 10	528 0 0	6 15 4	19 8 3	540 18 4	50	5,502 1 0	63 1 8	186 11 11	5,042 19 2	
Maitland	14	28	2,144 3 20	30 17 6	102 0 0	2,468 14 2	829 0 0	9 4 2	34 2 9	735 18 4	37	2,973 3 20	40 1 8	136 2 9	3,204 12 6	
Muswellbrook	14	1	199 0 0	2 18 1	4 17 6	232 3 4	598 0 0	11 4 4	11 12 6	897 0 0	3	797 0 0	14 2 5	16 10 0	1,129 3 4	
Newcastle	14	12	737 2 0	9 6 1	40 16 0	742 18 9	216 2 0	3 6 2	10 15 9	364 8 9	15	954 0 0	12 12 3	51 11 9	1,007 7 6	
Paterson	14	18	3,165 1 0	34 13 5	83 10 11	2,772 10 10	1,120 0 0	12 16 0	25 14 9	1,023 14 2	23	4,285 1 0	47 9 7	109 4 11	3,796 5 0	
Raymond Terrace	14	1				125 2 20	2 6 6	4 4 6		185 8 9	1	123 2 20	2 6 6	4 4 6	185 8 9	
Scone	14	9	9,293 2 0	116 3 5	86 14 6	9,293 10 0	1,280 0 0	16 0 0	11 1 3	1,280 0 0	10	10,573 2 0	132 3 5	97 15 9	10,573 10 0	
Singleton	14	37	2,975 3 14	58 3 1	135 4 8	4,770 12 1	493 3 0	8 19 8	19 15 9	718 0 5	42	3,469 2 14	67 2 9	155 0 5	5,488 12 6	
Stroud	14	6	4,706 2 0	74 5 8	52 8 3	5,941 7 6	2,961 1 0	42 8 7	29 1 6	3,393 17 6	9	7,667 3 0	116 14 3	81 9 9	9,335 5 0	
Taree	14	4	264 2 10	4 14 3	3 14 3	376 16 10					4	264 2 10	4 14 3	14 8 6	376 16 10	
Total		251	37,241 1 34	565 18 11	1,015 7 11	45,385 1 4	46	10,183 1 30	147 0 7	218 0 9	11,757 3 7	297	47,424 3 24	712 19 6	1,233 8 8	57,142 4 11
Moree—																
Walgett	14	11	10,390 1 20	143 4 7	115 14 3	11,457 14 5	9,447 0 0	118 1 9	84 17 0	9,447 0 0	19	19,837 1 20	261 6 4	200 11 3	20,904 14 5	
Warralda	14	5	6,400 0 0	80 0 0	55 6 3	6,400 0 0					5	6,400 0 0	80 0 0	55 6 3	6,400 0 0	
Total		16	16,790 1 20	223 4 7	171 0 6	17,857 14 5	8	9,447 0 0	118 1 9	84 17 0	24	26,237 1 20	341 6 4	255 17 6	27,304 14 5	
Orange—																
Carcoon	14	4				1,161 2 0	20 19 10	22 14 0	1,679 2 6	4	1,161 2 0	20 19 10	22 14 0	1 6 9	2 6	
Cowra	14	22	823 3 0	19 0 7	45 7 3	1,522 19 1	2,449 2 30	7 11 7	74 10 0	6,044 3 8	42	3,278 1 30	94 12 2	119 17 8	7,567 2 9	
Lithgow	14	3	579 1 0	10 17 3	14 10 9	868 17 6					3	579 1 0	10 17 3	14 10 9	868 17 6	
Molong	14	31	6,526 2 10	129 0 4	136 9 8	10,320 15 11	217 2 1	6 3 8	15 10 3	494 14 0	39	6,744 0 11	135 4 0	151 19 11	10,815 9 11	
Mudgee	14	47	6,056 0 36	123 15 2	185 3 0	9,899 0 7	786 3 1	14 0 1	24 2 0	1,119 19 11	53	6,842 3 37	137 15 3	209 5 0	11,019 0 6	
Rylstone	14	8				8 750 0 0	95 0 6	81 13 6		7,600 17 0	8	8,750 0 0	95 0 6	81 13 6	7,600 17 0	
Wellington	14	12				5 489 1 0	89 15 9	79 1 6		7,181 6 3	12	5,489 1 0	89 15 9	79 1 6	7,181 6 3	
Total		103	18,990 3 6	282 13 4	331 10 8	22,611 13 1	58	18,854 2 32	301 11 5	297 11 3	161	32,845 1 38	584 4 9	679 1 11	40,731 16 5	
Sydney—																
Campbelltown	14	39	845 2 2	20 1 11	87 3 9	1,606 10 4	82 2 29	2 11 10	9 3 9	207 13 6	43	928 0 31	22 13 9	96 12 6	1,814 3 10	
Liverpool	14	13	520 1 0	7 6 8	35 2 6	586 10 0	79 3 0	1 3 4	7 10 9	93 7 6	16	600 0 0	8 10 0	42 13 3	679 17 6	
Milton	14	4	53 0 0	1 0 2	7 1 0	79 10 0	40 0 0	0 10 0	3 0 0	40 0 0	5	53 0 0	1 0 2	10 1 0	119 10 0	
Norwa	14	7	165 2 20	3 6 9	16 5 6	256 16 11	17 2 0	0 4 5	2 2 0	0 17 10	8	183 0 20	3 11 2	18 7 6	274 6 11	
Penrith	14	7	338 0 30	4 7 4	21 12 3	348 11 6	255 0 0	3 3 10	16 0 9	255 0 0	12	593 0 30	7 11 2	37 10 0	603 11 6	
Pictou	14	1	33 0 0	0 6 11	2 14 9	27 10 0					1	33 0 0	0 6 11	2 14 9	27 10 0	
"	18	1	45 0 0	1 6 3	3 2 0	37 10 0					1	45 0 0	1 6 3	3 2 0	37 10 0	
" Windsor	14	76	3,609 0 30	58 3 0	240 17 2	4,851 14 10	377 2 30	4 10 7	25 8 0	361 10 7	84	3,986 3 20	62 13 7	266 5 2	5,213 5	
"	18	3	153 1 10	6 5 11	9 15 1	179 17 6					3	153 1 10	6 5 11	9 15 1	179 17 6	
Total		151	5,763 0 12	102 4 11	423 19 0	7,974 11 1	852 2 19	12 4 0	63 11 3	97 1 7	173	6,615 2 31	114 8 11	487 10 3	8,949 12 8	
Tamworth—																
Coonabarabran	14	3	576 2 0	10 16 4	14 11 0	864 15 0	384 2 0	7 4 4	12 13 6	576 15 0	6	961 0 0	18 0 8	27 4 6	1,441 10	
Gunnedah	14	109	36,351 0 0	698 17 1	682 15 6	57,399 13 10	19,290 2 0	275 12 1	283 16 6	22,046 5 10	152	55,641 2 0	974 9 2	966 12 0	79,445 19 8	
"	18	1	251 2 0	13 4 9	5 8 9	377 5 0					1	251 2 0	13 4 9	5 8 9	377 5 0	
Muriundi	14	19	1,606 2 0	142 4 11	66 15 6	11,373 15 0	320 0 0	8 0 0	6 0 0	640 0 0	20	1,925 2 0	150 4 11	72 15 6	12,018 15	
Narrabri	14	3	1,232 1 0	24 14 0	18 2 0	1,975 17 6	18,748 1 0	370 10 4	300 16 9	29,640 13 4	49	19,980 2 0	395 4 4	318 18 9	31,616 10 10	
Tamworth	14	31	9,262 1 26	219 9 9	154 4 9	22,252 14 9	3,400 2 0	55 2 11	37 7 9	4,411 8 4	37	12,762 3 26	274 12 8	191 12 6	26,664 3 1	
Total		168	49,380 0 26	1,109 6 10	941 17 6	94,249 1 1	99	42,143 3 0	716 9 8	640 14 6	265	91,523 3 26	1,825 16 6	1,582 12 0	151,564 3 7	
Wagga Wagga—																
Albury	14	37	1,099 3 19	33 6 0	77 6 3	2,663 16 0	458 2 32	12 17 1	36 16 9	1,028 4 7	56	1,558 2 11	46 3 1	114 3 0	3,692 0 7	
Cootamundi	14	89	24,255 2 10	514 12 7	459 4 5	41,170 7 9	6,476 1 10	138 14 11	99 11 11	11,097 3 2	104	30,731 3 20	653 7 6	584 16 4	52,267 10 11	
" Central	14	14	9,149 0 0	160 3 11	112 6 9	12,815 4 8	1,005 2 0	15 14 3	9 17 0	1,256 17 6	15	10,154 2 0	175 18 2	122 3 9	14,072 2 2	
Corowa	14	80	34,317 2 31	804 16 10	496 17 9	64,887 8 11	1,460 0 0	63 17 6	21 4 0	5,110 0 0	83	35,777 2 31	868 14 4	518 1 9	68,497 8 11	
Narandera	14	139	77,513 1 0	1,337 0 3	952 9 8	106,958 1 10	7,922 3 0	124 1 3	104 3 9	9,925 0 0	155	85,436 0 0	1,401 1 6	1,056 13 5	116,883 1 10	
Tumut	14	1	477 0 0	2 19 8	7 0 9	238 10 0					1	477 0 0	2 19 8	7 0 9	238 10 0	
Urana	14	134	63,821 3 27	1,290 16 4	902 4 0	100,064 1 11	17,568 1 10	348 1 2	270 0 3	27,842 11 10	177	81,390 0 37	1,593 17 6	1,172 4 3	127,906 13 9	
"	18	1				157 2 0		8 5 5	4 10 0	236 5 0	1	157 2 0	8 5 5	4 10 0	236 5 0	
Wagga Wagga	14	250	104,481 0 0	2,638 16 7	1,644 16 6	211,096 19 6	25,358 3 0	642 12 11	374 10 6	51,405 0 5	305	129,839 3 0	3,281 9 6	20 19 7	262,501 19 11	
Total		744	315,115 1 7	6,742 12 2	4,678 6 1	539,391 10 7	163	60,407 3 12	1,354 4 6	920 14 2	897	375,523 0 19	3,096 16 8	5,699 0 3	647,295 13 1	
GRAND TOTAL		2,611	945,459 0 10	17,085 17 10	14,861 15 8	1,371,565 12 8	690	269,195 0 27	4,451 10 6	4,099 13 6	3,301	1,214,654 0 37	21,537 8 4	18,961 9 2	1,720,806 7 7	

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SCHEDULE XXI.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Homestead Selections declared forfeited during the year 1899 for non-fulfilment of residence or improvement condition.

Land Board District and Land District.	Section.	No.	Area.			Land Board District and Land District.	Section.	No.	Area.		
			a.	r.	p.				a.	r.	p.
Armidale—											
Armidale	14	7	880	1	20	Maitland (<i>continued</i>)—					
Inverell	14	1	642	0	0	Gosford	14	2	106	3	0
Total		8	1,522	1	20	Maitland	14	4	305	3	0
Dubbo—						Newcastle	14	2	115	3	0
Coonamble	14	1	29	2	20	Scone	14	1	1,280	0	0
Dubbo	14	2	372	2	0	Singleton	14	3	242	0	0
Total		3	402	0	20	Stroud	14	1	1,089	0	0
Forbes—						Taree	14	2	131	2	30
Barnedman	14	1	312	2	0	Total		18	3,449	3	0
Grenfell	14	1	23	3	30	Moree—					
Parkes	14	2	1,923	0	0	Walgett	14	1	640	0	0
Total		4	2,259	1	30	Total		1	640	0	0
Goulburn—						Orange—					
Bombala	14	3	125	0	0	Cowra	14	3	47	1	10
Cooma	14	3	143	0	32	Molong	14	2	41	0	21
Moruya	14	1	316	0	0	Mudgee	14	2	234	2	1
Yass	14	1	186	1	0	Total		7	322	3	32
Young	14	2	45	3	27	Sydney—					
Total		10	816	1	19	Campbelltown	14	4	74	0	0
Grafton—						Liverpool	14	2	55	2	0
Bellengen	14	1	160	0	0	Milton	14	3	38	0	0
Grafton	14	3	783	0	0	Windsor	14	3	130	0	0
Kempsey	14	1	219	0	0	Total		12	297	2	0
Lismore	14	2	461	3	0	Tamworth—					
Total		7	1,623	3	0	Gunnedah	14	5	895	0	0
Hay—						Tamworth	14	3	1,318	0	0
Balranald	14	2	2,560	0	0	Total		8	2,213	0	0
Balranald South	14	1	1,222	0	0	Wagga Wagga—					
Deniliquin	14	2	464	2	0	Albury	14	5	114	3	7
Hay	14	2	1,997	2	0	Cootamundra	14	8	3,346	1	0
Hillston	14	6	2,957	0	0	Narrandera	14	11	4,788	3	0
Total		13	9,201	0	0	Urana	14	5	1,102	2	0
Maitland—						Wagga Wagga	14	3	676	2	0
Cassilis	14	2	80	0	0	Total		32	10,028	3	7
Dungog	14	1	98	3	10	GRAND TOTAL		123	32,777	0	8

No homestead selections were declared forfeited during the year 1899 for non-payment of rent or for non-payment for improvements.

SCHEDULE XXII.

SUMMARY of Particulars relating to the Number and Area of Homestead Selections in existence on 31st December, 1899.*

Particulars.	No.	Area.		
		a.	r.	p.
Number and Area applied for up to 31st December, 1898, after deducting Number and Area forfeited, disallowed, or withdrawn	2,695	1,037,227	3	17
Number and Area applied for during 1899	833	329,128	1	38
Less Net Decrease, due to Disallowances, &c., as below	3,528	1,366,356	1	15
	307	125,142	1	39
Number and Area in existence on 31st December, 1899*	3,221	1,241,213	3	16
Disallowed or withdrawn during 1899	184	92,365	1	31
Declared forfeited during 1899	123	32,777	0	8
Forfeiture reversed during 1899	307	125,142	1	39
	Nil.	Nil.		
Net Decrease due to Disallowances, &c.	307	125,142	1	39

* Exclusive of conversions of Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases (Schedule XXIV), and Church and School Land Leases, into Homestead Selections.

SCHEDULE XXIII.

RETURN giving Particulars as to notification and disposal of Homestead Selection Areas from 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	Total acreage in Homestead Selection Areas when notified.			Area notified but not yet available for selection, or rendered unavailable since notification, by reservation or other cause.			Area available for selection.			Area selected.			Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.			Capital Value represented by Land selected.		Percentage of area selected to area available for selection.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area.		No. of Blocks.	Area.		Area available for selection.			Area selected.			Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.			£	s. d.		
		a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.	a.	r. p.				
Armidale—																			
Armidale	101	16,396	0 10	33	2,076	3 0	14,319	1 10	58	13,241	0 0	1,038	1 10	13,970	0 7			93	
Glen Innes	34	15,475	2 14				15,475	2 14	34	15,475	2 14			19,203	16 9			100	
Inverell	44	*16,658	2 0	12	4,791	3 0	11,866	3 0	32	11,866	3 0			15,457	0 5			100	
Ternterfield	45	18,464	0 10	3	2,027	3 0	16,436	1 10	41	16,129	1 10	307	0 0	12,309	13 8			98	
Walcha	26	4,531	1 10	4	593	0 0	3,938	1 10	20	3,709	3 30	228	1 20	7,433	1 5			94	
Totals.....	250	71,525	2 4	52	9,489	1 0	62,036	1 4	185	60,462	2 14	1,573	2 30	68,373	12 10			97	
Bourke--																			
Bourke	20	408	1 0				408	1 0	20	408	1 0			8,000	0 0			100	
Brewarrina	19	15,638	1 20				15,638	1 20	18	15,316	2 20	321	3 0	10,925	5 9			98	
Cobar	86	12,018	0 17	4	43	2 25	11,974	1 32	15	1,686	2 17	10,287	3 15	1,236	15 3			14	
Totals.....	125	28,064	2 37	4	43	2 25	28,021	0 12	53	17,411	1 37	10,609	2 15	20,152	1 0			62	
Dubbo--																			
Coonamble.....	14	496	3 21				496	3 21	14	496	3 21			1,248	4 5			100	
Dubbo	215	96,449	3 17	7	6,453	3 0	89,987	0 17	199	89,542	3 17	444	1 0	126,697	12 2			99	
Nyngan	52	20,764	2 0				20,764	2 0	43	18,639	3 0	2,124	3 0	20,401	14 4			89	
Warren	32	3,598	1 9	7	366	3 8	3,231	2 1	19	2,999	0 23	232	1 18	12,221	11 4			92	
Totals.....	313	121,300	2 7	14	6,820	2 8	114,479	3 39	275	111,678	2 21	2,801	1 18	160,479	2 3			97	
Forbes--																			
Barmedman	53	30,077	0 0	2	1,365	3 0	28,711	1 0	41	23,951	3 0	4,759	2 0	24,805	4 5			83	
Condobolin	5	1,752	3 0	3	1,234	3 0	518	0 0	2	518	0 0			614	16 3			100	
Forbes	90	65,865	1 0	21	14,851	2 0	51,013	3 0	69	51,013	3 0			58,064	3 1			100	
Grenfell	25	14,955	2 0				14,955	2 0	20	13,471	2 0	1,484	0 0	13,170	0 1			90	
Parkes	144	†127,770	2 0	41	41,128	2 0	86,642	0 0	103	86,642	0 0			82,659	13 8			100	
Total	317	240,421	0 0	67	58,580	2 0	181,840	2 0	235	175,597	0 0	6,243	2 0	179,313	17 6			96	
Goulburn--																			
Bega	22	4,053	3 37				4,053	3 37	6	501	0 10	3,552	3 27	592	2 6			12	
Bombala	35	6,741	0 10	5	5,020	0 0	1,721	0 10	28	1,646	0 10	75	0 0	3,946	16 11			95	
Boorowa	24	6,232	0 0				6,232	0 0	22	5,752	0 0	480	0 0	8,511	8 5			92	
Braidwood.....	9	2,070	3 22	1	30	0 0	2,040	3 22	8	2,040	3 22			2,303	12 9			100	
Cooma	80	16,757	3 18	28	4,065	1 0	12,692	2 18	39	11,547	2 18	845	0 0	15,295	15 4			93	
Eden	28	†2,470	3 0	6	309	3 0	2,161	0 0	16	1,212	0 30	948	3 10	2,019	12 11			56	
Goulburn	18	3,106	1 30	4	683	0 30	2,423	1 0	10	1,740	0 10	683	0 30	2,994	14 5			71	
Gunning	14	3,150	2 0	1	391	0 0	2,759	2 0	10	1,915	0 0	844	2 0	2,619	0 0			69	
Moruya	28	8,885	2 0				8,885	2 0	9	1,767	2 0	7,118	0 0	1,320	8 2			19	
Queanbeyan	15	1,819	2 30				1,819	2 30	15	1,819	2 30			4,421	12 6			100	
Yass	16	2,597	3 0	2	271	3 0	2,326	0 0	14	2,326	0 0			3,131	7 6			100	
Young	86	§15,346	3 27	7	1,445	2 24	13,901	1 3	76	13,839	0 2	62	1 1	23,968	11 2			99	
Total	375	73,233	1 14	54	12,216	2 14	61,016	3 0	253	46,407	0 12	14,609	2 28	71,125	2 7			76	
Grafton--																			
Bellingen	107	24,654	2 0	6	1,244	1 0	23,410	1 0	56	11,485	1 0	11,925	0 0	9,588	17 6			49	
Casino	35	15,953	3 0				15,953	3 0	15	6,846	2 0	9,105	1 0	10,087	1 6			43	
Grafton	43	11,351	1 30	1	46	0 0	11,305	1 30	16	2,495	0 30	8,810	1 0	2,422	5 7			22	
Kempsey	19	3,437	0 0				3,437	0 0	9	1,171	3 0	2,265	1 0	1,868	5 0			34	
Lismore	134	40,561	0 0	2	544	2 0	40,016	2 0	37	9,812	2 0	30,204	0 0	11,206	7 6			24	
Murwillumbah	42	9,725	2 0	12	3,257	0 0	6,468	2 0	19	4,291	1 0	2,147	1 0	5,104	15 1			66	
Port Macquarie.....	16	4,993	0 0	1	456	3 0	4,536	1 0	12	3,622	3 0	913	2 0	3,622	15 0			79	
Total	396	110,676	0 30	22	5,580	2 0	105,095	2 30	164	39,725	0 30	65,370	2 0	43,900	7 2			38	
Hay--																			
Balranald	28	16,051	3 0				16,051	3 0	5	5,287	0 0	10,764	3 0	4,137	19 0			32	
Balranald South	32	33,084	0 0	4	2,744	1 0	30,339	3 0	25	27,857	0 0	2,482	3 0	11,447	18 3			91	
Deniliquin	118	48,076	2 9	8	5,168	0 0	42,908	2 9	110	42,608	2 9			90,081	13 4			100	
Hay	93	56,342	0 0	7	5,446	2 0	50,895	2 0	67	43,394	3 0	7,500	3 0	55,038	18 5			85	
Hay North	4	2,490	0 0				2,490	0 0	1	749	0 0	1,741	0 0	1,123	10 0			30	
Hillston	186	||113,249	3 20	18	13,696	0 0	99,553	3 20	94	47,334	0 0	52,219	3 20	36,560	1 5			47	
Hillston North.....	5	180	1 32				180	1 32	4	142	3 0	37	2 32	285	10 0			79	
Wentworth	59	57,794	3 0	4	5,120	0 0	52,674	3 0	4	4,684	0 0	47,990	3 0	2,107	2 0			9	
Totals.....	525	327,269	1 21	41	32,174	3 0	295,094	2 21	310	172,357	0 9	122,737	2 12	200,782	12 5			58	

* Of this area, 5 blocks, containing 2,523 acres, did not become available during 1899. † Of this area 30 blocks, containing 31,899 acres, did not become available during 1899. ‡ Of this area, 4 blocks, containing 219 acres, did not become available during 1899. § Of this area, 1 block, containing 131½ acres, did not become available during 1899. ¶ Of this area, 3 blocks, containing 1,634½ acres, did not become available during 1899.

SCHEDULE XXIII—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Total acreage in Homestead Selection Areas when notified.		Area notified but not yet available for selection, or rendered unavailable since notification, by reservation or other cause.		Area available for selection.		Area selected.		Area unselected on 31st December, 1899.		Capital Value represented by Land selected.	Percentage of area selected to area available for selection.
	No. of Blocks.	Area.	No. of Blocks.	Area.	No. of Blocks.	Area.	No. of Blocks.	Area.	No. of Blocks.	Area.		
Maitland—		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	
Cassilis	88	10,143 2 10	1	349 3 0	9,793 3 10	83	9,613 1 30	180 1 20	14,153 11 4	99		
Dungog	11	1,636 2 10	..	.....	1,636 2 10	10	1,279 1 0	357 1 10	1,662 14 2	78
Gosford	76	8,487 2 13	7	1,162 1 30	7,325 0 23	43	5,059 0 33	2,265 3 30	4,554 14 2	69		
Maitland	70	5,904 0 30	2	125 1 0	5,778 3 30	32	2,449 0 20	3,329 3 10	2,637 6 8	42		
Muswellbrook	6	1,366 1 0	..	.....	1,366 1 0	3	797 0 0	569 1 0	1,128 18 4	58
Newcastle	159	5,353 2 33½	102	168 0 33½	5,185 2 0	12	711 3 0	4,473 3 0	701 1 3	14		
Paterson	25	4,459 2 0	..	.....	4,459 2 0	22	4,105 1 0	354 1 0	3,616 5 0	92
Raymond Terrace	5	438 0 30	..	.....	438 0 30	2	209 2 20	228 2 10	314 8 9	43
Scone	13	14,413 2 0	2	2,560 0 0	11,853 2 0	9	9,293 2 0	2,560 0 0	9,293 10 0	78		
Singleton	48	3,474 3 14	1	20 0 0	3,454 3 14	42	3,119 2 4	335 1 10	5,006 8 2	90		
Stroud	8	6,850 3 0	..	.....	6,850 3 0	6	5,392 3 0	1,458 0 0	6,331 2 6	78
Taree	69	13,028 0 20	13	2,682 2 30	10,345 1 30	5	357 3 10	9,987 2 20	493 8 1	4		
Totals... ..	578	75,556 3 0½	128	7,068 1 13½	68,488 1 27	269	42,388 0 37	26,100 0 30	49,893 8 5	62		
Moree—												
Walgett	19	19,197 1 20	1	640 0 0	18,557 1 20	16	16,637 1 20	1,920 0 0	17,704 14 5	96		
Warialda	12	*14,674 0 0	7	8,274 0 0	6,400 0 0	5	6,400 0 0	.....	6,400 0 0	100	
Totals	31	33,871 1 20	8	8,914 0 0	24,957 1 20	21	23,037 1 20	1,920 0 0	24,104 14 5	92		
Orange—												
Bathurst	16	188 1 10½	4	28 3 21	159 1 29½	..	.....	159 1 29½	.....	..
Carcoar	5	1,295 1 0	..	.....	1,295 1 0	4	1,161 2 0	133 3 0	1,679 2 0	89
Cowra	44	3,392 3 0	2	85 0 0	3,307 3 0	40	3,241 1 30	66 1 10	7,476 4 8	97		
Rylstone	12	†11,177 1 0	3	1,996 0 0	9,181 1 0	8	8,750 0 0	431 1 0	7,596 17 0	95		
Wellington	16	‡7,995 0 0	4	2,514 2 0	5,480 2 0	12	5,480 2 0	.....	7,170 7 6	100	
Lithgow	5	1,864 3 0	1	195 1 0	1,669 2 0	2	384 0 0	1,285 2 0	576 0 0	23		
Molong	42	6,778 1 18	..	.....	6,778 1 18	37	6,702 3 30	75 1 28	10,672 0 4	98
Mudgee	59	8,457 3 26	7	1,232 2 0	7,225 1 26	51	6,905 1 26	320 0 0	10,943 9 10	95		
Totals	199	41,149 2 14½	21	6,052 0 21	35,097 1 33½	154	32,625 3 6	2,471 2 27½	46,114 2 3	92		
Sydney—												
Campbelltown ...	189	5,719 2 28	36	536 0 25	5,183 2 3	27	617 3 2	4,535 3 1	1,199 15 1	12		
Liverpool	60	5,313 2 10	..	4 0 0	5,309 2 10	11	471 3 0	4,837 3 10	513 15 0	9		
Milton	41	2,460 1 30	..	.....	2,460 1 30	2	55 0 0	2,405 1 30	62 10 0	2
Nowra	8	183 0 20	..	.....	183 0 20	8	183 0 20	.....	254 6 11	100
Penrith	148	6,164 2 0	1	53 3 0	6,110 3 0	17	831 2 30	5,279 0 10	892 1 6	13		
Picton	30	1,814 3 0	2	95 3 0	1,719 0 0	2	78 0 0	1,641 0 0	65 0 0	4		
Windsor	187	10,941 0 20	26	1,237 1 30	9,703 2 30	75	3,640 2 20	6,063 0 10	4,732 4 2	55		
Totals	663	32,597 0 28	65	1,927 0 15	30,670 0 13	142	5,907 3 32	24,762 0 21	7,719 12 8	19		
Tamworth—												
Coonabarabran ...	7	1,091 0 0	..	.....	1,091 0 0	7	1,091 0 0	.....	1,637 0 0	100
Gunnedah	175	§68,091 0 0	21	11,354 0 0	56,737 0 0	143	54,752 0 0	1,985 0 0	76,757 0 0	95		
Murrurundi	22	4,156 2 0	..	.....	4,156 2 0	20	2,818 2 0	1,338 0 0	12,703 0 0	67
Narrabri	74	33,308 0 0	3	1,300 0 0	32,008 0 0	56	24,048 0 0	7,960 0 0	13,434 0 0	75		
Tamworth	68	11,391 0 0	17	296 0 0	11,095 0 0	33	10,982 0 0	113 0 0	20,179 0 0	99		
Totals	346	118,037 2 0	41	12,950 0 0	105,087 2 0	259	93,691 2 0	11,396 0 0	124,710 0 0	89		
Wagga Wagga—												
Albury	97	1,716 1 1	2	5 2 36	1,710 2 5	47	1,431 1 35	279 0 10	3,377 5 11	83		
Cootamundry ...	130	36,782 3 20	20	5,142 0 0	31,640 3 20	100	30,517 2 20	1,123 1 0	51,399 19 11	96		
Cootamundry Centl	14	9,149 0 0	..	.....	9,149 0 0	12	7,548 1 0	1,600 3 0	10,175 2 11	82
Corowa	101	41,813 0 31	12	5,388 0 20	36,425 0 11	84	36,425 0 11	.....	71,208 8 11	100	
Narrandera	176	¶90,140 1 0	14	5,140 2 30	84,999 2 10	149	83,366 0 10	1,633 2 0	114,395 11 0	98		
Tumbarumba	20	603 3 10	..	.....	603 3 10	..	.....	603 3 10	.....	..
Tumut	2	957 1 0	..	.....	957 1 0	1	477 0 0	480 1 0	238 10 0	49
Urana	314	126,191 3 14a	117	36,376 2 17	89,815 0 37	171	80,135 0 37	9,680 0 0	127,212 17 11½	89		
Wagga Wagga ...	328	143,547 2 0b	35	18,208 3 0	125,338 3 0	231	124,742 1 0	596 2 0	251,461 8 3	99		
Totals	1,182	450,901 3 36	200	70,261 3 23	380,640 0 13	855	364,642 3 33	15,997 0 20	629,469 4 10½	96		
Grand Totals ...	5,300	1,724,605 0 12	717	232,079 0 39½	1,492,525 3 12½	3,175	1,185,932 3 11	306,593 0 1½	1,626,137 18 4½	79		

* Of this area, 7 blocks, contain ing 8,274 acres, did not become available during 1899. † Of this area, 3 blocks, contain ing 1,996 acres, did not become available during 1899. ‡ Of this area, 4 blocks, contain ing 2,514½ acres, did not become available during 1899. § Of this area, 17 blocks, contain ing 9,901 acres, did not become available during 1899. ¶ Of this area, 6 blocks, contain ing 3,793 acres 2 roods, did not become available during 1899. a Of this area, 46 blocks, contain ing 22,964 acres 1 rood, did not become available during 1899. b Of this area, 17 blocks, contain ing 7,608 acres 1 rood, did not become available during 1899.

SCHEDULE XXIV.

RETURN of Applications for Conversion of Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases into Homestead Selections received from 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1899, exclusive of those since withdrawn or refused.

Land Board District and Land District.	From 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1898.						From 1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899.						Total.					
	Applications to convert.		C.P.'s included.		C.L.'s included.		Applications to convert.		C.P.'s included.		C.L.'s included.		Applications to convert.		C.P.'s included.		C.L.'s included.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Armidale—		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Armidale	1	568 0 0	3	568 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	568 0 0	3	568 0 0	...	...
Glen Innes	1	201 0 0	1	50 1 0	1	150 3 0	1	640 0 0	1	640 0 0	...	...	2	841 0 0	2	630 1 0	1	150 3 0
Inverell	1	1,100 0 0	1	300 0 0	2	800 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,100 0 0	1	300 0 0	2	800 0 0
Tenterfield	3	1,760 1 0	5	681 0 0	3	1,079 1 0	1	1,280 0 0	2	320 0 0	2	960 0 0	4	3,040 1 0	7	1,001 0 0	5	2,039 1 0
Walcha	4	2,169 2 0	7	779 0 0	4	1,850 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2,169 2 0	7	779 0 0	4	1,850 2 0
Bourke—																		
Bourke	2	1,000 0 0	2	1,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,000 0 0	2	1,000 0 0	...	...
Brewarrina	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	160 0 0	1	160 0 0	...	...
Forbes—																		
Condobolin	1	111 0 0	1	111 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	111 0 0	1	111 0 0	...	...
Forbes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	285 0 0	1	285 0 0	...	...	1	285 0 0	1	285 0 0	...	...
Goulburn—																		
Bega	1	100 0 30	1	100 0 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	100 0 30	1	100 0 30	...	...
Bombala	1	1,246 2 0	11	1,246 2 0	...	...	1	70 0 0	1	70 0 0	...	...	2	1,316 2 0	12	1,316 2 0	...	...
Boorowa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	124 2 0	1	124 2 0	...	...	1	124 2 0	1	124 2 0	...	...
Braidwood	2	1,120 0 0	3	570 0 0	1	550 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,120 0 0	3	570 0 0	1	550 0 0
Cooma	1	130 0 0	3	130 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	130 0 0	3	130 0 0	...	...
Goulburn	5	2,184 1 0	12	810 0 0	4	1,374 1 0	1	648 0 0	12	648 0 0	...	...	6	2,832 1 0	24	1,458 0 0	4	1,374 1 0
Gunning	2	1,050 0 0	2	273 0 0	2	777 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,050 0 0	2	273 0 0	2	777 0 0
Moss Vale	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50 0 0	1	50 0 0	...	...
Yass	1	720 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	400 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	720 0 0	1	320 0 0	1	400 0 0
Young	1	314 3 0	1	314 3 0	...	...	1	320 0 0	1	320 0 0	...	...	2	634 3 0	2	634 3 0	...	...
Grafton—																		
Bellingen	2	299 0 0	3	299 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	299 0 0	3	299 0 0	...	...
Casino	1	1,280 0 0	1	640 0 0	1	640 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,280 0 0	1	640 0 0	1	640 0 0
Kempsey	1	222 0 0	1	222 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	222 0 0	1	222 0 0	...	...
Lismore	1	105 0 0	1	105 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	105 0 0	1	105 0 0	...	...
Port Macquarie	2	447 0 0	2	387 0 0	1	60 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	447 0 0	2	387 0 0	1	60 0 0
Hay—																		
Balranald South	1	302 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	122 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	302 0 0	1	80 0 0	1	222 0 0
Deniliquin	3	1,920 0 0	3	1,920 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1,920 0 0	3	1,920 0 0	...	...
Hillston	2	951 1 0	3	951 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	951 1 0	3	951 1 0	...	...
Maitland—																		
Stroud .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	520 0 0	3	520 0 0	...	...	2	520 0 0	3	520 0 0	...	...
Taree .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	...	...	1	120 0 0	1	120 0 0	...	...
Orange—																		
Molong	1	1,246 0 0	6	840 0 0	1	406 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,246 0 0	6	840 0 0	1	406 0 0
Rylstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,070 1 0	5	420 0 0	4	650 1 0	1	1,070 1 0	5	420 0 0	4	650 1 0
Sydney—																		
Pictou	1	80 0 0	1	80 0 0	...	...	1	54 0 0	1	54 0 0	...	...	2	134 0 0	2	134 0 0	...	...
Wagga Wagga—																		
Cootamundra	2	240 0 0	2	240 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	240 0 0	2	240 0 0	...	...
Narrandera	1	640 0 0	2	640 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	640 0 0	2	640 0 0	...	...
Tumbarumba	2	1,280 0 0	2	960 0 0	1	320 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,280 0 0	2	960 0 0	1	320 0 0
Tumut	1	124 2 0	1	124 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	124 2 0	1	124 2 0	...	...
Total	50	23,122 0 30	85	14,952 1 30	23	8,169 3 0	12	5,131 3 0	29	3,521 2 0	6	1,610 1 0	62	28,253 3 30	114	18,473 3 30	29	9,780 0 0

SCHEDULE XXV.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Leases applied for during 1899, with amount of Deposits and Survey Fees received.

Local Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Deposits.	Survey Fees.	Local Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Areas.	Deposits.	Survey Fees.
Armidale—		a r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Maitland—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armidale.....	86	33,812 1 0	281 15 9	530 12 2	Cassilis	19	5,172 0 0	43 2 2	99 3 7
Glen Innes.....	47	10,455 3 0	87 2 8	231 4 7	Dungog	10	2,625 0 0	21 17 8	51 15 2
Inverell	37	11,938 1 0	99 9 10	212 9 3	Gosford	1	120 0 0	1 0 0	4 2 6
Tenterfield.....	94	30,432 0 0	253 11 9	533 8 4	Maitland	3	232 2 0	1 18 9	10 17 6
Walcha	26	8,421 2 0	70 3 7	149 3 7	Muswellbrook.....	1	50 0 0	0 8 4	3 3 9
Total	240	95,059 3 0	792 3 7	1,656 17 11	Paterson	10	1,864 0 0	15 10 8	46 17 7
Bourke—					Scone	47	35,582 0 0	296 10 4	394 14 1
Brewarrina East ...	3	2,432 0 0	20 5 4	26 3 3	Singleton.....	6	805 0 0	6 14 2	25 12 0
Dubbo—					Stroud	3	820 0 0	6 16 8	15 16 11
Coonamble	14	10,426 1 0	86 17 8	108 18 11	Taree	37	5,340 0 0	44 10 1	155 17 8
Dubbo	16	7,110 2 0	59 4 2	100 2 8	Wollombi	12	2,056 2 0	17 2 9	54 5 9
Nyngan	4	2,259 0 0	18 16 6	29 12 7	Total	149	54,667 0 0	455 11 7	862 6 6
Warren	5	4,137 0 0	34 9 6	42 5 8	Moree—				
Total	39	23,932 3 0	199 7 10	280 19 10	Bingara	11	8,961 0 0	74 13 6	90 15 1
Forbes—					Moree	5	5,309 3 0	44 5 0	46 2 7
Barmedman	12	9,484 2 0	79 1 0	93 9 9	Walgett	10	5,514 0 0	45 19 0	68 18 3
Barmedman East ...	3	960 0 0	8 0 0	17 10 8	Warialda	35	17,009 0 0	141 15 2	233 9 1
Condoumlin	9	2,596 2 0	21 12 10	48 3 11	Total	61	36,793 3 0	306 12 8	439 5 0
Forbes	2	932 2 0	7 15 5	13 4 5	Orange—				
Grenfell	14	9,664 1 0	80 10 10	103 2 10	Bathurst	5	999 0 0	8 6 6	23 18 2
Parkes	34	20,257 0 30	163 16 6	249 4 3	Carcoar	11	1,624 2 0	13 10 10	47 18 3
Total	74	43,894 3 30	365 16 7	530 15 10	Lithgow	17	2,522 2 0	21 10 5	74 1 5
Goulburn—					Molong	19	9,381 3 0	78 3 8	129 11 7
Boga	9	1,070 0 0	8 18 4	35 10 8	Mudgee	48	12,421 3 0	103 10 6	251 11 3
Bombala	27	4,893 0 0	40 15 6	123 1 3	Orange	3	1,405 0 0	11 14 2	19 15 8
Boorowa	15	2,866 1 0	23 16 1	70 15 11	Rylstone	52	10,707 3 0	89 4 8	247 19 9
Braidwood	10	1,520 0 0	12 13 4	43 2 7	Wellington.....	27	14,038 0 0	116 19 8	190 10 5
Cooma	56	17,511 3 0	145 18 10	318 14 0	Total	182	53,160 1 0	443 0 5	985 6 6
Eden	17	2,763 0 0	23 0 6	76 10 3	Sydney—				
Goulburn	12	1,775 0 0	14 15 10	51 11 4	Nowra	1	40 0 0	0 6 8	3 0 0
Gunning	3	367 0 0	3 1 2	12 5 8	Windsor	1	40 0 0	0 6 8	3 0 0
Moruya	7	1,160 0 0	9 13 4	31 10 0	Total	2	80 0 0	0 13 4	6 0 0
Moss Vale	8	3,771 0 0	31 8 6	52 10 1	Tamworth—				
Queanbeyan	10	3,416 1 0	28 9 5	53 5 9	Coonabarrabran	27	15,376 2 0	128 2 10	185 3 5
Yass	10	4,724 1 0	39 7 5	64 4 5	Gunnedah	14	8,908 0 0	74 4 6	111 19 2
Young	2	456 0 0	3 16 0	10 6 3	Murrurundi	6	1,879 3 0	15 13 4	35 1 3
Total	186	46,293 2 0	385 14 3	948 8 2	Narrabri	10	3,718 0 0	30 19 8	58 8 3
Grafton—					Tamworth	41	16,700 3 0	139 3 9	258 14 11
Bellingen	36	7,381 2 0	61 10 3	170 3 7	Total	98	46,583 0 0	388 4 1	649 7 0
Casino	14	2,456 3 0	20 9 0	64 18 2	Wagga Wagga—				
Grafton	8	958 0 0	7 19 8	33 0 0	Albury	8	2,171 2 0	18 1 11	40 19 5
Kempsey	9	1,610 0 0	13 8 4	41 1 4	Cootamundra	4	981 0 0	8 3 6	20 6 11
Lismore	1	70 0 0	0 11 8	3 11 3	Gundagai	9	1,629 3 0	13 11 9	42 9 6
Murwillumbah	3	932 0 0	7 15 4	16 17 6	Tumbarumba	12	3,654 2 0	30 12 6	66 13 4
Port Macquarie	7	660 0 0	5 10 0	26 15 6	North	6	3,336 3 0	27 16 2	39 12 11
Total	78	14,068 1 0	117 4 3	356 7 4	Tamut	19	6,554 0 0	54 12 6	108 15 1
Hay—					Urana	1	556 0 0	4 12 8	7 10 0
Deniliquin	2	841 0 0	7 0 2	13 2 7	Wagga Wagga	16	7,043 0 0	58 13 10	104 14 8
Hay	4	1,326 0 0	18 9 4	24 6 4	Total	75	25,926 2 0	216 4 10	431 1 10
Hillston	2	600 0 0	5 0 0	11 12 6	Grand Total.....	1245	446,158 2 30	3,721 8 3	7,222 0 7
Total	8	3,247 0 0	30 9 6	49 1 5	Summary—				
Local Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Deposits.	Survey Fees.	Central Division.....	256	148,298 2 30	1,239 1 7	1,816 3 1
Eastern „	989	297,860 0 0	2,482 6 8	5,405 17 6	Total	1245	446,158 2 30	3,721 8 3	7,222 0 7

SCHEDULE XXVI

RETURN showing the Number of Conditional Lease Applications confirmed or disallowed during the year 1899.

Table with columns: Local Land Board District, Land District, Applications made during the year 1899 (Confirmed/Disallowed), Applications made between 1st Dec 1889 and 1st Jan 1899 (Confirmed/Disallowed), and Total (Confirmed/Disallowed). Rows list various districts including Armidale, Dubbo, Forbes, Goulburn, Grafton, Hay, Maitland, Moree, Orange, Sydney, Tamworth, and Wagga Wagga.

SCHEDULE XXVII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Conditional Leases Transferred and the Number of Transfers passed during the year 1899.

Land Board and Land District.	No. of Leases Transferred.	No. of Transfers passed.	Area.			Land Board and Land District.	No. of Leases Transferred.	No. of Transfers passed.	Area.		
			a.	r.	p.				a.	r.	p.
Armidale—						Maitland—					
Armidale.....	90	136	39,163	0	0	Cassilis.....	34	56	14,795	3	0
Glen Innes.....	23	36	11,099	1	0	Dungog.....	4	7	393	1	0
Inverell.....	57	92	23,887	3	0	Gosford.....	1	1	390	0	0
Tenterfield.....	17	18	5,651	2	0	Maitland.....	1	1	48	3	0
Walcha.....	40	41	10,585	3	0	Muswellbrook.....	12	15	1,719	2	0
Total.....	227	323	90,387	1	0	Newcastle.....	1	3	131	0	0
						Paterson.....	12	21	1,982	3	0
Bourke—						Scone.....	34	50	15,081	0	0
Bourke.....	2	3	3,070	0	0	Singleton.....	7	10	1,829	1	0
Brewarrina.....	9	12	16,598	0	0	Stroud.....	6	6	3,287	0	0
Cobar.....	2	4	1,509	0	0	Taree.....	16	20	2,905	3	0
Wilcannia.....	1	2	1,920	0	0	Total.....	128	190	42,564	0	0
Total.....	14	21	23,097	0	0						
						Moree—					
Dubbo—						Bingara.....	33	49	19,791	0	0
Coonamble.....	112	186	120,822	0	0	Moree.....	125	211	149,016	1	20
Dubbo.....	106	188	97,416	1	0	Walgett.....	31	37	47,751	3	0
Nyngan.....	25	31	38,584	0	0	Warialda.....	36	49	20,688	1	0
Warren.....	62	101	68,391	3	0	Total.....	225	346	237,247	1	20
Total.....	305	506	325,214	0	0						
						Orange—					
Forbes—						Bathurst.....	34	59	12,885	1	0
Barmedman.....	17	26	10,585	1	0	Carcoar.....	12	16	4,206	2	0
Barmedman East.....	14	21	6,864	2	0	Cowra.....	18	30	5,036	0	0
Condobolin.....	47	73	43,547	1	0	Lithgow.....	32	40	8,115	2	0
Forbes.....	32	55	15,377	0	0	Molong.....	57	91	26,525	2	0
Grenfell.....	10	20	5,456	2	0	Mudgee.....	47	80	15,109	2	0
Parkes.....	78	123	76,840	0	0	Orange.....	8	12	1,301	3	0
Total.....	198	318	163,670	2	0	Rylstone.....	23	34	9,249	0	0
						Wellington.....	56	104	22,476	0	6½
Goulburn—						Total.....	237	466	104,905	0	6½
Bega.....	5	6	479	0	0						
Bombala.....	13	29	7,106	0	0	Sydney—					
Boorowa.....	33	55	11,881	2	0	Parramatta.....	1	2	40	0	0
Braidwood.....	6	6	735	2	0	Picton.....	8	9	3,033	3	20
Cooma.....	36	51	13,439	3	0	Total.....	9	11	3,073	3	20
Eden.....	7	7	753	0	0						
Goulburn.....	29	30	5,374	0	0	Tamworth—					
Gunning.....	16	22	4,192	1	0	Coonabarabran.....	14	29	6,343	3	0
Moruya.....	8	9	1,142	2	0	Gunnedah.....	32	59	33,485	3	0
Moss Vale.....	5	6	1,676	2	0	Murrurundi.....	17	23	7,405	1	0
Queanbeyan.....	29	33	7,830	3	0	Narrabri.....	57	98	44,836	2	0
Yass.....	21	34	6,373	3	0	Tamworth.....	136	217	54,683	2	0
Young.....	12	17	4,559	1	0	Total.....	256	426	146,754	3	0
Total.....	229	305	65,543	3	0						
						Wagga Wagga—					
Grafton—						Albury.....	14	14	4,803	3	0
Bellingen.....	10	12	2,424	2	0	Cootamundra.....	17	30	6,404	3	0
Casino.....	33	53	14,707	3	0	Corowa.....	1	1	643	2	0
Grafton.....	22	27	3,301	2	19	Gundagai.....	9	15	1,608	1	0
Kempsey.....	16	23	5,370	3	0	Narrandera.....	17	27	14,002	1	0
Murwillumbah.....	2	3	440	0	0	Tumbarumba.....	28	33	16,793	2	0
Port Macquarie.....	1	1	54	0	0	Tumut.....	11	17	4,515	2	0
Total.....	84	119	26,298	2	19	Urana.....	2	3	252	3	0
						Wagga Wagga.....	8	13	6,048	0	0
Hay—						Total.....	107	153	55,072	1	0
Balranald.....	6	9	8,020	0	0						
Deniliquin.....	2	3	1,787	0	0						
Hay.....	62	97	93,947	2	36						
Hillston.....	4	7	4,636	0	0						
Total.....	74	116	108,440	2	36						

	Number of Leases Transferred.	Number of Transfers Passed.	Area.
Eastern Division.....	1,210	1,784	435,851 2 5½
Central „.....	930	1,511	951,427 2 16
Western „.....	3	5	4,990 0 0
Grand Total.....	2,143	3 300	1,392,269 0 21½

SCHEDULE XXVIII.

RETURN showing the Total Number, Area, and Rent of Conditional Leases notified as Forfeited during the year 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Rent.
Armidale—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	Moree—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Glen Innes	1	80 0 0	1 0 0	Bingara	1	222 0 0	1 7 9
Dubbo—				Warialda	2	600 0 0	10 0 0
Coonamble.....	1	120 0 0	1 10 0		3	822 0 0	11 7 9
Dubbo	1	237 2 0	2 14 6	Orange—			
	2	357 2 0	4 4 6	Bathurst	2	758 3 0	8 5 5
Forbes—				Carcoar	3	1,050 0 0	10 13 2
Barmedman East.....	1	150 0 0	0 6 3	Lithgow.....	1	396 1 0	3 14 4
Condobolin	1	350 0 0	1 16 6	Molong	1	86 0 0	1 1 6
	2	500 0 0	2 2 9	Mudgee.....	1	364 2 0	1 10 5
Goulburn—				Wellington	1	450 0 0	3 15 0
Boorowa	3	570 0 0	5 0 0		9	3,105 2 0	28 19 10
Cooma	1	300 0 0	2 10 0	Sydney—			
Goulburn	3	744 0 0	12 8 0	Windsor	1	200 0 0	1 0 0
Young	1	40 0 0	0 11 8	Tamworth—			
	8	1,654 0 0	20 9 8	Narrabri	3	1,155 1 0	9 5 9
Grafton—				Tamworth.....	1	198 0 0	4 19 0
Bellingen	4	1,120 0 0	12 13 4		4	1,353 1 0	14 4 9
Casino	1	400 0 0	5 0 0	Wagga Wagga—			
Grafton	18	3,626 3 0	49 13 11	Albury	1	300 0 0	1 17 6
Kempsey	6	1,658 3 15	24 4 6	Cootamundra	1	350 0 0	3 12 11
Murwillumbah	1	89 1 0	0 14 11	Guadagai	2	856 1 0	8 18 6
Port Macquarie	2	180 0 0	3 0 0	Tumbarumba	2	1,156 0 0	9 12 8
	32	7,074 3 15	95 6 8	Tumut	2	480 0 0	5 4 2
Maitland—					8	3,142 1 0	29 5 9
Cassilis	1	300 0 0	2 10 0	SUMMARY.			
Raymond Terrace	2	373 3 0	4 13 6	Eastern Division.....	78	19,790 0 15	232 7 9
Scone	1	80 0 0	0 16 8	Central „	9	2,684 3 0	26 14 6
Stroud	7	2,049 2 0	28 1 5	Grand Total	87	22,474 3 15	259 2 3
Taree	6	1,382 1 0	14 19 0				
	17	4,185 2 0	51 0 7				

SCHEDULE XXIX.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Conditional Leases converted into Additional Conditional Purchases under Section 25 of the Act of 1889, during the year 1899.

Division.	Wholly converted.	Partly converted.	Total number.	Area converted.	Rent of area converted.
				a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Eastern	68	48	116	25,100 2 0	425 13 2
Central	78	41	119	73,778 1 0	959 3 7
Western .....	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total	146	89	235	98,878 3 0	1,384 16 9

SCHEDULE XXX.

RETURN showing Conditional Leases Gazetted during the year 1899, and the Conditional Leases in existence on the 31st December, 1899.

Division of the Colony.	Conditional Leases Gazetted in 1899.			Gazetted Conditional Leases in existence on the 31st December, 1899.			Conditional Leases in existence on the 31st December, 1899, inclusive of those applied for since the Act of 1889, and not yet dealt with.		
	No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Eastern	502	135,859 2 20	1,406 16 9	14,530	4,848,439 3 20½	58,101 16 1	15,237	5,312,792 1 15¾	61,971 8 1
Central	185	101,351 1 0	1,147 7 5	7,866	7,653,195 1 11½	90,590 2 1	8,097	7,804,796 1 33½	91,853 9 1
Western .....	...	.....	.....	195	237,144 2 19	2,477 8 8	195	237,144 2 19	2,477 8 8
Total.....	687	237,210 3 20	2,554 4 2	22,591	12,738,779 3 11½	151,169 6 10	23,529	13,354,733 1 28½	156,302 5 10

SCHEDULE XXXI.

RETURN of Sales by Auction during the year 1899.

Land Board and Land District	Town Lands					Suburban Lands					Country Lands				
	Offered		Sold		Amount realised	Offered		Sold		Amount realised	Offered		Sold		Amount realised
	Lots	Area	Lots	Area		Lots	Area	Lots	Area		Lots	Area	Lots	Area	
		a r p		a r p	£ s d		a r p		a r p	£ s d		a r p		a r p	£ s d
Armidale—	13	3 0 11	1	0 0 35½	16 4 0	19	60 3 37	10	53 0 31½	279 15 0	9	645 3 0	8	645 2 0	859 9 7
Armidale											4	102 3 0	3	36 0 0	113 9 11
Glen Innes											5	211 3 10	5	211 3 10	309 11 8
Inverell	12	5 2 24½	6	2 3 18½	68 0 0						10	53½ 2 20	8	504 3 10	670 3 5
Tenterfield											2	155 0 0	2	155 0 0	209 0 11
Walcha															
Bourke—	37	9 1 3	5	1 1 2	136 0 0	14	45 0 4				3	12 0 0	2	11 0 0	47 0 0
Bourke											5	1,745 3 0	5	1,745 3 0	2 190 5 10
Brewarrina						1	0 2 39½	1	0 2 39½	30 0 0					
Wilcanma															
Willyama	4	1 0 0	4	1 0 0	28 14 0										
Dubbo—															
Coonamble						9	22 3 21				31	7,758 3 0	18	2 419 2 0	3,136 0 9
Dubbo						17	134 2 20	3	16 3 32	116 10 0	26	2 405 3 10½	11	1 532 0 0	2,933 16 9
Nyangn											3	359 0 0	2	262 1 0	379 7 3
Warren	117	29 3 0	2	1 0 0	92 0 0						23	6 409 0 0	17	5,303 0 0	7,245 9 5
Forbes—															
Barmedman	11	2 3 0	9	2 1 0	88 10 0	10	10 1 7				3	249 0 19	1	0 0 19	7 10 0
Condouhlin	20	9 2 21	2	0 3 34½	80 0 0						13	497 0 0	2	56 0 0	112 0 10
Forbes											16	2,432 1 20	16	2,432 1 20	3,120 10 4
Grenfell	1	0 1 0	1	0 1 0	12 0 0	4	7 2 20	3	6 2 20	89 5 0	5	418 2 0	4	244 2 0	310 13 9
Parkes	3	0 2 12	2	0 1 12	74 7 0	3	3 1 8½	3	3 1 8½	77 6 0	11	575 2 5	5	446 0 1	620 16 11
Goulburn—															
Bega	2	0 3 35½	2	0 3 35½	20 0 0	1	4 2 14	1	4 2 14	70 0 0	7	114 2 39	4	39 2 19	121 5 0
Bombala	24	12 0 0	7	3 2 0	56 0 0						7	374 1 10	7	374 1 10	508 14 2
Boorowa											5	378 3 0	4	312 1 0	478 8 0
Braidwood											3	30 0 23½	5	30 0 23½	52 6 3
Cooma	21	8 0 23½	1	0 1 23½	6 0 0	7	26 2 29	5	23 3 39	86 10 0	8	574 3 20	7	534 3 20	695 9 5
Eden	73	34 0 10	4	1 3 3½	24 1 0	21	273 3 9	2	22 0 0	78 0 0	2	152 0 0	2	152 0 0	190 0 0
Goulburn											2	61 1 0	2	61 1 0	76 11 3
Moruya	34	8 3 29½	4	1 0 0	12 11 0	3	8 2 19				5	61 2 55	4	56 0 18	92 8 6
Moss Vale											1	3 3 32	1	3 3 32	39 10 0
Queanbeyan	9	4 0 0	0	2 1 0	30 2 0						10	35 0 8½	1	35 2 0	41 17 6
Young	23	11 2 0	10	5 0 0	122 0 0	3	6 0 30½	3	6 0 30½	37 10 0	20	865 0 3	18	791 0 14	1,073 12 1
Grafton—															
Bellhngon	40	10 0 0	3	0 3 0	17 0 0						2	97 3 10			
Casino	12	2 1 22½	11	2 1 3½	97 9 0	3	9 2 32	3	9 2 32	37 0 0	4	2 0 28½	4	2 0 28½	19 2 6
Grafton	87	22 0 14	1	0 1 0	40 0 0	31	102 0 15	15	51 0 1	135 15 0	2	53 1 0	2	53 1 0	111 2 6
Lismore	6	1 3 11	1	0 1 0	12 0 0										
Murwillumbah											6	13 1 81½	4	8 2 27½	97 10 0
Hay—															
Denilquin	70	33 3 38	20	10 0 0	92 0 0	8	22 0 36	8	22 0 36	150 10 0	6	901 2 0	6	901 2 0	1 723 8 3
Hay											19	5,959 0 0	17	5,559 0 0	7,642 9 8
Hillston															
Matfield—															
Cassilis											2	61 1 0	1	35 2 0	86 1 9
Dungog	2	0 3 9½	2	0 3 9½	65 0 0						4	214 3 10	4	214 3 10	312 9 5
Gosford											1	40 0 0			
Muswellbrook											5	260 0 0	3	127 0 0	158 15 0
Newcastle	57	14 1 33	13	3 1 33	1,285 0 0	32	49 1 4½	8	11 0 4½	51 5 0	15	41 2 31½	12	35 1 35½	132 3 0
Scone	9	4 0 30	9	4 0 30	60 17 0	2	3 3 28	1	1 3 34	6 0 0	5	33 2 21½	5	33 2 21½	64 14 0
Singleton						15	132 3 21	4	25 1 38	119 7 0	4	716 0 37	3	362 2 0	470 19 6
Stroud											4	92 0 16	2	79 0 16	150 11 0
Taree	16	6 2 0½	16	6 2 6½	126 3 0	10	53 2 11	7	42 2 22	156 0 0	8	157 0 1	8	157 0 1	249 13 8
Wollombi											2	31 0 8	1	0 3 18	5 10 0
Moree—											2	81 1 0	2	81 1 0	150 6 3
Moree	88	43 3 37	12	6 0 0	394 0 0	4	35 3 32	4	35 3 32	90 10 0	10	1,118 2 0	6	642 2 0	1,075 2 9
Walgett											1	40 0 0	1	40 0 0	56 17 0
Wariatla	3	1 2 0	3	1 2 0	42 0 0	11	15 0 0				1	25 0 0	1	20 0 0	62 10 0
Orange—															
Bathurst	50	15 2 36½	28	9 0 27½	138 0 0	32	49 1 4½	8	11 0 4½	51 5 0	15	41 2 31½	12	35 1 35½	132 3 0
Carcoar	45	14 3 27½	15	6 2 19½	75 14 0	2	3 3 28	1	1 3 34	6 0 0	5	33 2 21½	5	33 2 21½	64 14 0
Cowra	21	9 1 0½	3	1 0 27	29 10 0	15	132 3 21	4	25 1 38	119 7 0	4	716 0 37	3	362 2 0	470 19 6
Molong	11	4 2 12½									4	92 0 16	2	79 0 16	150 11 0
Mudgee	14	5 2 33	14	5 2 33	48 0 0	10	53 2 11	7	42 2 22	156 0 0	8	157 0 1	8	157 0 1	249 13 8
Orange											2	81 1 0	2	81 1 0	150 6 3
Rylstone											2	81 1 0	2	81 1 0	150 6 3
Wellington	53	22 1 25	12	4 3 5	66 16 0	2	0 3 31	2	0 3 31	10 0 0	12	185 1 31	12	185 1 31	395 6 6
Sydney—															
Campbelltown											10	6 3 17	4	2 1 21	26 0 0
Liverpool	62	25 0 32									1	1 0 0	1	1 0 0	12 0 0
Metropolitan	71	29 0 8½	45	16 2 9½	1,710 8 0	145	334 2 2½	31	90 0 17½	3,286 0 0	229	788 2 35	20	25 0 9	789 15 0
Milton	10	4 1 29	10	4 1 29	68 0 0										
Nowra											7	136 2 20			
Parramatta											6	238 2 0	1	1 0 0	4 4 0
Pictou											13	294 2 12	7	99 1 22	140 4 1
Windsor	3	1 2 0													
Tamworth—															
Coonabarrabran											1	320 1 0	1	320 1 0	416 10 2
Gunnedah	23	11 2 0	5	2 2 0	62 10 0	14	186 0 30	10	137 3 20	434 0 0	6	642 1 0	4	502 1 0	766 19 4
Murrurundi	5	2 0 20	1	0 1 0	5 0 0	15	16 0 23	15	16 0 23	83 10 0	8	618 3 0	4	197 0 0	350 2 0
Narrabri											1	3 1 0	1	3 1 0	16 0 0
Tamworth	60	15 2 15	29	7 1 26	1,899 10 0	1	3 1 0	1	3 1 0	16 0 0	8	420 2 10	8	420 2 10	966 3 0
Wagga Wagga—															
Albury	12	5 2 39½	8	3 2 39½	91 15 0	9	13 0 0	9	13 0 0	98 0 0	22	1 281 1 26	10	572 3 2	1,383 14 3
Cootamundry	37	10 2 21	8	3 0 26	70 7 0						17	1 093 1 11	9	685 2 0	932 4 3
Corowa	47	23 0 1													

SCHEDULE XXXII.

RETURN of After Auction Sales, under Section 56 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, during the year 1899.

Land Board and Land Districts.	No. of Applications received.	No. of Applications refused or withdrawn.	No. of Applications of which approval was Gazetted.	Applications, approval of which was Gazetted during the year 1899.								
				Town.			Suburban.			Country.		
				No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.
				a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	
Armidale—												
Armidale	7	2	5	2	0 2 0	16 0 0	3	33 3 8	85 0 0	...	.....	.....
Glen Innes	2	...	3	2	1 0 0	10 0 0	1	0 2 0	17 0 0	...	.....	.....
Inverell	22	14	8	5	2 1 5½	48 0 0	3	5 3 0	20 10 0	...	.....	.....
Tenterfield	1	...	1	1	0 2 0	7 10 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Bourke—												
Bourke	8	...	5	4	1 0 13	156 10 0	...	.....	.....	1	1 0 0	9 0 0
Brewarrina	9	1	16	8	2 0 0	156 0 0	11	35 2 24	161 10 0	...	.....	.....
Cobar	3	...	3	2	1 0 0	25 0 0	1	0 2 0	5 0 0	...	.....	.....
Willyama .....	...	...	7	7	1 2 35½	45 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Dubbo—												
Dubbo	24	...	17	13	6 1 31	66 10 0	15	136 3 16	423 10 0	...	.....	.....
Nyngan	12	1	12	11	5 2 0	210 10 0	2	11 1 27	54 0 0	...	.....	.....
Warren	1	...	1	1	0 1 24	20 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Forbes—												
Barmedman	7	2	6	3	1 2 0	45 0 0	4	11 3 4	56 10 0	...	.....	.....
Condobolin	8	...	7	3	1 1 15	74 0 0	4	4 0 24	50 0 0	...	.....	.....
Forbes	1	1	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Grenfell	5	...	5	4	1 3 36½	16 0 0	1	2 1 18	8 10 0	...	.....	.....
Parkes	74	1	88	74	20 0 17½	225 0 0	17	23 3 26	87 10 0	...	.....	.....
Goulburn—												
Bega	7	1	5	5	2 1 20	49 0 0	2	4 0 0	10 0 0	...	.....	.....
Bombala	6	...	5	5	2 0 34½	35 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Boorowa	6	...	5	3	1 2 0	12 0 0	2	5 2 11	14 10 0	...	.....	.....
Braidwood	8	1	7	...	.....	.....	7	10 1 30½	53 10 0	...	.....	.....
Cooma	16	2	13	6	2 3 0	30 0 0	9	32 2 9	130 15 0	...	.....	.....
Eden	19	1	16	15	7 0 26	75 10 0	7	67 1 8	244 0 0	...	.....	.....
Gunning	10	...	10	2	0 2 39	12 0 0	8	114 3 29	294 10 0	...	.....	.....
Moruya	2	1	2	5	2 1 19½	18 19 3	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Queanbeyan	3	...	2	2	1 0 0	8 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Young	6	...	4	...	.....	.....	1	2 2 6	10 0 0	3	26 1 10	65 2 6
Grafton—												
Bellingen	14	1	12	4	1 0 30	27 10 0	2	16 3 38	43 0 0	9	57 0 36	123 10 0
Casino	6	2	4	2	0 2 13½	29 0 0	5	4 2 32½	24 0 0	...	.....	.....
Grafton	24	1	18	11	4 0 8½	135 0 0	20	107 1 11	305 15 0	2	32 2 0	59 7 6
Kempsey	26	19	8	...	.....	.....	4	33 1 0	83 10 0	4	68 3 30	103 8 2
Lismore	10	1	10	1	0 1 0	100 0 0	9	33 1 4	349 0 0	1	32 3 10	41 0 4
Murwillumbah	9	2	6	...	.....	.....	9	11 2 22½	80 0 0	...	.....	.....
Port Macquarie	16	...	11	17	7 1 14½	113 0 0	...	.....	.....	1	14 0 3	35 1 0
Hay—												
Deniliquin	2	...	3	3	1 2 0	15 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Hay	1	...	1	1	0 2 0	7 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Hillston	1	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Hillston, North	5	...	5	5	1 0 0	33 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Maitland—												
Cassilis	1	...	1	...	.....	.....	1	1 1 7	5 0 0	...	.....	.....
Dungog	5	1	4	...	.....	.....	4	41 3 17	117 0 0	...	.....	.....
Gosford	5	2	3	3	0 2 23	22 10 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Maitland	1	...	2	...	.....	.....	3	27 1 37	69 0 0	...	.....	.....
Newcastle	8	...	5	4	1 2 20	40 0 0	1	8 0 28	20 0 0	...	.....	.....
Raymond Terrace	11	...	11	11	5 0 30½	42 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Scone	7	2	5	...	.....	.....	4	10 1 24	34 0 0	2	33 2 30	67 7 6
Singleton	5	...	6	...	.....	.....	2	6 2 37	22 0 0	4	8 0 0	44 9 0
Taree	24	1	22	15	6 3 0	61 0 0	8	9 3 21½	34 0 0	2	80 0 0	100 0 0
Wollombi	2	...	2	...	.....	.....	2	19 2 30	49 10 0	...	.....	.....
Moree—												
Moree	49	...	48	42	21 0 0	383 0 0	11	14 2 12	55 0 0	...	.....	.....
Walgett	17	...	8	8	4 0 0	37 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Walgett, North	7	...	7	10	5 0 0	44 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Warialda	4	...	6	2	0 1 37½	176 0 0	4	4 0 9½	40 0 0	...	.....	.....
Orange—												
Bathurst	8	1	6	5	1 2 16¾	22 10 0	...	.....	.....	1	1 0 20	13 10 0
Carcoar	9	...	9	7	11 1 24	45 10 0	2	9 0 24	23 0 0	...	.....	.....
Cowra	7	...	9	2	0 3 39½	11 0 0	7	70 3 33	312 0 0	...	.....	.....
Lithgow	4	...	4	11	5 1 10	94 0 0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Molong	5	...	10	12	3 1 23½	148 10 0	4	20 2 12	67 0 0	...	.....	.....
Mudgee	15	2	9	5	2 1 2	37 0 0	3	11 1 17	54 10 0	1	2 0 0	10 5 0
Wellington	12	...	9	8	3 1 12	327 0 0	...	.....	.....	1	10 0 0	52 10 0

SCHEDULE XXXII—continued.

Land Board and Land Districts.	No. of Applications received.	No. of Applications refused or withdrawn.	No. of Applications of which approval was gazetted.	Applications, approval of which was Gazetted during the year 1899.								
				Town.			Suburban.			Country.		
				No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Realised.
				a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	
Sydney—												
Campbelltown	3	...	4	.....	.....	4	3 1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	35 0 0	...	.....	.....
Liverpool	17	1	18	.....	.....	21	39 1 31	259 0 0	...	.....	.....
Metropolitan	75	9	65	5	2 0 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 0 0	54	144 0 28	4,539 0 0	25	32 0 30 $\frac{1}{2}$	939 0 0
Parramatta	42	...	42	.....	.....	7	94 3 39	287 0 0	47	268 0 10	1,592 0 0
Penrith	5	...	3	.....	.....	2	9 2 11	58 0 0	1	19 1 30	29 3 2
Picton	2	...	2	1	0 2 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	1	11 1 10	51 0 0
Windsor	7	1	6	4	0 3 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 0 0	1	2 3 7	9 0 0	2	11 0 14	35 0 0
Tamworth—												
Coonabarrabran	11	...	11	7	3 1 39	61 0 0	4	9 1 31	64 10 0
Gunnedah	26	2	21	36	17 1 30	417 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Murrurundi	1	1	1	2	1 0 0	20 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tamworth	34	2	26	24	9 0 13	458 0 0	8	97 1 8	562 10 0	1	5 1 2	31 11 3
Wagga Wagga—												
Albury	5	1	5	10	5 0 12	56 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cootamundry	6	3	3	10	2 2 0	62 10 0	.....	.....	1	20 0 0	62 10 0
Corowa	26	4	27	103	48 3 8	449 10 0	5	10 3 10	37 10 0	.....	.....
Gundagai	10	4	5	6	2 0 0	32 0 0	6	24 1 25	103 0 0	.....	.....
Tumbarumba	3	2	1	1	0 2 0	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tumut	8	...	5	1	0 0 33	2 0 0	5	18 1 39	90 0 0	.....	.....
Urana	16	...	16	19	9 2 0	266 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wagga Wagga	9	...	18	16	7 1 19 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 10 0	2	27 0 0	101 0 0	.....	.....
Totals.....	893	93	796	617	267 1 31$\frac{1}{2}$	5,397 1 3	322	1,449 0 18$\frac{1}{2}$	9,659 0 0	110	734 3 35$\frac{1}{2}$	3,464 15 5

NOTE.—Town land—Average price per acre realized £ s. d. 20 3 7
 Suburban land— " " 6 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Country land— " " 4 14 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Grand total (Town, Suburban, and Country lands alienated), 1,049 lots; area, 2,451a. 2r. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.; amount realized, £18,520 16s. 8d.

SCHEDULE XXXIII.

RETURN of Deposits and Instalments forfeited during 1899, under the 62nd Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and 1st Section of the Crown Lands (Auction Sales Balances) Act of 1887, on account of non-payment of balance of purchase money within the required time.*

Land Board District.	Land District.	Town.			Suburban.			Country.		
		No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale	Glen Innes	1	0 1 9	6 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tenterfield	4	0 3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bourke	Bourke .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3 0 0	7 10 0
	Cobar	4	2 0 0	13 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dubbo	Coonamble	1	0 2 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dubbo	9	3 0 0	8 15 0	1	4 3 10	6 3 9	.....	.....	.....
	Nyngan	8	4 0 0	58 1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Warren	2	0 3 34	12 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forbes.....	Barmedman	17	4 0 31	84 5 0	13	28 0 20	36 1 3	.....	.....	.....
	Parke	3	0 3 4	12 12 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goulburn	Moruya	3	1 0 22	2 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Queanbeyan	1	0 1 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Young	3	1 2 0	3 10 9	1	1 0 0	1 15 0	.....	.....	.....
Grafton	Bellingen.....	9	3 2 9	19 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Grafton .....	.....	.....	.....	1	4 2 15	3 8 9	.....	.....	.....
Maitland.....	Gosford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	43 2 1	31 17 4
	Taree	2	1 0 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moree	Walgett, North ...	5	2 2 0	6 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Warialda.....	1	0 1 39	5 1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Sales which were annulled and subsequently reinstated are not included in this return.

SCHEDULE XXXIII—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Town.			Suburban.			Country.		
		No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.	No. of Lots.	Area.	Amount Forfeited.
Orange	Carcoar .....	...	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	1	a. r. p.	£ s. d.	...	a. r. p.	£ s. d.
	Lithgow	1	0 1 32½	5 12 0	...	2 0 0	1 17 6	...	...	...
	Mudgee	1	0 0 11	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Wellington	1	0 1 0	0 15 0	1	5 0 0	5 5 0	...	...	...
Sydney	Penrith	1	0 2 0	1 8 9	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Windsor	1	1 1 10	22 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamworth	Murrurundi	2	0 3 26	53 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Narrabri	2	0 2 0	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tamworth	3	29 0 10	19 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wagga Wagga	Albury	1	0 2 0	2 0 0	2	1 3 19	4 0 0	...	...	...
	Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	17 2 17	70 18 1
	Corowa	16	7 0 35	35 11 3	2	5 3 22	6 5 0	...	...	...
	Tumut	8	3 3 19	198 0 6	1	0 3 25	3 15 0	...	...	...
	Urana	8	5 0 0	15 11 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		118	76 2 23	639 9 9	23	54 0 20	68 11 3	10	64 0 18	110 6 3

Grand Total (Town, Suburban, and Country) :—No. of Lots, 151; 194 acres 3 roods 22 perches; amount, £818 7s. 8d.

SCHEDULE XXXIV.

RETURN of Improvement Purchase Applications under Section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Land Board District and Land District.	Applications Received prior to Year 1899.			Applications Received during Year 1899.			Land Alienated during the Year 1899.						
	Number Refused.	Number Approved.	Number declared Lapsed.	Number Received.	Number Refused.	Number Approved.	Town.			Suburban.			
							Lots.	Area.	Amount realised exclusive of Fines.	Lots.	Area.	Amount realised exclusive of Fines.	
Albury—							a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.		
Albury	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armidale—													
Armidale	2	3	...	4	1	2	10	2 1 0½	145 0 0	...	...	...
Bourke—													
Cobar	1	7	...	25	2	13	20	4 3 26½	159 17 0	1	0 1 0	2 10 0	
Wilcannia .....	...	8	2	76	9	64	9	2 1 0	40 0 0	42	27 3 10½	765 0 0
Willyama	1	4	2	47	6	26	10	2 0 34½	180 19 0	13	7 3 33	169 0 0	
Dubbo—													
Dubbo .....	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	0 1 0	15 0 0	1	0 1 0	18 0 0
Nyngan	1	3	...	1	...	...	2	0 2 0	25 0 0	...	...	...
Forbes—													
Barmedman	1	4	3	14	2	10	2	0 2 0	14 0 0	10	1 0 34½	202 12 8	
Forbes	2	...	...	2	...	2	2	0 1 19½	17 10 0	...	...	...
Grenfell .....	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parkes	3	4	1	18	5	6	8	1 3 17½	98 10 0	1	0 3 29½	42 0 0	
Goulburn—													
Bega .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Braidwood .....	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	0 1 0	6 0 0	...	...	...
Cooma .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1 0 0	8 0 0
Queanbeyan .....	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	0 0 25	25 0 0
Moruya	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grafton—													
Bellingen	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Casino .....	...	2	...	1	...	...	2	0 2 0	11 0 0	...	...	...
Orange—													
Bathurst .....	...	...	9	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcoar	2	3	...	1	...	...	2	0 2 0	36 0 0	1	0 1 0	3 0 0
Wellington	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamworth—													
Tamworth .....	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	0 0 39	7 0 0	1	1 0 0	3 0 0
Wagga Wagga—													
Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	0 1 0	50 0 0	...	...	...
Tumut .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals		17	47	17	199	33	123	71	16 3 16½	805 16 0	72	40 3 12½	1,238 2 8

SCHEDULE XXXV.

RETURN of Applications received and Lands alienated during the year 1899 under Special Purchase Clauses of the Crown Land Acts of 1884 and 1889; also Applications to purchase unnecessary roads under the Public Roads Act of 1897.

Land Board District	Land District	Section 63, Act 1884			Section 64, Act 1884			Section 66, Act 1884			Section 67, Act 1884			Public Roads Act of 1897			Section 42 of Act 1889		Total amount received for each Land District	
		Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year		Purchase Money, exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year		Purchase Money, exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year		Purchase Money, exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year		Purchase Money, exclusive of Fines	Cases completed during the year		
			No	Area			No	Area			No	Area			No	Area		No		Area
Armidale	Armidale		a r p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d		a r p	£ s d	2	a r p	£ s d	a i p	£ s d		
	Glen Innes													1						
	Inverell													3						
	Tenterfield													1						
Bourke	Brewarrina													1						
Dubbo	Coonamble													3						
	Dubbo							1						3						
	Warren													6			6	35 1 0		
Forbes	Forbes													1	2	4 0 26	13 8 5		16 5 8	
	Grenfell										1	0 2 12	2 17 3	1						
	Parkes													1						
Goulburn	Bega							1	32 0 0	806 4 0				1					806 4 0	
	Booroowa							1						1						
	Cooma							1						2			1	4 0 20		
	Moruya							1						2			2	2 3 0		
	Moss Vale													2						
	Queanbeyan													1						
	Yass													2						
	Young													1	0 1 26	12 11 3			12 11 3	
Grafton	Casino							1						1	6 2 21	23 3 8			23 3 8	
	Grafton													1						
	Kempsey													1						
	Lismore							1	25 2 0	28 10 0				5	1 0 3 23	7 8 7			35 18 7	
	Murwillumbah							1						6	6 126 0 32	228 2 9			609 7 7	
Hay	Deniliquin										1	216 2 3	381 4 10	6						
	Hay													2						
	Hillston													1						
	Dungog													1	7 2 12	192 4 10			192 4 10	
Matland	Gosford													1	3 2 12	22 10 4			22 10 4	
	Matland													1						
	Muswellbrook										1	7 0 14	13 16 3	1					13 16 3	
	Newcastle													1	1 0 1 9	5 10 0			5 10 0	
	Scone													1						
	Singleton													1						
	Taree													4						

SCHEDULE XXXV—continued.

Land Board District	Land District	Section 63, Act 1894			Section 64, Act 1894			Section 66, Act 1894			Section 67, Act 1894			Public Roads Act of 1897			Section 49 of Act 1899		Total amount received for each Land District.				
		Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year	Purchase Money exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year	Purchase Money exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year	Purchase Money exclusive of Fines	Applications received during the year	Applications completed during the year	Purchase Money exclusive of Fines	Cases completed during the year	Area								
Moree	Bungara		a r p	£ s d														£ s d					
	Moree																		9 4 11				
Orange	Walgett																		137 2 9				
	Bathurst																		18 9 3				
Sydney	Carcoar																						
	Cowra																						
	Lithgow																						
	Molong																		7 19 3				
	Orange																		5 10 6				
	Wellington																		26 17 0				
	Gandien																						
	Liverpool																			24 5 0			
	Milton																						
	Nowra																			8 16 6			
Tamworth	Paramatta																						
	Parruth																						
	Sydney	11	4	2 3 23½	544 2 6	13 18	2	1	0 0 22½	24 5 0										9 900 14 0			
	Windsor																			26 17 6			
	Wollongong																			8 17 0			
	Coonabarabran																			20 15 0			
	Gunnedah																						
	Murrumbidgee																						
	Narrabri																						
	Tamworth																				12 7 0		
Wagga Wagga	Albury																			72 8 6			
	Coockamundra																			21 5 6			
	Corowa																						
	Gundagai																			84 4 6			
	Tumbarumba																			12 4 3			
	Tumut																						
Totals	11	4	2 3 23½	544 2 6	20 19	3	1	3 2 15	9,078 16 6	14	4	63 1 11½	873 15 9	7	295 1 10½	513 12 10	117	26	808 3 3¼	825 3 0	10	57 1 35	12,156 10 7

SCHEDULE XXXVI.

RETURN showing the number of applications to surrender land in exchange for other land under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, received during the year 1899 and previous years, and the number disposed of and outstanding on 31st December, 1899.

Division of Colony.	Local Land Board District.	Number of Applications outstanding on 31 Dec., 1898.	Number of Applications received during 1899.	Accepted by the Governor-in-Council during 1899.		Number of Applications refused or withdrawn during 1899.	Number of Applications outstanding on 31 Dec., 1899.
				No.	Area.		
Eastern	Armidale	35	11	13	a. r. p. 9,568 1 4	3	30
	Goulburn	20	6	5	3,414 3 8	4	17
	Grafton	5	1	1	2,233 0 0	.....	5...
	Forbes .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
	Maitland	9	2	3	564 2 0	3	5
	Orange	6	5	.....	.....	4	7
	Sydney	1	2	1	9 1 8	1	1
	Tamworth	9	3	3	1,845 3 22	.....	9
	Wagga	15	7	5	2,021 1 20	3	14
	Central	Dubbo	41	27	8	51,830 3 30	7	53
Forbes		37	23	9	11,839 1 38	8	43
Hay		28	24	8	22,713 3 0	8	36
Moree		37	15	8	48,233 2 15	9	35
Tamworth		40	10	7	13,366 0 35	1	42
Wagga		30	13	5	18,354 1 0	5	33
Bourke .....		.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Bourke		6	3	1	680 0 0	.....	8
Hay		9	2	4	16,702 3 0	.....	7
Moree		2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Total.....		330	156	81	203,378 0 20	57	348

SCHEDULE XXXVII.

RETURN showing the number, area, and nature of Deeds of Grant prepared during the year 1899.

No. of Deeds of Grant.	Area.	Nature of Grant.
1,037	a. r. p. 37,685 1 8½	Sales by Auction, under section 61 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
3	9 1 31	Do do Act 38 Vic. No. 3.
4	0 3 36¾	Do do section 5 of Act 53 Vic. No. 1.
347	1,468 1 12½	Purchases under section 56 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
1	360 0 0	do in virtue of Improvements under section 2 of the Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
134	48 2 29¼	do do do do 46 do Act of 1884.
18	4 0 16¼	do do do do 2 of Act 53 Vic. No. 1.
1,129	218,304 1 38½	Conditional Purchases under sections 13, 14, 19, 21, and 22 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
167	28,526 2 16	Do do 24, 26, 42, and 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
2	226 1 0	Do do 42 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 18 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
7	3,349 0 0	Conditional Purchases under section 42 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
5	759 0 0	Conditional Purchases under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and section 34 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
1	40 0 0	Conditional Purchases under section 42 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 34 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
2	0 3 24	Purchases under sections 9 and 12 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
37	212 3 32½	Purchases under sections 63, 64, 66, and 67 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and section 54 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.
28	230 0 13	Alienations under section 42 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.
9	8,472 2 0	Do do 46 do do 1st Part.
4	141 0 2	Do do 46 do do 2nd "
304	174,055 3 27¼	Do do 47 do do 1895.
4	122 3 2	Do under "Jerilderie to Berigan Railway Act."
44	438 2 1½	Do do section 6 of the Public Roads Act of 1897.
17	182 1 29¾	Purchases do sections 18 and 19 of the Public Roads Act of 1897.
1	50 0 0	Volunteer Land Order Grants.
23	85 3 15½	Dedications.
11	5,655 3 25	Grants under section 20 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, and section 6 of the Conditional Purchasers Relief Act of 1896.
3,339	480,431 0 1	

SCHEDULE XXXVIII.

RETURN showing the number, area, and rental of Pastoral Leases and Occupation Licenses current during 1899.

Pastoral Leases.				Occupation Licenses.			
Number of Leases	Division of Colony.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Number of Licenses.	Division of Colony.	Area.	Annual License Fee.
322	Central	acres. 8,917,341	£ s. d. 88,905 9 5	536	Eastern	acres. 6,069,261	£ s. d. 12,423 10 2
307	Western	42,121,159	136,419 8 4	303	Eastern (Preferential) ..	3,423,088	14,640 1 5
				520	Central	5,195,831	25,019 2 4
				304	Central (Preferential) ..	4,734,033	32,278 8 10
				191	Western	16,948,911	18,136 1 1
629		51,038,500	225,324 17 9	1,854		36,371,124	102,497 3 10

SCHEDULE XXXIX.

RETURN showing particulars as to Refunds granted during the year 1899 on account of land withdrawn from Pastoral Lease and Occupation License.

Pastoral Leases.				Occupation Licenses.			
Division.	Number of Pastoral Leases.	Area withdrawn.	Amount of refund granted.	Division.	Number of Occupation Licenses.	Area withdrawn.	Amount of refund granted.
		Acres.	£ s. d.			Acres.	£ s. d.
Central	61	443,297	3,632 8 6	Eastern.....	83	113,156	404 6 7
Western	44	53,825	282 12 2	Eastern (Preferential)...	118	170,656	1,172 17 11
				Central	6	10,774	84 18 11
				Central (Preferential)...	102	527,290	4,703 17 3
				Western	42	741,571	993 17 5
Total	105	497,122	3,915 0 8	Total	351	1,563,447	7,359 18 1

Grand Totals.
 Cases 456
 Area withdrawn 2,060,569 acres.
 Amount refunded £11,274 18s. 9d.

SCHEDULE XL.

RETURN showing the number of transfers of Pastoral Leases, Preferential Occupation Licenses, and Occupation Licenses completed during the year 1899.

Division.	Pastoral Leases.	Preferential Occupation Licenses.	Occupation Licenses.
Eastern .....	.....	20	43
Central	28	14	28
Western	5	.....	4
Total	33	34	75

SCHEDULE XLI.

RETURN giving particulars of Applications received and dealt with during 1899, under Section 8 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, for the attachment of Resumed Areas to Leasehold Areas.

No. and Name of Resumed Area.	Area to be attached to Leasehold Area.	No. and Name of Resumed Area.	Area to be attached to Leasehold Area.
RECEIVED DURING 1899.		REFUSED OR WITHDRAWN.	
	acres.		acres.
159. Mount Wood	186,380	89. Weinteriga	292,713
168. Outer Netallie	51,355	168. Outer Netallie	51,355
179. Booberoi	48,272	181. Belford	48,900
156. Yancowinnia	505,937	230. Wirlong	95,079
Total	791,944	Total	488,042
APPROVED.		NUMBER OUTSTANDING FROM THIS AND PREVIOUS YEARS.	
143. Mount Manara	89,840	58. Tolarno	344,909
172. Tonga	76,720	156. Yancannia	505,937
213. Morden	153,460	159. Mount Wood.....	186,380
Total	320,020	179. Booberoi.....	48,272
		191. Topar.....	151,483
		214. Cuthro	335,687
		251. Mulga No. 1	6,373
		259. Warratta	28,041
		Total	1,607,082

SCHEDULE XLII.

RETURN of Occupation Licenses offered for sale by Auction or Tender, showing the number and area offered, the number of times offered, and the number and area sold during the year 1899.

By Auction.						By Tender.							
Division.	No of times offered during 1899.		Total No. offered.	Area offered.	No. sold.	Area sold.	Division.	No of times offered during 1899.		Total No. offered.	Area offered.	No. sold.	Area sold.
	1	2						1	2				
			acres.						acres.				
Eastern	101	14	115	1,197,515½	49	494,452½	Eastern .....	...	Nil	...	acres.	Nil	acres.
Central	6	...	6	152,909	3	31,209	Central .....	...	Nil	...	acres.	Nil	acres.
Western	48	...	48	1,070,052	8	147,060	Western .....	...	Nil	...	acres.	Nil	acres.
Total.....	155	14	169	2,420,476½	60	672,721½	Total.....	...	...	...	acres.	...	acres.

Grand Totals.
 Total number offered, 169 ; area 2,420,476½ acres.
 " " sold, 60 ; area, 672,721½ acres.

SCHEDULE XLIII.

RETURN showing Pastoral Leases, rents of which have been redetermined under the provisions of the 29th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

WESTERN DIVISION.

No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Area.	Annual Rental.	
			Old Rent.	New Rent.
175 284	Torrens Creek	Acres. 62,280	£ s. d. 38 18 6	£ s. d. 93 8 5
	Caryapundy Swamp No. 1	54,200	64 10 6	45 3 4
	Totals	116,480	103 9 0	138 11 9

Average rate per acre—Old rate, $\frac{23}{100}$ d.; new rate, $\frac{2}{100}$ d.

SCHEDULE XLIV.

RETURN showing Appraisalment of Occupation Licenses of those parts of the Leasehold Areas withdrawn under section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

No. of Occupation License.				Approximate Area.	Annual License Fee.
				acres.	£ s. d.
757,	being part of the area withdrawn from the Leasehold Area of	Narromine		34,500	215 12 6
761,	do	do	Barrawang	32,000	166 13 4
764,	do	do	Gunningbar	19,000	158 6 8
770,	do	do	Mungery West	34,000	283 6 8
771,	do	do	Mimosa	23,000	119 15 10
772,	do	do	Werai	8,400	113 15 0
773,	do	do	Pallal	19,000	158 6 8
775,	do	do	Boonook	6,100	101 13 4
Totals				176,000	1,317 10 0

SCHEDULE XLV.

RETURN giving particulars of fresh Appraisements of License Fees determined under the 81st section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and gazetted during 1899.

Division of Colony.	Resumed Area.		Previous rate per section.	Rate per section, as determined after appraisalment.	Area.	
	No.	Name.				
Eastern	77	Bungarby	£ s. d. 2 13 4	£ s. d. 2 13 4	Acres. 2,440	} Fresh appraisements, 3; area, 22,402 acres; annual rent, £68 3s. 1d.
	260	Bogolara	2 13 4	2 13 4	2,914	
	495	Kangaroooby	2 13 4	1 14 8	17,048	
					22,402	
Eastern Preferential	41A	Narraburra	4 0 0	4 0 0	5,676	} Fresh appraisements, 7; area, 110,363 acres; annual rent, £397 11s. 3d.
	235A	Ganowra	3 14 8	3 6 8	18,667	
	260A	Bogolara	3 6 8	2 13 4	1,507	
	479A	Gonimbla	2 18 8	1 14 8	27,096	
	495A	Kangaroooby	3 6 8	1 9 4	18,604	
	518A	Hernani	4 13 4	3 10 0	7,213	
					31,600	
					110,363	
Central	14	Mulwala and Savernake ...	17 6 8	10 13 4	2,293	} Fresh appraisements, 2; area, 11,217 acres; annual rent, £56 16s. 2d.
	281	Derra Derra	2 13 4	1 6 8	8,924	
					11,217	
Central Preferential	14A	Mulwala and Savernake ...	13 6 8	8 0 0	4,932	} Fresh appraisements, 2; area, 77,406 acres; annual rent, £282 0s. 8d.
	686A	Merah	4 13 4	2 0 0	72,474	
					77,406	

SCHEDULE XLVI.

RETURN showing Pastoral Leases forfeited, &c., during 1899, also Preferential Occupation Licenses, and Occupation Licenses not renewed for that year.

Pastoral Leases.		Preferential Occupation Licenses.		Occupation Licenses.	
Central Division	1	Eastern Division	9	Eastern Division	19
Western „	1	Central „	28	Central „	31
	—		—	Western „	8
Total	2	Total	37	Total	58

SCHEDULE XLVII.

RETURN showing Pastoral Leases in the Central Division extended under the provisions of the 43rd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, which will expire during 1900.

No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration of Lease.	Term of Extension.	No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration of Lease.	Term of Extension.
2	Botheroe	10 July, 1900	5 years.	134	Borambil	10 July, 1900	5 years.
4	Poon Boon	10 „ „	5 „	138	Warragan	10 „ „	5 „
7	Combaddello and Nepick- alina	10 „ „	5 „	139	Haddon Rigg	10 „ „	5 „
9	Gournama	10 „ „	5 „	140	Gineroi	10 Jan., „	4 „ 6 months.
10	Caiga	10 „ „	5 „	144	Liewah	10 July, „	5 „
15	Caragabal	10 Feb., „	4 „ 7 months.	149	Geeron or Deromgibil... ..	10 „ „	5 „
16	Marrar	10 July, „	5 „	153	Colane	10 „ „	5 „
17	Womboin	10 „ „	5 „	158	South Yathong	10 „ „	5 „
18	Ballaringar	10 „ „	5 „	159	The Brigalows	10 „ „	5 „
20	Euratha	10 „ „	5 „	161	Quambone	10 „ „	5 „
22	Peter Duffity	10 „ „	5 „	162	Lake Cowal	10 April, „	4 „ 9 months.
23	Benduck	10 „ „	5 „	166	Cremorne	10 July, „	5 „
27	Denykymine	10 „ „	5 „	169	Haddon Riggs	10 „ „	5 „
29	Keri Keri	10 „ „	5 „	170	Gormans Hill, West	10 „ „	5 „
33	Kiacatoo	10 „ „	5 „	173	Carwell	10 „ „	5 „
34	Bogalmildi	10 „ „	5 „	174	Wingadee	10 „ „	5 „
36	Caigan	10 „ „	5 „	175	Panjee	10 „ „	8 „
38	Kialgara	10 „ „	5 „	177	Nelgowrie	10 „ „	5 „
49	Gumin Gumin	10 „ „	5 „	178	Yanko Block A	10 „ „	5 „
55	East Billabong	10 Mar., „	5 „	181	Warroo	10 „ „	5 „
57	Polly Brewan	10 July, „	5 „	182	Ford's Creek	10 „ „	5 „
64	Native Dog	10 „ „	5 „	184	Boronga	10 „ „	5 „
68	Nap Nap	10 „ „	5 „	187	The Overflow	10 „ „	5 „
71	Berida	10 „ „	5 „	188	Centre Block, No. 3	10 April, „	4 „ 9 months.
72	Pevensey	10 „ „	5 „	190	Burran	10 July, „	5 „
73	Uabba	10 „ „	5 „	191	Malaraway and Millie North	10 Jan., „	4 „ 6 months.
76	Yanga	10 „ „	5 „	192	Barbigal	10 July, „	5 „
76	Chah Sing	10 „ „	5 „	193	Derri Derri	10 „ „	5 „
79	Ulimambri	10 „ „	5 „	195	Urawilkey	10 „ „	5 „
80	Weebollabolla	10 „ „	5 „	196	Conapaira	10 „ „	5 „
83	Wollongough	10 „ „	5 „	199	Wallamgambone	10 „ „	5 „
85	Mumblebone	10 „ „	5 „	202	Tyrie	10 „ „	5 „
91	Burdenda	10 „ „	5 „	206	Kucargo, or Tory Wee Waa	10 April, „	4 „ 9 months.
92	Nebea	10 „ „	5 „	207	Bomely	10 July, „	5 „
97	Theribri	10 „ „	5 „	208	Goorianawa	10 „ „	5 „
99	Mungranby and Bour- been	10 „ „	5 „	209	Nariah	10 „ „	5 „
101	Kildary	10 „ „	5 „	211	Meroe	10 „ „	5 „
105	Cocopara East	10 „ „	5 „	217	Oxley	10 „ „	5 „
110	North Gogeldrie	10 „ „	5 „	221	Bundalla	10 Jan., „	4 „ 6 months.
112	Cooliburl	10 „ „	5 „	223	New Myregall	10 July, „	5 „
114	Bundilla	10 „ „	5 „	229	Gorah	10 „ „	5 „
117	Toogimbie	10 „ „	5 „	230	Gillenbine or Gobondry ..	10 Jan., „	4 „ 6 months.
118	Killarney	10 „ „	5 „	232	Carlinda	10 July, „	5 „
119	Warry	10 „ „	5 „	234	Ulinda	10 „ „	5 „
120	Illiliwa	10 „ „	5 „	246	Bokemer	10 „ „	5 „
122	Wingenbah	10 „ „	5 „	247	Melrose Block D	10 „ „	5 „
123	Moolpa	10 „ „	5 „	250	Terramungamine	10 „ „	5 „
124	Booabula	10 „ „	5 „	254	Coonimbia	10 „ „	5 „
126	Bolagamy	10 „ „	5 „	256	Canoon Point	10 „ „	5 „
128	Wolla Wolla	10 „ „	5 „	257	Caroonboon	10 Jan., „	4 „ 6 months.
129	Quambone	10 „ „	5 „	258	Buckyinguy	10 July, „	5 „

SCHEDULE XLVII—continued.

No.	Name of Pastoral Lease	Date of Expiration of Lease.	Term of Extension	No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration of Lease.	Term of Extension.
261	Waterloo	10 July, 1900	5 years.	489	Ooma	10 July, 1900	5 years.
264	Binya	10 "	5 "	492	Waree	10 "	5 "
265	Blowclear West	10 "	5 "	493	Boooloola	10 "	5 "
266	Mowablaa	10 "	5 "	499	Palisthon	10 "	5 "
272	Tharumbone	10 "	5 "	500	Colli	10 "	5 "
273	Merrigal Back	10 "	5 "	504	Terembone	10 "	5 "
274	Mount Harris	10 "	5 "	508	Kookaburragong	10 "	5 "
278	Toorawandi	10 "	5 "	509	Airamagong, West	10 "	5 "
281	Derra Derra	10 "	5 "	510	New Geralgambone	10 "	5 "
283	Burren	10 "	5 "	511	Gunnegaldra	10 "	5 "
284	Thellangering East	10 "	5 "	519	Mulga, or Glenariff Block B	10 "	5 "
285	Tralgara	10 "	5 "	522	Old Biamble	10 "	5 "
288	Emu Plains	10 "	5 "	525	Goolgumbra	10 "	5 "
291	Mimosa West	10 "	5 "	526	Quiamong	10 "	5 "
298	Ballandry	10 "	5 "	529	Yalgogrin, South	10 "	5 "
300	Woolandool	10 "	5 "	530	Narraway	10 "	5 "
301	Wirrah	10 Jan,	4 "	533	Wangrewally	10 "	5 "
304	Bolaro	10 July,	5 "	534	Merrri Merrri	10 "	5 "
312	Queensborough	10 "	5 "	536	Yolcogrin	10 "	5 "
313	Boona West	10 "	5 "	538	Ginghet	10 "	5 "
314	Calimo	10 "	5 "	539	Naradhan	10 "	5 "
316	New Babinda	10 "	5 "	540	Gunyer Warildi	10 Jan,	4 "
318	Pullingawarina	10 "	5 "	543	Youngara Creek	30 July,	5 "
320	New Kirban	10 "	5 "	544	Tarraro	30 "	5 "
324	Sandy Camp	10 "	5 "	545	Boree Creek	30 "	5 "
327	Glenquin	10 "	5 "	551	Dandaloo	30 "	5 "
330	Binguy	10 "	5 "	552	Lower Willie, East	30 "	5 "
332	Carlisle	10 "	5 "	553	Rocky Creek	30 "	5 "
335	Burrongong	10 "	5 "	555	Lower Balabla	30 April,	4 "
337	Gunmbong	10 "	5 "	556	Balladoran	30 July,	5 "
341	Marthaguy Creek	10 "	5 "	564	Binda	30 "	5 "
342	Coonong	10 "	5 "	571	Galaragambone	30 "	5 "
345	Brewon	10 "	5 "	574	Bongeabong	30 "	5 "
350	Aratula	10 "	5 "	578	Canonba	30 "	5 "
352	Pier Pier	10 "	5 "	586	Gulgo	30 "	5 "
353	Beanbah	10 "	5 "	588	Coghull	30 "	5 "
354	North Wakool	10 "	5 "	590	Quandary, South	30 "	5 "
356	Cobra	10 "	5 "	596	Terrangan	30 "	5 "
358	South Urana	10 "	5 "	598	Bundemar	30 "	5 "
359	Bimble	10 "	5 "	599	Wonbobbie	30 "	5 "
360	Malonga	10 "	5 "	600	Wambangalang	30 "	5 "
362	Merrigal	10 "	5 "	605	Warrana	30 "	5 "
364	Grawhey	10 "	5 "	609	Boolcarrol	30 "	5 "
365	Euglo	10 "	5 "	611	Tenandra	30 "	5 "
366	Quabathoo	10 "	5 "	612	Wyabra	30 "	5 "
367	Bundy	10 "	5 "	615	Mellool	30 "	5 "
368	Kerriwah	10 "	5 "	618	Curra and Currawinna	30 "	5 "
373	Sandridge	10 "	5 "	623	Merringreen	30 "	5 "
374	The Boebung Swamp	10 "	5 "	626	Woorooma	30 "	5 "
380	Murrumbogie	10 "	5 "	631	Euroka	30 "	5 "
382	Eugeldry	10 "	5 "	636	Bumbaldry	30 "	5 "
386	Merryanbone	10 "	5 "	637	Ghoolendaadi	30 "	5 "
391	Cullengally	10 "	5 "	652	Mungerbumbone	4 Aug,	5 "
393	Zara	10 "	5 "	655	Murrumbidgee	4 "	5 "
394	Bodangora	10 "	5 "	656	Eugowra	4 "	5 "
395	Bingheet	10 "	5 "	657	Lindsay	4 "	5 "
399	Parmidman	10 "	5 "	660	Narran	4 "	5 "
401	Cornally	10 "	5 "	664	Ulonga	4 "	5 "
404	Tareelari	10 "	5 "	675	Gunbar	4 "	5 "
405	Huntawang	10 "	5 "	677	Hermitage Plains, Block A 2.	4 "	5 "
406	Barratta	10 "	5 "	678	Narrawin	4 "	5 "
407	Bunna Bunna	10 "	5 "	680	Murrungundy	4 "	5 "
410	Upper Wyalong	10 "	5 "	683	Mahonga	4 "	5 "
418	Yamma	10 "	5 "	684	Yalgogring, North	4 "	5 "
424	South Thononga	10 "	5 "	685	Kolbiertoo, North	4 "	5 "
432	Willan	10 "	5 "	687	Yerrinan	4 "	5 "
433	Middle Field	10 "	5 "	639	Melrose	4 "	5 "
435	West Bogan, Nos. 2 & 3	10 "	5 "	691	Wallangra	4 Feb,	4 "
440	Quandary, North	10 "	5 "	696	Gowang	4 Aug,	5 "
444	Geweroo	10 "	5 "	701	Lake Cowal	4 "	5 "
445	Minore	10 "	5 "	702	Wilga Downs	4 "	5 "
449	Youlbung	10 "	5 "	706	Myall Creek	4 "	5 "
459	Nangerybone	10 "	5 "	710	Wandoo Wondong	4 "	5 "
464	Gandymungydell	10 "	5 "	712	Upper Wyalong No 2	7 Sept,	5 "
468	Merrigal-Marthaguy	10 "	5 "	719	Cobrauraguy	7 "	5 "
470	Bundyulumblah	10 "	5 "	722	Piedmont	7 "	5 "
472	Piliga	10 Jan,	4 "	736	Combogolong	10 July,	5 "
475	Boubah	10 July,	5 "	737	Culmer	10 "	5 "
477	Callubri	10 "	5 "	739	Bundah, North	30 "	5 "
479	Mittagong	10 Jan,	4 "	740	Wallanbillan, East	30 "	5 "
480	Tabratong, West	10 July,	5 "	742	Euroka, North	30 "	5 "
481	Youie	10 "	5 "	755	Ungarie	30 "	5 "
484	Success	10 "	5 "	756	Ungarie, West	30 "	5 "
485	Barellan	10 "	5 "				
486	Gunning, East	10 "	5 "				

SCHEDULE XLVIII.

RETURN showing Pastoral Leases in the Central Division, extended under the provisions of the 43rd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, which expired during the year 1899.

No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Area (approximate).	Date of Expiration of Lease.	Remarks.
13	Benerembah	33,755	10 July, 1899...	Preferential Occupation License applied for
24	South Condoumlin	8,931	10 " "	do do
43	Nyingay	6,061	10 " "	do do
46	Eli Elwah	9,895	10 " "	do do
58	Dobikin	16,617	10 " "	do do
65	Weelong	20,177	10 " "	do do
75	Tregalana	13,300	10 Mar., "	do do
86	West Gungalman	8,120	10 July, "	do do
87	Tugland	9,495	10 " "	do do
88	Goonal	24,366	10 Jan., "	do do
113	Yarraldool	50,138	10 July, "	do do
116	Tonderburine	56,774	10 " "	do do
121	Willewa	10,930	10 Jan., "	do do
125	Belgoreen	12,067	10 July, "	do do
155	Merkadool	99,359	10 " "	do do
156	Murrulebale	5,765	10 Jan., "	do do
204	Berrembed	5,894	10 July, "	do do
215	Yamma	4,572	10 " "	No application for Preferential Occupation License made.
219	Goangra	41,712	10 " "	Preferential Occupation License applied for.
222	Coubail	21,054	10 " "	do do
236	Neimby (Upper)	7,877	10 " "	do do
252	Buttabone	21,052	10 " "	do do
253	Warran Downs	40,771	10 " "	do do
277	Cobbadah	24,368	10 Jan., "	do do
319	Gillinghall	2,712	10 July, "	No application for Preferential Occupation License made.
325	Sandholes	14,380	10 Jan., "	Preferential Occupation License applied for.
331	Yarrowah	52,143	10 July, "	do do
379	Cowel Murryan	3,368	10 " "	No Preferential Occupation License applied for.
403	Moonbria	7,600	10 " "	Preferential Occupation License applied for.
413	Curraburrama	7,379	10 April, "	do do
422	Berry Jerry and Arajoel	15,995	10 July, "	do do
446	Bundaburrah	4,644	10 " "	do do
448	Currugundi	4,618	10 " "	do do
467	Burbugate	67,261	10 Dec., "	do do
473	Brookong	29,033	10 " "	do do
494	Morago	12,400	10 July, "	do do
496	Burrandoon	30,414	10 " "	do do
501	Bungle Gully	50,314	10 Jan., "	do do
549	Bocabigal	3,223	30 July, "	do do
550	Biamble	6,247	30 " "	do do
566	Tchelery	20,091	30 April, "	do do
570	Walla Walla and Carangatell	3,176	30 July, "	do do
581	Millie	29,719	30 " "	do do
593	Nanima	7,227	30 " "	do do
613	Opposite Derribong	7,500	30 " "	do do
630	Yarrabee	3,577	30 Jan., "	do do
634	Kooba	23,473	30 Nov., "	do do
638	Bourke's Creek	7,377	30 July, "	do do
649	Morangarell and Narraburra Creek	13,744	4 Feb., "	do do
663	Talcumbah	24,308	4 " "	do do
668	Billabong West	3,805	4 " "	No preferential Occupation License applied for.
692	Wallendoon	4,934	4 " "	Preferential Occupation License applied for.
743	Euroka South	9,246	30 Nov., "	do do

SCHEDULE XLIX.

RETURN showing the area Gazetted as Withdrawn from Pastoral Leases, under sections 3 and 6 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, during the year 1899.

No.	Name of Pastoral Lease.	Area.	Date of Gazetted of withdrawal.
CENTRAL DIVISION--Section 3.			
233	Berrembed North	3,900	18th February, 1899.
160	Tuppall	6,300	18th March, 1899.
213	Geurie	4,100	31st May, 1899.
		14,300	

None withdrawn under Section 6.

SCHEDULE L.

RETURN showing Appraisements under section 4 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 of Preferential Occupation Licenses of late Leasehold Areas Gazetted in 1899.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

No.	Name.	Area.	Rental.	No.	Name.	Area.	Rental
3A	Wagingoberemby	5,964	161 10 6	289A	Wentworth Gully	22,353	34 18 7
51A	Coradgery	48,408	352 19 6	317A	Welbon	131,225	820 3 2
70A	North Malonga	15,882	66 3 6	347A	Burrabogie	44,495	509 16 9
	Annual rent for Crown Improvements ..	26 9 5		388A	Buckingbong	33,246	554 2 0
88A	Goonal	24,366	152 5 9	414A	Tulloona	104,683	1,199 9 10
	Annual rent for Crown Improvements ...	56 10 0			Annual rent for Crown Improvements ..	275 0 0	
108A	Nyang	37,673	470 18 3	532A	More Devil	3,305	13 15 5
130A	Flagstone Creek	23,026	95 18 10	577A	Grubben Plains	1,884	47 2 0
132A	Egan Creek	3,080	54 10 10	630A	Yarrabee	3,577	89 8 6
165A	Cocketgedong	12,401	258 7 1	659A	Howlong	18,705	214 6 7
167A	Tala	40,928	213 3 4	663A	Tulcumbah	24,308	126 12 1
201A	Caidmurra	62,869	392 18 8		Annual rent for Crown Improvements ..	45 13 9	
	Annual rent for Crown Improvements	108 0 9		693A	Wallandoon	4,934	154 3 9
243A	Coolatai	44,820	373 10 0	744A	Wheoga	36,453	151 17 9
279A	Merrybone	11,725	97 14 2	745A	Bogo Bogolong	8,000	41 13 4

SCHEDULE LI.

RETURN showing the Number and Area embraced in Applications for Homestead Leases made during the year 1899, and the action taken thereon.

Land Board District.	Land District	No of Applications received and area embraced by such Applications		Deposits lodged with Applications for Homestead Leases	Survey Fees lodged with Applications for Homestead Leases	Number of Applications.		
		No	Area in acres			No granted.	No refused.	No. out-standing.
Bourke	Bourke	3	27,309	£ s. d. 113 15 9	£ s. d. 30 0 0	3	Nil.	Nil.
	Balranald ..	10	60,400	251 13 4	100 0 0	Nil.	„	10
	Brewarrina ..	2	15,280	63 13 4	20 0 0	„	„	2
	Wilcannia ..	8	67,557	281 9 9	80 0 0	„	4	4
	Willyama ..	22	164,527	685 10 7	220 0 0	8	6	8
Hay	Hillston ..	4	20,480	85 6 8	40 0 0	Nil.	3	1
	Wentworth ..	11	74,839	311 16 9	110 0 0	„	3	8
Moree	Walgett ..	1	2,000	8 6 6	10 0 0	„	Nil.	1
		61	432,392	1,801 12 8	610 0 0	11	16	34

SCHEDULE LII.

RETURN showing the Number and Area of Applications for Homestead Leases granted, refused, and permitted to be withdrawn during the year 1899, and also the number outstanding at the end of that year.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No granted.	Area.	Annual Rent	Number refused or permitted to be withdrawn.	Number outstanding at end of year 1899
Bourke	Bourke	7	54,366	£ s. d. 193 16 7	Nil.	Nil.
	Balranald	5	30 054	42 4 8	„	11
	Brewarrina	Nil.	Nil	Nil.	1	2
	Wilcannia	3	19 267	58 0 2	6	5
	Willyama	19	110,795	260 0 0	8	8
Hay	Wentworth	11	64 781	93 17 6	4	9
	Hillston	Nil.	Nil	Nil.	3	1
Moree	Walgett	„	„	„	Nil.	1
		45	279,263	647 18 11	22	37

SCHEDULE LIII.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rent of Homestead Leases forfeited during the year 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No of Leases	Forfeited	
			Area embraced by	Annual Rent.
Bourke	Bourke	2	acres. 18,407	£ s. d. 68 0 6
	Wilcannia	1	10,240	48 0 0
	Willyama	1	2,560	6 18 8
Hay	Wentworth	1	10,239	14 4 6
	Totals ...	5	131,446	137 3 7

SCHEDULE LIV.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rent of Homestead Leases in existence at the end of 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area embraced in such Leases.	Rent determined.	
			acres.	£	s. d.
Bourke.....	Bourke.....	369	3,353,821	14,924	1 9
	Brewarrina	157	1,427,646	12,407	8 5
	Cobar	52	448,099	1,850	19 3
	Wilcannia	110	915,635	2,985	9 9
	Willyama	147	962,333	2,609	5 8
Hay.....	Balranald	103	794,524	3,598	16 7
	Hay, North.....	61	572,315	3,613	11 7
	Hillston, North	78	608,281	2,938	15 9
	Wentworth.....	97	667,797	1,777	18 9
Moree.....	Walgett, North	123	1,047,052	8,379	13 9
	Totals.....	1,297	10,797,503	55,086	1 3

SCHEDULE LV.

RETURN giving particulars of Applications for Settlement Leases received, confirmed, or disallowed during the year 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	Applications received during 1899.					Applications confirmed during 1899.					Applications disallowed or withdrawn during 1899.		No. of Applications outstanding at end of year.	
	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fee.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fee.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.		
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.		
Armidale—														
Glen Innes	9	29,092 0 0	263 3 2	185 7 0	21,051 3 9	5	18,352 0 0	156 6 6	108 14 6	12,504 18 9	4	11,966 1 0	1	
Inverell	6	9,337 2 0	122 14 8	93 0 0	9,818 9 1	4	7,086 3 0	91 1 8	65 5 0	7,286 7 3	1	1,201 3 0	1	
Tenterfield	6	28,259 2 0	144 15 6	146 6 0	11,581 10 6	4	19,369 2 0	80 18 11	101 2 0	6,507 15 0	..	Nil.	3	
Walcha	2	13,761 0 0	71 18 10	107 15 0	5,754 7 6	5	11,569 0 0	59 19 4	90 2 6	4,796 17 6	3	5,770 0 0	1	
	2	7,776 0 0	56 14 0	45 18 0	4,536 0 0	1	3,888 0 0	28 7 0	22 19 0	2,268 0 0	1	3,880 0 0	Nil.	
Total	29	88,226 0 0	659 6 2	578 6 0	52,741 10 10	19	60,265 1 0	416 13 5	383 3 0	33,363 18 6	9	22,818 0 0	6	
Bourke—														
Bourke	2	7,065 0 0	88 6 4	43 15 0	7,065 0 0	2	7,065 0 0	88 6 4	43 15 0	7,065 0 0	..	Nil.	Nil.	
Dubbo—														
Coonamble	18	48,239 2 0	591 15 2	342 11 0	47,409 5 0	10	26,064 1 0	297 19 3	187 6 6	23,906 17 11	9	22,976 1 0	2	
Dubbo	72	170,631 0 0	2,625 2 4	1,308 13 0	209,997 9 10	28	67,034 0 0	952 16 0	511 6 6	75,896 18 6	56	138,800 1 0	3	
Nyngan	19	48,839 0 0	732 9 1	358 0 0	60,525 0 0	25	60,315 2 0	913 11 7	448 17 6	74,870 12 6	17	50,665 3 0	2	
Warren	26	74,597 2 0	1,147 13 0	515 5 0	91,809 7 6	16	44,094 2 0	688 11 6	315 7 6	55,082 5 0	16	44,232 0 0	2	
Total	135	342,357 0 0	5,096 19 7	2,524 9 0	409,741 2 4	79	197,558 1 0	2,852 18 4	1,462 18 0	229,756 13 11	98	256,674 1 0	9	
Forbes—														
Barmedman	9	18,321 3 0	227 15 6	154 10 0	18,220 14 5	6	11,024 3 0	120 5 0	100 0 0	9,618 18 7	3	7,968 0 0	1	
Condobolin	14	32,529 2 0	425 6 6	257 18 6	34,024 8 4	11	27,270 3 0	320 17 10	197 8 6	25,670 12 6	6	11,213 3 0	1	
Grenfell	4	4,363 0 0	54 10 10	53 0 0	4,363 0 0	3	3,267 0 20	40 16 10	39 7 6	3,267 2 6	1	1,095 3 20	..	
Parkes	15	20,373 0 0	150 14 1	222 10 0	12,053 8 4	13	17,863 0 0	131 5 3	193 17 6	10,498 6 8	3	3,853 0 0	1	
Total	42	75,487 1 0	858 6 11	687 18 6	68,661 11 1	33	59,425 2 20	613 4 11	530 13 6	49,055 0 3	13	24,130 2 20	3	
Goulburn—														
Eden	2	8,520 0 0	39 18 10	47 14 0	3,195 0 0	1	7,100 0 0	33 5 8	30 2 0	2,662 10 0	1	4,260 0 0	Nil.	
Goulburn	2	5,400 0 0	22 10 0	38 6 6	1,800 0 0	1	1,660 0 0	6 18 4	16 0 0	553 6 8	Nil.	Nil.	1	
Total	4	13,920 0 0	62 8 10	86 0 6	4,995 0 0	2	8,760 0 0	40 4 0	46 2 0	3,215 16 8	1	4,260 0 0	1	
Hay—														
Deniliquin	17	29,195 0 0	541 12 0	270 7 6	43,324 2 6	17	29,195 0 0	541 12 0	270 7 6	43,324 2 6	7	9,913 1 0	Nil.	
Hay	6	14,385 0 0	197 9 4	109 13 6	15,796 6 6	6	14,385 0 0	197 9 4	109 13 6	15,796 6 6	2	4,109 2 0	Nil.	
Total	23	43,580 0 0	739 1 4	380 1 0	59,120 9 0	23	43,580 0 0	739 1 4	380 1 0	59,120 9 0	9	14,022 3 0	..	
Maitland—														
Cassilis	1	3,020 0 0	18 17 6	20 5 0	1,510 0 0	1	2,285 0 0	14 5 8	18 0 0	1,142 10 0	..	..	1
Scone	1	2,600 0 0	21 13 4	18 17 6	1,733 6 8	1	2,600 0 0	21 13 4	18 17 6	1,733 6 8	..	..	..
Total	2	5,620 0 0	40 10 10	39 2 6	3,243 6 8	2	4,885 0 0	35 19 0	36 17 6	2,875 16 8	..	..	1
Moree—														
Bingara	6	15,245 0 0	189 13 8	114 5 6	13,574 13 4	3	6,544 0 0	101 2 6	53 0 0	8,090 3 4	3	8,074 0 0	1	
Moree	52	199,264 0 0	2,716 4 1	1,167 1 8	216,840 1 8	41	163,799 0 0	2,031 9 9	934 6 8	162,064 19 2	14	59,596 0 0	11	
Walgett	7	20,088 0 0	313 17 8	139 10 0	25,110 0 0	6	15,812 0 0	248 6 4	119 7 6	19,865 0 0	4	11,104 0 0	1	
Wyallda	23	82,273 2 0	1,195 9 11	503 17 0	95,636 18 4	13	43,908 0 0	638 6 11	276 5 0	51,061 18 4	10	33,365 2 0	..	
Tamworth—														
Narrabri	2	5,120 0 0	96 0 0	37 10 0	7,680 0 0	2	5,120 0 0	96 0 0	37 10 0	7,680 0 0	..	..	..
Total	90	321,990 2 0	4,511 5 4	1,962 4 2	358,841 13 4	65	85,183 0 0	3,115 5 6	1,420 9 2	248,762 0 10	31	117,139 2 0	13	

SCHEDULE LV—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Applications received during 1899.					Applications confirmed during 1899.					Applications disallowed or withdrawn during 1899.		No. of Applications outstanding at end of year.
	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fee.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Full Survey Fee.	Capital Value.	No.	Area.	
Orange—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	
Rylstone	21	33,603 0 0	293 19 2	348 0 0	23,512 15 6	11	19,980 0 0	153 7 6	181 10 0	12,203 9 6	8	14,577 0 0	2
Wellington	2	6,964 0 0	39 9 0	43 6 6	3,155 13 4	2	6,904 0 0	39 9 0	43 6 6	3,155 13 4		Nil.	Nil.
Total	23	40,567 0 0	333 8 2	391 6 6	26,668 8 10	13	26,924 0 0	192 16 6	224 16 6	15,424 2 10	8	14,577 0 0	2
Tamworth—													
Coonabarabran ..	16	63,817 0 0	630 1 2	367 16 6	49,603 16 8	16	65,338 2 0	568 6 11	371 15 6	45,466 16 8	3	11,550 0 0	Nil.
Gunnedah	6	12,795 0 0	145 5 5	103 12 6	11,621 13 4	4	10,595 0 0	122 7 1	76 7 6	9,788 6 8	2	5,330 0 0	1
Murrurundi	Nil.					2	6,777 0 0	103 11 5	42 15 0	3,285 10 0	Nil.		Nil.
Narrabri	22	59,255 0 0	1,036 11 2	421 4 0	32,924 3 4	10	26,295 0 0	493 0 7	189 17 6	39,442 10 0	2	2,553 0 0	18
Tamworth	6	24,983 3 0	191 4 8	136 6 6	15,227 18 4	6	15,046 1 0	221 1 6	120 1 0	17,685 8 4	1	6,000 0 0	2
Total	50	160,855 3 0	1,993 2 5	1,023 19 0	159,447 11 8	38	127,051 3 0	1,508 7 6	800 16 6	120,668 11 8	8	28,633 0 0	21
Wagga Wagga—													
Tumbarumba, North.	3	5,654 0 0	56 10 2	50 2 6	4,520 0 0						2	3,961 0 0	1
Tumut	3	15,904 0 0	147 14 0	76 16 0	11,820 0 0								3
Wagga Wagga	7	12,495 0 0	102 3 6	114 2 6	8,172 16 6	7	11,671 0 0	84 17 10	111 10 0	6,790 3 2	2	4,330 0 0	1
Total	13	34,053 0 0	306 7 8	241 1 0	24,512 16 6	7	11,671 0 0	84 17 10	111 10 0	6,790 3 2	4	8,291 0 0	5

SUMMARY.

Armidale	29	88,226 0 0	659 6 2	578 6 0	52,741 10 10	19	60,265 1 0	416 13 5	388 3 0	33,363 18 6	9	22,818 0 0	6
Bourke	2	7,065 0 0	83 6 4	43 15 0	7,065 0 0	2	7,065 0 0	88 6 4	43 15 0	7,065 0 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Dubbo	135	342,357 0 0	5,096 19 7	2,524 9 0	409,741 2 4	79	197,558 1 0	2,852 18 4	1,462 18 0	229,756 13 11	98	256,674 1 0	9
Forbes	42	75,457 1 0	858 6 11	687 18 6	68,661 11 1	33	59,425 2 20	613 4 11	530 13 6	49,055 0 3	13	24,180 2 20	3
Goulburn	4	13,920 0 0	62 8 10	86 0 6	4,995 0 0	2	8,760 0 0	40 4 0	46 2 0	3,215 16 8	1	4,260 0 0	1
Hay	23	43,540 0 0	739 1 4	380 1 0	59,120 9 0	23	43,580 0 0	739 1 4	380 1 0	59,120 9 0	9	14,022 3 0	Nil.
Maitland	2	5,620 0 0	40 10 10	39 2 6	3,243 6 8	2	4,885 0 0	35 19 0	36 17 6	2,375 16 8	Nil.	Nil.	1
Moree	90	321,990 2 0	4,511 5 4	1,962 4 2	358,841 13 4	65	85,183 0 0	3,115 5 6	1,420 9 2	248,762 0 10	31	117,139 2 0	13
Orange	23	45,572 0 0	333 8 2	391 6 6	26,668 8 10	13	26,924 0 0	192 16 6	224 16 6	15,424 2 10	8	14,577 0 0	2
Tamworth	50	160,855 3 0	1,993 2 5	1,023 19 0	159,447 11 8	38	127,051 3 0	1,508 7 6	800 16 6	120,668 11 8	8	28,633 0 0	21
Wagga Wagga	13	34,053 0 0	306 7 8	241 1 0	24,512 16 6	7	11,671 0 0	84 17 10	111 10 0	6,790 3 2	4	8,291 0 0	5
Total	413	1,133,726 2 0	14,689 3 7	7,963 3 2	1,175,038 10 3	233	632,368 3 20	9,638 14 8	5,446 2 2	776,097 13 6	181	490,546 0 20	61

SCHEDULE LVI.

SHOWING Number, Area, and Rent of Settlement Leases current on the 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
Armidale—		acres.	£ s. d.	Hay—		acres.	£ s. d.
Armidale	6	23,014½	206 2 6	Balranald, South	1	1,030	16 1 11
Glen Innes	3	5,705½	72 10 4	Deniliquin	25	43,696½	800 6 5
Inverell	7	35,505½	238 13 8	Hay	31	78,657½	1,164 9 8
Tenterfield	9	21,380	125 11 6	Hillston	4	9,791	76 15 9
Walcha	3	8,698	84 7 4	Maitland—			
Bourke—				Cassilis	1	2,285	14 5 8
Bourke	3	16,972	74 10 10	Scone	1	2,600	21 13 4
Brewarrina	2	6,071	75 17 9	Moree—			
Brewarrina, East	16	55,888	665 9 3	Bingara	13	32,155	293 12 7
Cobar	3	10,760	57 1 11	Moree	154	507,664	6,686 4 11
Wilcannia	1	3,480	14 10 0	Walgett	71	189,805	2,743 10 5
Dubbo—				Warialda	39	113,466½	1,575 1 1
Coonamble	40	118,331½	1,413 14 11	Orange—			
Dubbo	106	258,134½	3,496 13 7	Carcoar	1	985	6 3 1
Nyngan	47	126,750	1,679 5 11	Molong	2	4,417	28 5 1
Warren	66	171,257	2,535 6 3	Mudgee	2	4,417	28 5 1
Forbes—				Rylstone	9	16,422	124 12 6
Barnedman	27	56,443½	577 13 3	Wellington	2	6,964	39 9 0
Condobolin	40	117,833	1,135 13 2	Tamworth—			
Forbes	11	19,057	210 6 2	Coonabarabran	40	144,988	1,318 6 1
Grenfell	23	45,864½	534 9 2	Gunnedah	25	50,358½	724 6 2
Parkes	19	55,523	486 5 5	Murrurundi	3	7,417	127 11 5
Goulburn—				Narrabri	73	186,205½	2,280 19 11
Boorowa	2	5,229	16 6 10	Tamworth	10	26,327½	331 15 4
Goulburn	1	1,660	6 18 4	Wagga Wagga—			
Yass	1	220	1 0 0	Narrandera	2	5,848	39 5 1
				Urana	10	14,972½	260 5 1
				Wagga Wagga	13	26,123	244 13 6
				Total	966	2,635,955	32,626 2 1

SCHEDULE LVII.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rent of Settlement Leases, declared forfeited during the year ending 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District	No. of Leases.	Area.	Annual Rent.
Armidale.....	Inverell	1	acres. 4,250	£ s. d. 26 11 3
Forbes.....	Barmedman.....	2	3,787	31 17 10
".....	Grenfell.....	1	3,567	26 0 2
".....	Parkes.....	1	1,963	18 8 1
Hay.....	Hay.....	1	4,919	53 16 0
Moree.....	Walgett.....	1	2,560	42 13 4
Tamworth.....	Gunnedah.....	1	2,910	18 3 9
Totals.....		8	23,956	217 10 5

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rent of Settlement Leases, declared null and void during the year ending 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Annual Rent.
Forbes.....	Parkes.....	1	acres. 1,720	£ s. d. 7 3 4
Hay.....	Hay.....	1	5,046½	47 6 3
Orange.....	Carcoar.....	1	2,065	11 12 6
Totals.....		3	8,831½	66 2 1

SCHEDULE LVIII.

RETURN giving particulars as to notification and disposal of Settlement Lease Areas from 1st June, 1895, to 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	Total acreage in Settlement Lease Areas when notified.			Area notified but not yet available for Settlement Lease, or rendered unavailable since notification, by reservation or other cause.			Area available for Selection.			Area Selected.			Area Unselected on 31st December, 1899.			Capital Value represented by Land Selected.	Percentage of area selected to area available for Selection.
	No. of Farms.	a.	r. p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r. p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r. p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r. p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r. p.	£ s. d.	
Armidale—																	
Armidale.....	12	42,709	0 0	1	3,032	2	39,676	2 0	10	36,646	2 0	3,030	0 0	25,948	0 5	92	
Glen Innes.....	7	10,689	0 0	1	1,201	3	9,487	1 0	5	8,135	3 0	1,351	2 0	8,466	9 9	86	
Inverell.....	14	67,635	0 0	2	7,960	1	59,674	3 0	11	55,424	3 0	4,250	0 0	26,303	3 3	93	
Tenterfield.....	16	54,857	0 0	4	26,267	0	28,590	0 0	11	25,990	0 0	2,600	0 0	12,220	0 0	91	
Walcha.....	8	39,020	0 0	1	4,457	0	34,563	0 0	3	8,698	0 0	25,865	0 0	6,749	5 0	25	
Total.....	57	214,910	0 0	9	42,918	2	171,991	2 0	40	134,895	0 0	37,096	2 0	79,686	18 5	78	
Bourke—																	
Bourke.....	16	98,678	0 0	8	66,307	0	32,371	0 0	5	24,180	0 0	8,191	0 0	13,033	3 4	75	
Brewarrina.....	5	29,162	0 0	2	15,138	0	14,024	0 0	3	14,024	0 0	.....	.....	12,890	15 0	100
" East.....	19	66,778	0 0	4	18,843	0	47,935	0 0	15	47,935	0 0	.....	.....	47,935	0 0	100
Cobar.....	15	92,299	0 0	9	65,900	0	26,399	0 0	3	10,770	0 0	15,629	0 0	4,567	0 10	40	
Wilcannia.....	3	23,958	0 0	2	20,478	0	3,480	0 0	1	3,480	0 0	.....	.....	1,160	0 0	100
Total.....	58	310,875	0 0	25	136,666	0	124,209	0 0	27	100,389	0 0	23,820	0 0	79,585	19 2	81	
Dubbo—																	
Coonamble.....	58	176,779	1 0	3	8,886	3	167,892	2 0	48	140,060	2 0	27,832	0 0	130,804	7 6	83	
Dubbo.....	148	395,763	3 0	22	42,687	2	353,076	1 0	109	267,020	1 0	86,056	0 0	292,653	16 0	75	
Nyngan.....	81	214,388	0 0	10	25,790	0	188,598	0 0	59	156,541	0 0	32,057	0 0	172,870	18 4	83	
Warren.....	75	187,072	0 0	8	12,924	0	174,148	0 0	67	174,148	0 0	.....	.....	206,436	5 3	100
Total.....	362	974,003	0 0	43	90,288	1	883,714	3 0	283	737,769	3 0	145,945	0 0	802,765	7 1	83	
Forbes—																	
Barmedman.....	87	216,063	0 0	17	47,550	0	168,518	0 0	30	61,635	1 0	106,882	3 0	51,453	13 2	36	
Condobolin.....	70*	236,286	0 0	11	52,742	0	183,544	0 0	46	129,903	2 0	53,640	2 0	110,528	13 9	70	
Forbes.....	14	24,816	3 0	3	5,759	0	19,057	3 0	11	19,057	3 0	.....	.....	16,771	8 6	100
Grenfell.....	30	61,377	3 0	5	13,851	3	50,526	0 0	23	45,864	1 0	4,661	3 0	42,755	12 6	50	
Parkes.....	54†	121,373	0 0	9	23,841	0	91,532	0 0	31	70,943	0 0	20,589	0 0	47,555	4 10	78	
Total.....	255	662,921	2 0	45	149,743	3	513,177	3 0	141	327,403	3 0	185,774	0 0	269,064	12 9	63	
Goulburn—																	
Boorowa.....	2	5,229	0 0	...	.....	.....	5,229	0 0	2	5,229	0 0	.....	.....	1,207	5 0	100
Braidwood.....	1	1,850	0 0	1	1,850	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eden.....	6	32,510	0 0	.....	.....	.....	32,510	0 0	1	7,100	0 0	25,410	0 0	2,662	10 0	22
Goulburn.....	13	22,088	1 0	2	3,590	0	18,498	1 0	2	5,580	0 0	12,918	1 0	1,860	0 0	30	
Moss Vale.....	1	963	0 0	.....	.....	.....	963	0 0	.....	.....	.....	963	0 0	.....	.....	.....
Yass.....	8	5,011	3 0	.....	.....	.....	5,011	3 0	1	220	0 0	4,791	3 0	79	15 0	4
Total.....	31	67,652	0 0	3	5,440	0	62,212	0 0	6	18,129	0 0	44,083	0 0	5,809	10 0	29	

* Three farms containing 9,577½ acres did not become available during 1899.

† Five farms containing 11,571 acres did not become available during 1899.

SCHEDULE LVIII—continued.

Land Board District and Land District.	Total acreage in Settlement Lease Areas when notified.			Area notified but not yet available for settlement lease, or rendered unavailable since notification by reservation or other cause.			Area available for Selection.			Area Selected.			Area Unselected on 31st December, 1899.	Capital Value represented by Land Selected.	Percentage of area selected to area available for Selection.							
	No. of Farms.	a.	r.	p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r.	p.	No. of Farms.	a.	r.	p.										
Hay—																						
Balranald South...	36	245,096	1	0	27	165,326	1	0	79,770	0	0	1	1,030	0	0	78,740	0	0	1,287	10	0	'01
Deniliquin	35	63,989	2	20	9	19,063	0	0	44,926	2	20	25	43,696	1	20	1,230	1	0	61,020	4	5	97
Hay	42*	114,780	0	0	6	16,770	0	0	98,010	0	0	32	82,585	1	0	15,424	3	0	97,675	19	7	84
Hillston	48†	120,468	3	0	33	87,540	0	0	32,928	3	0	4	9,791	0	0	23,137	3	0	6,142	12	6	29
Total.....	161	544,334	2	20	75	288,699	1		255,635	1	20	62	137,102	2	20	118,532	3	0	169,126	6	6	53
Maitland—																						
Cassilis	5	12,668	2	0	...	...			12,668	2	0	2	5,300	0	0	7,368	2	0	2,650	0	0	42
Raymond Terrace ..	2	1,466	1	0	...	...			1,466	1	0	...	...	...	...	1,466	1	0	...	...	...	...
Scone	4	9,460	0	0	...	...			9,460	0	0	1	2,600	0	0	6,860	0	0	1,733	6	8	72
Stroud	1	711	0	0	...	...			711	0	0	...	...	...	...	711	0	0	...	...	...	...
Wollombi	7	12,955	3	0	...	...			12,955	3	0	...	...	...	...	12,955	3	0	...	...	...	...
Total.....	19	37,261	2	0	...	...			37,261	2	0	3	7,900	0	0	29,361	2	0	4,383	6	8	21
Moree—																						
Bingara	28	88,358	3	0	9	38,716	0	0	49,642	3	0	17	42,263	0	0	7,379	3	0	33,027	5	10	85
Moree	217	772,238	1	35	21	77,633	1	0	694,605	0	35	166	559,642	0	35	134,963	0	0	590,321	8	3	80
Walgett	84	228,226	3	0	11	33,010	0	0	195,216	3	0	73	195,216	3	0	...	...	...	225,349	3	6	100
Warialda	68	189,716	3	0	28	73,013	1	0	116,703	2	0	40	116,703	2	0	...	...	...	129,929	12	11	100
Total.....	397	1,278,540	2	35	69	222,372	2		1,056,168	0	35	296	913,825	1	35	142,342	3	0	978,627	10	6	86
Orange—																						
Bathurst	5	5,201	1	10	...	...			5,201	1	10	...	...	...	...	5,201	1	10	...	...	...	...
Carcoar	10	20,072	0	0	...	...			20,072	0	0	...	...	...	...	20,072	0	0	...	...	...	...
Cowra	5	13,743	1	0	...	...			13,743	1	0	...	...	...	...	13,743	1	0	...	...	...	...
Rylstone	16	29,952	0	0	...	...			29,952	0	0	13	24,031	0	0	5,921	0	0	14,400	1	6	80
Wellington	2	6,964	0	0	...	...			6,964	0	0	2	6,964	0	0	...	...	...	3,155	13	4	100
Lithgow	4	5,545	0	0	...	...			5,545	0	0	...	...	...	...	5,545	0	0	...	...	...	...
Molong	1	985	0	0	...	...			985	0	0	1	985	0	0	...	...	...	492	10	0	100
Mudgee	3	7,092	0	0	...	...			7,092	0	0	2	4,417	0	0	2,675	0	0	2,260	1	6	62
Total.....	46	89,554	2	10	...	...			89,554	2	10	18	36,397	0	0	53,157	2	10	20,308	6	4	40
Sydney—																						
Windsor	3	6,730	0	0	...	...			6,730	0	0	...	...	...	...	6,730	0	0	...	...	...	...
Tamworth—																						
Coonabarrabran ...	71	260,189	0	0	14	37,200	0	0	222,989	0	0	48	177,924	0	0	45,065	0	0	117,207	0	0	79
Gunnedah	51	137,673	0	0	6	20,439	0	0	117,234	0	0	28	57,428	0	0	59,806	0	0	63,310	0	0	49
Murrurundi	5	11,634	0	0	1	1,304	0	0	10,330	0	0	3	7,450	0	0	2,880	0	0	10,255	0	0	72
Narrabri	126†	438,449	0	0	17	45,023	0	0	393,426	0	0	85	219,821	0	0	173,605	0	0	307,031	0	0	55
Tamworth	36	111,382	0	0	11	34,178	0	0	77,204	0	0	13	38,983	0	0	38,221	0	0	32,972	0	0	50
Total.....	289	959,327	0	0	49	138,144	0		821,183	0	0	177	501,606	0	0	319,577	0	0	530,775	0	0	61
Wagga Wagga—																						
Cootamundry Central.	1	2,615	2	0	...	...			2,615	2	0	...	...	...	...	2,615	2	0	...	...	...	...
Narrandera	7	26,276	0	0	...	...			26,276	0	0	3	12,447	0	0	13,829	0	0	6,109	14	0	47
Tumbarumba North ..	8	35,999	0	0	3	9,623	0	0	26,376	0	0	1	1,693	0	0	24,683	0	0	...	...	...	6
Tumut	2	12,252	0	0	...	...			12,252	0	0	2	12,252	0	0	...	...	...	8,776	13	4	100
Urana	10	14,972	1	0	...	...			14,972	1	0	10	14,972	1	0	...	...	...	20,818	14	11	100
Wagga Wagga	19	40,608	2	0	2	5,605	0	0	35,003	2	0	14	28,623	0	0	6,380	2	0	21,907	13	2	81
Total.....	47	132,723	1	0	5	15,228	0		117,495	1	0	30	69,987	1	0	47,508	0	0	57,612	15	5	60

SUMMARY.

Armidale	57	214,910	0	0	9	42,918	2	0	171,991	2	0	40	134,895	0	0	37,096	2	0	79,686	18	5	78
Bourke	58	310,875	0	0	25	186,666	0	0	124,209	0	0	27	100,389	0	0	23,820	0	0	79,585	19	2	81
Dubbo	362	974,003	0	0	43	90,288	1	0	883,714	3	0	283	737,769	3	0	145,945	0	0	802,765	7	1	83
Forbes	255	662,921	2	0	45	149,743	3	0	513,177	3	0	141	327,403	3	0	185,774	0	0	269,064	12	9	63
Goulburn	31	67,652	0	0	3	5,440	0	0	62,212	0	0	6	18,129	0	0	44,083	0	0	5,809	10	0	29
Hay	161	544,334	2	20	75	288,699	1	0	255,635	1	20	62	137,102	2	20	118,532	3	0	169,126	6	6	53
Maitland	19	37,261	2	0	...	...			37,261	2	0	3	7,900	0	0	29,361	2	0	4,383	6	8	21
Moree	397	1,278,540	2	35	69	222,372	2	0	1,056,168	0	35	296	913,825	1	35	142,342	3	0	978,627	10	6	86
Orange	46	89,554	2	10	...	...			89,554	2	10	18	36,397	0	0	53,157	2	10	20,308	6	4	40
Sydney	3	6,730	0	0	...	...			6,730	0	0	...	...	...	...	6,730	0	0	...	...	...	...
Tamworth	289	959,327	0	0	49	138,144	0	0	821,183	0	0	177	501,606	0	0	319,577	0	0	530,775	0	0	61
Wagga Wagga	47	132,723	1	0	5	15,228	0	0	117,495	1	0	30	69,987	1	0	47,508	0	0	57,612	15	5	60
Total.....	1725	5,278,833	0	25	323	1,139,500	1		4,139,332	3	25	1083	2,985,404	3	15	1,153,928	0	10	2,997,745	12	10	72

* Four farms containing 11,045 acres did not become available during 1899.

† One farm containing 1,800 acres did not become available during 1899.

‡ Two farms, containing 4,153 acres, did not become available during 1899.

SCHEDULE LIX.

RETURN giving particulars of Improvement Leases sold by Auction and let by Tender during the year 1899.

PART A.

Leases Sold by Auction.					Leases Let by Tender.								
Division and Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.		Rental Realised.	Average Rate per Acre.	Division and Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.		Rental Realised.	Average Rate per Acre.		
		a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.	Pence.		a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.	Pence.	
Eastern—							Eastern—						
Armidale	12	46,286	1	0	476 16 5	2·47	Molong	1	3,300	0	0	15 0 0	1·09
Bombala	3	32,226	3	0	42 7 10	0·32	Cooma	1	18,000	0	0	60 0 0	0·80
Burrowa	2	1,340	0	0	11 0 0	1·97	Cassilis	1	817	0	0	5 0 0	1·47
Cooma	1	2,200	0	0	5 5 6	0·57		3	22,117	0	0	80 0 0	0·87
Cootamundra and Gundagai	1	2,000	0	0	8 6 8	1·00							
Eden	12	36,280	0	0	39 3 2	0·20	Central—						
Inverell	5	21,058	0	0	264 17 6	3·00	Nyngan	33	177,412	0	0	1,547 10 11	2·09
Molong	2	6,620	0	0	23 6 3	0·84							
Murrurundi	3	6,550	0	0	218 8 0	8·00							
Queanbeyan	3	24,720	0	0	20 15 0	0·20							
Scone	2	630	0	0	8 0 0	3·00							
Singleton	1	270	0	0	3 0 0	2·66							
Tamworth	1	460	0	0	2 17 6	1·50							
Tenterfield	1	2,320	0	0	30 0 0	3·10							
Tumbarumba	1	7,400	0	0	30 16 8	1·00							
Tumut	3	6,350	0	0	62 3 3	2·35							
	53	196,711	0	0	1,247 3 9	1· $\frac{52}{100}$							
Central—													
Barmedman	3	2,554	0	0	10 2 5	0·95							
Bingara	1	13,180	0	0	2 0 0	0·04							
Coonabarabran	6	21,360	1	0	41 10 4	0·47							
Condobolin	6	31,426	1	0	62 16 7	0·48							
Corowa	1	760	0	0	20 0 0	6·31							
Forbes	1	5,280	0	0	88 15 0	4·03							
Grenfell	1	680	0	0	1 8 4	0·50							
Gunnedah	5	20,900	0	0	42 5 0	0·48							
Hillston	20	262,701	3	0	321 8 6	0·29							
Narrabri	2	40,960	0	0	40 0 0	0·23							
Narrandera	7	34,560	2	0	49 4 3	0·34							
Parkes	11	65,977	0	0	96 9 3	0·35							
Wagga Wagga	1	2,132	0	0	13 6 6	1·50							
Warialda	4	20,175	0	0	103 0 6	1·22							
Tumbarumba N th	3	1,459	1	0	18 4 9	3·00							
	72	524,106	0	0	910 11 5	$\frac{1}{100}$							
Western—													
Balranald	3	39,880	0	0	15 11 5	0·09							
Bourke	7	74,873	0	0	192 15 0	0·62							
Brewarrina	1	11,731	0	0	36 13 3	0·75							
Hillston North	1	13,100	0	0	5 9 2	0·10							
Wentworth	5	31,040	0	0	56 0 0	0·43							
Willyama	4	81,863	0	0	45 16 8	0·13							
	21	252,487	0	0	352 5 6	$\frac{33}{100}$							
Total	146	973,304	0	0	2,510 0 8	$\frac{92}{100}$	Grand Total ...	182	1,172,833	0	0	4,137 11 7	$\frac{85}{100}$

PART B.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rent of Improvement Leases current on 31st December, 1899, and Leases declared void and forfeited during 1899.

Leases declared void during 1899.				Leases declared forfeited during 1899.			Leases current on 31st December, 1899.								
Division.	No.	Area.		Rent.	No.	Area.		Rent.	No.	Area.		Rent.			
		a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.		a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.		a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.
Eastern	3	22,452	2	1	38 13 4	7	15,300	0	0	76 4 5	105	351,771	2	39	1,304 16 0
Central	1	1,150	0	0	1 0 0	2	21,120	0	0	11 8 1	296	1,835,796	1	0	6,167 7 0
Western	2	32,211	0	0	39 3 3	7	124,672	0	0	234 17 6	143	2,439,065	0	0	3,026 3 10
Total	6	55,813	2	1	78 16 7	16	161,092	0	0	322 10 0	544	4,626,632	3	39	10,498 6 10
		Average rate per acre, $\frac{54}{100}$ pence.													

SCHEDULE LX.

RETURN of Applications for Special Leases, showing action taken thereon during the year 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Number of Applications.			Applications granted.			Declined, lapsed, &c.		Pending.	
		Outstanding in 1898.	Made during 1899.	Total.	Number.	Area.	Rent.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.
					a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.	
Armidale.....	Armidale	6	29	35	9	377 0 7	31 11 10	6	593 0 31	20	1,710 2 8
	Inverell	30	22	52	6	429 0 0	11 18 4	34	8,339 0 0	12	1,649 1 0
	Tenterfield	5	16	21	3	619 3 0	8 10 0	6	720 0 0	12	46 0 0
	Walcha	1	1	2	...	.....	.....	...	.....	2	330 0 0
Bourke	Bourke	9	6	15	8	1,990 0 0	29 14 0	4	1,070 0 0	3	976 0 0
	Brewarrina	2	2	4	1	320 0 0	8 0 0	...	.....	3	50 0 0
	Cobar	3	3	6	3	149 1 25	3 10 0	...	.....	3	115 0 0
	Wilcannia	2	7	9	1	25 0 0	2 0 0	3	45 0 0	5	135 0 0
	Willyama	5	2	7	3	43 0 9	32 10 0	1	51 2 0	3	42 3 20
Dubbo	Coonamble .....	...	3	3	...	.....	.....	1	50 0 0	2	25 0 0
	Dubbo	5	10	15	2	268 0 0	18 17 0	4	680 1 0	9	1,633 0 0
	Nyngan	4	...	4	2	6 2 0	13 0 0	2	15 0 0	...	.....
	Warren .....	...	3	3	...	.....	.....	2	80 0 0	1	179 0 0
Forbes	Barmedman, East .....	...	4	4	...	.....	.....	...	.....	4	457 0 0
	Condobolin	3	5	8	2	375 1 0	15 11 6	2	400 0 0	4	783 3 0
	Forbes	14	11	25	4	217 2 20	11 4 6	17	3,740 2 0	4	667 2 0
	Grenfell	2	8	10	4	473 2 0	11 15 6	...	.....	6	1,134 2 16
	Parkes	3	5	8	2	459 0 0	7 1 5	2	199 0 0	4	540 1 0
Goulburn.....	Bega	15	21	36	11	674 1 29	46 15 5	9	439 2 14	16	1,445 3 30
	Bombala	4	7	11	3	82 0 9	19 15 6	3	397 0 0	5	222 2 20
	Boorowa	3	9	12	3	265 0 20	5 15 0	3	380 0 0	6	748 2 0
	Braidwood	16	12	28	8	972 1 33	22 14 1	9	171 0 0	11	2,275 0 32
	Cooma	3	9	12	4	183 3 39	9 0 0	3	546 0 0	5	706 3 29
	Eden	9	17	26	4	99 1 0	4 15 0	2	120 0 0	20	1,334 3 0
	Goulburn	10	17	27	7	741 0 0	21 0 0	9	1,515 3 0	11	1,905 3 30
	Gunning	1	1	2	1	0 3 15	2 0 0	...	.....	1	50 0 0
	Moruya	7	19	26	4	686 0 0	17 17 5	5	249 2 10	17	2,060 2 6
	Moss Vale.....	1	...	1	...	.....	.....	...	.....	1	68 0 0
	Queanbeyan	1	...	1	1	0 2 0	1 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
	Yass	1	1	2	1	22 0 0	2 0 0	1	16 0 0	1	2 0 34
	Young	1	6	7	1	24 2 0	2 0 0	...	.....	6	12 0 0
	Grafton	Bellingen	1	9	10	2	0 0 3	5 0 0	1	40 0 0	8	393 3 37
Casino		9	30	39	2	588 3 0	18 10 0	20	4,106 1 0	17	2,432 2 0
Grafton		37	57	94	38	1,147 1 25	199 19 0	18	1,053 2 0	47	2,229 0 4
Kempsey		8	32	40	5	179 0 28	21 5 0	10	838 0 0	25	2,359 0 12
Lismore		20	25	45	14	322 1 12	53 7 0	11	356 1 34	20	833 2 25
Murwillumbah		11	16	27	12	417 3 5	50 3 6	10	252 1 39	11	317 0 30
Port Macquarie		2	3	5	2	0 1 31	9 10 0	1	150 0 0	2	3 0 32
.....	
Hay	Balranald	1	5	6	1	320 0 0	16 0 0	4	14 0 16	1	1 3 0
	Deniliquin	14	33	47	5	657 2 33	60 12 9	23	4,175 1 29	22	3,625 3 20
	Hay	4	8	12	7	534 3 25½	26 0 0	1	0 3 11	6	532 2 0
	Hillston	4	1	5	2	454 2 0	14 0 7	2	70 0 0	1	245 2 0
	Wentworth	1	2	3	...	.....	.....	1	5 0 0	2	13 0 0

Maitland	Cassilis	1	6	7	...	.....	.....	2	520 0 0	5	433 2 0
	Dungog .....	...	1	1	...	.....	.....	...	.....	1	40 0 0
	Gosford .....	...	1	1	...	.....	.....	...	.....	1	22 1 0
	Maitland .....	...	2	2	...	.....	.....	...	.....	2	319 3 0
	Muswellbrook	2	1	3	2	6 0 0	17 0 0	...	.....	1	1 0 0
	Newcastle	21	5	26	13	9 2 13	249 0 0	4	1 1 8½	9	18 3 9½
	Raymond Terrace	2	...	2	1	40 0 0	3 0 0	1	160 0 0	...	.....
	Scone .....	...	4	4	...	.....	.....	3	960 0 0	1	100 0 0
	Singleton .....	...	1	1	1	200 0 0	15 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
	Stroud	4	7	11	4	59 1 36	23 0 0	3	260 2 32	4	584 2 38
	Taree	8	9	17	5	62 2 37	29 0 0	2	320 0 20	10	131 2 44
	Wollombi .....	...	2	2	...	.....	.....	2	200 0 0	...	.....
Moree	Bingara	4	6	10	1	32 0 0	1 2 6	3	960 0 0	6	1,748 0 0
	Moree	11	15	26	8	904 2 15	68 3 0	4	274 0 15	17	2,702 0 0
	Walgett.....	4	4	8	11	267 1 10	25 3 0	1	240 0 0	4	91 0 0
	Warialda	5	11	16	3	177 2 0	17 10 0	9	2,718 3 0	4	543 1 0

SCHEDULE LX—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Number of Applications.			Applications granted.			Declined, lapsed, &c.		Pending.						
		Outstanding in 1898.	Made during 1899.	Total.	Number.	Area.	Rent.	Number.	Area.	Number.	Area.					
					a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.	a.	r.	p.			
Orange	Bathurst	3	12	15	6	555	0 20	31	19	0	5	450	0 0	7	737	3 20
	Carcoar	16	18	34	4	185	3 0	11	2	10	22	4,185	1 25	8	1,153	3 30
	Cowra	5	8	13	1	185	0 0	4	14	0	9	1,266	2 22	3	630	0 18
	Lithgow	3	10	13	1	15	1 22	50	0	0	5	360	0 0	7	298	0 20
	Molong	10	6	16	5	152	0 10	14	14	6	4	415	2 0	7	539	2 22
	Mudgee	14	14	28	2	319	1 0	6	6	3	15	3,001	0 0	11	2,523	3 0
	Orange	15	1	16	13	678	2 18½	74	0	8	2	100	0 0	2	174	3 10
	Rylstone	10	13	23	2	28	3 0	10	0	0	9	1,772	0 0	12	1,816	1 0
Wellington	17	9	26	7	1,083	2 0	39	9	6	12	1,011	0 22	7	548	3 0	
Sydney	Kiama	23	5	28	16	319	2 0	85	5	5	9	350	3 30	3	22	1 10
	Liverpool	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0 7½	1	...	...
	Metropolitan	44	64	108	41	75	2 9¼	311	5	0	11	166	0 7½	56	59	1 39¼
	Milton	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0 6¼
	Nowra	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	155	0 0
	Parramatta	4	10	14	5	4	0 24	21	0	0	2	3	1 6	7	3	3 28¼
	Penrith	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	78	0 0
	Windsor	6	6	12	2	160	2 22	4	0	0	3	97	3 31½	7	973	3 8½
Wollongong	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	0 28	2	1	0 26	
Tamworth	Coonabarabran	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	45	0 0	
	Gunnedah	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	1 0	
	Murrurundi	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	0 0	2	272	0 0	
	Narrabri	6	4	10	3	348	1 0	25	0	0	3	110	0 0	4	349	3 0
Tamworth	1	6	7	1	0	2 0	10	0	0	2	22	0 0	4	46	0 0	
Wagga Wagga	Albury	1	3	4	2	3	2 0	11	10	0	1	6	0 0	1	2	0 0
	Cootamundry	3	10	13	7	822	3 20	31	9	0	2	11	0 0	4	180	3 25
	Corowa	8	11	19	2	203	3 0	6	16	10	6	917	0 0	11	1,024	1 0
	Gundagai	29	32	61	9	432	2 30	73	2	0	33	3,407	2 0	19	1,879	3 22
	Narrandera	10	4	14	7	1,922	0 0	82	0	0	3	345	0 0	4	307	2 0
	Tumbarumba	4	3	7	1	2	0 0	2	2	0	3	341	0 0	3	165	0 0
	Tumut	8	13	21	1	185	0 0	15	0	0	6	463	3 20	15	506	0 0
	Urana	...	5	5	1	1	1 25	10	0	0	4	647	1 0	...	...	...
Wagga Wagga	18	5	23	8	1,687	1 0	54	11	10	12	1,133	0 13	3	369	0 9	
Totals		604	838	1,442	384	25,269	0 0¼	2,267	11	6	453	57,898	0 32	643	59,217	1 10¼

NOTE.—Thirty-eight leases granted were by purchase at auction. No preliminary applications.

SCHEDULE LXI.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Special Leases forfeited during 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	No. of Leases.	Area.	Rent.
Bourke—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	Maitland—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Bourke	2	391	2 33	Newcastle	1	3	1 14
Wilcannia	1	12	0 16	Stroud	1	98	0 0
Dubbo—				Moree—			
Dubbo	1	1	0 0	Moree	1	84	0 15
Goulburn—				Orange—			
Eden	1	134	0 0	Orange	1	3	2 23
Grafton—				Sydney—			
Casino	1	0	2 4	Metropolitan	4	1	2 29
Lismore	1	50	2 0	Parramatta	2	1	3 5½
Hay—				Tamworth—			
Deniliquin	1	0	2 0	Gunnedah	1	10	0 0
Hay	4	298	0 0	Wagga Wagga—			
Hillston	1	2	0 0	Urana	1	6	2 0
				Total	25	1,099	1 19½
							472 5 0

SCHEDULE LXII.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rent of Special Leases which terminated during 1899.

Land Board District and Land District	No of Leases	Area	Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	No of Leases	Area	Rent.
Armidale—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	Maitland—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Inverell	1	120 0 0	6 0 0	Maitland	1	0 0 15 ³ / ₄	15 0 0
Bourke—				Newcastle	8	2 3 28 ³ / ₄	43 0 0
Bourke	1	8 0 0	10 0 0	Raymond Terrace .. .	3	0 0 18 ³ / ₄	35 10 0
Brewarrina	1	320 0 0	10 0 0	Stroud	1	5 0 0	15 0 0
Cobar	1	224 0 0	10 0 0	Taree	2	6 1 35	20 0 0
Dubbo—				Orange—			
Warren	1	240 0 0	5 12 6	Cowra	2	67 1 0	15 0 0
Goulburn—				Lithgow	1	3 0 0	10 0 0
Eden	1	0 0 8 ³ / ₄	20 0 0	Wellington	1	13 2 0	10 0 0
Grafton—				Sydney—			
Grafton	1	8 3 0	10 0 0	Liverpool	1	0 0 4	5 0 0
Lismore	2	5 0 14	11 0 0	Metropolitan	26	2 3 6 ³ / ₄	1,271 0 0
Murwillumbah	1	9 0 0	0 4 6	Milton	3	49 0 0	37 0 0
Port Macquarie	2	6 0 0	19 0 0	Parramatta	3	6 0 7 ¹ / ₄	57 0 0
Hay—				Wollongong	2	1 0 26	35 0 0
Balranald	1	2 1 16	10 0 0	Wagga Wagga—			
Deniliquin	2	104 3 0	20 0 0	Narandera	1	5 0 0	10 0 0
				Total	70	1,210 1 26 ³ / ₄	1,710 7 0

SCHEDULE LXIII.

RETURN of Special Leases current on 31st December, 1899, inclusive of Special Leases which terminated on 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District	No of Leases	Area.	Rent	Land Board District and Land District	No of Leases	Area	Rent.
Armidale—		a r. p.	£ s. d.	Maitland (continued)—		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale	18	832 1 33	89 10 7	Muswellbrook	3	6 3 0	27 0 0
Glen Innes	2	29 0 0	12 0 0	Newcastle	43	117 2 5 ³ / ₄	603 0 0
Inverell	12	1,013 0 0	56 13 4	Paterson	5	3 0 35	18 0 0
Tenterfield	6	900 2 0	11 8 6	Raymond Terrace .. .	2	114 0 18 ³ / ₄	63 10 0
Walcha	1	20 0 0	1 10 0	Scone	3	650 0 0	16 13 4
Bourke—				Singleton	6	277 3 0	46 10 0
Bourke	45	6 441 3 26	408 8 8	Stroud	13	312 3 39	146 3 0
Brewarrina	11	442 1 20	111 0 0	Taree	23	254 4 39	448 10 0
Cobar	10	1,463 1 25	70 0 0	Moree—			
Wilcanma	11	536 0 14	52 10 0	Bingara	2	47 0 0	3 2 6
Willyama	31	1,334 0 5	325 12 5	Moree	35	4,971 2 1	386 14 11
Forbes—				Walgett	19	502 1 10	56 1 3
Barmedman, East	1	50 0 0	3 15 0	Walgett, North	9	641 0 0	83 15 0
Condobolin	2	375 1 0	15 11 6	Warialda	15	1,397 2 0	78 11 0
Forbes	9	1,004 0 20	64 0 0	Orange—			
Grenfell	4	473 2 0	11 15 6	Bathurst	13	659 0 20	47 3 6
Parkes	7	902 2 0	44 8 2	Carcoar	10	404 6 9	29 8 10
Dubbo—				Cowra	7	640 2 0	46 12 6
Coonamble	12	3,318 2 2	60 19 6	Lithgow	9	116 0 3	137 0 0
Dubbo	4	471 3 0	48 17 0	Molong	9	248 2 38	26 3 9
Nyngan	4	104 1 0	18 0 0	Mudgee	7	636 1 30	20 16 3
Warren	5	318 0 0	47 12 6	Orange	21	1,093 1 0 ³ / ₄	111 7 8
Goulburn—				Rylstone	7	249 3 15	44 2 0
Bega	19	1,025 6 7 ¹ / ₄	109 17 5	Wellington	14	1,721 0 8	98 1 6
Bombala	3	82 0 9	19 15 6	Sydney—			
Booroowa	5	365 0 20	18 15 0	Campbelltown	4	227 0 10	58 5 0
Braidwood	9	992 1 33	24 14 1	Knema	22	331 0 9	118 9 5
Cooma	15	314 0 34	46 15 0	Liverpool	6	0 1 4	23 0 0
Eden	16	313 3 34 ³ / ₄	70 11 0	Metropolitan	238	212 1 35 ¹ / ₄	10,361 1 6
Goulburn	9	751 0 0	42 5 0	Milton	5	66 2 6 ¹ / ₄	43 0 0
Gunung	2	5 3 15	4 0 0	Nowra	4	296 1 25	31 0 0
Moruya	6	786 0 0	30 17 5	Parramatta	33	17 1 26 ¹ / ₄	233 10 0
Queanbeyan	2	11 0 20	7 10 0	Windsor	2	160 2 22	4 0 0
Yass	1	22 0 0	2 0 0	Wollongong	2	1 0 26	35 0 0
Young	2	250 2 0	13 0 0	Tamworth—			
Grafton—				Coonabarabran	2	52 0 0	22 0 0
Bellingen	10	44 1 7	57 17 6	Gunnedah	4	110 0 20	31 0 0
Casino	15	1,580 1 0	163 12 5	Murrurundi	2	69 0 0	9 0 0
Grafton	102	2,678 0 27 ³ / ₄	746 17 1	Narrabri	22	2,009 3 0	200 0 0
Kempsey	7	190 0 8	38 5 0	Tamworth	6	589 2 0	32 0 0
Lismore	37	594 1 21 ¹ / ₄	252 5 0	Wagga Wagga—			
Murwillumbah	18	557 3 12	72 9 8	Albury	2	3 2 0	11 10 0
Port Macquarie	12	66 3 24 ³ / ₄	96 0 0	Cootamundry	14	1,020 3 20	82 9 0
Hay—				Corowa	7	242 3 35	28 16 10
Balranald	4	327 0 0	40 0 0	Gundagai	34	940 0 35	283 3 8
Deniliquin	21	2,278 1 33	249 1 9	Narandera	20	2,999 2 26	148 19 3
Hay	14	1,241 0 2 ¹ / ₄	104 5 0	Tumbarumba	2	32 0 0	3 12 0
Hillston	4	469 2 0	25 0 7	Tumbarumba, North .. .	1	20 0 0	5 0 0
Wentworth	3	47 0 0	12 15 0	Tumut	4	230 0 38	27 5 0
Maitland—				Urana	8	42 1 34	38 5 0
Cassils	1	1 2 0	10 0 0	Wagga Wagga	14	2,252 2 6	110 4 4
Dungog	2	3 2 26	11 10 0				
Gosford	7	210 3 35 ³ / ₄	67 0 0	Total	1,276	62,238 0 3 ³ / ₄	18,392 10 1
Maitland	2	0 0 38 ³ / ₄	115 0 0				

Eleven leases terminated 31st December, 1898, have been extended for a further term.

SCHEDULE LXIV.

RETURN of Scrub Leases under Section 35 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 current on 31st December, 1899, and of applications received, leases granted and expired, during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Application.			Area of outstanding applications.	Area applied for during 1899.	Total area.	Applications declined or withdrawn.				Leases granted during 1899.			Leases forfeited and surrendered during 1899.			Leases expired during 1899.			Leases current on 31st Dec., 1899.		
		Outstanding from 1889.	Received during 1899.	Total.				Outstanding from 1899.	Received during 1899.	Total.	No. not finally dealt with.	No.	Area.	Annual rent.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.
Armidale	Glen Innes	...	1	1	acres.	14,500	1 500	1
Dubbo	Coonamble	...	4	4	...	32,800	32,800	4
	Dubbo	2	5	7	16,099	32,239	48,338	1	...	1	5	1	9,274	28 19 8	...	...	...	...	...	1	9,274	28 19 8
	Nyngan	10	4	14	726,688	32,017	758,706	...	...	...	5	9	520,803	813 15 1	...	...	...	...	...	9	520,803	813 15 1
Forbes	Barmedman	2	4	6	47,620	33,986	81,615	...	...	...	4	2	25,043	88 17 1	...	...	...	...	...	4	40,100	131 5 0
	Condobolin	6	7	13	124,010	42,260	166,270	1	...	1	9	3	24,850	85 8 5	...	...	...	...	...	12	144,179	457 3 1
	Forbes	6	12	18	85,150	54,830	139,980	1	5	6	8	4	22,130	40 15 5	...	...	...	...	...	6	24,430	113 13 7
	Grenfell	6	2	8	38,756	11,703	50,459	3	1	4	1	3	12,970	47 15 10	...	...	...	...	...	3	12,970	47 15 10
Goulburn	Parkes	8	9	17	195,124	44,436	239,560	2	1	3	11	3	77,020	129 9 0	...	...	...	...	...	9	148,230	320 19 8
	Braidwood	...	1	1	...	20 600	20,600	1
Young	Young	...	1	1	...	324	324	...	1	1
	Hay	...	1	1	10,230	...	10,230	1	1	2,630	2 3 10
Hay	Deniliquin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	640	0 9 1
	Hillston	1	1	2	162,000	98,220	280,220	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5,000	4 3 4
	Hillston N.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	16,040	88 3 4
	Wentworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,391	1 9 0
Maitland	Scone	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	560	1 0 0
	Singleton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,072	30 0 0
Moree	Bingara
	Moree	1	4	5	7,000	27,400	34,400	1	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3,910	3 1 2
	Walgett	...	2	2	...	30,000	30,000	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2,500	15 12 6
	Walgett N.	1	...	1	4,000	...	4,000	1	...	1
Warralda	Warralda	1	6	7	5,000	37,350	42,350	1	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	19,538	30 0 0
	Carecar	1	...	1	15,290	...	15,290	1	...	1
Orange	Nowra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,920	1 10 0
Sydney	Coonabarabran	...	1	1	...	10,790	10,790	1
Tamworth	Narrabri	...	1	1	...	not specified	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9,810	1 18 10
	Narrandra	1	1	2	128,083	62,534	190,617	...	...	...	1	1	128,000	200 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	1	128,000	200 0 0
Wagga Wagga	Tumut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	175	0 6 3
	Totals	...	47	66	113	1,585,060	585,989	2,171,049	12	15	27	60	26	820,090	1,435 0 6	1	2,500	15 12 6	82	1,231,889	2,402 18 6

SCHEDULE LXV.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rent of Leases of Inferior Crown Lands current on 31st December, 1899, and of Leases granted and forfeited during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Leases granted during 1899.			Leases declared forfeited and cancelled during 1899.			Leases current on 31st December, 1899.		
		No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.
Goulburn	Eden	1	acres. 4,050	£ s. d. 3 0 0	...	acres.	£ s. d.	7	acres. 22,060	£ s. d. 15 10 0
	Bombala	...	...	...	2	40,870	47 4 6	6	41,620	81 3 7
Forbes	Queanbeyan	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	23,000	23 19 2
Hay	Parkes	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6,120	25 10 0
Wagga Wagga	Balranald	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	23,500	43 15 0
	Hillston, North	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	45,450	17 15 0
Wagga Wagga	Wentworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	141,000	27 10 0
	Narrandera	...	...	...	12	29,780	16 10 0	4	9,230	4 16 0
Totals		1	4,050	3 0 0	14	70,650	63 14 6	25	311,980	239 18 9

SCHEDULE LXVI.

RETURN showing the action taken during 1899 in respect of Residential Leases.

Land Board District and Land District.	Number of Applications.			Area applied for.	No. of applications disallowed and withdrawn.	No. of applications in course of action on 31st Dec., 1899.	Leases granted during 1899.			Leases declared forfeited during 1899.			Leases current on 31st December, 1899.														
	Outstanding on 31st Dec., 1898.	Received during 1899.	Total to be dealt with.				No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.	No.	Area.	Annual Rent.												
Armidale—				a. r. p.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.	a. r. p.	£ s. d.														
Armidale	2	8	10	123 0 0	..	6	4	30 0 0	7 5 0	1	20 0 0	24	335 1 37	43 5 0													
Inverell	2	8	10	114 0 0	3	5	2	20 0 0	3 0 0	..	15	150 0 0	17 0 0														
Tenterfield	2	2	4	40 0 0	1	2	1	20 0 0	1 10 0	..	3	40 0 0	4 5 0														
Glen Innes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	40 0 0	3 15 0				
Walcha	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	18 0 0	2 0 0	..	5	46 3 30	6 17 6														
Bourke—																											
Cobar	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	0 10 0								
Willyama	..	1	1	10 0 0	..	1	1	10 0 0	10	120 0 0	16 15 0													
Wilcannia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	1 0 0				
Forbes—																											
Barmedman	..	3	3	25 0 0	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Forbes	1	..	1	1	14 2 10	1 2 6	1	10 0 0	2 5 0	7	94 2 10	13 15 6													
Grenfell	..	1	1	10 0 0	..	1	10 0 0	1 10 0	..	..	6	60 0 0	12 15 0												
Parkes	..	3	3	40 0 0	1	2	..	..	..	..	4	40 0 0	7 10 0										
Goulburn—																											
Bega	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	1 0 0				
Bombala	..	1	1	10 0 0	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	2 0 0										
Fraidwood	6	2	8	25 0 0	1	2	5	80 0 0	7 15 0	..	13	157 3 17	20 5 0														
Cooma	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Moruya	2	2	4	20 0 0	..	4	2	7 2 20	10	75 1 5	11 5 0													
Queanbeyan	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	10 0 0	1 10 0								
Booroowa	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	20 0 0	4 5 0								
Goulburn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5 0 0	1 0 0				
Young	1	3	4	50 0 0	1	..	3	42 1 10	5 5 0	..	26	299 0 36	53 5 4														
Grafton—																											
Bellingen	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	70 0 0	12 10 0								
Casino	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Grafton	..	1	1	8 0 0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Moree—																											
Bingara	..	1	1	10 0 0	..	..	1	10 0 0	2 10 0	..	6	59 0 0	11 0 0												
Orange—																											
Bathurst	12	10	22	170 0 0	5	4	13	233 0 0	15 18 6	2	16 1 31	31	455 3 6	37 14 6													
Carcoar	4	2	6	20 0 0	1	2	3	38 0 0	3 10 0	..	13	128 0 0	14 5 0														
Cowra	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	20 0 0	2 10 0	..	2	20 0 0	2 10 0												
Lithgow	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Molong	1	3	4	23 1 31	..	3	1	10 0 0	1 0 0	..	2	30 1 6	1 18 6														
Mudgee	19	15	34	270 0 0	9	18	7	111 1 20	10 18 0	..	48	492 1 0	58 16 0														
Orange	5	..	5	..	..	5	..	75 2 20	5 0 0	..	10	125 2 20	10 0 0												
Wellington	2	4	6	55 0 0	1	4	1	10 0 0	1 0 0	1	10 0 0	8	92 0 0	9 7 6													
Tamworth—																											
Tamworth	..	11	11	190 0 0	2	9	..	..	..	..	7	78 0 3	14 15 0										
Wagga Wagga—																											
Cootamundra	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Gundagai	28	3	31	60 0 0	11	14	6	95 0 0	8 0 0	..	35	455 0 8	56 5 0														
Tumberumba	14	3	17	50 0 0	3	10	4	52 1 6	7 5 0	..	11	152 1 6	16 15 0														
Tumut	24	17	41	290 0 0	7	21	13	243 1 0	31 5 0	..	26	453 1 0	52 15 0														
Maitland—																											
Scone	..	1	1	20 0 0	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Stroud	..	1	1	10 0 0	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
Totals													186	106	242	1,663 1 31	50	118	74	1,183 1 26	118 4 0	8	74 0 11	10 10 0	388	4,155 3 24	520 9 10

SCHEDULE LXVII.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Snow Leases current on 31st December, 1899, and of Snow Leases granted and forfeited during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Leases granted during 1899.			Leases declared forfeited during 1899.			Leases current on 31st December, 1899.		
		No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.
Goulburn	Cooma	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	acres. 38,330	£ s. d. 349 12 3
Wagga Wagga	Tumberumba	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	27,280	102 17 1
	Tumut	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	24,157	330 10 3
Totals		..	..	..	..	..	..	19	89,767	782 19 7

SCHEDULE LXVIII.

RETURN showing Number and Area of Annual Leases applied for and granted under Section 33 of Crown Lands Act of 1889, and the number disallowed and withdrawn during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications received during 1899.	Area applied for during 1899.			No. of Applications disallowed and withdrawn during 1899, including applications made during previous years.	No. of Applications approved, and in virtue of which Leases have been granted during 1899, including applications made during previous years.	Area of Leases Granted.			Rent.		
			a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.
Armidale	Armidale	44	23,324	3	0	19	46	22,118	2	0	161	7	2
	Glen Innes	36	15,128	3	0	9	21	10,790	3	0	65	17	10
	Inverell	57	58,188	0	0	18	35	23,665	2	0	163	10	0
	Tenterfield	73	48,871	0	0	11	69	50,272	0	0	245	18	2
	Walcha	51	36,602	0	0	12	61	44,381	1	0	298	1	8
	Totals	261	182,114	2	0	69	232	156,228	0	0	940	14	10
Bourke	Bourke	1	63	0	0	.....	2	506	0	0	1	15	0
Dubbo	Coonamble	23	11,479	3	0	16	16	8,574	3	0	58	17	9
	Dubbo	41	34,336	0	0	14	37	38,100	0	0	176	9	9
	Nyngan	3	2,100	0	0	3	1	1,100	0	0	9	3	4
	Warren	8	4,392	0	0	5	4	2,245	1	0	20	2	6
	Totals	75	52,307	3	0	38	58	45,020	0	0	264	13	4
Forbes	Barmedman	2	2,560	0	0	1	1	1,920	0	0	24	0	0
	Condobolin	17	9,840	0	0	3	2	3,320	0	0	10	7	6
	Forbes	10	10,213	2	0	1	8	7,345	1	0	48	13	9
	Grenfell	9	1,330	2	0	1	5	875	0	0	17	18	5
	Parkes	2	1,920	0	0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals	30	25,864	0	0	7	16	13,460	1	0	100	19	8
Goulburn	Bega	27	9,347	0	0	4	17	6,238	0	0	34	8	0
	Bombala	49	30,470	0	0	12	46	29,206	0	0	149	15	7
	Boorowa	26	12,142	2	0	2	22	12,009	1	0	59	15	11
	Braidwood	65	30,923	2	0	11	69	33,206	0	0	154	2	1
	Cooma	140	88,210	3	0	20	127	71,138	3	14	468	18	0
	Eden	8	4,808	0	0	4	5	1,729	2	0	20	17	11
	Goulburn	118	44,297	0	0	12	104	55,465	3	0	312	5	11
	Gunning	23	9,208	0	0	3	19	6,936	3	0	39	3	5
	Moruya	2	403	0	0	.....	3	1,400	0	0	7	3	4
	Moss Vale	26	13,763	0	0	1	27	17,057	0	0	85	17	2
	Queanbeyan	58	23,050	0	0	12	57	23,366	0	0	153	15	1
	Yass	17	6,245	0	0	7	22	11,476	2	0	63	3	7
	Young	12	4,617	2	0	5	6	4,553	2	0	34	13	4
	Totals	571	287,485	1	0	93	524	278,783	0	14	1,583	19	4
Grafton	Bellingen	5	2,250	0	0	8	1	640	0	0	4	0	0
	Casino	35	17,841	1	0	1	24	11,547	0	0	121	2	11
	Grafton	42	16,779	0	0	8	39	23,148	1	0	107	2	7
	Kempsey	14	8,217	2	0	.....	4	400	0	0	26	0	0
	Lismore	6	744	0	0	2	3	447	0	0	9	0	0
	Murwillumbah	1	50	0	0	.....	1	640	0	0	5	6	8
	Port Macquarie	27	12,454	3	0	2	12	7,238	0	0	38	10	5
	Totals	130	58,336	2	0	21	84	44,060	1	0	311	2	7
Hay	Balranald	4	1,280	0	0	1	3	960	0	0	20	8	0
	Deniliquin	5	3,795	0	0	3	3	1,198	0	0	44	18	6
	Hillston	24	19,146	3	0	13	16	13,113	1	0	65	12	8
	Hay	5	4,103	1	0	3	5	5,070	1	0	61	13	6
	Wentworth	1	1,280	0	0	.....	1	1,826	0	0	3	16	1
	Totals	39	29,605	0	0	20	28	22,167	2	0	196	8	9
Maitland	Cassilis	58	34,476	3	0	4	53	34,077	3	0	189	7	10
	Dungog	10	3,972	2	0	1	9	3,270	2	0	20	9	11
	Gosford	6	2,665	0	0	1	2	1,280	0	0	5	6	8
	Maitland	2	594	3	0	1	3	612	3	0	5	7	0
	Muswellbrook	2	878	3	0	.....	3	951	1	0	5	6	8
	Newcastle	1	500	0	0	.....	1	500	0	0	2	1	8
	Paterson	13	6,153	1	0	2	6	3,418	1	0	18	13	9
	Raymond Terrace	2	765	2	0	.....	2	865	2	0	5	8	3
	Scone	22	14,237	1	0	6	17	10,997	0	0	58	10	6
	Singleton	21	8,400	2	0	2	18	7,683	2	0	42	11	4
	Stroud	28	13,817	0	0	1	29	15,349	0	0	81	6	11
	Taree	106	55,732	3	0	4	88	50,446	0	0	237	15	4
	Wollombi	8	4,420	0	0	.....	11	6,620	0	0	31	10	10
Totals	279	146,614	0	0	22	242	136,071	2	0	723	16	8	
Moree	Bingara	4	1,275	0	0	2	2	435	0	0	3	0	0
	Moree	10	6,699	0	0	7	3	750	0	0	7	15	0
	Walgett and Walgett N.	12	14,692	0	0	7	8	9,902	1	0	145	5	3
	Warialda	11	11,776	0	0	4	2	856	0	0	8	14	0
	Totals	37	34,442	0	0	20	15	11,943	1	0	164	14	3

SCHEDULE LXVIII—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Applications received during 1899.	Area applied for during 1899.			No. of Applications disallowed and withdrawn during 1899, including applications made during previous years.	No. of Applications approved, and in virtue of which Leases have been granted during 1899, including applications made during previous years.	Area of Leases granted.			Rent.		
			a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.		£	s.	d.
Orange.....	Bathurst	39	16,179	1	0	8	55	24,187	1	0	145	11	8
	Carcoar	57	29,318	2	0	4	46	24,196	2	0	130	19	4
	Cowra	8	3,145	2	0	3	6	1,930	0	0	10	10	4
	Lithgow	63	32,651	2	0	2	69	40,672	0	0	186	4	9
	Molong	67	40,215	0	0	10	58	35,869	0	0	177	5	6
	Mudgee	74	32,229	1	0	7	74	31,854	2	0	143	9	10
	Orange	13	3,437	0	0	.....	13	4,248	2	0	23	18	6
	Rylstone	64	26,162	0	0	4	57	24,831	0	0	108	19	4
	Wellington	20	8,067	0	0	5	13	3,544	2	0	29	10	9
	Totals	405	191,405	0	0	43	391	190,833	1	0	956	10	0
Sydney.....	Campbelltown .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1,500	0	0	4	13	4
	Milton	24	18,085	0	0	3	19	13,347	0	0	43	3	4
	Nowra	53	29,288	2	0	9	49	27,516	3	0	86	18	0
	Picton	13	12,660	0	0	4	8	7,800	0	0	24	0	0
	Windsor	4	2,095	0	0	.....	4	2,095	0	0	8	0	0
Totals	94	62,128	2	0	17	81	52,258	3	0	166	14	8	
Tamworth	Coonabarrabran	42	30,745	0	0	12	41	31,390	0	0	115	0	0
	Gunnedah	48	46,866	2	0	13	37	21,179	2	0	266	17	11
	Murrurundi	6	1,019	1	0	1	8	2,260	3	0	7	0	0
	Narrabri	38	29,919	3	0	20	28	20,997	0	0	119	3	4
	Tamworth	65	51,835	3	0	5	69	52,530	3	0	204	5	8
Totals	202	160,386	1	0	51	183	128,358	0	0	712	6	11	
Wagga Wagga...	Albury	9	1,718	3	0	3	7	4,092	0	0	21	11	4
	Cootamundra	8	3,966	0	0	5	4	2,463	0	0	46	14	4
	Corowa	10	1,982	0	0	5	5	1,364	1	0	30	15	4
	Gundagai	15	7,545	1	0	8	10	3,940	1	0	31	14	10
	Narandera	2	1,053	0	0	2	2	2,560	0	0	18	13	4
	Tumbarumba	43	40,785	0	0	19	41	41,921	0	0	211	0	3
	Tumut	11	3,231	1	0	20	21	12,185	1	0	72	14	8
	Urana	1	35	0	0	1	1	34	0	0	4	5	0
	Wagga Wagga.....	14	10,062	3	0	6	12	6,255	1	0	165	13	7
	Totals	113	70,379	0	0	69	103	74,815	0	0	603	2	8
GRAND TOTALS...	2,237	1,701,130	3	0	470	1,959	1,154,504	3	14	6,726	18	8	

SCHEDULE LXIX.

RETURN showing Areas offered by Auction and Tender as Annual Leases under the 85th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, during 1899, and Rent of such Leases granted.

Land Board District and Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.			Area of such Leases granted.	Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	No. of Lots offered.	Area offered.			Area of such Leases granted.	Rent.								
		a.	r.	p.					a.	r.	p.			£	s.	d.					
Bourke—	Brewarrina	4	342	0	0	.....	Maitland—	2	612	0	0	612	0	0	6	0	0				
	Wilcannia	1	775	0	0	775												0	0	3	5	0
Dubbo—	Coonamble	6	11,000	0	0	.....	Orange—	3	2,170	0	0	2,170	0	0	143	10	0				
	Goulburn—	Cooma	1	1,920	0	0												1,920	0	0	24	0	0
Grafton—	Goulburn	4	3,980	0	0	3,980	0	0	33	3	4	Molong	1	180	0	180	0	0	9	17	6
	Casino	8	155	3	0	.....	Sydney—	1	530	0	0											.....
Hay—	Kempsey	5	3,690	0	0	1,150						0	0	2	10	0	Nowra	15	21,909	0	0
	Lismore	1	58	0	0	.....	Wagga Wagga—	2	3,040	0	0	3,040	0	0	76	0						0
Port Macquarie ..	2	1,200	0	0	1,200	0											0	5	0	0	Totals .....		69	58,207	1	0	15,954	2	0	398	15	10
Deniliquin	1	530	0	0	530	0	0	68	0	0	.....									
Hay	2	45	0	0	.....															
Billston	3	1,423	0	0	290	0	0	25	10	0											

SCHEDULE LXX.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Annual Leases notified as Lapsed and Cancelled during 1899.

Lapsed.			Cancelled.										
No.	Area.	Rent.	No.	Area.	Rent.								
	a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.							
821	418,869	3	0	3,288	19	7	103	85,853	2	0	481	3	2

SCHEDULE LXXI.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Annual Leases current on 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District and Land District.	Number.	Area.	Rent.	Land Board District and Land District.	Number.	Area.	Rent.
EASTERN DIVISION.				CENTRAL DIVISION.			
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale—				Dubbo—			
Armidale	253	149,050 3 0	1,108 5 2	Coonamble	56	39,159 3 0	584 0 1
Glen Innes	115	88,996 2 0	486 7 0	Dubbo	177	145,297 0 0	1,264 2 2
Inverell	151	128,750 0 0	840 0 10	Nyngan	15	13,002 1 0	204 4 2
Tenterfield	407	289,023 0 0	1,516 3 0	Warren	35	21,889 0 0	308 17 5
Walcha	140	104,912 3 0	687 17 4				
Goulburn—				Forbes—			
Bega	58	24,327 2 0	181 16 7	Barnedman	21	23,845 0 0	113 11 10
Bombala	119	62,357 2 0	506 16 3	Condobolin	23	19,764 0 0	245 15 10
Braidwood	283	153,761 1 0	736 3 7	Forbes	29	15,935 1 0	131 4 9
Boorowa	151	69,672 0 0	507 6 0	Grenfell	41	22,394 2 0	206 12 10
Cooma	579	373,564 1 0	2,312 17 10	Parke	11	10,389 2 0	45 11 2
Eden	25	8,134 2 0	67 4 0				
Goulburn	494	266,407 0 0	1,584 19 4	Hay—			
Gunning	187	8,784 0 0	485 3 7	Balranald South.....	1	581 0 0	9 1 7
Milton	41	25,232 0 0	104 19 2	Deniliquin	42	21,871 2 0	149 9 2
Moruya	25	9,890 0 0	55 12 10	Hay	26	20,616 2 0	192 5 5
Moss Vale	65	42,029 0 0	219 1 5	Hillston	78	64,531 0 0	388 9 2
Queanbeyan	240	135,922 3 0	878 4 8				
Yass	169	96,026 1 0	519 3 5	Moree—			
Young	80	18,150 1 0	293 15 8	Bingara	19	2,859 3 0	69 9 3
Grafton—				Moree	37	37,718 3 0	315 10 9
Bellingen	20	12,381 0 0	83 3 3	Walgett	22	20,452 0 0	272 0 2
Casino	351	197,424 0 0	1,574 9 9	Warialda	29	25,035 2 0	152 5 10
Grafton	309	187,026 0 0	1,007 9 5				
Kempsey	42	25,852 3 0	139 17 3	Tamworth—			
Lismore	18	2,721 0 0	39 2 3	Coonabarabran	137	106,569 1 0	472 0 0
Murwillumbah	3	2,190 0 0	12 0 0	Gunnedah	79	40,973 2 0	545 13 4
Port Macquarie.....	51	33,605 0 0	183 17 11	Narrabri	170	140,684 2 0	1,080 10 11
Maitland—							
Cassilis	391	217,803 3 0	1,282 6 7	Corowa	10	1,708 0 0	76 15 3
Dungog	22	9,669 1 0	61 10 7	Narrandera	33	15,148 2 0	333 18 10
Gostford	11	4,800 0 0	39 16 2	Tumbarumba and Tumbarumba North.	79	139,979 0 0	774 9 6
Maitland	3	612 3 0	5 7 0	Tumut	123	81,795 0 0	528 10 7
Muswellbrook	67	34,932 2 0	241 1 0	Urana	11	12,989 0 0	279 1 0
Newcastle	4	638 0 0	19 2 3	Wagga Wagga	40	13,918 2 0	356 13 1
Paterson	22	9,781 1 0	61 10 1				
Raymond Terrace.....	4	924 1 31	7 8 3				
Scone	213	151,906 1 0	844 16 10				
Singleton	55	24,615 2 0	147 14 3				
Stroud	124	83,784 0 0	653 11 2				
Taree	159	90,895 2 0	495 0 7				
Wollombi	27	14,878 0 0	71 8 5				
Orange—							
Bathurst.....	825	492,998 1 0	2,902 19 0	Bourke—			
Carcoar	637	390,419 0 0	2,453 4 7	Bourke	18	13,646 0 0	66 3 9
Cowra	98	48,905 2 0	491 18 4	Brewarrina	26	16,786 0 0	255 9 6
Lithgow	323	179,692 3 0	943 9 10	Cobar	1	1,920 0 0	6 0 0
Molong	192	109,721 0 12	764 19 2	Wilcannia	2	2,140 0 0	10 16 0
Mudgee	619	286,308 1 34	1,710 5 8	Willyama.....	6	11,520 0 0	16 4 0
Orange	208	88,384 3 0	602 2 4				
Rylstone.....	449	211,262 3 0	1,248 8 0	Hay—			
Wellington	414	267,346 0 0	1,793 5 3	Balranald.....	6	1,983 2 0	26 1 0
Sydney—				Hay North	10	5,150 0 0	81 8 0
Campbelltown	2	1,650 0 0	5 14 2	Wentworth	4	5,155 0 0	13 2 5
Liverpool	1	1,637 0 0	12 0 0				
Nowra	115	61,372 3 0	257 15 0	Moree—			
Parramatta	1	250 0 0	1 0 0	Walgett North	11	12,807 1 0	107 19 10
Penrith	8	4,047 0 0	24 0 10				
Pictou	61	43,126 0 0	766 11 3				
Windsor	14	7,745 0 0	33 0 0				
Tamworth—							
Murrurundi	42	20,532 0 0	181 2 10	Grand Totals—			
Tamworth	411	183,393 1 0	1,087 13 4	Eastern.....	10,184	5,749,450 2 37	36,870 3 7
Wagga Wagga—				Central	1,344	1,059,007 2 0	9,100 4 1
Albury	101	48,055 0 0	428 6 8	Western	84	71,107 3 0	583 4 6
Cootamundra	70	28,695 2 0	431 12 4				
Gundagai	105	40,476 2 0	703 13 10				
					11,612	6,879,565 3 37	46,553 12 2

SCHEDULE LXXII.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rental of Permissive Occupancies current on 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Land Board District.	No.	Area.	Annual Rental.
		a. r. p.	£ s. d.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Armidale	16	4,669 0 0	14 0 0	Moree	4	1,155 0 0	33 4 8
Bourke	29	220 0 2	60 9 4	Orange.....	16	66 2 13	28 0 0
Dubbo	15	1,356 0 0	15 8 6	Sydney.....	171	301 0 30	495 11 6
Forbes	2	34 0 0	2 10 0	Tamworth	12	31,753 1 21	52 13 0
Goulburn	51	245 0 19	56 3 0	Wagga Wagga	21	273 1 0	52 19 6
Grafton	93	124 3 0	85 7 0				
Hay	21	31,067 3 0	116 0 9				
Maitland	179	33 2 33	198 4 0	Total.....	680	71,299 2 38	1,210 11 3

SCHEDULE LXXIII.
NEWCASTLE PASTURAGE RESERVE.

RETURN showing, up to 31st December, 1899, the state of Applications to Purchase under the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve Acts.

Total number of Applications received.	Number of Applications in which sale has been gazetted or disallowed.		Total area of Applications gazetted for sale.	Total amount of purchase money.	Applications declared forfeited for non-receipt of purchase money.		Applications to purchase in which purchase money has been paid in full.		Applications now current.	
	Sale gazetted.	Disallowed.			No.	Purchase money.*	No.	Purchase money.*	No.	Purchase money.*
1,169	964	205	a. r. p. 226 1 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	£ 61,314	180	£ s. d. 11,333 13 10	350	£ s. d. 21,320 8 3	434	£ s. d. 28,659 17 11

* This amount is exclusive of interest.

SCHEDULE LXXIV.

RETURN of Lands resumed during 1899 under section 105 Crown Lands Act of 1884, section 41 Crown Lands Act of 1889, and section 7 Public Trusts Act of 1897.

Originally dedicated or reserved for—	Place.	Area.	How disposed of.
Public school site	Wardry	a. r. p. 2 0 0	To be sold by auction.
"	Crawford River	2 0 0	"
"	Coreen	2 0 0	"
"	Tomanbil	2 0 0	"
"	Foxhill	2 3 28	"
"	Black Mount	3 0 0	"
"	Yamma	2 0 0	Included in a travelling stock reserve.
"	Woolomin	0 3 0	" road.
"	Wandella	2 0 0	Reserved for water supply.
"	Coolamon	2 0 20	" Court-house site, &c.
"	Baerami	2 0 0	To be sold or otherwise appropriated under the C. L. Acts.
"	Mickie's Plains	2 0 0	"
"	Wandook	2 0 0	"
"	Bredbo	1 1 0	"
"	Taylor's Flat	2 0 0	"
"	Morangarell	2 0 0	"
"	Tuggerah	2 0 0	"
Girls' High School site	East Maitland	2 3 23	Dedicated for Hospital for the Insane.
Mechanics' Institute site	Attunga	0 2 0	To be sold or otherwise appropriated under the C. L. Acts.
"	Warialda	0 2 0	Reserved for water supply.
General cemetery	Willoughby (Gore Hill)	3 3 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rededicated in slightly amended form.
"	Tumbarumba	7 2 0	"
"	Rydal	7 0 30	Part rededicated.
"	Purnamoota	12 2 16	Made available for lease.
"	Wandera	8 1 8	"
"	Coey Polly	0 2 0	To be sold by auction.
"	Tarcutta	6 3 13	To be sold or otherwise appropriated under the C. L. Acts.
"	Wyong	10 0 0	"
"	Grong Grong	8 1 8	"
Public park	Lawson	10 0 0	Dedicated for cemetery.
"	"	0 2 3	" access.
Public recreation	Canterbury	25 2 2	Reserved pending resurvey.
"	Berrigan	10 0 31	" for show-ground and athletic sports.
"	Paddington	2 1 12	Dedicated for military purposes (exclusive of reserve for storage).
"	Willyama	0 1 10	Leased as a bathing-place.
"	East Maitland	0 1 0	Reserved for military purposes.
"	Lawson	0 2 0	Dedicated for Mechanics' Institute site.
"	Wilcannia	320 0 0	" racecourse.
"	North Willoughby	140 0 0	Part to be sold by auction, the remainder to be reserved or dedicated for public purposes.
"	Eden	30 0 0	Included in a new dedication.
"	Lawson	0 3 20	Dedicated for railway purposes.
"	Barraba	100 2 7	Rededicated in slightly amended form.
"	Narrabri	7 0 24	Included in a reserve for access.
"	"	2 3 17	"
"	Temora	8 2 0	To be sold or otherwise appropriated under the C. L. Acts.
Public recreation and water supply	South Grafton	20 0 0	Included in a new dedication.
Gaol site	Cooma	4 3 5	"
Hospital site	Purnamoota	10 0 0	Included in a homestead lease.
"	Narrabri	1 0 0	To be sold by auction.
"	"	1 0 0	"
Benevolent Asylum site	Randwick	47 0 0	Part set apart for a penitentiary for females.
Town-hall site	Windsor	0 2 37	Reserved for recreation.
Market	Goulburn	4 0 18	Dedicated for Botanic Gardens.
Water supply and market	"	0 0 31 $\frac{1}{2}$	Reserved for defence purposes.
Stock and sale yards	Bourke	4 0 7	" gasworks (exclusive of a road).
Camping	Orange	5 0 0	" camping, &c. (exclusive of drill-hall site and a lane).
Police paddock	St. Albans	20 0 0	To be sold or otherwise appropriated under the C. L. Acts.
Permanent common	Araluen	2 0 0	To be sold by auction.
"	Bingera	2 0 0	Leased for brickmaking.
"	Wellington	5 3 30	Reserved for rifle range.
"	Denman	640 0 0	Parts reserved for common, &c.
"	Moore Park, Sydney	19 1 26	} Parts rededicated for athletic sports ground, military purposes, and addition to permanent common; the remainder to be sold or otherwise appropriated.
"	"	1 0 37	
Volunteer rifle range	"	29 0 20	
Military garden and cricket ground	"	0 1 26	
Total		1,580 2 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	

SUMMARY.

Year.	Number of Resumptions.	Area Resumed.
1898	43	a. r. p. 2,128 2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1899	65	1,580 2 16 $\frac{1}{2}$

SCHEDULE LXXV.
RETURN of Reserves from Sale notified during 1899.

Land Board District	Access.		C.P. Go'd-held.		Conditional Sale		Mining.		Pending completion of exchange		Pending Subdivision.		Preservation and growth of Timber.		Recreation.		Railway.		School		Temporary Common.		Travelling Stock and Camping.		Village and Suburban Settlement.		Water Supply.		Other Public Purposes.		Other than Auction Sale only.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Armidale	3	519	4	10,088	2	173,400	2	9,830	7	2,924	..	..	7	50,270	5	213	..	.....	2	13	5	3,875	11	2,573	..	..	3	2,395	13	3,134	5	1,056	69	266,290
Bourke .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	2	1	..	..	..	..	34	71,496	..	..	2	232	11	6,038	..	..	51	77,778
Dubbo .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	3	372	..	..	6	10,200	2	14	1	40	3	15	..	..	20	17,069	..	..	5	445	21	24,317	11	3,077	73	55,589
Forbes	2	741	1	2,300	..	..	1	1,000	3	774	..	..	13	28,870	2	18	1	100	5	32	1	1,300	28	17,131	..	..	3	51	36	49,687	1	283	97	102,287
Goulburn	1	21	1	1,700	1	42	4	1,130	5	1,154	..	..	4	4,246	9	244	1	2	8	41	1	720	9	918	..	..	7	749	25	1,898	4	451	80	13,306
Grafton	4	53	..	..	..	..	3	3,919	6	1,381	1	27	4	28,450	9	823	1	13	5	25	1	420	2	262	3	2,454	10	606	31	12,817	1	40	81	51,290
Hay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	16,704	2	1,302	8	6,612	1	85	..	..	2	9	2	3,790	32	25,822	..	..	1	640	21	32,889	5	1,613	79	89,466
Maitland	6	562	1	10,800	..	..	..	..	1	119	..	..	5	6,433	6	31	1	10	..	..	1	630	11	561	2	1,150	4	35	25	2,956	3	444	66	23,731
Moree	2	180	..	..	..	..	4	7,685	1	2,560	..	..	2	6,650	3	41	..	..	..	..	1	200	76	7,375	1	1,630	1	31	58,887	3	460	125	157,669	
Orange	4	16	26	182,412	2	10,540	10	54,155	3	752	1	125	2	85,500	15	7,059	..	..	9	56	4	1,219	14	2,234	..	..	18	699	42	9,923	..	..	150	354,690
Sydney	7	44	..	..	..	..	2	2,932	1	5	5	10,054	1	27,746	16	956	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	2	14	18	1,373	1	131	54	48,259
Tamworth	10	629	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	20,465	1	660	3	13,420	3	20	..	..	1	4	1	7	13	6,896	5	1,513	45	75,376	3	811	96	120,550		
Wagga Wagga	3	149	3	15,850	..	..	2	318	9	6,426	1	1,276	7	11,205	11	117	2	483	3	17	5	2,687	27	4,775	2	2,141	14	946	97	94,210	16	1,935	205	142,535
Total	42	2,914	36	223,150	5	189,982	25	73,324	56	58,761	12	16,004	62	279,602	84	9,632	9	649	38	212	22	14,848	278	229,116	13	8,124	75	8,326	416	373,495	53	10,301	1,226	1,498,440

SCHEDULE LXXVI.
RETURN of Reserves from Sale revoked during 1899.

Land Board District	Access.		Other than Auction Sale		C.P. Gold field		Conditional Sale, Conditional Lease, and Annual Lease		Pending Subdivision.		Preservation of Timber		Public Buildings		Recreation.		Railway.		School.		Temporary Common		Travelling Stock and Camping.		Village and Suburban Settlement		Water Supply		Other Public Purposes.		Tracts or Areas previously notified as not available.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Armidale ..	4	525	4	966	10	173,318	2	340	..	..	12	31,298	..	..	4	327	7	7,116	1	1	3	365	24	6,516	3	827	28	11,851	41	8,432	10	63,015	153	304,898
Bourke	10	15,346	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	3	13,440	2	1	3	8	..	..	..	..	3	554	28	84,963	4	1,362	55	103,011	13	8,856	3	11,855	125	239,447
Dubbo	7	4,079	7	1,509	..	..	..	..	1	5,696	3	7,500	2	1	4	6	2,018	1	4	..	..	22	24,320	4	4,336	35	8,071	13	21,964	15	111,259	117	190,762	
Forbes	9	1,256	2	500	14	31,301	2	245	8	99,085	21	17,630	..	..	1	110	4,353	3	20	9	1,597	78	39,990	1	450	38	30,636	34	39,591	29	142,317	259	408,962	
Goulburn ..	4	93	5	432	2	8,428	..	..	..	..	3	211	2	6	4	31	3	1,380	3	30	2	100	13	1,834	2	345	23	2,973	28	5,707	1	200	95	21,770
Grafton	3	234	1	22	..	..	..	..	1	1,016	4	17,295	..	..	4	199	5	5,800	..	..	3	593	5	150	4	1,370	18	3,260	33	9,024	23	59,586	104	98,549
Hay	8	3,009	12	4,827	..	..	1	100	1	4,246	10	39,817	..	..	1	85	2	1,980	1	18	4	953	30	11,044	4	3,568	47	44,400	31	19,432	11	46,133	163	179,612
Maitland ..	6	357	1	300	..	..	..	..	1	320	1	1	3	7	3	464	2	658	3	23	2	1,480	8	3,107	4	590	9	817	12	1,367	2	1,920	57	11,411
Moree	12	3,099	6	1,492	..	..	9	17,889	..	..	3	2,113	..	..	..	..	3	390	1	3	..	75	100,991	3	2,613	82	71,528	17	42,010	31	98,906	242	341,034	
Orange	3	642	7	821	36	383,528	1	1,136	4	1,202	4	88,890	5	13	10	12,996	5	452	3	69	17	3,467	22	4,236	6	1,049	17	6,179	24	4,885	6	9,902	170	519,467
Sydney	1	153	1	141	..	..	..	..	4	816	7	24,742	..	..	8	197	2	10,698	..	..	..	1	7	2	577	..	..	10	17,126	1	23	37	54,485	
Tamworth ..	4	551	11	1,761	2	180	1	280	2	140	7	28,544	..	..	4	27	8	24,259	..	..	5	870	34	28,182	..	..	24	11,493	29	29,538	35	119,755	166	245,580
Wagga Wagga ..	8	2,556	41	4,060	8	24,254	2	128	3	730	22	44,928	3	4	6	829	3	983	7	140	4	6,232	44	60,352	7	2,360	82	49,760	53	51,620	13	18,420	306	268,256
Total ..	79	31,905	98	17,731	73	621,049	18	20,118	25	113,251	100	316,409	17	44	49	15,168	56	60,087	23	309	52	16,211	384	365,682	44	19,447	458	343,979	338	259,552	180	683,291	1,994	2,884,233

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SCHEDULE LXXVII.

RETURN of Reserves from Lease and License, Annual Lease, &c., notified during 1899.

Land Board District.	Access.		Pending Sub-division.		Re-creation.		Roads.		Preservation and Growth of Timber.		Travelling Stock and Capping.		Water Supply.		Annual and Homestead Lease.		Annual Lease for Temporary Common.		Lease Generally.		Other Public Purposes.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Armidale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	609	...	...	1	1,500	6	4,275	1	150	5	52	15	6,586		
Bourke .....	...	...	...	...	6	933	...	...	4	2,560	2	6,060	1	49,100	1	320	3	27,480	13	12,153	30	98,606		
Dubbo .....	...	...	...	...	11	1,688	...	...	2	647	1	2	2	33,119	...	...	1	480	11	1,072	28	37,008		
Forbes .....	...	...	...	...	4	235	...	...	15	6,351	2	45	8	82,442	1	1,300	...	...	9	1,071	39	91,444		
Goulburn	1	135	...	...	1	96	...	...	1	6	1	111	...	...	1	720	...	...	6	32	11	1,100		
Grafton .....	...	...	...	...	2	73	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	420	1	268	10	2,024	15	2,787		
Hay .....	...	...	...	...	7	1,862	...	...	2	952	...	...	2	37,091	2	5,550	...	...	7	3,202	20	48,657		
Maitland .....	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	...	2	85	...	...	...	...	1	630	...	...	5	64	10	785		
Moree	4	169	...	...	1	478	4	601	2	1,280	...	...	4	131,448	1	200	...	...	8	18,385	24	152,561		
Orange .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	843	4	35	...	...	4	1,219	3	713	19	6,560	34	9,370		
Sydney .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamworth	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	141	1	70	5	93,188	1	7	...	...	2	2,733	11	96,148		
WaggaWagga .....	...	...	...	...	3	56	...	...	7	2,873	...	...	1	12,947	4	2,087	2	604	7	1,038	24	19,605		
Total	6	313	...	...	6	653	35	5,375	...	...	42	16,347	12	6,325	24	440,835	23	16,728	11	29,695	102	48,386	261	564,657

SCHEDULE LXXVIII.

RETURN of Reserves from Lease and License revoked during 1899.

Land Board District.	Access.		Mining.		Roads and Crossing.		Annual Lease or Occupation License for Temporary Common.		Suburban Settlement.		Travelling Stock and Capping.		Village.		Water Supply.		Conditional Lease and Annual Lease.		Other Public Purposes.		Totals.	
	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
Armidale	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	13	...	...	2	50	...	...	1	35	...	...	8	1,947	14	2,046
Bourke .....	...	...	...	...	1	3	7	1,086	3	5,262	7	2,473	2	410	...	...	2	49,420	8	20,731	30	79,385
Dubbo .....	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	950	...	...	...	...	1	16	1	40	...	...	4	1,619	8	2,630
Forbes .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	9	2,285	...	...	8	2,432	...	2	238	...	...	8	1,518	28	6,474	
Goulburn .....	...	...	1	110	...	...	6	988	...	...	5	1,219	...	5	1,396	2	100	4	4,250	23	8,063	
Grafton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	3	103	...	1	74	...	...	6	2,252	12	2,436	
Hay .....	...	...	...	...	2	114	3	2,920	...	...	4	1,428	1	223	1	540	3	921	10	7,014	24	13,160
Maitland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,480	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	3	664	2	165	8	2,316	
Morice	3	107	...	...	1	18	1	960	...	...	2	641	...	1	140	1	8,800	8	17,124	17	27,790	
Orange .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	5,492	...	...	...	...	...	1	138	7	56	10	11,387	37	17,073	
Sydney .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	1	4,000	2	4,018	
Tamworth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	661	...	...	4	3,519	...	1	800	6	3,693	4	672	20	9,345	
Wagga Wagga	3	382	...	...	...	...	11	6,091	...	...	8	1,955	1	321	5	1,375	2	105,496	25	34,344	55	149,964
Total	7	490	1	110	6	141	68	22,933	3	5,262	44	13,827	5	970	19	4,776	27	169,168	98	107,023	278	324,700

SCHEDULE LXXIX.

RETURN of Dedications for Religious and Public Purposes during the year 1899.

Purpose of Dedication.	No. of Dedications.	Area Dedicated.	Purpose of Dedication.	No. of Dedications.	Area Dedicated.
Public Recreation	8	a. r. p. 424 2 12	Botanic Gardens	1	a. r. p. 4 0 18
Racecourses	2	410' 0 0	Hospital for the Insane	1	2 3 23
Travelling Stock and Capping	1	225 0 0	Railway Purposes	2	2 0 10
General Cemeteries	22	170 2 24½	Permanent Common	1	1 1 24
Public Schools	66	130 0 6½	Mechanics' Institutes	2	0 2 23½
Show grounds	8	72 1 19	Access	1	0 2 3
Military Purposes	3	28 2 24½	Council Chambers	1	0 1 7½
Public Roads	2	12 1 6½	Fire Brigade Stations	3	0 0 16½
Athletic Sports	1	7 3 32½	Totals	126	1,498 2 20½
Gaol	1	5 0 9			

Religious Purposes Nil.

SCHEDULE LXXX.
RETURN of Special Areas proclaimed during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Within Population Area or Suburban Lands.		Country Lands.		Land Board District.	Land District.	Within Population Area or Suburban Lands.		Country Lands.	
		No.	Area.	No.	Area.			No.	Area.	No.	Area.
			a. r. p.		a. r. p.				a. r. p.		a. r. p.
Armidale	Armidale .....	...	.....	3	1,227 2 0	Moree	Bingara .....	...	.....	1	333 0 0
Dubbo	Dubbo	1	585 2 0	1	640 0 0		Moree	7	878 2 0	1	115 0 0
	Warren .....	...	.....	1	429 0 0		Warialda .....	...	.....	8	4,284 2 0
Forbes	Barmedman	2	418 2 0	...	.....	Orange	Carcoar .....	...	.....	1	433 2 0
	Condobolin .....	...	.....	1	98 0 0		Cowra .....	...	.....	3	867 2 0
	Forbes	1	100 0 0	2	339 0 0		Molong .....	...	.....	4	1,296 2 0
	Grenfell .....	...	.....	1	40 0 0	Sydney	Picton .....	...	.....	1	415 0 0
	Parkes .....	...	.....	3	803 2 0	Tamworth ...	Coonabarabran ...	...	.....	1	40 0 0
Goulburn	Bombala .....	...	.....	1	42 0 0		Gunnedah .....	...	.....	15	4,537 2 0
	Boorowa .....	...	.....	1	196 0 0		Narrabri	2	368 3 0	...	.....
	Goulburn	7	617 0 7	...	.....		Tamworth .....	...	.....	3	1,034 2 0
	Gunning	1	110 1 0	...	.....	Wagga Wagga	Cootamundry .....	...	.....	1	241 0 0
	Queanbeyan .....	...	.....	1	945 0 0		Corowa .....	...	.....	5	1,341 0 0
	Young .....	...	.....	2	510 2 0		Narrandera	1	112 3 0	3	819 2 0
Grafton	Grafton .....	...	.....	1	111 3 0		Tumbarumba				
	Kempsey	1	50 0 0	...	.....		North .....	...	.....	3	883 0 0
	Lismore	1	16 1 26	...	.....		Urana .....	...	.....	15	10,052 1 0
	Murwillumbah	1	63 2 11	...	.....		Wagga Wagga	1	61 1 0	11	4,974 1 0
Hay	Deniliquin .....	...	.....	5	654 0 0						
Maitland	Cassilis .....	...	.....	1	172 0 0					26	3,382 2 4
	Paterson .....	...	.....	1	127 2 0					101	38,008 3 0

Grand Total..... No. 127 a. r. p. 41,391 1 4

SCHEDULE LXXXI.
RETURN of Homestead Selection Areas notified during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Blocks.	Area.	Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Blocks.	Area.
			a. r. p.				a. r. p.
Armidale	Armidale	9	1,774 1 0	Maitland	Cassilis	1	904 0 0
	Inverell	6	2,668 3 0		Gosford	1	46 3 0
	Walcha	12	1,587 0 10		Muswellbrook	2	598 0 0
Dubbo	Dubbo	49	7,602 0 20		Newcastle	102	169 0 29
	Nyngan	2	1,631 0 0		Paterson	3	478 1 0
	Warren	8	333 3 32		Raymond Terrace	5	438 0 30
Forbes	Barmedman	3	1,663 2 0	Moree	Warialda	7	8,274 0 0
	Barmedman East	4	2,812 2 0	Orange	Carcoar	2	588 3 0
	Condobolin	3	776 0 0		Cowra	9	828 3 0
	Forbes	3	2,560 0 0		Rylstone	4	2,427 1 0
	Grenfell	9	7,389 0 0		Wellington	12	7,392 1 0
	Parkes	37	33,846 1 0	Sydney	Picton	14	596 2 0
Goulburn	Bombala	5	5,020 0 0	Tamworth	Gunnedah	33	15,930 3 0
	Cooma	8	3,174 2 30		Murrurundi	4	2,590 2 0
	Eden	4	219 0 0		Narrabri	23	13,745 2 0
	Young	6	993 0 0		Tamworth	15	280 0 20
Grafton	Bellingen	53	14,973 2 0	Wagga Wagga ...	Albury	42	240 2 12
	Casino	16	10,727 3 0		Cootamundry	5	1,907 2 10
	Grafton	13	3,192 2 30		Corowa	7	3,496 3 0
	Murwillumbah	1	220 3 0		Narrandera	18	8,118 2 0
Hay	Balranald South	2	2,502 0 0		Urana	87	41,939 3 10
	Deniliquin	2	1,954 3 10		Wagga Wagga	61	32,357 0 0
	Hay	19	8,602 1 0				
	Hillston	14	6,187 3 0		Total	745	265,766 2 3

SCHEDULE LXXXII.

RETURN of Settlement Lease Areas notified during 1899.

Land Board Districts	Land District.	No. of Farms	Area.			Land Board District.	Land District.	No. of Farms.	Area.		
			a.	r.	p.				a.	r.	p.
Armidale	Armidale	3	7,540	0	0	Maitland	Cassilis	2	3,892	1	0
	Glen Innis	1	1,049	0	0		Scone	1	1,800	0	0
	Inverell	5	22,769	2	0		Moree	7	16,670	0	0
Bourke	Tenterfield	5	28,013	0	0	Orange	Bingara	15	58,209	0	0
	Bourke	3	11,632	0	0		Walgett	11	34,385	0	0
Dubbo	Brewarrina East	1	6,010	0	0	Wagga	Warialda	31	81,165	1	0
	Coonamble	8	21,194	0	0		Bathurst	2	1,394	1	10
Forbes	Dubbo	7	15,489	0	0	Tamworth	Cowra	5	13,743	1	0
	Nyngan	25	64,580	0	0		Lithgow	3	4,200	0	0
Goulburn	Warren	4	9,411	0	0	Wagga Wagga	Wellington	2	6,964	0	0
	Balranald South	8	78,740	0	0		Coonabarabran	8	29,355	0	0
Hay	Deniliquin	21	40,140	1	0	Total	Gunnedah	5	14,526	0	0
	Hillston	1	1,800	0	0		Narrabri	16	39,588	0	0
						Tamworth	13	48,427	1	0	
						Tumbarumba North	4	36,149	0	0	
						Tumut	2	12,252	0	0	
						Wagga Wagga	3	7,588	0	0	
								289	885,429	3	30

SCHEDULE LXXXIII.

RETURN showing number of Tresspasses on Crown Lands reported during 1899, and action taken thereon under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts.

Number of cases not disposed of at end of year 1898	328
Number of cases reported by Crown Lands Bailiffs during 1899	479
	807
Number of prosecutions in which convictions were obtained	6
Number of prosecutions in which cases were dismissed	Nil
Tresspasses abated after notice, without legal proceedings by the Department	180
Cases of reported trespass in which, after investigation, it was found that no proceedings were necessary	64
Number of cases referred to other Departments for action	12
Cases in which action was suspended by the Department pending investigation to be placed in legal occupation	39
Cases not disposed of at end of year	506
	807

SCHEDULE LXXXIV.

PART A.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rental of Pastoral Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880 current on the 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No.	Area.			Rent.
			a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.
Goulburn	Braidwood	16	5,034	1	36	157 18 3
	Dungog	7	13,101	0	0	91 4 11
Maitland	Maitland	1	159	0	0	2 8 0
	Raymond Terrace	6	10,427	0	0	70 16 5
Orange	Stroud	33	52,513	0	0	584 12 9
	Singleton	6	1,424	1	31	43 5 1
	Bathurst	31	15,553	1	16	225 1 9
	Carcoar	21	6,173	1	29	315 13 2
	Total	121	104,385	2	32	1,491 0 4

PART B.

RETURN showing the Number, Area, and Rental of Agricultural Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880 current on 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	No.	Area.			Rent.
			a.	r.	p.	£ s. d.
Goulburn	Braidwood	17	503	2	36	56 19 3
	Dungog	1	110	0	0	9 12 0
Maitland	Maitland	4	11	0	35	5 8 0
	Stroud	19	341	0	35	39 17 4
Metropolitan	Raymond Terrace					
	Picton	2	3	1	11	1 4 0
Orange	Bathurst	61	677	0	16	114 1 5
	Carcoar	41	706	3	13	107 2 1
	Total	145	2,353	1	26	334 4 1

SCHEDULE LXXXV.

PART A.

RETURN showing Gold Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Mining Acts of 1888-9 current on 31st December, 1899, and of Applications outstanding, cancelled, and converted into Gold Leases under the Crown Lands Mining Acts.

Land Board District and Land District.	Outstanding from 1898.		Not finally dealt with.	Leases cancelled during 1899.		Leases converted during 1899.		Leases current on 31st December, 1899.		Rent.
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Goulburn— Braidwood.....	1	5 0 0	1	2	2 0 0	1	10 0 0	...	.....	.....
Maitland— Stroud .....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	11 0 0	11 0 0
Orange— Bathurst .....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	11	67 0 0	67 0 0
Carcoar .....	...	.....	.....	26	331 2 0	6	18 0 0	34	92 1 16	93 0 0
Total.....	1	5 0 0	1	28	333 2 0	7	28 0 0	47	170 1 16	171 0 0

PART B.

RETURN showing Mineral Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Mining Acts of 1888-9 current on 31st December, 1899, and of Applications outstanding, cancelled, and Rental.

Land Board District and Land District.	Outstanding from 1898.		Not finally dealt with.	Leases cancelled during 1899.		Leases converted during 1899.		Leases current on 31st December, 1899.		Rent.
	No.	Area.		No.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.	
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.		a. r. p.		a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Maitland— Stroud	5	312 3 1	80 1 0
Orange— Bathurst	1	40 0 0	...	.....	4	140 0 0	35 0 0
Carcoar	2	100 0 0	25 0 0
Total	1	40 0 0	...	.....	9	552 0 0	140 1 0

SCHEDULE LXXXVI.

PART A.

RETURN showing Number, Area, and Rental of Ninety-nine Years Leases granted prior to passing of Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880 current on 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	No.	Area.	Rent.
Metropolitan	*41	a. r. p. 16 3 31	£ s. d. 494 0 0

* Six of these leases, comprising an area of 2 acres 1 rood 35 perches, were applied for as special purchases.

PART B.

RETURN showing Number, Area, Period, and Rental of Building Leases granted under the Church and School Lands Dedication Act of 1880 current on 31st December, 1899; also Leases cancelled during that period.

Land Board District and Land District.	No. cancelled.	Area.	Period.	Number current.		
				No.	Area.	Rent.
		a. r. p.			a. r. p.	£ s. d.
Metropolitan— Metropolitan .....	.....	.....	61	1	0 0 36½	43 0 0
Orange— Carcoar	1	10 1 21¼	50	1	0 2 0	7 0 0
Total.....	1	10 1 21¼	.....	2	0 2 36½	50 0 0

SCHEDULE LXXXVII.

SHOWING the number of applications received for the conversion of Church and School Lands Leases into Holdings under the Crown Lands Acts, the nature of the conversions, the area confirmed, &c.

Land District.	Nature of Conversion.	Applications received.		Applications dealt with.				Cases still undealt with.		Rental derived from Converted Areas.
		No.	Area.	Confirmed.		Withdrawn or refused.		No.	Area.	
				No.	Area.	No.	Area.			
LAND BOARD DISTRICT OF GOULBURN.										
Braidwood.....	Homestead selection ..	17	a. 4,845 r. 1 p. 8	8	a. 1,656 r. 3 p. 33	...	a. r. p.	9	a. 3,188 r. 1 p. 15	£ 55 0 2
	Settlement lease.....	1	1,216 3 16	1	1,216 3 16	...	.....	...	.....	20 5 4
	Special lease	1	3 3 6	...	.....	...	.....	1	3 3 6	.....
	Total	19	6,065 3 30	9	2,873 3 9	...	.....	10	3,192 0 21	75 5 6
LAND BOARD DISTRICT OF MAITLAND.										
Maitland	Special lease	2	15 0 0	2	15 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	3 0 0
Stroud	Homestead selection ..	61	26,881 1 33	9	4,214 2 0	...	.....	52	22,666 3 33	87 10 0
	Settlement lease.....	22	44,256 0 0	8	17,420 1 0	...	.....	14	26,835 3 0	144 10 0
	Special lease	12	3,755 0 0	..	.....	..	.....	12	3,755 0 0	.....
Total		97	74,907 1 33	19	21,649 3 0	...	.....	78	53,257 2 33	235 0 0
LAND BOARD DISTRICT OF ORANGE.										
Bathurst.....	Homestead selection ..	12	2,691 0 9	6	2,433 3 26	5	62 0 23	1	195 0 0	50 12 8
	Improvement leases ...	2	3,143 0 0	2	3,143 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	36 17 5
	Special lease	2	640 0 0	2	640 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	10 13 4
Total		16	6,474 0 9	10	6,216 3 26	5	62 0 23	1	195 0 0	98 3 5
Carcoar	Homestead selection ..	44	17,720 2 26	25	7,622 1 19	14	9,052 0 31	5	1,046 0 9	485 5 4
	Improvement lease.....	4	22,537 3 0	4	22,537 3 0	...	.....	...	.....	361 1 7
	Special lease	2	37 0 36	1	10 0 23	...	.....	1	27 0 13	2 0 0
Total		50	40,295 2 12	30	30,170 1 2	14	9,052 0 31	6	1,073 0 22	848 6 11
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.										
	Special purchase.....	6	2 1 35	...	.....	...	.....	6	2 1 35	.....
	Grand Totals.....	188	127,745 1 39	68	60,910 2 37	...	.....	...	.....	1,256 6 8

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS CONFIRMED.

No.	Nature of Conversion.	Area.
48	Homestead selections.....	15,927 2 38
9	Settlement leases	18,637 0 16
6	Improvement leases	25,680 3 0
5	Special leases	665 0 23
68		60,910 2 37

SCHEDULE LXXXVIII.

RETURN showing places of Meetings, length of Sittings, and number of Cases dealt with during 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Place of Meeting.	Number of Courts held.	Duration of sittings (Three hours or less = half-day).	Number of Cases.		
					Dealt with.	Adjourned.	
Armidale.....	Armidale.....	Armidale	12	days. 17½	{ 328 51*	33	
		Bundarra (dealt with by Inverell Board).	.....	.....	27	.....
		Guyra	2	1½	27	.....
		Hillgrove	4	2½	26	3	
		Walcha Road	5	3½	50	3	
		Wandsworth.....	1	½	3	.....
		Wollombi	4	3½	60	3	
		Glen Innes	10	13	{ 202 15*	23	
		Inverell	3	1½	{ 39 15*	2	
		Bundarra	4	3½	38	6	
		Inverell	9	15	238	27	
		Wandsworth.....	4	2	56	1	
		Tenterfield	Deepwater	1	½	{ 15 19*
		Tenterfield	Tenterfield	12	12½	314	14
		Wilson's Downfall	Wilson's Downfall	5	4	98	10
		Walcha	Walcha.....	6	6	{ 173 1*	21
			Total		82	87	1,795	143

SCHEDULE LXXXVIII.—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Place of Meeting.	Number of Courts held.	Duration of sittings (Three hours or less = half day).	Number of Cases.	
					Dealt with.	Adjourned.
Bourke	Bourke	Bourke	6	15½	{ 132 3*	10
	Brewarrina	Brewarrina	3	11½	{ 109	16
	" East	"	Included in Brewarrina cases.			
	Cobar	Cobar	3	6½	{ 67	4
	Wilcannia	Wilcannia	2	6	{ 44 2*	3
	Willyama	White Cliffs	2	6½	{ 84	2
		Broken Hill	3	16	{ 139	5
		Menindie	2	5	{ 41	3
		Total	21	67	621	43
	Dubbo	Coonamble	Coonamble	4	9	{ 192 10*	22
Dubbo		Gilgandra	1	½	{ 11	1
		Dubbo	10	32½	{ 475 18*	64 2
Nyngan		Nyngan	5	15	{ 233 3*	16
Warren		Warren	5	16½	{ 193 3*	11
Total		25	73½	1,138	116	
Forbes.....	Barmedman and Barmedman East.	Barmedman	9	12	{ 145 3*	9
	Barmedman	Wyalong	7	19	{ 55	5
	Condobolin	Condobolin	8	14	{ 131	14
	Forbes	Forbes	8	20½	{ 249 3*	26
	Grenfell	Grenfell	8	11½	{ 118 6*	11
	Parkes	Parkes	7	15½	{ 307 8*	23
	Total	47	92½	1,025	88	
Goulburn	Bega	Bega	9	8½	{ 85	8
	Bombala	Cobargo	2	1	{ 21	1
		Bombala	11	10½	{ 171 2*	9
	Boorowa	Delegete	2	1½	{ 34	2
		Boorowa	5	4½	{ 69 4*	4
	Braidwood	Binalong	6	3½	{ 61	6
		Braidwood	7	7	{ 185 6*	17
	Cooma.....	Cooma	11	10	{ 304 13*	14
		Adaminaby	3	3	{ 59	4
		Buckley's Crossing	4	4	{ 114	4
	Eden	Eden	3	2½	{ 43 1*	1
		Wyndham	3	2½	{ 54	.....
	Goulburn	Goulburn	7	7	{ 117 2*	7
		Crookwell	3	+	{ 27	2
	Gunning	Taralga	4	3	{ 62	5
		Gunning	3	3	{ 57	4
		Crookwell	3	2	{ 13	1
	Moruya	Moruya	3	2	{ 37 1*	1
		Bodalla	3	2	{ 30	.....
	Moss Vale	Moss Vale	7	6½	{ 80 1*	9
	Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan	7	7	{ 145 1*	7
	Yass	Yass	4	3	{ 70 5*	2
	Young.....	Young	11	11	{ 182 1*	17
Total	121	105	2,057	125		

Time occupied included in Gunning Return.

SCHEDULE LXXXVIII—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Place of Meeting.	Number of Courts held.	Duration of Sittings (Three hours or less = half-day).	Number of Cases.			
					Dealt with.	Adjourned.		
Grafton	Bellingen .. :.....	Bellingen	3	5½	{ 124 1*	4		
		Bourville.....	2	1½	{ 30	.....	
		Casino	3	8	{ 155	8		
		Grafton	7	10	{ 194	6		
		Kempsey	1	1	{ 12	.....	
		Kempsey	3	7	{ 109	6		
		Lismore	3	8½	{ 151 2*	4		
		Ballina	2	3	{ 27	2		
		Murwillumbah	3	1½	{ 40	2		
		Murwillumbah.....	4	5	{ 45 4*	.....	
		Port Macquarie	3	4½	{ 75 1*	1		
Total			34	55½	970	33		
Hay.....	Balranald	Balranald	4	14	{ 209 25*	6		
		Deniliquin	5	29½	{ 329 29*	11		
		Hay	6	37	{ 362 37*	16		
		Hillston	3	11	{ 183 45*	3		
		Lake Cudgellico	2	5½	{ 60	1		
		Wentworth.....	4	10½	{ 175 15*	7		
Euston	3	2	{ 18	2				
Total			27	109½	1,487	46		
Maitland.....	Cassilis	Cassilis	2	2	{ 43	.....	
		Leadville	2	3	{ 70	2		
		Merriwa	2	1½	{ 28	2		
	Dungog	Dungog	Dungog	3	8	{ 93 2*	
			Gosford.....	3	3	{ 58 1*	
	Maitland	5	2½	{ 45	.....		
	Muswellbrook.....	3	1½	{ 33	.....		
	Newcastle.....	4	6	{ 46	1			
	Paterson	2	3	{ 37	.....		
	Raymond Terrace	3	3½	{ 31	.....		
	Scone	4	8½	{ 200	2			
	Singleton.....	3	3½	{ 55	.....		
	Stroud.....	Gloucester	Gloucester	3	11½	{ 122	
			Stroud	3	4	{ 60	
	Taree	Wingham	Wingham	2	2	{ 64	3	
			Cooperbrook	1	1	{ 15	
			Taree.....	2	3	{ 88 2*	
Wollombi	Forster	Forster	2	2½	{ 53	.....	
		Wollombi.....	3	2½	{ 45	1		
Total			52	72½	1,191	11		
Moree	Moree	Moree	4	40½	{ 244 75*	78		
		Warialda.....	4	11	{ 181 27*	22		
		Moree and Warialda.....	1	1	{ 30	1		
		Bingara	3	8	{ 96 18*	20		
		Walgett	1	16	{ 148 23*	21		
		Walgett North, Walgett, and Moree.	1	2	{ 16	3		
Total			14	78½	858	145		
Orange	Bathurst.....	Bathurst	6	11½	{ 163	1		
		Oberon	2	1½	{ 22	.....	
		Carcoar	5	11	{ 105	11		
		Trunkey	3	5	{ 95	2		
		Cowra	4	6	{ 103	10		
		Lithgow	Lithgow	Lithgow	7	7½	{ 99	17
				Katoomba.....	1	1½	{ 16	1
		Oberon	Oberon	Oberon	3	2	{ 66	1
				Molong	5	11	{ 124	6
		Canowindra	Canowindra	Canowindra	4	7	{ 64	8
				Cummock	4	4	{ 74	2
		Cudal.....	Cudal.....	Cudal.....	1	1½	{ 19
				Mudgee	6	18½	{ 436	29
		Gulgong	Gulgong	Gulgong	1	1½	{ 11	1
				Orange	4	4	{ 41	2
		Rylstone	5	12	{ 368	3		
		Wellington.....	5	13½	{ 181	19		
Total			66	119	1,987	113		

SCHEDULE LXXXVIII—continued.

Land Board District	Land District	Place of Meeting	Number of Courts held	Duration of Sittings (Three hours or less = half day)	Number of Cases	
					Dealt with	Adjourned
Sydney	Campbelltown	Campbelltown	2	1	18	..
	Kiama	Kiama	2	1	3	... .
	Liverpool	Liverpool	2	4½	9	..
	Metropolitan	Sydney	6	33	94	8
	Milton	Milton	3	2	45	
	Nowra	Nowra	4	5	81	.
	Parramatta	Parramatta	2	2	17	.
	Penrith	Penrith	2	1	18	
	Picton	Picton	2	1½	40	
	Windsor	Windsor	3	8½	75	4
Wollongong	Wollongong	1	½	2	..	
	Total		29	60	402	12
Tamworth ...	Coonabarrabran	Coonabarrabran	5	8½	{ 140 10*	12 2*
		Coolah	1	1½	23	2
	Gunnedah	Gunnedah	7	13½	{ 213 12*	17 1*
		Boggabri	3	4	72	2
		Tambar Springs	3	2½	45	1
	Murrurundi	Murrurundi	2	2½	{ 8 6*	5 3*
		Quirindi	6	6	76	4
	Narrabri	Narrabri	6	6½	{ 125 10*	11 2*
		Pilliga	5	6½	22	7
		Wee Waa	6	4½	66	4
	Tamworth	Tamworth	13	17	{ 354 56*	34 6*
		Baraba	5	6½	69	11
		Manilla	6	7½	79	5
	Total		68	87	1,386	129
Wagga Wagga	Albury	Albury	3	7	84	4
		Germanton	3	4	47	17
	Corowa	Corowa	2	2½	21	18
		Mulwala	2	5	47	12
	Cootamundra and Cootamundra Central.	Cootamundra	3	5½	66	9
		Temora	3	11	90	19
	Gundagai	Gundagai	3	11½	{ 141 2*	16
	Narrandera	Narrandera	3	16	159	16
	Tumbarumba and Tumbarumba North	Tumbarumba	3	14	183	29
	Tumut	Tumut	3	13½	157	31
	Urana	Urana	3	14½	134	12
		Jerilderie	3	11	103	19
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga	3	37	351	77	
	Coolamon	1	4½	66	21	
	Total		38	157	1,651	300
SUMMARY						
Armidale Local Land District			82	87	{ 1,694 101*	146
Bourke			21	67	{ 616 5*	43
Dubbo			25	73½	{ 1,104 34*	114 2*
Forbes			47	92½	{ 1,005 20*	88
Goulburn			121	105	{ 2,020 37*	125 1*
Grafton			34	55½	{ 962 8*	33
Hay			27	109½	{ 1,330 151*	46
Matland			52	72½	{ 1,186 5	11
Moree			14	78½	{ 715 143*	145
Orange			66	119	1,987	113
Sydney			29	60	402	12
Tamworth			68	87	{ 1,292 94*	115 14
Wagga Wagga			38	157	{ 1,649 2*	300
Total			624	1,164	16,568	1,308

* Cases marked thus * were dealt with by Chairman sitting only.

SCHEDULE LXXXIX.

RETURN showing the number of Instructions issued to, and Reports received from, Inspectors regarding Conditional Purchases, Homestead Selections, Conditional Leases, Homestead Leases, Settlement Leases, and Miscellaneous Cases during the year 1899.

Land Board District and Land Districts.	Name of Inspector.	No. of Instructions issued to Inspectors to report on C.P's., C.L's., &c.						No. of C.P's., C.L's., &c., visited and reported on by Inspectors.					
		C.P's.	Home- stead Sele- ctions.	C.L's.	H.L's.	Settle- ment Leases.	Misc. Cases.	C.P's.	Home- stead Sele- ctions.	C.L's.	H.L's.	Settle- ment Leases.	Misc. Cases.
Armidale—													
Armidale.....	George Silcock.....	219	54	70	...	3	28	196	46	66	...	3	29
Glen Innes.....	J. B. Wisdom.....	159	30	16	...	2	2	159	26	19	...	2	2
Inverell.....	do.....	165	21	56	...	5	20	141	13	46	...	3	14
Tenterfield.....	do.....	171	37	53	...	7	15	164	35	56	...	6	11
Walcha.....	George Silcock.....	59	12	14	...	2	4	53	12	9	...	1	5
	Totals.....	773	154	209	...	19	69	713	132	196	...	15	61
Bourke—													
Bourke.....	E. B. Barton.....	1	25	...	27	3	50	1	33	...	16	3	59
Do.....	Thomas Miller.....	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	7	...	1
Do.....	A. W. Mullen, Licensed Sur. Constable Cochrane.....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.....	do.....	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Brewarrina.....	E. B. Barton.....	2	21	4	5	7	51	2	27	3	4	8	52
Do.....	A. W. Mullen, Licensed Sur. do.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	1
Brewarrina East.....	E. B. Barton.....	9	...	6	...	13	1	12	...	6	...	11	1
Cobar.....	do.....	2	2	...	15	1	14	2	2	...	8	2	3
Do.....	Thomas Miller.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	31
Do.....	Constable Smith.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Willyama.....	Thomas Miller.....	5	...	...	65	...	18	4	...	...	76	...	21
Do.....	F. N. Harris, Licensed Sur. do.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Wilcannia.....	Thomas Miller.....	1	...	...	43	...	6	1	...	...	38	...	7
	Totals.....	20	48	10	167	24	145	22	62	9	158	25	177
Dubbo—													
Coonamble.....	E. H. Taylor.....	51	13	11	...	15	15	28	12	5	...	11	10
Dubbo.....	G. H. Langley.....	113	132	21	...	62	69	89	162	12	...	93	70
Nyngan.....	do.....	41	35	5	...	30	25	28	4	6	...	...	7
Do.....	E. H. Taylor.....	15	14	...	...	1	...	15	14	...	...	1	...
Warren.....	do.....	12	11	5	...	20	5	19	14	5	...	2	3
Do.....	G. H. Langley.....	16	11	3	...	18	2	5	4	3	...	10	1
	Totals.....	248	216	45	...	146	116	184	210	31	...	117	91
Forbes—													
Condobolin.....	R. W. Gaden (now deceased) do.....	9	...	...	...	3	5	17	...	4	...	3	11
Forbes.....	do.....	21	57	8	...	10	11	22	19	1	...	2	3
Parkes.....	do.....	66	47	19	...	12	27	37	16	7	...	1	20
Barnedman.....	J. G. Postlethwaite.....	56	48	9	...	21	22	49	57	16	...	16	37
Barnedman East.....	do.....	31	3	8	...	...	4	31	3	9	...	...	2
Condobolin.....	do.....	4	...	3	...	11	8	6	...	6	...	7	7
Forbes.....	do.....	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Grenfell.....	do.....	31	15	9	...	27	24	34	10	9	...	28	21
Condobolin.....	W. H. Tietkens.....	53	2	17	...	43	72	50	2	17	...	...	61
Forbes.....	do.....	96	87	24	...	16	34	61	32	10	...	1	12
Parkes.....	do.....	30	46	16	...	7	21	2	11	1	...	35	3
Forbes.....	W. G. Evans.....	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Parkes.....	do.....	76	66	21	...	22	36	35	28	11	...	1	2
	Totals.....	473	371	135	...	172	268	344	178	92	...	94	182
Goulburn—													
Bega.....	J. S. Allan.....	49	6	4	...	...	4	47	13	17	...	...	3
Boorowa.....	H. E. Vindin.....	53	9	9	...	1	7	81	11	11	...	...	7
Bombala.....	J. C. Martin.....	103	28	28	...	...	12	122	23	21	...	...	12
Braidwood.....	G. W. West.....	34	4	13	...	...	2	30	...	12	...	...	2
Do.....	J. S. O'Hara.....	53	5	19	...	...	9	7	2	12	...	...	3
Do.....	W. G. Evans.....	9	...	1	...	...	3	11	2	3	...	...	...
Cooma.....	J. C. Martin.....	223	42	47	...	...	6	244	48	43	...	...	7
Eden.....	J. S. Allan.....	41	13	4	...	...	16	51	7	6	...	...	8
Goulburn.....	G. W. West.....	101	3	23	...	1	8	119	...	26	...	1	10
Gunning.....	do.....	52	7	7	...	...	1	47	...	6	...	...	5
Moruya.....	J. S. Allan.....	75	7	16	...	...	13	75	7	10	...	...	11
Moss Vale.....	G. W. West.....	46	2	11	...	...	...	41	...	16	...	...	...
Queanbeyan.....	J. S. O'Hara.....	196	16	45	...	...	11	160	10	31	...	...	8
Do.....	W. G. Evans.....	13	1	1	...	...	...	13	4	6	...	...	1
Yass.....	H. E. Vindin.....	34	18	9	...	1	...	57	10	7	...	...	8
Young.....	H. E. Vindin.....	174	63	4	...	...	22	102	53	4	...	...	17
	Totals.....	1,256	224	241	...	3	114	1,207	190	231	...	1	102

SCHEDULE LXXXIX—continued.

Land Board District and Land Districts.	Name of Inspector.	No of Instructions issued to Inspectors to report on C P's, C L's, &c.					No of C P's, C L's, &c, visited and reported on by Inspectors.						
		C.P's.	Home-stead Selections	C.L's.	H L's	Settlement Leases	Misc. Cases.	C.P's.	Home-stead Selections.	C.L's	H L's.	Settlement Leases	Misc. Cases.
Grafton—													
Bellingen	E. J. Deverell	73	28	6	...	...	6	76	41	6	...	...	4
Casino	T. H. Wilshire	8	...	...	...	...	6	5	...	...	...	...	8
Do	W. P. Pope	54	6	7	...	...	12	61	5	8	...	...	3
Grafton	E. J. Deverell	36	2	...	...	...	5	35	2	...	...	...	8
Do	T. H. Wilshire	69	13	7	...	...	16	67	8	5	...	...	11
Kempsey	do	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Do	G. R. Brown	26	11	5	...	...	5	42	16	4	...	...	5
Lismore	W. P. Pope	77	30	...	...	...	7	76	24	...	...	...	7
Murwillumbah	do	51	11	1	...	...	1	48	10	1	...	...	1
Port Macquarie	G. R. Brown	14	...	1	...	...	7	18	...	3	...	...	7
Totals		409	101	27	...	...	65	429	106	27	...	...	54
Hay—													
Balranald	G. S. M. Grant	3	2	...	37	...	13	2	2	...	33	...	15
Bilranald, South	do	35	15	6	...	1	...	40	18	8	...	2	...
Deniliquin	do .....	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Do	O. Wilshire	53	102	3	...	33	13	44	98	3	...	20	11
Hay	G. S. M. Grant	29	59	6	...	30	10	28	67	4	...	48	11
Do	M. T. Day	64	25	16	1	4	11	53	26	12	1	3	7
Hay, North	do .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hillston	do	41	128	3	2	4	14	30	124	1	3	5	16
Hillston, North	do	4	5	1	4	...	6	4	3	1	4	...	6
Wentworth... ..	G. S. M. Grant	1	4	...	4	...	5	1	4	...	4	...	4
Do	D. A. Morgan	12	3	...	54	...	15	7	...	...	48	...	12
Totals		242	343	35	102	72	98	209	342	29	93	78	88
Matland—													
Cassils	J. B. Combes	48	70	25	...	1	4	54	76	33	...	1	4
Dungog	do .....	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do	J. Hardiman	9	6	5	...	...	...	5	5	6	...	...	...
Gosford	J. Martin	32	27	1	...	...	1	36	29	1	...	...	...
Matland	do	12	17	...	...	...	1	16	16	...	...	...	...
Muswellbrook	J. B. Combes	29	1	3	...	...	1	28	2	4	...	...	1
Newcastle	J. Martin	8	8	...	...	...	...	10	6	...	...	...	...
Paterson	J. B. Combes	2	17	1	...	...	...	12	11	3	...	...	...
Raymond Terrace ..	J. Martin	5	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	...	...
Do	J. Hardiman	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Seone	J. B. Combes	63	8	19	...	1	15	51	8	7	...	...	10
Singleton	do	18	30	2	...	...	5	22	31	2	...	...	4
Stroud	J. Hardiman	27	8	9	...	...	2	28	8	10	...	...	1
Taree	do	51	3	7	...	...	4	53	3	8	...	...	5
Wollombi	J. Martin	13	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	2	...	...	...
Totals		318	195	80	...	2	33	340	195	79	...	1	25
Moree—													
Bingara	E. C. McPherson	24	...	12	...	13	19	26	...	19	...	13	17
Moree	do	66	...	42	...	105	29	49	...	34	...	101	24
Do	W. Webster	9	...	9	...	7	...	9	...	7	...	7	...
Walgett	do	31	14	10	...	68	4	30	8	11	...	64	4
Walgett, North ..	do .....	...	...	...	7	...	39	...	...	9	...	...	33
Warialda	E. C. McPherson	67	3	45	...	30	55	63	2	48	...	22	50
Tamworth—													
Narrabri	W. Webster .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Totals		197	17	118	7	225	146	177	10	119	9	209	128
Orange—													
Bathurst	J. S. O'Hara	15	...	3	...	...	6	26	...	3	...	...	19
Do	R. Deighton	32	...	2	...	...	34	8	...	...	...	...	2
Carcoar	J. S. O'Hara	13	1	8	...	...	7	14	...	7	...	...	4
Do	R. Deighton	49	3	16	...	1	35	28	1	4	...	...	12
Cowra	do	79	41	3	...	...	6	59	39	3	...	...	6
Lithgow	J. S. O'Hara	11	...	4	...	...	3	18	...	5	...	...	9
Do	R. Sim	22	1	6	...	...	7	13	...	4	...	...	5
Do	R. Deighton	20	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Molong	do	107	22	20	...	...	12	87	25	15	...	...	10
Mudgee	R. Sim	99	22	23	...	2	36	88	25	26	...	...	41
Orange	R. Deighton	10	...	2	...	...	9	5	...	...	...	...	3
Rylstone	R. Sim	41	15	5	...	7	11	44	7	14	...	5	11
Wellington	do	51	5	16	...	...	24	65	4	17	...	...	26
Totals		549	110	111	...	10	190	460	101	98	...	5	148
Sydney—													
Campbelltown	H. O. Rotton	9	21	...	...	...	...	7	19	...	...	...	...
Kiama	do	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Liverpool	do .....	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Milton	do	9	2	1	...	...	...	12	6	1	...	...	...
Nowra	do	18	6	3	...	...	2	11	7	2	...	...	3
Parramatta	J. B. Brown	9	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Penrith	do	7	11	...	...	...	...	7	11	...	...	...	...
Pieton	do	31	...	10	...	...	...	33	1	15	...	...	...
Windsor	do	64	53	2	...	...	...	68	68	1	...	...	...
Totals		148	99	16	...	...	2	147	116	19	...	...	3

SCHEDULE LXXXIX—continued.

Land Board District and Land Districts.	Name of Inspector.	No of Instructions issued to Inspectors to report on C.P's, C.L's, &c						No. of C.P's., C.L's., &c., visited and reported on by Inspectors.					
		C.P's.	Home-stead Selections	C.L's.	H.L's.	Settlement Leases.	Misc. Cases.	C.P's.	Home-stead Selections.	C.L's.	H.L's.	Settlement Leases.	Misc. Cases.
Tamworth—													
Coonabarrabran	Bishop Lyne	23	2	14	...	8	11	15	...	10	...	3	6
Do	Wm. McDonald	48	5	26	...	36	15	16	3	5	...	14	4
Do	Wm. H. Thetkens	11	2	7	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gunnedah	do	1	2	...	...	...	...	8	5	3	...	2	...
Do	Wm. McDonald	65	92	23	...	21	5	70	65	18	...	12	6
Do	Sir Wm. Broun, Bart.	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Murrurundi	do	20	...	6	...	...	4	26	...	12	...	...	2
Do	Wm. McDonald	13	15	1	...	1	...	12	7	1	...	2	...
Narrabri	do	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...
Do	Bishop Lyne	77	27	34	...	62	7	100	22	45	...	65	9
Do	W. H. Thetkens	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	1
Tamworth	do	1	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	21	...	...	...
Do	Wm. McDonald	8	...	1	...	11	...	9	...	2	...	1	...
Do	Sir Wm. Broun, Bart.	217	24	95	...	6	35	261	19	112	...	4	39
Totals		486	185	207	...	151	80	545	136	230	...	103	67
Wagga Wagga—													
Albury	S. Payten	21	44	4	...	...	4	27	44	10	...	...	6
Cootamundra	F. B. Mulligan	96	83	12	...	...	6	88	70	10	...	...	7
Do Central	do	1	12	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	...	...	1
Corowa	S. Payten	58	57	...	...	...	3	55	97	...	...	...	4
Gundagai	F. B. Mulligan	25	1	8	...	...	44	29	9	...	...	...	48
Narrandera	J. G. Condell	58	152	5	...	2	9	52	134	4	...	1	7
Tumbarumba	W. J. Barnes	38	...	22	...	...	8	43	...	26	...	...	8
Do North	do	3	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	3
Tumut	do	24	1	14	...	...	41	22	2	13	...	...	29
Urana	J. G. Condell	22	122	...	...	1	9	20	117	...	...	2	9
Do	S. Payten	42	53	...	...	8	5	38	44	...	...	5	4
Wagga Wagga	W. J. Barnes	60	136	5	...	10	12	60	135	3	...	10	12
Do	F. B. Mulligan	82	157	3	...	...	18	68	98	4	...	...	10
Totals		530	858	73	...	21	161	506	758	79	...	18	148
Grand Totals		5 649	2,921	1,307	...	276	845	1,487	5,283	2,536	1,239	260	666

SCHEDULE XC.

RETURN of Applications for Permission to Ringbark for the year 1899.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Applications made during 1899.						Applications made prior to 1899.			No of applications outstanding at end of year.
		No. received.	Area applied for.	Fees lodged.	No. allowed.	Area allowed.	No. disallowed.	No. allowed.	Area allowed.	No. disallowed.	
Armidale	Armidale	3	acres. 1,722	£ s. d. 6 0 0	1	acres. 720	...	1	acres. 3,650	...	2
	Inverell	5	18,739	14 0 0	...	...	...	...	1	...	5
	Tenterfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,920	...	...
	Walcha	2	7,040	5 0 0	1	5,120	...	1	5,000	...	1
	Totals	10	27,501	25 0 0	2	5,840	...	3	10,570	1	8
Bourke	Bourke	10	336,631	38 0 0	10	336,331	...	...	...	...	...
	Brewarrina	9	54,860	29 0 0	9	54,860	...	1	10,240	...	...
	Cobar	1	10,800	5 0 0	...	...	...	1	13,120	...	1
	Totals	20	402,291	72 0 0	19	391,191	...	2	23,360	...	1
Dubbo	Coonamble	11	32,309	29 0 0	3	8,542	1	...	...	...	7
	Dubbo	52	143,608	137 0 0	14	61,724	...	21	43,548	...	38
	Nyngan	22	361,218	71 0 0	11	196,698	...	4	152,388	...	11
	Warren	6	14,051	17 0 0	4	10,240	...	1	2,000	...	2
	Totals	91	551,186	254 0 0	32	277,204	1	26	197,936	...	58
Forbes	Barmedman	1	1,920	2 0 0	...	...	...	1	740	...	1
	Condobolin	4	3,030	8 0 0	1	1,012	...	...	...	...	3
	Forbes	3	3,951	6 0 0	...	...	...	2	3,620	...	2
	Grentell	2	4,619	4 0 0	1	2,039	1	...	...	...	...
	Parkes	1	1,718	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Totals	11	15,238	22 0 0	2	3,081	1	3	4,360	...	7
Goulburn	Boorowa	1	1,920	2 0 0	1	1,920	...	...	...	...	...
	Braidwood	4	1,370	8 0 0	4	1,370	...	...	...	...	...
	Cooma	1	480	2 0 0	1	480	...	...	...	...	...
	Goulburn	3	2,440	6 0 0	2	2,010	...	2	2,420	...	1
	Gunning	1	550	2 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Young	1	80	2 0 0	...	...	...	1	500	...	1
Totals	11	6 840	22 0 0	8	5,780	...	3	2,920	...	3	

SCHEDULE XC—continued.

Land Board District.	Land District.	Applications made during 1899.						Applications made prior to 1899.			No. of applications outstanding at end of year.
		No. received.	Area applied for.	Fees lodged.	No. allowed.	Area allowed.	No. disallowed.	No. allowed.	Area allowed.	No. disallowed.	
Grafton.....	Casino	1	acres. 1,920	£ s. d. 2 0 0	1	acres. 1,920	.....	1	acres. 5,120	.....	.....
	Grafton	2	6,920	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
	Kempsey	1	1,920	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	1,000	.....	1
	Port Macquarie	3	1,920	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
	Totals	7	12,680	15 0 0	1	1,920	.....	2	6,120	1	6
Hay	Balnald	3	8,200	8 0 0	3	8,200	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
	Deniliquin	1	740	2 0 0	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hay	1	500	2 0 0	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hillston.....	1	20,000	5 0 0	1	10,000	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
	Wentworth	1	1,920	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	1,920	.....	1
Totals	7	31,360	19 0 0	5	18,700	1	1	1,920	3	1	
Maitland	Cassilis	2	3,387	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2
	Maitland	1	60	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Scone.....	1	240	2 0 0	1	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Stroud	1	640	2 0 0	1	640	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Taree.....	1	640	2 0 0	1	640	.....	1	8,000	.....	.....
Totals	6	4,967	14 0 0	3	1,520	.....	1	8,000	1	3	
Moree	Bingara.....	3	5,781	2 0 0	2	3,811	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moree	52	209,219	2 0 0	46	185,135	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
	Warialda	6	21,406	3 0 0	5	18,272	.....	.....	.....	1	1
	Walgett	9	22,884	.....	9	22,884	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Walgett, North	14	73,558	30 0 0	10	48,258	.....	2	2,050	.....	4
Totals	84	332,798	37 0 0	72	278,360	1	2	2,050	1	11	
Orange	Bathurst	7	7,042	14 0 0	4	3,732	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
	Carcoar	3	1,784	6 0 0	1	640	.....	1	320	.....	2
	Lithgow	2	1,042	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
	Mudgee	7	14,001	17 0 0	5	5,690	.....	2	1,964	.....	2
	Rylstone	4	2,288	8 0 0	2	1,528	2	1	1,400	.....	.....
	Wellington	3	3,560	6 0 0	2	2,060	.....	2	1,866	1	1
Totals	26	29,717	55 0 0	14	13,650	2	6	5,550	1	10	
Tamworth.....	Coonabarabran	1	3,080	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
	Tamworth.....	12	18,512	27 0 0	6	7,460	1	2	1,740	1	5
	Totals	13	21,592	30 0 0	6	7,460	1	2	1,740	3	6
Wagga Wagga	Albury .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	175	.....	.....
	Cootamundra	1	228	2 0 0	1	228	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gundagai	2	960	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2
	Tumbarumba	1	600	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Tumbarumba, N'th	1	640	2 0 0	1	640	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tumut	1	350	2 0 0	1	350	.....	1	340	.....	.....
	Wagga Wagga	1	3,200	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Totals	7	5,978	15 0 0	3	1,218	1	2	515	1	3	
Grand Totals...	293	1,442,148	580 0 0	167	1,005,924	8	53	265,041	12	117	

SCHEDULE XCI.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Letters Registered at Head Office during the years 1898 and 1899.

Branch.	Documents Registered.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1898.	1899.		
Alienation	17,328	18,336	1,006	.....
Conditional sales	32,158	39,115	6,957	.....
Conditional leases.....	5,894	7,940	2,046	.....
Ministerial	14,273	15,258	985	.....
Miscellaneous	16,518	17,247	729	.....
Miscellaneous leases	18,026	17,061	.....	965
Occupation.....	13,423	14,416	993	.....
Rabbit and labour settlement	766	1,018	252	.....
Norfolk Island papers	795	844	49	.....
Forest Branch	5,204	6,480	1,276	.....
	124,385	137,715	14,293	965
			Net increase, 13,328	

SCHEDULE XCII.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Manuscript Letters, Formal Documents, despatched from Head Office during years 1898 and 1899.

Year.	Manuscript Letters.	Formal Letters, including Printed Letters, Schedules, Executive Council Minutes, <i>Gazette</i> Notices, Books of Reference to Benches of Magistrates, and Plans of Road to same, &c.		Parcels.	Totals.
		Printed Letters, Executive Council Minutes.	Schedules.		
1898	29,936	118,399	957	23,467	172,759
1899	33,562	121,812	824	23,810	180,008
Increase	3,626	3,413	.....	343	7,249
Decrease .....	.....	.....	133	.....	.....
Telegrams sent during 1898					1,691
Telegrams sent during 1899					2,371
Increase					680
Circulars sent during 1898					104
Circulars sent during 1899					104

Exclusive of Norfolk Island work, which is shown separately.

ADMINISTRATION of Norfolk Island Affairs.

Year.	Registered Papers.	Letters Despatched.	Telegrams.	Totals.
1898	795	429	4	1,228
1899	844	403	1	1,248
Increase	49	.....	.....	20
Decrease .....	.....	26	3	.....

SCHEDULE XCIII.

SHOWING number of Letters and Documents received at and despatched from the Head Offices of the Local Land Boards during the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Land Board District.	Received.	Despatched.			Total No. Despatched.
	No. of Letters and Circulars.	Manuscript Letters.	Formal Documents (Partly printed and partly manuscript)	Parcels (Including Maps, &c.)	
Armidale	11,148	5,711	6,389	675	12,775
Bourke	5,682	2,120	2,421	368	4,909
Dubbo	8,071	923	9,247	153	10,323
Forbes	9,254	1,877	7,860	1,812	11,549
Goulburn	12,049	1,627	9,973	444	12,044
Grafton	7,283	1,492	3,895	498	5,885
Hay	6,343	1,036	4,533	500	6,069
Maitland	9,068	1,222	7,724	610	9,556
Moree	6,335	710	2,689	351	3,750
Orange	10,805	1,224	12,691	441	14,356
Sydney	2,617	287	1,603	30	1,920
Tamworth	9,710	2,548	8,743	715	12,006
Wagga Wagga	14,439	2,151	15,050	678	17,879
Totals	112,804	22,928	92,818	7,275	123,021

SCHEDULE XCIV.

APPROXIMATE Statement of Land Alienated and Unalienated in the Colony on the 31st December, 1899.

1. Area alienated in all forms prior to 1862	acres. 7,146,579
2. Area alienated by auction sale and after auction selection (including sales under deferred payments) from 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1899	11,144,940
3. Area alienated by improvement and special purchase during the same period	2,800,656
4. Area alienated by conditional purchase during same period for which deeds have issued	3,310,396
5. Area alienated under Volunteer Land Regulations of 1867, to 31st December, 1899, for which deeds have issued	168,445
6. Area alienated by all other forms during same period, including lands dedicated	803,587
Area alienated up to 31st December, 1899	
7. Estimated area of unalienated land in the Colony on the 31st December, 1899	25,374,603 173,263,477
* Estimated area of Colony, 310,372 square miles; or,	
8. Area under incomplete conditional purchase up to 31st December, 1899, exclusive of forfeitures, lapsings, cancellations, disallowances, and voidances	198,638,080
9. Area comprised in homestead selections in existence on 31st December, 1899, exclusive of forfeitures, disallowances, &c.	20,212,507
10. Area converted into homestead selections under section 20, Crown Lands Act of 1895	1,241,213
	28,253

* Includes Lord Howe Island, 5 square miles.

RETURN showing Areas under Several Classifications measured by Licensed

Land Districts.	CLASS OF												
	Con- ditional Purchases.	Con- ditional Leases.	Anticipa- tion.	Special Areas.	Country Auction.	Suburban Auction.	Town Auction.	Home- stead Leases.	Special Leases.	Home- stead Selections.	Special Purchases, &c.	Reserves.	School Sites.
Armidale	No. ... 145 Area ... 13,215ac. Cost ... £988'10/2 Average ... 1s. 6d.	No. ... 160 Area ... 36,412ac. Cost ... £1,602'19/- Average ... 10½d.	...	No. ... 1 Area ... 250ac. Cost ... £15'7/7 Average ... 1s. 2½d.	No. ... 40 Area ... 2,806ac. Cost ... £234'10'8 Average ... 1s. 8d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 4ac. Cost ... £1'17'9 Average ... 9s. 5½d.	No. ... 10 Area ... 19½ac. Cost ... £26'4/9 Average ... 2' s. 11d.	No. ... 25 Area ... 1,806ac. Cost ... £167'1/- Average ... 1s. 10½d.	No. ... 20 Area ... 3,004ac. Cost ... £174'18/8 Average ... 1s. 2d.	No. ... 18 Area ... 635ac. Cost ... £53'18/- Average ... 1s. 8½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 30ac. Cost ... £27'0/4 Average ... 18s.		
Bourke	No. ... 1 Area ... 54ac. Cost ... £2'12/6 Average ... 11½d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 820ac. Cost ... £14'1/6 Average ... 4½d.	...	No. ... 4 Area ... 298ac. Cost ... £13'4/11 Average ... 10½d.	No. ... 26 Area ... 6'ac. Cost ... £17'1'11 Average ... 52s. 7d.	No. ... 22 Area ... 135,824ac. Cost ... £436'7/3 Average ... ½d.	No. ... 13 Area ... 1,346ac. Cost ... £79'11/8 Average ... 1s. 2½d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 3ac. Cost ... £2'12/6 Average ... 17s. 6d.	No. ... 17 Area ... 4,085ac. Cost ... £141'15/6 Average ... 8½d.				
Dubbo	No. ... 30 Area ... 13,053ac. Cost ... £283'16/6 Average ... 5½d.	No. ... 25 Area ... 11,439ac. Cost ... £165'4/8 Average ... 3½d.	...	No. ... 11 Area ... 4,325ac. Cost ... £115'14/10 Average ... 6½d.	No. ... 50 Area ... 15,745ac. Cost ... £522'13/2 Average ... 8d.	No. ... 4 Area ... 390ac. Cost ... £28'13/1 Average ... 1s. 6d.	No. ... 244 Area ... 80½ac. Cost ... £216'7/5 Average ... 53s. 9d.	No. ... 8 Area ... 951ac. Cost ... £63'16/9 Average ... 1s. 4d.	No. ... 63 Area ... 54,025ac. Cost ... £6'9'17/6 Average ... 3d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 1,369ac. Cost ... £77'4/9 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 5 Area ... 22ac. Cost ... £13'18'6 Average ... 12s. 8d.		
Forbes	No. ... 50 Area ... 14,542ac. Cost ... £374'15/2 Average ... 6½d.	No. ... 13 Area ... 6,919ac. Cost ... £142'9/- Average ... 5d.	...	No. ... 8 Area ... 483ac. Cost ... £37'8/7 Average ... 1s. 6½d.	No. ... 73 Area ... 17,722ac. Cost ... £634'1'11 Average ... 8½d.	No. ... 25 Area ... 49½ac. Cost ... £34'13/9 Average ... 14s.	No. ... 244 Area ... 80½ac. Cost ... £216'7/5 Average ... 53s. 9d.	No. ... 8 Area ... 951ac. Cost ... £63'16/9 Average ... 1s. 4d.	No. ... 63 Area ... 54,025ac. Cost ... £6'9'17/6 Average ... 3d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 1,369ac. Cost ... £77'4/9 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 2 Area ... 4ac. Cost ... £3'14'3 Average ... 18s. 6½d.		
Goulburn	No. ... 47 Area ... 3,634ac. Cost ... £343'8/10 Average ... 1s. 10½d.	No. ... 43 Area ... 8,885ac. Cost ... £482'0/6 Average ... 1s. 1d.	...	No. ... 4 Area ... 390ac. Cost ... £28'13/1 Average ... 1s. 6d.	No. ... 19 Area ... 88ac. Cost ... £41'18/2 Average ... 9s. 5d.	No. ... 26 Area ... 18ac. Cost ... £42'4/11 Average ... 44s. 5½d.	No. ... 24 Area ... 6ac. Cost ... £25'15/2 Average ... 79s. 3d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 860ac. Cost ... £68'17/9 Average ... 1s. 7½d.	No. ... 8 Area ... 2,297ac. Cost ... £93'6/3 Average ... 3s. 0½d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 3ac. Cost ... £0'19/10 Average ... 79s. 4d.	No. ... 2 Area ... 7ac. Cost ... £14'12'6 Average ... 7s. 10½d.	No. ... 2 Area ... 4ac. Cost ... £7'5 Average ... 23s. 5d.	
Grafton	No. ... 64 Area ... 6,204ac. Cost ... £649'2/5 Average ... 2s. 1½d.	No. ... 38 Area ... 6,036ac. Cost ... £453'19/4 Average ... 1s. 6d.	...	No. ... 31 Area ... 469ac. Cost ... £199'4/3 Average ... 8s. 6d.	No. ... 19 Area ... 88ac. Cost ... £41'18/2 Average ... 9s. 5d.	No. ... 26 Area ... 18ac. Cost ... £42'4/11 Average ... 44s. 5½d.	No. ... 24 Area ... 6ac. Cost ... £25'15/2 Average ... 79s. 3d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 860ac. Cost ... £68'17/9 Average ... 1s. 7½d.	No. ... 75 Area ... 16,566ac. Cost ... £840'0/1 Average ... 1s. 0½d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 790ac. Cost ... £91'0/9 Average ... 2s. 3½d.	No. ... 10 Area ... 41ac. Cost ... £38'14'8 Average ... 18s. 10½d.		
Hay	No. ... 12 Area ... 6,307ac. Cost ... £72'1'10 Average ... 2½d.	No. ... 2 Area ... 1,101ac. Cost ... £19'11/1 Average ... 4½d.	...	No. ... 17 Area ... 5,70ac. Cost ... £114'15'2 Average ... 5½d.	No. ... 17 Area ... 5,70ac. Cost ... £114'15'2 Average ... 5½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 2,302ac. Cost ... £68'4/7 Average ... 7½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 2,302ac. Cost ... £68'4/7 Average ... 7½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 2,302ac. Cost ... £68'4/7 Average ... 7½d.	No. ... 71 Area ... 49,047ac. Cost ... £661'14/2 Average ... 3½d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 85ac. Cost ... £9'4/7 Average ... 1s. 3½d.	No. ... 3 Area ... 6ac. Cost ... £9'4/7 Average ... 30s. 9d.		
Maitland	No. ... 84 Area ... 11,037ac. Cost ... £794'16/3 Average ... 1s. 5½d.	No. ... 66 Area ... 27,599ac. Cost ... £862'2/3 Average ... 7½d.	...	No. ... 10 Area ... 1,404ac. Cost ... £109'12/6 Average ... 1s. 6½d.	No. ... 23 Area ... 224ac. Cost ... £31'0/9 Average ... 17s. 7d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 11ac. Cost ... £6'1/6 Average ... 11s. 0½d.	No. ... 137 Area ... 4,938ac. Cost ... £280'6/8 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 4,938ac. Cost ... £280'6/8 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 116 Area ... £39'13/4 Average ... 6s. 9½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 116ac. Cost ... £39'13/4 Average ... 6s. 9½d.	No. ... 9 Area ... 17½ac. Cost ... £32'4/10 Average ... 36s. 4d.		
Moree	No. ... 54 Area ... 18,458ac. Cost ... £512'1/1 Average ... 6½d.	No. ... 47 Area ... 25,575ac. Cost ... £591'19/10 Average ... 5½d.	...	No. ... 1 Area ... 4ac. Cost ... £10'10/9 Average ... 4s. 3½d.	No. ... 6 Area ... 594ac. Cost ... £32'10/9 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 31ac. Cost ... £25'11/- Average ... 16s. 5½d.	No. ... 1 Area ... 6ac. Cost ... £2'6 Average ... 7s. 8d.	No. ... 20 Area ... 2,497ac. Cost ... £97'13/7 Average ... 9½d.	No. ... 13 Area ... 15,645ac. Cost ... £218'4/2 Average ... 3½d.	No. ... 5 Area ... 5,253ac. Cost ... £117'13/3 Average ... 5½d.			
Orange	No. ... 108 Area ... 12,735ac. Cost ... £858'14/4 Average ... 1s. 4½d.	No. ... 80 Area ... 21,401ac. Cost ... £884'11/11 Average ... 9½d.	...	No. ... 9 Area ... 1,692ac. Cost ... £72'18'4 Average ... 10½d.	No. ... 39 Area ... 974ac. Cost ... £166'17/11 Average ... 3s. 5½d.	No. ... 15 Area ... 77ac. Cost ... £28'2/8 Average ... 7s. 3½d.	No. ... 40 Area ... 21ac. Cost ... £47'5/8 Average ... 45s.	No. ... 31 Area ... 3,883ac. Cost ... £264'18/6 Average ... 1s. 4½d.	No. ... 17 Area ... 7,434ac. Cost ... £216'5/4 Average ... 7d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 6,341ac. Cost ... £100'1/6 Average ... 3½d.	No. ... 13 Area ... 40ac. Cost ... £38'17'3 Average ... 19s. 5d.		
Sydney	No. ... 7 Area ... 340ac. Cost ... £72'16/3 Average ... 4s. 3½d.	No. ... 5 Area ... 498ac. Cost ... £31'13/2 Average ... 3s. 3½d.	...	No. ... 56 Area ... 740ac. Cost ... £208'1'10 Average ... 5s. 7½d.	No. ... 41 Area ... 103ac. Cost ... £54'14/11 Average ... 10s. 7½d.	No. ... 47 Area ... 17ac. Cost ... £16'7/4 Average ... 54s. 6½d.	No. ... 8 Area ... 523ac. Cost ... £93'4/- Average ... 3s. 6½d.	No. ... 137 Area ... 4,938ac. Cost ... £280'6/8 Average ... 1s. 1½d.	No. ... 116 Area ... £39'13/4 Average ... 6s. 9½d.	No. ... 11 Area ... 116ac. Cost ... £39'13/4 Average ... 6s. 9½d.	No. ... 9 Area ... 17½ac. Cost ... £32'4/10 Average ... 36s. 4d.		
Tamworth	No. ... 59 Area ... 9,088ac. Cost ... £455'1/3 Average ... 1s.	No. ... 58 Area ... 20,412ac. Cost ... £612'18/- Average ... 7½d.	...	No. ... 14 Area ... 1,042ac. Cost ... £72'15/- Average ... 1s. 4½d.	No. ... 18 Area ... 2,839ac. Cost ... £132'6/7 Average ... 11½d.	No. ... 14 Area ... 200ac. Cost ... £30'13'3 Average ... 3s. 0½d.	No. ... 2 Area ... ½ac. Cost ... £3'0/9 Average ... 121s. 6d.	No. ... 17 Area ... 51½ac. Cost ... £61'3'2 Average ... 2s. 4½d.	No. ... 131 Area ... 62,366ac. Cost ... £1063'16/11 Average ... 4½d.	No. ... 8 Area ... 196ac. Cost ... £41'9/1 Average ... 4s. 2½d.	No. ... 2 Area ... 11½ac. Cost ... £4'13'11 Average ... 8s. 4½d.		
Wagga Wagga	No. ... 69 Area ... 14,261ac. Cost ... £507'17/7 Average ... 8½d.	No. ... 34 Area ... 11,582ac. Cost ... £382'11/4 Average ... 7½d.	...	No. ... 10 Area ... 2,747ac. Cost ... £108'9/- Average ... 9½d.	No. ... 27 Area ... 898ac. Cost ... £114'17/4 Average ... 2s. 6½d.	No. ... 96 Area ... 325ac. Cost ... £135'0/4 Average ... 8s. 3½d.	No. ... 465 Area ... 152ac. Cost ... £286'10/1 Average ... 37s. 8½d.	No. ... 20 Area ... 956ac. Cost ... £56'17/3 Average ... 1s. 9½d.	No. ... 55 Area ... 29,198ac. Cost ... £479'0/3 Average ... 3½d.	No. ... 44 Area ... 3,914ac. Cost ... £194'5/9 Average ... 11½d.	No. ... 16 Area ... 51ac. Cost ... £37'6'8 Average ... 14s. 7½d.		
Total No.	730	572		85	363	234	882	22	198	695	14	197	76
Total Area	122,933ac.	179,189ac.		11,057ac.	49,559ac.	806ac.	332ac.	135,824ac.	17,577ac.	265,307ac.	6½ac.	24,853ac.	241ac.
Total Cost	£5,915'14/2	£6,296'1/7		£632'8/4	£2,354'4/-	£352'18/7	£701'19/10	£436'7/3	£1262'14/11	£5,362'0/4	£47'14/4	£1,088'4/10	£225'8/3
Average	11½d.	8½d.		1s. 1½d.	11½d.	8s. 8½d.	42s. 3½d.	½d.	1s. 5½d.	4½d.	£7'12/8½d.	10½d.	18s. 8½d.

XCV.

Surveyors on Fees during the year 1899 in New South Wales.

MEASUREMENT.

Settle- ment Leases	Miscel- laneous.	Exchange Areas.	Improve- ment Leases.	Total for 1899.	Total for 1898.	—	Roads, 4 Wm. IV. No. 11.	Align- ments.	Feature, Geo- graphical	Boun- daries, Pastoral Holdings	Miscel- laneous.	Total for 1899.	Total for 1898.
6 19,331ac. £104/13/6 1½d.	19 279ac. £80/6/3 5s. 9d.	14 2,163ac. £89/16/6 10d	3 3,799ac. £23/11/10 1½d	473 83,753ac. £3,590/16/- 10½d.	337 72,105ac. £2,450/3/7 8½d.	No. Length Cost Average	23 2,787chs. £179/10/3 1s. 3¼d.		6 3,566chs £161/12/2 10½d.	1 260chs. £10/10/ 9½d.	8 2,460chs £122/9/2 1½d.	41 9,073chs. £474/6/7 1s. 0½d.	35 7,317chs. £285/13/9 9½d.
1 3,533ac. £29/16/8 2d.	76 38½ac. £105/16/9 5s. 4d.	4 2,472ac. £57/15/3 5½d.	5 132,280ac. £253/1/7 ¼d.	171 290,759ac. £1,153/17/- 1d.	76 500,714ac. £1,159/3/7 2d.	No. Length Cost Average	4 812chs. £55/2/4 1s. 4¼d	2 263chs. £60/18/ 4s 7½d.			3 246chs. £20/14/9 1s 8¼d.	9 1,321chs. £136/15/1 2s. 0½d.	6 9,596chs. £385/5 10 9½d.
£5 184,234ac. £1,485/4/9 1½d.	1 8,905ac. £19/13/10 ¾d.	66 36,584ac. £747/17/4 4½d.	6 16,604ac. £47/8/1 ¾d.	394 313,414ac. £4,086/4/- 3½d.	375 268,354ac £3,571/7/- 3½d.	No. Length Cost Average	16 4,893chs £318/14/11 1s 3½d.				2 4 279chs. £29/7/10 1½d.	18 9,172chs. £348/2/9 9½d.	8 2,331chs. £135/5/1 1s. 1¼d.
47 85,769ac. £845/15/7 2½d.	18 19,608ac. £70/7/7 ¾d.	110 27,712ac. £893/0/11 7½d.	7 54,274ac. £111 ¾d.	689 283,834ac £4,198/18/7 3½d.	579 365,278ac £3,804/9/10 2½d.	No. Length Cost Average	12 1,270chs. £71/2/3 1s. 1½d.				10 3,710chs. £148/16/11 9½d.	22 4,980chs. £219/19/2 10½d.	12 3,174chs. £149/6/7 11½d.
2 11,960ac. £73/10 - 1½d.	2 4½ac. £5/15/4 2s. 7½d.	10 724ac. £76/3/9 2s. 1½d.		150 29,094ac. £1,301/0/2 10½d	113 10,566ac £864/16/11 10½d	No. Length Cost Average	17 1,861chs. £182/10/3 1s 11½d.				...	...	...
	5 18½ac. £31/2/7 34s. 1½d.	3 227ac. £24 0/11 2s. 1½d.		322 31,326ac. £2,506/1/- 1s 7½d	403 47,481ac. £1,900/17/ 9½d.	No. Length Cost Average	30 2,786chs. £302/6 8 2s. 2d.				...	30 2,786chs. £302/6 8 2s. 2d.	31 4,446chs. £498/15/3 2s. 2½d.
57 253,549ac £1097/17/10 1d.	1 423ac. £5/8/7 3d.	16 4,469ac. £123/8/3 6½d.	2 10,240ac. £24/12/10 ¾d.	193 332 599ac. £2,202/7/6 1½d	148 295,206ac £2145/13/10 1½d.	No. Length Cost Average	6 5,371chs. £265/7/- 11½d.		2 2,427chs. £57/0/10 5½d.		...	8 7,798chs. £322/7/10 10d.	6 5,961chs. £283/13/3 11½d.
1 2,285ac. £24/14/- 2½d.	4 11½ac. £9/17/7 16s. 9½d.	1 376ac. £27/3/8 1s. 5½d.		347 47,818ac. £2,217 12/8 11½d.	250 21,416ac. £1,398 11/4 1s. 3½d.	No. Length Cost Average	17 4,384chs. £498/5/9 2s.				8 1,953chs. £109/11/5 1s. 1½d.	25 6,347chs. £547/17/2 1s. 8½d.	26 4,735chs. £340/16,10 1s 5½d.
115 351,581ac. £2,887/7/5 2d.	...	97 38,819ac. £84/8/6 5½d.	11 72,819ac. £178/4/4 ¾d.	394 531,320 £5,521/10/8 2½d.	342 407,221ac. £4910 17/10 2½d.	No. Length Cost Average	3 4,399chs. £86/5/4 4½d.		1 231chs. £7/14/2 8d.		4 3,812chs. £72/4/3 4½d.	8 8,442chs £166/3 9 4½d.	13 7,970chs. £480/6 8 1s 2½d.
1 557ac. £13/11/8 5½d.	42 554ac. £185/15/4 6s. 8½d.	2 736ac. £31/0/11 10½d.	6 19,640ac. £61 16/4 ¾d.	419 76,591ac. £2,970/15/8 9½d.	411 54,895ac. £2,357/13/1 10½d.	No. Length Cost Average	15 2,246chs. £199/2/9 1s. 9½d.		1 2,311chs. £121/2/4 1s. 0½d.		5 591chs. £25/14/ 10½d.	21 5,148chs. £345/19/1 1s. 4½d	16 7,580chs. £324/5/ 10½d.
..	3 2½ac. £10/5/2 82s. 1d.			211 2,989ac. £820 9/5 5s. 5½d	749 6,659ac £1,661/3 3 4s. 11½d.	No. Length Cost Average	26 3,554chs £331/0/8 1s 11½d.	17 966 £167/12/6 3s 5½d.	3 498chs. £26 7/10 1s. 0½d.		5 308chs. £35/15/10 2s. 3½d.	51 5,326chs. £580/16/10 2s 2½d.	34 5,329chs. £447/9/9 1s 1d.
55 147,798ac £1,081/15/6 1½d.	10 190ac. £69/18/2 7s 4½d.	55 13,141ac. £554/3/9 10½d.	1 7,500ac. £22 ¾d	444 265,308ac £1,205 15/4 ¾d.	638 329,983ac £4,230/12/9 3d.	No. Length Cost Average	17 2,075chs £114/2 8 1s. 1½d.				2 181chs. £1/18/6 2½d.	19 2,256chs. £116/1/2 1s. 0½d.	23 12,778chs. £452/0/10 8½d.
	33 727ac £145 9 7 4s.	96 8,122ac £210/16/1 6¼d.	1 1,700ac £5/18/6 8d.	966 74,633ac. £2,634/19/9 8d	849 245,762ac £4,967/14/6 4½d.	No. Length Cost Average	24 2,095chs £150/10/2 1s 5½d.				3 449chs. £32/13/5 1s. 5½d	27 2,544chs. £183/3/7 1s 5½d.	20 7,421chs. £359/7 2 11½d.
370 1,060,597ac. £7,644/5/11 1½d.	214 30,756ac. £739/16/9 5½d.	474 135,538 £3,682/15/2 6½d.	42 318,856ac. £727/13/6 ¾d.	5,173 2,353,433ac £37,470/7/9 3½d.	5,240 2,625,645ac £35,422/9/6 3½d.	Total No Total Length Total Cost Average per chain	213 38,533chs. £2,714/1/- 1s. 4½d.	19 1,229chs. £228/10/6 3s. 8½d.	13 9,033chs £373/17/4 9½d.	1 260 £10/15/ 9½d.	50 17,989chs. £599/6/1 8d.	296 67,044chs £3,926/9/11 1s. 2d.	244 79,702chs. £4,222/13 8 1s 0½d.

Report of the Chief Surveyor to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Department of Lands, Survey Branch, Sydney, 31 January, 1900.

I do myself the honor of submitting for your information a report of the services performed in this branch of the Department during the year 1899.

Permanent field staff. The permanent field staff attached to the General Establishment and Trigonometrical Survey comprised 65 Officers, viz.:—13 District Surveyors, 36 Surveyors, 7 Assistant Surveyors, 6 Field Assistants, and 3 Piling Overseers.

Promotion. Mr. E. W. Ellis, Assistant Surveyor, was promoted to the position of Surveyor.

Resignation. Mr. A. E. Mackay resigned his position as a Surveyor.

Death. Mr. D. M. Maitland, who held the position of District Surveyor at Armidale, died on the 24th December. Mr. Maitland had been continuously employed in this Department for upwards of thirty years, and through his demise the Department loses the services of a very capable officer.

Appointments. A competitive examination of candidates for the position of Field Assistant in the Department was held under the direction of the Public Service Board, at which Messrs. E. A. Mackenzie and W. S. Dight were successful, and were appointed to vacancies on the establishment.

Contract surveyors. The surveyors licensed to survey Crown lands of this Colony numbered 616, of whom 141 were in salaried service of the Government, leaving 475 available for employment. Of that number, 79 were engaged on contract surveys for this Department, their total earnings amounting to £42,933.

Inspection of contract surveys. One hundred and fifty-nine reports of examinations of surveys by contract surveyors were received. In sixteen cases the surveys were reported as not being up to the standard required by the Departmental survey regulations.

Licenses under the Real Property Act. One hundred and twenty-four licenses under the 100th section of the Real Property Act were renewed during the year. In each case, before issue of the license, an application for renewal has to be considered by a Board consisting of the Registrar-General and the Chief Surveyor. Three new licenses were also issued. Except in two special cases, a fee of £1 ls. was received for each license.

Thirty-nine applications for certificate of title under the Real Property Act were referred to this Department by the Registrar-General for report as to objections, if any, on behalf of the Crown. After careful investigation and comparison with original plans and documents in this office, the Registrar-General was informed of the result in each case.

At request of the High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, two surveyors have been selected for employment on trigonometrical survey, and have been sent by the Government of New South Wales to report themselves at Perak.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSE TO SURVEY CROWN LANDS.

One Board meeting for examination of candidates for license to survey Crown lands in this Colony was held in September; the examination being simultaneous and in concert with the Boards in that behalf in the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia. Of seven candidates presenting themselves, three only were successful, and were recommended to the Minister for appointment, viz., Hector Kenneth West Mackenzie, Henry Sheaffe, and Albert George Little.

TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY.

The Surveyor-in-Charge of Field Operations, Mr. J. Brooks, F.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., and Mr. F. J. Gregson, surveyor, have been engaged on this service; there have been three piling parties employed, one of them for ten months. The weather generally has been favourable for observing; and the work done comprises the determination of five first-class stations, and twelve second-class stations, besides completing one other second-class station. At three of the first-class stations there were astronomical observations. There have been 77 new stations formed, 11 stations restored, 29 reserves at trigonometrical stations measured, and 83 connection surveys. Mr. Brooks' report, being a review of the year's service, is attached hereto as an appendix.

TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY COMPUTING BRANCH.

Field books of angles at the following stations have been received, viz.:—Burra, Bothungra, Wheel-of-Fortune, Hanging Rock and Loka, observed at with 18-inch theodolite; and at Munyan, Wullwye, Hudson, Wambrook, Queengallery, Yaouk, Millbank, Lighthouse, Clear, Tennent, Coree, Blundell, Urayarra, Hartwood, Tumorra and Lampe, where the observations were made with 10-inch theodolites. Examination of these observations has been made, and the results of their reduction duly recorded in the abstract and bearing books. Calculation of the triangulation has been carried forward as the field work has advanced, and wherever practicable the final co-ordinate values have been calculated.

Computations of the triangulation over the counties of Wallace and Wellesley have been made, and similar calculations have been carried out for the counties of Cowley, Harden, and Clarendon; though, pending completion of the survey of these latter counties, the results must be considered only as provisional (and intended only to meet immediate demand for information as to the stations in these localities). Provisional positions have also been computed for a number of stations in counties adjacent to those named.

Notes of astronomical observations at Rock Lodge, Burra, Wheel-of-Fortune, Loka and Goombargana have been received, but owing to frequent demand for the services of the computers in connection with extraneous work, and the transfer of the junior computer, the reduction of these observations, though in a forward state, has not yet been completed. For the same reason, the comprehensive calculation of heights of the stations of the southern system, of the intention to undertake which mention was made in a previous report, has been again postponed, though it is expected to be in a position to carry this work out immediately.

A supplement to the register of main stations has been published during the year, and information has been collected with a view to the preparation of a further supplementary register.

The usual map illustrating the extent of the main triangulation will be found appended hereto.

All repairs to the large stock of surveying and astronomical instruments belonging to the Department have been made as occasion arose, and the stock is generally in serviceable condition.

It may be mentioned that, at request of the Queensland Government, the services of the Chief Computer were loaned to the Surveyor-General at Brisbane for three weeks.

Drafting

DRAFTING AND LITHOGRAPHIC BRANCHES.

The Chief Draftsman has prepared the following report of the services performed in the Drafting and Lithographic Branches:—

The amount of work done is about the same in volume as during the previous twelve months, and the year closed without any serious arrears of administrative business.

The demand for skilled draftsmen is increasing. Difficulty is found in filling vacancies, and in obtaining suitable men even for temporary service. The question of the strength of the Drafting Staff, and present methods of recruiting, was recently made the subject of a comprehensive report to the Under Secretary for Lands; it has arisen partly through the loss, during the year, of several experienced draftsmen by death and resignation.

The alterations and additions to the strong-room are approaching completion. It is hoped soon to have the whole of the original plans and standard maps gathered into this room, and so protected from loss or damage by fire or otherwise.

In the Lithographic Printing Branch the hours of labour have been increased to correspond with the Government Printing Office; the men now work from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Eventually a reduction of the staff will probably be effected in consequence of this arrangement.

The output of maps, while not sufficient to satisfy requirements, has been fairly well kept up. The work of the Compiling Branches has been very much interrupted for special services at headquarters and in the country offices.

The Staff of the Miscellaneous Compiling Branch has reverted to the compilation of country and town maps. The Parish Map Division, notwithstanding interruptions in service, has attained the average of past years in the number of new maps provided.

At the beginning of the year stock was taken of all original plans, and a new set of record books introduced.

CHARTING BRANCH.

With the exception of auction business, which shows a considerable falling off, the work of the branch during 1899 is about the same in volume as that of the previous year.

A greater area than usual was offered for auction during 1898, which accounts for the apparent falling off in 1899. 617 auction cases were disposed of, and an aggregate area of 81,831 acres scheduled for auction sale, against 1,437 cases dealt with, and 181,531 acres scheduled in 1898, and 658 cases and 65,379 acres in 1897.

The District Court district boundaries were gazetted, and a Colony map showing same, together with the Police, Petty Sessions, Licensing and Circuit Court Districts gazetted in 1898, was prepared and published. There has been a large demand for copies of this map from the different Government Departments.

A slight decrease is noticeable in the exchange work during the year, 1,273 cases having been dealt with, against 1,453 in 1898.

At the end of 1899, 391 of the Central Division Pastoral Leases had expired, and of these 314 have been finally dealt with for closer settlement (41 during 1899). Action is proceeding on the remaining cases and those which fall in during 1900 and 1901.

Schedules and reports were obtained from the District Surveyors, indicating the quality and capability of the lands comprised in the Central Division Leasehold Areas, falling in during 1899 and 1900. Summaries of the schedules and reports have been prepared.

3,470 plans and helios. were charted by contract, at an expense of £202 3s.

Four volumes of the Index to the Register of Reserves have been bound ready for use, and the remaining two have been type-written and will be bound at once. The completed index will be ready for use within the next two months.

The preparation of the new reserve books, and collecting the materials for these indices, were begun in 1891. The volumes now completed will be invaluable for reference purposes, and in connection with the compilation of maps.

The work of revision of plans for deed purposes again engaged the greater part of the time of two draftsmen; 2,779 plans, and 565 certified copies were examined and noted up, besides other work incidental thereto.

The Record Register of the branch shows the receipt of 10,756 registered papers, against 11,066 in 1898, made up as follows:—

	1898.	1899.	
Alienation	4,348	3,828	520 decrease.
Miscellaneous	3,933	4,490	557 increase.
Conditional Sales	1,459	1,195	264 decrease.
Leases	91	42	49 decrease.
Miscellaneous Leases	672	674	2 increase.
Ministerial	37	23	14 decrease.
Occupation	488	454	34 decrease.
Roads, &c.	38	50	12 increase.
	<u>11,066</u>	<u>10,756</u>	<u>310 decrease.</u>

Besides the above, 48 unregistered papers were received.

The work dealt with under the different headings during 1898 and 1899 is as follows:—

	1898.	1899.
Papers in Branch, 31st December	534	659
Auction papers in Branch, 31st December	86	174
Exchange cases dealt with	1,453	1,273
Plans, helios., tracings, &c., charted	3,456	3,470
Area scheduled for auction	181,531 acres.	81,831 acres.
Auction cases dealt with	658	617
Papers of all classes dealt with	10,788	11,087

COMPILING

COMPILING BRANCH.

Miscellaneous Division.—The parish work taken in hand by this branch has been completed, all the maps having been published and put into office use, with one exception, in which the map is awaiting completion of an exchange case.

Owing to demand for maps of several towns, the draftsmen who were employed upon parish map work are now dealing with the more important town maps; altogether there are 110 maps of this class requiring attention.

Under "Miscellaneous Work" it will be seen that a considerable number of maps and returns have been prepared for the Public Works Committee during the year, mostly in connection with projected railway lines.

The new Colony Map has been reduced by pantograph to the 16-mile scale for lithography; also, a new edition of the Postal Map has been prepared.

A new edition of small-scale Colony Map has been prepared and issued in a complete form, showing tanks, wells, bores, &c., &c.

Forty Parish Maps have been compiled and drawn.

The following County Maps have been charted up for new editions, viz., Denison, Phillip, King, Pottinger, Selwyn, Hardinge, Georgiana, Cowley, and standard County Maps of Cook, Northumberland, and Camden.

Compilations of the following County Maps were in hand 31st December, 1899, viz., Gowen, Monteagle, Drake, Jamison, Dampier, Gough, Clarendon, and Richmond.

Maps of the towns of Bowra, Germanton, and Warren, and of the villages of First Falls, Orara, Narromine, and Bexhill, have been compiled and drawn, and maps of the city of Grafton, and villages of Meadow Lee, Trangie, and Kingstone, were in hand on 31st December, 1899.

A map has been prepared from the surveyor's plan of the village of Springdale. Standard maps have been prepared for new editions of the towns of Condoulin, West Kempsey, Gunnedah, Bogabri, Cowra, Brewarrina, Narrandera, Gundagai, and Uralla, and villages of Mullumbimby, Jembaicumbene, Mundow, Mungindi, Appin, and Forster.

Fifty-two plans, representing 319 miles 19 chains of feature and connection surveys have been charted.

In addition to the above, a large amount of miscellaneous work has been done.

Parish Map Division.—In this Division there have been 234 new compilations made, and 121 standard maps charted up for new editions. In addition to these a large amount of special miscellaneous work has received attention.

The total number of maps issued during the year is 362, which is up to the average of previous years. 3,467 heliographs were prepared during the year.

LITHOGRAPHIC BRANCH.

During the past twelve months 392 plans of Crown lands open to settlement have been lithographed for free distribution to intending settlers.

A new and much-needed general map of the Colony, in four sheets, on 16-mile scale, being a reduction of the large map recently published, is now being lithographed.

A new edition, revised to date, of the Postal and Railway Map of New South Wales, in four sheets, has been prepared and printed.

The lithographic operations for the year, in detail, are as follows:—

Counties.

County maps show measured areas, roads, reserves, features, and all other information capable of delineation on a scale of 2 miles to an inch. They are usually photo-lithographed from compilations prepared at head office, and they are published at 5s. per copy.

Eleven county maps were printed during the year, comprising 1,919 copies, viz.:—

Ashburnham	Cowper	Hume	Pottinger
Camden	Denison	King	Taila
Cook	Goulburn	Narran	

Towns.

Town maps show the general design, measured lands and names of purchasers or lessees thereof, reserves and dedications within town and suburban limits.

The maps are generally photo-lithographed from compilations prepared at head office, or from the surveyor's original plans, to the scale of 4 or 8 chains to an inch, and, with few exceptions, sold at 1s. per copy.

Sixteen town maps were printed during the year, comprising 1,800 copies, viz.:—

Appin	Forbes	Hill End	Narrandera
Attunga	Gallymont	Howlong	Narromine
Barraba	Giro	Mt. McDonald	Telerie (specimen)
Codrington	Gundagai	Mundow	West Kempsey

Parishes.

Parish maps are compiled to a scale of 20 chains to an inch for office use, and then, as a rule, photo-lithographed to a scale of 40 chains to an inch for publication and sale at 1s. per copy.

Four hundred and eight parishes were printed during the year, comprising 37,313 copies.

Auction Sale and Surveyors' Plans.

Fifty-one plans of land measured for auction were printed during the year, comprising 6,330 copies.

Miscellaneous.

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The principal items embraced under this heading were as follows:—392 plans, illustrating areas thrown open for homestead selection, settlement lease, improvement lease or occupation license; 2 maps of New South Wales, showing respectively travelling stock routes and divisions for purposes of Crown Lands Acts; 2 maps of travelling stock routes, viz., Nyngan to Dandaloo, and River Darling to Dubbo; Land Board District of Sydney; Charts of George's River and Botany Bay, on 20 and 40 chains scales; Captain Cook's landing place, "Kurnell," Botany Bay; and 3 maps for annual report, Department of Lands, 1898.

Five hundred and twenty-three miscellaneous maps and plans were issued during the year, comprising 105,333 printed copies.

Other Departments.

Maps, plans and diagrams have been printed for the Departments of Chief Secretary, Works, Mines, Justice, and also for the Railway Commissioners, the following being worthy of mention:—The National Park; New South Wales and City of Sydney and environs, showing position of hospitals; New South Wales, showing mining districts and divisions, and illustrating also the distribution of copper ores; New South Wales, showing Police, Licensing, and District Court Districts, &c.; railway map of New South Wales; drawings of truss and low-level bridges, and military map for Easter encampment.

Thirty-five maps, plans, and diagrams were issued during the year, comprising 31,324 printed copies.

Official Forms.

Under this heading are comprised circulars, forms, decisions, and memoranda required for use, either at headquarters or in country offices, and which are generally lithographed in this branch, unless they can be more economically produced at the Government Printing Office.

Seventy-eight official forms were printed during the year, comprising 46,225 copies.

Comparative Summary for 1898 and 1899.

Map, Plan, or Document.	1898.		1899.	
	No. of Separate Maps.	No. of Copies Printed	No. of Separate Maps.	No. of Copies Printed.
Counties	9	1,300	11	1,919
Towns	24	2,450	16	1,800
Parishes	536	47,202	408	37,313
Auction Sale and Surveyors' Plans	88	9,654	51	6,330
Miscellaneous	448	111,121	423	105,333
Other Departments	18	17,170	35	31,324
Official Forms	87	62,140	78	46,225
Totals	1,210	251,037	1,022	230,244

Contracts.

Contracts for lithograph work have also been completed to the amount of £97 12s.

ROADS BRANCH.

The Roads Branch inquiries into applications for survey and opening of roads through alienated land and Crown land held under lease, and deals with correspondence relating to roads and streets matters in general, e.g., complaints of obstruction of roads, objections to proposed roads, and claims to compensation. The plans of roads are examined, catalogued, and approved in the district offices, and then forwarded to this branch, where proceedings are taken under the Public Roads Act.

The Public Roads Act of 1897, which became law on 30th June, 1897, repealed previous Acts relating to the opening and closing of roads, the granting of compensation, &c., and since the date named all new cases which come within the scope of that Act have been begun and proceeded with under its provisions. Afterwards the roads are charted upon office plans and maps, and fully noted copies of the plans are furnished to the Department of Public Works and to the Registrar-General.

If terms as to compensation for opening of roads cannot be equitably arranged with the land owner, the matter is referred to the Land Board; and the Board's appraisal is then considered, and the compensation, whether in land or money, is, if unobjectionable, recommended for consideration of the Minister, and, after approval, action to grant or to add the compensating areas to incomplete purchases is taken in this branch.

Plans of streets surveyed for alignment on the applications of Municipal Councils are examined, catalogued, and approved in District Survey Offices, then forwarded to this branch, where the cases are prepared for submission to His Excellency the Governor for approval of the proposed alignments. The Public Roads Act of 1897 legalises the performance of alignment surveys by the Crown on application being made by Municipal Councils, the establishment of alignment under the Governor's authority, and gives power to alter the alignment of streets which have previously been aligned.

Applications for permission to erect public gates under Act 39 Victoria No. 10 are considered and dealt with. The powers of the Public Gates Act have been extended by the Public Roads Act of 1897.

Applications for purchase of unnecessary roads receive preliminary consideration, and descriptions are prepared for gazettal; subsequent action is taken in Alienation Branch. The Public Roads Act of 1897 repealed the 67th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and since the 30th June, 1897, action to close and alienate unnecessary roads has been taken under the Public Roads Act.

During the year, 550 applications for survey of roads and streets were received and dealt with; also 342 surveyors' reports (exclusive of reports transmitting plans of surveys), 404 road plans showing 551 miles of road surveyed; 25 alignment plans, showing 95 streets as marked for alignment of carriage ways and footways; 71 applications for permission to erect 109 public gates; 188 applications for purchase of 320 unnecessary roads; and 418 objections and claims with regard to road and street surveys.

Information has been furnished for 4,174 letters in reply to communications and inquiries from members of the public with regard to roads and street matters. There were 8,974 papers registered during the year, which, together with 628 papers relating to roads registered in other branches, make a total of 9,602 papers received and dealt with. In 205 cases action has been taken to grant Crown land or unnecessary roads in compensation for land resumed under the Public Roads Act of 1897. The foregoing figures show an increase in the amount of work performed as compared with 1898.

OCCUPATION DRAFTING BRANCH.

An aggregate length of 33 miles 2 chains 48 links of pastoral holding boundaries was surveyed at a cost of £85 9s. 3d., a part of which, viz., £33 0s. 7d., was collected from the pastoral lessees; and a length of 5 miles 75 chains 42 links common to homestead lease boundaries was surveyed, on account of the cost of which the pastoral lessees contributed £5 18s. 10d.

The number of parish maps charted with pastoral holding boundaries shows an increase, the numbers being 450 and 475 for 1898 and 1899 respectively.

The areas and rents of 827 occupation licenses and pastoral leases were adjusted, consequent upon the reversions to and withdrawals from the areas.

A thorough investigation of the areas of 198 occupation licenses was found to be necessary.

85,200 acres were withdrawn from six leasehold areas in the Central Division under the provisions of section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Miscellaneous business in connection with 35 blocks as Improvement Leases, covering an area of 152,075 acres of the West Bogan country cleared by the Government for settlement purposes, has been carried out in this branch.

2,022 papers were recorded in the branch.

The attachment of three resumed areas to leasehold areas has been noted on office maps.

Ninety occupation licenses and lots have been prepared for sale by auction or tender.

Homestead, improvement, and other leases to the number of 657 have been noted or charted on office maps.

Four hundred and forty-two illustrative tracings and lithographs have been prepared.

Twelve hundred and forty-six oyster lease cases have been dealt with.

In addition to the above a considerable amount of miscellaneous work has been performed.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT BRANCH.

There were 3,846 drawings prepared and issued from this branch—rather less than for the previous year. Of these 385 were maps of areas set apart for settlement, 200 for illustrations of proposals for the exchange of lands, 165 standard tracings of road plans, 359 diagrams on oyster leases.

Noting work of a general character, formerly done in the Deeds and other branches, has been transferred to this branch, and formed a considerable part of the business done in the branch during the year.

PLAN RECORD BRANCH.

Approximate number of Plans entered in Books at end of the year...	284,502
Approximate number of plans issued to and returned from Officers in Metropolitan District Survey Office, Head Office, and Mines Department	143,649
Cancelled Maps received...	809
Plans sent to plan moulder	214
Issued to Inquiry Branch	551
Exhibited at counter	7,208
Surveyors' Field books in custody	7,497
Plans despatched to District Survey Offices	18,485
Plans returned from District Survey Offices	17,510
Applications from District Survey Offices (registered)	3,136
Memoranda returning plans from District Survey Offices (registered)	1,624
Draftsmen's memoranda to District Survey Offices for plans...	1,832
Certified copies received from District Survey Offices...	3,670

PLAN MOUNTING BRANCH.

The work performed comprises:—Plan mounting, 13,470 pieces; rollers, varnishing, corners, lists and miscellaneous, 613 pieces; binding, 181 pieces; parcels post, 504 pieces;—total, 14,768 pieces.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BRANCH.

There has been an increase of work in this branch during the year.

A brief statement of the duties performed is shown hereunder:—

Papers received from other branches and dealt with	12,941
Papers, plans, &c., received by post	1,071
Instructions recorded and issued to surveyors...	1,823
Reports received from surveyors and recorded...	1,530
Letters written and despatched	935
Memoranda, tracings, lithographs, plans, &c., sent to surveyors	7,350
Reports on examinations of surveys noted	159
Minutes written to Under Secretary	950
Ministerial decisions noted	421
Telegrams written and despatched	129

A record of all leave granted to the field and office staff of the Survey Branch of the Department is kept in this office.

I have, &c.,
E. TWYNAM,
Chief Surveyor.

APPENDIX.

The Surveyor-in-charge of Field Operations, Trigonometrical Survey, to the Chief Surveyor,
No. 1900-11. forwarding Annual Report for the year 1899.

Sir, Trigonometrical Survey Camp, Lockhart, 10 January, 1900.

I have the honor to forward herewith a brief summary of work done in the field by the Trigonometrical Branch for the year 1899.

Bethunga, Wheel of Fortune, Hanging Rock, Loka and Goombargana trigonometrical stations were occupied with the 18-inch altazimuth, and 2,961 horizontal angles were measured.

Millbank and Lighthouse were observed from as second-class stations, using the 10-inch theodolite, 816 horizontal observations being measured.

Vertical observations were made at all of them, 703 observations being made.

Astronomical observations were made at Wheel-of-Fortune, Loka, and Goombargana, 264 stars were observed for azimuth, 340 stars for latitude, and 31 stars for time.

Magnetic observations were made at Wheel-of-Fortune, Lighthouse, Loka, and Goombargana trigonometrical stations.

On the whole the weather during the past year has, in the district where I was employed, been rather favourable for horizontal angle observations.

Mr. Surveyor F. J. Gregson, using a 10-inch theodolite, completed observations at Wullwe, which was partly done in the preceding quarter, and observed at Hudson's Peak, Wambrook, Queen-gallery, Yaouk, Townsend, Tennent, Coree, Hartwood, Tumorrana and Lampe trigonometrical stations.

He measured 3,439 horizontal observations, and 1,136 vertical observations, and also made magnetic observations at stations named.

Two stations (Blundell and Urayarra) were observed from eccentrically to strengthen the fixation of those stations.

He measured 7 reserves and 1 connection survey.

Mr. Piling Overseer J. Healy was employed in counties Clarendon, Bland, Bourke, and Cooper. Thirty-eight stations were piled, and some of them will be first-class stations, but this point cannot be decided until the scheme is further advanced.

He measured 12 reserves and 38 connection surveys.

Mr. Piling Overseer R. C. Gordon was employed in counties Goulburn and Selwyn, where he formed 24 stations, and also piled one station (Nest) selected by Mr. Surveyor Chard.

He measured 14 reserves and 24 connection surveys.

Mr. Gordon was employed in rougher country than either Mr. Healy or Mr. Richmond, hence the number of stations formed by him is smaller than it would have otherwise been.

Mr. Licensed Surveyor J. Richmond was appointed Piling Overseer on the 9th March.

He formed 15 new stations, and restored and repiled 11 stations. He has selected 9 other points which have yet to be piled and cleared. He also recleared Yarragundry and Peddles stations.

He measured 3 reserves and 21 connection surveys.

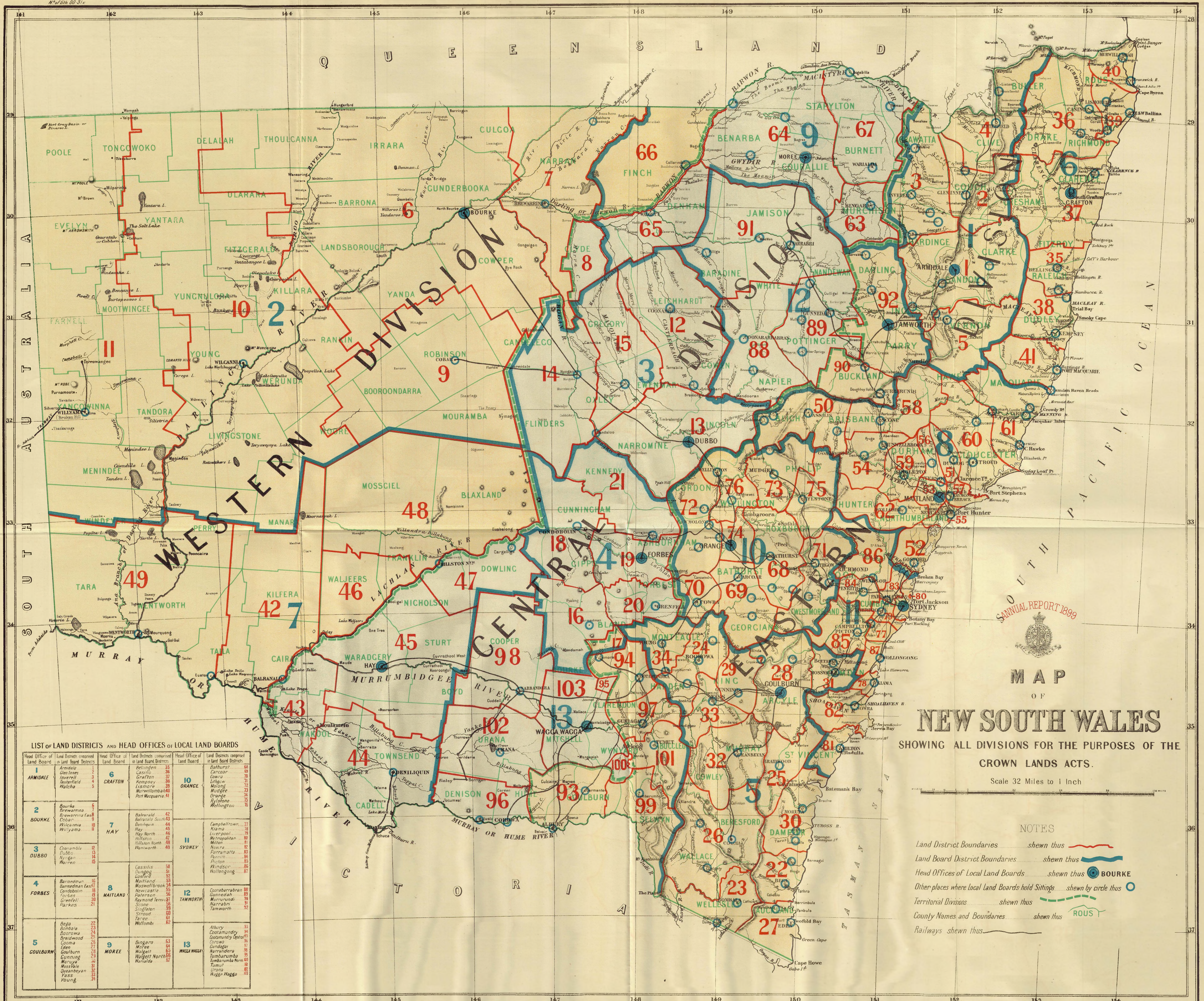
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J. BROOKS,

The Chief Surveyor, Sydney.

Surveyor-in-charge of Field Operations, Trigonometrical Survey.

[Three Plans.]



LIST OF LAND DISTRICTS AND HEAD OFFICES OF LOCAL LAND BOARDS

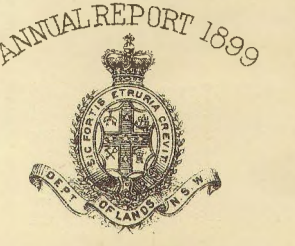
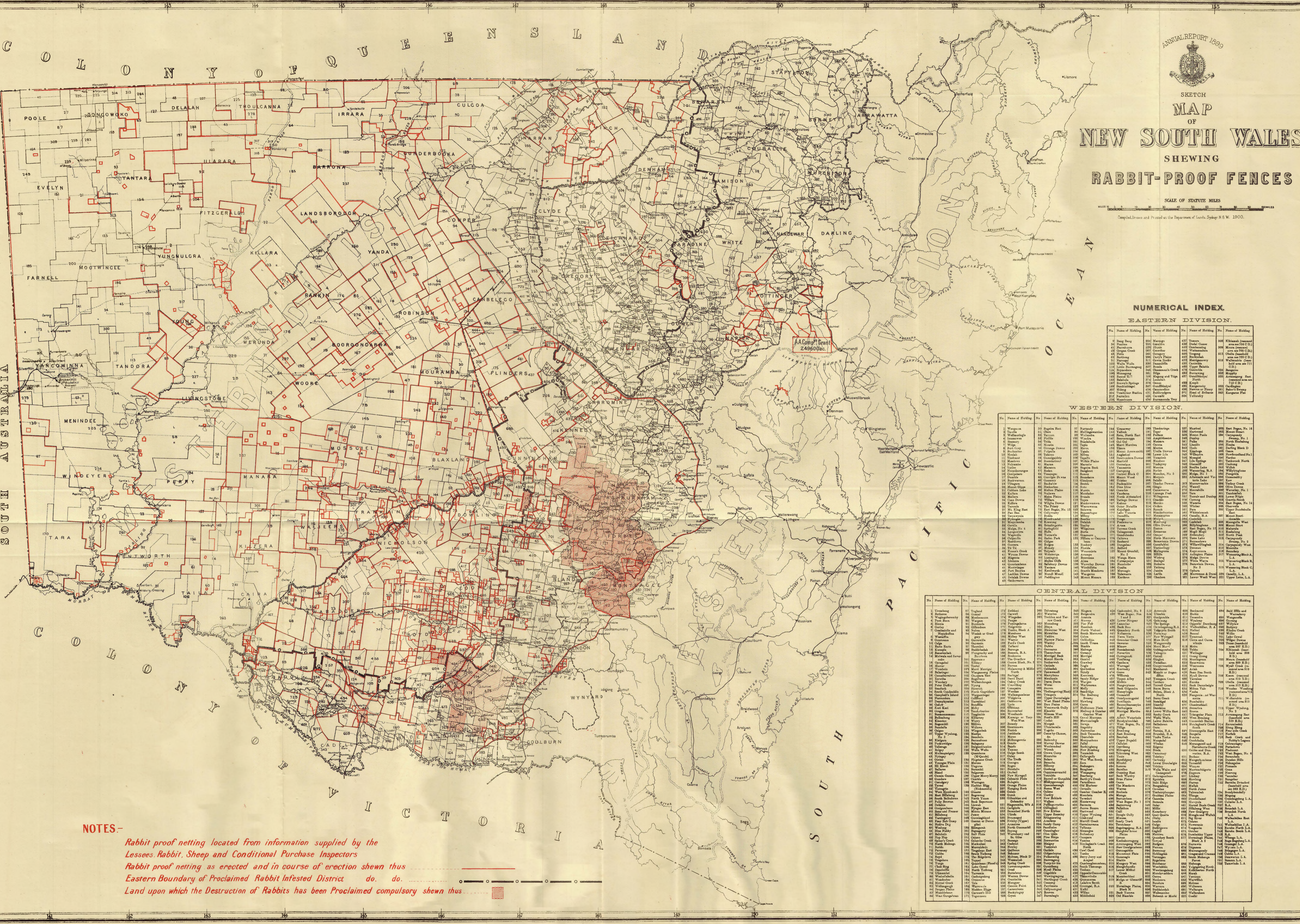
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1 ARMIDALE	Armidale Glen Innes Ivanhoe Tenterfield Welch	6 GRAFTON	Bathurst Cassilis Grafton Glen Innes Hempsey Lismore Murrumbidgee Port Macquarie	10 ORANGE	Bathurst Carcoar Cobra Lidgown Molong Mudgee Orange Rylstone Wellington
2 BOURKE	Bourke Brewarrina Cobar Wilcannia Willyama	7 HAY	Bathurst Bathurst South Hay Hay North Hillston Hillston North Wentworth	11 SYDNEY	Campbelltown Kiama Liverpool Metropolitan Milton Newara Parramatta Penrith Picton Windsor Wollongong
3 DUBBO	Comambie Dubbo Nyngon Warren	8 MAITLAND	Cassilis Dungog Gosford Maitland Muswellbrook Newcastle Paterson Raymond Terrace Scone Singleton Stroud Taree Wollombi	12 TAMWORTH	Coonabarabran Gunnedah Murrumbidgee Narrabri Tamworth
4 FORBES	Barramamba Barramamba East Candaham Forbes Glenfield Parkes	9 MORÉE	Bingara Bingera Wagga Wagga North Wagga	13 WAGGA WAGGA	Albury Coolamundry Gungahlin Gungahlin Gungahlin Narrabri Narrabri Narrabri Narrabri Narrabri Narrabri
5 GOULBURN	Bega Bomala Bopora Broadwood Cama Eden Goulburn Gunning Meruya Moss Vale Queanbeyan Yass Young				

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MAP
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES
SHOWING ALL DIVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE
CROWN LANDS ACTS.

Scale 32 Miles to 1 Inch

- NOTES
- Land District Boundaries shewn thus
 - Land Board District Boundaries shewn thus
 - Head Offices of Local Land Boards shewn thus
 - Other places where Local Land Boards hold Sittings shewn by circle thus
 - Territorial Divisions shewn thus
 - County Names and Boundaries shewn thus
 - Railways shewn thus



SKETCH
MAP
OF

NEW SOUTH WALES

SHEWING RABBIT-PROOF FENCES

SCALE OF STATUTE MILES

Compiled, Drawn and Printed at the Department of Lands, Sydney N.S.W. 1900.

NUMERICAL INDEX.

EASTERN DIVISION.

No.	Name of Holding	No.	Name of Holding	No.	Name of Holding	No.	Name of Holding
1	Anglican Rectory	101	Wentworth	201	Wentworth	301	Wentworth
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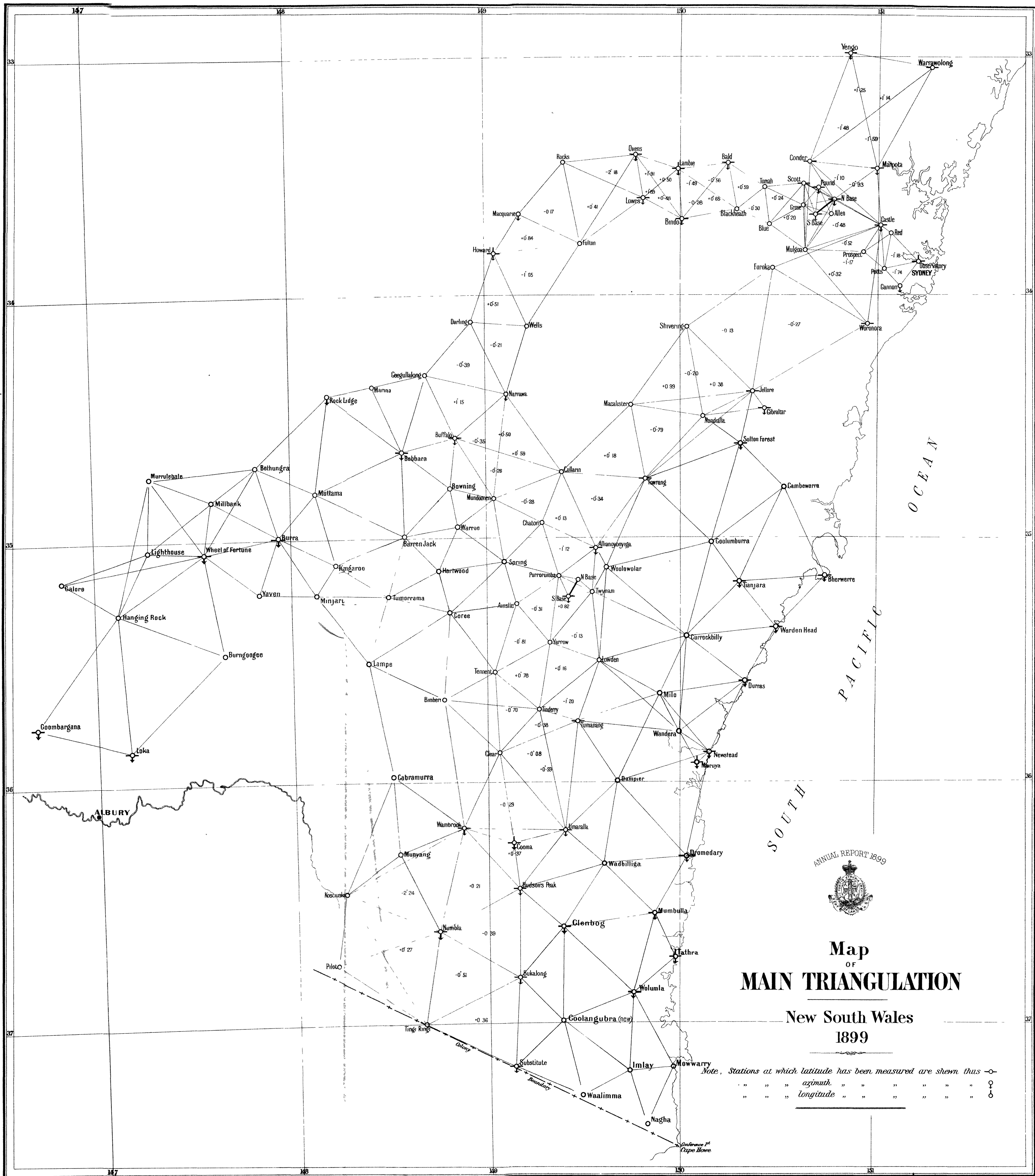
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 Land upon which the Destruction of Rabbits has been Proclaimed compulsory shewn thus



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Map OF MAIN TRIANGULATION

New South Wales
1899

Note. Stations at which latitude has been measured are shown thus —○—
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE
HUMPHRIES COWLED;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 10. TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1900.

19. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE HUMPHRIES COWLED** :—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of George Humphries Cowled, for loss sustained, by reason of the Supreme Court having reversed the decisions of the Land Appeal Court and the Local Land Board at Wagga Wagga, as to his right to an original conditional purchase.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Cann, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Affleck, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 21. THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1900.

2. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE HUMPHRIES COWLED** :—Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 3rd July, 1900
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE HUMPHRIES COWLED.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 3rd July, 1900, "to inquire into and report upon the claim of George Humphries Cowled for loss sustained by reason of the Supreme Court having reversed the decisions of the Land Appeal Court and the Local Land Board at Wagga Wagga, as to his right to an original conditional purchase,"—have agreed to the following Report.

Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), find:— See list, p. 4.

1. That on the 23rd June, 1898, Michael James Heffernan and George Humphries Cowled lodged applications to conditionally purchase the same land.
2. That simultaneously Heffernan lodged a conditional purchase application for other land, but was informed by the Land Agent that the lodgment of two applications would invalidate both, and thereupon Heffernan withdrew one, and the Land Agent proceeded to ballot.
3. That the ballot resulted in Heffernan drawing No. 1 and Cowled No. 2.
4. That subsequently the Local Land Board disallowed Heffernan's application, on the ground that it was one of two simultaneous applications for an original conditional purchase.
5. That the Local Land Board then proceeded to deal with Cowled's application, and confirmed the granting of the land to him.
6. That Heffernan then appealed to the Land Appeal Court against the disallowance of his conditional purchase and the confirmation of the land to Cowled.
7. That the Land Appeal Court dismissed Heffernan's appeal, and held that the fact of his having made two applications on the same day, simultaneously, invalidated both.
8. That Heffernan then had a case stated for the Supreme Court, who held that the decision of the Land Appeal Court was wrong, on the ground that when it was explained to Heffernan that the law did not admit of his lodging two applications simultaneously, he withdrew one, and stood only on the application which proved successful on the ballot.
9. That, in order to carry out the decision of the Supreme Court, the Land Appeal Court sent the case back to the Local Land Board, and ordered the Board to confirm Heffernan's application and disallow Cowled's.
10. That from the date of the confirmation of the land to Cowled by the Local Land Board until the decision of the Supreme Court, a period of one year, Cowled had effected considerable improvements on the land.
11. That in consequence of the Supreme Court having reversed the decisions of the Local Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, Cowled, besides losing the land and improvements, was cast in costs to the amount of £52 4s. 2d., whereas, had the land been originally confirmed to Heffernan, Cowled would have been enabled to obtain his deposit money, amounting to £138 15s., which was withheld for a period of one year and eight months, and on which no interest has been paid, and would also have been enabled to make a fresh application for land.

Your Committee consider that Cowled has a claim, and recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Government.

THOMAS FITZPATRICK,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Legislative Assembly,
26th July, 1900.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 10 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Affleck,	|	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Byrne,	|	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Carroll,	|	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
	Mr. Nicholson.	

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.
Committee deliberated.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick in the Chair.

Mr. Affleck,	|	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly,	|	Mr. Nicholson.

John Richard Yorke (*Officer in charge of the Conditional Purchase Branch, Lands Department*)
called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

George Humphries Cowled called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at 2 o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick in the Chair.

Mr. Affleck,	|	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Gormly,	|	Mr. Nicholson.

Committee deliberated as to their Report.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at 2:30 o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick in the Chair.

Mr. Affleck,	|	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Cann,	|	Mr. Gormly,
	Mr. Nicholson.	

Chairman submitted Draft Report.

Same read and agreed to.

Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF GEORGE HUMPHRIES COWLED.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY, 1900.

Present:—

MR. AFFLECK,
MR. GORMLY,

MR. BARNES,
MR. NICHOLSON.

THOMAS FITZPATRICK, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

John Richard Yorke, Officer in charge of the Conditional Purchase Branch, Lands Department, sworn and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Do you know the circumstances connected with the case of George Humphries Cowled? Yes. I had a good deal to do with the case. In explaining the circumstances I may state that on the 23rd June, 1898, Michael James Heffernan lodged an application for a conditional purchase, and on the same day George Humphries Cowled made an application for the same land. Simultaneously with Heffernan lodging this application, he also lodged another conditional purchase application for other land. The Land Agent explained to him that the lodgment of two applications would invalidate his applications. Thereupon Heffernan withdrew one of them, and the Land Agent proceeded to ballot.

J. R. Yorke.
18 July, 1900.

2. *Mr. Gormly.*] Did Heffernan withdraw one of his applications before Cowled had lodged his application, or afterwards? The three applications were lodged simultaneously. There were a number of other applications; but only those of Heffernan and Cowled are under consideration at present. As I have stated, the Land Agent held a ballot, which resulted in Heffernan drawing No. 1, and Cowled No. 2. Subsequently the Local Land Board disallowed Heffernan's application on the ground that it was one of two simultaneous applications for an original conditional purchase, and that the law did not allow an applicant to make two original conditional purchase applications simultaneously.

3. *Mr. Affleck.*] That did away with Heffernan's claim altogether? Yes, so far as the Board was concerned. They then proceeded to deal with Cowled's application, and confirmed the conditional purchase to him. Heffernan then lodged an appeal to the Land Appeal Court against the disallowance of his conditional purchase; and against the confirmation of Cowled's conditional purchase. The reason of the appeal against the disallowance of his application was that the Board was wrong in holding that he was not entitled to tender two applications; also, that the Board was wrong in holding that the fact that he withdrew his second application before he had participated in any ballot did not distinguish his case from that of William *versus* Williams, and *In re* Sinclair; also, that the Board was wrong in holding that Regulation 81 was not *ultra vires*, and consequently void; also, that the Board was wrong in holding that the fact that he had withdrawn his only other application, and had only one application standing in his name when he participated in the first ballot of the day, did not cure his irregularity in lodging more than one application; and also that the Board was wrong in holding that the fact that the greater part of the land comprised in his other application tendered at the same time as that under consideration was not open to conditional purchase, did not take the case out of the operation of the said regulation. In connection with his second appeal, which was against the confirmation of Cowled's application, the grounds were: That the Board was wrong in confirming the said application, as his application, No. 21, of 1898, for the same land, lodged at the same time, having obtained priority by ballot, should have been confirmed in priority to the application made by Cowled; that the Local Land Board was wrong in holding that he was not entitled to tender two applications

J. R. Yorke. applications for original conditional purchases on the same day; also, that the Board was wrong in holding that the fact that he withdrew his second application before he had participated in any ballot did not distinguish the present case from that of *William v. Williams* and *in re Sinclair*. The remaining reasons are simply a repetition of those in connection with the first appeal. The Land Appeal Court dismissed Heffernan's appeal. They held that the fact of his having lodged two applications on the same day, simultaneously, invalidated both of them. Heffernan then gave notice, and had a case stated for the decision of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court held that the Land Appeal Court's decision was wrong. They held that the application made by Heffernan—the one which he succeeded in balloting for—was not invalidated by reason of his having made two applications on the same day, by reason of the fact that, before he went to ballot, and when it was pointed out to him that the law did not allow his lodging two applications, he withdrew it at once, and that he only stood on one application, which they upheld. Then the Land Appeal Court, to carry out the decision of the Supreme Court, sent the case back to the Local Land Board, and ordered the Board to confirm Heffernan's application, and disallow that of Cowled.

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4. *Mr. Barnes.*] And the Land Court knuckled down to the decision of the Supreme Court? Of course, they had to do so; but it was open to Cowled, if he had thought fit, to have taken the matter to the Privy Council. The Crown were not parties to the matter, inasmuch as it was an inter-party matter between Cowled and Heffernan.

5. *Mr. Affleck.*] I understand that the Local Land Board was authorised to confirm Heffernan's application? Yes; it had to give effect to the decision of the Supreme Court. The Land Appeal Court had to direct the Board to confirm Heffernan's application, and to disallow that of Cowled.

6. *Chairman.*] The Land Appeal Court was held in Wagga Wagga? Yes.

7. *Mr. Affleck.*] Have you any further evidence as to what took place after the Local Land Board gave notice to Heffernan that his application was sustained? No. Of course, the Local Land Board carried out the direction of the Land Appeal Court. The Local Land Board did as they were instructed. The papers disclose the fact that an application was made to the Department by Cowled to pay the Supreme Court costs.

8. That was after he lost the case in the Supreme Court? Yes. Of course, he had to pay the costs, and they amounted to £52 4s. 2d.

9. *Chairman.*] Was the Lands Department represented by counsel before the Land Appeal Court in Wagga Wagga when the land was further confirmed to Cowled? Yes. The appeal was made on the 1st March, 1899.

10. *Mr. Affleck.*] What took place before that Court? The Land Appeal Court dismissed Heffernan's appeal, and upheld the decision of the Board. Of course, Heffernan was quite within his rights in asking the Court to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court, and he succeeded.

11. *Mr. Nicholson.*] Is not the Lands Department responsible for the actions of the various Land Boards throughout the Colony? I think not. They are independent Boards. The Department could not dictate to them as to what they should do. Of course, whilst the appeal was pending both to the Land Appeal Court and to the Supreme Court, Cowled was foolish to effect any improvements, because his title was not completed. When the Board confirms an application a co-balloter whose application is disallowed has twenty-eight days within which he can appeal to the Land Appeal Court. Heffernan took advantage of that. Consequently that suspended Cowled's title. After the Land Appeal Court upheld Cowled in his title there was a certain time—fourteen days—allowed within which notice could be given for a case to be stated to the Supreme Court. Heffernan gave the necessary notice. Therefore, Cowled's application or title was further suspended until the Supreme Court gave their decision. Therefore, if Cowled, upon his own responsibility, went on improving the land knowing that his title to it was not yet decided, it was his look-out, and not that of the Department.

12. Then as a matter of fact Cowled never had a clear title to the land? No.

George Humphries Cowled, storeman, sworn and examined:—

G. H. Cowled. 13. *Chairman.*] Will you give the Committee your version of your case, especially as regards the injury you have sustained? I understood, in the first place, when I applied for the land, that it was open for selection. I understood that Heffernan's application was invalid, and I applied for it—not to oppose Heffernan in any way, but to obtain the land if it were available.

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14. As a matter of fact, you put in your application? Yes.

15. When the Land Board confirmed the land to you, did you go upon it? Yes, straight away.

16. Did you commence improving it? Yes.

17. How long were you in possession before you got notice that Heffernan had appealed? About eighteen days.

18. *Mr. Affleck.*] When was the land confirmed to you? On the 24th October, 1898. Heffernan appealed against the decision of the Land Board, and the Appeal was heard on 1st March, 1899.

19. When was the notice of appeal given? On the 12th November, 1898.

20. *Chairman.*] Did you enter into any contracts for fencing? Yes; I let the contract of putting up the posts.

21. Was that during the eighteen days to which you have referred? Yes. I was putting the wire in when the first notice of appeal reached me.

22. Did you then go on with your improvements? I did not go on with them straight away. I had let the putting up of a mile of posts, and I finished the rest of the fencing myself, because a number of sheep were getting in.

23. When did the Land Appeal Court sit in Wagga Wagga? On the 1st March, 1899.

24. Did you attend? No.

25. The Land Appeal Court upheld the Local Land Board's decision, and reconfirmed the land to you? Yes.

26. *Mr. Affleck.*] Did you go on with your improvements after receiving notice to attend the Land Appeal Court? I did after the appeal was settled in my favour.

27. Did you go on with any improvements when you received notice that Heffernan had appealed? No; no more improvements than those for which I had let the contract.

28. What was the value of the improvements which you put upon the land between the selection on the 24th October and the receipt of the notice of appeal on the 12th November? The value of the improvements would not be much. I had let a contract. G. H. Cowled.
18 July, 1900.
29. *Mr. Barnes.*] Cannot you give us an idea of the value of the improvements which were put upon the land during that time? I had about 100 posts laid down.
30. *Mr. Affleck.*] Were they laid on the ground? Yes; and as near as I can guess about 200 were up. I also had the wire in some of the posts; but I could not say exactly how much.
31. *Chairman.*] The Land Appeal Court decided in your favour on the 1st March, 1899? That is so.
32. Then you went on with your improvements;—did you not put a fence around the 640 acres? I put up 2 miles of fencing.
33. *Mr. Barnes.*] Did you finish that before you heard that the matter was going to be taken to the Supreme Court? I could not say.
34. *Mr. Affleck.*] When did you become aware of the fact that Heffernan was going to take the case to the Supreme Court? On the 27th March.
35. That is, twenty-seven days after the decision of the Land Board was upheld? Yes.
36. *Mr. Barnes.*] What improvements did you carry out during those twenty-seven days? In the first place, I let the ringing.
37. Was the ringing completed? Yes.
38. Were the whole of your improvements carried out before the case was heard before the Supreme Court? Yes; but not before the notice of appeal was given. Improvements of the value of £97 were effected before the case went to the Supreme Court; but not before I became aware that it was going to the Supreme Court. Some of the improvements were, and some were not, effected before that time.
39. *Mr. Gormly.*] When was the case decided by the Supreme Court? On the 24th October, 1899.
40. Then you held the land for one year—from the 24th October, 1898, when it was confirmed to you by the Local Land Board, until the decision of the Supreme Court was given, exactly a year afterwards? Yes.
41. In other words, the land was held by you from the 24th October, 1898, until the 24th October, 1899? Yes.
42. And then you became aware of the decision of the Supreme Court? Yes.
43. Did you then abandon the land and give up possession? Yes.
44. After the conditional purchase was confirmed to you by the Land Appeal Court, had you made all your improvements? Yes.
45. What was the value of the improvements effected by you up to the time of the decision of the Supreme Court? £97 19s. 4d. I put in the following details:—

STATEMENT of loss incurred by Mr. George Humphries Cowled by reason of erroneous decisions *re* conditional purchase application 98-22.

<i>Improvements.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To 1 mile fencing—six wires, No. 8; posts, 9 feet apart	30	0	0			
„ 1 „ four wires, &c., barbed; posts, 15 feet apart	20	0	0			
„ 48 acres clearing, at 12s.—J. Hancock's contract	28	16	0			
„ 120 „ ringbarking, at 7d.	3	10	0			
„ 400 „ suckering, at 4d.—H. Hancock's contract	6	13	4			
„ Two pairs gates, at £1	2	0	0			
„ Clearing 2 miles for fencing	2	0	0			
„ Ploughing 20 acres, at 5s.	5	0	0			
				97	19	4
<i>Costs.</i>				£	s.	d.
„ Costs of special case under order of Supreme Court, of 24th October, 1899	53	15	8			
„ „ application, E. H. Hedditch, Land Agent, Wagga	10	0	0			
„ Interest on £138 15s., deposit and survey fee, on application, from 24th October, 1898, to 23rd February, 1900	11	2	0			
Total	£172	17	0			

I also put in the following receipt as showing part of the expenses incurred by me:—

Heffernan v. Cowled.

Wagga Wagga, 18 January, 1900.

RECEIVED from Mr. G. H. Cowled the sum of £60 11s. 11d., being in full satisfaction of judgment, costs and charges in this case, as per following particulars:—

Judgment	£	s.	d.
Interest	53	15	8
Poundage	0	19	6
Mileage	2	14	9
Do. keeper	1	2	0
Executing warrant	0	11	0
Possession one day	1	1	0
	0	8	0

£60 11 11

Enclosed please find stamp value 1d., being amount overpaid.

P. RUSSELL,
Sheriff's Officer.

46. *Mr. Affleck.*] Up to what date was the £97 19s. 4d. for improvements expended? 24th October, 1899.
47. Are the whole of the improvements represented by that £97 19s. 4d. now upon the land? Yes.
48. Did you get any compensation for those improvements from Mr. Heffernan or anybody else? None whatever.
49. Then you have been put to a total loss of £97 19s. 4d., which you say has been put upon the land in improvements? Yes.
50. *Mr. Barnes.*] Have you received any money at all from the Government? None, with the exception of the refund of my deposit money, amounting to £138 15s.
51. Did the Government allow you any interest on that? No.
52. *Chairman.*] What period elapsed between the time you lodged that deposit and its refund to you? A year and eight or nine months—from 21st June, 1898, to 23rd February, 1900. 53.

G. H. Cowled. 53. And the decision of the Supreme Court was given on the 28th October, 1899? Yes.

18 July, 1900. 54. *Mr. Gormly.*] Did you make application before that time for a refund of the money? Yes; I made an application at the first sitting of the Land Board. I should like to read a letter from Mr. Heffernan, through his solicitors, to me, regarding my improvements. It is as follows:—

Re M. J. Heffernan's conditional purchase 98-21.

Dear Sir,

Wagga Wagga, 6 March, 1900.

Mr. Heffernan has requested us to place the following statement of the loss he has sustained, in consequence of the above-mentioned conditional purchase being disallowed, and yours confirmed, and of the appeal consequent upon the original decision of the Local Land Board:—

Loss of grass of 640 acres from date of application to date of decision of Supreme Court, 23rd June, 1898, to 24th October, 1899, at 2s. 6d. per acre per year, one year and four months, at £80 per year.....	£106 13 4
Interest on £138 15s. deposit and survey fee on second application from 24th October, 1898, to, say, 5th instant, at 6 per centum per annum	11 5 8
M. J. Heffernan's expenses to Wagga Wagga on original hearing, and also to make second application, at £1 per day	2 0 0
Our costs against Mr. Heffernan in connection with application and appeals	£76 8 6
Less amount received from you per Sheriff	54 13 7
	21 14 11
	£141 13 11

Against which is to be set the value of the improvements effected by you since the application was made, which Mr. Heffernan values as follows:—

One mile of six-wire fence	£18 0 0
One mile fencing, six-wires (five wires and one barbed wire)	19 0 0
160 acres of ringing at 7d.	4 13 4
	£41 13 4

So that you will see that even after making allowance for the improvements effected by you, Mr. Heffernan is, on the above figures, a loser to the extent of £100.

Yours, &c.,

HEATH & MITCHELMORE.

Mr. G. H. Cowled, Junee.

55. *Mr. Affleck.*] Do the figures which you have put in represent the estimated or actual cost of your improvements? My estimated cost. A number of articles are not mentioned in that list at all.

56. Some of the improvements in the list you have put in appear to be much higher than those mentioned in Mr. Heffernan's letter through his solicitors to you? Yes; but we are selling the wire now at £16 10s. a ton, and it takes a ton to go to a mile of fencing.

57. *Mr. Gormly.*] In the letter from Mr. Heffernan's solicitors appears the item: "Less amount received from you, per Sheriff, £54 13s. 7d.";—did you pay that amount to the Sheriff? Yes; that represents the Supreme Court costs.

58. *Chairman.*] I believe that, owing to the delay to which you were subjected, you lost many opportunities of taking up other land? Yes.

59. Did you also sustain loss through having your deposit money locked up for twenty months? Yes; I sustained a good deal of loss in consequence of that. I may state that when the land was reconfirmed to me I pulled down a fence and rebuilt it, and that cost me £10. I also held a sale, and sold a paddock for over £40 less than it really cost me.

60. You are referring now to land you held previously? Yes. I had originally 321 acres. It was all fenced, and when I received the notice to the effect that the land was re-confirmed to me, I asked Mr. Hammond, the landlord, to make it into 214 acres. I am now referring to rented land which I held as a tenant. That cost me £10 extra, really through the decision of the Land Appeal Court. Then, through holding the sale at the time at which it was held, I lost over £40. It was horrible weather, and the goods were sold at a much less price than that which they would fetch now. I have also missed the present season. I started cultivating when I was 19 years of age. Since that time—during four years—I have paid out of the Bank £2,250, and my account now stands at nil.

61. *Mr. Gormly.*] During the time you held possession of the land for which you applied, what profitable use did you make of it? I enclosed it and put about a dozen head of big stock—horses and cattle—upon it, and saved the grass.

62. *Mr. Affleck.*] What is the meaning of the item "J. Hancock's contract, £28 16s."? That is for grubbing.

63. *Mr. Nicholson.*] I understand that you received a letter from the Lands Department, dated 3rd May, 1899, notifying you that, pending the final determination of the appeal, any improvements you carried out would be at your own risk;—do you remember receiving that letter? Yes. It is as follows:—

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 25th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that, pending the final determination of the appeal against the confirmation of your conditional purchase quoted in the margin, any improvements you may effect on this land will be entirely at your own risk.

I may add that the Department will give due consideration to the fact that during the period of the uncertainty of title improvements could not be carried out without risk, and any application for an extension of time to effect them will be dealt with on its merits.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary.

Wagga Wagga,
C.P. 98-22,
23 June, 1898,
640 acres.
G. H. Cowled.

Mr. George H. Cowled, Ivor, Junee Junction.

64. Did you effect any improvements after receiving that letter? Yes, I did.

65. I want you, if you can, to draw a distinction between the improvements effected prior to receiving that letter and those effected afterwards? After receiving that letter it seemed to be almost a certainty that I would get the land. I depended upon the Court. I would point out that that letter states that the Department would give consideration to the fact that during the period of the uncertainty of title improvements could not be carried out without risk.

66. *Chairman.*] Have you sustained much loss through the action of the Local Land Board confirming the land to you when it should not have done so? Yes. I have lost all I had; not exactly through that in particular, but that has helped my loss considerably.

67. If the Board had acted rightly at the outset, and had given the land to Heffernan, you would have been in a better position? Yes. I should have been able to take up other lands, and to have gone about my business.

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—
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

—
REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT
LEASE, GUNNEDAH;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 37. TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1899.

11. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of Alfred Austin Sampson's settlement lease No. 96-21, Gunnedah, his appeals against the valuations of improvements on same, and all other proceedings in connection therewith.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Watson, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Spence, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 51. THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1899.

5. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, Gunnedah," laid upon the Table of this House on 8th November, 1899, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 57. THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1899.

10. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, Gunnedah," have leave to sit during the sitting of the House To-morrow.
- Question put and passed.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 10. TUESDAY, 3 JULY, 1900.

18. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease No. 96-21, Gunnedah, his appeals against the valuations of improvements on same, and all other proceedings in connection therewith.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hassall, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Watson, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Whiddon, Mr. Spence, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Third Session of 1899, together with all papers referred thereto, be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 36. THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1900.

3. ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH:—Mr. Moore, 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 3rd July, 1900; together with Appendix.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on 3rd July, 1900, "to inquire into and report upon the matter of Alfred Austin Sampson's Settlement Lease, No. 96-21, Gunnedah, his appeals against the valuations of improvements on same, and all other proceedings in connection therewith,—and to whom was referred on the same date "the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Third Session of 1899," together with all papers referred thereto,—have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having considered the evidence and papers referred, find,—

1. That the Lands Department, by notice in the *Government Gazette*, invited applications for a number of Settlement Lease farms on Wondoba Holding, in the Gunnedah District, such notice containing the usual particulars respecting each farm.
2. That in regard to one of the said farms (block 54) the capital value was fixed at £1 per acre, and the value of certain ringbarking improvements was stated to be (approximately) 9d. per acre, or a total sum of £108.
3. That Alfred Austin Sampson, fully relying upon the correctness of the statements contained in the *Gazette* notice, applied for and became the holder of the said block.
4. That subsequently the Local Land Board appraised the value of the said ringbarking at 1s. 4d. per acre, or a total sum of £191. In giving their decision, however, the Board said, "The evidence shows that the cost of ringbarking is considerably less than our valuation thereof, but we are bound in this matter to have due regard to section 51, Crown Lands Act, 1895, as "interpreted by the Land Appeal Court in the case of Barnes, &c."
5. That both the outgoing and the incoming tenants appealed against the Board's decision, and the appeals were heard together before the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth, when Counsel appeared for the Crown and strongly supported the contention of the outgoing tenants' Counsel that the said ringbarking improvements should be appraised at a considerably higher sum than the Board's valuation thereof. The contention of the outgoing tenants (supported by the Crown) was that the value of the ringbarking was the difference in the value of the land "between its green and its improved state," and that they were entitled to this full value. On the other hand, the selector contended that any enhanced value imparted to the land by the ringbarking improvement (due to the ordinary processes of nature and the inherent capabilities of the soil, &c.) was a land value, and belonged to the Crown; that it was included in the capital value, on which he was already charged full interest (rent); and that the value of the improvements to an incoming tenant could not be more than the cost at which he could effect such improvements for himself.
6. That the Land Appeal Court raised the valuation of the said ringbarking to 5s. per acre, or a total sum of £717, and refused to make their decision appealable, on the ground that there was no question of law involved.

7. That subsequently, after Sampson had been put to considerable trouble in insisting that there was a question of law (its interpretation) involved, the Land Appeal Court abandoned the position it had first taken up, and agreed to state a case for the Supreme Court.
8. That, at the suggestion of the Land Appeal Court, the case was allowed to stand over, pending a decision in the case *Green v. Hargraves*, and, meantime, the selector was ordered to give security for £330 to the outgoing tenants.
9. That the case of *Green v. Hargraves* not being proceeded with, the Land Appeal Court stated a case for the Supreme Court, in which the question submitted for decision was "whether the Land Appeal Court was right in taking into consideration any other element of value than the *actual cost* of effecting and maintaining such improvements."
10. That Sampson strongly objected to such statement of the case, which entirely missed the question at issue, and his Counsel urged the Land Appeal Court to state his (Sampson's) contention in his own words—as they appeared in Mr. Commissioner Freeman's notes, taken at the hearing at Tamworth. In this he was now supported by Counsel for the Crown, on the ground that the question at issue was as to the ownership of the increased value of the land arising through ringbarking, which value he contended "is caused largely by natural improvements of the soil, and is not a matter of private property."
11. That the Land Appeal Court refused to alter its statement of the case, which clearly amounted to a denial of justice, as it left Sampson with no alternative but to decline to go to the Supreme Court with a contention which he had never made, and which was not arguable.
12. That the question raised by Sampson was one of such supreme importance—affecting a great many settlers upon the lands of the Colony, and involving hundreds of thousands of pounds of Crown revenues—that Parliament could not allow it to remain in the state of uncertainty in which it was left by the Land Appeal Court, and an amendment of the law relating to the valuation of improvements to incoming tenants was made as a direct result of this case.
13. That the Lands Department, admitting that the Land Appeal Court's valuation had been made on a wrong basis, waived its claim to (what rightly belonged to the selector) all over 1s. per acre for such of the ringbarking as was the property of the Crown.
14. That this, though a considerable relief to Sampson, represented only a small part of the loss sustained by him in fighting the case (on behalf of selectors in general, and the Crown in particular), as, in addition to the enforced payment of 5s. per acre for such of the ringbarking as was the property of the outgoing tenants (£275), direct expenses of over £200, and loss of stock about £200, there were the far more serious losses consequent upon waste of time, and upon his being deprived of his capital—delaying fencing, conservation of water, and other improvements indispensable to the cultivation of the land and its profitable use. Almost invariably this would mean ruin; and in the present case must at least mean years of crippled effort.

In view of the foregoing facts, which may be summed up thus,—

- (a) A *bona-fide* selector suffered serious injury and loss, for which the Lands Department (primarily) and the Land Appeal Court were responsible;
- (b) This selector, by the action he took, undoubtedly rendered a great public service,—

your Committee strongly recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Government.

S. W. MOORE,
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,
Legislative Assembly,
30th August, 1900.

1899.

(THIRD SESSION.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Cruickshank,	|	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Moore,	|	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Sawers,	|	Mr. Spence,
	|	Mr. Whiddon.

Mr. Moore called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.

Alfred Horatio Sampson called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness handed in copy of *Government Gazette*, No. 803, of Saturday, 30th November, 1895, page 7802. (*See Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Cruickshank,	|	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Sawers,	|	Mr. Spence.

Table of the House on 8th November, 1899, to the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the papers referred before the Committee.

Alfred Horatio Sampson recalled and further examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at 10:30 o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Cruickshank,	|	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Sawers,	|	Mr. Spence.

Alfred Horatio Sampson recalled and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at 2 o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1899.

The House continuing to sit during the time appointed for the sitting of the Committee, no meeting could be held.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Moore, | Mr. Spence.

In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Cruickshank,	|	Mr. Sawers,
	|	Mr. Spence.

Alfred Horatio Sampson recalled and further examined.

Witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at 2 o'clock.]

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Moore.

In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1899.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Spence.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings granting leave to the Committee to sit during the sitting of the House this day read by the Clerk.

John Richard Yorke (*Officer in charge of the Conditional Purchase Branch, Lands Department*) called in, sworn, and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Moore,
Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Spence.

Mr. Moore called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, and referring to them the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committee of Third Session of 1899, together with all papers referred thereto, read by the Clerk.

Evidence and papers referred before the Committee.

Resolved (*on motion of Mr. Spence*),—That the Chairman write to the President of the Land Appeal Court, enclosing a copy of the evidence, and asking whether the Court desire to offer any evidence in connection with the case.

Resolved (*on motion of Mr. Cruickshank*),—That the evidence taken before the Select Committee of Third Session of 1899 be adopted by this Committee.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.
Mr. Goodwin, | Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Spence.

The Chairman read a copy of a letter which, in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the last meeting, he had written to the President of the Land Appeal Court, and intimated that no reply had been received thereto.

Committee deliberated as to their Report.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.
Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Spence.

The Chairman read a letter from the Registrar of the Land Appeal Court, dated 27th July, 1900, in reply to his letter of 12th July, 1900, intimating that owing to pressure of business attention to the subject under consideration had not been possible before, but that on the return of the Land Appeal Court from Dubbo the question of tendering evidence before the Select Committee would receive attention.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Sawers, | Mr. Spence.

John Thomas Keating (*Registrar of the Land Appeal Court*) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Spence.

William Freeman (*Chairman of the Local Land Board, Tamworth*) called in, sworn, and examined.
Witness withdrew.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1900.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Moore in the Chair.

Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Spence.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.
Same read, amended, and agreed to.
Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT
LEASE, GUNNEDAH.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1899.

Present:—

MR. PHILLIPS,
MR. CRUICKSHANK,
MR. WHIDDON,

MR. SPENCE,
MR. SAWERS,
MR. GODWIN.

S. W. MOORE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Horatio Sampson called in, sworn, and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Where do you reside? At Curlewis.
2. You understand that this inquiry has reference to settlement lease No. 96-21, Gunnedah, taken up by Alfred Austin Sampson? Yes.
3. He was your son? Yes.
4. Have you been acting for him? Yes; I have been acting as his agent. I appeared for him at the Gunnedah Land Court.
5. Will you give a brief statement of the facts of the case? First of all, my son wrote to the Information Bureau of the Lands Department. That was in the year 1896. He wrote and asked for information as to the land open for settlement, and he received a reply containing the *Gazette* notice produced (*See Appendix*) and a plan of the settlement lease area No. 50, Central Division, land district of Gunnedah, within the leasehold area of Wondoobar holding, declared a resumed area. Subsequently I received a similar *Gazette* sheet from the Land Agent at Gunnedah. It shows several blocks open for settlement lease, one of which, portion No. 54, my son applied for. The nature and estimated value of the improvements were stated to be: fencing, £92; ringbarking, £108; tank, £75.
6. I suppose the capital value of the land was fixed at £1 an acre? Yes, and the annual rent at 1½ per cent. on that capital rate. I was frequently in consultation with my son in reference to the matter, and I am in a position to say that he applied for that settlement lease on the understanding that the improvements would be somewhere about what the *Gazette* notice stated them to be.
7. In due course the settlement lease came before the Land Board for confirmation, and for the appraisal of the value of the improvements? Yes.
8. Was that all at one time? Yes.
9. What happened then? I appeared for my son as his agent.
10. Was the outgoing tenant represented? Yes, by Mr. Creagh, of the firm of Ross and Creagh, solicitors.
11. Was the Crown represented? Yes, by the district surveyor as usual. I thought that Mr. Turner, licensed surveyor, in his evidence, was taking the land values which belonged to the Crown as improvements to which I objected. The Chairman then called my attention to the Land Appeal Court's decision in Barnes' case. We very strenuously opposed the argument of Mr. Creagh. We said that this was all land value belonging to the Crown, that it was taken into account in our rent, and that the value of

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improvements to an incoming tenant could not exceed the cost at which he could effect such improvements for himself. Mr. Turner stated in his evidence that in making his valuation of improvements he thought he was bound by the cost at present rates. The Board in their decision said,—“The evidence shows that the cost of the ringbarking is considerably less than our valuation thereof; but we are bound in this matter to have due regard to section 51, Crown Lands Act of 1895, as interpreted by the Land Appeal Court in the case of Barnes.”

12. And what did they determine the improvements at? They determined the value of the ringbarking improvements at 1s. 4d. per acre, which amounted to £191 6s. 8d. The area of the settlement lease was 3,534 acres, of which 2,870 acres contained the ringbarking improvements. Both the outgoing tenant and the incoming tenant were dissatisfied, the latter thinking the appraisements too much, and the former thinking it not enough. We should not have appealed, preferring to put up with it rather than go to law. But the other side appealed, and we were then advised to appeal, so as not to show acquiescence.

13. In due course the case came before the Land Appeal Court? Yes; sitting at Tamworth.

14. And you appeared again on behalf of your son? I did.

15. The outgoing tenants were represented by counsel? Yes, by Mr. Pike, instructed by Messrs. Ross and Creagh.

16. And the Crown was represented by a barrister? Yes, by Mr. Kent. Both sides had asked that the case should be heard in Sydney; it was, however, set down for hearing at Tamworth. When the case came on I appealed to the Court to adjourn the case to Sydney, so that I might have the assistance of counsel. The President asked me if there was a question of law involved. I said there was; but he said there was not, and refused to adjourn the case to Sydney.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1899.

Present:—

MR. SPENCE,
MR. PHILLIPS,

MR. SAWERS,
MR. CRUICKSHANK.

S. W. MOORE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Horatio Sampson further examined:—

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17. *Chairman.*] This case was heard at Tamworth? I should like to say before the case came on at Tamworth, after the Land Board sitting at Gunnedah, I was speaking to some gentleman in Tamworth, when Mr. Carruthers, who was then Minister for Lands, joined us, and asked if that was my son who had been beaten in the case before the Land Board at Gunnedah. I said I did not know about being beaten, but I thought we should have some trouble. He told me that we should have no trouble, that he intended to fight the matter in the public interest, as it was a question of great public importance. He said he knew the case thoroughly. The late Mr. Collins, M.P., Mr. Hyman, and Denis Wood were present at the time. Having this assurance of the Minister, we had no hesitation in spending the money on the land. When the appeal came on at Tamworth, I thought the counsel for the Crown was appearing on our behalf, and when he began to argue the other way I pulled his gown, and told him that Mr. Carruthers said he was going to fight the case for us. He simply replied, “Did he,” and went on with his argument. In our appeal we submitted two questions to the court, one of fact, and one of law. The basis of the valuation was a question of law. I urged as before the Land Board at Gunnedah that the increased value of the land reverted to the Crown, and was charged to us in our rent, and that the value of the improvements to the incoming tenant could not exceed the cost at which he could effect such improvements himself. I gave various illustrations.

18. Would you give us one of your illustrations? I referred to a place locally known as the Monkey, a sand belt about 2 miles wide, and, I think, about 100 miles in length, situated about 30 miles west of Coonamble. In that belt almost anywhere water can be obtained at from 7 to 10 feet deep. The adjacent country is good pastoral country; but waterless. I contended that if the outgoing tenant sank a well at a cost of £5 or £10, giving to the land an increased value of £100, he was not entitled to charge the incoming tenant that £100, that the increased value would revert to the Crown, and the Crown would charge rent accordingly on its full capital value at the date. I was arguing that this land value belonged to the Crown, when the President said, “But, Mr. Sampson, will not your argument cut against yourself at the expiration of your own lease.” I replied, “Certainly, we should have no more right to those land values than the present outgoing tenant has.” Mr. Kemp, the Crown Counsel, in reply to my argument, said, “Mr. Sampson’s argument will not do. He did not produce the axe; he did not make the axe. If a man by the judicious outlay of 6d. made the land worth 60s. he was entitled to that 60s. Mr. Pike, who appeared for the other side in reply to me, said “According to Mr. Sampson all those moneys go to the Crown which did nothing, not to the man who did all the work, and took all the risk in spending his money.”

19. What did the Crown Counsel contend that the ringbarking improvements were worth? Over £2,000.

20. Were they the self-same improvements as the *Gazette* notice stated to be worth £108? Yes; the same, and deteriorated. On their own evidence it would cost 4d. to remove the suckers.

21. What, in your opinion, would be a fair value of that ringbarking improvement at the date that your son took up the selection? I thought it was not an improvement to the land at all by reason of the great growth of suckers, and the enormous number of wallabies it had induced to come upon the land.

22. Still you were quite prepared to pay anything in reason? We thought that there should be 6d. for removing the suckers, and the original price being 9d., that would make the value 3d.

23. The Crown valuation in the *Gazette* notice is 9d.? Yes.

24. And rather than go to law you would willing have paid the 1s. 4d. that the Board fixed it at? Yes.

25. *Mr. Cruickshank.*] Were you fully under the impression that the unearned increment, or improved value in the land, was included in the upset price put on the land? Yes; the whole of it. I was clearly of opinion in taking the land that the capital value then fixed upon it included any enhanced value imparted to the land by the improvements already made through the ordinary processes of nature.

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26. *Chairman.*] If the Crown did not value the land on that basis they would be making a present of the land value to the outgoing tenant? Exactly.

27. The contention of the other side was practically the same as that of the Crown? Yes. As the Court was rising, Mr. Pike said, "This Court has already decided that value is not cost," to which the President replied, "But this is something different, this is something new." The Court reserved its decision which it gave in Sydney on the 14th July, 1897. The Court sat at Tamworth on the 25th June, 1897. They gave the value of the ringbarking at 5s. per acre which amounted to £717. The value of the other improvements was left at the amount fixed by the Land Board. I was present and asked the Court to give reasons for their decision, so that we could appeal. They refused to make it appealable. Next I wrote a letter to the *Daily Telegraph*, which appears on page 16 of the printed papers. Then a deputation waited on the Minister in reference to it, and subsequently the adjournment of the House was moved by Mr. Moore to call attention to the administration of the Crown Land Act in regard to the valuation of improvements to incoming tenants. Mr. Carruthers advised us to abandon the place, to apply for a certificate of abandonment, and he would give us beforehand notice to take the land up again, as he said that the Land Appeal Court's decision in the case of *Greene v Hargrave* was clearly unassailable, and he thought ours was a similar case, that there was no question of law involved in our contention. Then I referred the matter to Mr. Wise, who said we should be very foolish to abandon the place, and told us not to apply for a certificate of abandonment, that the law made no provision for beforehand notices, and our title might be challenged. He also said that there was a supreme question of law involved in our contention. Mr. Wise advised us to make a formal application to the Land Appeal Court, to state a case for the Supreme Court, and he would appear for us. A formal application was made, and £20 was lodged, Mr. Newman, solicitor of Tamworth, instructing Mr. Wise, and the case was drawn by Mr. Wise himself, and submitted to the Court. When the case came on on the 22nd September, 1897, in answer to some remark of Mr. Wise, the Court said it had not given any reason for its decision. Mr. Wise replied that the Land Board said their decision was based upon section 51 of the Crown Land Act of 1895, as interpreted by the Land Appeal Court. This was a question of law, and he submitted that the Court would not deprive us of our right to get an interpretation from the Supreme Court itself. The President said, "You mean that there must necessarily have been reasons that would involve a question of law." Mr. Wise said, "Oh, that is admitted. The whole of the evidence shows the cost to have been 9d. an acre, and the difference between that and 5s. is so great, even if we add interest to the 9d., as to show that there must have been some other reason acting on the minds of the Court." The President said to Mr. Wise, "If we once admit this, if we once open the flood-gates in this way, I do not know where we shall stop." Counsel for the Crown, Mr. Hanbury Davies, supported Mr. Wise in his contention, and the Court said, "What does the Crown mean? When this case was previously before the Court, counsel for the Crown argued the opposite and succeeded." The Court then suggested that the case should stand over until the case of *Greene v Hargrave* was decided. But we had to give security to the outgoing tenant for the amount of the improvements as valued by the Court, although they were already secure under section 52 of the Act of 1895. *Hargrave's* case was not proceeded with. Then the case came on again on the 30th March, 1898; Mr. Wise again appeared to urge that a case ought to be stated for the Supreme Court. During the course of his argument as to the basis of the valuation, he said that we contended that the whole, not part of, the increased land values reverted to the Crown, and that it did not concern us at all what it cost the outgoing man, that the cost to us was the value to us. The President said, "The fair cost, Mr. Wise?" Mr. Wise said, "Yes, the fair cost." The Court finally agreed to state a case, and they did state a case, as in the printed papers, pages 20 and 21. A copy of the statement of the case was forwarded to me to which I replied by letter (page 19).

28. You have before you a copy of the printed papers? Yes.

29. On page 19 you see the enclosure for No. 24, Mr. Keeting's letter? Yes.

30. Which purported to be the Land Appeal Court's statement of the case for the Supreme Court? That is not the case as stated by the Land Appeal Court, but it will be found on pages 20 and 21.

31. If the Land Appeal Court had stated the case, as appeared in the enclosure to No. 24, which is what you contended, you certainly would have gone on to the Supreme Court? Yes.

32. Then your letter on page 19, No. 25, refers to the enclosures of No. 26, page 20? Yes.

33. And not to the enclosures of No. 24, on page 19? No.

34. Therefore, there has been a mistake on somebody's part in arranging these papers? Yes.

35. In consequence of the way in which the Land Appeal Court stated the case for the Supreme Court you declined to go any further with it? Certainly.

36. Why? Because they stated a case which was not in accordance with our contention. They missed the main point of our contention. We considered the matter unarguable as they put it. The Appeal Court put it that the question for the decision of the Supreme Court was whether, in determining the value of the improvements under sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the Land Appeal Court was right in taking into consideration any other element of value than the actual cost of effecting and maintaining such improvements.

37. You had never argued that point at all? No. We said it did not matter to us whether they exceeded the actual cost or not, we were not concerned with it, and we could not argue the case as stated by the Land Appeal Court. The case should have been submitted in this way: that the Court had taken into consideration the increased value given to the land by reason of such improvements, and base their decision upon this principle, whereas the appellant contended that the additional value given to the land reverts to the Crown, and was, presumably, charged to the incoming tenant in his rent, and was not payable by the incoming to the outgoing tenant; and that the value of the improvements to an incoming tenant cannot be more than the price at which he could produce them for himself; that the case should have been stated in this way to the Supreme Court.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1899.

Present:—

MR. PHILLIPS,
MR. SAWERS,MR. CRUICKSHANK,
MR. SPENCE.

S. W. MOORE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Horatio Sampson further examined:—

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38. *Chairman.*] With reference to the evidence you gave yesterday in regard to the enclosures with No. 24 in the printed papers, purporting to be the Land Appeal Court's statement of the case to be submitted to the Supreme Court, I understand that you have looked into that since? I have.

39. And you find that it is really the statement of the case as prepared by Mr. Wise, not the statement prepared by the Land Appeal Court? Yes, by Mr. Wise, my counsel.

40. In other words, it is the statement of the case as you say it ought to have been put by the Land Appeal Court? Yes.

41. You stated that on receipt of the statement of the case as submitted by the Land Appeal Court, you replied as per letter on page 19 of the printed papers? Yes.

42. Did you receive any reply to your letter? Yes; it is to be found on page 22 of the printed papers (No. 30).

43. What did you do on receipt of that letter? I consulted Mr. Wise and Mr. Newman in reference to it, and on the 5th July, Mr. Wise appeared before the Land Appeal Court, and argued that the Court had stated the case in a way which he had never contended for, saying that he had always been instructed differently; that our contention had been all along that it did not matter to us what the actual cost was—whether the improvements were made by Kanaka labour at a penny an acre, or by expensive labour at an exorbitant price. He was supported in his contention by counsel for the Crown—Mr. Hanbury Davis. The President then said, "But you did not hear what Mr. Sampson said in Tamworth." Mr. Wise asked me if I had argued differently in Tamworth, and I said I certainly had not. The Court then produced their notes taken at Tamworth, and my own contention in my own words was found in Mr. Commissioner Freeman's notes underlined. They were handed down to the barristers' table. The Court then agreed to reconsider the matter. The next morning I attended the Court, not Mr. Wise, and the Court refused to alter the case as stated by them, saying that, though I must have mentioned it at Tamworth, I did not argue it; also that the evidence in the case showed that the actual cost was intended, and also that Mr. Wise's use of the word "cost" in the draft case meant actual cost. I now say that this was absolutely untrue. I spoke an hour and ten minutes at Tamworth arguing, as I gave evidence yesterday. In the evidence taken before the Land Board, as it appears in the printed papers, with the exception that Mr. Robey said that the books showed that the late Mr. John Gill had paid 1s. a yard for the tanks, there was no reference to actual cost in the whole of the evidence. Quite the reverse. Mr. Surveyor Turner, a witness for the Crown, says in his evidence (page 3), "Similar country could be ring-barked now for 9d. per acre. I should say it would cost about 4d. per acre to remove the suckers." On being recalled (page 7), he further said, "In fixing the value of the ringbarking I thought I was bound by the cost at present rates." With reference to Mr. Wise's use of the word "cost" in the draft case, Mr. Newman, my solicitor, and myself, being anxious about it, saw Mr. Wise here at Parliament House and pointed out the use of the word "cost." He pointed out to us that the Act said that the value to the incoming tenant was to be determined, not the value to the outgoing tenant, and that cost meant the cost to the incoming tenant; or, in other words, what it would cost the incoming tenant to effect the improvements for himself. Then I wrote to Mr. Chairman Freeman, of the Tamworth Land Board, a letter which appears in the printed papers (page 24, No. 38), asking him whether I argued before him at Gunnedah, and also before the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth, that the value of the improvements to the incoming tenant could not be more than the cost at which he could effect such improvements for himself. He acknowledged the receipt of my letter, saying that he had given the information to the Under Secretary for Lands. I made application to the Lands Department for a copy of Mr. Freeman's letter, which is on page 24 of the printed papers (No. 38). I felt assured that Mr. Freeman would answer my question, although it required some courage to do so in his position. That request for a copy of the letter was refused, but the letter itself is in the printed papers. In it he says, "From personal knowledge I am able to testify that Mr. A. H. Sampson did argue before the Local Land Board at Gunnedah, and before the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth, 'that the value of improvements to an incoming tenant could not be more than the cost at which he could affect such improvements for himself.' I will leave it to you whether Mr. Sampson is to have the information." We could not go on to the Supreme Court with the case as stated by the Land Appeal Court, because we should answer their question against ourselves, and I wrote to the Registrar, telling him that we would not ask him to send it on to the Prothonotary. The letter is on page 22 (No. 32). In that letter I said:—

As my contention from first to last was, as stated in my letter to you of 18th April last, and as similarly stated in the notes of Mr. Commissioner Freeman, taken at the hearing at Tamworth, I must decline to recede from my position or accept a contention which is not mine, and which I never made.

In view of the President's remarks that the evidence points to "actual cost" being the criterion of value, I have carefully re-read the whole of the evidence, and with the exception that Mr. Robey mentioned that the books showed that Mr. Gill had paid 1s. a yard for the tank, the whole of the evidence seems to me to point the other way—that is, in the words of Mr. Turner, a witness for the other side, to "cost at present rates."

Under these circumstances, as intimated to the Court by my counsel, Mr. Wise, I will not trouble you to send the case on to the Prothonotary.

I have, &c.,

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Then the Crown wished me to go on with the case as stated by the Land Appeal Court. The letter in which they made that request is in the printed papers, page 23 (No. 36). I consulted Mr. Wise, and he said that there was no hope of doing anything in that way. I also wrote to Mr. Newman, my solicitor, in Tamworth, mentioning the case to him, and also letting him know that the Court said I had not argued it. He told me that nothing could be done in the way which I suggested—that the question put was one that we should answer against ourselves. Then he went on to say:—

Knowing your line of argument before the Land Court at Tamworth, I am surprised at the Court refusing to state the case in such a way as to embrace the question which you so clearly put before it. I note that the President said that, though you must have mentioned the point, you did not argue it. If you did not argue it, what did the Court consider

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was your object in mentioning it? I think it most unlikely that the other side would allow your notice of intention not to proceed to be revoked; "public grounds" would be nothing to them. You have no doubt raised a question of law of supreme importance to the Crown and the people; but the question which the Land Court pinned you down to is a very different one indeed, wanting altogether the element which made yours of such importance.

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44. You then wrote to the Department? Yes; as per my letter No. 37 (page 23) of the printed papers. The next thing was that the Department wrote waiving their claim to all over 1s. per acre for such of the ringbarking as was the property of the Crown (page 26, No. 42). I replied by letter, which appears on page 26 (No. 44), to which I desire to call the Committee's special attention, as it is too lengthy to quote. I should like to call the Committee's attention to Mr. Pike's reports of Land Appeal Court Cases, volume 7, p. 125, in which my contention before the Land Appeal Court is reported. The following passages occur:—"Any improvement effected by the ringbarking should be in the capital value and go to the Crown. If the ringbarking has improved the land, the Crown has charged for it in the appraisal of the value of the land, and we should not be called upon to pay twice for the same improvements.

45. I understand that you have suffered considerable loss over this matter? Yes, we have. The loss that we have suffered is very hard to estimate.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1899.

Present:—

MR. SPENCE, | MR. SAWERS,
MR. CRUICKSHANK.

S. W. MOORE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Alfred Horatio Sampson further examined:—

46. *Chairman.*] Can you give the Committee a statement as to the expense you were put to in fighting this case? Yes; the amount is £165.

47. You put down the direct expenses at £165? Yes, made up as follows:—Nine trips to Sydney, at £15; one trip to the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth, £5; solicitor's costs, £25. I should like to add that Mr. Newman, who was my solicitor, charged me very little more than his costs out of pocket, and Mr. Wise, my counsel, acted without fee or reward, as he viewed the case as one of great public importance. In addition to these expenses, I had to make numerous trips to Tamworth, of which I have lost all count, but the expenses of which must have been at least £50.

48. Can you give the Committee any statement as to the losses that you sustained outside the actual expenses that you were put to in fighting the case? Of course it is hard to make up the indirect losses. Owing to my son being unable to fence his ground all his grass was eaten, and he lost about twenty head of horses, one being a stallion 4 years old. Altogether the horses would be worth about £200.

49. *Mr. Cruickshank.*] Had your son sufficient capital to work the property when he applied for the land? Yes; he certainly had.

50. But by the action of the Government he was prevented from carrying on? When the Crown appeared and argued, as the lessees contended, this money had to be used in fighting instead of being spent on the land.

51. Had he sufficient capital to work the land when he took it up? Yes; he had sufficient capital, but he had to use it in fighting the case. He had to lock up £200 in the Savings Bank as security to the outgoing tenants for the improvements. As it was no use to him in that way he has paid it over to the outgoing tenants. He was losing 1 per cent. on it. Not only was he prevented from fencing the land, but also from conserving water, and from getting more land under cultivation. He could not conserve any water, and there is none on the land. He has to keep a man continually employed in watering the stock. That is another item of loss. That tank, which is valued at £75, is utterly useless—it will not hold water. I may also add that my own time has been almost entirely taken up with the case. For that also I cannot make any valuation.

52. *Chairman.*] Suppose that your son had been left as any ordinary selector might be, to his own resources, and had not you to stand by him and help him, what would have been his fate? He must inevitably have failed; he would have been ruined.

53. He would have been driven off the land? Undoubtedly.

54. Is it a fact that you yourself have been working on the selection with your son helping him to get the place in order? Yes; he got into such difficulties that I had to go and work on his selection.

55. You have really been helping him all through? Yes.

56. And but for that he would have been ruined? Yes; he must have been.

57. You have already stated that the Crown waived its claim to all but 1s. per acre for the ringbarking, which was its property? Yes.

58. What have you had to pay to the outgoing tenants for the ringbarking, which was their property? £275.

59. How much have you had to pay altogether for the ringbarking, which was stated by the Government to be worth £108? £363.

60. Are your son's troubles now at an end? No; he has been in great difficulty. He has not kept up his payments to the Crown, and he has received notice that his land is liable to forfeiture.

61. If there had been no trouble about the ringbarking improvements, do you inform the Committee that your son would have been able to carry on all right? Yes; he could have done so without difficulty. With reference to the £200 which was locked up by order of the Land Appeal Court, I should like to say that, owing to the action of the court, the money was locked up unnecessarily from the 22nd September, 1897, to 6th July, 1898. The Committee can see how useful that amount would have been to the struggling selector during that time. I should like to state to the Committee that we have made no mistake—we have made no false step. I asked Mr. Wise about it. I said, "Have we made any false step from start to finish?" and he said, "You have not."

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62. You claim that in fighting this case you conferred a great benefit on the public? Yes. As a proof of that, the alteration of the law relating to the valuation of improvements to incoming tenants was the direct outcome of my case being brought before Parliament. When that alteration of the law was effected in 1898, Mr. Wise wrote to me giving me the credit of it.

63. *Mr. Sawers.*] Have you that letter? Yes.

64. Can you produce it? Yes; it is as follows:—

My dear Sampson,

I must congratulate you upon the success of your efforts to establish an important branch of the Land Law on a basis of right principle. Such an achievement, and that a private person should secure an alteration in the law of such far-reaching consequences, almost by his unaided efforts, is almost without parallel. You have the consolation of knowing that you have rendered a great service to the country, and generation after generation of settlers will remember your name with gratitude.

16 December, 1898.

Sincerely yours,
B. R. WISE.

FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1899.

Present:—

MR. SAWERS, | MR. SPENCE,
MR. CRUICKSHANK.

S. W. MOORE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

John Richard Yorke sworn and examined:—

J. R. Yorke.
22 Dec., 1899.

65. *Chairman.*] What are you in the Lands Office? I am the officer in charge of the Conditional Purchase Branch.

66. Do you know this case of Sampson's settlement lease, Gunnedah? Yes.

67. Have you seen the evidence given by Mr. A. H. Sampson? Yes; I have seen a copy of the first part, and I heard the latter part of it given.

68. Will you say what you desire either in reference to the evidence given by Mr. Sampson or in regard to any other matter that you wish to put before the Committee in connection with this case? In answer to Question 17, Mr. Sampson referred to a conversation which he had with Mr. Carruthers at Tamworth. The Department has no record of any such promise having been made by Mr. Carruthers. With reference to Question 19, we have no record that Counsel for the Crown contended that the ringbarking improvements were worth over £2,000. Counsel for the Crown was not instructed to ask for any increase over and above what the Board had assessed the value of the ringbarking at.

69. Did Counsel for the Crown receive any instructions from the Department? Yes.

70. Would you state what those instructions were? All the instruction that was given to Counsel was that he should support the interests of the Crown as regards the valuation of the Crown's improvements, and his attention was invited to Licensed Surveyor Turner's evidence in regard thereto. That was simply as regards the Crown's improvements. Of course the other improvements belong to the lessee, and we had nothing whatever to do with them.

71. *Mr. Sawers.*] The Crown had no intention of pressing for any higher valuation than that assessed by the Board? No; we were quite satisfied with it.

72. *Chairman.*] What other matter do you want to refer to? In reply to Question 44, Mr. Sampson said, "Any improvements effected by ringbarking should be in the capital value and go to the Crown. If ringbarking has improved the land the Crown has charged for it in appraising the value of the land." That is a mere supposition. We do not admit that. We do not know that that has been done. There is nothing to show that the improved value is included in our gazetted capital value. From the evidence it would appear that it is not. It is an inference from the evidence. Part of the evidence given by our surveyor is that he visited the land, and that this land as it is improved now could be made fit for the plough at an expenditure of 15s. per acre, whereas, if that improvement had not taken place, it would have cost £2 an acre to clear the land in its green state. There is therefore a difference of £1 5s. Our capital value is only £1, so it would appear that it is not included in that capital value. It is merely an assumption, I take it, on the part of Mr. Sampson that it was included.

73. Are we to understand that the Lands Department in dealing with all such land as may have been improved by the outgoing tenant does not take into account the enhanced value of the land resulting from improvements? I could not say in regard to all cases, but our surveyor has recommended this capital value, and it does not appear that this extra improvement or value has been included in the capital value fixed; but, of course, the same may not apply to all land.

74. You appointed competent persons to value the land? Yes.

75. And the value placed upon it was its value at that date? Yes. Our papers do not disclose the method adopted by the surveyor when recommending capital values, and it does not follow that that improved value was included in the capital value that was gazetted. Of course Mr. Sampson says it is. I merely wish to point out that that is a pure supposition.

76. *Mr. Cruickshank.*] Don't you think from the fact that the improvement was assessed at this very high price by the Land Appeal Court, and that the low valuation by the surveyor shows that the surveyor must have placed a portion of the value of the improvements in the capital value of the land? From the surveyor's evidence it would appear that when he first reported on this case it was not from a recent inspection of the land, but in view of an inspection which he made some three years before. He says that since he made his report he had made a personal inspection, that was subsequently. He also says that if this land had been made available for selection at £1 per acre in its green state it would have been taken up readily. Our capital value was fixed at £1 an acre, but of course it is hard to say what method was adopted by the surveyor in getting at the capital value.

77. *Chairman.*] If the surveyor did not estimate the land at its full value, then who got the added value that was imparted to the land by the improvements? The purchaser would have to pay the value of the improvements, whatever it was determined at—the value to him.

78. Suppose the improvement of ringbarking enhanced the value of the land, who got that additional value;—you say the Crown did not get it? We do not admit that there is anything to show that that was included. It is merely an assumption on the part of Mr. Sampson; there is nothing in our papers to show in what way the surveyor arrived at that capital value.

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79. Then your evidence amounts to this—that you are not in a position to say whether the Crown took that increased value into consideration and added it to the capital value of the land or not? No; but from the evidence it would not appear that they did not. J. R. Yorke.
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80. What is the next point? The surveyor said that the value of the land, in its present state, to the incoming tenant was about £1 per acre, assuming the unimproved value to be £1; that the value of the ringbarking, as distinguished from its cost, would be 15s. per acre; and that the land could be cleared for the plough for 15s. per acre, whereas in its green state it would cost £2 per acre. That is why it would appear that the improved value was not included in the gazetted value. Mr. Sampson said that it was included. He says the Crown has charged for it in appraising the value of the land, and that he should not be called upon to pay twice for the same improvements. It does not seem that he has, the capital value having been fixed at £1.

81. *Mr. Cruickshank.*] Has the final valuation been paid to the Crown by Sampson for these improvements? No; I do not think we have received any money or rent from Mr. Sampson yet.

82. The Crown valued the improvements at £226 4s., and the Appeal Court valued them at £550 14s. I want to know whether the Government have been paid the difference of £324 10s.? That has been reduced. We have consented to take only 1s., instead of 5s.

83. When the settlement leases were offered for sale, the Government attached a valuation to the improvements on its land, pending appraisal? Yes.

84. What would be considered a fair percentage either way as to any land? I could not say.

85. *Mr. Sawers.*] What is the margin of difference between the advertised value of the land and the subsequent appraisal? The Act does not provide for any margin. It says that the incoming tenant shall pay for the improvements at their appraised value, whatever it may be. In this case we notified that the values given in the *Gazette* had not been determined by appraisal. The values were simply approximate. We have no idea what might be the ultimate assessment of the values. For instance, in this very case the Land Board appraised the value at 1s. 4d., and it would have remained at that had it not been that Mr. Sampson and the lessee appealed.

86. The appraisal of 1s. 4d. was in excess of the idea of the Department originally? Yes.

87. That difference you consider a reasonable difference, I presume? Yes.

88. Would you not consider it unreasonable to raise it 400 or 500 per cent. afterwards—that is to say, from 1s. 4d. to 5s.? The Department evidently thought it was too high, or they would not have waived their right.

89. The Department by waiving their right, have practically indicated that they did think it is too much? Yes.

90. *Mr. Spence.*] I suppose the Department recognised that the basis of the valuation adopted by the Court was an unsound one, and made this reduction? Of course, the Department or the Crown cannot be responsible for an increased valuation made by the Land Appeal Court; neither can they be responsible for any cost that Mr. Sampson might be put to in fighting his case. They waived their claim to four-fifths of the amount which Mr. Sampson would have had to pay to the Crown.

91. *Mr. Cruickshank.*] The amount of the final appraisal (£322 19s. 5d.) made by the Appeal Court, will have to be paid by Mr. Sampson? The amount of the lessee's improvements, fixed by the Land Appeal Court, will have to be paid by Mr. Sampson, also the value of the Crown's improvements, minus four-fifths allowed for ringbarking, but waived by the Crown.

92. *Chairman.*] (Mr. Sawers): Do you wish to make any further observation? With reference to the evidence given by Mr. Sampson the other day, I mentioned that he said that the Crown had appealed in this case, I wish to say that the Crown did not appeal.

93. He has withdrawn that statement from his evidence;—is there anything else you wish to say? Mr. Sampson referred to the fact that, owing to the Land Appeal Court having directed that a sum of money should be paid into Court as security for costs, he lost the use of that money; but that was consequent upon Mr. Sampson asking to have a case stated for the Supreme Court. The Department could not be responsible for the loss which he sustained owing to that. Counsel for the lessees, Mr. Pike, asked that security should be given for the value of their improvements, and the usual order was made by the Land Appeal Court.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT
LEASE, GUNNEDAH.

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1900.

Present:—

MR. SPENCE, | MR. SAWERS.

S. W. MOORE, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

John Thomas Keating, Registrar of the Land Appeal Court, sworn and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You have looked over the evidence given in this case? Yes.
2. I understand from a letter received from the President of the Land Appeal Court that you are here to give some evidence "to correct some inaccuracies, and to supply some information" which is not in the possession of the Committee. Will you please proceed in your own way? Unfortunately the President is laid up, and I did not have an opportunity to communicate with him. I have prepared a précis of the facts of the case which I have here, and which I can put in. I do not know exactly what direction your questions will take, but it seems to me that the point is largely as to the statement of the case for the Supreme Court.
3. Perhaps it would be well for you to read the précis of the case? This is the précis:—

Land Appeal Court. Nos. 4757, 4757a.

These two appeals were by consent heard together at Tamworth, on the 24th June, 1897. The subject of the appeals was the value of certain improvements on A. A. Sampson's settlement lease 96-21, Gunnedah. The first of the appeals was by the Trustees (Messrs. Robey and Gill) of Wondoobar Preferential Occupation License, on which were improvements claimed by them, and also improvements the property of the Crown. The other was by the settlement lessee (A. A. Sampson). The Board's valuation of such improvements was the subject of the cross appeals. When the appeals were called on, Mr. A. H. Sampson, the settlement lessee's father, who appeared as agent for his son, applied to have the case heard in Sydney; but as the case was on the list for Tamworth, and appeared to raise no other issue than a question of fact, viz., the value of certain improvements partly belonging to the Crown and partly to the trustees of the holding of Wondoobar Preferential Occupation License, and as there was no lack of practitioners in Tamworth competent to conduct such a case, whether a question of law were or were not involved; and further, as the Court has always considered itself bound to hear appeals, if possible, as near as possible to the district in which the subject of appeal is situated, the Court refused the application. The adjournment of the case to Sydney was also strongly opposed by appellants' (Robey and Gill) counsel.

The Board had valued the Crown improvements, consisting of a tank, fencing round the tank, wire fencing, and ringbarking, at £226 4s., and valued the licensee's improvements, consisting of fencing and ringbarking, at £121 6s. 1d., altogether £347 10s. 1d. The Court, after hearing counsel for the licensees, counsel for the Minister, and Mr. Sampson's agent, reserved its decision, and on the 14th of July following gave it at Sydney, sustaining the appeals only in so far as the value of the ringbarking in each case was concerned, but not disturbing the other appraisements made by the Board. The effect of the decision on the valuation of the ringbarking was to increase the appraisement of the Board from 1s. 4d. per acre to 5s.

Appellants' (Robey and Gill) counsel claimed that on the evidence the value of the licensee's ringbarking to an incoming tenant was not less than 15s., and might be as much as 25s. per acre.

Counsel for the Minister claimed that at least 15s. per acre was the value of the ringbarking belonging to the Crown.

The grounds of appeal in Sampson's appeal 4,757A were:—

1. That the Board were in error in deciding that the ringbarking, the tank, and the intersecting fence were improvements of value to the incoming tenant.
2. That even if the ringbarking, the tank, and the intersecting fence were improvements at all, then the Board's decision as to their value was far in excess of their real value.

In support of these grounds of appeal, appellant's (Alfred A. Sampson) agent, Mr. Sampson, admitted (according to the President's notes), that he wanted to test value to an incoming tenant, "not to shirk payment," but agreed that value must be cost, and the evidence of the witnesses called by Mr. Sampson at the hearing by the Board is evidence of actual cost of ringbarking, with the exception of that given by a kangaroo-shooter (Robert Elms), who stated that he would ringbark "similar country for about 9d. per acre." Mr. Sampson's argument before the Land Appeal Court was directed to

J. T. Keating. the position that the value of the improvements (both Crown's and licensee's) had already been taken into consideration by the Crown in fixing the capital value and the annual payments; that ringbarking was not necessarily an improvement, that if it were it was already charged for by the Crown. If Mr. Sampson at this hearing at Tamworth contended that the test of value was the "fair cost" or the cost at which the improvements might have been made by the incoming tenant himself, the President informs me that he has no recollection of his having argued it, and that had such an argument been addressed to the Court it could hardly have escaped his attention, and would have been mentioned in his note-book. Upon the point of law to which Mr. Sampson addressed himself, viz., that the value of improvements had passed into the capital value and annual payments, the Court did not feel itself called upon to express any opinion. When the Court delivered judgment on these two appeals in Sydney (14th July, 1897), Mr. A. A. Sampson, after the judgment had been given, asked the Court to make it appealable; or in other words, to give it in such a form as might permit of an appeal or of a case being stated to the Supreme Court. This the Court declined to do, considering the question of value before them at that time to be a question of fact and not of law.

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Notwithstanding this refusal the solicitor for the settlement lessee gave notice to the Land Appeal Court on 27th July, 1897, requiring it to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court, and on the 3rd of August following submitted a draft case, in which, after setting forth the decision of the Land Appeal Court, he asked the Court to state the following question of law:—

"The said sum of 5s. per acre is far more than the cost of the said improvements; but the Court were of opinion that in estimating the value of improvements to an incoming tenant under Sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act in 1895, the Court might take into consideration the increased value given to the holding by reason of such improvement, and based their decision on this principle. The appellant contended that the additional value given to the land reverted to the Crown, and was presumably charged to the incoming tenant and was not payable by the incoming tenant to the outgoing tenant."

"The question for the determination of the Supreme Court is whether the Land Appeal Court was right in determining the value of improvements under Sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 upon the principle above stated."

The case was set down for settlement at Sydney on 22nd September, 1897, Mr. Wise appearing for Mr. Sampson, Mr. Pike for the Trustees of Wondoobar (Robey and Gill), and Mr. Hanbury Davies for the Minister, when by consent of all parties it was arranged that the case should stand over (the time for stating a case for the Supreme Court to be extended from time to time as necessary by order of the Court) until the case of *Greene v. Hargrave*, No. 4,942, shall have been decided by the Land Appeal Court; or, in the event of either party requiring a case to be stated for the decision of the Supreme Court, until the decision of that Court; and Mr. Sampson undertook to give security for the payment of the amount found due by the Land Appeal Court to the outgoing tenant with interest at 5 per cent. per annum from date (22nd September, 1897), such sum and interest not to exceed £330. Security to be given within fourteen days from said date to the satisfaction of Mr. Ross (Solicitor), of Tamworth. The Land Appeal Court gave its decision in *Greene v. Hargrave* on 14th October, 1897, and although notice of appeal was given no appeal to the Supreme Court was ever made in that case, and had such an appeal been made, it could not have raised the question of law, which Mr. Sampson had asked the Land Appeal Court to state a case on, inasmuch as it was not contended or made a question of law in *Greene v. Hargrave*, either on behalf of the Homestead Selectors or the Crown, that the measure of value of an improvement was the cost at which the incoming tenant could himself get that improvement made for. However, after several postponements, Sampson's application to state a case was, after hearing Counsel, left with the Court for settlement on 30th March, 1898, and on the 16th April, 1898, a copy of the case, as proposed to be stated by the Court, was furnished to each of the parties. On 6th July, 1898, Sampson's Counsel sought to have the case stated as desired by Mr. Sampson, but the Court refused so to do, but was perfectly willing to state the case as in the amended draft, but this was not accepted by the intending appellant, and he subsequently withdrew the case. It will be seen, by reference to the decision of the Land Appeal Court, that it did not expressly rest its decision on any principle whatever.

4. Mr. Sampson has sworn that what he contended for was the fair cost or the cost at which an incoming tenant could effect the improvements for himself. The outgoing tenant may have erected the improvements most extravagantly, or he may have put on a lot of Kanakas and got them done cheaply. The incoming tenant has nothing to do with excessive cost or very low cost. The question is what could he himself effect the improvements for, and the evidence given before this Committee is to the effect that Sampson's contention all through was that the element or basis of valuation should be the cost at which the incoming tenant could effect the improvements for himself? I understand that. I have had many a talk with Mr. Sampson, and I understand that his argument is that he is entitled to pay for these improvements a fair cost—that is, what he could effect them for himself.

5. Did you understand that that was Mr. Sampson's contention all the time? I did not understand that that was his contention before the Court, because I cannot say that I heard him. I did not take any notes of Mr. Sampson's argument, and during a great part of the time I was out of the Court at Tamworth. I am only going by the President's note-book.

6. Then we understand that you yourself are not in a position to give any direct evidence as to what Mr. Sampson's contention was before the Court? No; certainly not.

7. You are taking what the President's notes indicate? With regard to that particular part. I can swear as to the rest of the facts.

8. That happens to be the main point? I am aware of that. I do not take notes of facts. If it is a question of law where it is necessary for me to be present I take notes; but the only notes I have in my book are as to appearances and the decision reserved.

9. Do we understand that this précis has the sanction of the President? Yes, he directed me to prepare it. In the précis I speak regarding my personal knowledge of the facts; but as regards this particular argument of Mr. Sampson's I am deducing that from the President's note-book.

10. It is stated in your précis that "Counsel for the Minister claimed that at least 15s. per acre was the value of the ringbarking belonging to the Crown." Can you state that from your own knowledge? No, I cannot. I heard Mr. Kemp claim a much higher amount than what the Board fixed, but I took no note of it. That note is taken from the President's notes.

11. You are aware that the Board's valuation of the ringbarking was considerably in excess of the Crown's original valuation as stated in the *Government Gazette*? I am aware of that; I know that it is considerably in excess.

12. The Crown's valuation was £108, the Board's £191, and the Land Appeal Court's valuation was £717? That is with regard to the ringbarking alone. I came into Court and heard that part of Mr. Sampson's argument where he contended that the value of the improvements was already considered in the appraisalment.

13. And included in the capital value of the land on which he was already charged rent? Yes, I remember that part of the argument.

14. It is also stated in your précis that "the evidence of the witnesses called by Mr. Sampson at the hearing by the Board is evidence of actual cost of ringbarking, with the exception of that given by a kangaroo-shooter, Robert Elms." Did you hear the evidence given? No; I took that from the evidence in the papers—the evidence that was given before the Board. Robert Elms, kangaroo-shooter, says he could do it for about 9d. an acre.

15. But you say that the evidence of Mr. Sampson's witnesses was evidence of the actual cost of ringbarking? That is from actual experience of what they have done; and this man said he could do it. I distinguish in that way. J. T. Keating.
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16. The point in your *précis* seems to be that Mr. Sampson's evidence was as to the actual cost of ringbarking, from which you might deduce that he was contending that the cost to the incoming tenant was the actual cost. That would be one deduction. Another would be that it was for the purpose of comparison in order to show what that country could be ringbarked for by an incoming tenant. However, that does not matter. I would like you to direct your attention to another statement in your *précis*. You say:—

If Mr. Sampson at this hearing, at Tamworth, contended that the test of value was the "fair cost," or the cost at which the improvements might have been made by the incoming tenant himself, the President informs me that he has no recollection of his having argued it, and that had such an argument been addressed to the Court it could hardly have escaped his attention, and would have been mentioned in his note-book.

Did not Mr. Commissioner Freeman at one of the sittings of the Court, I do not know where it was, produce his note-book? He did.

17. Do you remember what note he had in reference to that point? I cannot say from memory exactly what the note was, but I think it rather confirmed Mr. Sampson's contention.

18. Mr. Sampson, in his evidence, on page 4 of the printed evidence, said in answer to question 43:—

Mr. Wise asked me if I had argued differently in Tamworth, and I said I certainly had not. The Court then produced their notes taken at Tamworth, and my own contention, in my own words, was found in Mr. Commissioner Freeman's notes underlined. They were handed down to the barrister's table.

That is the evidence that Mr. Sampson has given before this Committee;—are you in a position to confirm or corroborate that statement, or to dispute it? I will not dispute it, because I have a personal recollection of the fact of that occurring, and I will go so far as to say that Mr. Freeman's note did confirm Mr. Sampson's contention, but I cannot say what the exact words of the note were. I wanted to get Mr. Freeman's book, but I could not find it. I know it was exhibited in Court, but I did not see it.

19. It is also stated in your *précis* that "upon the point of law to which Mr. Sampson addressed himself, viz., that the value of improvements had passed into the capital value and annual payments, the Court did not feel itself called upon to express any opinion.";—do we understand from that that what was claimed to be the question of law involved in this case was the question as to the improvements having passed into the capital value and annual payments? The Court did not consider that that was raised in the case. They never considered that point at all. Mr. Sampson certainly argued that, but the Court did not feel called upon to give an opinion, and they did not, because Mr. Sampson's is not the only case. They would have to consider that in every case, but it is presumed in such cases that the Crown in fixing the rental did not consider the improvements.

20. The Court presumed it did not? The Court presumed it did not. The Court always presumes it does not. I think there is a specific notice in the *Gazette* notice, throwing open the land for settlement, that the improvements on the land are subject to subsequent appraisalment.

21. But the question is, that the enhanced value that has been imparted to the land would be taken into account by the Crown at the time; that is, suppose the land originally occupied was only worth 10s. an acre, and that by the expenditure of a few shillings an acre it was made worth £1 an acre—then the Lands Department, in making the land available for settlement, would value it at £1 per acre—its full value at the date; if not, the Crown would be simply making a present to the outgoing tenants all over the country to the extent of hundreds of thousands of pounds, if not millions? But they did not do that in this case. I take it that they appraise the rental value of the land as unimproved, and charge the incoming tenant for the improvements. But the Court did not go into that. That contention was urged by Mr. Sampson, but the Court never considered it; otherwise they could not have charged the excess value they did charge.

22. It is obvious that the Land Appeal Court, in making such a large increase on the Board's valuation, must have taken into consideration some other element of value besides actual cost at which an incoming tenant could effect those improvements; they must have taken into consideration some value of the land itself, because an incoming tenant could surely effect those improvements for less than 5s. an acre—probably for 9d. an acre; therefore, the Land Court, in fixing that ringbarking amount at 5s. an acre, not only took into account the cost at which an incoming tenant could effect the improvements, but part of the value which was imparted to the land itself, and which Mr. Sampson contended had already been taken into account by the Department, and on which he was paying rental? But the Court never considers that that is taken into account by the Department. They have never gone into those questions. They have had thousands of cases of this kind.

23. It is admitted that this is the first case raised. The question involved, it appears to us, is a question of the interpretation of the law—that is, the basis of valuation? They never went into it.

24. That is what seems to us, as far as we have considered the case, their fault. It seems to us that they ought to have gone into it? I do not know what was in the minds of the Court, but I know that they simply gave a bare decision. I know that Mr. Sampson made an application that they should so word their decision that he might appeal, but the Court declined.

25. How comes it that the Court finally consented to state a case for the Supreme Court on the mere question of fact? They were anxious to give Mr. Sampson every opportunity. The case stood over pending the decision of the Court in the case of Hargrave and Greene. When that fell to the ground and did not go to the Supreme Court, an opportunity was given to Mr. Sampson to show the Court a point of law if he could. The Court would not adopt his draft case, and they drew up a case of their own, which did not suit Mr. Sampson. But the Court would never state a case for the Supreme Court on the mere question of fact, unless they were satisfied that there was a question of law involved. They would not allow an appellant to force them to state a case for the Supreme Court unless they were convinced that there was a question of law involved, because it is no part of their duty to send questions of fact to the Supreme Court, but questions of law; and they regarded this as a mere question of fact.

26. I do not want to press the point too far, but I take it that there is only one explanation, and that is that the Court failed to grasp the real significance of the case, and that, finding there was a question of law involved, they decided, though late in the day, to let it go to the Supreme Court?

Not

J. T. Keating. Not on that point. The Court was anxious to give Mr. Sampson an opportunity to show them that there was a question of law involved. This was the point that the Land Appeal Court thought was raised, and which they proposed to state :—

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The question for the determination of the Supreme Court is whether in determining the value of improvements under sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the Land Appeal Court was right in taking into consideration any other element of value than the actual cost of effecting and maintaining such improvements.

Although the Court gave no reasons why they increased to 5s. an acre, it is obvious that they must have taken some element into consideration, although they did not say what that element was. The Court pointed out to Mr. Sampson that they regarded his case as absolutely hinging on a question of fact, as to whether the improvements were worth so much or so little to the incoming tenant. They were very anxious to give Mr. Sampson an opportunity to prove that there was an underlying question of law, but not in the way he put it, because the Court's contention all along has been that Mr. Sampson did not argue as he contends he did.

27. Notwithstanding Mr. Sampson's having raised this question in a way that has never been raised by anyone before, and that he argued it strongly before the Land Appeal Court, and that Mr. Wise argued it, and that Mr. Freeman's notes confirm all that, yet the Court did not seem to grasp the real point in stating a case for the Supreme Court? As regards the fair cost, you mean?

28. Quite so? There is one thing that discounts Mr. Sampson's argument and confirms the view which the Court took, and that is that in his draft case put before the Court he did not raise that question. It was only raised as an afterthought. In his draft case, after stating in the body of the case, "The said sum of 5s. per acre is far more than the cost of the said improvements, but the Court were of opinion that in estimating the value of improvements to an incoming tenant, under sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the Court might take into consideration the increased value given to the holding by reason of such improvements, and based their decision upon this principle," it was put in the following words :—

The question for the determination of the Supreme Court is whether the Land Appeal Court was right in determining the value of improvements under sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 upon the principle above stated.

There is nothing said there about fair cost.

29. They say they had a right to take into consideration the value that was imparted to the holding? My argument is that when you bring a case before the Land Appeal Court, and want to have a case stated for the Supreme Court, you have to state your point of law. The point of law that Mr. Sampson contends he argued before the Tamworth Board was that he was only entitled as the incoming tenant to pay a fair cost of making the improvements, the cost at which he could effect them himself. He then gets an opportunity to state his case for the Court, but he does not put that point. He simply uses the word "cost." "Fair cost" was introduced apparently as an afterthought. Bearing in mind their arguments before the local Land Board, you would think that such a vital question would have been properly stated.

30. Mr. Sampson asked the Court to state the following question of law :—

The said sum of 5s. per acre is far more than the cost of the said improvements, but the Court were of opinion that in estimating the value of improvements to an incoming tenant under sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 the Court might take into consideration the increased value given to the holding by reason of such improvements, and based their decision upon this principle.

Nothing of the kind was said by the Court, but they obviously must have based their decision on that principle or some such principle.

31. Did I understand you to say that the case of *Greene v. Hargrave* had no bearing on this case? No, I did not say that. In *Greene v. Hargrave* the decision was in the following words :—

The measure of value of such improvements should be estimated on the basis of the fair value to the incoming tenant less what increment might fairly be attributed to the inherent capabilities of the soil.

That is a different thing. You might expend about 5s. an acre on some land and make it worth £5 per acre. Part of that, I suppose, is due to the inherent capabilities of the soil. It becomes worth (say) £5 per acre to a man coming in. But you would not charge this man 5s. per acre for the land because it only cost 5s. You would charge him £5, and make some deduction for the inherent capabilities of the soil; and it is difficult to get at that. There are cases where a man might expend £1 per acre for clearing land, and in consequence the land would become worth £10 per acre.

32. It is stated in your *précis* that if there had been an appeal in the case of *Greene v. Hargrave*, it could not have raised the question of law that Mr. Sampson asked the Land Appeal Court to state a case on. Then what was the object of postponing this case pending a decision of *Greene's* case? It was done at the request of both parties; it was done by consent. I suppose in *Greene's* case at that particular time they did not know what issues would be raised before the Supreme Court. But, as it turns out in *Greene's* case, as reported, the decision was that "the measure of value of such improvements should be estimated on the basis of the fair value to the incoming tenant." If that point alone went to the Supreme Court I don't think it would settle the point raised by Mr. Sampson.

33. You state that—

Mr. Sampson undertook to give security for the payment of the amount found due by the Land Appeal Court to the outgoing tenant, with interest at 5 per cent.

You say he undertook to do that? That was the condition of the postponement.

34. Was he ordered to do it? It was by consent. I think it was an arrangement.

35. Mr. Sampson states in his evidence as follows :—

The Court then suggested that the case should stand over until the case of *Green v. Hargrave* was decided, but we had to give security to the outgoing tenant for the amount of the improvements as valued by the Court.

Is that so? I believe that he had to give security for something.

36. For £300? He had to give security, I think, for an amount not to exceed £330.

37. I suppose he really had no option, and that he was ordered to find security. As we understand from the evidence which Mr. Sampson has given before the Committee, that is one of the points he felt aggrieved about, that is, that in addition to their other troubles, they had to find security for something over £300 while fighting this case; and, as the matter is stated in your *précis*, it looks as if, without the slightest objection, and quite willingly on his part, he undertook to do this. I suppose, as a matter of fact, he had no alternative? I have only got it marked as a consent order. My memory is that there was an arrangement for the postponement of the case, but I think there was some dispute between the parties as to what the terms should be, and they conferred at the table. If that was forced on Mr. Sampson I think it was forced on him by the parties. It was done at Mr. Pike's instigation, I take

take it. These things are very often settled at the barrister's table, and the Court agreed on certain terms. I suppose it was Mr. Pike who insisted on that, not the Crown. J. T. Keating.

38. You referred just now to Mr. Sampson's evidence as showing the "actual cost";—could you point out any evidence where that appears? Mr. Turner in his evidence says:— 16 Aug., 1900.

The ringbarking, or rather similar country, could be ringbarked now for 9d. per acre. I should say it would cost about 4d. per acre to remove the suckers. The ringbarking has improved the land very much, either for pastoral or agricultural purposes. I think the ringing in its present state has doubled the carrying capacity. The capacity is now about a sheep to 1½ acres.

And Mr. Hornery was asked the question, "What would you estimate the original cost of the ringbarking?" And he replied, "About 9d. per acre, and to ringbark it now, as the suckers are, 7d. per acre; and including cutting the pine, 3s. per acre."

39. That all goes to show what the incoming tenants could effect those improvements for? I grant that.

40. But can you give any evidence as to actual cost. You were referring just now to the distinction you draw between actual cost, fair cost, and cost? The Court did not value the improvements at what Mr. Sampson could effect them for.

41. But can you show where any of Mr. Sampson's witnesses have used the words "actual cost." You have used those words in the statement which you have put in to-day? There is the evidence of William Thompson, who was one of Mr. Sampson's witnesses. He says:—

I put down the cost of the ringbarking at 8d. or 9d. per acre. I have seen it quite recently. I should say it would cost 6d. per acre afresh.

That is actual cost.

42. The words "actual cost" are not used? What I mean by actual cost is what it would cost to ringbark the land, that is what it would cost the incoming tenant.

43. But where in the evidence does the word "actual" occur;—you have used it in your statement? The word "actual" is not used, I think. That is my inference from Mr. Sampson's evidence. The actual cost would be, I suppose, affected by the years you would have to wait while the timber was dying.

44. The original cost of ringbarking means the first cost, which would have to be followed up by the clearing of suckers, and so on. You stated that the evidence went to show the actual cost, and I take it that your reply now is that that was your inference? I did not take into consideration the subsequent suckering, and the waiting, and the waste of time—the time the land is lying idle while the timber is dying. If you give a man 9d. per acre, that is the actual cost of ringbarking. But I will now substitute the word "original" for "actual."

45. Is there any other evidence you would like to give? I think the whole difference between the Court and Mr. Sampson is about that point of law; that is, as to what his contention was. There is nothing very much else in the case.

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1900.

Present:—

MR. GOODWIN,		MR. SPENCE,
MR. PHILLIPS,	|	MR. CRUICKSHANK.
S. W. MOORE, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.		

William Freeman called in, sworn, and examined:—

46. *Chairman.*] You are Chairman of the Local Land Board at Tamworth, Mr. Freeman? I may say I am at present acting at Bourke. I am on leave of absence, which expires this month, but have been reappointed for another year to Bourke. I am Chairman of the Land Board District of Tamworth. W. Freeman. 23 Aug., 1900.

47. You know the case of Albert Austin Sampson's settlement lease at Gunnedah? Yes.

48. I believe you were Chairman of the Land Board at Tamworth which appraised the value of the improvements? It was the Gunnedah Land Board. Gunnedah is one of five districts in the Tamworth district.

49. Then you were Chairman of the Gunnedah Land Board which appraised the value of the improvements on the settlement lease? Yes.

50. Are you aware that there was an appeal from the Land Board's valuation? Yes.

51. Were you present when the appeal came before the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth? Yes; I was present in the Court.

52. Will you kindly state what Mr. Sampson's contention was before the Land Appeal Court? Before the Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, both, his contention was that improvements could not be of more value to the incoming tenant than the amount for which he could effect them himself. I may state that Mr. Sampson argued at length before the Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, and that was the gravamen of his argument.

53. Could there possibly be any doubt as to that, Mr. Freeman? I think not; at any rate I am quite clear on the subject.

54. You are quite clear as to what his contention was? Yes, quite clear.

55. Did he argue or contend in any way that the value of the improvements was the actual cost? I heard nothing of the kind either at Gunnedah, before the Land Board, or at Tamworth, before the Land Appeal Court.

56. Would you say his contention was that all the Court had to concern itself with was the cost at which the incoming tenant could effect the improvements for himself? Yes, that was Mr. Sampson's contention.

57. Did you pay particular attention to the argument, Mr. Freeman? Yes, I trust so; I did pay particular attention.

58. I am asking you now with reference to the argument before the Land Appeal Court at Tamworth, not of the hearing before the Land Board? Yes; I paid particular attention to the Land Appeal Court argument, because the matter was of such far-reaching importance.

59. Had the question been raised before as Mr. Sampson raised it? No, not, to the best of my memory, in the same way that Mr. Sampson raised it.

60. Do you remember Counsel for the Crown at the hearing of the appeal at Tamworth claiming that the value of the improvements was considerably more than the Land Board had appraised them at? Yes; he contended for something between 15s. and £1 per acre for the ringbarking, to the best of my memory.

ALFRED AUSTIN SAMPSON'S SETTLEMENT LEASE, GUNNEDAH.

APPENDIX.

[To Evidence of Alfred Horatio Sampson, Esq.]

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30th November, 1895.

NOTIFICATION setting apart Crown Lands for Settlement Leases.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 10th and 24th sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the Crown lands comprised within the farms hereunder mentioned are hereby set apart for Settlement Leases, and shall be disposed of under the provisions of the 24th, 25th, and such other sections of that Act as relate to Settlement Leases.

It is further notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 24 and 25 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the undermentioned farms will be available for Settlement Lease on and after 9th January, 1896, subject to the general provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, and to the following special conditions:—

Power is reserved to resume without compensation, except for improvements, by giving not less than three months' notice in writing, any land required for mining purposes.

A Settlement Lessee shall not assign or sublet without the Minister's consent, and if any stock not owned by the lessee are found depasturing on the Settlement Lease, it shall be *prima facie* evidence of subletting.

J. H. CARRUTHERS.

SETTLEMENT Lease Area No. 50, Central Division, Land District of Gunnedah; within the late Leasehold Area of Wondobar Holding, declared a Resumed Area this day.

County.	Parish.	Portions comprised in Farm.	Area of Farm.	Nature and Reported Value of Improvements.	Nearest Town, and distance therefrom.	Water Supply.	Character of Land, Soil, Timber, &c.	Capital Value.	Annual Rent at 1½ per cent.	Survey Fee.
Pottinger	Wondoba..	37	acres. 2,100	Fencing, £96; dam, £42; ringbarking, £5.	Gunnedah, 15 miles.	Abundant facility for surface storage.	Three-quarters is fairly level; soil, red loam; the remainder is undulating to hilly, medium pasturage; timber—white and yellow box, with a little pine (mature), myall, and rosewood, with open scrub of pine, oak, bushes, &c.; about 1,000 acres agricultural land.	£ s. d. 2,800 0 0 (£1 6s. 8d. per acre).	£ s. d. 35 0 0	£ s. d. 17 7 6
Do ..	do ..	41	2,000	Fencing, £89; ringbarking, £25.	Gunnedah, 11 miles.	do ..	Generally undulating, but hilly on east side; about 300 acres of good level agricultural soil; 1,300 acres medium, and 400 acres stony soil; abundant coarse pasture; timber—box, ironbark, pine, and yarrow, with about 100 acres of thick and 500 acres of open scrub.	1,500 0 0 (at 15s. per acre).	18 15 0	17 0 0
Do ..	do ..	54	3,534	Fencing, £92; ringbarking, £108; tank, £75.	Gunnedah, 14 miles; Curlewis, 7 miles.	Abundant supply in tank.	Undulating, level, and hilly; soil—red loam with stony patches, sandstone and volcanic; pasturage fair; timber—box, pine, yarrow, currajong, nearly all ring-barked, about half covered with scrubby pine and a little hopbush; about 500 acres agricultural land.	3,534 0 0 (£1 per acre).	44 3 6	21 17 6
Do ..	Goran	30	3,040	Fencing, £66..	Gunnedah, 20 miles; Curlewis, 16 miles.	The country is generally unsuited to tanks; water can be obtained from wells.	Three-quarters almost level to undulating, the remainder steep stony hills; about 400 acres of rich and good agricultural soil, the balance gravelly and stony; timber—box, myall, pine, currajong, wilga, rosewood, and stunted gum, with about three-quarters covered with hopbush scrub.	1,520 0 0 (at 10s. per acre).	19 0 0	20 5 0
Do ..	do ..	31	4,503	Fencing, £102	Curlewis, 11 miles; Gunnedah, 18 miles.	Several good sites for tanks.	Generally undulating; about 300 acres hilly; soil sandy and gravelly, about 200 acres good; pasture coarse; timbered with pine, white and yellow box, oak, currajong, gum, and apple, with pine and hopbush scrub; about 100 acres good agricultural in centre of portion.	1,501 0 0 (at 6s. 8d. per acre).	18 15 3	24 9 0

On and after the 9th January, 1896, application for the above farms may be made to, and lodged with, the local Crown Land Agent in the prescribed manner. The application must be accompanied by half a year's rent in advance, and by a survey fee as above mentioned.

The value of the improvements is payable in one sum within three months after the date of execution of the lease as notified in the *Gazette*, or at the option of the Settlement Lessee in three annual instalments with interest on such value at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. In the latter case, the first instalment would be due twelve months after the date of execution of the lease.

It is pointed out that the value of the improvements referred to in this schedule has not been appraised, and attention is invited to Regulations 154 and 272 to 280. It will be understood that—

Improvements which belong to the Crown will be appraised by the Land Board without any application for appraisal being made.

If the improvements do not belong to the Crown, and the Settlement Lessee desires to have their value appraised by the Board at the date when his application is being considered by the Board, he should give thirty days' notice to the Chairman in Form 8, or both the applicant and the owner of the improvements should appear before the Board and ask for an appraisal. A Settlement Lessee who desires an appraisal is, therefore, advised to send notice in Form 8 to the Chairman immediately he makes his application.

If an application is confirmed before the improvements are appraised, and an appraisal is desired by the Settlement Lessee, it will be necessary to send notice to the Chairman in Form 9, together with a deposit of £10.

The term of lease shall be twenty-eight years.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

INQUIRY BY LAND BOARDS.

(MINUTE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAGGA WAGGA LAND BOARD, RESPECTING THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SANDY CREEK HOMESTEAD SELECTIONS.)

Printed under No. 6 Report from Printing Committee, 26 July, 1900.

Minute.

Sir,

Local Land Board Office, Wagga Wagga, 30 June, 1900.

In regard to the applications for the Sandy Creek Homestead Selections, my Board has now good experience of the working of the amended law as regards simultaneous applications. A very large number of persons (I estimate about 300) presented themselves before the Land Board at Wagga Wagga on 18th June, and here, I think, is the arrangement that needs alteration, viz., the *Gazette* notice bringing a great concourse of people together on one day. I may explain that my practice, ever since I have been holding Land Board meetings, has been to divide the work to be done into so much a day. Consequently, the persons who have to appear before the Board need only attend for a short time on one day, and there have not, I think in my whole experience, been more than one or two cases in a hundred where such persons have had to wait over one day. Had the same plan been followed in the present instance, there would not have existed a grievance, which is, no doubt, a real one. However, to meet this emergency, my Board, within a quarter of an hour, had so arranged the list of cases that immediately every one was free to go, except those whose cases could be dealt with the first day—informing the remainder of the particular day when they would be required. Furthermore, this was published in both the local newspapers. So that cause of discontent was at once removed.

As regards the working of the law itself, it must be expected that an immense amount of grumbling and groundless and absurd rumours of hardships will arise. Here there were 339 persons of whom seventeen only could get a block of land. That left 322 persons who possibly thought that they were very hardly or unjustly treated. Of course, many of them give circulation to all kinds of statements not favourable, it may be safely said, to the law, or to those carrying it out. Nevertheless, I think it a most excellent provision, if the desire be to place the best settlers on the land. It is a means whereby the professional selector and others who are using their privileges, not for legitimate settlement, but for the purpose of trafficking in the public estate, can be excluded. It is a scientific method, instead of the haphazard method of the ballot, which has been the means of giving land very frequently to less desirable persons, to the exclusion of those who would have settled thereon to the betterment of themselves and the community. To the present system I attribute the fine character, from a selecting point of view, of the persons who presented themselves for examination. I may here state that under no circumstances is any man asked to disclose his private affairs, if he desires not to do so, and I make a point of so informing the applicants.

No doubt the labour to the Board is immense; the personal examination of such a number of persons is a prodigious undertaking. Also the odium incurred is possibly considerable. All the same, my Board cheerfully undertakes the onerous duty, in the full assurance of being able to pick out the best men.

The hardship to the selecting public is really reduced to the least possible extent. In the first place, a 5d. stamp will carry their applications to the Land Agent; then on a given day they need only attend for a quarter of an hour or so. After that it is only the successful ones that need to attend the confirmation, if they desire to dispute the Crown's valuation of improvements. This last attendance is quite optional.

When it is considered that the Crown is supplying the means of making a permanent home on conditions extraordinarily profitable and easy, it is difficult to understand how any reasonable man can find fault—indeed no one who might be dealing with private persons and not with the Crown would think twenty times as much trouble any hardship for the advantages to be derived.

Since writing the foregoing, which I intended sending to you of my own accord, as soon as this sitting should have terminated, I have received your letter 00:3332 Minl. In reference to that I would say that very little reliance, as a general thing, is to be placed on newspaper paragraphs. They are mostly ex-parte statements, and generally derived from disappointed persons, who put their own colour on what they

they say. Selectors are so accustomed to have their convenience and interests attended to that hardly anything will please them, and the very men who would uncomplainingly attend for days at a Supreme or District Court will grumble at half a day's attendance at a Land Board meeting, even though the result may be to give them a permanent settlement on the most advantageous terms.

In the present instance the only thing, as already explained, to which exception could reasonably have been taken was the *Gazette* notice bringing so many persons together on one day when only a few of them could be heard. The finding fault with the making public their financial position is not really a well-founded complaint. The proceedings of a Land Board must be conducted in open Court (Section 14, Subsection 1, C. L. Act of 1884). The Board cannot legally or in any way properly listen to confidential statements. But in selecting applicants the Board must have something to go upon—a suitable selector cannot be known by intimation. At the same time applicants are given to understand in the clearest possible terms that they need answer no question which they do not wish to answer. They are mostly represented by Agents, who elicit the evidence; the Board might now and then ask a question to make some matter clear; that is all. So it will be seen that the evidence taken is proffered—not extracted. The only thing that need be amended in the procedure is to leave me to do as I do in other cases, viz., to fix certain days for the hearing of as many applications as can be conveniently dealt with per day. This, of course, will necessitate the waiting until all simultaneous applications shall have been received. The personal attendance of applicants is absolutely necessary, and cannot be dispensed with. No one could judge of the merits of applicants without examining them, and, beyond that, the door would be opened to every kind of fraud if selectors were apportioned on correspondence.

Reverting to the Board's procedure in regard to these homestead selections.

Each day's cases were dealt with on the appointed day, thus keeping faith with the applicants, even though that meant sitting into gas-light, and sometimes up to 10:30 p.m. It took eight days to examine the homestead selectors, a day and a half to examine and deal with the C.P. claimants, and about three-quarters of a day to confirm and fix the value of improvements to the successful applicants. The whole procedure was a very great undertaking carried through without a hitch.

In conclusion, my Board desires me to suggest to you that the practice of allowing applicants to apply for all of the blocks is one that is open to very great objection, without any corresponding advantages, and is emphatically of opinion that the Regulation should be altered so as to admit of each person applying for one block only.

I have, &c,
F. W. WATT,
Chairman.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CROWN LANDS.

(LIST OF PASTORAL LEASES IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION THAT WILL EXPIRE BETWEEN THE 20TH JUNE, 1900, AND 20TH MARCH, 1901.)

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LIST of Pastoral Leases in Central Division that will expire between the 20th June, 1900, and 20th March, 1901.

No. and Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration.	No. and Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration.
2 Bothero.....	10 July, 1900.	126 Bolagamy	10 July, 1900.
4 Poon Boon	10 " 1900.	128 Wolla Wolla	10 " 1900.
7 Combadello and Nepickalina	10 " 1900.	129 Quambone	10 " 1900.
9 Gournama.....	10 " 1900.	134 Borambil	10 " 1900.
10 Calga.....	10 " 1900.	138 Warragan	10 " 1900.
13 Benerembah	10 " 1900.	139 Haddon Rigg	10 " 1900.
16 Marrar	10 " 1900.	144 Liewah	10 " 1900.
17 Womboin	10 " 1900.	149 Geeron or Derangibal.....	10 " 1900.
18 Belaringar	10 " 1900.	153 Colane	10 " 1900.
20 Euratha.....	10 " 1900.	158 South Yathong	10 " 1900.
22 Peter Duffety	10 " 1900.	159 The Brigalows.....	10 " 1900.
23 Benduck	10 " 1900.	161 Quambone	10 " 1900.
27 Dennykymine	10 " 1900.	166 Cremorne	10 " 1900.
29 Keri Keri	10 " 1900.	162 Haddon Riggs	10 " 1900.
33 Kiacato	10 " 1900.	170 Gorman's Hill West	10 " 1900.
34 Bogamildi.....	10 " 1900.	173 Carwell	10 " 1900.
36 Craigan	10 " 1900.	174 Wingadee.....	10 " 1900.
38 Kialgara	10 " 1900.	175 Panjee	10 " 1900.
49 Gummin Gummin	10 " 1900.	177 Nelgowrie.....	10 " 1900.
57 Polly Brewon	10 " 1900.	178 Yanko Block A.	10 " 1900.
64 Native Dog	10 " 1900.	181 Warroo	10 " 1900.
65 Weelong	10 " 1900.	182 Ford's Creek.....	10 " 1900.
68 Nap Nap	10 " 1900.	184 Boronga	10 " 1900.
71 Benda	10 " 1900.	187 The Overflow	10 " 1900.
72 Pevensey	10 " 1900.	190 Burran	10 " 1900.
73 Nabba	10 " 1900.	192 Barbical	10 " 1900.
76 Yanga	10 " 1900.	193 Deri Deri	10 " 1900.
77 Chah Sing.....	10 " 1900.	195 Crawlkey.....	10 " 1900.
79 Ulimambri	10 " 1900.	199 Wallamgambone	10 " 1900.
80 Weebollabolla	10 " 1900.	202 Tyrie	10 " 1900.
85 Mumblebone	10 " 1900.	207 Bomely	10 " 1900.
91 Burdenda	10 " 1900.	208 Goorianawa	10 " 1900.
93 Nebea	10 " 1900.	209 Nariah	10 " 1900.
97 Therribri	10 " 1900.	211 Merco	10 " 1900.
99 Mungranby and Bourbeen.....	10 " 1900.	217 Oxley.....	10 " 1900.
101 Kildary	10 " 1900.	223 New Myregall	10 " 1900.
105 Cocopara East	10 " 1900.	229 Gorah	10 " 1900.
110 North Gogeldrie	10 " 1900.	232 Carlginda	10 " 1900.
112 Colliburl	10 " 1900.	234 Ulinda	10 " 1900.
114 Tonderburine	10 " 1900.	246 Bokemer	10 " 1900.
117 Toogimbie.....	10 " 1900.	247 Melrose Block D.....	10 " 1900.
118 Killarney	10 " 1900.	250 Terryamungamine	10 " 1900.
119 Warry	10 " 1900.	254 Coonimba	10 " 1900.
120 Illiliwa	10 " 1900.	256 Canon Point	10 " 1900.
122 Wingenbah	10 " 1900.	257 Caroonboon	10 " 1900.
123 Moolpa	10 " 1900.	258 Buckyinguy	10 " 1900.
124 Boobabula	10 " 1900.	261 Waterloo	10 " 1900.

No. and Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration.	No. and Name of Pastoral Lease.	Date of Expiration.
264 Binya.....	10 July, 1900.	489 Ooma.....	10 July, 1900.
265 Blowclear West	10 " 1900.	492 Warree	10 " 1900.
266 Mowabla	10 " 1900.	493 Booloola	10 " 1900.
272 Tharambone	10 " 1900.	499 Palisthon	10 " 1900.
273 Merrigal Back	10 " 1900.	500 Colli	10 " 1900.
274 Mount Harris	10 " 1900.	504 Terembone	10 " 1900.
278 Toorawandi	10 " 1900.	508 Kookaburragong	10 " 1900.
281 Derri Derri	10 " 1900.	509 Arramagong West	10 " 1900.
283 Burren	10 " 1900.	510 New Geralgambone.....	10 " 1900.
284 Thellangerang East.....	10 " 1900.	571 Gunnegalra	10 " 1900.
285 Trialgara	10 " 1900.	579 Mulga or Gleraff Block B.	10 " 1900.
288 Emu Plains	10 " 1900.	522 Old Biamble.....	10 " 1900.
291 Mimosa West	10 " 1900.	525 Goolgumba	10 " 1900.
298 Ballandry	10 " 1900.	526 Quisamong.....	10 " 1900.
300 Wooloondool	10 " 1900.	529 Yalgogrin South	10 " 1900.
304 Bolaro	10 " 1900.	530 Narraway	10 " 1900.
312 Queensborough	10 " 1900.	533 Wangrewally	10 " 1900.
313 Boona West	10 " 1900.	534 Merri Merri	10 " 1900.
314 Calimo	10 " 1900.	536 Yalcogrin	10 " 1900.
316 New Babinda	10 " 1900.	539 Naradhan	10 " 1900.
318 Pullingawarrina	10 " 1900.	543 Youngara Creek	30 " 1900.
320 New Kirban.....	10 " 1900.	544 Tarriaro	30 " 1900.
324 Sandy Camp.....	10 " 1900.	548 Boree Creek.....	30 " 1900.
327 Glen Quin	10 " 1900.	551 Dandaloo	30 " 1900.
330 Biniguy	10 " 1900.	552 Lower Willie East	30 " 1900.
332 Carlisle	10 " 1900.	553 Rocky Creek.....	30 " 1900.
335 Burrongong	10 " 1900.	556 Ballandoran	30 " 1900.
337 Gunnibong	10 " 1900.	564 Binda.....	30 " 1900.
341 Marthaguy Creek	10 " 1900.	570 Walla Walla and Carangatell	30 " 1900.
342 Coonong	10 " 1900.	571 Galaragambone	30 " 1900.
345 Brewon	10 " 1900.	574 Bongeabong	30 " 1900.
350 Aratula	10 " 1900.	575 Cowabec	30 " 1900.
352 Pier Pier	10 " 1900.	578 Canonba	30 " 1900.
353 Beanbah	10 " 1900.	581 Millie.....	30 " 1900.
354 North Wakool	10 " 1900.	586 Gulgo	30 " 1900.
355 Cobra.....	10 " 1900.	588 Coghill	30 " 1900.
358 South Urana	10 " 1900.	590 Quandary South	30 " 1900.
359 Bimble	10 " 1900.	596 Terrangan.....	30 " 1900.
360 Malonga	10 " 1900.	598 Bundemar	30 " 1900.
362 Merrigal	10 " 1900.	599 Wonbobbie	30 " 1900.
364 Grawhey	10 " 1900.	600 Wambangalang	30 " 1900.
365 Euglo	10 " 1900.	605 Warrana	30 " 1900.
366 Quabothoo	10 " 1900.	609 Boolcarrol	30 " 1900.
367 Bundy	10 " 1900.	611 Tenandra	30 " 1900.
368 Kerriwah	10 " 1900.	612 Wyabray	30 " 1900.
373 Sandridge	10 " 1900.	615 Melool	30 " 1900.
374 The Boebung Swamp	10 " 1900.	618 Curra and Currawinnia	30 " 1900.
380 Murrumbogie	10 " 1900.	623 Merringreen	30 " 1900.
382 Eugeldry	10 " 1900.	626 Woorooma	30 " 1900.
386 Merryanbone	10 " 1900.	636 Bumbaldry	30 " 1900.
391 Cullengally	10 " 1900.	652 Mungerbumbone	4 Aug., 1900.
393 Zara	10 " 1900.	655 Murrumbidgerie	4 " 1900.
394 Bodangora	10 " 1900.	656 Eugoura	4 " 1900.
395 Bangheet	10 " 1900.	657 Lindsay	4 " 1900.
399 Parmidman	10 " 1900.	660 Narran	4 " 1900.
401 Cornalla	10 " 1900.	664 Ulonga	4 " 1900.
404 Tareelari	10 " 1900.	675 Gunbar	4 " 1900.
405 Huntawang	10 " 1900.	677 Hermitage Plains Block A2	4 " 1900.
406 Barratta	10 " 1900.	680 Murrungundy	4 " 1900.
407 Bunna Bunna	10 " 1900.	683 Matonga	4 " 1900.
418 Yamma	10 " 1900.	684 Yalgogoring North	4 " 1900.
423 Berry Jerry and Arajoel	10 " 1900.	685 Kolkibertoo North	4 " 1900.
424 South Thononga	10 " 1900.	687 Yerrinan	4 " 1900.
432 Willan	10 " 1900.	689 Melrose	4 " 1900.
433 Middle Field	10 " 1900.	696 Gowang.....	4 " 1900.
435 West Bogan.....	10 " 1900.	701 Lake Cowal	4 " 1900.
440 Quandary North	10 " 1900.	702 Wilgar Downs	4 " 1900.
444 Geweroo	10 " 1900.	706 Myall Creek.....	4 " 1900.
445 Minore	10 " 1900.	710 Wandoo Wondong	4 " 1900.
449 Youlbung	10 " 1900.	712 Upper Wyalong No. 2	7 Sept., 1900.
459 Nangerybone	10 " 1900.	719 Cobrauraguy.....	7 " 1900.
464 Gandymungydel	10 " 1900.	722 Piedmont	7 " 1900.
468 Merrigal Marthaguy	10 " 1900.	729 Noorong	4 Mar., 1901.
470 Bundyulumblah	10 " 1900.	736 Coombogalong	10 July, 1900.
475 Bourbah	10 " 1900.	739 Brundah North	30 " 1900.
477 Callubri.....	10 " 1900.	740 Wallanbillan East	30 " 1900.
480 Tabratong West	10 " 1900.	741 Wallanbillan	30 " 1900.
481 Youie	10 " 1900.	742 Euroka North	30 " 1900.
484 Success	10 " 1900.	755 Ungaree	10 " 1900.
485 Barellan	10 " 1900.	756 Ungaree West	10 " 1900.
486 Gunning East	10 " 1900.		

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CENTRAL PASTORAL LEASE HOLDINGS.

(RETURN SHOWING REGISTERED LESSEES AND AREAS, TOGETHER WITH PARTICULARS OF SCRUB AND IMPROVEMENT LEASES, RESERVES, &c.)

Printed under No. 19 Report from Printing Committee, 4 December, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 20th June, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return furnishing the following particulars with respect to the Central Pastoral Lease Holdings :—

- “ (1.) Names and areas of such leasehold holdings and their registered lessees.
- “ (2.) Names of such holdings over which an extension of leases has been granted under section 3 of 1895 Land Act, and terms of such extended leases.
- “ (3.) Names of holdings on which conversions of pastoral leased lands into scrub lease areas have been made, in terms of section 35 of 1889 Land Act, and sub-section VI of section 26 of 1895 Land Act; also, the areas and terms of such scrub leases.
- “ (4.) Names of holdings on which applications for conversion into scrub lease areas have been refused, the areas embraced in such applications, and reason for refusal.
- “ (5.) Names of holdings and areas embraced in scrub lease applications not yet finally dealt with.
- “ (6.) Names of holdings and area of resumed areas held under occupation license; also, area of such lands under reservation, and thereby debarred to settlement.
- “ (7.) Names of holdings and area of land which originally formed part of the same, but which are now held by the lessees as improvement leases; also, terms of such improvement leases.
- “ (8.) Names of holdings and area of alienated lands which originally formed part of the same and are now held and worked in conjunction with such pastoral holdings.”

(Mr. Thomas Brown.)

RETURN showing Registered Lessees and Areas, together with

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.		Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.			
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
1A	Urombong	David Innes Watt	Acres. 5,140	No extension	Acres.	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Botheroe	John Arthur Buckland	37,540	"	"	"	"	"	"	
3A	Wagingoberemby	James Rudd	1,920	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4	Poon Boon	Australian Mortgage, L., and F. Co., Limited	51,769	"	"	"	"	"	"	
5A	Binnia	D. M'Master	7,603	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6A	Gurley	John Simson	56,213	"	I	1,050	7	"	"	
7	Combadello and Nepicklina	W. and F. A. Moses	23,784	"	"	"	"	"	"	
8A	Weetaliba	Hugh, John, Duncan, and James M'Master	26,144	"	"	"	"	"	"	
9	Gournamia	John, D., C., G., A., R., and W. H. Capel	28,640	"	"	"	"	94/1	2,200	Land applied for as C.P. Application declined. (Within R.A.)
10	Calga	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	49,792	"	"	"	"	"	"	
11A	Eurie Eurie	Eliza J. Glass	17,082	"	"	"	"	"	"	
12A	Kunopia	Lovick Tyrrell	10,965	"	"	"	"	"	"	
13A	Benerembah	R. S. Whiting and George Mair, Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Bailey	33,755	"	"	"	"	"	"	
14A	Mulwala and Savernake	Alexander Sloane	4,932	"	"	"	"	"	"	
15A	Caragabal	F. F. Gibson	14,239	"	"	"	"	"	"	
16	Marrar	A. M. Cox, A. T. Bolton, H. T. Davidson, Trustees of the Will of the late John Cox	4,885	"	"	"	"	"	"	
17	Wombom	Thomas Cornish	36,708	"	"	"	"	"	"	
18	Belarngar	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	38,523	"	"	"	"	"	"	
19A	Coonabarrabran	A. W. Croxon	638	"	"	"	"	"	"	
20	Euratha	Cancelled, 1900/5740. Australian Mortgage, L., and F. Co., Limited	"	"	I	19,200	28	"	"	
21A	Wandary	A.M.P. Society	4,310	"	"	"	"	"	"	
22	Peter Duffity	Commercial Banking Company ..	14,636	"	"	"	"	"	"	
23	Benduck	British and Australian T. and L. Co., Limited	27,065	"	"	"	"	"	"	
24A	South Condoublin.	A.M.P. Society	8,931	"	"	"	"	"	260	Refused. Pastoral Lease having expired, Scrub Lease cannot be granted.
25A	Campbell's Island.	J. W. Dennis	2,440	"	"	"	"	"	260	Refused. Reason not stated.
26A	Narrandera	A. Austin	16,847	"	"	"	"	"	"	
27	Dennykymine	George Nunn	10,790	"	"	"	"	"	10,790	Application withdrawn.
28A	Cadow	Edward Jones	9,830	"	"	"	"	"	"	
29	Keri Keri	John Cumming	37,575	"	"	"	"	"	"	
30A	Oregon	E. Grainger and G. S. Bone	15,372	"	"	"	"	"	"	
31A	Boomanoomana	Alfred Hay	4,908	"	"	"	"	"	"	
32A	Bullenbong	Ann, Alex., H. T., and C. McC. Davidson, Executrix and Executors of the Will of the late Alexr. Davidson	4,093	"	"	"	"	"	"	
33	Kiacatoo	Australian and N.Z. Mortgage Co., Limited	32,280	"	I	20,000	21	"	"	
34	Bogamildi	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	70,457	"	8	71,357	10½	"	"	
35A	Bundulla	D. and J. McMaster	4,878	"	"	"	"	"	"	
36	Caigan	J. L. Brown	30,879	"	"	"	"	"	"	
37	Upper Wyalong, No. 3	Alexr. Amos	9,989	From 11 July, 1903, to 10 Feb., 1904	"	"	"	"	"	
38	Kialgara	Union Bank of Australia, Limited.	10,042	No extension	"	"	"	"	"	
39A	Puckawidgee	G. Currie, J. McKinnon, and T. Shaw ..	15,389	"	"	"	"	"	"	
40A	Telleraga	A. W. Robertson, S. Booth, and J. Wagner	15,058	"	"	"	"	"	"	
41	Balgay	P. H. Osborne	Nil	"	"	"	"	"	"	
42A	Mullengudgery	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	1,211	"	I	33,201	28	"	"	
43A	Nyngay	Dalgety and Co., Limited..	6,061	"	"	"	"	"	"	
44A	Gorian	J., D., C., G., A., R., and W. H. Capel ..	36,111	"	"	"	"	"	"	
45A	Youngee Plain	C. C. Murray and W. Sanderson	12,700	"	"	"	"	"	"	
46A	Eli Elwah.	Jas. and G. Russell..	9,895	"	"	"	"	"	"	
47A	Ballaree	Geo. Woods. Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th Jan., 1899.	296	"	"	"	"	"	"	
48A	Bland	W. A., C. K., A. B. and W. Chisholm. Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th Jan., 1899.	10,606	"	"	"	"	"	"	
49	Gumin Gumin	A.M.P. Society	31,241	"	"	"	"	"	"	
50A	Gundare	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	15,331	"	"	"	"	"	Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6th January, 1900.	
51A	Coradgery	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	12,800	"	I	11,000	98-1912	"	"	
52A	Tyreel	B. Richards, J. Williams, and G. Williams	32,426	"	"	"	"	"	"	
53A	Yarragrinn	D. I. Watt	8,755	"	I	5,440	28	"	"	
54	West Mandamah	Ann, Alex., H. T., and C. McC. Davidson, Executrix and Executors of the late Alexr. Davidson. Pastoral Lease surrendered from 21st Oct., 1899. Now under Scrub Lease.	"	11 July, 1900, to 10 May, 1902	I	14,200	99-1913	"	"	
55	East Billabong	James Ewan	No extension	I	28,000	99-1927	I	3,520	Land is reported as suitable for Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease. Mis.L. 90-3864
56A	South Balladoran.	Bank of New Zealand	8,664	"	"	"	"	"	Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6th February, 1897.	
57	Polly Brewan	A. S. Barton and F. W. Taylor	33,533	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58A	Dobikin	S. A. and H. C. Taylor	16,617	"	"	"	"	"	"	
59A	Gralgumbone	J. R., W. C., H., and A. Hill	17,220	"	"	"	"	"	"	
60A	Bone and Premer.	H., J., D., and I. McC. McMaster	10,578	"	"	"	"	"	"	
61	Billabong	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.	22,692	11 July, 1900, to Oct., 1901	"	"	"	£6/6	10,240	Refused. Half area applied for is C.P. and C.L. (Within R.A.)

particulars of Scrub and Improvement Leases, Reserves, &c,

Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		RESUMED AREAS.				PASTORAL HOLDINGS.				
No.	Area.	Holding.		Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding but now worked in conjunction with such holding
		No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years	
...	Acres	1	Urombong	David I. Watts	Nil	Acres.	1	11,500	15	Acres.
I	37,540	2	Botherce	J. A. Buckland	19,219	3,920	2	3,900	20	120
...	...	3	Wagingoberemby	James Rudd	494	494 in R.A., 1,920 on old L.A.	...	...	...	9,266
...	...	4	Poon Boon	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited	33,710	13,860 R.A., 22,850 L.A.	...	...	...	73,622
I	3,200	5	Bunna	D. M'Master Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.	806	.. ..	1	12,200	20	16,000
...	...	6	Gurley	John Simson	36,152	10,900	...	...	...	46,473
...	...	7	Combadello and Nepickama	W. and F. A. Moses	7,513	13,700	...	...	...	34,157
...	...	8	Weetaliba	H., J., D., and J. M'Master	18,890	3,000	2	8,310	28	16,000
...	...	9	Gournama	Capel Bros.	8,804	3,500	...	...	...	5,680
...	...	10	Calga	James Murphy, junr. Cancelled, 9/2490.	9,084	...	...	...	...	47,700
...	...	11	Eurie	Eliza Jane Glass	16,461	11,900 R.A., 6,100 L.A.	...	...	...	28,954
...	...	12	Kunopia	Lovick Tyrrell	4,651	4,200 R.A., 4,400 L.A.	...	...	...	401
...	...	13	Banerembah	Thomas Bailie Forfeited by Gazette 20th March, 1891.	31,600	11,300 L.A.	...	...	...	117,745
...	...	14	Mulwala and Savernake	Alexander Sloane	2,293	2,293 R.A., 4,932 L.A.	...	...	...	40,275
...	...	15	Caragabal	F. F. Gibson	6,756	900	...	...	...	56,000
...	...	16	Marrar	John Cox	1,157	1,150	...	...	...	10,225
...	...	17	Womboin	Thomas Cornish	2,239	2,900	...	...	...	26,000
...	...	18	Belaragar	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	2,032	1,320	...	...	...	79,980
...	...	19	Coonabarabran	A. W. Croxon	207	nil	...	...	...	2,500
...	...	20	Euratha	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited Cancelled Occ., 96/10,607.	17,930	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	21	Wandary	A.M.P. Society	3,141	1,800	...	...	...	18,200
...	...	22	Peter Duffity	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Ltd.	1,039	280	...	...	...	16,850
...	...	23	Benduck	British-Australian Trust and L. Co.	2,659	1,640 R.A., 9,000 L.A.	...	...	...	63,486
...	...	24	South Condoublin	A.M.P. Society	4,304	4,304	...	...	...	35,000
...	...	25	Campbell's Island	J. W. Dennis	2,500	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	26	Narrandera	Albert Austin	13,854	13,200 R.A., 7,500 L.A.	...	...	...	67,415
...	...	27	Dennykymine	Geo Nunn	11,600	nil	...	...	...	160
...	...	28	Cadow	Edward Jones	669	280	...	...	...	32,000
...	...	29	Kerri Kerri	John Cumming	28,437	2,190 R.A., 7,800 L.A.	...	...	...	57,188
...	...	30	Oregon	E. Grainger and G. S. Bone	16,207	5,165 R.A., 5,766 L.A.	...	...	...	8,853
...	...	31	Boomanoomana	Alfred Hay	3,284	2,834 R.A., 4,908 L.A.	...	...	...	32,816
...	...	32	Ballenbong	Ann, Alex., H. T., and C. Mc. Davidson Executrix and Executors of the Will of the late Alexander Davidson	662	617 R.A., 4,083 L.A.	...	...	...	20,464
...	...	33	Kiacatoo	Australian and N.Z. Mortgage Co., Ltd Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891	31,851	...	1	5,200	28	11,200
...	...	34	Bogamildi	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	94,525	12,000	2	11,042	28	31,538
...	...	35	Bundulla	Duncan and J. McMaster.	7,885	3,200	...	...	...	24,000
...	...	36	Caigan	J. L. Brown.	9,582	2,400	...	...	...	16,000
...	...	37	Upper Wyalong, No. 3	Alexander Amos	5,632	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	747	Resumed area withdrawn from L.A., No. 37		5,489	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	38	Kialgara	Union Bank of Australia, Limited.	495	Nil	...	...	...	14,270
...	...	39	Puckawidgee	G. Currie, J. McKinnon, and T. Shaw.	7,698	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	40	Tellaraga	A. W. Robertson, S. Booth, and J. Wagner	5,325	3,080 R.A., 840 L.A.	...	...	...	20,137
...	...	41	Balgay	P. H. Osborne	2,744	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	42	Mullengudgery	N.Z. Loan and M.A. Co., Limited.	724	2,950 R.A., 630 L.A.	...	...	...	...
...	...	43	Nyingay	Dalgety and Co., Limited	516	5,140	...	...	...	32,923
...	...	44	Gorran	Capel Bros.	3,277	1,450	...	...	...	42,000
...	...	45	Youngee Plain	D. W. Bear.	809	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	46	Eli Elwah	Not renewed for 1896. Gazetted 30th September, 1896. James and G. Russell.	11,013	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	47	Ballaree	Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6th January, 1900. Geo. Woods.	842	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	48	Bland	Not renewed for 1892. Gazetted 21st June, 1892. W. A., C. K., A. B., and W. Chisholm.	8,140	4,980	...	...	...	48,000
2	34,000	49	Gumrin Gumin	A.M.P. Society	26,491	Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6th Jan., 1900.	...	...	...	14,620
...	...	50	Gundare	N.Z. Loan and M.A. Coy., Ltd.	4,123	Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6th Jan., 1900.	...	...	...	...
2	3,420	51	Coradgery	N.Z. Loan and M.A. Coy., Ltd.	1,294	1,200	2	1,050	28	15,800
...	...	52	Tyreel	B. Richards, J. Williams, and G. Williams	3,906	1,557	...	...	...	14,000
...	...	53	Yarragrinn	George Rouse	32,570	6,320	...	...	...	31,325
...	...	54	West Mandamah	Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891. Ann, Alex., H. T., and C. McC. Davidson, Executrix and Executors of the late Alexander Davidson	9,547	4,100	...	...	...	12,400
...	...	55	East Billabong	Worked in conjunction with 753 R.A., withdrawn from West Mandamah, L.A. 54. James Ewan	4,216	27,319	...	...	...	1,120
...	...	56	South Balladoran	Bank of New Zealand	6,120	Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6th Feb., 1897.	...	...	...	...
...	...	57	Polly Brevan	A. S. Barton and F. W. Taylor	14,906	7,400	...	...	...	10,834
I	10,280	58	Dobikin	S. A. and H. C. Taylor	25,780	25,400	...	...	...	11,000
...	...	59	Graigumbone	J., W. C., H., and A. Hill	799	80 on R.A., 17,220 on late L.A.	...	...	...	10,800
...	...	60	Bone and Premer	H., J., D., and I. McC. McMaster	16,073	Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th Jan., 1899.	1	14,700	28	14,500
I	3,700	61	Billabong	Australian M., L., and F. Coy., Ltd	12,187	12,187	...	...	...	18,400

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Leases.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
62A	Yarringerry ..	Dalgety & Co., Ltd.	Acres. 4,494	No extension						
63A	Four-Bob Camp ..	Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.	1,128	"						
64	Native Dog	The Bank of Australasia	8,674	"						
65A	Weelong	W. O. Gilchrist..	21,777	"						
66A	Blue Nobby	J. R. Black	29,431	"						
67A	Belubula	The Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	2,268	"			4,000	Application withdrawn (within R.A.)		
68	Nap Nap	R. B. and R. W. Ronald	112,441	"						
69	Spicer's Creek....	Bank of New South Wales	11,000	11 July, 1899 10 Dec., 1900						
70A	North Malonga ..	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	15,882	No extension			98-1	10,000	Refused. Applicants being the holders of other Pastoral Leases and the present Pastoral Lease having expired (10 July, 1898) cannot hold a Scrub-Lease except on land held under Pastoral Lease by themselves.	
71	Berida	W. J. Austin and F. D. Bird	49,869	"				10,000	Refused.	
72	Pevensey..	A. P. E. and A. C. D. Tyson	39,331	"						
73	Uabba	Bank of Australasia	44,051	"						
74	Boyd.. ..	Union Bank of Australia, Limited .	6,424	11 July, 1899, to 10 April, 1901				1,000 3,300	Refused. Sec. 35, Act. 1889, states Lessee can only hold a Scrub Lease on the L.A. (within R.A.) Application withdrawn.	
75A	Tregalana	J. B. Donkin	5,057	No extension						
76	Yanga	The E.S. and A.C. Bank, Limited .	53,954	"						
77A	Chah Sng.	E. C. Grant and G. Childe .	28,345	"						
78A	Denobolhe.....	M. Shanahan and Sir P. A. Jennings	9,100	"					Lease cancelled, area designed for Improvement Lease, vide, Occ. 97/2539	
79	Ulimambri	N.S.W. Mortgage and Land Agency Co., Limited	70,783	"						
80	Weebollabolla ..	H. C. Wilson	13,609	"						
81A	Wondoo-bar	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney..	10,402	"						
82A	Merool Creek ..	Dalgety and Co., Limited	17,180	"			86-1 86-2	7,000 1,280	Refused. Applications do not apply to Scrub Leases within the meaning of the Act. Mis. L. 91-7591.	
83	Wollongough	C. M. Johns	7,551	"	I I I	9,500 5,300 4,650	98-19:1 99-1900 98-1912			
84A	Brogan Plains ...	The Commercial Banking Co., of Sydney, Limited	8,024	"						
85	Mumblebone ...	E. H. and H. E. Kater	26,129	"						
86A	West Gungahman ..	Thomas Dent	8,120	"						
87A	Tugland	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	9,495	"						
88A	Goonal	J. B. Watt	24,366	"						
89A	Mooloomoon ..	J. McVean	6,778	"						
90A	Wargam	R. H. Woodward	13,628	"						
91	Burdenda	Bank of N.S.W.	19,678	"	I	18,840	1900-1923			
		Lease expired 10th July, 1900.								
92	Gillendoon	The London Chartered Bank of Australia	12,732	11 July, 1900 10 Dec., 1902						
93	Nebea	E. Whitney, R. B. Ronald, and E. Keep	46,631	No extension						
94A	Weelah or Grad-gery	Jane Wild and George Woods	3,675	"						
95A	Garrawilla ..	H. Moses	24,526	"					Cancelled Occ., 1900-6356.	
96	Ganmain	The Scottish Australian Investment Co., Limited	37,649	11 July, 1900 10 June, 1902				15,454	Refused. Sec. 35, Act 1889, states Lessees cannot hold a Scrub Lease on the L.A., applicants being already holders of several Pastoral Holdings.	
97	Therribri	Corporation of the Bank of Australasia	30,313	No extension						
98A	Buddabadah ...	J. C. Ryrie	1,953	"						
99	Mungranby and Bourbeen	Mary Ann Luckie, Administratrix in the will of the late Peter Luckie	10,764	"						
100A	Esperance	Mrs Jane Wild, George Wood, and Martha Caton	35	"						
101	Kildary	Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899. The Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	23,486	"			99-21	5,000	Refused. Applicant applied for 23,486 acres. Board recommended 5,000 acres. Refused.	
102A	Tootal	Edward Ashcroft	140	"						
103A	Merri Merrigal	C. C. Murray and W. Sanderson ..	110,975	"						
		Prof. Occ. License Cancelled, vide Occ., 1900-5329.								
104A	Wangamong Plains	J. M. Sanger	1,677	"						
		Cancelled, vide Occ. 96-10607.								
105	Cocopara East	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	27,480	"						
106A	Bugilbone ..	The Queensland Pastoral Co. Proprietary, Limited	38,575	"						
107	Welbendungah ..	Elizabeth S. Hebden	26,561	11 Jan., 1909 10 May, 1901						
108A	Nyong	The Hon S. Fraser	21,211	No extension						
109	Boonook ...	F. S. Falkiner	6,517	11 July, 1900 10 Jan., 1902						
110	North Gogelderie	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	6,939	No extension						
111A	Wargambegal	The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	12,750	"						
		Cancelled, vide Occ., 97-7194.								
112	Colliburll ..	Bank of Australasia	4,715	"						
113A	Yarraldool ..	Sarah E. Richards	59,138	"						

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		No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years		
I	7,500	62	Yarrigerry	A B Morgan	143	Acres Forfeited, 7th August, 1891	Gazetted.			Acres.	
		63	Four Bob Camp	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,008	nil					7,700
		64	Native Dog	Bank of Australasia	1,762	640					6,600
		65	Weelong	W O Gilchrist	683	Nil					22,400
		66	Blue Nobby	W J Russell and J R Black	18,310	3,230					3,950
		67	Belubula	The Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	227	on L.A. 2,321					19,868
		68	Nip Nip	R B. and R W Ronald	89,43	on R.A. 10,700, on L.A. 9,800					6,4106
		69	Spicer's Creek.	R. Rouse and E. S Rouse	4,648	Forfeited					260
		70	North Malonga .	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited.	19,400	Cancelled					
		71	Berida	Berida Pastoral Co., Limited	4,529	4,60					31,650
		72	Pevensey	A. P. E and A C D. Tyson	3,731	on R.A. 1,740, on old L.A. 10,530					59,344
		73	Uabba	Bank of Australia	40,745	on R.A. 1,600, on old L.A. 3,900					26,793
		74	Boyd	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	3,783	2,740					14,200
		758	R A withdrawn from Boyd L.A. 7A	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,040						
		75	Tregalana	F F. Gibson	4,909	1,500					14,000
		76	Yangi	The ES and A C Bank	42,803	on R.A. 12,600, on old L.A. 33,740					189,143
		77	Chah Sing	E. C Grant and G. Childe	6,114	on R.A. 4,700, on old L.A. 18,200					64,055
		78	Denobollie	M. Shanahan and Sir P A Jennings		Designed for Improvement Lease					16,085
		79	Ulmambri	The Scottish Australian Investment Co., Limited	69,985	Cancelled Occ., 95-4958					21,000
		80	Weebollabolla	H. C Wilson	2,970						
81	Wondoobai	J Gill	18,554	Forfeited, 7th August, 1891	12,800						
82	Merool Creek	Dalgety and Co., Limited	12,503								
83	Wollongough	D. N. Johns	9,272	Cancelled Occ. 1898-6644	13,400						
84	Brogan Plains	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Ltd	1,588	Not renewed for 1899.							
85	Mumblebone	E. H and H. E Kater	5,743	3,790	42,360						
86	West Gungahman	T. Dent	2,255	320	5,200						
87	Tugland	A. and R. Maguire		2,070 in late L.A. No Occupation License.							
88	Goonal	J. B Watt	9,238	On R.A. 5,680, on old L.A. 4,780.	49,118						
89	Mooloomoon	J McVean	4,371								
90	Wargam	R H Woodward	16,592								
91	Budenda	Bank of N S W.	901	800							
92	Gillendoon	G Rouse	7,521	Forfeited, 7th August, 1891	10,190						
755	R A withdrawn from Gillendoon L.A. 92	London Bank of Australia	11,900								
93	Nebea	E. Whitney, R B Ronald, and E Keep	2,745	1,640	29,520						
94	Weelah or Gradgery	Jane Wild and George Woods	729	In R.A. 900, in L.A. 3,220							
95	Garrawilla	H. H. Kelly	13,834	Not renewed for 1899							
96	Ganmain	The Scottish Australian Investment Co., Limited	22,834	Gazetted 7th Jan, 1899	43,121						
97	Therribri	W. F Jacques	34,900	Nil	12,000						
98	Buddabadah	J C Byrie	4,640	2,160 (on late L.A.)							
99	Mungranby and Bourbeen	P Luckie	12,593	...	Nil						
100	Esperance	Gazetted 7th August, 1891. Mrs Jane Wild, Geo. Woods, and Martha Caton									
101	Kildary	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited.	1,778	650	12,200						
102	Tootal	E Ashcroft	194	194 R.A., 140 L.A.	8,561						
103	Merri Merrigal	W Murray and H M Strahan	110,953								
104	Wangamong Plains	J M Sanger	1,368								
105	Cocopara East	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited.	22,958								
106	Bugilbone	Cancelled Occ., 94-3723 Queensland Pastoral Company Proprietary, Limited	5,744	4,800	11,000						
107	Welbungah	Ehzabeth S Hebden	4,981	40	12,275						
767	R A withdrawn from Welbungah L.A. 107	Ehzabeth S Hebden	5,785								
108	Nyang	The Hon S Fraser	11,227								
109	Boonook	F S Falkner	3,107								
775	R A withdrawn from Boonook L.A. 109	F. S. Falkner	6,100								
110	North Gogeldene	Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited.	1,959	1,969	25,059						
111	Wargambegal	The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited.	13,000								
112	Collbur	Cancelled Occ., 97-13963 Bank of Australasia	709	550	4,740						
113	Yarialdool	Sarah E. Richards	6,130	4,500 R.A., 9,000 L.A.	21,515						

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I	2,800	114	Bundilla .	D M Irving	695	15,770 L A.	1	7,240	8	11,790
		115	Milby	The Union Bank of Australia, Limited Not renewed for 1893. Gazetted 14th February, 1893	7,513					
I	862	116	Tonderburme	J L Brown Cancelled, vide Occ, 96 6821	29,350	7,690 R A, 7,340 L A. 1,250	2	2,054	14	50,040
		117	Toogimbie	L Parsons and J Dill	13,001					
I	862	118	Killarney	W F Buchanan	16,246	11,700 R A 30,240 L A 784 R A, 880 L A.	2	2,054	14	40,000
		119	Warry	C C Murray and W Sanderson Forfeited, 21st December, 1891	2,975					
I	862	120	Illhwa	Illhwa Co., Limited	16,214	500	2	2,054	14	227,178
		121	Willewa.	The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited	2,094					
I	862	122	Wingenbah .	Thomas Fletcher	1,100	7,150 R A 12,400 L A	2	2,054	14	5,700
		123	Moolpah ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	12,250					
I	862	124	Booabula	J H Blackwood	8,542	8,542	2	2,054	14	79,413
		125	Barmedman	L Robertson	1,488					
I	862	126	Bolagamy	The Australian and N Z Mortgage Co., Limited Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899	2,999	2,200	2	2,054	14	4,300
		127	Bulgandramine	J N Gilmour Cancelled Occ, 98 7211	33,961					
I	862	762	R A, withdrawn from Bulgandramine, L A 127	J N Gilmour	3,247	3,560	2	2,054	14	29,720
		128	Wolla Wolla	A R Troup, R Smith, and D W Roxburgh	760					
I	862	129	Quambone	The Perpetual Trustee Co., Limited	1,617	480	2	2,054	14	12,800
		130	Flagstone Creek	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	4,109					
I	862	131	Moroco	The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Co., Limited	9,215	50	2	2,054	14	40
		132	Egan Creek	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	76					
I	862	134	Borambl	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency, Ltd	6,889	760	2	2,054	14	7,900
		135	Balgoreen	Commercial Banking Co., Limited	4,028					
I	862	136	Upper Merry Merry	W M. Connell	6,407	3,470 2,860	2	2,054	14	14,260
		137	Cumbl	H Gardner Designed for improvement Lease. Vide Occ., 97-2539	5,407					
I	862	138	Warragan	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	7,395	6,520	2	2,054	14	4,200
		139	Haddon Ragg	Jas Richmond	17,102					
I	862	140	Ginerol	Hon C S. Viscount Monck and J R L'Amy	26,436	6,642	2	2,054	14	1,179
		141	Bongewong	T and P. Britton	6,882					
I	862	142	North Yanco	S M'Caughey	5,181	2,770	2	2,054	14	34,600
		143	Back Esperance	Martha Caton	141					
I	862	144	Luewah	Mary L Wilson	7,833	Nil	2	2,054	14	5,043
		145	Nyngan East	Jas Mitchell	1,392					
I	862	146	Minna Minane	Henry Moses	830	640	2	2,054	14	5,007
		147	Junee	T W. Hammond	1,346					
I	862	148	Gunningbland	James Ewan	3,470	2,700	2	2,054	14	9,426
		751	R A withdrawn from Gunningbland L A. 148	James Ewan	4,367					
I	862	149	Geeron or Derangibal	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co., Limited	108	Nil	2	2,054	14	20,100
		150	Ellengerah	Bank of New South Wales	3,405					
I	862	151	Boregerry	Samuel Ramsay	182	2,620	2	2,054	14	15,000
		152	Bull Plain	Charles Young	339					
I	862	153	Colane	Bank of New South Wales	2,767	2,279.	2	2,054	14	22,427
		154	Colombo Creek	L McBean Grant	2,279					
I	862	155	Merkadool .	R T. Firebrace and E M Young	12,801	3,259	2	2,054	14	26,460
		156	Murrulebale	Scottish Australian Investment Co.	656					
I	862	157	Tregalana East	Bank of New South Wales	267	6,443.	2	2,054	14	18,019
		158	South Yathong	John H Spiller	1,725					
I	862	159	The Brigalows	City Bank of Sydney	5,508	10,300	2	2,054	14	20,957
		160	Tuppall	F S Falkner	1,481					
I	862	161	Quambone	G Ashmall and T. Andrews	5,415	2,770	2	2,054	14	36,951
		162	Lake Cowal	J B Donkin	10,838					
I	862	163	North Yathong	John Glenn	2,898	730	2	2,054	14	6,700
		164	Tarramia	H T. Whitty	5,022					
I	862	165	Cocketgedong	Geo Watt and H Thomson Not renewed for 1892. Gazetted 21st June, 1892.	11,290	5,252	2	2,054	14	23,512
		166	Cremorne	Dalgety and Coy, Limited	1,300					
I	862	167	Tala	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank	39,184	2,252	2	2,054	14	5,400
		168	Warrowwie	Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	161					
I	862	169	Haddon Riggs	Frank Mack and S Austin	1,201	5,022	2	2,054	14	25,306
		170	Gorman s Hill West	A R Minter	4,740					
I	862	171	Toganmain	Thomas Robertson	17,986	11,745	2	2,054	14	38,994
		172	Drilool	Thomas Cook	4,624					
I	862	173	Carwell	Bank of Australasia	5,312	22,860	2	2,054	14	25,000
		174	Wingadee	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited.	32,469					

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
175	Panjee	Law Debenture Corporation, Limited	Acres. 131,673	No extension						
176	Pomingalarna ...	Union Bank of Australia . . .	9,381	"						
177	Neigowrie ...	W. C. A'Beckett and M. E. A'Beckett	14,807	"						
178	Yanko, Block A	Lewis Kiddle	4,450	"						
179A	Merebone	Mary Perry	798	"						
180A	Milbey West	Hon. W. Campbell	1,521	"						
181	Not renewed for 1899.	Gazetted 7th January, 1899.								
182	Warroo	Chas. S. M'Phillamy	20,065	"	I	1,340	14			
183	Ford's Creek	James Webb	12,720	"	I	2,130	21			
183A	Yallaroi	H. C. Dangar	18,565	"				2,000	Application permitted to be withdrawn	
184	Boronga	J. T. Walker, W. Walker, and A. J. Mackenzie, Trustees of the Will of the late Thos. Walker	45,672	"						
185	Bomera	Chas. H. James	94,375	"						
186A	Booolooroo	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	3,032	"					Cancelled. Subdivided into "Bomera" No. 751 and Tarawinda No. 752.	
187	The Overflow	The Law Debenture Corporation	152,467	"						
188A	Centre Block No. 3	Geo. Munro and W. E. Wilson	1,280	"						
189A	Book Book	Edward Ingram	3,764	"						
190	Not renewed for 1899.	Gazetted 7th January, 1899.								
191	Burrano	Dalgety and Co., Limited	8,676	"						
191A	Malaraway & Milhe North	Bank of Australasia	41,545	"						
192	Barbigal	Bank of New South Wales	5,090	"						
193	Derri Derri	Bank of New South Wales	39,220	"						
194A	Oakey Creek	James M. Allison	1,636	"						
195	Urawilkey	The N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	27,564	"						
195	Conapaira	Pat. Hill Osborne		"	I	128,000	99-1927	11,520	Application permitted to be withdrawn	
	(Now held as Scrub Lease.)									
197A	Werrina	The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	12,274	"	I	17,000	1894-1915	99-I 20,000	Refused. Land applied for is not Scrub Lands within the meaning of the Act.	
								98-I 3,300	Withdrawn (within R.A.)	
								7,500	Refused. Board's reason not stated	
198A	Carabost	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	10,130	"						
199	Wallamgambone	Australian Joint Stock Bank	22,900	"						
200A	Widgiewa	John S. Horsfall	11,998	"						
201A	Cadmurra	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co., Limited	62,869	"	I	812	1896-1924	9,600	Refused. Land not being considered Scrub Lands	
					I	500	1896-1902			
					I	800	1900-1905	640	Permitted to be withdrawn	
202	Tyrie	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	28,658	"						
203A	Gibbican	Robt. A. Head	5,000	"						
204A	Berembed	John Andrew	4,473	"						
205	Woodlands	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.		"	I	43,180	97-1925			
206	Keecargo, or Tory Wee Waa	Thomas P. Wills Allen	14,565	"						
207	Bomely	Bank of New South Wales	7,990	"						
208	Goorianawa	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	53,919	"						
209	Niriah	The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company.	76,001	"				10,240	Application withdrawn	
								10,240	"	
								10,000	"	
								6,400	"	
								10,240	"	
210A	Jerilderie.	William Peterson and Frederick T. Sargood	6,614	"						
211A	Meroe	Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd	20,318	"						
212	Milkenowrie	William E. Sparke	1,841	"						
	Not renewed for 1899.	Gazetted 7th January, 1899.								
213	Geurie	Bank of Australasia	8,399	11 July, 1900, 10 April, 1901						
214A	Bando	Henry Charles White and John Cobb.	16,005	No extension						
215	Yamma	Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.	4,572	"				3,600	Withdrawn at applicant's request	
216A	Gulgo South	Bank New South Wales	1,913	"						
217	Oxley	Australian, Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	28,169	"						
218	The Troffs	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited		"				27,200	Refused	
219A	Goangra	John Carson	41,712	"						
220A	Bygoo	Thomas James Gordon, John Gordon, F R G., Margaret and Thomasina Robertson	13,745	"						
221A	Bundal'a	Thomas Jas. Finlay	8,570	"						
222A	Coubail	Elizabeth S. Hebden	21,054	"						
223	New Myregall	James Patrick	6,575	"						
224A	Colombo Plain	John Rudd and J. Rudd	5,501	"						
225A	Balagala	Jane Fletcher	4,212	"						
226	Orange Plains	Pat. Hill Osborne		"	I	110,340	1900-1925			
	(Now held as scrub lease)									
227A	Hanging Rock	C. G. Millar and E. F. Millar	320	"						
228A	Gelam	David Moore	15,851	"						
229	Gorah	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	11,311	"						
230A	Gillenbine and Gobondry	Commercial Banking Co., Limited	8,396	"					Forfeited, vide Gazette, 23rd November, 1896.	
231A	Singoramba Block A.	Samuel McCaughey	5,126	"				8,000	Application withdrawn.	
232	Carlinda	T. E. C. Wrigley	6,413	"						

RESUMED AREAS.						PASTORAL HOLDINGS.				
Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.			Holding.	Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding, but now worked in conjunction with such holding.
No.	Area.	No.					No.	Acres.	Term of Years.	
	Acres.	175	Panjee	The Trust and Agency Company of Australasia, Limited.	136,227	Cancelled, vide Occ., 96-6,821.			3,470	
		176	Pomingalarna	A. Mackay and D. Copland	2,956	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-8,765.				
		177	Nelgowrie	W. C. A'Beckett and M. E. A'Beckett	1,010	590			10,900	
		173	Yanko, Block A	Lewis Kiddle	4,047	on R.A. 2,489. On L.A. 4,200.			40,303	
		179	Merebone	Mary Perry	513	R.A. 370, L.A. 750				
		180	Milbey West	Hon. W. Campbell	11,893		I	8,260	28	
		181	Warroo	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-2353. C. M'Phillamy	2,053	1,170			41,003	
		182	Ford's Creek	James Webb	13,280				80	
		183	Yallaroi	H. C. Dangar	35,345	2,600			32,472	
		184	Boronga	Not renewed for 1898. Gazetted 19th January, 1898. J. T. Walker, W. H. Walker, and A. J. Mackenzie, Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Walker	1,087	5,250				
		186	Booloroo	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	2,231	1,717			19,909	
		187	The Overflow	Forfeited. Gazetted 24th December, 1891. Law Debenture Corporation	116,686	28,810			15,030	
		133	Centre Block No. 3	G. Munro and W. E. Wilson	1,280	760			8,000	
		139	Book Book	Edward Ingram	492	430			13,409	
		190	Burrn	Dalgety and Co., Limited	1,228	920			2,670	
		191	Malaraway & Milhe North	Australian Land, Mortgage, and Finance Co., Limited	9,260	7,200			33,284	
		192	Barbigal	Bank of New South Wales	4,187	4,080			17,880	
		193	Derri Derri	Bank of New South Wales	9,014	10,640			23,270	
		194	Oakey Creek	J. M. Allison	4,533	1,000			25,000	
		195	Urawulkey	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited.	6,065	1,370			21,700	
		196	Conapaira	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.	134,680		3	33,600	21	
		197	Werruna	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-2794. The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	45,284	On R.A. 8,370. On old L.A. 3,440				
		198	Carrabost.	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	12,479	On R.A. 12,280. On old L.A. 10,130.			4,755	
		199	Wallamgambone	Australian Joint Stock Bank	196	100			27,000	
		200	Widgewa	John S. Horsfall	6,008	On R.A. 6,000. On old L.A. 11,993			71,025	
		201	Caidmurra	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	12,376	On R.A. 6,486. On old L.A. 6,780	I	800	1,900 1,905	
		202	Tyrie	N.Z. Loan, Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd	1,557	1,557 (in Forbes)	2	14,900	28	
		203	Gibbican	Robert Head		Designed for Improvement Lease, vide Occ., 97-2539		6,000	28	
		204	Berembad	John Andrew	1,135	On R.A. 655. On old L.A. 4,014			13,164	
		205	Woodlands	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	9,857	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-496.				
		205	Keecargo, or Tory Wee Waa	T. P. Wills Allen	1,712	2,304			11,789	
	8,990	207	Bomely	Bank of New South Wales	8,271	Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.			130	
		208	Goorianawa	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency, Ltd.	24,122	6,300			39,000 200	
		209	Nariah	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	45,309	17,849			3,568	
		210	Jerilderie	W. Peterson and F. T. Sargood	3,069	On R.A. 3,040. On old L.A. 6,614			65,634	
		211	Meroe	Australian Joint Stock Bank	6,357	460			3,225	
		212	Milkengowrie	British and Australasian Trust and Loan Co., Limited	1,754	Cancelled, vide Occ., 94-3,458	I	1,867	1897 1907	
		213	Geurie	Bank of Australasia	1,150	760			3,320	
		214	Bando	James White, Francis White, and Henry C. White	45,267	Forfeited, vide Gazette 7 August, 1891.			66,000	
	1,630	215	Yamma	Australian Joint Stock Bank	1,449	1,400			4,200	
		216	Gulgo South	Bank of New South Wales	99	99			15,000	
		217	Oxley	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited.	11,718	In R.A. 10,300. In old L.A. 11,270			37,514	
		218	The Troffs	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	8,600	Forfeited, vide Gazette 24 December, 1891.				
		759	R.A., withdrawn from the troffs, L.A. 218	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	1,542					
		219	Goangra	John Carson	7,800	5,680			12,494	
		220	Bygoo	Not renewed for 1898, Occ., 98-502. Jas. and John Robertson	14,130	Surrendered, Occ., 21-14430				
		221	Bundalla	Thomas J. Finlay	8,015	2,500			8,070	
		222	Coubal	E. S. Hebdon	1,669	In old L.A. 900			2,560	
		223	New Myregall	James Patrick	2,790	3,070			6,070	
		224	Colombo Plain	John and Isaac Rudd	4,900	In R.A. 4,900. In old L.A. 4,440			17,166	
		225	Balagula	Jane Fletcher	1,835	In R.A. 910. In old L.A. 3,300				
		226	Orange Plains	Pat. Hill Osborne	37,350	Cancelled Occ., 94-3613				
		227	Hanging Rock	C. G. and E. F. Millar	2,655	On R.A. 2,655. On Late L.A. 320	I	1,907	14	
		228	Gelam	David Moore	6,555	6,100			1,640	
		229	Gorah	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	11,615	Cancelled, vide Occ., 1898-2,358	I	400	14	
		230	Giltenebine and Gobondry	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney	2,667					
		231	Singoramba, Block A.	Samuel McCaughey	2,638					
		232	Carlginda	Bank of Australia	2,864	Not renewed for 1892. Gazetted 24 June, 1892.			1,290	

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Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
233	Berembad North ..	C. J. Bear, W. H. Bear, and Hugh T. Bear	Acres. 4,038	11 July, 1900 to 10 Aug., 1901	...	...	...	...	...	...
234	Ulinda ..	David Innes Watt	19,545	No extension	...	...	...	...	...	...
235A	Beremegad ..	Thos. Wragge	1,355	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
235A	Neinby (Upper) .	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	7,877	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
237A	Armatree	Jane Harvey	3,996	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
238A	North Goonambil..	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	672	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
239A	Boyong	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, Limited	2,440	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
240A	Warraberry and St. Giles	James Galagher	9,920	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
241A	Sandy Creek and Wagga Wagga	F. Geo. Best, B. P. Best, and Chas. John Thompson	8,909	...	...	...	...	...	Cancelled, Occ., 98-9154.	...
242A	Barooga	R. and P. McFarland, ...	2,448	...	...	...	...	...	9,164	...
243A	Coolatai	J. T. Walker, W. H. Walker, and A. J. McKenzie (Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Walker)	44,820	No extension	I	1,700	1900-1921	91/2 99/1	1,400 13,120 10,800 4,000	Refused. Not considered Scrub Land Not stated Permitted to be withdrawn Application withdrawn All within R.A.
244A	Nowley	Ebenezer Vickery ..	1,643	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
245A	Quilbone	M. P. and B. Veech ..	1,499	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1899, Gazetted, 7/1/99.	...
246	Bokemer ..	Bank of New South Wales ..	7,443	"	...	...	...	...	7,433	Refused
247	Melrose, Block D.	Bank of New South Wales ..	19,042	"	I	13,400	99-1920	...	...	...
248A	Weemabah	John Cassels Byrie ..	7,234	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
249	Spring Creek ..	S. S. Lowe ..	6,736	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
250	Terramungamine.	Bank of New South Wales ..	64,919	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
251A	Oreel	The City Bank ..	44,846	No extension in 1897	...	...	...	...	...	...
252A	Butiabone	J. R., W. C., H., and A. Hill	21,052	No extension	...	...	...	...	...	...
253A	Warren Downs ..	Robt. Geo. Higgins ..	49,771	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
254	Coonimbia ..	A. P. and H. P. Blake ..	12,306	"	...	...	...	...	2,000	Refused. Land not sufficiently inferior to be declared Scrub Land
255A	Mungyer	Ebenezer Vickery ..	9,079	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
256	Canoon Point ..	Albert Austin ..	48,485	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
257A	Caroonboon	John and Jas. Dickson, (Executors of the late John Dickson).	18,127	"	...	...	...	...	4,960	Application permitted to be withdrawn
258	Buckyingay	W. R. Hall ..	6,890	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
259A	Cryon	John K. Mackay ..	6,330	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
260	Tabratong	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited.	21,182	11 July, 1900 to Dec., 1902	...	...	...	...	...	...
261	Waterloo ..	J. Campbell and R.P.A.S. Rede ..	11,872	No extension	...	...	...	...	...	...
262A	Tucklan and Yarow Creek.	Edward J. Lowe ..	7,791	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
263A	Momalong	J. S. Horsfall ..	2,181	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
264	Binya	Australian Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Co., Limited	36,972	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
265	Blowclear West ..	George Hawke and E. Glasson, (Executors of the will of the late F. Traweek).	9,429	"	I.	6,300	21	...	...	...
266	Mowablaa	David Scott ..	31,142	"	...	...	...	97/11	7,250	Refused. Land not such as could be declared Scrub Lands.
267A	Yaddra	Bank of New South Wales ..	1,150	"	...	...	...	...	5,000	Refused.
268A	Narrow Plains	R. and J. Ramsay ..	3,267	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
269A	Wardry	Bank of New South Wales ..	386	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
270	Dubbo	David Main ..	19,500	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
271	Geunaren	J. H. Arthur ..	4,900	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
272	Tharabone ..	Dalgety and Co., Limited	9,030	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
273	Merrigal Back ..	A. E. Jones ..	5,470	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
274	Mount Harris ..	J. and T. Egan ..	15,460	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
275A	Butherwah ..	L. M'B. Grant ..	4,050	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
276A	Carinda	T. and T. H. M'Namara ..	3,605	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
277A	Cobbadah ..	Commercial Banking Co. ..	24,368	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
278	Toorawandi ..	Bank of Australasia ..	6,662	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
279A	Merrybone ..	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	4,224	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
280A	Moulman	C. C. Murray and W. Sanderson	18,900	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
281	Derra Derra ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	12,939	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
282	Werai	John A. M'Crae ..	8,537	11 July, 1900 to May, 1902	...	...	...	...	...	...
283	Burren	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	45,250	No extension	...	...	...	...	...	...
284	Thellangering East	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	24,075	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
285	Trialgara	W. Dickson and T. C. Dickson ..	8,400	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
286A	Upper Daroobalgie	John Martin ..	46	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
287A	West Bland Plains	A. E. French ..	5,915	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
288	Emu Plains ..	Emily Walech ..	936	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
289A	Wentworth Gully..	John Nowlan ..	10,873	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
290A	Kiambur ..	William Head ..	6,360	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
291	Mimosa West ..	Bank of New South Wales ..	22,755	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
292A	Bent's Hill ..	A. E. Faviell ..	75	"	...	...	...	...	...	Cancelled Occ., 97-7194.

Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		RESUMED AREAS.					PASTORAL HOLDINGS.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding, but now worked in conjunction with such holding
No.	Area.	Holding.		Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			
		No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years.	
..	Acres.	233	Berembed North	C. J. Bear, W. H. Bear, and H. T. Bear	3,642	Acres. 2,538	..	..	..	Acres. See Grong Grong 622
..	..	787	R.A. withdrawn from Berembed North L.A. 233	C. J. Bear, W. H. Bear, and H. T. Bear	3,900	3,900	..	..	..	..
..	..	234	Ullinda	David Innes Watt	16,759	Nil.	..	..	..	9,000
..	..	235	Beremegad	Thomas Wragge	3,573	Not renewed for 1898.	..	..	..	..
..	..	236	Neinby (Upper)	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	658	On R.A., 98-502. On late L.A., 680.	..	..	..	9,970
..	..	237	Armatree	Jane Harvey	3,571	On R.A., 3,020. On late L.A., 2,150.	..	..	..	..
..	..	238	North Goonambil	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	7,844	On R.A., 415. On old L.A., 772.	..	..	..	18,267
..	..	239	Boyong	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, Limited	1,282	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	240	Warraberry and St. Giles	James Ewan	8,000	110	..	..	..	800
..	..	241	Sandy Creek and Wagga Wagga	F. G. Best, B. P. Best, and Charles John Thompson	4,395	..	1	363	21	..
..	..	242	Barooga	R. and P. McFarland	2,690	On R.A., 2,670. On L.A. (late), 2,448.	..	..	..	44,243
..	..	243	Coolatai	J. T. Walker, W. H. Walker, and A. J. McKenzie (Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Walker)	30,181	On R.A., 4,236. On old L.A., 4,850.	..	..	..	11,301
..	..	244	Nowley	Ebenezer Vickery	5,478	3,200	..	..	..	7,000
..	..	245	Quilbone	M. Veech, P. Veech, and B. Veech	932	Nil	..	..	..	..
..	..	246	Bokenar	Bank of New South Wales	3,894	3,330	..	..	..	2,380
..	..	247	Melrose, Block D.	Bank of New South Wales	25	Nil	3	19,560	28	17,500
..	..	248	Weemabah	John C. Ryrie	13,156	4,060 on late L.A.	..	..	..	..
..	..	249	Spring Creek	Forfeited. S. S. Lowe	497	Not renewed for 1899.	..	..	..	..
..	..	250	Terramungamine	Bank of New South Wales	29,204	24,760	..	..	..	29,120
..	..	251	Oreel	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	30,711	70	..	..	..	1,300
..	..	252	Buttabone	The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	7,098	22,000	..	..	..	41,512
..	..	253	Warren Downs	R. G. Higgins	7,933	On R.A., 1,730. On old L.A., 240.	..	..	..	50,500
..	..	254	Coomibia	A. P. Blake and H. P. Blake	805	On R.A., 2,700. On old L.A., 11,440.	..	..	..	36,995
..	..	255	Mungyer	Ebenezer Vickery	4,833	640	..	..	..	16,870
..	..	256	Canon Point	A. Austin	10,607	On R.A., 1,800. On old L.A., 6,780.	..	..	..	20,082
..	..	257	Caroonboon	J. and J. Dickson (Executors of the late John Dickson)	4,743	On R.A., 7,340. On old L.A., 4,000.	..	..	..	26,515
..	..	258	Ruckingay	W. R. Hall	12,670	On R.A., 1,110. On old L.A., 4,540.	..	..	..	50,893
..	..	259	Cyron	John K. Mackay	5,089	9,540	..	..	..	16,293
..	..	260	Tabratong	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited.	3,817	632 R.A., 2,137 L.	..	..	..	36,857
..	..	786	R.A., withdrawn from Tabratong, L.A. 260.	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	5,289	3,870	..	..	..	61,407
..	..	261	Waterloo	J. Campbell and R. P. A. S. Rede	331	..	1	2,780	20	24,805
..	..	262	Tucklan and Yarrow Creek	J. Atkinson	16,552	6,750 L.A.	..	..	..	28,690
..	..	263	Momalong	Not renewed for 1892. J. S. Horsfall	2,176	2,176 R.A., 500 L.A.	..	..	..	..
..	..	264	Bunya	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co.	25,628	18,828	..	..	..	33,282
..	..	265	Blowclear West	Forfeited. Frederick Treweeke	150	..	..	..	..	120
..	..	266	Mowablaa	Abandoned. C. S. Murray and W. Sanderson	9,275	..	1	666	28	3,200
..	..	267	Yaddra	Bank of New South Wales	1,562	350	1	640	14	17,500
..	..	268	Narrow Plains	R. and J. Ramsay	1,198	..	1	5,280	28	..
..	..	269	Wardry	Cancelled Occ., 94-4253. Bank of New South Wales	1,185	900	1	1,090	28	8,000
..	..	270	Dubbo	Australian Joint Stock Bank	15,947	..	1	4,575	28	..
..	..	271	Geunaren	Forfeited. Hugh Arthur	113	..	..	..	..	..
..	7,000	272	Tharambone	Forfeited. Dalgety and Co., Limited	1,178	350	..	..	..	..
..	..	273	Merrigal Back	A. E. Jones	876	700	..	..	..	3,730
..	..	274	Mount Harris	Ann and Thomas Egan	1,109	680	..	..	..	15,000
..	..	275	Butherwah	Lachlan M'B. Grant	6,264	In R.A., 5,988, in L.A., 4,198	1	1,700	14	25,036
..	..	276	Carnda	T. M'Namara and T. H. M'Namara	3,159	3,304	..	..	..	5,997
..	..	277	Cobbedah	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Ltd.	5,240	4,600	..	..	..	10,221
..	..	278	Toorawandi	Bank of Australasia	5,119	Nil	..	..	..	4,000
..	..	279	Merrybone	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	2,087	In R.A., 1,840, in late L.A., 3,500	..	..	..	..
..	..	280	Moulmain	C. C. Murray and W. Sanderson	17,278	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	281	Derra Derra	Not renewed for 1894. Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	8,924	600	..	..	..	5,856
..	..	282	Wera	A. R. M'Crae and J. A. M'Crae	9,961	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	772	R.A. withdrawn from Wera L.A.	A. R. M'Crae and J. A. M'Crae	8,400	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	283	Burren	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.	12,489	..	..	..	..	40,000
..	..	284	Thellangerung	Cancelled Occ. in 1892. Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	6,654	In R.A., 3,500, in old L.A., 6,000	..	..	..	22,071
..	..	285	Triagara	W. Dickson and T. C. Dickson	122	Nil	..	..	..	8,167
..	..	286	Upper Darroobalgie	Not renewed for 1894. John Martin	37	Nil	..	..	..	6,600
..	..	287	West Bland Plains	A. E. French	3,570	2,000	..	..	..	33,000
..	..	288	Emu Plains	Emily Wakley	112	112	..	..	..	13,800
..	..	289	Wentworth Gully	A. H. Grimm	24,681	19,100	..	..	..	Nil
..	..	290	Kiambr	William Head	13,610	..	..	..	..	440
..	..	291	Mimosa West	Bank of New South Wales	721	Design for Imp. Lease	1	6,000	28	5,800
..	..	292	Bent's Hill	Cancelled Occ. 96-5987. A. E. Favielle	83	..	..	..	..	..
..	..			Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 21/8/92.						

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895	Scrub Leases Granted			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused		
No	Name				No	Area	Term of Years	No	Area	Reason for Refusal
293A	Coolah	William Brooke Cancelled Occ 1900-6366	4,670	No extension						
294A	Murgah	Thomas Millear	7,270	"						
295	Ulumbarella ..	R M'Donald, R P King, F King, and E W King	12,809	11 July, 1899 10 Mar, 1901						
296A	Yagaba	William Onus	10,198	No extension	I	3,000	28	95/2	2,200	Refused Land applied for suitable for S L (Within R A.)
297A	Come-by-Chance & Jimalong Josey	Arthur Colless	2,728	"	I	4,338	28		1,280	Land not notified as Scrub Lands
298	Ballandry	Andrew O Keeffe	55,746	"	I	37 500	21			
299A	Murray Downs	C Campbell and A Felton	2 209	"						
300	Wooloondool	N Z Loan and M A Co	19,735	"						
301	Wirrah	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co	50,875	"	I	33,100	28		10,493	Refused Land required for settlement
302A	Crown Camp	Chas M Johns	3,380	"	I	2,250	5		9,000	Refused applicant's request
303A	Mourabie	Dalgety and Co Limited	22 040	"	I	900	5		3 300	Application withdrawn
304	Bolaro	W and H A Patrick	4 269	"						
305A	Bunbarra	John A Brooke	6,600	"						
306A	Billeroy	T Colwell, Bros	705	"						
307	Goobang	James Ewan Worked in conjunction with R A 754	20,728	11 July, 1900 to 10 Sept, 1900					600 700	Refused Not Scrub Lands within meaning of 35 section, Act 1889 Refused Not Scrub Lands, vide 35 section, Act 1889
308A	Coppymurrumbil	John Browne	18,506	No extension						
309A	Tourable	J Bridge, C W Bridge, and J F Hayes	3,938	"						
310A	Burrell or Gun nible	T P Willis Allen	1 937	"						
311A	Mickygunnegal	Frank J Sheppard	4,818	"						Cancelled, Vide Occ, 97-7194
312	Queensborough	Ernest M Bowman	23,624	"						
313	Boona West	Dalgety and Co, Limited	22,842	"	I	15,000	1900-1919			
314	Calmo ..	Dalgety and Co, Limited	11,721	"						
315A	Uardry	Chas Mills, A Neilson, and Wm Smith	13,527	"						
316	New Babinda	The Law Debenture Corporation	24,551	"						
317A	Welbon	N S W Mortgage, Loan, and Agency Co, Limited	73,502	"	I	10,240	93-1911	92-1	18,000	Refused Applicant appealed against Local Lands Boards decision Land Appeal Court dismissed Appeal Within R A
318	Pullingawarina	Bank of New South Wales	27,494	"						
319	Gillinghall	F G Lowe	2,712	"						
320	New Kirban	Lease expired not under preference occupation license James Berryman	1,130	"						
321	Upper Boomley	J W Bourke Lease expired 10 July, 1900	9,274	"	I	8,900	99 1920			
322	Ermanering	J S Harrison	13 625	No extension						Cancelled Occ, 93/2719
323A	Armitree	Janet B M Richardson	1,145	"						Not renewed for 1899 Gazetted 7th January, 1899
324	Sandy Camp	Commercial Banking Co of Sydney, Limited	14,590	"						
325A	Sandholes	John Arndel	2,164	"				94-2	5,000	Land Board of opinion land not such as could be proclaimed Scrub Lands M s Ls 95 5386 (Within R A)
326	Gunningbar	Dalgety and Co, Limited	20,295	11 July, 1900 10 Nov, 1900						
327	Glen Quin	Commercial Banking Co of Sydney, Limited	12,930	No extension						
328	Pine Ridge	Hon George Henry Cox	11,170	"						Forfeited Gazetted 25th April, 1893
329A	Brewarrina	Geo E Faithfull	1,128	"						
330	Binguy	Commercial Banking Co of Sydney	10,469	"	I	2 719	93-1921		6 000	Withdrawn
331A	Yarrowah	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	52,143	"	I	530	97-1904	93-2	9,000	Applicants express desire to withdraw application Ms L 94-221 Within R A
332	Carlisle	William Sanderson and Chas C Murray	5 500	"	I	9 800	98-1919	90-2	2,000	Refused land suitable for settlement Lease (within R A)
333	Gidgenboyne	Bank of New Zealand	5,400	"					30,000	Refused by applicant on terms offered
334A	Pullanmng	John K Mackay, jun, and William H Mackay	10,837	"					17 000 30,000	Disallowed
335	Burrongong	Anna Wilson	5 423	"						
336A	Perricoota	Australian Joint Stock Bank	114,155	"						Not renewed for 1900 Gazetted 6 January, 1900
337	Gunnibong	John Jones jun	5 408	"						
338A	Myall Plains	John O'Brien	880	"						Cancelled, Vide Occ, 95 10 6.7
339A	Cogeldrie	John and W Waugh (Executors of the Will of W E Stanbridge, Henry Henty and Thomas Colles)	4,905	"						
340A	Wowingragong	F C Crowe R Crowe, H Crowe, and S Crowe	3,055	"						
341	Marthaguy Creek	Cancelled Occ 1898-2338 Dalgety and Co, Limited	5,120	"						
342	Coonong	S M'Caughy	4 954	"						
343A	Perricoota	Australian Mutual Provident Society	20 846	"						
344A	Collymongool	Bank of Australasia	67 800	"						
345	Brewon	J K Mackay, junr, and W H Mackay	94,225	"						
346A	O'Brien's Creek	Commercial Banking Co Gazetted R A 20th September, 1898	11 863	"						
347A	Burrabogie	F Wentworth	42 350	"						
348A	Bingara	Capel Bros	8,897	"						
349A	Bulgandra	Thomas Jam eson	684	"						

Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		RESUMED AREAS.					PASTORAL HOLDINGS.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding but now worked in conjunction with such holding
No.	Area.	No.	Name.	Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	No.	Acres.	Term of years	
I	Acres. 1,000 within R A	293	Coolah ..	William Brooke	597	..	..	..	..	..
		294	Murgah	A. Austin and T Millar	4,954					
		295	Ulumbareila	E. W. King.	5,814	4,170				6,969
	.. ..	296	Yagaba	Elijah and Ehas Maiden Not renewed for 1900	2,881	2,400	2	3,313	28	1,746
		297	Come by Chance and Jim along Josey	Arthur Coless	3,148	600				11,000
		298	Ballandry	Bank of Australasia	55,202		I	2,560	20	
		299	Murray Downs ..	C Campbell, A. Felton .	8,292					
		300	Wooloondool	N Z Loan and M A. Co	7,622	5,400 R.A., 100 L.A.				60,650
		301	Wirral..	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co Not renewed for 1898. Gazetted 13th January, 1898.	5,017					
		302	Crown Camp	C M Johns Cancelled Occ , 96-5987	2,867		2	2,820	28	
		303	Mourable	Dalgety and Co , Limited .	13,093	8,260 R.A., 7,440 L.A.				8,033
I	4,269	304	Bolaro	W and H A Patrick . .	3,494	3,610				4,390
		305	Bunarba	John A Brooke .	5,850	2,120				8,008
		306	Billerooy	Thomas, William, Charles John, Edward, Robert, and Arthur Colwell Forfeited, 7th August, 1891.	1,242	386, on late L.A				
I	600	307	Goobang .	James Ewan Worked in conjunction with R.A. 754	1,947	7, 00				7,700
I	700	754	R.A. withdrawn from Goobang, L.A. 307	James Ewan	2,082					
		308	Coppymurrumbil	John Browne	27,28	On R.A. 7,000. On late L.A. 6,400.		24,813		21,203
		309	Tourable	Peter Landers	772	3,260, on late L.A				..
		310	Burrel or Gunnible	T. P. Wilks-Al'en	4 232	1,000				30,000
		311	Mickygunnegal	F. J. Sheppard Now held under Improvement Lease	Nil		2	11,500	15	
		312	Queensborough	E. M. Bowman .	22,615		2	20,210	28	3,200
		313	Boona West	Dalgety and Co , Limited . Not renewed for 1899	8,871	Not given.	I	2,715	14	24,000
		314	Calimo	Dalgety and Co , Limited Not renewed for 1900.	3,654	On R.A. 3,000. On late L.A. 3,000.				21,781
		315	Uardiy	C. Miles, A. Neilson, and A Smith	2,467	..				11,847
		316	New Babinda	Law Debenture Corporation	21,565	1,300				1,550
		317	Welbon	Hon C S Viscount Monck and J. R. Lamy Forfeited, 7th August, 1891.	85,210	11,110	4	21,874	28	7,415
		318	Pullingawarina	Bank of New South Wales	7,737	9,270				28,000
		319	Gillinghall	F. G Lowe .	459	220				3,020
		320	New Kirban	James Berryman	299	50				
I	9,430	321	Upper Boomley	Bank of New South Wales	8,885	5,400				
		322	Eringanering	James S Harrison	13,900					
		323	Armitree	J B M Richardson	1,541					
		324	Sandy Camp	Bank of New South Wales	1,547					8,470
		325	Sandholes	John Arndel	5,153	On R.A. 1,132, on old L.A. 1,220.				2,875
		326	Gunningbar	Dalgety and Co Limited	4,973	2,780				52,440
		764	R.A. withdrawn from Gunningbar, L.A. 326	Dalgety and Co , Limited	349					
		327	Glen Quin	Commercial Banking Co , Ltd.	7,542	4,500				4,500
		328	Pine Ridge	John A Buckland	1,455					
		329	Brewarrina	G E. Faithfull	3,167	On R.A. 3,017, on old L.A. 1,128				29,408
		330	Bimguy	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney	6,329	220				
		331	Yarrowah	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co , Limited	21,469	8,120				5,618
		332	Carlsruhe	C. C Murray and W. Sanderson	110	Nil	2	12,000	28	1,940
		333	Gidgenboyne	Bank of New Zealand .. Not renewed for 1897	4,600	1,400				
		334	Pullanning	John Browne Gazetted 6th February, 1897	10,352					19,000
		335	Burrongong	Anna Wilson	4,122	3,898				14,001
		336	Terry Hie Hie	Australian Joint Stock Bank	106,331	800				10,430
		337	Gunnbong	John Jones, junr	934	172				4,782
		338	Myall Plains	John Quilliam	172					75,947
		339	Gogeldrie	John Waugh, W Waugh, H. Henty, T Colles (Executors of the Will of W. E Stanbridge)	2,970	2,970 R.A. , 3,847 L.A.	I	722	7	
		340	Wowingragong	James Crowe	507					
I	4,000	341	Marthaguy Creek	Dalgety and Co , Limited Not renewed for 1899	836					9,900
		342	Coonong	S M'Caughy	2,175	2,175				36,127
		343	Pearicoota	Australian Mutual Provident Society .	20,053					
		344	Collymongool	William Pearse	22,523	18,672 R.A. , 12,000 L.A				44,184
		345	Brewon	J. K Mackay, junr., and W. H. Mackay	30,159	4,560 Bonike, 12,920 Moree				21,195
		346	O'Brien s Creek	Union Mortgage and Agency Co of Australia, Limited	829	829	I	1,000	21	25,569
		347	Burrabogge	F Wentworth	11,375					
		348	Bingara	A. M'Intosh	19,908	5,000				2,530
		349	Bulgandra	Cancelled Occ , 91-1604 Thos J Gibson	1,207	1,007 R.A. , 684 L.A				16,479

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

No.	Holding. Name.	Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
					No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
350	Aratula	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	Acres. 5,220	No extension	Acres.					
351A	Murray	R. and P. McFarland	202	"						
352	Pier Pier	Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7 January, 1899. N. Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	6,600	"						
353	Beanbah	Bank of New South Wales	21,110	"						
354	North Wakool ..	A. Currie	4,076	"						
355A	South Merrowie ..	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	3,399	"						Not renewed for 1898, Occ., 98-502
356	Cobra	Mary A. Hurcum and H. A. Patrick (Executrix and Executor of the will of the late William Hurcum)	6,207	"						
357A	Collindina	Henry Hay	2,363	"						
358	South Urana	Samuel McCaughey	4,940	"						
359	Bumble	The Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.	5,557	"						
360	Malonga	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	43,580	"			99-1	43,580		Refused. 2 area Agricultural Land. Cannot be classed as Scrub Lands
361A	Geramy	Emma A. Tyson	825	"						
362	Merrigal	Commercial Banking Co., of Sydney	5,937	"						
363	Cumbil	Alice Worrells	8,880	"						
364	Crawhey	J. R. Hill, W. C. Hill, H. Hill, and Alfred Hill	9,891	"				2,560 5,000		Refused. Land sub-divided for Settlement Lease, within L.A., R.A. Disallowed. Land set apart for Settlement Lease
365	Euglo	Charles Burcher	53,645	"						
366	Quabathoo	Dalgety and Co., Limited	41,373	"						
367	Bundy	Bank of Australasia	12,462	"						
368	Kerrivah	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	17,800	"						
369A	R'ngwood	Lease expired Australian Mutual Provident Society	97	"						
370A	Wangen	Murdoch McKenzie	66,884							Cancelled, vide Occ., 99-3133
371A	Warbreccan	Hon. W. McCulloch	2,577	"						
372A	Molly	Not renewed for 1898. Gazetted 19 Jan., 1898. Alexander Gray	867	"						
373	Sandridge	Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7 Jan., 1899. J. R. Hill, W. C. Hill, H. Hill and Alfred Hill	23,438	"						
374	The Boebung Swamp	A. W. Jones	5,720	"						
375	Howlong	Alexander McVean	781	"						
376A	Coree	Cancelled Occ., 95-9500. D. McCaughey	5,748	"						
377A	Half Moon Plain	Prepetual Trustee Co., Limited	1,207	"						
378A	Medway & Gamber Gamber West.	Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.	6,190	"						
379	Cowel Murrvan	Cancelled Occ., 98-1530. John Jones	3,568	"						
380	Murrumbogie ..	Lease expired 10th July, 1899. Australian M. and A. Co., Limited	8,603	"	I	9,500	15	8,603		Applications permitted to be withdrawn
381A	Buraja	Agnes Edols	2,925	"						
382	Eugeldry	Bank of New South Wales	5,265	"						
383	Narromine	T. W. Couran	27,006	11 July, 1900, to 10 Mar., 1903						
384A	Black Tenandra	J. B. M. Richardson	220	No extension						
385	Thorndale	Pat H. Osborne			I	48,912	97-1925			
386	Merryanbone	Now held under Scrub Lease. William Hay	8,704	No extension						
387	Pallal	Albert Austin	23,857	{ 11 July, 1900 { 10 Nov., 1901				8,000		Refused.
388A	Buckingbong ..	Francis Jenkins	30,695	No extension						
389A	New Breealong ..	Edwd. S. Hall	17,000	"						Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6 January, 1900.
390A	Youendah	Alexander Amos	6,112	"						Cancelled Occ., 00-2606
391	Cullengally	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	8,350	"						
392A	Wee Waa South	Bank of New South Wales	21,127	"						Not renewed for 1898. Occ., 98-502.
393	Zara	William Officer	7,354	"						
394	Bodangora	Bank of New South Wales	11,909	"						
395	Bansheet	Geo. Munro and Wm. E. Wilson	36,743	"						
399A	Wongagong	R. M'Lachlan and David Strachan	78	"						
397A	Bearbong	Edwd. Magure	10,267	"						Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7 January, 1899.
398	Bartley's Creek	Thomas Tom	8,875	11 July, 1900 10 Oct., 1901						
399	Parmidman	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	25,892	No extension						
400	Old Harbour	Bank of New Zealand	9,480	"						
401	Cornalla	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	18,509	"						
402A	Gauber East	Frank Mack and S. Austin	4,513	"				I	1,700	
403A	Moonbria	F. S. Falkner	7,600	"						
404	Tarlulari	Bank of New South Wales	19,875	"						
405	Huntawang	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	117,280	"					54,000	Application withdrawn.
406	Barratta	Henry Ricketson	18,439	"						
407	Banna Banna ..	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Limited	56,408	"						
408A	Toole's Creek ..	Chas. M. Lloyd	573	"						
409A	Hartwood	Richard Blackwood	4,295	"						
410	Upper Wyalong	John Blyth, junr.	51,950	"					30,000	Application permitted to be withdrawn
411A	Grahweel	The Australian Joint Stock Bank	43,379	"						Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6th February, 1899. 96-1 5,020 } Refused land. Suitable for residential settlement, Res. Ls. 98-8055 96-2 5,000 }

		RESUMED AREAS.					PASTORAL HOLDINGS.			
Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		Holding.		Licensees:-	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding, but now worked in conjunction with such holding
No.	Area.	No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years	
...	Acres.	350	Aratula	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co.	4,261	4,500 R.A., 3,000 L.A.	...	...	...	Acres. 25,319
...	...	351	Murray	R. and P. M'Farland	2,632	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	352	Pier Pier	Not renewed for 1899. N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Limited	349	150	...	...	...	5,410
...	...	353	Beanbah	Bank of New South Wales	1,524	790	...	...	...	22,260
...	...	354	North Wakool	A. Currie	538	...	...	...	...	13,996
...	...	355	South Merrowie	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	4,877	Not renewed for 1892.	Gazetted 21st June, 1892	...	...	90
...	...	356	Cobra	Mary A. Hurcum and H. A. Patrick (Executrix and Executor of the will of W. Hurcum)	6,646	5,490	...	...	...	...
...	...	357	Collindina	Henry Hay ..	2,702	2,363	Forfeited. Gazetted 7th Aug., 1891.	...	...	20,898
...	...	358	South Urana	Samuel McCaughey ..	5,040	5,040	...	...	...	9,025
...	...	359	Bimble ..	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,465	1,280	...	...	...	8,160
...	...	360	Malonga ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	22,236	4,300	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-2599	...	...	920
...	...	361	Geramy ..	Emma A. Tyson ..	962	...	...	...	...	11,650
...	...	362	Merrigal ..	Commercial Banking Co., Limited	340	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	363	Cumbil ..	Alice Worrell ..	9,120	Forfeited 20th Mar., 1891	...	...	...	...
...	...	364	Crawhey ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	908	30	...	...	...	28,240
...	...	365	Euglo ..	Charles Burcher ..	13,474	...	...	...	...	12,500
...	...	366	Quabothoo ..	Cancelled, Occ., 96-5937. Dalgety and Co., Limited	10,812	8,070	...	...	...	43,220
...	...	367	Bundy ..	Bank of Australasia	1,073	Cancelled, Occ., 93-2301	...	...	...	7,597
...	...	368	Kerriwah ..	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	3,100	Cancelled, vide Occ., 98-2358.	...	...	...	...
...	...	369	Ringwood ..	Alexander Wilson ..	1,034	In R.A., 1,034. In old L.A., 97.	...	...	...	26,669
...	...	370	Wangen ..	Catherine Mackenzie	...	Forfeited, 12th May, 1830	...	...	...	...
...	...	371	Warbreccan ..	J. Shanahan and Sir P. A. Jennings	2,245	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	372	Molly ..	Not renewed for 1892. T. A. McGill and C. Gray	23,688	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	373	Sandridge ..	Cancelled Occ., 1900-6277. Australian M.L. & Finance Co., Limited.	799	400	...	...	...	49,300
...	...	374	The Boebung Swamp ..	A. W. Jones ..	532	140	...	...	...	28,900
...	...	375	Howiong ..	A. McVean ..	755	755	...	...	...	12,054
...	...	376	Coree ..	D. McCaughey ..	4,100	4,100 R.A., 5,748 L.A. (Late.)	...	...	...	135,071
...	...	377	Half Moon Plain ..	Perpetual Trustee Co., Limited	259	250 R.A., 410 L.A. (Late)	...	...	...	...
...	...	378	Medway & Gamber Gamber West	A. T. Cox	9,279	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	379	Cowel Murryan ..	Cancelled Occ., 1863-2719. (Thos. Jones, John Jones; & A. E. Jones (Trustees of the Will of the late J. Jones)	194	220	...	...	...	...
...	...	380	Murrumbogie ..	Australian M. and A. Co., Limited	7,551	Not Given	I 3,244	28	...	9,500
...	...	381	Buraja ..	Cancelled, vide Occ., 1898-2358. Agnes Edols ..	2,904	2,904 R.A., 2,925 L.A. (Late.)	...	...	...	16,288
...	...	382	Eugeldry ..	Bank of New South Wales	1,407	830	...	...	...	6,400
...	...	383	Narromine ..	Thomas W. Couran	2,490	5,830	...	...	...	9,990
...	...	757	R. A. withdrawn from Narromine L. A. 383	Thomas W. Couran	13,923	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	384	Back Tenandra ..	J. B. M. Richardson ..	273	170 L.A. (Late.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	385	Thorndale ..	Charlotte Osborne	...	Nil	I 14	29,968	28	...
...	...	386	Merryanbone ..	Now held under improvement lease by various persons. William Hay ..	768	820	...	...	...	16,540
...	...	387	Pallal ..	Albert Austin ..	9,663	5,900	...	...	...	15,707
...	...	773	R.A. withdrawn from Pallal L.A. 387	Albert Austin ..	19,000	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	388	Buckingbong ..	Francis Jenkins ..	35,599	On R.A. 35,539. On late L.A. 29,529	...	...	...	127,641
...	...	389	New Breealong ..	Peter M'Donald	8,922	5,680	Cancelled Occ., 93-99.	...	...	...
...	...	390	Youendah ..	Alexander Amos	13,133	210	...	...	...	2,220
...	...	391	Cullengally ..	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	723	...	...	...	...	65,256
...	...	392	Wee Waa South	Bank of New South Wales	28,494	Not renewed for 1898. On R.A. 600. On late L.A. 7,000.	Gazetted 19 Jan., 1898.	...	...	...
...	...	393	Zara ..	William Officer	5,590	...	...	...	...	3,550
...	...	394	Bodangora ..	Bank of New South Wales	431	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	395	Bangheet ..	Geo. Munro and W. E. Wilson	24,460	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	396	Wongagong ..	R. M'Eachlan and D. Strachan	2,334	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	397	Bearloug ..	Edward Maguire	1,862	No occupation license	I 8,200	20	...	...
...	...	398	Bartley's Creek ..	Thomas Tom ..	1,862	1,705	...	...	...	4,500
...	...	399	Parmidman ..	Australian Joint Stock Bank	13,715	Forfeited. Gazetted 7 August, 1891.	...	...	...	...
...	...	400	Old Harbour ..	Bank of New Zealand	3,225	Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6 Feb., 1897.	...	...	...	...
...	...	401	Cornalla ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	22,016	On R.A. 20,000. On late L.A. 15,460.	...	...	...	26,431
...	...	402	Gauber Gauber East	John W. Bourke ..	1,695	260	Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6 Jan., 1900.	...	...	3,984
I 2,256 (within R.A.)	...	403	Moonbria ..	F. S. Falkner	5,105	On old L.A., 6,750	...	...	...	35,100
I 2,256 (within L.A.)	...	404	Tareelari ..	Cancelled, Occ., 97-2965. Bank of New South Wales	2,944	2,600	...	...	...	2,686
...	...	405	Huntawang ..	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited	110,113	7,000	...	...	...	4,020
...	...	406	Barratta ..	Cancelled, vide Occ. 98-2599. Henry Ricketson ..	5,534	On R.A. 4,100, on old L.A. 12,000	...	...	...	55,561
...	...	407	Bunna Bunna ..	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co., Limited.	11,468	...	...	...	...	27,066
...	...	408	Toole's Creek ..	Cancelled Occ., 96-5767. Charles M. Lloyd ..	105	On R.A. 194, on old L.A. 511	...	...	...	23,000
...	...	409	Hartwood ..	R. Blackwood ..	2,590	...	...	...	...	5,149
...	...	410	Upper Wyalong ..	John Blyth, junr ..	25,841	...	I 2,208	15	...	4,900
...	...	411	Grahweed ..	Cancelled Occ 98-3527. Australian Joint Stock Bank	13,163	...	I 500	21	...	...
...	...			Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6th Feb., 1897.			I 2,998	28	...	...

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
412A	Murrill Creek	Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co., Ltd.	Acres. 21,439	No extension	...	Acres.	...	Acres.	...	
413A	Curra Currama	Dalgety & Co., Limited	7,379	"	...	...	...	...	...
414A	Tulloona	The Commercial Banking Co., of Sydney, Limited.	104,683	"	...	...	...	...	...
415A	Moonagee	Australian Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.	17,965	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6/1/1900.
416A	Bulbodney	The City of Melbourne Bank, Ltd.	19,080	"	...	...	...	...	...
417A	Cocopara	John Armour	8,387	"	...	...	...	...	...
418	Yamma	Chas. M. Lloyd	1,960	"	...	...	...	...	...
419A	Houlaghan Creek North	Patrick Hefferman, David Blair, and William Greenlaw	4,216	"	...	...	...	...	Cancelled, Occ. 93-9, 22.
423A	Cowl Cowl	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	115,444	"	2	7,630	95-1916	...	...
42A	Yanko	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th January, 1900. Sir Samuel Wilson	2,450	"	...	...	...	...	...
422A	Berry Jerry and Arajoel	Thos. W. Hammond and Ben Marshall Osborne, Executors of the late J. Letch	15,995	"	...	...	...	...	...
423A	Cumboolong	Commercial Banking Co.	25,732	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1898, Gazetted 30th March, 1898.
424	South Thononga	R. A. Molesworth and Thomas Webb Ware	54,614	"	...	...	...	...	...
425A	Tooloon	Mark Herrmann and Vivian Cox.	1,223	"	...	...	...	...	...
426	Opposite Coonamble or Euramie	do do	8,706	"	...	...	...	...	Cancelled, vide Occ. 96-10, 659.
427	Thunawindie	Geo. Head	10,900	"	...	...	...	...	Cancelled, vide Occ. 97-2, 539.
428A	Quonmoon or Geanmony	Mark Herrmann and Vivian Cox	6,435	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1897, Gazetted 6th February, 1897.
429A	Lalatee South.	Edward Geo Hinton	361	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th January, 1900.
430	Groongal	Subdivided into 746A, 747A and 748A	...	"	...	...	...	...	...
431A	Kulki	Ben Marshall Osborne	2,095	No extension	...	...	...	4,000	Applicant incompetent to hold a Scrub Lease of land applied for. Refused. Minister does not think Board's report would justify the land being declared Scrub Lands under Sec. 35 Act 1889.
432	Willan	Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	13,466	"	...	...	...	1,725 502 502	Refused. Sec. 35 Act 1889 states Lessee can only hold a Scrub Lease on the L. A. within R. A.
433	Middle Field	Australian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	11,026	"	...	...	...	6,800	Refused. Sec. 35 Act 1889 states Lessee can only hold a Scrub Lease on the L. A. within R. A.
434A	Cathundril No 2	John C. Ryrie	1,024	"	...	...	...	...	...
435	West Bogan Nos. 2 and 3	Thos. Bragg and A. Bragg	36,699	"	1	14,000	1900-1923	35,000	Application permitted to be withdrawn.	
436A	Lower Ningear	William Kilgour and Henry Ralfe	620	"	...	...	...	...	...
437	Cannonbar	Goldsbrough, Mort & Co., Limited	79,978	11 July, 1900 to Dec. 1901	1	153,000	97-1925	...	...
438A	Umutee & Toonga	T. H. Mate & Co., Limited	15,482	No extension	...	...	...	...	...
439A	Back Run	Bank of New South Wales	10,850	"	...	...	...	...	...
440	Quandary North	William Preston	6,060	"	1	6,500	1900-1928	...	...
441A	Bullerawa	The City Bank	133,840	"	...	...	...	3,000	Dissallowed. Applicant married since date of application and, therefore, under legal disability.
442A	Terra Terra	Mary Ann Strickland	1,347	"	...	...	...	1,280	"
443A	Greenbar Creek	Bank of New South Wales	13,033	"	...	...	...	...	...
444	Geweroo	Union Mortgage and Agency Co. of Australia, Limited	31,147	"	...	...	...	...	...
445	Minone	William Dugan	11,582	"	...	...	...	...	...
446A	Bundaburrah	Commercial Banking Co., Sydney, Limited	4,644	"	...	...	...	...	...
447A	Nevertire	John Alexander	4,160	"	...	...	...	...	...
448A	Currungundi	Aust. Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	14,618	"	...	...	...	2,640	Declined. Occupation license having been renewed for 1894. Within R.A.
449	Toulbung	Alexander Ferguson	22,920	"	...	...	...	...	...
450	Cambara	Mark Herrmann and Vivian Cox	6,342	"	...	...	...	...	...
451A	Warregal	Commercial Bank of Australia, Ltd.	3,052	"	...	...	...	...	...
452A	Kentucky	Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, and the City Bank of Melbourne, Limited.	1,415	"	...	...	...	...	...
453A	North East Mangoplah	Thos. and John Cox	1,888	"	...	...	...	...	Not renewed for 1897, Gazetted 6th February, 1897.
454A	Goree	D. and D. S. Robertson	2,391	"	...	...	...	...	...
455A	Wilpurah	John Lamb	3,624	"	...	...	...	...	...
456A	Kyerumba	Alex. Smith	1,319	"	...	...	...	...	...
457A	Tin Pot Alley	Bank of Australasia	11,846	"	...	...	...	...	...
458A	Midkin	License cancelled, vide Occ. 97-13, 063. Australian Mutual Provident Society	105,417	"	...	...	...	...	...
459	Nangerybone	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company.	37,187	"	37,187	Refused, demand for land so great likely to be taken up under other tenure.	
460A	Back Gilgandra	Joseph H. Jenkins	7,600	"	Cancelled, Occ. 96-6, 821.	

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		No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years	
...	Acres.	412	Murrill Creek	Joseph Armand . Occ. 93-5,636	4,626	4,528	7,586
...	...	413	Curraburrama	Cancelled, Dalgety & Co., Limited ..	1,743	1,700	...	...	...	11,627
...	...	414	Tulloona	Cancelled, Australasian Investment Company .. 93-965.	82,812	14,700	1	4,100	21	24,124
...	...	415	Moonagee.	Australian Joint Stock Bank .. Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th Jan., 1900	2,440	...	5	15,293	28	...
...	...	416	Bulbodney ..	City of Melbourne Bank, Limited	34,600	...	2	15,430	21	...
...	...	417	Cocopara ..	John Armour ..	4,800	Nil.	1	19,253	28	...
...	...	418	Yamma .	Cancelled, Chas M. Lloyd .. Occ. 94-4,253.	920	...	3	28,147	21	1,140
...	...	419	Houlaghan's Creek North	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th Feb 1900. P. Heffernan, D. Blair, and W. Green-law	2,351	2,351	...	...	...	9,812
...	...	420	Cowl Cowl	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited Forfeited in 1891.	159,996	...	4	25,957	15	...
...	...	421	Yanko	Sir Samuel Wilson	1,836	On R.A. 2,960. On old L.A. 1,655.	3	33,929	14	...
...	...	422	Berry Jerry and Arajoel	T. W. Hammond and B. M. Osborne, Executors of the late John Leitch	5,459	On R.A. 5,224. On old L.A. 14,212	...	...	...	116,420
...	...	423	Cumbooglecumbong	Commercial Banking Co.	16,578	...	...	...	...	49,309
...	...	424	South Thononga	R. A. Molesworth and Thomas Webb Wae	8,015	On R.A. 1,600 9,800	...	...	...	140,720
...	...	425	Toooloon	Not renewed 1900, Gazetted 6th Jan., 1900. M. Herrmann and V. Cox ..	1,174	2,600	...	...	...	...
...	...	426	Opposite Coonamble or Euramie	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th Jan., 1900. Mark Herrmann and V. Cox ..	3,998	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	427	Thinawindie ..	Cancelled, Occ. 895-6,170. George Head	10,048	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	428	Quonmona or Geanmony	Forfeited, M. Herrmann and V. Cox .. Gazetted 20 March, 1891.	475	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	429	Lalaltee South	Not renewed for 1899, Gazetted 7th Jan., 1899. H. F. H. Rudd	245	245	...	...	...	2,155
...	...	431	Kulki	B. M. Osborne	249	On R.A. 249. On old L.A. 1,844.	...	...	...	25,220
...	...	432	Willan	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Limited.	437	100	...	...	...	11,780
...	...	433	Middle Field	Marmaduke Watson .. Cancelled, vide Occ. 1900-4,585.	2,304	Not given.	1	1,106	10	4,800
...	...	434	Cathundril No. 2	John C. Ryrie	3,077	Nil.	...	...	...	...
...	...	435	West Bogan Nos. 2 and 3	Thomas and A Bragg	7,115	5,410	7	18,983	28	...
...	...	436	Lower Ningear	William Kilgour and H. Ralph	150	400	...	...	...	...
...	...	437	Canonbar	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co., Limited	28,738	13,090	31	173,090	28	60,810
...	...	78	R.A. withdrawn from Canonbar, L.A. 437	Umutbee and Toonga	77,900	14,110	...	...	...	...
...	...	438	Umutbee and Toonga	T. H. Mate & Co., Limited	4,772	On R.A. 3,816, on late L.A. 15,081.	...	...	...	29,378
...	...	439	Back Run	John Cafe	19,800	...	...	...	...	4,600
...	...	440	Quandary North ..	William Preston	290	280	...	...	...	80
...	...	441	Bullerawa	The City Bank .. Cancelled, vide Occ. 97-6,539.	126,040	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	442	Terra Terra	Mary A. Strickland .. Forfeited, Gazetted 7th August, 1891	1,860	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	443	Greenbar Creek	G. A. Rattray and J. M'Kern .. Cancelled, Occ 94-2,545.	13,336	...	...	...	...	1,600
...	...	444	Geweroo	Union Mortgage and Agency Co. of Australia, Limited	31,900	...	2	10,807	28	600
...	...	445	Minore	Cancelled, Occ. 96-6,821. William Dugan	3,568	...	...	...	...	1,610
...	...	445	Bundaburrah	Not renewed for 1900. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	1,232	550	...	...	...	18,000
...	...	447	Nevertire	J. C. Ryrie and J. Alexander .. Forfeited, Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	6,665	320	...	...	...	...
...	...	448	Currungundi	Austn. Mortgage & Agency Co., Ltd.	7,770	5,120	1	2,750	28	17,072
...	...	449	Toulbung	Alexander Ferguson ..	1,674	4,100 } Not in Dubbo. 900 } In Dubbo.	...	...	...	1,220 } 1,680 }
...	...	450	Cambara	M Herrmann and V. Cox .. Cancelled, Occ. 94-2,490.	1,764	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	451	Warregal	Commercial Bank of Australia	17	See Nelungaloo P.H. with which this Holding is worked.	...	...	...	23,197
...	...	452	Kentucky	Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, and City of Melbourne Bank.	1,114	in R. A., 1,114. On old L.A. 1,415.	...	...	...	...
...	...	453	North East Mangoplah	Thomas Cox and John Cox .. Not renewed for 1897, Gazetted 6th Feb., 1897.	2,175	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	454	Goree	Duncan and D. S. Robertson	2,322	On R.A. 2,322. On old L.A. 2,391	...	...	...	66,807
...	...	455	Willurah	John Lamb	4,835	On R.A. 555. On old L.A. 1,319.	3	5,232	...	15,753
...	...	456	Kyeamba	Alexander Smith ..	844	...	4	6,550	28	...
...	...	457	Tin Pot Alley	Forfeited, Commercial Banking Co. .. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	2,300	On R.A. 11,968. On old L.A. 3,503.	...	...	...	104,657
...	...	458	Midkin	Australian Mutual Provident Society	28,344	...	...	...	...	1,220
...	...	459	Nangerybone	Australasian Mortgage & Agency Co., Ltd.	33,692	4,100
...	...	460	Back Galandra	Bank of New South Wales .. No occupation license.	5,340

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Holding		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895	Scrub Lease. Granted		Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.			
No	Name.				No	Area.	Term of Years	No.	Area	Reason for Refusal.
461A	Honeybugle	G A Johnston, R P. Johnstone, and P Johnstone	Acres. 195	No extension						
462A	Mangopiah	Thomas Cox and John Cox	1,739	"				Cancelled, Occ. 96-10,607.		
463A	Gunambil	Samuel McCaughey	8,485	"						
464	Gandymungydil	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co, Limited	21,014	"						
465	Denliquin	Alexander Landale	6,744	11 July, 1900 10 Oct, 1902						
466	Eunonyhareenyha	Austrahan Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Limited.	1,420	No extension				Cancelled, Occ. 96-9,500.		
467A	Burburgate	Home and Colonial Assets and Debuture Corporation, Limited	67,261	11 July, 1899 10 Dec, 1899						
468	Merrigal Marthagey	James Patrick	13,284	No extension						
469	Albert Waterhole	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co	9,302	"						
470	Bundyulambiah	David Moore	7,474	"						
471	West Bogan No. 7	John S Forster	18,493	"	I	18,493	97-1925			
472A	Pillaga	J B Rundle, junr	54,154	"						
473A	Brookong	The Law Debuture Corporation Limited.	9,257	11 Jan, 1899 10 Dec, 1899				90-2 90-1	6,000 1,491	Minister considers that these areas, which he values at from 3d to 1s per acre, are not applicable to scrub leases Ms L 91-324.
474	East Dreeelong	Austrahan Joint Stock Bank, Limited	11,620	No extension					Forfeited, vide Gazette 14 Dec, 1898	
475	Bourbah	Patrick Donohoe	10,415	"					3,800	Refused Not suitable for scrub lands Land can be taken up for closer settlement
476A	Upper Bugaldi	Hugh M'Master, John M'Master, junr, D M'Master, J M J M'Master	6,200	"						
477	Callubri	Dalgety & Co, Limited	6,960	"	I	6,960	1900-1920			
478	Derribong	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co, Limited	37,507	11 July, 1900 10 May, 1903						
479A	Mittagong	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	13,187	No extension						
480	Taratong West	Bank of New South Wales	5,080	"					5,080	Refused, decided to offer land as improvement leases
481	Younie	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	14,184	"						
482A	Bundidgery	Bank of Australasia	1,869	"						
483A	Micabil	Hon W Campbell	1,658	"						
484	Success	Aust Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	4,917	"					4,300	Application permitted to be withdrawn Within R A
485	Barellan	Aust Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co	45,166	"						
486	Gunmg East	Bank of New South Wales	4,460	"						
487A	Back Wardry	Joseph Vile	19,100	"						Cancelled, Occ. 1896-5,987.
488	Brue Plains	Union Bank of Australasia	Nil	11 July, 1899 10 Dec, 1900	I	8,932	98-1912			
489	Ooma	Now under Scrub Lease	7,832	No extension						
490	The Meadows	John Dent	13,667	"						
491	Yetman	Bank of Australasia E. M and G. W Dight	60,206	"						Forfeited 23 March, 1891.
492	Warree	Thomas Jones	7,074	"						
493	Booloola	W Hodgson	4,964	"						
494A	Maiaago	F S Falkner and Sons, Limited	12,400	"						
495A	Gregadoo	Charles Nixon and John Nixon	375	"						
496A	Burrandoon	Aust Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	39,414	"						
497A	West Bogan No 1	Aust Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited.	2,070	"						
498	Barrawang	Dalgety & Co, Limited	76,634	11 July, 1900	I	13,468	1897-1910			
	Old R A not renewed for 1899 Two areas withdrawn now R As 749 and 761			10 Sept, 1903	I	679	1896-1917		11,520	Refused Papers, Chairman Forbes
					I	4,600	1898-1919		4,444	Application permitted to be withdrawn
					I	400	1900-1903		16,300	Withdrawn
					I	430	1900-1903			
499	Palstthon	Edwd Jas Owens	30,000	No extension						
	Lease expired 10th July, 1900.									
500	Colln	William Pearse	6,747	"						
501A	Bungle Gully	London Chartered Bank of Australia, Limited	59,314	"						
502	Mimosa	The Aust M, L and F Co, Limited	23,116	11 July, 1900 10 April, 1902						
503A	Sandy Creek	Bank of New South Wales	7,881	No extension					7,304	Refused
504	Telebome	Dalgety & Co, Limited	32,681	"						
505	Bogo Bogolong	Cancelled, subdivided into No 744	No 744	Wheogo, and No 745						
506A	Slaughter House Plains	R Magee	2,699	No extension						
507A	Coreen	S McCaughey	1,781	"						
508	Kookaburragong	Thomas Waite	6,200	"				97-7	2,260	Refused Applicant would not accept Scrub Lease on terms recommended by the Board.
509	Aramagong West	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	5,889	"				92-1	400	Refused Land suitable for selection
510	New Geralambone	Mary Marshall	5,320	"						
511	Gunnegaldra	John Edgar	2,462	"						
512	Monument Flats	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co.	6,492	"						Lease surrendered 9th July, 1898
513	Genauagie	Cancelled, vide Occ 1900-7,102 W O Gilchrist	33,919	11 July, 1900 10 Feb, 1904						
514A	Bimble	Charles Colwell	759	No extension						
515	Mungary West	R Strahorn, J Strahorn, junior, Hugh Strahorn, and W. Strahorn	59,032	11 July, 1900 10 Aug, 1901	I	3,130 3,500	15 14		40	Refused, area applied for as Improvement Lease
516A	Mungiebundie	Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co, Limited	15,326	No extension	I	1,100	4½			

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I	10,000	461	Honeybugle	G H, R P and Percival Johnston	15,627	Acres, Nil	6	34,705	28	Acres	
		462	Mangoplah	Thomas Cox and John Cox	432						
		463	Ganambli	Not renewed for 1900, Gazetted 6th January, 1900	Samuel McCaughey	3,175	On R A 2,449 On late L.A. 8,015				48,853
		464	Gandymagydl		Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co, Limited	2,788	2,250				1,440
		465	Denihiquin		R A Landale	11,708					
		466	Ennonybareenyha	Cancelled, Occ 95-5,636	Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Co, Limited	2,536					
		467	Burburgate	Forfeited, Gazetted 7th August, 1891	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co Limited	78,692					61,000
		750	R A withdrawn from Burburgate, L A 467		Home Colonial Assets and Debenture Corporation	14,113					
		468	Merrigal Marthaguy		James Patrick	1,805	1,550				11,400
		469	Albert Waterhole		N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co, Limited	5,000					
470	Bandyulumblah		David Moore	5 169	In R A 4 590 In old L A, 4,000				41,644 42,431		
471	West Bogan No 7		John S Forster	46,934	2,000	6	23,493	28	13,500		
472	Pilgry		J B Randle junr	26,238	In R.A. 26 178 In L A 8,007				127,775		
473	Blakong		Law Debenture Corporation, Limited								
I	3,800	474	East Breealong	Australian Joint Stock Bank	11,513						
		475	Bourbah	Cancelled, Occ 97-9 882 P and W O Donohoe Forfeited, Gazette 7th Aug, 1891	420						700
		476	Upper Bugaldi		H M'Master, J M'Master, junr, D M'Master, and J M'J M'Master	5,150	640				Nil.
		477	Callabrn		Dalgety & Co, Limited	2,113	1,680				4,980
		478	Derribong		M W Lee	12,192	3,200	3	6,950	14*	6,500
		752	R A withdrawn from Derribong		N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co Limited	4,279		4	41,669	28	
		479	Mittagong		Union Bank of Australia, Limited	2,369	In R A 2,369 In old L A 11,469				28,622
		480	Tabratong West		Bank of New South Wales	2,290	2,290				1,300
		481	Yome		Union Bank of Australia, Limited	2,382	80				8,380
		482	Bandidgery		Isabella and W Mitchell	2,331	2,189				7,797
483	Micabil	Not renewed for 1899	Gazette 7 January, 1899	Hon W Campbell	2,441	8,800	2	5,656	21	14,200	
484	Success		Aust Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited	49	2,000				40		
485	Barellan		Aust Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co, Limited	5,103	3,187				24,008		
486	Gunning East		Bank of New South Wales	40	Nil				7,360		
487	Back Wardry		Commercial Banking Co of Sydney	21,400		I	20,480	28			
488	Blue Plains		Union Bank of Australia, Limited	140		I	20,000	28			
489	Ooma	Cancelled, Occ 93-3,133	John Dent	1,080	900				42,000		
490	The Meadows		Bank of Australasia	3,778	20						
491	Yetman	Forfeited, Gazetted 7th August, 1891	E M Dight and G W Dight	47,131		7	55,802	28			
492	Waree		Thos Jones	4,914	4,990				3,700		
493	Boooloola		Walter Hodgson	3,507	3,557				1,109		
494	Marago		F S Falkner and Sons, Limited	5 241	On R A 3,940 On old L A 11,000				47,209		
495	Gregadoo		A B Morgan and C Nixon	860	On R A 860 On old L A, 375				5,27		
496	Burrandoon		Aust. Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	19,704	On R A 7,198 On old L A 2,351				7,384		
497	West Bogan No 1		Aust Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co, Limited	7,774	1,640	9	17,500	28			
498	Barrawang	Cancelled, vide Occ 98-4,636 Not renewed for 1899	Dalgety & Co, Limited	12,999		1	829	20			
749	R A { Withdrawn from Barrawang, L A 498		Dalgety & Co, Limited	22,923	20,900	3	2,280	21	100,000		
761	R A {		Dalgety & Co, Limited	5,070		1	3,230	15			
I	20,000	499	Pahsthon	Commercial Banking Co.	27,579		3	10,637	28	120	
		500	Coll	Not renewed for 1893, Gazetted 14 February, 1893	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co, Limited	305	800				3,000
		501	Bungle Gully		London Chartered Bank of Australia	30,557	17,000				19,000
		502	Mimosa		Aust M, L and Finance Co, Ltd	26,059					
		771	R A withdrawn from Mimosa L A 502		Aust M, L and Finance Co, Ltd	4 836					
		503	Sandy Creek		Bank of New South Wales	2,022	1,000				400
		504	Terembone		Dalgety & Co, Ltd	18,226	2,000				50
		506	Slaughter House Plains		John F Boydell	7,100					
		507	Coreen		S McCaughey	8,020	8,020 R A, 1,518 L A				30,797
		508	Kookabarragong	Abandoned in 1891	John Hoare	2,418					2,300
509	Arramagong West		Union Bank of Australia, Limited	4,778	4,060				4 000		
510	New Garalgambone		Mary Marshall	734	740				8,990		
511	Gunnegaldra		John Edgar	1,592	1,160				2,330		
512	Monument Flats		Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co, Limited	1,526	1,500				16,000		
513	Genangie		J B Watt and W O Gilchrist	7 079					550		
748	R A withdrawn from Genangie L A 513			1,344							
514	Bumble		Charles Colwell	20,800	1,600	I	40	21	51,270		
515	Mungary West		E Strahorn, J Strahorn, junior, H Strahorn, and W Strahorn	6 754							
770	R A withdrawn from Mungary West L A, No 515		E Strahorn, J Strahorn, junior, H Strahorn and W Strahorn	7 187	8,300						
516	Mungiebundi		Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co, Limited	2,209	In L A, 1,000, in old L A, 3 700				26,815		

*Worked in conjunction with Middle Field Pastoral Holding, No. 433.

LEASEHOLD AREAS

Holding		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895	Scrub Leases Granted			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused		
No	Name.				No	Area.	Term of Years	No	Area	Reason for Refusal
517A 518	Lower Mithul Creek Moonbooldool	Dalgety & Co, Limited Austrian and New Zealand Mortgage Co	Acres 1,920 22,366	11 July, 1900 10 Oct, 1901						
519	Mulga and Glenarriff, Block B	Bank of New South Wales	21,423	No extension						
520A	Hermitage Plains Block M	Bank of New South Wales	14,398	"						
521A	Back Yamma Lease expired	Robert N Leslie 1895 Now under Scrub Lease		"	1	10,950	98 1919			
522	Old Bramble	Bank of New South Wales	7,040	"						
523	Arrarawnee	F York Wolseley	47,000	"					Cancelled Lease, area designed for Improvement Lease, vide Occ 97-2,539	
524A	Ulumbie	Commercial Banking Co	7,007	"						
525	Googumbla	Samuel M Caughy	4,625	"						
526	Quamong	Robert Langdale	3,239	"						
527A	The Springs	David D Baird	400	"	1	5 800	190 1921			
528		Subdivided into No 736 Coombogolong, and No 737, Culmea								
529	Yalgogrin South	(Goldsbrough, Mort & Co	60,322	No extension						
530	Narraway	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co	7,294	"						
531A	New Wyregall	Moses Woods	1,750	"						
532A	More Devil	R J P Simson	1,836	"						
533	Wangrewally	Thomas Dent	20,838	"						
534	Merrri Merrri	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co	7,150	"						
535A	Gobagombalm	Abraham Booth	4,603	"						
536	Yalcogrin.	Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	8,477	"						
537A	Carroll	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co	2,601	"						
538	Ginghet	Not renewed for 1898, Occ 98 502								
539	Naradhan	London Chartered Bank of Australia Pat Hill Osborne	16 851 97,038	"				90 1	2,830 86,000	Land Board recommend application be not granted (within R A) Refused Board does not consider Scrub Lands
540	Gunyer Warildi	D Mackay, J Mackay, and R Mackay	27,576	"						
541	Mandamah	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co	10,669	31 July, 1900						
542A	Moonbi, or Bogan dillon	Forfeited, vide Gazette, 11th August, 1900 E Hope, T C Hope, A Hope, and Geo Hope	24,666	No extension	1	11,240	15			
543	Youngara Creek	Cancelled, vide Occ, 1900 5 844 N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Co	13,917	"	1	8,200	21			
544	Tarraro	Commercial Bank of Australia, Ltd	72,393	"						
545A	Trowell Creek Station	Bank of New South Wales	5,433	"						
546	Burra Burra	The Law Debenture Corporation	29,799	31 July, 1900 30 April, 1902						
547A	Bolero Block A North	Aus Mortgage and Agency Co, Ltd	4,967	No extension				86 48 86-19	10 240 9,600	Refused Taking into consideration the carrying capacity of this land as compared with the rent of the L A and cost of eradicating the scrub, Board recommend refusal
548	Boree Creek	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	9 788	"					29,900	Refused
549A	Bocabigal	Aust Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	2,779	"						
550A	Bambil	Bank of New South Wales	6,247	"						
551	Dandaloo	F J Martel and S A Martel	9 259	"						
552	Lower Wilbe East	Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited	6,294	"						
553	Rocky Creek	John Arndell	98,634	"						
554A	Walla Walla	Alfred Stokes	2,570	"	1	270	99 1320		1,250	Application permitted to be with drawn
555A	Lower Balabla	Steel Caldwell, junr	4,786	"					1 260	do do
556	Balladoran	Bank of New South Wales	37,460	"					11,000	Refused
557A	Oura	Agency, Land, and Finance Company, Limited	870	"						
558	Euroka	Bank of New South Wales		Cancelled, Subdivided into No 742, Euroka North, and No 743 Euroka South						
559	Brundah			Cancelled, Subdivided into No 738, Brundah, and No 739, Brundah North						
560A	Tucka Tucka	John R Smith	7,239	No extension						
561A	Mungadel	C.W Simson	1 018	"						
562A	Whalan	Commercial Banking Company, Ltd	51,202	"						Cancelled, vide Occ 1898-10,527
563A	Edgeroi	Home and Colonial Assets and Debenture Corporation	72,684	"						
564	Bnda	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1071	"	1	6,470	09-1920			
565A	Carnerney	John Glenn	1 503	"						
566A	Tehelery	Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co, Limited	20,091	"						
567A	Carbucky	G M Simpson G H V Jenkins and Edwd J Jenkins trustees of the will of R L Jenkins	6 399	"						
568A	Lower Drou bulgie	John Martin	390	"						
569A	Trinkey	Colin W Simpson	21 035	"						
570A	Walla Walla and Corangretel	R E Rawlins	3,176	"						
571	Galargambone	Bank of New South Wales	2 987	"						
572	Eglabra	Thomas Chapman	9 479	31 July, 1900 30 Oct 19 2						
573A	Bold Ridge	Bank of New South Wales	120	No extension						
574	Bongebong	Cancelled, vide Occ 1900 5 740 Austrian Joint Stock Bank	23 160	"						

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No.	Area.	Holding,		Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding but now worked in conjunction with such holding
		No.	Name.				No.	Acres	Term of Years	
...	Acres.				Acres.	Acres				Acres.
...	517	517	Lower Mithul Creek	Dalgety & Co, Limited	88	Nil	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	14,800
...	518	518	Moonbooldool	Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co, Limited.	12,500	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	785	785	E.A. withdrawn from Moonbooldool, L.A., 518	Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co, Limited.	18,610	18,600	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,491
...	519	519	Mulga or Glenariff, Block B	Bank of New South Wales . . .	21,700	Nil	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	Nil.
...	520	520	Hermitage Plains, Block M.	Bank of New South Wales.	152	14,700	2	12,101	28	.. ..
...	521	521	Back Yamma	Not renewed for 1899. R. N. Leslie	195	195	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	880
...	522	522	Old Biamble	Bank of New South Wales . . .	6,424	800	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,800
...	523	523	Arrarownje	F. Y. Wolsey	45,500	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	524	524	Ulumbie	Cancelled, area designed for Improvement Lease. Commercial Banking Co.	6,860	In old L.A., 5,550	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	40
...	525	525	Goolgumbula	Samuel M'Caughy	4,293	4,293	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	108,477
...	526	526	Quamong	R Langdale	222	In old L.A., 1,000.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	17,519
...	527	527	The Springs	D. D Baird	8,738	Nil on R.A. In late L.A. 240	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	528	528	Yalgogrin South	See L.A.'s, Nos 736 and 737 R Goldsbrough & Co	59,285	.. ..	4	26,078	21	.. ..
...	529	529	Narraway	Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co., Limited	2,240	890	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	16,250
...	530	530	New Wyregall	Now leased as Inferior Lands Lease No 5. Moses Woods	4,024	Nil	1	9,250	20	.. ..
...	531	531	More Devil	Not renewed for 1895. R. J P Simson	3,184	450	2	2,400	15	10,000
...	532	532	Wangrewally	A J S Bank, Limited.	9,920	8,500	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7,908
...	533	533	Merri Merri	N Z Loan and M A Co, Limited	2,278	1,480	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,800
...	534	534	Gobbagombalin and Tooyal	A braham Booth	7,762	4,600	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	61,441
...	535	535	Yalcogrin . .	Cancelled, Occ. 98 3,766. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	3,533	3,460	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,530
...	537	537	Carroll	S B Dight	2,290	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	23,000
...	538	538	Ginghet	London Chartered Bank of Australia, Ltd.	3,178	480	1	15,300	21	15,218
...	539	539	Naradhan.	N Z. Loan and M A. Co., Limited	86,491	28,700	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	862
...	540	540	Gunyer Warilda.	Cancelled, vide Occ. 98 2,599.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	541	541	Mandamah .	D. Mackay, J. Mackay, jun, and R Mackay	9,592	15,240	2	9,500	21	10,876
...	542	542	Moonbi, or Bogandillon .	N Z Loan and M A Co., Limited	602	.. ..	1	2,100	19	100
...	543	543	Youngara Creek	R Hope, T. C. Hope, A. Hope, and Geo. Hope.	3,695	3,650	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	12,000
...	544	544	Tarriaro	N Z. Loan and M A. Co., Limited.	5,042	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	10,000
...	545	545	Trowell Creek Station	Not renewed for 1899. Mercantile Bank of Sydney .	56,002	.. ..	1	2,050	28	27,000
...	546	546	Burra Burra	Forfeited 13th May, 1890. Bank of New South Wales	14,000	.. ..	4	34,861	28	.. ..
...	774	774	R.A. withdrawn from Burra	Not held under Occupation License. Law Debenture Corporation	1,912	1,942	3	23,700	28	.. ..
...	547	547	Bolero Block A North	Burra L.A. 546 Law Debenture Corporation.	29,900	7,200	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	22,310
...	548	548	Boree Creek	Bolero Block A North Surrendered 31st December, 1891. Australasian M and A. Co, Limited	12,446	4,967	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	640
...	549	549	Bocabagal	Union Bank of Australia	5,055	5,055	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	13,849
...	550	550	Biambil	Bank of New South Wales	1,585	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,500
...	551	551	Dandaloo	Not renewed for 1894. Bank of New South Wales	3,494	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	370
...	552	552	Lower Wilhe East	Forfeited, Gazetted 7th January, 1891. Florent Martel	1,042	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	8,620
...	553	553	Rocky Creek .	Forfeited, 7th August, 1891. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	2,130	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	7,657
...	554	554	Walla Walla	John Arudell	48,701	700	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	6,275
...	555	555	Lower Balabla	Alfred Stokes	1,381	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	556	556	Balladoran	Cancelled, Occ 93-3,133. Steel Caldwell, junr.	2,535	2,535	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	11,000
...	557	557	Oura	Bank of New South Wales	26,415	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	40
...	558	558	Brundah	Not renewed for 1892. Agency, Land, and Finance Co., Limited, of Australia	2,033	870	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	23,822
...	559	559	Brundah	See L.A.'s Nos. 742 and 743. D. and J. M'Glede	3,096	3,000	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,600
...	560	560	Tucka Tucka	J. R Smith	7,742	3,320 R.A. 7,080 L.A. (late)	4	23,950	28	20,420
...	561	561	Mungadel	Colin W Simson	4,334	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2,520
...	562	562	Whalan	J P Fleming, T. H. Fleming, W. M Fleming, and F. B. Fleming.	9,872	4,880	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	60,000
...	563	563	Edgeroi	Home and Colonial Assets and Debenture Corporation, Limited	35,890	19,000	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	564	564	Binda	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	1,754	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	9,000
...	565	565	Carnerney	John Glenn	3,458	On R.A. 2,272 On old L.A. 1,310	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	12,325
...	566	566	Tchelery	Austraasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited.	6,358	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	567	567	Carbucky	R. L Jenkins	9,024	6,000	.. ..	5,907	.. ..	4,327
...	568	568	Lower Droulbalgie	Not renewed for 1892, Gazetted 24th January, 1893. John Martan	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
...	569	569	Trinke	Not held under Occupation License. Colin W. Simpson	14,089	1900	2	13,300	28	18,000
...	570	570	Walla Walla and Coran	R. E Rawlins	431	200	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	11,600
...	571	571	Galargumbone	P Ferguson	1,630	1,200	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	19,600
...	572	572	Ecilabra	Henry E. Kater	637	1,270	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,650
...	573	573	Bald Ridge	Bank of New South Wales	2,052	Nil.	3	7,830	28	2,200
...	574	574	Bongeabong	Austrahan Joint Stock Bank	2,835	All alienated, license cancelled Occ 92-701.	7,250

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Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.		Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused		
No.	Name.				No.	Area	Term of Years	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
575A	Covabee	Dalgety & Co, Limited	Acres. 6,622	No extension	Acres.		Acres.		
576	Timberly Cungan	Bank of New South Wales	18,174	31 July, 1900 to 30 Jan., 1903					
577A	Grubben Plains	Thomas Cox and J. Cox	1,753	No extension					
578	Canonba	Dalgety & Co, Limited	9,993	"					
579A	Boianda	Bank of New South Wales	950	"				Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6th February, 1897.	
580A	Belar	Bank of New South Wales	8,176	"					
581A	Milbe	Andrew Buchanan	29,719	"					
582A	Kerarbury	John S. Horsfall	6,418	"					
583	Quat Quatta	John A. Wallace	3,729	"				Cancelled. Vide Occ. 96 9500	
584A	Dumby ..	Chas. E. Taylor.	8,750	"				Cancelled. Vide Occ. 93-2428	
585A	Jandra ..	Geo. H. Greene .	1,785	"				Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.	
586	Gulgo	David Scott	9,410	"					
587	Buddigower	Geo. Thompson and M. Sawyer, jun.	85,000	"				Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.	
588	Coghill ..	Thomas Cook.	59,400	"					
		Lease expired 30th July, 1900. No Pref. Occ. License applied for							
589A	Merriwa	George Evans	8,168	"					
590	Quandary South	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	3,919	"					
		Lease expired 30th July, 1,00.							
591	Towyal.	Law Debenture Corporation	13,413	31 July, 1900 to 30 June, 1902			2,400 2,400	Refused. Partly within R. A. and L. A. Applicants are the holders of several Pastoral Leases; cannot hold Scrub Lease except within Land held under lease by themselves	
592	Budgeon ..	M. Hermann and Vivian Cox	4,788	No extension				Cancelled. Vide Occ 92 9808	
593A	Nanma	Paul Wenz and W. T. Dobson	7,227	"					
594	Burroway	Bank of Australasia	28,308	31 July, 1900 to 30 May, 1903					
595	Hoblingrah.	John, William, and Peter Richardson	14,077	No extension				Forfeited. Gazetted 1st September, 1891	
596	Terrangan	Bank of New South Wales	4,820						
597	Bygaloree.	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co	23,196	31 July, 1900 to 30 Sep. 1903	7,350	99-1920		.....
598	Bundemar	Bank of New South Wales	34,510	No extension					
599	Wonbobbie ..	Bank of New South Wales	43,629	"					
600	Wanbangalang	Commercial Banking Co.	58,902	"					
601A	Nundawaddera .	Scottish Australian Investment Co, Limited	3,905	"					
602	Cooma	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank	18,110	"				Forfeited. Occ. 93-8930. Gazetted 15 October, 1898.	
603A	Mathoura	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.	5,935	"					
604A	Bundure	New Zealand and Australian Land Co.	1,782	"					
605	Warrana	Dalgety & Co, Limited.	48,372	"					
606	Buddabudah	George Thompson	36,200	"				Cancelled. Subdivided into Nos. 753 and 754.	
607A	Wallenanne	Edward Maguire	21,123	"				Not renewed for 1897. Gazetted 6 February, 1897.	
608	Boberah or Morbi..	Richard Jackson	3,838	"				Forfeited. Gazetted 1 September, 1891.	
609	Boolecarrol	Union Trustee Co. of Australia, Ltd	45,880	"					
610A	Eaibe ..	John Fisher	6,562	"				Cancelled. Occ 95-6321.	
611	Traandra..	Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co, Limited	9,716	"					
612	Wyalray	City Bank	68,782	"					
613A	Opposite Derrinbong	Bank of Australasia	6,158	"					
614								Cancelled. Subdivided into No 740 Wallanbillan East, and 741 Wallanbillan..	
615	Mel'ool	Thomas B. Hunt	14,387	No extension					
615A	Boonal	A. G. F. Munro	18,398	"					
617A	Lycannah	Joseph Pease	8,086	"					
618	Curra and Curawinna	W. Arthur	18,100	"					
619A	Morra	Falkner and Sons, Limited	16,142	"					
620	Tubbo	The Tubbo Estates Co., Limited	9,886	31 July, 1899 to 30 Jan., 1900					
621A	Vathagar	W. Moses and F. A. Moses	1,308	No extension					
622	Grong Grong	C. J. Bear, W. H. Bear, and H. T. Bear	3,895	"					
623	Mrimgreen	Thomas Cox	23,347	"					
624A	Emula	C. D. Bardwell, A. Macpherson, and Thomas E. Hudson.	13,106	"					
625A	Ecalaweena	H. Campbell	6,885	"					
626	Woorooma	L. M. Bean	17,720	"					
627	Ar ah	Bank of New South Wales	11,365	31 July, 1899 to 30 Dec., 1901					
628	Billy Baa, South	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank	12,691	No extension					
629A	Myall Downs	J. D. Macansh, J. Windeyer, and W. T. Cadell	92	"				Forfeited. Gazetted 5 October, 1898.	
630	Yalabee	Cancelled 00-2932. Samuel and J. McCaughey	3,349	"					
631	Euroka	Dalgety & Co, Limited	28,842	31st July, 1900 to 30th Dec., 1902				

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No	Area	No	Name				No	Acres	Term of years		
	Acres	575	Cowabee	Dalgety & Co, Limited	2,659	On R.A 2659	On late			25,883	
		576	Timberly Cungan	Bank of New South Wales Cancelled Vide Occ 58 7211	2,808	L A 6132				17,030	
		577	Grubben Plains	Thomas and John Cox Not renewed for 1897	2,916	1,753				18,793	
		578	Canonba	Gazetted 6th February, 1897	1,724	1,970				18,100	
		579	Boranda	Dalgety & Co, Limited	3,815	No occupation license					
		580	Belar	John Cafe Bank of New South Wales	34,045			I	1,200	28	1,200
		581	Milhe	Forfeited Gazetted 7th August, 1891 English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank	5,894						4,100
		582	Kerarbury	Cancelled Occ 91 14222 J S Horshall	14,920	In R A 14,920 In old L A 6,418					15,586
		583	Quat Quatta	J A Wallace	1,527						
		584	Dumby	N J Proctor Not held under Occupation License				I	8,637	20	
		585	Jandra	Geo H Greene	370	nil					29,000
		586	Gulgo	David Scott	2,140	2,140					120
I	26,770	587	Buddgower	Dalgety & Co, Limited	32,418						
		588	Coghill	Cancelled Occ 96 5987 Henry White	57,000						
		589	Merriva	Cancelled Occ 00-6277. Geo Evans	5,881	9,200		3	9,410	20	23,644
		590	Quandary South	Geo Hurmon	2,354			I	600	15	8,000
		591	Towyal	Forfeited Gazetted 20th March, 1891 Law Debenture Corporation	2,515	2,000					29,000
	1,200	592	Budgeon	M Hermann and V Cox Forfeited Gazetted 24th December, 1891	1,188						
		593	Nanma	Major West Cancelled Occ 97 13063	1,202						12,000
		594	Burroway	Bank of Australasia	12,664	10,910					17,220
		756	R A withdrawn from Burroway L A 594	Bank of Australasia	259	290					
		595	Hoblingrah	John, W, and P Richardson Forfeited Gazetted 7th August, 1891	15,027						
		596	Terrangan	Bank of New South Wales	1,754	1,500					7,000
		597	Bygaloree	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co, Limited Cancelled Occ 96 5987	15,381	Not given		*I	3,500	21	16,000
		598	Bundemar	Bank of New South Wales	3,767	2,260		I	2,600	28	31,950
		599	Wonbobbie	Bank of New South Wales	7,794	4,680					5,580
		600	Wambangalang	Commercial Banking Co, Limited	25,483						1,500
		601	Mundawaddera	Not renewed for 1899 Gazetted 7 January, 1899 Scottish Australian Investment Co, Ltd	4,723	On R A 4,683 L A 3905	On old				23,111
		602	Cooma	English, Scottish and Australian Chartered Bank Cancelled Occ 99 2012	11,404						
		603	Mathoura	Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co	7,670						
		604	Bundure	New Zealand and Australian Land Co, Limited	5,633	On R A 5,633 L A 1,782	On late				120,388
		605	Warrana	Dalgety & Co, Limited	10,751	8,600					79,000
		607	Wallenanne	Edward Maguire	12,448						
		608	Boberah or Morbi	No occupation license Richard Jackson	2,135						
		609	Boolcarrol	No occupation license Union Trustee Co of Australia, Limited	3,647	3,400					50,000
		610	Embie	John Fisher Forfeited, Gazetted 7th August, 1891	760						
		611	Tenandra	Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Co, Limited	5,464	5,240					8,630
		612	Wyalray	City Bank	8,387	On R A 5,620 L A 1,120	On old				37,753
		613	Opposite Perribong	John C Ryrie Forfeited 7 August, 1891	1,522						6,380
		614	Mellool	See end of Return No 740 L A, and 741 L A							
		615	Boonal	T B Hunt	2,350	10,000					35,329
		616	Tycannah	A G F Munro	9,415	1,792 R A					8,512
		617		John Pearse	430	560					7,685
		618	Curra and Currawinna	Not renewed for 1899 Gazetted 7 January, 1899 S E Leose	278						24,350
		619	Morra	Forfeited 7 August, 1891 F S Falkner and Sons, Limited	22,069						
		620	Tubbo	Tubbo Estates Co, Limited	20,199	20,199 R A, 7,184 L A					164,519
		776	R A withdrawn from Tubbo L A 620	Tubbo Estates Co, Limited	8,154	8,154					
		621	Wathagar	W and H A Moses Cancelled Occ 97 7194	530	863					553
		622	Grong Grong	C J Bear, W H. Bear, and H T Bear	793	793					30,436
		623	Merringreen	Thomas Cox	5,831	270					9,000
		624	Humula	New Zealand and Australian Land Co Cancelled Occ 93 3501	12,393	8,726		I	518	21	7,825
		625	Eenaweena	Henry Campbell	7,854	5,490 R A, 6,830 L A					
		626	Woorooma	L M Bean	11,546	11,000 R A, 11,200 L A					1,413
		627	Arnah	Bank of New South Wales Cancelled Occ 98 2358	8,890						14,000
		628	Baan Baa	English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank Forfeited Gazetted 7 August, 1891	2,540						
		629	Myall Downs	J D Macansh, J Windeyer, and W T Cadell	3,692	30		4	21,600	28	3,443
		630	Yanabee	Cancelled Gazetted 6 January, 1900 Samuel and John M Caughey	3,525	In R A 3,525 L A 3,349	In old				48,091
		631	Euroka	Dalgety & Co, Limited Not renewed for 1899 Gazetted 7 January, 1899	19,242						

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal
632A	Back Daroualgie..	Australian Joint Stock Bank	Acres. 5,689	No extension	I	Acres. 2,470	99-1911	..	Acres 5,689	Applicant being a Pastoral Lessee, could not hold a Scrub Lease on R.A. Refused. (within R A and L A)
633	Milton Vale . .	Bank of New South Wales	1,212	"					2,500	"
634A	Kooba	Joseph M'Gaw	23,473	1st May, 1899 30th Nov., 1899						
635A	Mangumia and War-	Henry Godfrey	357	No extension					2,500	Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899 Withdrawn (within L.A and R.A.)
636	Bumbaldry	Union Bank of Australia, Limited.	5,682	"	I	5,000	1900 1928			
637	Ghoolendaadi	John Kerr Clark	93,518	"						
638A	Bourke's Creek..	James and R. Ross	7,377	"						
639A	Bunarbra	Samuel Clift	12,269	"						
640A	Breeza	W. Clift, Joseph Clift, Samuel Clift and Geo Clift	21,272	"						
641A	Triangular Plains	Henry Godfrey	299	"						Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.
642A	West Breealong	Bank of New South Wales	3,640	"						
643	Gunnedah Station.	Thos H. H. Goodwin	2,445	"						Cancelled. 97 24
644A	Houlighan's Creek South	Joseph M'Gaw	4,893	"						
645A	Ilumurgalla East	Alexander Ferguson	1,718	"						
646A	Bengalla	William Lalor	48,617	"						
647A	Bandon	James Newell	819	"						
648	Condobolin	The Law Debenture Corporation, Limited	25,135	5 Aug., 1900 to 4 Feb., 1903						Worked in conjunction with R.A 763.
649A	Morangarell and Narraburra Creeks	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	13,744	No extension						
651A	Barham	Andrew O'Keefe	22,518	"					10,240	Refused
652	Mungerbumbone	J. McLean and The A J S. Bank	20,118	"						
653A	Tomanbil	J. B. Suttor	1,219	"	I	3,300	98-1919			See No. 554
654A	Wooyeo	Duncan G. McKellar	80,112	"						
655	Murrumbidgee	Dalgety & Co., Limited	119,750	"						
656	Eugowra	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	19,130	"	£I	6,100	99-1919		6,400 6,500	Application refused. Land already applied for. Within R.A Refused Applicant incompetent to hold Scrub Lease. Within R.A.
657	Lindsay	W. B. S. C. Sawers and W A Wilson	66,666	"						
658A	Pulltop	E. W. and A. A. Westby	1,569	"						
659A	Howlong	William H. Watt	9,730	"						
660	Narran	Bank of New South Wales	6,206	"						
661	Mullah	James Beveridge . . .	19,511	5 Aug., 1900 4 Feb., 1903						
662	North Junee	Angus M'Kinnon	6,490	No extension						
663A	Tulumbah	Notified as a Resumed Area. Gazetted 18th May, 1898. Dalgety & Co., Limited	24,308	"						
664	Ulonga	Bank of Australasia	110,801	"						
665	Dundullamel .	Commercial Banking Co. ...	4,947	"						Cancelled. Occ., 96-10659.
666A	Meryula	Samuel Sowden	40	"						Cancelled. Occ., 00-2953.
667	Merool, Baale Crk	The Union Bank of Australia, Ltd.	29,518	"	I	9,500	99-1920			
668	Billabong West	Sydney E. Close	3,805	"						
669A	New Gradgery	George Woods	1,444	"						Cancelled. Occ., 96 6321.
670	Mungleand Wallah	Bank of New South Wales	31,700	"						Cancelled. Occ., 97-2539. 6,400 Refused. Land applied for was purchased at auction as an improvement lease Application within R A. permitted to be withdrawn.
671A	Big River	Commercial Banking Co.	23,785	"	I	3,910	93-1903		2,560	
672A	Cobran	Sir W. J. Clarke	20,720	"						
673A	Nowerome ..	G. F. Simpson	4,900	"						
674	Tongamba	Mary Perry	20,645	"						
675	Gunbar	Notified as a Resumed Area. Gazetted 23rd Jan., 1897 Bank of Victoria, Limited	106,837	"						
676A	Bumbaldry, Upper	A and R A Campbell	6,445	"						
677	Hermitage Plains, Block A2	Union Mortgage and Agency Co. of Australia	31,000	"						
678	Narrawin	Thomas Cornish	30,675	"						
679	Trngamon	Cancelled, vide Occ 00 2231. Charles G Tindall	46,596	"						See No. 243.
680	Murrungundy	Notified Resumed Area 24 May, 1897. William E. Wilson	17,430	"						
681A	Gragen & Graman	G. H. Gordon and H. E. H. Gordon	20,585	"						
682A	South Mahonga Forest	Robert Rand	914	"						
683	Mahonga	Robert Rand	9,303	"						
684	Yalgogoring North	Mary Cox	22,680	"						
685	Koikibertoo North	Mary Cox	15,421	"						

Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		RESUMED AREAS.					PASTORAL HOLDINGS.			
No.	Area.	No.	Holding. Name.	Licenseses.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.		Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding, but now worked in conjunction with such holding	
	Acres.				Acres.	Acres.	No.	Acres.	Term of Years.	Acres.
...	...	632	Back Daroumbalgie	Australian Joint Stock Bank Not renewed for 1900. Gazetted 6th January, 1900.	2,175	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	633	Milton Vale	Bank of New South Wales	236	30	...	...	...	600
...	...	634	Kooba	Joseph M'Gaw Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.	12,529	17,813	...	...	...	122,189
...	...	769	R.A. withdrawn from Kooba	Joseph M'Gaw L.A. 634	2,060	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	635	Nangunia and Warmatta	Henry Godfrey Cancelled. Occ. 93-2508.	1,491	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	636	Bumbaldry	Union Bank of Australia	1,372	256	...	...	...	5,600
...	...	637	Ghoolendaadi	J. K. Clark Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891	41,623	...	...	...	...	66,000
...	...	638	Bourke's Creek	James and R. Ross	699	In R.A. 609. In old L.A. 5547	...	...	...	17,192
...	...	639	Bumarbra	Samuel Clift	4,301	In R.A. 12100. In old L.A. 2180	...	...	...	5,940
...	...	640	Breeza	William Clift, Joseph Clift, Samuel Clift and Geo. Clift	7,252	In C.D., 2000	...	...	...	In C.D. 55,000
...	...	641	Triangular Plains	Henry Godfrey Cancelled. Occ. 93-2509.	42	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	642	West Breealong	J. T. Mawbey Not held under Occupation License.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
...	...	643	Gunnedah Station	Thos. A. Johnston and Thos. H. H. Goodwin Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	1,173	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	644	Houlaghan's Creek South	Joseph M'Gaw	1,430	In R.A. 1280. In late L.A. 1319	...	...	...	16,124
...	...	645	Illumurgalia East	Australian Joint Stock Bank Cancelled. Occ. 94-2490.	846	In late L.A. 1700	...	...	...	...
...	...	646	Bengalla	William L'vor	45,540	On R.A. 5,270; on old L.A., 27,467.	31,100	...	...	500
...	...	647	Bandon	James Newell	632	400	...	...	...	12,200
...	...	648	Condobohn	John Halfey (chairman of the Australian Alliance Assurance Co.) Cancelled. Occ. 1897-13063.	9,565	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	763	...	Union Mortgage and Agency Co., Limited Lot No. 51 worked in conjunction with Condobohn 648.	4,379	4,000	...	...	...	26,000
...	...	649	Morangarell and Narraburra Creek	Union Bank of Australia	4,598	1,450	...	...	...	13,000
...	...	651	Barham	Andrew O'Keefe	25,993	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	652	Mungerbumbone	J. McLean and The A.J.S. Bank, Limited	1,915	1,610	...	...	...	15,040
...	...	653	Tomanabil	J. B. Suttor Cancelled. Occ. 1898-2358.	2,675	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	654	Wooyeo	D. G. McKellar Cancelled. Occ. 1893-3566.	117,290	...	7	94,480	...	...
...	...	655	Murrumbidgee	Australian Joint Stock Bank Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	105,951	...	...	...	...	20,700
...	...	656	Eugowra	Australian Joint Stock Bank Not renewed for 1899. Gazetted 7th January, 1899.	12,063	Not given	...	...	...	2,650
...	...	657	Lindsay	J. McNeill Simpson	56,548	Nil	...	...	...	650
...	...	658	Pullitop	A. A. Westby	970	On R.A. 943; on late L.A. 1,469.	950	3,300	15	40,483
...	...	659	Howlong	W. H. Watt	1,797	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	650	Narran	Bank of New South Wales	2,285	2,650	...	...	...	1,000
...	...	661	Mullah	James Beveridge Cancelled. Occ. 1898-7211.	688	...	...	...	...	4,320
...	...	760	R.A. withdrawn from Mullah 661	James Beveridge	2,288	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	662	North Junee	Patrick Heffernan	1,401	1,400	...	...	...	15,627
...	...	663	Tulcumbah	Dalgety & Co., Limited	8,720	4,800	...	...	...	38,000
...	...	664	Ulonga	Bank of Australasia	29,890	In R.A. 21,000. In old L.A. 9,000.	...	...	...	142,309
...	...	665	Dundullamel	Commercial Banking Co. Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	5,048	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	666	Meryula	Samuel Sowden Cancelled. Occ. 00-3588.	178	...	1	165	21	...
...	...	667	Merool, Baale Creek	Union Bank of Australia Not renewed for 1892. Gazetted 21st June, 1892.	1,564	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	668	Billabong West	S. E. Close Cancelled. Occ. 98-2358.	2,740	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	669	New Gradgery	Geo. Woods Cancelled. Occ. 95-6821.	146	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	670	Mungle and Wallah	Bank of New South Wales No Occupation License.	31,275	...	2	8,037	15	...
...	...	671	Big River	Commercial Banking Co.	12,812	3,204	12,150	40	...	5,090
...	...	672	Cobran	Sir W. J. Clarke	14,700	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	673	Noweronie	G. F. Simpson	12,886	In R.A. 12,846. In old L.A. 4,900.	...	...	...	65,087
...	...	674	Tongamba	Mary Perry Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	2,771	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	675	Gunbar	Bank of Victoria, Limited	48,752	In R.A. 23,338. In old L.A. 22,660.	...	...	...	77,163
I	1,400	676	Bumbaldry, Upper	A. and R. A. Campbell	5,878	2,100	...	...	...	800
...	...	677	Hermitage Plains, Block A2.	Union Mortgage and Agency Co. of Australia, Limited.	31,000	Nil.	...	...	...	48
...	...	678	Narrawin	Thomas Cornish	1,092	2,000	30,000	20	...	11,050
...	...	679	Trigamon	C. G. Tindall	43,629	1,984	2	18,500	20	1,517
...	...	680	Murrungundy	Edward Wilson	19,194	4,600	...	...	...	5,920
I	2,500	681	Gragen and Graman	G. H. Gordon and H. E. H. Gordon	30,624	On R.A. 12,300, on old L.A. 151.	...	...	...	27,803
I	2,500	682	South Mahonga Forest	Robert Rand	295	On R.A. 295; on old L.A. 709.	...	...	...	See Mahonga holding. 166 772
...	...	683	Mahonga	Robert Rand	1,028	998	...	...	...	...
...	...	684	Yalgogoring North	A. T. Bolton, H. F. Davidson, and A. M. Cox	9,961	4,000	...	...	...	120
...	...	685	Kolkibertoo North	A. T. Bolton, H. F. Davidson, and A. M. Cox	15,000	600	...	...	...	2,560

LEASEHOLD AREAS.

Holding.		Lessees.	Area now held under the Pastoral Lease.	Extension granted under Section 3, Act of 1895.	Scrub Leases Granted.			Applications for conversion into Scrub Leases refused.		
No.	Name.				No.	Area.	Term of Years.	No.	Area.	Reason for Refusal.
686A	Merah	Commercial Banking Company of Sydney	Acres. 70,523	No extension	Acres.		Acres.			
687	Yerrinan..	Bank of New South Wales	29,420	"	"		"			
688A	Warwillah	Hon. W. Campbell	5,119	"						
689	Melrose	W. E. Broughton and E. J. Broughton	279,857	"			98-3 142,000	Applicants would not accept the conditions recommended by the Board.		
690	Willeroon	Edward S. Hall Not Renewed for 1897. 6th February, 1897.	70,054	"						
691A	Wallangra ..	J. R. Black	54,431	"	I	7,300	96-1917			
692A	Wallandoon ..	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Limited	4,886	"						
693A	Goolhi	N.S.W. Mortgage, Land and Agency Co., Limited	35,083	"						
694A	Bald Hills and Warradery.	Geo. Matchett	6,092	"	I	500	59-1900	86-40 1,500	Not available for Scrub Lease. Land applied for as C.P. and C.L. Refused. Decided to offer as Impt. Lease. Refused. Land required for settlement. Permitted to be withdrawn. Applicant incompetent to hold Scrub Lease. Permitted to be withdrawn.	
695A	Wanganella ...	Albert Austin	10,712	"				2,960		
696	Gowang	David James Watt	12,584	"				6,000		
697	Willylaw	A. Hill and J. Mosely	9,700	"				1,380		
698	Budgery	William Geo. Matchett	32,017	"	I	32,017	97-1925	362	Permitted to be withdrawn.	
699A	Kindra Creek..	Lease expired, 4 August, 1900. E. Stinson, J. Caldwell, and A. Davidson, Junr.	3,295	"				323	Applicant incompetent to hold Scrub Lease.	
700A	Willie	J. R. Hill, W. C. Hill, H. Hill, and Alf Hill	28,863	"				323	Permitted to be withdrawn.	
701	Lake Cowal..	Australian Mortgage, Land & Finance Co., Limited.	24,494	"	I	56,800	98-1919		Refused. Land required for settlement.	
702	Wilgar Downs	Goldsbrough, Mort & Co.	57,771	"	I	13,000	00-1919		Permitted to be withdrawn at applicant's request.	
		Lease expired 4 Aug., 1900. Not held under Occ. Lic. Texas (No. 507), Eastern Division.		"	I	97,640	59-1927			
		Kikiarnah (No. 508) " " "		"						
		Moura (No. 509) " " "		"						
706	Myall Creek ...	Australian Mortgage Land & Finance Co., Limited.	66,400	"						
707A	Oberne	Bank of New South Wales	19,401	"						
708A	Keera	Thos. Cook	11,759	"						
		(For resumed area, see 512, Eastern Division.)		"						
709A	Obella ..	Bank of New South Wales	22,856	"						
710	Wandoo Wandong	H. Strahorn, F. J. Martel (Executors of the will of the late J. Strahorn)	34,909	"						
		Walbundrie, No 515A, Eastern Division.		"						
712	Upper Wyalong, No. 2	Thomas F. Knox	10,833	"	I	7,900	58-1913			
		Lease expired 7th December, 1900.		"						
714A	Eurombedah	Arramagong East, No 535, Eastern Division. John C. Ryrie and John Alexander	10,888	"						
715A	Elong Elong	James Rutherford	720	"						
716	Four Mile Creek	Australian Joint Stock Bank	6,300	"					Forfeited. Gazetted 20th March, 1891	
717	Norfolk	David Gover	18,200	"					Forfeited. Gazetted 20th March, 1891	
718A	Back Creek and Nobby's Lagoon	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	6,411	"						
719	Cobrauraguy	Union Bank of Australia, Limited...	7,875	"				6,825	Refused	
720	Portadown	William Hodger	5,500	"				4,000	Refused	
721A	Borah	N. Cohen and M. L. Solomon	57,145	"						
722	Piedmont	Capel Bros.	26,332	"						
723A	West Bogan, No 6	Bank of New South Wales	5,271	"						
724A	Borambola	Goldsbrough, Mort and Coy., Ltd.	3,429	"						
725A	Dundoo Hills	T. W. Sands and D. M. Menzies	763	"						
726A	Nelungaloo	Commercial Bank of Australia, Ltd.	2,475	"						
727A	Pinnacle	N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Coy., Limited.	5,984	"				1,280	Refused	
728	Goan	J. W. Dennis	15,039	5 March, 1901 4 Jan. 1902				640	Refused	
729	Noorong	J. J. Armstrong and Jas. Aitken (Executors and Trustees of the late Thos. Armstrong).	19,964	Extension to March, 1901						
730	Quanabar	R. Rouse and J. Knight	8,680	"					Cancelled. Vide Occ. 58-3205.	
731A	Bungebar..	R. H. D. Jones..	6,960	"						
733	Bunglegumby.	52A. Barraba detached (Eastern Division), Resumed Area No. 723 Central Division. A J S. Bank.	5,300							
734A	Bundybundally..	Forfeited. Gazetted 20th March, 1891. Geo. Richardson	15,600							
735	Mogong.	Not renewed for 1898. Gazetted 30th March, 1898.	332							
736	Coombogolorg	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Limited. N Z. Loan and M.A. Co., Limited..	24,591		I	5,840	14			
737	Culmier	W E Sparke..	5,985						Subdivision of Ccmlogcleng, late L.A. No. 528.	
738A	Brundah ..	Bank of Australasia. Cancelled. Occ. 97-13,063.	3,525						Subdivision of L.A. No 559.	

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							No	Acres	Term of Years
	Acres	686	Merah	Geo Loder	83,594	Acres			Acres
		687	Yerrinan	Cancelled area designed for Improvement Lease H M'Master, J M'Master, junr, D M'Master, and J M'Master	14,901	1,200			6,000
		688	Warwillah	William Campbell	5,171				5,400
		689	Melrose	Not renewed for 1895 W E and E J Broughton Gazetted 31st January, 1895	141,393				6,600 180
		690	Willeroon	E S Hall and A J S Bank, Limited	1,042	500	8	62,850	28
							1	20,480	21
							1	18,038	14
							1	20,480	7
		691	Wallangra	Cancelled W J Russell and J. E. Black Occ 92 7631	58,616				
		692	Wallandoon	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co	433	On R A. 433, on old L A. 4,632.			54,768
		693	Goolhi	Forfeited. Geo Munro and W E Wilson Gazetted 7th August, 1891	20,263				19,000
		694	Bald Hills and Warraderry	Geo Matchett	3,336	2,000	1	323	10
		695	Wanganella	Thomas Miller	6,322				
		696	Gowang	David James Watt	3,439	nil			5,000
		697	Willylaw	Forfeited A. Hill and Jas Mosely Gazetted 20th March, 1891	9,800				
		698	Budgery	W. G. Matchett	3,691	1,560	5	25,938	28
		699	Kindra Creek	John Stinson	1,412				
		700	Wilhe	Cancelled Richard Ridge Occ 94-9253.	11,944	15,140			
		701	Lake Cowal	Cancelled Occ 95-4506					
		702	Wilgar Downs	Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Coy Goldsbrough, Mort & Co Not renewed for 1897, Gazetted 6th February, 1897	33,089	16,800			7,000
		703	Texas	Scottish Australian Investment Co Ltd	110,640		3	50,150	28
		704	Kikiamah	Not renewed for 1895	45,324	5,260			1,050
		705	Moura	Australasian Mortgage & Agency Co Ltd	3,079	2,100			1,440
			Myall Creek	R A 510, Eastern Division					
			Oberne	R A 511, Eastern Division					
			Keera	R A 512, Eastern Division			...		
			Obella	R A 513, Eastern Division					
			Wandoo Wandong	R A 514, Eastern Division					
		711	Walbundrie	William Kiddle, Junr	2,200	2,200			38,024
		712	Upper Wyalong, No 2	T F Knox Not renewed for 1893 Gazetted 18th May, 1888.	7,162				1,300
		713	Arramagong East	Bank of New South Wales	648	4.8			
		714	Eurombedah	Forfeited J C Ryrrie and J Alexander Gazetted 7th August, 1891	4,508	7,280 in late L A			
		715	Elong Elong	James Rutherford	1,900	In R A. 1900. In late L A 590			
		716	Four Mile Creek	No Occupation License Australian Joint Stock Bank					
		717	Norfolk	Forfeited D Grover Gazetted 20th March, 1891	17,700				
		718	Back Creek and Nobbys Lagoon	Union Bank of Australia, Limited	10,372				
		719	Cobrauraguy	Not renewed for 1899 Gazetted 7th January, 1899 Union Bank of Australia, Limited	5,454	4,630			3,850
		720	Portadown	Willham Hodges No Occupation License					
		721	Borah	N S W Mortgage, Loan and Agency Co, No Occupation License	46,000		1	3,320	21
		722	Piedmont	Capel Bros	7,223	2,300			
		723	West Bogon, No 6	Bank of New South Wales	4,297	In R A 2,550. In late L A 4,120	1	5,120	18
		724	Borambola	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co, Limited	2,895	In R A 2,894. In old L A 1,199	1	4,265	28
		725	Dundoo Hills	T W Sands and D M. Menzies License cancelled. Occ 97-13763	29,940		4	3,937	28
		726	Nelungaloo	Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited	381	81			18,500
		727	Pinnacle	N Z Loan and Mercantile Agency Coy, Limited	5,231	3,000			21,000
		728	Goan	J W Dennis	4,410				
		729	R A withdrawn from Gonn L A. 728	J W Dennis	6,500				
		729	Nooi long	J J Armstrong, T S Armstrong and Jas Aitken (Executors and Trustees of the late Thomas Armstrong)	2,521	In R A 1,300. In old L A. 12,400			79,469
		730	Quanabar	Cancelled Richard Rouse and J Knight Occ 00-2962	8,425				
		731	Bungebar	Forfeited. Edward E Moore Gazetted 7th August, 1891	5,429				40
		732	Barraba (detached)	Thos Cook and H A Munro	12,064	25,376	2	21,870	28
		733	Bunglegumby	Forfeited Austalian J S Bank Gazetted 7th August, 1891	2,643				100
		734	Bundybundally	Cancelled Geo Richardson Occ 98-7211	11,590				
		735	Mogong	Goldsbrough, Mort and Co, Limited	44				
		736	Lot No 1	Ben Robinson	1,504			Not part of L A 736	
		737	Combogolong Lot No 10	Forfeited N Z Loan and M A Co, Limited. Q P Maunsen Gazetted 7th August, 1891.	7,400				14,540
		737	Lot No 10	Forfeited	1,820			Not part of L A. No. 737,	620
		738	Lot No 12	Forfeited W H Gordon Cancelled Occ 99 2539	19,000				

Area embraced in Scrub Lease applications not yet dealt with.		RESUMED AREAS.					PASTORAL HOLDINGS.			
No.	Area.	Holding.		Licensees.	Area available for License.	Area of land reserved and debarred from settlement.	Area granted to Lessees under Improvement Lease.			Approximate area of alienated land originally part of holding, but now worked in conjunction with such holding.
		No.	Name.				No.	Acres.	Term of Years	
...	Acres.	739	Lot No. 13	G. B. Rowley ..	Acres. 21,400	Acres.				Acres.
...	...	740	Lot No. 14	Cancelled. Occ. 93-2539. G. B. Rowley ..	26,300	.....				.....
...	...	614	Wallanbilla	Cancelled, 7th August, 1891. The Law Debeature Corporation, Ltd. ..	1,669	340				14,295
...	...	741	Lot No. 21	D. G. Peele ..	30,200	.....				.....
...	...	742	Lot No. 15	Cancelled. Occ., 97/2539. T. H. B. McGee ..	31,200	.....	I	8,580	21	.....
...	...	538	Euroka	Forfeited. Occ., 97/2539 (not connected with 742A). Bank of New South Wales ..	695	.....				17,000
...	...	766	R.A. withdrawn from Euroka L.A. No. 538	Dalgety & Co., Limited ..	6,157	.....				.....
...	...	743	Lot No. 36	John Marchant ..	23,400	.....				.....
...	...	744	Lot No. 40	Forfeited. Gazetted 7th August, 1891 (not connected with No. 743A). W. P. and H. A. Patrick ..	16,400	.....				.....
...	...	505	Bogo Bogolong	A.J.S. Bank, Limited ..	11,418	.....				.....
...	...	745	Lot 41	W. P. and H. A. Patrick ..	14,780	120				.....
...	...	745	Lot 42	W. P. and H. A. Patrick ..	6,441	420				.....
...	...	430	Groongal	T. L and A. J. L. Learmonth ..	652	.....				.....
				Forfeited 13th May, 1890.						
I	5,836	650	Cubbo and Dunwarian	Geo. Loder and B. B. Campbell ..			Not held under Occupation License.			
I	3,000	185	Bomera	City of Melbourne Bank, Limited	58,841	5,700	I	3,500	28	36,000
...	.....	606	Buddabuddah	H. E. Lord ..	3,885	.....				.....
...	.....	133	Ungaree	Australian Mortgage Land and Finance Co., Ltd. ..	4,037	.....				3,600
				Cancelled December, 93-3133.						
I	2,800	768	Lot No. 52	John Sanderson and Co. ..	15,000	.....				.....
		777	Lot No. 659	James Coleman ..	262,000	.....				.....
				Not renewed for 1900. Vide Occ. 00-3953.						
		778	Lot No. 53	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	7,980	.....				.....
		779	Lot No. 54	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	5,100	.....				.....
		780	Lot No. 55	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	8,800	.....				.....
		781	Lot No. 56	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	8,500	.....				.....
		782	Lot No. 57	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	10,400	.....				.....
		783	Lot No. 58	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	20,480	.....				.....
		784	Lot No. 59	Pat. Hill Osborne ..	6,000
		789	Lot No. 69	D. G. McKellar ..	9,000
		791	Lot No. 70	Namoi Pastoral Co., Limited ..	720

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PASTORAL LEASES IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

(RETURN OF, TERMINATING IN THE YEAR 1900.)

Printed under No. 18 Report from Printing Committee, 29 November, 1900.

[Laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the promise made by the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, in answer to Question No. 10, Votes and Proceedings No. 75, of the 10 November, 1900.]

CENTRAL Division Pastoral Leases, which terminate during 1900.

Land Districts.	Land Board Districts.	No. of Leases.	Area on which Rent was paid.		Area for Roads and Reserves.	Area for Section 12 claims.	Area unfit for close settlement.	Area suitable for agriculture.	Area fit for agriculture and pastoral settlement.	Area fit for close pastoral settlement.	Total Area available for close settlement.			
			Acres.	Acres.								Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Brewarrina East	Bourke ...	9	9	324,325	324,325	16,000	3,000	55,000	.....	.....	270,000	250,000		
Coonamble.....	Dubbo ...	101	42	873,180	2,551,156	180,000	350,000	.....	200,000	346,000	219,000	1,780,000		
Dubbo													24	553,531
Nangan													13	661,498
Warren													22	462,947
Barmedman	Forbes ...	54	12	212,300	1,173,822	190,000	50,000	133,000	21,000	47,000	8,000	290,000		
Condobolin													18	419,662
Forbes													6	67,239
Grenfell													8	63,549
Parkes													10	411,072
Balranald North	Hay	35	7	256,056	1,415,783	141,000	10,000	.....	.....	.....	240,000	1,260,000		
Deniliquin.....													10	106,064
Hay													14	751,704
Hillston													4	301,959
Bingara	Moree ...	24	6	275,430	762,167	76,000	40,000	60,000	.....	.....	212,000	445,000		
Moree													9	269,382
Walgett.....													6	108,136
Warralda													3	109,219
Coonabarabran	Tamworth	28	13	324,857	971,048	160,000	35,000	107,000	18,000	114,000	85,000	495,000		
Gunnedah													3	107,052
Narrabri													12	539,139
Cootamundra Central	Wagga ...	21	Nil	Nil	531,485	50,000	15,000	327,000	.....	135,000	.....	190,000		
Corowa													Nil	Nil
Narrandera													10	466,188
Tumbarumba North...													Nil	Nil
Urana.....													9	47,465
Wagga Wagga	2	17,832												
Totals.....	.....	272	272	7,729,786	7,729,786	853,000	503,000	1,449,500	411,300	1,669,000	3,869,000	4,710,000		

NOTES.—(a) The areas quoted are in most cases only rough approximations.

(b) Where the pastoral leases are in two or more Land Districts, they have been included in the district which embraces the largest area.

(c) Twelve of these leases terminated in January, 2 in February, 1 in March, 5 in April, 229 in July, 19 in August, 3 in September, and 1 in December.

(d) As the whole of the lands have not yet been classified, it is impossible to state at present the areas likely to be set apart for Homestead Selection, Settlement Lease, Improvement Lease, &c.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE TROFFS PASTORAL HOLDING, IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION.
(RETURN RESPECTING)

Printed under No. 4 Report from Printing Committee, 12 July, 1900.

RETURN (*in part*) to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 19th June, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers, reports and correspondence relating to,—

“ (1.) The approved applications by the lessees of Troffs pastoral holding
“ in the Central Division to convert part of Troffs leasehold area into scrub-
“ lease areas.”

(*Mr. Thomas Brown.*)

SCHEDULE.

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THE TROFFS PASTORAL HOLDING, IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

No. 1.

The Accountant, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Ms. Ls. 96-11,984.)

Sir,

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited),

Sydney, 24 October, 1896.

Herewith I enclose two applications for scrub leases within the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding, and have paid to the Treasury the usual deposits and provisional survey fee. As regards the latter, I would point out that all the boundaries, with the exception of two small portions (leases Nos. 16 and 17, inferior lands), have been surveyed, and, therefore, in accordance with your advice, I have paid provisional survey fee with respect to the boundary of these portions only, seeing that the usual £2 per mile is not required with respect to the balance of the land.

I trust that these applications may receive prompt consideration.

I have, &c.,

B. ALLEN, Accountant.

For the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Who are the present lessees of the Troffs? The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).—R.H.D., 27/10/96. Proceed with.—R.H.D., 28/10/96.

Any action being taken, so far as you are aware, as to withdrawal from the Troffs leasehold area under section 3, Crown Lands Act, 1895? If so, are these areas affected?—H.A. (for J.B.M.), 30/10/96. Mr. McMinn.

The District Surveyor at Forbes recommends withdrawal from the leasehold area of the Troffs under the provisions of section 3, Act of 1895.—A.B.M. (*pro* E.F.), 30/10/96. Mr. McGuane.

The two scrub leases applied for embrace the whole of the leasehold area of the Troffs, and would, therefore, affect any withdrawal under section 3.—A.B.M., 30/10/96. Mr. McGuane.

[Enclosure.]

A.

Form 66.—Crown Lands Acts.

Application for a Scrub Lease, No. 96-6, Parkes.

4, O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN pursuance of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," we, the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, hereby apply for a scrub lease of the Crown lands hereunder described. I have lodged with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £16 5s., and a receipt therefor is at the foot hereof.

Signed this 23rd day of October, 1896.

For the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

HERBERT CUNNINGHAM,
Manager.

Description of the land applied for.

Parishes of Gillenbine, Plevna, Salisbury, Redcliffe, and Gobondry, counties of Cunningham and Kennedy, Land District of Parkes, in the Central Division, 37,228 acres, commencing in the position shown on accompanying tracing by red edging.

To the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

RECEIVED, in connection with the above application, a deposit of £10, and a provisional survey fee of £6 5s., all the boundaries, excepting the portions on northern boundary (inferior lands), being measured.

The Treasury, New South Wales.

J. C. WALFORD,
(*pro* Treasurer).

B.

Form 66.—Crown Lands Acts.

Application for a Scrub Lease.

40, O'Connell, Sydney.

IN pursuance of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," we, the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), hereby apply for a scrub lease of the Crown lands hereunder described. I have lodged with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £10, and a receipt therefor is at the foot hereof.

Signed this 23rd day of October, 1896, for the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

HERBERT CUNNINGHAM.

Description of the land applied for.

Parishes of Sebastopol, Gillenbine, and Trundle, county of Cunningham, Land District of Parkes, in the Central Division, 27,200 acres, commencing in the position shown on accompanying tracing by red edging.
The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

RECEIVED, in connection with the above application, a deposit of £10, all boundaries being surveyed.

The Treasury, New South Wales.

J. S. WALFORD,
(*pro* Treasurer).

No. 2.

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No. 2.

Office Memorandum.

Scrub Lease Applications.—Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

(Ms. Ls. 96-11,984.)

Miscellaneous Leases Branch, 2 November, 1896.

THE Company has lodged application for scrub leases of 27,200 acres and 37,228 acres respectively within the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding, of which the Company is the pastoral lessee—in fact, the areas comprise the whole of that leasehold area.

With each application a deposit of £10 has been lodged, but no survey fee has been lodged with the application for the smaller area, and one of only £6 5s. on that for the larger area.

The Company explains that in the first case all the boundaries have been surveyed, and in the latter all the boundaries, excepting two small portions, have been measured.

Regulation 202, Crown Lands Act, provides that any application for a scrub lease of lands not already notified as scrub lands shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that a provisional survey fee at the rate of £2 per lineal mile of the estimated length of boundaries and a sum of £10 has been deposited with the Colonial Treasurer.

It is, however, to be noticed that the District Surveyor at Forbes has recommended withdrawal from The Troffs leasehold area, under the provisions of section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895; and it is therefore submitted that no action should be taken on these applications pending the settlement of that matter.

J. P. McGUANNE.

What stage is the application in for withdrawal under section 3 of the Act of 1895?—R.H.D., 2/11/96.

Occupation Branch.—The District Surveyor at Forbes reports, *vide* Occupation 96-10,325:—“There is a large amount of settlement around The Troffs leasehold area, counties of Kennedy and Cunningham, and I think the withdrawal of the southern part of that holding for grazing and agricultural farms of about 2,560 acres each would be advisable.” The question of withdrawing land from this and other leasehold areas in the Forbes Land Board District will be submitted in the course of a few days.—A.B.M., 3/11/96.

As the Local Land Board is required, by section 3 of Act of 1893, to report on the question of withdrawal of part of a leasehold under that section, and as by Mr. McMinn's memo. of this day, it is apparent that stage has not been yet reached, there seems no reason why these applications (2) for scrub leases may not be sent in to the Chairman in the usual way. If the Board is called on to report as to a withdrawal under section 3, it will then be aware of these applications for scrub leases.—R. H. DE Low, in charge of Division, 3/11/96.

For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 5/11/96. The whole matter had better be dealt with together. There is no harm in sending the applications on for preliminary action.—H. CURRY, Acting Under Secretary, 5/11/96. Approved.—J.H.C., 6/11/96. Ms. Ls., 96-12,426. The Chairman, L.L.B., Forbes—J.P.M., (for A.U.S.), B.C., 10/11/96. Referred to the District Surveyor.—F.S.W., for Chairman, 12/11/96.

No. 3.

Office Memorandum

Scrub Leases 96-6 and 96-7.

(Ms. Ls. 96-12,426 ; L.B. 96-5,664.)

2 February, 1897.

ACTION is being taken on L.B. 96-6,076 (Occ. 96-11,732) for the withdrawal of the southern half of The Troffs leasehold area, and, if approved, the whole of the land embraced by scrub lease 96-7 will be absorbed.

In order to deal with the scrub lease, a further inspection will be necessary to ascertain the present condition of the country and the nature and value of existing improvements; consequently, it would appear desirable to delay action thereon until the question of withdrawal has been disposed of.

These papers are forwarded in connection with L.B. 96-6,076 above referred to.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

The Chairman, Local Land Board.—Instructions to Mr. Roberts to report.—A.S., 27/2/97.

No. 4.

Office Memorandum.

Scrub Leases 96-6 and 96-7.—Troffs Pastoral Holding.

REPORT from the District Surveyor, Forbes, to Mr. Surveyor R. J. A. Roberts.

(Ms. Ls. 96-12,426 ; L.B. 97-443.)

27 February, 1897.

Two applications have been lodged by the lessees of the above holding, which, together, embrace the whole of the leasehold area (the dividing line between them being the road from Gobondry towards Bogan Gate); but the Board has recently recommended withdrawal for settlement of the part to the south and east of the blue line on accompanying helio.; consequently no action as regards scrub lease need be taken on that area.

Mr.

Mr. Roberts will be good enough, however, to furnish a full report on the part to the north and west of the blue line, giving the character of the country, its present condition as regards scrub, grazing capacity, as at present, and, after scrubbing and ringbarking have been effected, approximate cost of scrubbing and ringbarking, nature and value of improvements at present existing, and any other information likely to be of use to the Board in dealing with the case.

Mr. Roberts will also be good enough to report whether, in his opinion, the whole or any part of the land might be let as a scrub lease, and if so, the term and rental per acre he would recommend.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

Replied to by my letter of the 26th April, 97-33.—R. J. A. ROBERTS.

No. 5.

Mr. Surveyor Roberts to The District Surveyor, Forbes.

Exhibit "A."

Proposed Scrub Leases.

Surveyor Roberts to the District Surveyor, reporting on part of the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding, applied for as scrub lease by the lessees; counties of Cunningham and Kennedy, and Land District of Parkes.
(No. 97-33.)

Sir,

Forbes, 26 April, 1897.

In compliance with your instructions of the 27th February, 1897, No. 19, I have made a further inspection of the northern half of the above-mentioned leasehold area, as shown on the accompanying helio., marked "A," which also shows the general character of the country and the improvements thereon.

2. I first inspected this leasehold area in March, 1895, and when there again early in this month I observed a marked increase in the growth of box seedlings in many places where ringbarking has been done, and I have no doubt the whole area would suffer in like manner, as this class of country is liable to the growth of noxious scrubs. In the unimproved parts, the scrub was in much the same condition.

3. The northern half referred to contains an area of about 32,000 acres, according to the dividing line recently recommended by the Board, and of this area about one-fourth, situated chiefly in the north-east corner, may be classed as inferior lands, though most of this is capable of great improvements. It consists of rocky sandstone ridges, timbered with ironbark, currawong, mallee and dense scrub of all kinds; also of stony and gravelly undulation, timbered with box, pine, oak, budda, dogwood, and scrub of pine, hopbush, wattle, and sifting-bush. There are also patches of belar within the inferior area, but there are good strips of country.

4. The remaining three-fourths consist of undulating and nearly level country, timbered chiefly with box, pine, and oak, intermixed with yarran, budda, and dogwood. I have shown on the helio. by a broken line the approximate limit of the bimbie box forest which is situated south-east of this line. It is mostly open forest country, with a few patches of pine scrub and yarran; but, where ringbarked, box seedlings and young pine are coming up very thickly in places. North-west of the broken line it is mostly goborrah box forest, and is covered with a scrub of pine, wattle, hopbush, oak, budda, dogwood and sifting-bush, and box seedlings where ringbarking has been done. There are also patches of belar in this area.

5. The soil in the inferior portions is of a sandy nature near the ridges, and of a yellowish clayey nature of shallow depths in the lower slopes. Elsewhere the soil is of a red loamy nature, particularly along the watercourses, and a great part of this land is suitable for cultivation.

6. The average carrying capacity of the land applied for as a scrub lease in its present partially improved state is about one sheep to 4 or 5 acres, but is, in my opinion, capable of improvement to the extent of carrying one sheep to $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre on the natural grasses in ordinary seasons.

7. The cost of ringing and scrubbing the whole area, including the grubbing out of the box seedlings, would be about 2s. per acre, and a periodical expenditure afterwards of 3d. or 6d. per acre in keeping down the scrubs, which are sure to keep on growing for many years.

8. This leasehold area having been recently divided, and the southern half withdrawn for the purposes of settlement, the lessees will now receive a lease for an extended term of about six and a half years for the northern portion, which, I would remind the Board, is the worst half. Taking into consideration the expenditure necessary in improving and maintaining this class of country and keeping down the noxious animals, and the fact that several years must elapse before it is brought to its highest grazing capacity, it is my opinion that even the extended term referred to is not a sufficient inducement to the lessees to expend large sums of money in improving the land when they would only begin to derive a full benefit from such improvements about the time the lease would expire. It is, therefore, reasonable to suppose that at the end of the pastoral lease little would have been done to improve the condition of the country. For these reasons, I consider it would not be against the public interests to grant a scrub lease of the area applied for, for a term of fourteen years, at a rental of 1d. per acre, which should enable the country to be profitably occupied, making an allowance as a sinking fund to compensate for the surrender of certain improvements at the end of the term. If this be done, with conditions of improvement attached, the land, when it reverts to the Crown, will be in a fit state for smaller settlement.

9. The following trees and shrubs should not be destroyed:—The best of the ironbark, box and pine suitable for splitting or sawing, wilga, currajong, berrigan or rosewood, warrior-bush, currant-bush, cherry-bush, emu bush, and quondong; the mallee and golden wattle to be destroyed at the option of the lessees. The latter, which is a troublesome scrub to eradicate, should not, I think, be touched, as it only grows as a rule in small patches and does not interfere much with the growth of grass.

10. The destruction of noxious animals should be included in the conditions, also a provision for any roads that may be required in the future.

11. The improvements in which the Crown has a prospective interest are as follow :—

	£	s.	d.
Substantial woolshed	350	0	0
New drafting-yards	20	0	0
Two huts (shearers')	30	0	0
About 3½ miles seven-wire fence on boundary between The Troffs and T. Franks' C.P. and C.L., at £20 per mile; half value	11	5	0
About 155 chains of new six-wire fence between F. W. Gibson's C.L. and The Troffs, at £25 per mile; half value, say	24	0	0
About 1½ mile six-wire fence, on south side of road Gobondry to Trundle, at £18 per mile	27	0	0
About 9,000 acres of old ringbarking at an average of 9d., say	340	0	0
About 3,000 acres of new ringbarking at 7d., say	87	0	0
Horse plain tank (three excavations) about 2,000 yards at 8d., say	67	0	0
Dam and tank near Gibson's, about 1,000 yards; but as a dam it is worth more, say	60	0	0
Cooper's tank, about 2,500 yards at 8d., say	83	0	0
Tank near gate on Dacungle track, 2,200 yards at 8d., say	73	0	0
Small tank near stock route, 900 yards at 8d., say	30	0	0
Tank in paddock near homestead, 2,200 yards at 8d., say	73	0	0
Woolshed tank and dam, about 4,000 yards in tank, but worth more as a dam, say	140	0	0
Total value	£1,450	5	0

One hut at the woolshed and a new five-wire fence near Cooper's tank, parish of Plevna, have been erected under permission from the Board, and have, therefore, not been included in the above schedule; also some miles of old paddock and boundary fencing have been omitted, as the fencing is in such a state as to be almost valueless, and about the time the improvements become the property of the Crown it will be of no value.

12. The inspection was completed on the 6th instant, and the time occupied was one and half day in the field and one and half in the office. The previous inspection in March, 1895, has saved some time in this case.

I have, &c.,

R. J. A. ROBERTS.

In view of this report, it is recommended that a scrub lease be granted of about 32,200 acres, as indicated by blue edging on enclosed helio. marked "A," for a term of fourteen years, from 1st January, 1898, at an annual rental of 1d. per acre, up till 31st December, 1903 (the approximate date on which the extended term of the pastoral lease will expire), and afterwards at an increased rental equal to 4 per cent. interest on the then value of the Crown improvements, in addition to the 1d. per acre. The conditions might be somewhat as follow :—All timber and scrub (other than the kinds hereafter specified) to be destroyed within five years from granting of lease, at the rate of not less than one-fifth each year, and to be commenced within three months from execution of the lease. The land to be afterwards kept clear of suckers and undergrowth during the remainder of the term. The land to be enclosed within ten years, either separately or as one of a group of holdings, with a rabbit-proof fence, and the necessary steps taken to suppress and destroy rabbits, as though the land were in a declared rabbit-infested district. The following timbers should not be interfered with, viz., straight box, ironbark, and white or Lachlan pine, 6 inches or over in diameter; also pine saplings, unless growing denser than fifty to the acre, in which case they should be judiciously thinned out, so as to leave about that number; also all wilga, currajong, and berrigan, further than to lop the branches off, if required, for feeding stock. The following scrubs being edible should not be destroyed, viz., warrior, currant, cherry, emu, and quondong, and the destruction of mallee, currawong, and golden wattle should be at the lessee's option. The usual conditions as regards resumption for roads or other public purposes should be inserted in the lease. The costs incurred in District Survey Office up to date are as follows :—Mr. Roberts' inspection and report, £7 10s.; office hours, including my own (say), £1; making a total of £8 10s.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 19/5/97. No. 183. The Chairman, Local Land Board.

No. 6.

Mr. Thomas Looney, Hon. Sec., Bullock Creek Farmers' Association, to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Glenmore, 30 May, 1897.

I am instructed by my Committee to inform you that The Troffs and Bruie Plains scrub leases are to be dealt with on the 4th of June by the Local Land Board, and to ask you to be kind enough to remind the Honorable Minister of our former objection against these leases being granted.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS LOONEY,
Hon. Sec., Bullock Creek Farmers' Association.

Presented by Thomas Brown, 1/6/97. Mr. Brown, M.P., may be informed that, upon receipt of the Board's report, the objections will be considered.—J. P. MCGUANNE, Ms. Ls. Beh., 2/6/97. Urgent.—This is practically replied to by letter to Mr. Brown, of yesterday's date (Occ. 97-5,351), with

with which this should be placed.—R.H.D., 2/6/97. Forwarded to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, in connection with the scrub lease application referred to herein.—J.P.M. (for the U.S.), B.C., 2/5/97. Mr. Davies. Place with the case.—R.McD., 4/6/97.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Trundle, 31 May, 1897.

The Trundle Progress Committee are aware that the lessees of Troffs, Bruie Plains, Coradgery, and other leaseholds are applying to have their leaseholds converted into scrub leases.

We have written to the Minister for Lands protesting against the granting of such leases, as it is detrimental to intending settlers and to the Colony generally. Replies state that the matter is under notice and will receive early consideration.

We are sending Mr. G. C. Little to represent us at the meeting of Land Board this week. This gentleman is well acquainted with the country on Troffs, Coradgery, and Bruie Plains, and will point out to the Board our reasons for protesting against the granting of scrub leases.

I have, &c.,

D. MOLONEY,

The Chairman, Local Land Board, at Parkes.

Hon. Secretary, Trundle Progress Committee.

No. 7.

Decision of Local Land Board, Parkes.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Subsection 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, } Application for Scrub Lease on The Troffs Pastoral Holding.
to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 1st, 2nd, and 12th day of June, 1897, it became a matter for investigation before us to consider two applications, dated 23rd October, 1896, for scrub leases Nos. 96-6 and 96-7, Parkes, within "The Troffs" pastoral holding, No. 218, Central Division, by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter we report in reference to application No. 96-6 that it would be expedient in the public interest to grant to the pastoral lessee a scrub lease containing about 32,000 acres of that part of the leasehold area of "The Troffs" pastoral holding within the blue bands shown on the accompanying plan marked "A." This leasehold area has recently been recommended by this Board for subdivision under the provisions of section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 with a view of making an area of about 32,000 acres (being the part of the south and east of the dividing line shown on the aforesaid plan) immediately available for settlement. The effect will be to give an added period to the term of lease for the northern half, and it is this portion of the holding which is the subject of the application now under inquiry. The salient points adduced from the evidence are as follow:—

- (a) That the country at the present time is more or less overgrown with scrub, suckers, and seedlings.
- (b) That the scrub, suckers, and seedlings are increasing, and if left untouched during the extended term of the pastoral lease, will overrun the country to such a degree as to discourage settlement when the land becomes available for selection, and it will also considerably reduce the value of the land.
- (c) That Mr. George Hutton, representing the firm of Hutton Brothers, the present pastoral lessees (subject to mortgage), has sworn that they could not afford to improve the lands effectually under the present tenure.
- (d) That wallabies are increasing to an alarming extent in this part of the country, 8,000 scalps from 60,000 acres having been received within the past two months; and that the only way to cope with the pest is by wire-netting and clearing the country of scrub.
- (e) That the present selectors in this locality have not been successful, and several of them are anxious to sell out.

Mr. George Charles Little, representing the Trundle Progress Committee and the Bullock Creek Farmers' Association, appeared, and opposed the granting of the scrub lease. The grounds of objections are as follow:—

- (a) That the larger portion of the land, being suitable for agriculture, is required for settlement.
- (b) That the granting of a scrub lease would prejudice the prospects of railway extension, which is now being urged by the settlers of Trundle, Bullock Creek, &c.
- (c) That the value of the present holdings would be increased by further settlement in the locality.

We have carefully considered these objections, and find, as regards the first objection (a), that very large areas of country are about to be made available for settlement in the locality, and that further large areas will be thrown open within a comparatively short time.

Mr. Little's estimate of the values of the land applied for as a scrub lease indicates, in the clearest possible manner, that the present condition of the country is not favourably suited for settlement. He states there are 20,000 acres of agricultural land, worth from 5s. to 7s. an acre; 5,000 acres suitable for grazing, worth something less; and 7,000 acres of valueless country.

In reference to objection (b), we have no knowledge of any proposal in regard to railway extension in this locality, but consider that a provision to meet this contingency could be inserted in the lease.

As regards objection (c), we are of opinion that it is not sufficient to weigh against the advantages which future settlers would reap in getting the land thoroughly improved.

We, therefore, recommend that a scrub lease be granted for the term of the pastoral lease, with, if it be practicable, the promise of an extension, as provided by subsection (vi) of section 26 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, making a total term of fourteen years, under the general provisions and the following special conditions, viz.:—(1) That the following trees shall not be interfered with, viz., all straight box and ironbark, and all white or Lachlan pine of a greater diameter than 6 inches at 3 feet from the ground; also all young white or Lachlan pine of over 7 inches in diameter at 3 feet from the ground, except where growing within 20 feet of each other; also all wilga, berrigan, and currajong, except to "whip" or lop the branches for stock-feeding purposes. (2) That all trees not specified or exempted in the previous paragraph be destroyed by ringbarking or otherwise, excepting fire-belts 2 chains wide along the boundaries of the lease, and 2½ chains on each side of the road from Trundle to The Bogan, and in such other positions as the

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Forest Department may subsequently indicate. (3) That all non-edible scrubs be thoroughly destroyed, and that quandong, broom, cherry, warriah, emu-bush, and currant-bush scrubs shall not be destroyed (other than for stock-feeding purposes in time of drought), except by direction of the Minister. This latter provision is necessary to prevent the country being overrun even with edible scrub, and thus, possibly, frustrating to a great extent the ultimate object of the scrub lease; also that mallee, currawong, blue or golden wattle, and dogwood scrubs be destroyed at the option of the lessee. These scrubs are non-spreading, and their eradication can only be effected at a prohibitive cost. (4) That the lessees shall, within six months from the date of the scrub lease, begin to clear the land, and shall, within two years afterwards, clear not less than two-fifths of the whole area, and shall, during each succeeding year, clear not less than one additional fifth until the whole area be cleared. The lessee shall also, during the whole term of the lease, keep such land free from suckers and undergrowth. (5) That any land required in connection with mining, or for any other public purpose, may be withdrawn from the lease without compensation except for improvements which may be effected under special permission, or for the lessees' interest in the value for the unexpired term of the lease of the improvements effected in terms of the scrub lease. (6) That in the event of it being decided to construct a railway within 10 miles of any part of the subject land, the Minister shall have the power to cancel the whole or portion of the scrub lease without compensation excepting for improvements, which may be effected under special permission and for the lessees' interest, for the value of the improvements effected in terms of the scrub lease. (7) That within five years from date of lease the land be enclosed with rabbit-proof fencing, and that effective steps be taken to destroy wallabies, rabbits, and all noxious animals. (8) That the rent of the scrub lease be at the rate of £2 per section per annum for the land, but after the expiration of the lease, as it may be extended under section 3 of the Act of 1895, an additional rental be charged at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the sum of £1,450 (being the estimated value of improvements accruing to the Crown under section 43 of Act of 1889), less 5 per centum per annum for depreciation of value from the present date to the date of expiration of the added term of the pastoral lease. (9) That all improvements be maintained in good order and condition. (10) That claim in ownership on tenant right may be made only in respect of improvements for which consent has already been given, or for improvements for which consent may be specially given hereafter.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house at Parkes, this 12th June, 1897,—

ROBERT M'DONALD, Chairman.

M. COLEMAN, Member.

ROBERT S. HOWARD, Member.

With reference to the application 96-7 for scrub lease of the southern portion of the leasehold area, we recommend that the application be not granted, in view of the withdrawal under section 3 of Act of 1895 previously referred to.

ROBERT M'DONALD, Chairman.

M. COLEMAN, Member.

ROBERT S. HOWARD, Member.

Noted.—A.S., 25/6/97. Costs in Board Office, 10s. 6d.; at Board, £5 5s.—£5 15s. 6d.; previous costs, L.B. 97-1870, £8 10s.; total, £14 5s. 6d.—ROBERT M'DONALD, Chairman, Local Land Board (*per* T.W.W.), 19 January, 1898.

[Enclosure.]

Mr. Cheeseman, for applicant; Mr. Roberts (surveyor), for the Crown.

Robert James Arthur Roberts, of Forbes, on oath, states:—I am a staff surveyor for the Land Board District of Forbes. I inspected "The Troffs" pastoral holding in connection with an application for a scrub lease thereon. The report upon this inspection I have now read (Exhibit A), accompanied by an illustrative heliograph (part Exhibit A).

By Mr. Cheeseman: I recommended fourteen years as an extended tenure of the scrub lease. One year longer would not be objected to by the Crown, as far as I am aware. Nearly all the surrounding country is alienated, and the land in question is nearly about the same class of country as that taken up; some of it is rougher. I believe all the old selectors are still living there, except, perhaps, one or two. The land in question is about 5 or 6 to 16 or 17 miles from Trundle. Bogan Gate is the nearest railway—about 20 miles to 32 or 33 miles away. About 32,000 acres is about to be made available for settlement on this leasehold. I cannot say if it has yet been notified. There are "Burrawong" and Bruui Plains, also about to be made open. Burrawong has been notified, and it is proposed to withdraw 9,000 acres from "Bruui Plains." About 60,000 acres are to be thrown open on Burrawong altogether, there being about 43,000 acres that will be made available on the north side of the railway line. If the lessees of The Troffs do nothing towards improving their land during the next six and a half years, the seedlings will grow very much in the already rung country. It takes five or six years for ringbarked timber to mature for burning off—that is, where the undergrowth has been kept in check. It would be an advantage to an incoming tenant to have country with dead timber. I cannot say if it would pay to clear green country in this locality. It would cost £2 an acre to do it, and when the timber is dead 10s. an acre.

By Mr. Cheeseman: I stated in my report that the northern part of the run, as applied for now under scrub lease, is the worse part. If the northern part were left untouched for the six and a half years left of the pastoral lease it would require more capital for an incoming tenant who then went on to it than if he went on to the southern half recommended to be withdrawn for settlement already. If the scrub lease be granted on the northern half, and the lessee improves it for the fourteen years of the scrub lease, the incoming tenant would require less capital to go on to this land than he would to go on to the southern part just now.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 1st June, 1897,— }

ROBT. McDONALD, Chairman.

M. COLEMAN, Member.

ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

R. J. A. ROBERTS.

George Hutton, of The Troffs, on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman*: I am one of the owners of The Troffs pastoral holding. I have heard the evidence of Surveyor Roberts and think his description of the land very accurate all round. Some of the country that Mr. Roberts did not see this last time has got very thick with scrub. If the country be left untouched for the next six and half years it would not be fit for settlement. It would not pay us to improve the land for the present tenure of it, viz., six and a half years. It would not pay at any price. I consider the land would require an expenditure of 3s. an acre at first to ringbark and scrub, and about 4d. an acre per year afterwards. I could not say how long it would have to be gone over. I have a paddock that has been scrubbed twice and burnt once during six years and there is still scrub on it. The soil on the land applied for is very poor in places. A great part in the north-east is quite unfit for cultivation, also the mountain and ridges through the area. The country in the south-east is open but there is no deposit of soil. With decent seasons and prices and an extended term of fourteen or fifteen years we may pull through, but the prices would have to be better than have ruled during the past few years. The northern half is very much

much worse than the south as to the soil, and if both were thoroughly improved the south part would carry twice as much as the other. I know the selections taken up in this locality, a great many being on one resumed area. I know one taken up by Cusack. It was reckoned the best in the district, being the second one taken up. It was open myall country. Cusack sold it to Mr. Foy at 8s. 9d. per acre after all conditions had been fulfilled. It was offered at public auction in Parkes and sold privately afterwards. It had been offered to me among others three years previously for 10s. an acre cash, or 12s. terms. As far as I know, I believe all the selectors in the locality are involved except those that have means from outside. I know McKeown's had a large area which was sold about twelve months ago, to the west. This is 10 miles from the Bogan Gate. Berry's block, adjoining the land resumed from the southern part of the run, has also been recently sold. I think all these selectors are now poorer than when they came there. For grazing they want larger areas than 2,560 acres, but for farming they want smaller ones. Most of the selectors are cultivating now. If the Board recommended the scrub lease I would like a term of twenty years, which would not be out of the way.

By Board: We could not afford to improve the land unless we get an extended term. The "golden wattle" is very difficult to get rid of. There is very little mallee on the land, and hardly worth considering. I have always been careful to protect the edible scrubs. There are a few rabbits on the land, but wallabies are swarming the place and are becoming a serious menace to grazing pursuits. I, as Receiver under the Noxious Animals Act, have received 8,000 scalps of wallabies off about 60,000 acres since 1st April last. The only way of coping with them is by wire netting and scrub clearing. Mr. Close, another Receiver, said he had received 6,000 scalps this quarter, most of which came from out my way. We are paying 2½d. per acre for the whole leashold area. We have an interest in the improvements on the area applied for for six and a half years. I consider 5 per cent. would be about the average deterioration of the improvements per year. I do not anticipate having to spend 4d. an acre per annum for scrubbing for the whole of the twenty years. I think it would be for about five or six years after the first expense of 3s. an acre. We intend to expend this 3s. per acre at once, or at the shortest possible time; in fact we must do it after having lost the 32,000 acres by withdrawal.

By Mr. Roberts: After the land in question was improved to its best position, I think it would carry a sheep to 1½ acre. At present it would carry a sheep to 3¼ acres, and then only in a very good season.

By Board: It would take five years to get the land really into working order, and then the 4d. per acre expenditure per annum would commence. I will operate at once on the whole area as far as it is possible. The rabbit-proof fencing also would be up in five years. It would be in our interest to maintain the Crown improvements as far as possible.

GEORGE HUTTON.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 1st June, 1897,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

Herbert Stinge Harwood, of Parkes, land agent, on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman:* I inspected "The Troffs," applied for under scrub lease, on the 5th, 8th, and 10th January last. I have heard Mr. Roberts' evidence, and have seen the plan of the land. I think his description a correct one. I have known the country twenty-two years. There has been a lot of undergrowth sprung up on the rung country, chiefly box and young pine. I went over the southern part of the run at the same time and consider it much better in quality and more suitable for agriculture. Only patches of the north part are suitable for farming. It is chiefly grazing, and I class it as fair grazing land. About 8,000 acres north of the travelling stock reserve would be fit for farming in scattered blocks. The balance would be no use except in large areas, and could only be worked in large areas. I know McKeown's selections, which are closer to Bogan Gate. One of their blocks of 2,000 odd acres was recently sold at 12s. 6d. an acre. I effected the sale. I know McKeown's were hard working people, and did a lot of outside work, but after the sale of the property their credit was a very small amount. I know Little's selections adjoining. They are heavily mortgaged. I know to my own knowledge. I do not think the bulk of the selectors have made anything out of their land, owing to their small areas and want of capital. I consider it would be to the interest of the Crown to grant the lessees an extended term of lease, in view of his intention of improving the lands. If the country were left for six and a half years untouched it would go back, but if improved now, as proposed, at the end of fourteen or fifteen years it would be worth three or four times as much. I saw tracks and traces of wallabies over the area, and traces of a great number of rabbits on the adjoining country. I noticed also some on the land in question. I have had a large amount of station and grazing experience—over twenty years—besides farming. As a practical man I consider the lessee would not be justified in spending any money in improving the land for the present term of his lease. I think twenty years would be a fair term.

By Board: I have heard Mr. Roberts' evidence about the area to be made, and already available for settlement on the locality, and I consider the areas are quite sufficient for the demand.

By Mr. Roberts: I think a fourteen years' tenure would pay the lessee, but would leave no margin. I think the land applied for would carry a sheep to 1½ or 1¾ acre when well improved; at present a sheep to 4 or 5 acres in ordinary seasons. To bring the land up to the former capacity, it would take 1s. an acre to ring, 1s. 10d. to scrub, and 6d. a year for six years to keep the scrub down; 2s. 10d. would be the first cost. To bring the country up to carrying a sheep to 1½ or 1¾ acre would take four or five years.

H. S. HARWOOD.

Sworn before us at Parkes, }
this 1st June, 1897,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

George Hutton, recalled: I have made estimates of probable cost of wire-netting the land, and taking into account that I can make some use of existing fence, it would average £60 a mile. A new rabbit-proof fence would cost £80 a mile. The netting would be 3 feet 6 inches out of the ground and 6 inches under. This height I consider is absolutely necessary, and is justified to make it as secure as possible.

By Mr. Roberts: I mean the whole netting would be 42 inches, viz., 3 feet out and 6 inches in the ground.

GEORGE HUTTON.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 1st June, 1897,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

Nicholas Augustus Read, of Forbes, stock and station agent, on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman:* I made an inspection of the land applied for as a scrub lease now in question. When I saw it the land was heavily scrubby and very bare of grass. This was early in February last. I consider the land is suitable for grazing purposes, after a large expenditure of money. To ringbark and scrub at first would cost, I think, 3s. 6d. an acre, and there would be an expenditure of 6d. an acre afterwards to keep the box seedlings down. This would be necessary for eight or ten years. At present time I think fully 6 acres would be required for a sheep—I mean as it is improved at present and in average seasons. After being fully improved it would carry a sheep to 2 acres. It is not capable of heavy improvement, being lightly grassed. It is country that should be thrown open in large areas. I think, in order to get a return for the money expended, as the lessees propose, that twenty years' term would be a fair one. They would then get some return as well as interest back on the money. I have had twenty years' experience in grazing and pastoral pursuits.

By Mr. Roberts: A term of fourteen years I consider would not pay the lessees in ordinary seasons. It would not pay the lessees at all.

By Board: I consider 10,000 acres of this class of country in its present state would be necessary for one man to hold as it is now improved. The improvement of the land as proposed would more than double the "settlement capability" of the country.

By Mr. Cheeseman: If neglected for the next six and a half years it would go further back, judging by the way it has deteriorated during the past two years. I would not take it at a gift the way it is now.

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By Mr. Roberts: It would take three years to bring the land to its highest grazing capacity--that is, one sheep to 2 acres.

N. A. READ.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 1st June, 1897,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

*George Charles Little, of Trundle, on oath states:—*I am a farmer at Trundle, and have been deputed by the Trundle Progress Committee to object to the granting of a scrub lease on The Troffs pastoral holding. I see the plan, marked Exhibit A. I object because the principal portion of the land is suitable for agriculture, and would be readily selected as homestead selections up to 1,280 acres, and in settlement leases up to areas of 5,000 acres for grazing purposes. There is a part in the north-east corner that could be opened as a settlement lease of 5,000 acres. The rest could be made available for homestead selection. If the scrub lease were granted it would be an injustice to the present holder of adjoining areas, who, when they contracted to pay £1 an acre for their selections, looked forward to the surrounding country being settled upon at the expiration of the lease. My objection is in the interests of present selectors directly. Scrub leases will also form a harbour for vermin. We, selectors, kill 1,200 or 1,500 wallabies annually on our places. We are applying for a railway through the land from Bogan Gate north-westerly to Bolbodney, and any scrub leases granted *en route* would lessen our chances of railway communication. There is no personal difference between the pastoral lessees and the selectors. The objection is in the public good.

By Mr. Cheeseman: The Progress Committee consists of about twenty members. I will not swear there are twenty paid up. The meeting that appointed me consisted of six members. I can swear there are more than six paid up committee-men. I have seen more than this number pay their money. Their names are, Simmonds brothers (2), Michael Kearin, Thomas Carey, C. Francis, T. Looney. I will swear to these, but no more. These are besides the six present at the meeting that appointed me, who were, A. McKeown, S. Gilchrist, Denis Maloney, Francis Gibson, R. Pilling, and myself. I hold no office myself. I know most of the selections in the district. McKeown, Gilchrist, and Maloney are not selectors. Looney and Kearin are selectors, and come to Trundle to do business. I have no knowledge of any of the selectors' financial positions. I have 2,400 acres myself, selected in 1889. I had then moderate capital, and I rung and scrubbed almost the whole of it. It is all rung, but 600 or 700 acres are not scrubbed, and would be a harbour for vermin. Some of the selectors do let the scrub grow, and leave harbours for rabbits. I have not made a good living off the land, and have not been able to pay my instalments. Nearly all the selectors are in the same position, and are not able to keep the scrub down. A considerable amount of capital would be required to keep scrub down on 2,560 acres. I know the conditions of a scrub lease. I know a scrub lessee has to keep the vermin down, but I know they cannot do it; but I do think smaller holders would be able to cope with them. I have not had experience in keeping down scrub on large areas. The idea of objecting to scrub leases is not a recent one, being about six months old. I formed one of a deputation to the Minister for Lands. A man named McNerney was present, but was not one of the appointees. My committee did not object to two improvement leases on the back of The Troffs, which were granted for twenty-eight years to McNerney. I cannot say the areas. I know Crowley, a selector, who also got an improvement lease, but the country would hardly be taken as a gift. People, generally, were not afraid of selector going for improvement leases, as the country was too bad. McNerney's lease is not superior to Bruin Plains country. I have seen it since it has been scrubbed. I saw it two months ago, and it was then a harbour for vermin. We took no action with regard to McNerney not keeping the scrub down. We cannot force the law. If the scrub lease be not granted it may possibly be four years before The Troffs would be open. I know now it would be six and a half years. If the country is left alone for this term it will be more of a harbour for vermin than now. I think it would pay us selectors better to wire-net our boundaries and wait for the six and a half years than to let the lessee improve the leases now, and make us wait for fourteen or fifteen years before it is open. The fact of scrub leases being granted depreciates the value of our holdings in the locality. If The Troffs lease were scrubbed and cleaned up during the next three years it would not pay us to wait for the fourteen years, as proposed under the scrub lease, nor would it appreciate our holdings; but it would improve the value of our holdings if a number of new settlers came there in place of one man. Mr. Kennedy, the Government Engineer, told me about the proposed railway to Trundle, but only as to the engineering difficulties. Hr. Harpur has yet to report on the proposal. The proposed railway would open up over 1,000,000 acres of land on each side of the line. I did not prepare these statistics. The character of the land after passing Burra Burra woolshed is ridgy, and then comes some good land. Down by Jimble Plains and Woodlands to the Bolbodney selectors it is pretty nearly all good land. I will accept your statement that most of this country was once open as settlement leases in large areas, and since taken up as improvement leases, except one; but people will not rush away "out back" for land while there is so much closer in. If The Troffs were open, I do not intend securing any of it. I suppose Mr. Hutton is as willing to improve the land as anybody else. It is to his interest to do so. The land would be full of dense scrub if not touched for six and a half years, for the better the ground the better the scrub grows. If allowed to remain neglected, it would cost 2s. 6d. an acre to ring and scrub the whole area. I could not say if I would take a contract at this price without specially inspecting it for the purpose. I have never yet known 2s. 6d. an acre paid for ringing and scrubbing. I know of a half dozen contracts taken on land as bad as this, but not at 2s. 6d. an acre. A rental of 2½d. per acre is a big rent for The Troffs, but at this rental I should imagine it would not pay the lessees to pay 3s. an acre on improvements for a term of six and a half years, but it would at a lower rental. Assuming all reports are favourable, I should think the railway would be through to Bullock Creek in two years time.

By Board: I should think that north of the railway line, and in the locality of Trundle, there would be 50,000 acres to be made available for selection. The Progress Committee would have objected just as strongly if they knew that 32,000 acres were withdrawn already from The Troffs, and I think the Committee knew the conditions of a scrub lease.

By Mr. Cheeseman: I heard none of the Committee say so, nor any of them say they knew of the withdrawal of 32,000 acres from The Troffs; I believe they knew.

By Mr. Roberts: I know the land in question (and now applied for) is in its natural state. Thoroughly improved it would carry a sheep to the acre. It would take not more than three years to effect this. I cannot say what it would cost to bring it into this condition, but it would be more than £5,000 on the whole area of 32,000 acres. I heard that Mr. Hutton said he would not spend any money if he did not get the scrub lease. If so, the green country would not deteriorate but the rung country would. It would still take three years after the expiration of the pastoral lease to get the country up to carrying a sheep to the acre. It would pay selectors better to take up improved country than green country. Considering that the country is left untouched for six and a half years, and that it would take three years beyond that time to properly improve the land, I think that it would not be desirable to grant a scrub lease for even four years longer, making the tenure from to-day of fourteen years. Our objections to scrub leases were purely on general principles in reference to Murrumbogie and Carlisle. I do not think 200,000 acres would be sufficient for the demand for settlement for the next ten years. The 1,000 would-be selectors I refer to would come from other parts of the Colony. They could of course apply for land elsewhere in the Colony.

By Mr. Cheeseman: I make a guess as to the approximate number of intending selectors.

By Board: After country has been rung and scrubbed there is a constant expenditure required to keep the scrub down. One paddock I know of cost 1s. 6d. per acre the first year after, 7d. the next, and 2d. an acre the next. 7,000 acres of the subject land are useless, 5,000 are good grazing, and 20,000 acres of good agricultural land. The agricultural land at present I value at more than 5s. to 7s. an acre under present conditions; the grazing something less; the 7,000 acres is practically valueless. We would not object to a scrub lease of these 7,000 acres being granted.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 2nd June, 1897,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

GEORGE CHARLES LITTLE.

* The word "not" has here been inadvertently omitted, and not discovered until after the Court had closed.—E. L. DAVIES, Dep. Clerk.

George Hutton recalled :—*By Mr Cheeseman* : I have heard Mr. Little say that we were in the average of carrying 30,000 sheep on The Troffs. I produce a list showing the returns to the Stock Board in 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895. (Exhibit C.) On the northern half we never carried more than 6,000 sheep on the average. This would be for the land now under inquiry. I have let this part on two occasions in very good seasons, but stipulating that no more than 6,000 sheep should be run on it. On one occasion a person did put more than 6,000 and lost nearly the whole of them. My estimate given yesterday for ringing and scrubbing was based on the prices obtaining in the Sebastopol country, and got some done on the part already withdrawn for 2s. 3d. an acre by Chinamen in 1890 and 1891, and they made about 15s. a week out of it.

By Mr. Little : It was on the northern part of the part under consideration that I ran the sheep.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 2nd June, 1897, — }

GEORGE HUTTON.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member.
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

EXHIBIT C.

Year.	Sheep shorn.	Lambing.	Wool returns.	Sales.	Purchases.
1890-91	28,740	4,056	£ s. d. 3,042 13 5	£. s. d. 298 10 9	£ s. d. 557 5 9
1891-92	29,584	4,595	3,958 15 5	.....	.....
1892-93	25,357	6,212	3,482 19 11	1,222 3 0	355 17 9
1893-94	29,038	1,401	4,027 9 11	127 19 3	.....
1894-95	26,485	5,159	3,497 12 0	.....	.....
	139,564	21,423	18,009 10 8	1,649 2 0	913 3 6

£	s.	d.	
18,009	10	8	Return (gross) from wool.
1,649	2	0	„ „ sales sheep.
19,656	12	8	
913	3	6	Expended in purchase sheep.
139,564	18,743	9 2	
	20		
374,869	(2)		
279,138			
95,731			
12			
1,148,774	(8)		
1,116,512			
32,262			Average, a little under 2s. 8½d.

George Charles Little, recalled on former oath :—*By Board* : I have heard Surveyor Roberts' description of the land read over in open court, and I think it is a very accurate one. I am not married. I do not think it is a good policy generally for the Crown to give all the land away without making provision for posterity. When I said I knew that 1,000 applicants would probably be here to select, I was not thinking of the fact that one man could make any number of applications for different blocks.

By Mr. Cheeseman : I believe several Trundle selectors are now desirous of selling out.

GEORGE C. LITTLE.

Sworn before us, at Parkes, }
this 2nd June, 1897, — }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
M. COLEMAN, Member,
ROBT. S. HOWARD, Member.

No. 8.

Office Memorandum.

The Troffs Scrub Lease Applications 96-6 and 96-7, Parkes, on the Leaschold Area.

(Ms. Ls. 97-7,425.)

Ms. Ls. Branch, 12 July, 1900.

It has been decided to withdraw half the leasehold area, under section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895—*vide Gazette*, 28j4j97.

The Board, after considering the Bullock Creek and Trundle Farmers' Association protest against granting scrub leases within the triangle, Parkes, Condobolin, Nyngan, recommends granting a scrub lease of the remaining half, viz, the northern portion of the leasehold area (32,000 acres) for the term of the pastoral lease, with an extension under subsection (vi), section 26, Crown Lands Act of 1895, to fourteen years, at a rental of £2 per section.

The following is a comparison between the conditions recommended by the Board, and those already approved of in connection with scrub leases within the "triangle."

Land Board's recommendation.

a. Within the triangle, Parkes, Condobolin, Nyngan, 32,000 acres.

Conditions to be applied to scrub or Improvement Leases.

Conditions to be applied to leases, either scrub or improvement, of lands, either leasehold or resumed areas, situated—

(a) Between the Murumbidgee and the Lachlan Rivers; and

(b) Within a triangle formed of lines drawn from Parkes to Condobolin, from Condobolin to Nyngan, and from Nyngan to Parkes, or within the immediate vicinity of these lines.

1. Fourteen years.

1. The term of the lease will be fourteen years.

Land

Land Board's recommendation.

Conditions to be applied to Scrub or Improvement Leases.

2. In the event of it being decided to construct a railway within 10 miles of any part of the subject land, the Minister shall have the power to cancel the whole or portion of the scrub lease without compensation, excepting for improvements which may be effected under special permission, and for the lessee's interest for the unexpired term of the lease in the value of the improvements effected in terms of the scrub lease.
 3. Tenant right in improvements, for which consent has already been given, or for which consent may be specially given hereafter.
 4. Rent £2 per section per annum, but after the expiration of the pastoral lease an additional rental at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on £1,450 value of Crown improvements, less 5 per cent. per annum for depreciation of value from the present date to date of expiration of the added term of pastoral lease.
 5. All straight box, ironbark, and white pine more than 6 inches in diameter 3 feet from the ground, also all young white pine, 4 inches diameter 3 feet from ground, except where growing within 20 feet of each other; also wilga, berrigan, and currajong, except for feeding stock.
 6. All other timber to be destroyed excepting fire belts 2 chains wide along the boundaries of the lease and 2½ chains on each side of the road from Trundle to The Bogan and in such other positions as the Forest Department may subsequently indicate.
 7. All scrubs (except edible scrubs) to be destroyed; quandong, broom, cherry, warriah, emu-bush, and currant-bush not to be destroyed except by direction of the Minister; mallee, currawong, blue or golden wattle, and dogwood, at option of lessee.
 8. Clearing—Lessee shall within six months from date of scrub lease begin to clear the land, and shall within two years afterwards clear not less than two-fifths of the whole area, and shall during each succeeding year clear not less than one-fifth additional until the whole area be cleared. The land to be kept free from suckers and undergrowth during whole term of lease.
 9. Land required for mining may be withdrawn without compensation except for permitted improvements.
 10. The land to be enclosed with a rabbit-proof fence within the first five years of the lease, and that effective steps be taken to destroy wallabies, rabbits, and all noxious animals.
 11. All improvements be maintained in good order and condition.
2. In the event of a railway being constructed through the land, or through any part of the land, or within 20 miles of any part of the land in a direct or straight line, within ten years from the date of commencement of the lease, the Crown shall have the right to resume for settlement any part of the land leased up to one-half thereof by giving not less than four months notice to that effect in the *Government Gazette*; and no compensation shall be paid for the exercise of the right of resumption, but there shall be a *pro rata* reduction of the annual rent.
 3. The right of resumption reserved to the Crown in the preceding condition shall continue for two years after the railway line shall have been opened for traffic.
 4. The right of resumption reserved to the Crown shall not be exercised during the first three years from the commencement of the lease; but in the event of a railway being constructed as mentioned in No. 2 hereof within the first three years of the lease, the right of resumption reserved in these conditions shall continue for the next succeeding two years.
 5. In the event of the right of resumption reserved under these conditions being exercised during the first seven years of the lease, and for the maximum area, viz., one-half the area leased, the lease of the remaining half shall be extended for seven years and *pro rata* if a less area be taken. If the right of resumption is exercised during the second period of seven years of the lease, the extension of the lease of the residue of the area shall be *pro rata* for the area resumed and the unexpired period of the lease at date of resumption.
 6. The lessee shall not have tenant right in scrubbing, clearing, ringbarking, and suckering; but shall have tenant right as the same is defined in the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in tanks, fences, and buildings.
 7. The right is reserved to the Secretary for Lands to say in and on what part of the land leased the clearing, scrubbing, suckering, or ringbarking shall be carried out during the first three years from the commencement of the lease.

J. P. MCGUANNE.

Proposed scrub lease of about 32,000 acres of The Troffs Leasehold Area.

(Ms. Ls. 97-8,480.)

Mis. Ls. Branch, 26 July, 1897.

MR. CUNNINGHAM and Mr. Kiddie (A.M. & A. Co.) and Mr. Hutton, of The Troffs, saw the Minister about this matter on Tuesday, the 13th instant, on the subject of tenure.

The Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, as lessees, now signify the acceptance of a scrub lease of the unresumed portion of the leasehold area in three equal blocks, the tenure to be as follows:—The north-east blocks, ten years; the north, fourteen years; and the southern, twenty-one years, as offered by the Minister at the interview of the 13th instant, and shown on paper marked BX.

Submitted.

J. P. MCGUANNE.

No. 9.
Office Memorandum.

(Lands, Ms. Ls. 97-7,425.)

"X.A." The Troffs, Leasehold Area.—As to granting a Scrub Lease of part (about 32,000 acres).
15 July, 1897.

Mr. H. CUNNINGHAM and Mr. Kiddle (A.M. & A. Co.) and Mr. Hutton, mortgagor, saw the Minister about this on Tuesday, the 13th inst., on the subject of tenure.

The paper herewith, marked BX, was put before the Minister, who drew the pencil diagram thereon, and offered them tenures of ten, fourteen, and twenty-one years, as per figures thereon, with right of resumption.

They may be asked if they will accept a scrub lease on the above tenure, and on the terms set out on paper AX, herewith submitted.

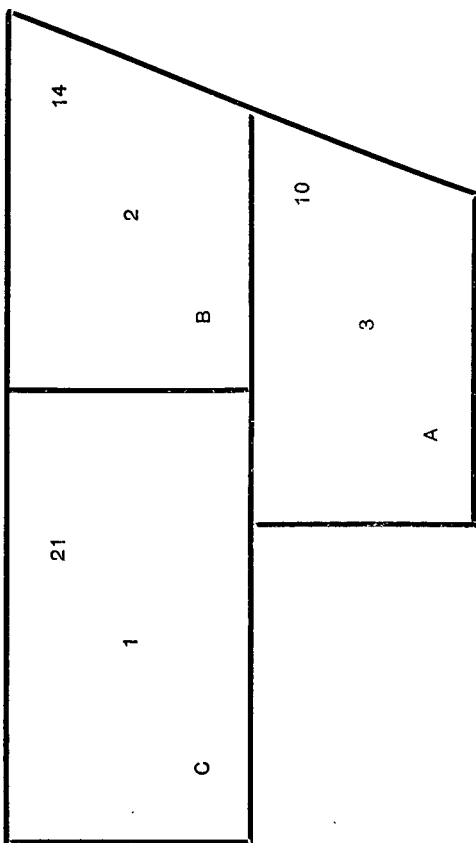
R. H. DE LOW,
In charge of Division.

By letter of the 20th July, 1897, Ms. 97-8,480 Ls., the offer has been accepted.—R. H.D., 27/7/97.

[Enclosure.]

BX.

	£
New rabbit netting fence, 42 x 1½ x 17 gauge, about 24 miles, at £70 a mile, say ...	1,680
Netting 8 miles existing fence	500
Gates (8)	40
Ringling 20,000 acres, at 1s. per acre	1,000
Scrubbing 32,000 acres, at 2s. 6d. per acre	4,000
Extra tanks, 8,000 yards, at 9d.	300
New division fence, 25 miles, at £20	500
	7,920
Extra for netting.....	192
	8,112
Annual cost of keeping scrub down, 4d. to 6d. an acre, for ten years	8,000
	£16,112



This is the paper the Minister had before him to-day at interview with Mr. Kiddle, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Hutton.—R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 13 July, 1897.

No. 10.

The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), to The Under Secretary for Lands.

The Troffs, No. 218, Central Division.

Sir,

Sydney, 20 July, 1897.

Referring to the interview the Hon. the Minister for Lands granted Mr. Kiddle and myself, I have to advise you that the lessees of The Troffs holding accept the offer of either a scrub or improvement lease for the unresumed portion of the leasehold area, in three equal sections, the tenure for that to the north-east being ten years, the north fourteen years, and the southern twenty-one years.

I have, &c.,
For the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited),
HERBERT CUNNINGHAM,

Manager.

No. 11.

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No. 11.

Office Memorandum.

(Extract from Ms. Leases, 97-9,376.)

6 August, 1897.

[Scrub Leases.—The Troffs, No. 218, Central Division.]

It is recommended that the finding of the Local Land Board in favour of granting the scrub lease be adopted.

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

Special. Approved.—J.H.C., 9th August, 1897.

No. 12.

Petition from Residents of Trundle and surrounding Districts.

Petition to the Honorable the Minister for Lands.

THIS petition of the undersigned residents of Trundle and surrounding districts,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That your petitioners view with alarm the recent decision of the Local Land Board at Parkes, in recommending a scrub lease on The Troffs pastoral holding, and thereby strongly protest against the same on the following grounds, viz :—

1st. That the land referred to, with the exception of about 5,000 acres, is all first-class agricultural land, and well adapted for closer settlement, being within 21 miles of the Bogan Gate railway station, and with a probability of the line being extended to run right through the said land.

2nd. That the bulk of evidence given before the Land Board was misleading, inasmuch that the cost of ringing and scrubbing was sworn to at from 3s. to 3s. 6d. per acre and 1s. per year for the following five years; and the most of your petitioners having had from eight to twelve years practical experience of the district, are quite assured that the work could be done for, at most, one half of that amount; and this is borne out by the offer from a contractor to ringbark, cut all scrub, and grub all seedlings on the holding for 1s. 6d. per acre.

3rd. That the land referred to is superior to that held by selectors on the resumed area, as, in the division of the runs under the 1884 Act, the lines were so drawn as to secure to the lessees the best of the land; and that this is the land now proposed to be granted as a scrub lease.

4th. That the strong demand for land in the district is shown by the fact that all available has been taken up for some years past under greater disadvantages than at present exist, and if these lands were thrown open they would be readily taken up.

5th. That the proposed railway from Bogan Gate to Bullock Creek would run through the centre of this land, which, if locked up, would debar that extension.

6th. That the conditions of the lease, as recommended by the Board, are that the lessees are not compelled to wire-net or destroy vermin for five years, and may not destroy the following scrubs:—Currawong, mallee, broom, wattle, dogwood, bastard dogwood, currant, emu, warrior, quondong, or cherry bushes, which constitute the principal scrubs on the land.

7th. That under these conditions the land would still remain unimproved, and be a menace to the adjoining settlers by being a harbour for all kinds of vermin, as shown by the fact that during the last six months more than 20,000 wallabies have been destroyed by adjoining selectors.

8th. That when the present settlers took up land and contracted to pay £1 per acre for it, they naturally expected that these lands would be made available for closer settlement on the termination of the present leases, and any further extension would be an injustice to them; and your petitioners trust that, for the foregoing reasons, this matter will receive your earnest consideration.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c.

Name.	Occupation.	Address.
W. F. Snelling	Carpenter	Trundle.
Edward Morris	Labourer	"
William King	Labourer	"
Alex. McKeon	Blacksmith	"
Wm. Jeffrey	Labourer	"
Walter Smith	Saddler	"
R. P. Pilling	Selector	"
M. Cotter	Labourer	"
Henry Payne	Labourer	"
Mark McAuley	Labourer	"
James Drake	Labourer	"
Solomon Gilchrist	Hotelkeeper	"
Alexander Green	Cordial-maker	"
J. Gilchrist	Contractor	"
F. J. Chambers	Butcher	"
John Buckley	Cordial-maker	"
Robert McAuley	Selector	"
George McAuley	Labourer	"
Wm. M. McAuley	Ex-farmer	"
T. P. O'Brien	Labourer	"
George Bolton	Labourer	"
Christopher McKeown	Contractor	"
G. Brown	Labourer	"
H. Moloney	Hotelkeeper	"

No. 13.

No. 13.

Office Memorandum.

Protest against Scrub Lease on the Troff's Leasehold Area.

(Ms. Ls. 97-10,615.)

Ms. Ls. Branch, 7 September, 1897.

THE enclosed petition from residents of Trundle protests against a scrub lease being granted on The Troffs mainly on the following grounds:—

- (1.) That with the exception of about 5,000 acres the land is first-class agricultural land, and the proposed railway line from Bogan Gate to Bullock Creek will probably run through the land.
- (2.) That the cost of clearing will not be as much as the evidence discloses.
- (3.) That all the available land in the district has been taken up for some years past, and if The Troffs were thrown open the land would be readily selected.

It has been decided, after consideration of petitions forwarded per Mr. Brown, M.L.A., from several Farmers' Associations in the locality, to grant a scrub lease as recommended by the Board on application 96-6, Parkes, but the land is to be subdivided into three blocks; the tenure of Block A is to be ten years, Block B fourteen years, Block C twenty-one years.

This land is shown by blue edging on the enclosed helio

Scrub lease application 96-7, Parkes, is for the land on the south and south-east of the proposed scrub lease, and as this land was withdrawn under section 3, Act 1895, on 17th August, 1897, the above-mentioned application should be refused; the deposit, £10, may be disposed of after the survey of scrub lease, 96-6, Parkes.

Submitted that the previous decision to grant a scrub lease be adhered to, the petitioners to be fully informed that ample provision has been made for closer settlement as desired by them.

The District Surveyor should perhaps be asked to subdivide the land in accordance with sketch on paper marked BX, in order that the lease when gazetted may show and recite the several portions to be resumed.

J. P. McGUANNE.

R. H. De Low, in charge Lease Division.—F.H.W. For approval.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 9/9/97. Approved.—J.H.C., 10/9/97. T. Brown, M.P., informed, 15/9/97. The District Surveyor, Forbes.—W.C.F. (*pro* U.S.), B.C., 15/9/97. To L.-S. Witts.—E.N.W. (*pro* D.S.), 22/9/97.

No. 14.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 15 September, 1897.

With reference to the petition signed by Messrs. W. F. Snelling, Edward Morris, William King, Alexander McKeown, and other residents of Trundle and that district, presented by you to this Department on the 1st instant, protesting against the granting of a scrub lease on the leasehold area of "The Troffs" pastoral holding as recommended by the Local Land Board, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that, after full consideration of the whole matter, it has been decided to accept the Board's recommendation, and grant a scrub lease of part of the leasehold area in question, viz., for an area of 32,000 acres, divided into three blocks, with tenures of ten, fourteen, and twenty-one years respectively, thus leaving ample provision on the holding to meet present requirements for closer settlement.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

No. 15.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Witts.

Scrub Lease No. 96-6, Parkes, County of Kennedy.

MEMORANDUM from the District Surveyor, Forbes, to E. J. Witts, Esq., Licensed Surveyor.

22 September, 1897.

MR. Licensed-Surveyor Witts is requested to measure the lines shown in red on accompanying helio, the object being to divide scrub lease 96-6 into three parts as nearly equal as practicable. The line AB to be adopted as 70 chains, and BC as 97 chains. Connections required from D to E and F to G, and comparisons of meridian at E and F. Corner trees at B C D and F only to be marked broad-arrow over Sc. L. over A C, broad-arrow over Sc. L. over A B, broad-arrow over Sc. L. over A B, and broad-arrow over Sc. L. over B C, respectively. As so much surrounding information has to be made use of, the areas will be computed in this office. No permanent marks are required. Payment will be allowed at scale rates, with local increase added.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

Replied to by my letter of 20th October, 1897.—E. J. WITTS, L.S.

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No. 16.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Witts to The District Surveyor, Forbes.

(No. 97-35.)

Scrub Lease.

Sir,

20 October, 1897.

I have the honor to transmit herewith plan showing lines dividing scrub lease 96-6 on The Troffs pastoral holding, counties of Cunningham and Kennedy, into three approximately equal areas.

This survey was completed by me on 1st October, in accordance with your instructions, No. 97-34, dated 22nd September, to self.

In addition to the comparison of meridian directed, I compared on portion 5, parish Salisbury.

As directed in the instruction, the areas have been left for computation in the office.

In lines of more than 1½ mile in length, reference trees have been marked.

Much of the country traversed is of a very rough and scrubby nature.

I have, &c.,

E. J. WITTS, L.S.

Subdivision of the proposed scrub lease on Troffs pastoral holding having now been effected as directed on Misc. Ls. 97-11,079, the papers are returned for further necessary action. It is assumed from the sketch on paper marked "BX" that it was intended to divide the scrub lease into three parts as nearly equal as practicable, and design was prepared accordingly. It is found, however, that owing to inaccuracies in the parish maps, the areas come out 9,570, 10,928, and 10,536 acres, respectively; which I presume is near enough for the purpose required, and as near as could be obtained, except at largely increased cost of survey. The amount of new lines is 12 miles 1.88 chains, and the total cost of survey, including connections, corners, comparisons of meridian, and district increase, is £34 5s. 11d. Apparently, as it is intended to grant the lease, the cost of action other than survey is not required.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 8/3/98, No. 196. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Please prepare description of the three different blocks.—W.C.F., Ms. Ls. Branch, 11/3/98. Mr. McMin. Descriptions herewith.—A.B.M., 5/4/98. Mr. McGuanne.

No. 17.

Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

(Ms. Ls. Bch., 97-13,905.)

Sir,

Sydney, 9 November, 1897.

With reference to applications for conversion of pastoral leases into scrub leases, or the granting of scrub leases at termination of said pastoral leases, as the following holdings in the Central Division—Blowclear West, Coradgery, Bruie Plains, Curra, Wallen Billen, Mungery, Derribong, Tyrie, Middle Fields, Tarrabong, Orange Plains, Woodlands, Jumble Plains (Blocks A and B), Melrose (Block D), Burra Burra, Melrose Plains, Gobondry, The Troffs, Murrumbogie, Carlisle, and Burrawang,—will you kindly furnish me with the following particulars:—

1. The names of said holding on which application for scrub leases have been received, and the areas embraced in these applications;
2. The holdings and areas in which applications have been refused;
3. The holdings and areas in which a decision has not yet been arrived at; and
4. The holdings and areas in which applications have been approved; also the terms and conditions attached to each approved application.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS BROWN.

Please prepare the information in schedule.—J.P.M., 18/11/97. Mr. Freeman. Information prepared.—W.C.F., 26/11/97.

Mr. Brown, M.L.A., desires to be supplied with certain information respecting scrub leases on the pastoral holdings mentioned in his letter. Mr. Brown may perhaps be supplied with the information, as per enclosure marked X, and informed that the leases will also be subject to the ordinary conditions attached to scrub leases, which provide for clearing, scrubbing, and ringbarking the land; the preservation of mining and travelling stock rights; the destruction of rabbits and noxious animals.—J. P. MCGUANNE, M.L. Branch, 29/11/97. Special.

R. H. DELOW, in charge Leases Division, 1/12/97.
Clerk, 2/12/97. W.H. Approved.—J.H.C., 3/12/97.
7/12/97. Put away

For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief
Thos. Brown, M.L.A., with schedule,

[Enclosure.]

X.

Name of Holding.	Area.	State of Application.	Name of Holding.	State of Application.
Coradgery	11,350	Approved.	Jumble Plains, Blocks A and F.	Included in Orange Plains holding.
Bruie Plains	15,900	do.	Curra.....	No scrub lease application.
The Troffs	30,000	do.	Wallanbillan	do do.
Murrumbogie	9,500	do.	Derribong.....	do do.
Carlisle	9,800	do.	Tyrie	do do.
Burrawong	4,680	do.	Melrose.....	do do.
Burrawong	14,325	do.	Gillenbine and Gobondry	do do.
Middle Field	6,800	Refused.	Blowclear West	do do.
Burrawong	11,520	do.	Tarrabong.....	No such run or holding.
Burrawong	4,444	Withdrawn.		
Melrose Block D ...	13,400	Not finally dealt with.		
Burra Burra	32,000	do do.		
Mungary West.....	3,350	do do.		
Woodlands.....	42,200	do do.		
Orange Plains	110,340	do do.		

Rent,

Rent, £1 6s. 8d. per section ; 4 per cent. on Crown improvements, valued at £1,450 ; term, fourteen years ; right is reserved to resume the whole or part of land leased in event of railway being constructed within 10 miles. Rent, £1 10s. per section, with 4 per cent. per annum on Crown improvements, valued at £1,266 ; term, fourteen years ; right is reserved to resume the whole or part of land leased in event of railway being constructed within 10 miles. Rent, £2 per section ; 4 per cent. on Crown improvements, valued at £1,377 10s. ; term, twenty-one years ; right is reserved to resume one-third of area at expiration of ten years, an additional one-third at expiration of fourteen years. Rent, £1 per section ; 2½ per cent. per annum on Crown improvements valued at £1,512 12s. ; term, fourteen years ; right to resume half the area at expiration of ten years. Rent, 15s. per section ; 2½ per cent. on Crown improvements, valued at £812 4s. ; term, twenty-one years ; no special resumption condition. Rent, £1 6s. 8d. per section ; 4 per cent. per annum on Crown improvements, valued at £273 ; term, twenty-one years ; no special resumption condition. Gazetted, 13/1/97, as scrub lease, No. 41 ; term, thirteen years. Rent, £1 6s. 8d. per section ; no special resumption condition.

No. 18.

Mr. Thomas Looney to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Bullock Creek South, 9 March, 1898.

I am in receipt of an official letter, 97-13,905, Misc. Leases, forwarded by you, setting out particulars respecting conditions attached to certain scrub leases proposed to be granted in this district.

In these conditions, it is noted by my Association that the rights of resumption for settlement purposes is reserved in the event of railway construction, excepting in the case of The Troffs holding, in which no such terms are mentioned.

According to our representative at Local Land Board inquiry, the Board recommended that special powers of resumption in the event of railway construction should be retained by the Minister with respect to The Troffs scrub leases. My Association would like to know whether the Board made any recommendation of this character, and, if so, whether the Minister is embodying same as a condition of these leases.

I am to point out that my Association is of opinion that, in view of the construction of a railway through this district, and the suitability of these lands for agricultural purposes, it is highly desirable, if the leases be granted, that powers of resumption for the purpose indicated be retained, and if not provided for, as would seem from official letter now noted, I am to ask that you use your best endeavours to have this condition attached to these leases, in common with the others proposed to be issued in the suggested line of the Bogan Gate-Bullock Creek railway proposal.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS LOONEY,

Hon. Secretary.

No. 19.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 June, 1898.

IT is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the undermentioned plants on proposed scrub lease No. 55, of about 31,034 acres, within the boundaries of the leasehold area of "The Troffs" pastoral holding No. 218, Central Division, be declared "scrub" within the meaning of the 4th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, so far as the land referred to is concerned:—Box, budda, gooma, hop-bush, ironbark, kangaroo-bush, oak, pine, wattle, sifting-bush and yarran.

J. H. CARRUTHERS.

The Executive Council approve of the course herein recommended.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 98-29, 28/6/98. Confirmed 5/7/98. Approved.—HAMPDEN, 28/6/98. Proclamation of scrub lands declared, *Lease Gazette*, 23/7/22. Manager A. M. & A. Company (Limited), with *Gazette* slip and Form 67, 18/8/98.

No. 20.

Gazette Notices.

PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency The Right Honourable HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN,
to wit. } Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
(L.S.) } Dependencies.
HAMPDEN, Governor.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, I, HENRY ROBERT, VISCOUNT HAMPDEN, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby declare all box, budda, gooma, hopbush, ironbark, kangaroo-bush, oak, pine, wattle, sifting-bush, and yarran, to be "scrub," within the meaning of the 4th section of the said Act, on proposed scrub lease containing about 31,034 acres, in the parishes of Gobondery, Redcliffe, Salisbury, Gillenbine, Plevna, and Sebastopol, counties of Cunningham and Kennedy, declared to be "scrub lands" in *Government Gazette* of this date, and being part of the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding No. 218, Central Division.
[Ms. Ls. 98-3,646]

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. H. CARRUTHERS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Department

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 July, 1898.

DECLARATION OF SCRUB LANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 35th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, the land hereunder described is hereby declared to be scrub lands.

J. H. CARRUTHERS,
Secretary for Lands.

CENTRAL DIVISION, LAND DISTRICT OF PARKES.

Within the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding No. 218, notified 11th July, 1885.

Counties of Kennedy and Cunningham, parishes of Gobondery, Redcliffe, Salisbury, Gillenbine, and Plevna, containing an area of 31,034 acres. The Crown lands within the boundaries of Blocks A, B, and C,—as shown on plan catalogued Scrub Lease 2, Forbes, in the Department of Lands.
[Ms. Ls. 98-3,646]

No. 21.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 July, 1898.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF A SCRUB LEASE.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, and Regulations thereunder, a scrub lease of the land set out in the annexed schedule has been granted for the term and under the conditions hereinafter mentioned:—

1. The area leased is divided into three blocks, viz., A, B, and C, as delineated on plan Sc. L. 2 Fs., catalogued and recorded in the Department of Lands, Sydney, containing respectively 10,536, 10,928, and 9,570 acres.

2. The term of the lease shall be from 23rd July, 1898, to the 10th January, 1903. Provided that an extension of the term may be granted, so that the term of each block shall be as follows:—A, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1908; B, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1912; C, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1919; and the lease is granted subject to all the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts and Regulations applicable thereto; and the term "lease" in this and the following conditions shall include "any extension of the lease."

3. Should the term of the lease be extended, an additional rental will be charged at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum from the 10th July, 1900, on £1,377 10s., being the value that it is estimated that the improvements accruing to the Crown under section 43 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889 will have at that date.

4. The lessee shall destroy all scrub (except edible scrub, which shall include quandong, broom, cherry, emu-bush, warriah, and currant-bush); mallee, currawang, blue or golden wattle, and dogwood may be destroyed at the option of the lessee.

5. The lessee shall preserve sound box, ironbark, and white pine timber of more than 6 inches in diameter at 3 feet from the ground; also all wilga, berrigan, and currajong, except to lop or whip the branches for stock-feeding purposes; and shall not cut or destroy timber useful for fencing or building purposes, or cut or remove timber for sale or otherwise than for the lessee's own use. Lachlan or white pine between 4 and 6 inches in diameter, measured at 3 feet from the ground, shall be thinned out by the lessee to distances of 20 feet apart wherever growing, leaving the straightest and best saplings.

The lessee shall destroy all other timber, including suckers, by ringbarking or otherwise, excepting fire-belts 2 chains in width along the boundaries of the lease and on each side of the road from Trundle to the Bogan, and in such other positions as may be subsequently indicated.

7. The lessee shall begin to clear the land within three months after the commencement of the lease. During the first year he shall clear one-fifth of the total area of the land under lease, and during each of the succeeding four years one-fifth of the total area, so that the whole area shall be cleared during the first five years of the lease. After any part of the land has been cleared, such part shall be kept cleared during the term and any extension of the term of the lease. The right is reserved to the Secretary for Lands to say in and on what part of the land leased the clearing, scrubbing, suckering, and ringbarking shall be carried out during the first three years from the commencement of the lease if the same is extended.

9. The lessee shall, during each year of the term of the lease, and any extension thereof, take effective steps to destroy rabbits, wallabies, and other noxious animals, and shall, within five years from the commencement of the lease, if the same is extended, enclose the land with a rabbit-proof fence.

9. In the event of it being decided to construct a railway within 10 miles of any part of the subject land, the right is reserved to the Governor to resume the whole or a portion of the scrub lease by giving not less than four months' notice to that effect in the *Government Gazette*, and no compensation will be paid for the exercise of the right of resumption. Provided that upon the resumption of any land as aforesaid a reduction of the annual rent will be made proportionate to the area taken.

10. The lease is granted subject to the condition that the Governor may withdraw any land required for mining purposes or for any public purpose without compensation, except for improvements effected under special permission.

11. The lease is granted conditionally on all rights of road, of camping, and of travelling stock being retained.

12. The lease shall be deemed to be a lease for pastoral purposes, and as such to be subject to the operation of the Mining Act of 1874 and all Acts amending or extending the same.

13. Upon such resumption as aforesaid, or upon the expiration of the lease by effluxion of time, the lessee shall have tenant right, as defined in the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the portion so resumed or the whole of the land leased as the case may be, in such improvements as may be effected with the consent of the Chairman of the Land Board or the Minister, but shall not have tenant right in scrubbing, clearing, ringbarking, or suckering.

14. The annual rent shall be paid yearly in advance, and if not so paid, and in the event of any condition not being fulfilled, the lease will be liable to forfeiture.

15. The lessee shall maintain all improvements in good order and condition during the term of the lease and of any extension thereof.

16. In the event of forfeiture of the lease for non-compliance with any of the conditions, all improvements effected by the lessee shall become the property of the Crown without compensation.

17. The rent for the first year of the lease must be paid within one month from this date.

SCHEDULE.

Land District—Parkes.

Within the Leasehold Area of The Troffs Pastoral Holding No. 218, Central Division.

No. of Lease.	No. of Application.	Name and Address of Lessee.	Estimated Area.	Parishes.	Counties.	Annual Rent.
55	96-6	The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), Sydney.	Acres. *31,034 about.	Gobandery, Redcliffe, Salisbury, Gillenbine, Plevna, and Sebastopol.	Cunningham and Kennedy.	£ s. d. 96 19 8

*As described by notification of scrub lands in *Gazette* of this date.

The cost of survey and report will be adjusted after survey has been effected.

Scrub:—Box, budda, gooma, hophbush, ironbark, kangaroo-bush, oak, pine, wattle, sifting-bush, and yarran.

J. H. CARRUTHERS,

[Ms. Ls. 98-3,646.]

Secretary for Lands.

No. 22.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease, No. 55, Land District of Parkes.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 August, 1898.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the notification in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd ultimo of the approval of the granting of, to the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), a scrub lease of about 31,034 acres, divided into three blocks, A, B, and C, of 10,536 acres, 10,928 acres, and 9,570 acres respectively, situated within the leasehold area of "The Troffs" pastoral holding, No. 218, Central Division, for the term 23rd July, 1898 to the 10th January, 1903, at a rental of £96 19s. 8d. per annum, with a provision that an extension of the term may be granted so that the term of each block shall be as follows:—A, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1908; B, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1912; C, from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1919.

The first year's rent should be paid into the Colonial Treasury on or before the 23rd instant, and for succeeding years on or before the 23rd July in each year in advance. The amount lodged as deposit and survey fee at time of application, will be adjusted when survey of the land has been effected.

Box, budda, gooma, hophbush, ironbark, kangaroo-bush, oak, pine, wattle, sifting-bush, and yarran have been declared "scrub" in connection with the lease, and special attention is directed to the condition of clearing in respect thereof.

Any application for an extension of term of the lease should be made on Form 67.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary.

No. 23.

The Accountant, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), to
The Under Secretary for Lands.

Scrub Lease, No. 55, Land District of Parkes.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited),

Sydney, 13 September, 1898.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 16th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose herewith application for extension of the leases as follows:—

Block A from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1908.

Block B from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1912.

Block C from 23rd July, 1898, to 23rd July, 1919.

I have, &c.,

For the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co. (Limited),

B. ALLEN,

Accountant.

[Enclosure.]

Form 67.—Crown Lands Acts.

Application for the extension of a Scrub Lease, or Lease of inferior lands.

In pursuance of the provisions of the "Crown Lands Act of 1895," I, The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), the holder of scrub leases hereunder specified, hereby apply for an extension thereof for the following terms:—

Block A from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1908.

Block B from 23rd July, 1898, to 22nd July, 1912.

Block C from 23rd July, 1898, to 23rd July, 1919.

Particulars of the lease referred to.

No. 55; Division, Central; Land District, Parkes; commencement of lease, 23rd July, 1898; *Gazette* notification of approval, 23rd July, 1898.

Signed this fifteenth day of September, 1898.

For the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited),

HERBERT CUNNINGHAM, Manager,

42, Bridge-street, Sydney.

To the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

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No. 24.

The Chairman Local Land Board, Forbes, to Mr. Inspector Gaden.

(L.B. 98-4,717 ; Instruction No. 98-613.)

Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 14 October, 1898.

MR. Inspector R. W. Gaden is instructed to visit and report on the scrub lease specified hereunder as to compliance with conditions (see Con. 7), No. 55, under section , applied for on the byt he Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co. (Limited), area 31,034 acres, parishes of Gobondry, Redcliff, Salisbury, &c., counties of Cunningham and Kennedy, Land District of Parkes, gazetted on the 23rd July, 1898. Heli. herewith, also *Gazette* slip.

SCHEDULE of Conditional Purchases, Conditional Leases, or Homestead Leases, &c., of same series, Homestead Selections and Scrub Leases.

Class of Holding.	Application No.	Date.	Area.
Scrub lease. "The Troffs," pastoral holding	55	23 July.....	31,034 acres (about).

ROBERT McDONALD,
for Chairman.

Report by my letter of this date.—R. W. GADEN, 27th January, 1899.

No. 25.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Subject—Extension of Scrub Lease.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 November, 1898.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, the term of scrub lease No. 55, granted to the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), by notification in the *Gazette* of the 23rd July, 1898, for 31,034 acres, which consists of three blocks, viz., A, B, and C, as delineated on plan Sc. L. 2 Fs., catalogued and recorded in the Department of Lands, Sydney, containing respectively 10,536, 10,928, and 9,570 acres, and which together form a part of the leasehold area of "The Troffs" pastoral holding, No. 218, Central Division, be extended as follows:—Block A to ten years from the commencement of the said lease—that is to say, to the 22nd day of July, 1908; Block B to fourteen years from the commencement of the said lease—that is to say, to the 22nd day of July, 1912; and block C to twenty-one years from the commencement of the said lease—that is to say, to the 22nd July, 1919,—subject to the same covenants, conditions, provisos, restrictions, and reservations as are contained in the said lease, and that an additional rental be paid from the 11th July, 1900, in respect of the improvements accruing to the Crown, as set out in condition No. 3 in the *Gazette* notice before mentioned.

JOSEPH COOK.

The Executive Council approve of the extension of the scrub lease referred to.—A. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Min. 98-56, 6/12/98. Confirmed, 13/12/98. Approved.—HAMPDEN, 6/12/98. Extension gazetted, 21/12/98. Scrub Lease Register noted. The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), informed, 30/12/98.

No. 26.

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 December, 1898.

EXTENSION OF TERM OF SCRUB LEASE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the term of the three areas or blocks A, B, and C, containing respectively 10,536, 10,928, and 9,570 acres, comprising the scrub lease hereunder specified, has been extended under the provisions of section 26, subsection 6, of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, to the dates mentioned in the subjoined Schedule, subject to the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts and Regulations, and subject to the same covenants, conditions, provisos, restrictions, and reservations as are contained in the said lease, and to payment of an additional annual rental from the commencement of the period set out in column No. 10, at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum on the value of the improvements accruing to the Crown on the date hereunder mentioned.

J. H. CARRUTHERS.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

No. of Lease.	Date of Gazette Notice granting Scrub Lease.	Reg. No. of Papers.	Lessee.	Address.	Area.	No. and Name of Leasehold Area.		Value of Improvements accruing to the Crown.	Date when Improvements accrue to the Crown and from which additional rental is to be paid.	Extended term of Lease of each Block.
						No.	Name.			
55	23 July, 1898	Occ. 98-12783	The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).	Sydney..	Acres. 31,034	218	The Troffs	£ s. d. 1,377 10 0	11 July, 1900 ..	Block A—From 11 Jan., 1903, to 22 July, 1908. Block B—From 11 Jan. 1903, to 22 July, 1912. Block C—From 11 Jan., 1903, to 22 July, 1919.

No. 27.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease No. 55.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 30 December, 1898.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the notification in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st instant extending the term of the three areas or blocks—A, B, and C—comprising the scrub lease noted in the margin, as follows, viz.:—Block A of 10,536 acres, from 11th January, 1903, to 22nd July, 1908; Block B of 10,928 acres, from 11th January, 1903, to 22nd July, 1912; Block C of 9,570 acres, from 11th January, 1903, to 22nd July, 1919, subject to the payment, from 11th July, 1900, of an additional rental at the rate of 2½ per cent. on the value of improvements accruing to the Crown on that date, which value has been appraised at £1,377 10s.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

No. 28.

Office Memorandum.

(Occ. 98-12,783.) Scrub Lease No. 55.—The Troffs Leasehold Area.—As to Survey.

IN connection with the above-mentioned scrub lease, all the necessary survey has been carried out at a cost of £34 5s. 11d., towards which £6 5s. has been contributed by the lessee, together with two deposits, each of £10, making in all £26 5s. 10d.

Will the District Surveyor be good enough to forward a statement of all costs incurred in the District Survey Office in dealing with this case? C. E. RENNIE,
The District Surveyor at Forbes. For the Under Secretary.

The costs incurred locally are as follows:—Mr. Surveyor Roberts' report, and other D.S.O. action up to 19th May, 1897 (*vide* L.B. 97-1870), £8 10s.; Mr. Roberts' attendance at Board meeting, £3; cost in Board Office (*vide* L.B. 97-2,779), £5 15s. 6d.; cost of survey, £34 5s. 11d.; examination of plan and final action in D.S.O., £3 10s. 6d.—making a total of £55 1s. 11d.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 19/1/99. The Under Secretary for Lands. No. 60.

No. 29.

Office Memorandum.

Scrub Lease No. 55.—The Troffs Leasehold Area.

(Occ. 99-406.)

23 January, 1899.

THE above mentioned scrub lease has been surveyed at a cost of £34 5s. 11d., and the Land Board and District Survey Office expenses amount to £20 16s.—making, in all, £55 1s. 11d.

To meet this amount a sum of £26 5s. is available, viz., £10 on application (96-7, Parkes), which was refused but deposit not authorised to be refunded, and £10 deposit on subject application, and £6 5s. provisional survey fee.

Submitted that the sum of £26 5s. be applied in part payment of cost of survey and expenses incurred in dealing with this application, and that the lessee be called upon to pay the balance, viz., £28 16s. 11d. E. C. LANDERS.

R. H. DE LOW, in charge Lease Division, 24/1/99. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 25/1/99. W.H. Approved.—J.H.C., 30/1/99. Lessees and Treasury informed, 3/2/92. £28 16s. 11d., amount called for by letter of the 3rd February, 1899, paid—*vide* Occ. 99-1,782. Mr. McMinn,—Please have a description prepared of the scrub lease herein referred to, to be inserted in the Crown lease about to be issued in this case.—E.C.L., 21/4/99. The description used in the declaration of scrub lands will, it is thought, be sufficient for the scrub leases.—A.B.M., 24/4/99. Mr. Landers. Formal lease of scrub lease No. 55 issued 5th July, 1899—*vide* Occ. 99-6,678, Book No. 1, Fol. No. 1, scrub leases. These papers may now be forwarded to the Board for report as to fulfilment of conditions.—E. C. LANDERS, 14/7/99. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 15/7/99. Approved.—J.H.Y., 17/7/99. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.C.L. (for U.S.), B.C., 17/7/99.

No. 30.

Mr. Inspector Gaden to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

"The Troffs," Scrub Lease No. 55.

Sir,

Forbes, 27 January, 1899.

Re instructions 14th October, 1898-613, scrub lease 55, applied for by Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, area 31,034, parishes Gobondry, Redcliffe, Salisbury, &c., counties Cunningham and Kennedy, Land District Parkes,—I furnish the following, from my inspection 9th January, 1899:—

About two-thirds of this area has been ringbarked from the south end, which is now all more or less bad with suckers and seedlings, and a party of Chinamen are now operating on them. The stock route is in its natural state, also the land north of the ridges. I have, &c.,

ROBERT W. GADEN.

This inspection was made 9th January, 1899. About two-thirds of the area had been ringbarked, and a party of Chinese now operating on the suckers and seedlings. The lessees should scrub not less than one-fifth of the area during each of the first five years of the lease. The Inspector does not mention whether

whether noxious animals are being destroyed. He should report on this when he next visits the land. May be referred again at the end of the first year of the lease for a comprehensive report on the work done since the lease was granted.—T. W. WARD, 31/1/99.

Approved.—R. McD., Chairman, 31/1/99. Clerk-in-charge. Inspector Evans—Instruction No. 99-110, issued 7/8/99.

No. 31.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease No. 55, "The Troffs" Leasehold Area.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 February, 1899.

I have the honor to inform you that survey of the land comprising the scrub lease noted in the margin has now been effected, and the costs incurred, including Land Board and District Survey Office expenses, amount to £55 ls. 11d.

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To meet the amount, the following sums are available, viz., £16 5s. deposit and provisional survey fee, and £10 paid as deposit in connection with your refused scrub-lease application No. 96-7, Parkes, and it has been approved to apply these sums as part payment. The difference, £28 16s. 11d., you are requested to be good enough to pay into the Colonial Treasury as early as possible.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary,

(per R.H.D.)

No. 32.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, to Mr. Inspector Witts.

Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 2 January, 1900.

Mr. Inspector E. J. Witts is instructed to visit and report on the scrub lease specified hereunder, as to compliance with conditions *re* noxious animals, &c.—see *Gazette* slip No. 55—under section , applied for on the by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited); portion No. ; area, 31,034 acres; parishes Gobondry, Redcliffe, Salisbury, &c.; counties of Cunningham and Kennedy; Land District of Parkes. Gazetted on the 23rd July, 1898. Tracing herewith, also gazetted conditions.

Other special conditions.—See conditions 5 and 7.

Schedule of Conditional Purchases, Conditional Leases, or Homestead Leases, &c., of same series; Homestead Leases and Scrub Leases.

Class of Holding.	Application No.	Date.	Area.
Scrub Lease.	55	23rd July.	About 31,034 acres.
The Troffs Leasehold Area.			

T. W. WARD (for Chairman).

Report by my letter of this date.—E. J. WITTS, 13/1/1900.

No. 33.

Mr. Inspector Witts to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

REPORT by Inspector E. J. Witts, on the Troffs scrub lease, No. 55, applied for by The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, on the 23rd July, 1898, gazetted 23rd July, 1898; area, 31,034 acres; parishes of Gobondry, Redcliffe, Salisbury, &c.; counties of Cunningham and Kennedy; Land District of Parkes; date of inspection, 9th January; instruction No. 60, of 2nd January, 1900.

Sir,

13 January, 1900.

I have the honor to report that I personally inspected the herein-described scrub lease.

From the circumstances stated below, I am of opinion that all the conditions of the lease had not quite been complied with up to the time of my visit of inspection.

At the date of inspection the land had been improved as per schedule on adjoining page.

The area ringed and scrubbed under this lease is about 5,000 acres. The proportionate area up to 23rd July, 1899, is 6,200 acres. No work is going on at present time. The work is being well done, except that some small buddas have been cut down instead of ringbarking them. Yarran trees in large clumps have been left; these are gradually dying off.

The area done lies between the Bogan-road and Fifield-road.

I have, &c.,

E. J. WITTS,

Temporary Inspector.

Inspector reports 5,000 acres scrubbed and ringbarked, which is 1,200 acres short of that required to 23rd July, 1899. The second year will expire on 23rd July, 1900, by which time a total of 12,400 acres should be operated on. Perhaps the case should be referred to Head Office for notations and directions as to action.—A. J. VILES, Clerk-in-charge, 31/1/1900. The Chairman.

Referred accordingly, but I would advise that if the full area for the first two years be completed within the time, the deficiency for the first year be overlooked. The drought is probably the cause of the work being at a standstill, and I believe there has recently been a change in the management of this property. Perhaps the lessee should be advised of the facts.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, 2/2/1900.

Scrub Lease 55, The Troffs Leasehold Area.—This lease was gazetted 23rd July, 1898, one of the conditions being that 6,200 acres should be ringbarked during the first year. The inspector reports that 5,000 acres were scrubbed and ringbarked, which is 1,200 acres short of that required to 23rd July, 1899.

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The Chairman, in forwarding the papers, advises that if the full area for the first two years is completed within the time, the deficiency for the first year be overlooked; the drought is probably the cause of the work being at a standstill and he (the Chairman) believes there has recently been a change in the management of this property; he suggests that the lessees should be advised of the facts. Submitted the Chairman's recommendation be approved.—J. GREEN, 15/2/1900.

R. H. DE LOW (for U. S.), 15/2/1900. Approved,—T.H.H., 16/2/1900. The Chairman, Forbes,—J.G. (for A. U.S.), B.C., 26/2/1900. For Inspector.—A.J.V., May, 1900. Clerk-in-charge, 1/3/1900. The Manager, A.M. and A. Co. (Limited), 21/2/1900. Registration noted, 26/2/1900.

No. 34.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease 55.—The Troffs Leasehold Area.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 February, 1900.

1900-1,163, Occ.

Referring to the scrub lease noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the reports received show that the area ringbarked during the first year of the lease, ending 23rd July, 1899, is 1,200 acres short of that required; and the Secretary for Lands has approved that if the full area for the first two years is completed within the time, the deficiency for the first year will be overlooked.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,
Acting Under-Secretary,
(per R.H.D.)

No. 35.

Office Memorandum.

(L.B. 1900—206.)

The Troffs Scrub Lease No. 55.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co. (Limited).

13 March, 1900.

HAS the District Surveyor any suggestion to make as to the area which should be operated upon?

ROBERT McDONALD,

Chairman

I consider that Block A, which is about the most scrubby portion of the lease and has the shortest tenure (ten years), should be operated upon first, or at any rate that it should be gone over once during the first three years. Block C, upon which the work at present done is situated, is the most open part of the lease and the tenure is the longest (twenty-one years).—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 13/3/1900. The Chairman.

The recommendation of the District Surveyor is submitted.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, 14/3/1900. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 36.

The Acting Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Scrub Lease 55, The Troffs Leasehold Area.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited),

Sir,

Bridge and Loftus Streets, Sydney, 20 March, 1900.

Referring to your letter of 21st ultimo regarding carrying out of the improvements upon the scrub lease noted above, I have the honor to point out that we hear it is most likely that a railway will be made through the land in question, in which case the Department has the right to resume the whole or any portion of the lease without compensation. As the above railway is, we understand, almost certain to be made, the Company is naturally very reluctant to go to the expense of completing improvements until it ascertains what its position will be, as it cannot surely be expected that the Company will spend considerable sums in improvements on the land, which will be taken from it immediately the clearing conditions have been completed, nor could the Department in fairness ask the Company to spend money on land which would immediately after such expenditure be resumed without compensation to us for such expenditure.

I have the honor to ask that the matter may be looked into, and some guarantee given the Company that the power of resumption before mentioned will not be acted upon; and in this case the Company is quite agreeable to proceed with the carrying out of the conditions.

I trust the foregoing will at once appeal to the Department as an absolutely reasonable request, and await with interest your reply.

I have, &c.,

B. ALLEN,

Acting Manager

Scrub Lease No. 55, The Troffs Leasehold Area.—The abovementioned scrub lease was gazetted as approved on the 23rd July, 1898. The area leased is divided into three blocks, A, B, and C, containing respectively 10,536, 10,928, and 9,570 acres, the respective terms of the lease being ten years for Block A, fourteen years for Block B, and twenty-one years for Block C. Condition No. 7, attached to this lease, provided that the lessee shall, during the first year of the lease, clear one-fifth of the total area of the land under lease, which would mean about 6,200 acres. The lease was inspected on the 9th January last, when it was found that 5,000 acres was ringed and scrubbed, which is 1,200 acres short of that required to be dealt with by the 23rd July, 1899. It was, however, approved that if the full area for the first two years be cleared within the prescribed time, that the deficiency for the first year be overlooked. (*Vide* Occ. 1900-1,163.) The District Surveyor considers that Block A, which is about the most scrubby portion of the lease and has the shortest tenure (ten years), should be operated upon first, or at any rate that it should be gone over once during the first three years. Block C, upon which the work at present done is situated, is the most open part of the lease, and the tenure is the longest (twenty-one years). The recommendation

recommendation of the District Surveyor is submitted by the Chairman. Condition No. 7, attached to this lease, provides that the right is reserved to the Secretary for Lands to say in and on what part of the land leased, the clearing, scrubbing, suckering, and ring-barking shall be carried out during the first three years from the commencement of the lease, if the same is extended. The extension of lease of the scrub lease, herein referred to, was notified in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st December, 1898. Submitted for special consideration.—E. C. LANDERS, 20/3/00.

Submitted, that in accordance with the right reserved to the Secretary for Lands in Act 7 of the conditions of the lease, the lessees be called upon to clear and operate on Block A within the three years from the 23rd July, 1898, as recommended by the District Surveyor.—R. H. DE LOW, in charge Lease Division, 21/3/00.

F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 22/3/00. Submitted for approval.—H. CURRY, Under Secretary, 23/3/00. Approved.—T.H.H., 23 March, 1900. The A.M. and A. Company (Limited) informed.—19/4/00.

No. 37.

Office Memorandum.

Scrub Lease No. 55—The Troffs Leasehold Area.

29 March, 1900.

THE above-mentioned scrub lease was gazetted as approved on the 23rd July, 1898, and the area under lease was divided into three blocks—A, B, and C—containing respectively 10,536, 10,928, and 9,570 acres, and the respective terms of lease being ten years for Block A, fourteen years for Block B, and twenty-one years for Block C.

It was approved on Occ. 1,900–2,776 that the lessee be called upon to clear and operate on Block A within the three years from the 23rd July, 1898.

Condition No. 9 attached to this lease is as follows:—

“In the event of its being decided to construct a railway within 10 miles of any part of the subject land, the right is reserved to the Governor to resume the whole or a portion of the scrub lease by giving not less than four months' notice to that effect in the *Government Gazette*, and no compensation will be paid for the exercise of the right of resumption. Provided that upon the resumption of any land as aforesaid a reduction of the annual rent will be made proportionate to the area taken.”

The lessees now state that the railway referred to in Condition No. 9 is almost certain to be made, and they ask that some guarantee be given that the power of resumption contained in Condition No. 9 will not be acted upon.

E. C. LANDERS.

Submitted, the request be not entertained. The Board, in its report of the 12th June, 1897, Ms. Ls. 97–7,425, recommended the condition of resumption; and the request not to act on it, and for the Crown to give a guarantee it will not act on it, is somewhat unique, because, if for no other reason, it could be asked—If it were not to be operative, why was it inserted? The lessees seem desirous of taking the benefits of the lease but not the burdens.—R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 31/3/1900.

F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 2/4/1900. The request should, it is submitted, be refused.—H. CURRY, Under Secretary, 3/4/1900. Approved.—T.H.H., 9/4/1900. The Manager, the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), informed, 19/4/1900.

No. 38.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease No. 55, The Troffs Leasehold Area.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 April, 1900.

Referring to the scrub lease noted in the margin, one of the conditions of which (Article 7) provides that the right is reserved to the Secretary for Lands to say in and on what part of the leased land the clearing, scrubbing, suckering, and ring-barking shall be carried out during the first three years from the commencement of the lease (23rd July, 1898),—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Hassall to inform you that, in accordance with that condition, “Block A” has been selected as the part of the leased land to be operated upon, and to notify you that it is upon that block the work of clearing, scrubbing, suckering, and ring-barking must be performed during the first three years ending 22nd July, 1901.

Occ. 1900–2,776.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per F.H.W.)

No. 39.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Scrub Lease No. 55, The Troffs Leasehold Area.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 April, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo on the subject of the scrub lease noted in the margin, in which it is asked that some guarantee might be given that the right of resumption in the event of a railway being taken through the land, as provided by Article 9 of the conditions, will not be exercised,—I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, to inform you that the proposal cannot be entertained.

Occ. 1900–3,371.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per F.H.W.)

No. 40.

No. 40.

The Acting Manager, Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited), to
The Under Secretary for Lands.

Troff's Scrub Lease.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited,

Sir,

Bridge and Loftus Streets, Sydney, 3 May, 1900.

Referring to the Department's letters of the 19th April, per particulars above, and my conversation of this afternoon with the Under Secretary, I have the honor to ask that the Department give the Company compensation for the improvements in the event of the land being resumed for railway purposes, and that such compensation be granted before we give up possession. Our request for the compensation being granted before the land is taken from us is in view of the difficulty experienced in several cases by the Company when selectors have made use of the existing law to take away the lands from our leases with the improvements thereon. In several cases, although awards have been given in the Company's favour for the value of the improvements, we have not recovered payment for same, though put to great expense in proving our claims, and endeavouring to collect them. In some cases the selectors abandoned their holdings, after not only having use of our improvements, but frequently having destroyed them. Even then the land does not fall back into the lease, but is put through process of granting to selectors again with a like result, when the new selector of course wishes the improvements valued at their then depreciated worth.

The Company makes this application for compensation, on the ground that it is equitably entitled to same, feeling that it cannot fairly be contended that the Company should part with the improvements immediately its expenditure is completed without such compensation, and I trust that the Department on looking into the matter will take the same view.

I have, &c.,

B. ALLEN,

Acting Manager for the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co. (Ltd.)

No. 41.

Office Memorandum.

Scrub Lease No. 55, "The Troffs" Leasehold Area.—The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company
(Limited). 15 May, 1900.

THE abovementioned scrub lease, which contains an area of 31,034 acres, was gazetted as approved on the 23rd July, 1898.

Condition No. 9 attached to this lease is as follows:—"In the event of its being decided to construct a railway within 10 miles of any part of the subject land, the right is reserved to the Governor to resume the whole or a portion of the scrub lease by giving not less than four months' notice to that effect in the *Government Gazette*, and no compensation will be paid for the exercise of the right of resumption. Provided that upon the resumption of any land as aforesaid, a reduction of the annual rent will be made proportionate to the area taken."

The lessees, in their letter of the 20th March last (Occ. 1900-2,642), stated that the railway referred to in Condition No. 9, above referred to, is almost certain to be made, and they asked that some guarantee be given that the power of resumption contained in Condition No. 9 would not be acted upon; but this request was refused, and the lessees were so informed on the 19th ultimo, *vide* Occ. 1900-3,371.

The Acting Manager of the Company, in his letter of the 3rd instant (Occ. 1900-4,402), referring to our letter of the 19th ultimo, and his conversation with the Under Secretary on the 3rd instant, now asks that the Department give the Company compensation for the improvements in the event of the land being resumed for railway purposes; and that such compensation be granted before they give up possession. Their request for the compensation being granted before the land is taken from them is on account of the difficulty experienced by the Company in recovering the value of the improvements from the selectors, who, in some cases, abandoned their holdings after not only having made use of the improvements, but frequently having destroyed them, and even then the land does not fall back into the lease, but is put through process of granting to selectors again with a like result, when the new selector, of course, wishes the improvements valued at their then depreciated worth.

Condition No. 13 attached to this lease is as follows:—"13. Upon such resumption as aforesaid, or upon expiration of the lease by effluxion of time, the lessee shall have tenant right, as defined in the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the portion so resumed, or the whole of the land leased, as the case may be, in such improvements as may be effected with the consent of the Chairman of the Land Board or the Minister; but shall not have tenant right in scrubbing, clearing, ringbarking, or suckering."

Submitted for special consideration.

E. C. LANDERS.

R. H. DE LOW, 16/5/1900. F.H.W. Submitted, that the Land Board be asked to report on the request.—H. CURRY, 17/5/1900. Approved.—T.H.H., 18/5/1900. The Chairman of the Local Land Board, Forbes.—E.L. (*pro* N.W.), B.C., 28/5/1900. For the information of the District Surveyor. The District Surveyor.—A. J. VILES. (*pro* Chairman), 29/5/1900.

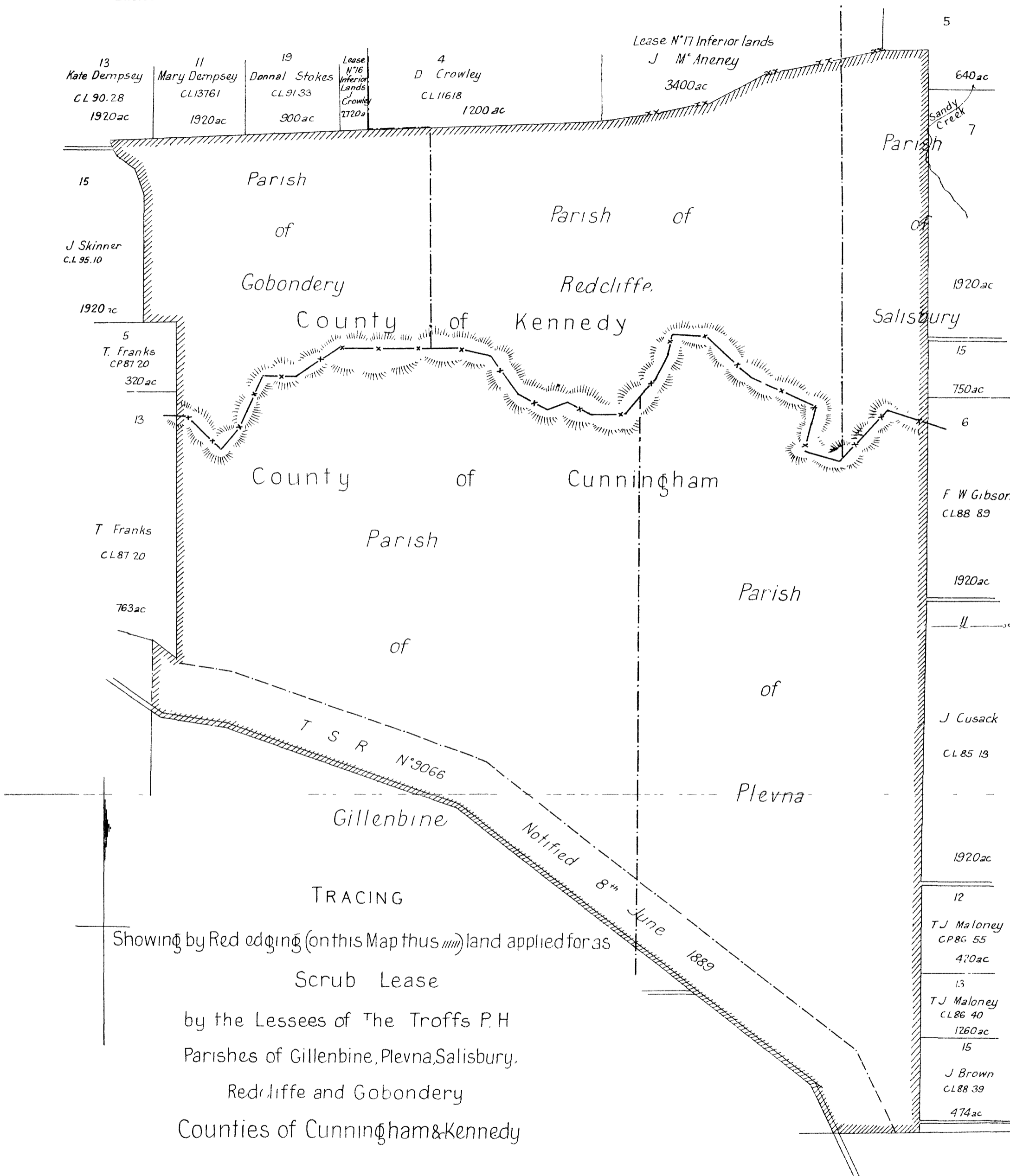
Noted. I am of opinion that, rather than comply with the lessees' request, it would be better to allow them to surrender the scrub lease on 10th January, 1903 (the date to which the pastoral lease was extended under section 3), relieving them in the meantime of the obligation of effecting any further improvements, and allowing them tenant right in all improvements so far effected, except those, of course, surrendered to the Crown under section 43 of the Act of 1889. The granting of the request for compensation would involve the Department in almost certain loss, as the Crown would not be able to recover from the selectors the same value that would be awarded to the lessees; and, in any case, once the improvements passed out of the lessees' possession, they would rapidly deteriorate unless the land was at once selected. If the railway line from Bogan Gate to Bullock Creek be constructed, the whole of this scrub lease will be eagerly taken up under homestead selection or settlement lease if made available.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 31st May, 1900. The Chairman.

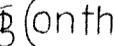
The Chairman, Wilcannia.—A. J. VILES, Clerk-in-Charge, 31/5/1900. This case may be set down for next Parkes Board Meeting, for inquiry in open Court.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, 19th June, 1900. The Clerk-in-Charge.

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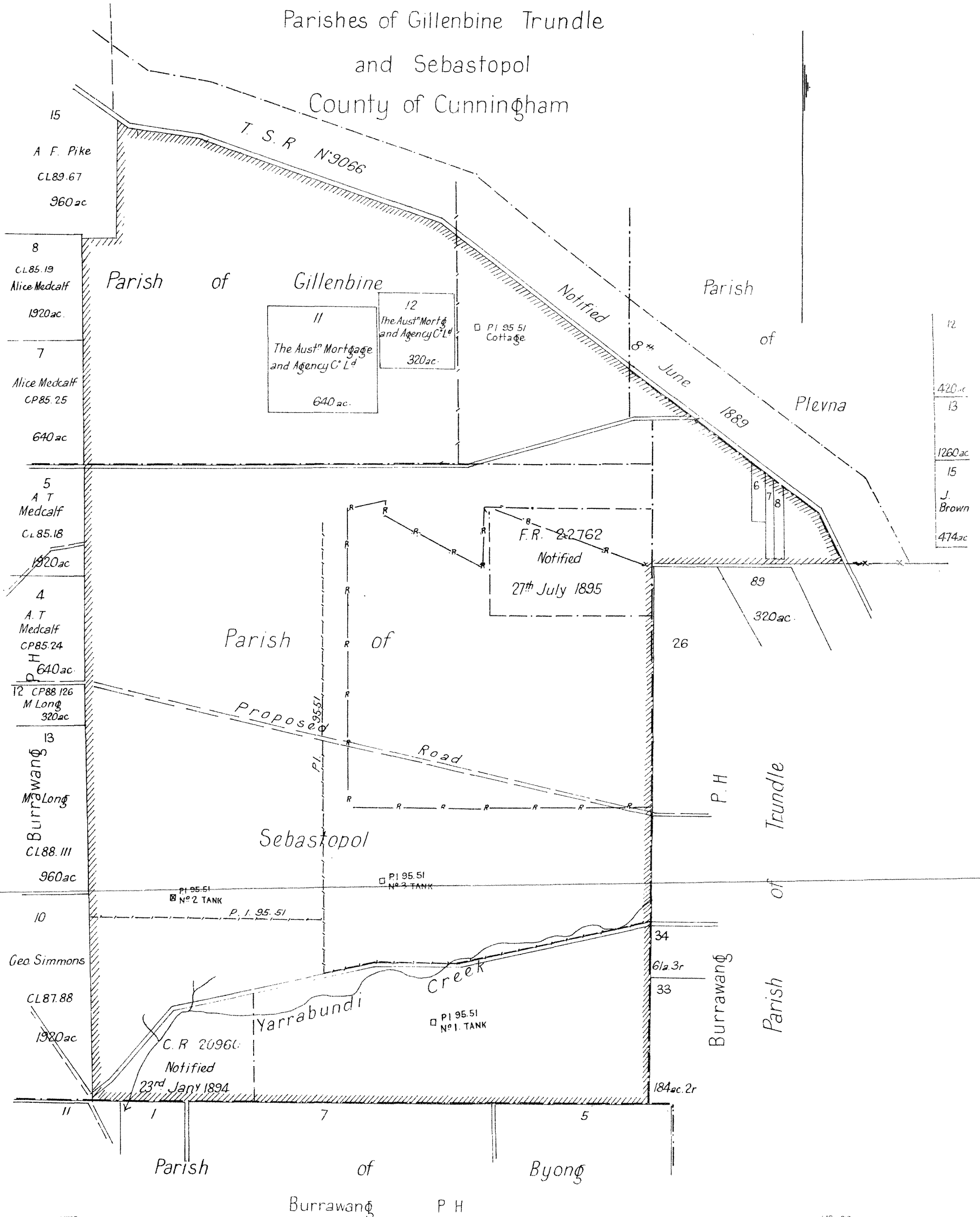
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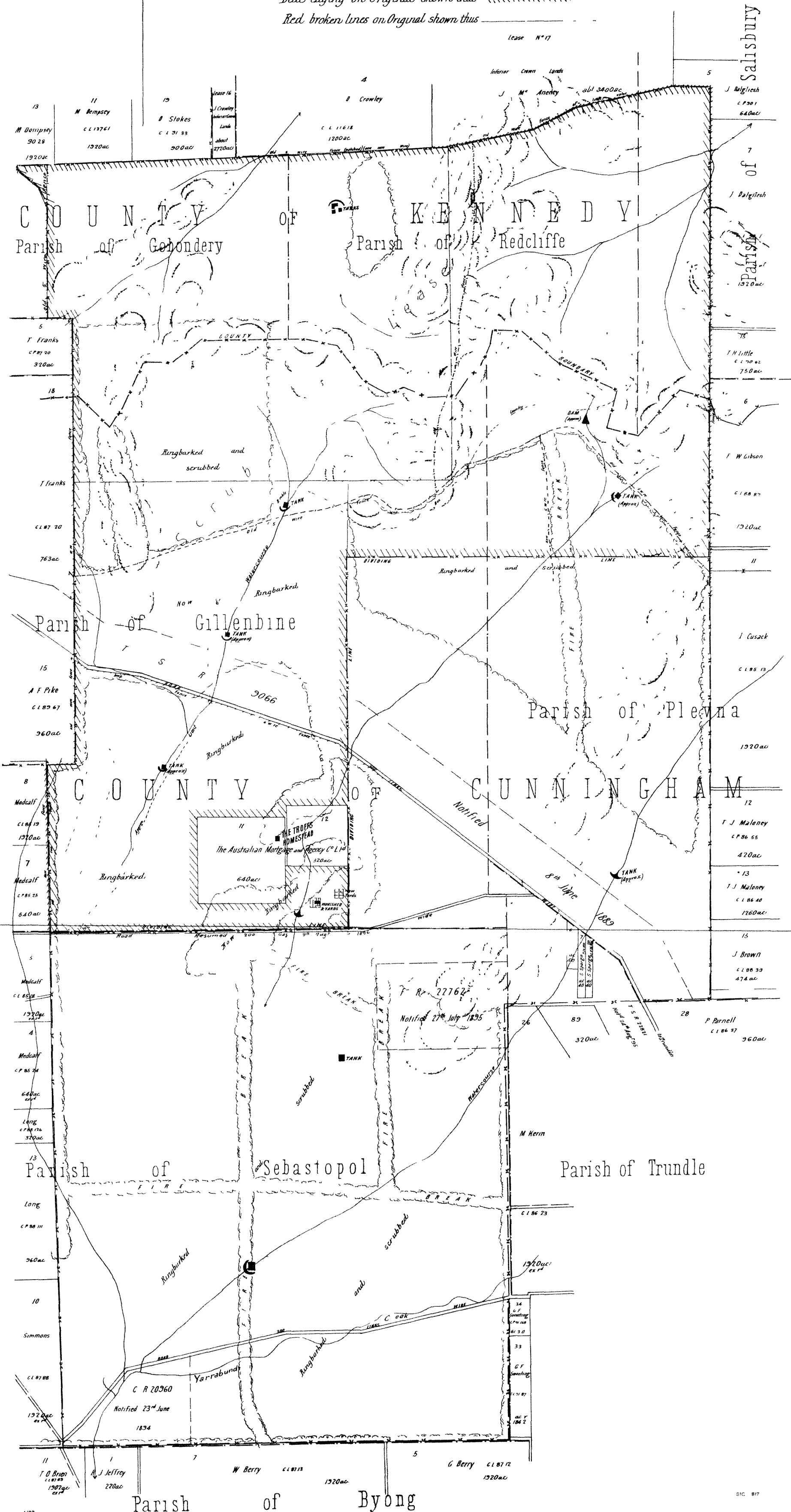
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by the Lessees of the Troffs P. H
Parishes of Gillenbine Trundle
and Sebastopol
County of Cunningham



Leasehold Area of N^o 218
THE TROFFS PASTORAL HOLDING
COUNTY OF KENNEDY
Land District of Parkes

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE TROFFS PASTORAL HOLDING, IN THE CENTRAL
DIVISION.

(RETURN RESPECTING.)

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RETURN (*in completion*) to an Order made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 19th June, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all papers, reports, and correspondence relating to,—

“ (1) The approved applications by the lessees of The Troffs pastoral holding, in the Central Division, to convert part of The Troffs leasehold area into scrub-lease areas.

“ (2) The refused application of Mr. D. Crowley to make up the area of his conditional-purchase holding over part of the land embraced in said scrub-lease applications.”

(*Mr. Thomas Brown.*)

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THE TROFFS PASTORAL HOLDING, IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

No. 1.

Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 15 September, 1897.

With reference to an application by the lessees of The Troffs holding in the Parkes Land District, to convert some 32,000 acres of their pastoral lease into a scrub lease, and which is now engaging the attention of your Department, I am requested to bring under your notice the case of an adjacent selector named Daniel Crowley, and to ask that, in the event of a decision being given in favour of this application, that you will cause it to be so modified as to enable you to meet the claims of this selector for consideration.

Mr. Crowley's case is that, when taking up land in this district, he was compelled to be satisfied with a remnant of some 1,600 acres of inferior land. As soon as this portion of The Troffs resumed area became available under the 1884 Land Act, it was acquired in full area conditional-purchase and conditional-lease blocks, with the exception of this 1,600 acres remnant. Not being able to find any other land available at that time to suit him, Mr. Crowley lodged an application for this block, and has been in occupation ever since. Mr. Crowley acquired and held this land with the expectation that when the pastoral lease under the 1884 Act expired he would be able to make his holding up to a full area. The further extension of lease under the 1889 Act deferred that expectation for a further period, and now, if this land is converted into a scrub lease, as applied for, Mr. Crowley will be debarred increasing his holding so long as such scrub lease obtains.

In view of the fact that this selector is a *bona fide* settler; that he acquired the land under a reasonable expectation that within a given time (since extended by an Amending I and Act) he would have an opportunity of increasing his holding; that he has stuck to the land despite the fact that it does not come within the definition of a sufficient area to support a family,—on his behalf I beg to make application that, in dealing with the application to convert these lands into scrub leases, that a sufficient area of land adjacent to Crowley's holding be excluded from said scrub lease as will enable him to make up his holding into a sufficient area at expiration of the present pastoral lease.

Trusting this matter may have your early and favourable consideration.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS BROWN.

Mr. Brown, M.L.A., desires that Daniel Crowley, a selector, may be allowed to complete his full area under conditional purchase and conditional lease. Having selected a remnant of 1,600 acres of inferior land on the resumed area of The Troffs holding, and not being able to obtain any other land, he has been occupying this area ever since, expecting to be able to make up his holding to the full area on the expiration of the pastoral lease of The Troffs, which was extended under the Act of 1889. It has been decided to grant a scrub lease of half the leasehold area, and to design the balance for settlement; the latter will not become available until after the 10th July, 1900. The District Surveyor may be asked to report on the request, and Mr. Brown so informed.—H. J. AYLWARD, Ms. Ls. Branch, 24/9/97.

R. H. DE Low, in charge of Lease Divisions, 25/9/97. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 27/9/97. W.H. Approved.—J.H.C., 29/9/97. Thos. Brown, M.L.A., informed, 30/9/97. The District Surveyor, Forbes.—J.P.M. (for the U.S.), B.C., 30/9/97.

No. 2.

District Surveyor Sharp to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

District Survey Office, Forbes, 6 October, 1897.

Crowley's present holding is indicated by red tint on enclosed lithograph of parish of Redcliffe, and the land he wishes to acquire is shown by blue tint.

The statement that Crowley when settling in the district was compelled to be satisfied with a remnant of 1,600 acres of inferior land is absolutely incorrect, as on the day that he and James Crowley selected, the whole parish of Redcliffe, except portions 15 and 16 (375 and 1,125 acres respectively) was available, as well as fully 5,000 acres adjoining in the parish of Gobondry, and several thousand acres in other parishes, all within The Troffs resumed area. He therefore had ample choice, being, in fact, one of the first, instead of the last, to select on that holding.

The land desired is within that part of The Troffs scrub lease for which the Minister has promised a term of fourteen years, the line dividing this from the ten-years portion being approximately as shown on lithograph. These dividing lines have now been marked on the grounds, but plan is not yet to hand.

I have seen the lessee, who objects strongly to the proposal, for the reason that the best water on the holding, since withdrawal under section 3 has been effected, is in the tanks shown approximately on lithograph, which would either come within the blue tinted area or just on the boundary thereof. He also points out that, apart from the scrub lease, he would have a tenure of between five and six years longer for the pastoral lease.

As the scrub-lease matter was thoroughly advertised, I do not think, at this late period, that Crowley's request should be entertained. He had ample opportunity to state his case when the matter was before the Board, but did not do so, and I recommend the application be refused.

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The Bullock Creek Farmers' Association, of which, I believe, Crowley is a member, has written to the Department, requesting that the withdrawn portion of The Troffs be subdivided into farms not exceeding 1,280 acres; and if that area is sufficient there, then 1,600 acres where Crowley is should also be ample to make a living off.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

D. Crowley desires to be allowed, to select his full area on that portion of The Troffs leasehold area now being dealt with as a scrub lease. The land desired by Crowley is shown by blue tint on the attached lithograph, and is within the block for which the Minister has promised a term of fourteen years, and contains water improvements effected by the pastoral lessee, who objects strongly to the proposal, for the reason that the best water on the holding, since withdrawal under section 3 has been effected, is in the tanks shown approximately on the lithograph. The District Surveyor points out that the statement that Crowley when settling in the district was compelled to be satisfied with a remnant of 1,600 acres of inferior land is absolutely incorrect, as, on the day that he and James Crowley selected, the whole parish of Redcliffe, except portions 15 and 16 (375 and 1,125 acres respectively), was available, as well as about 5,000 acres in the adjoining parish. He therefore had ample choice, being one of the first to select on The Troffs resumed area. Submitted, in view of the District Surveyor's report, that the request may be refused.—J. P. MCGUANNE, Ms. Ls. Branch, 13/10/97.

Crowley may be informed that the land he desires is part of the leasehold area, which will not expire till July, 1900; and he may be informed, in terms of the District Surveyor's report, as to the area available when he applied in 1889.—R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 14/10/97. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 15/10/97. W.H., 15/10/97. Approved.—J.H.C., 18/10/97. Mr. Brown, M.P.—M.S., 20/10/97.

No. 3.

Mr. Daniel Crowley to The District Surveyor.

Sir,

Trundle, 13 October, 1897.

I have applied some time ago (through Mr. Brown, M.L.A.) for to be allowed to make my holding to a full area, and received a letter from that gentleman stating the matter was sent on to you to report on. What land I hold at present adjoins The Troffs (that has been under consideration) *re* scrub lease, and is now granted.

If you have not already sent in your report, I would humbly beg of you to report favourably in my case, as I have not enough to live by, and as you know I have no other chance as all the land adjoining is taken up. A selector adjoining a squatter has a hard matter to live, with pests of every kind; and if I should get the land I would wire-net it all round and also scrub it.

There is no improvement on the land whatever asked for, and I consider I would be wronged if deprived of it, as my case is very strong in this matter.

By fully considering my case you will greatly oblige,

DANIEL CROWLEY,
Trundle, Parish of Redcliffe, County Kennedy.

Please inform the writer that I have furnished my report to the Under Secretary for Lands, by whom he will be advised as soon as a decision has been arrived at.—A.S., 18/10/97. The Chairman. D. Crowley informed, 19/10/97. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands in connection with my report of 6th instant, 97/708, Papers Ms. Ls., 97/11,558, to which I have nothing to add.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 18/10/97. The Under Secretary.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 October, 1897.

Adverting to your letter of the 15th ultimo, urging that in dealing with The Troffs scrub-lease application, provision might be made to enable Mr. Daniel Crowley to extend his selection, I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, to inform you that the additional area desired by Mr. Crowley forms part of the leasehold area of The Troffs holding, the lease of which will not expire till July, 1900.

With regard to the statement that Mr. Crowley was compelled, when taking up the land, to be satisfied with a remnant of 1,600 acres of inferior land, it has been ascertained that on the day Messrs. D. and J. Crowley selected, the whole of the parish of Redcliffe, with the exception of portions 15 and 16, of 375 and 1,125 acres respectively, as well as fully 5,000 acres adjoining in the parish of Gobondry, and several thousand acres in other parishes, all within The Troffs resumed area, was available.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.
(per R.H.P.)

No. 5.

No. 5.

Mr. Daniel Crowley to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, 2 November, 1897.

In reply to the Under Secretary for Lands, 97/12,432, Ms. Ls., I beg to explain that my brother, Mr. James Crowley, with his family, determined to settle here. The district being in a wild state, I was, of course, anxious to settle close to him. I was aware of these other lands being open for selection, and they were either inferior, too heavily timbered, or else too far away from my brother's land, so I naturally took into consideration that I would be able to make up my complement in good land when The Troffs leasehold area fell in for selection; but when it did, the Department gave them a further extension of five years, and for this further I have been waiting to secure the balance of my block. I trust the Hon. Minister will be good enough to make the necessary conditions for me to get it. I am aware other lands were available in different places, but in those selecting days we were allowed to choose our own blocks as there was no survey. As can be seen by the map, both east and west of my land is inferior land, and has been rented as "inferior lease" by the Department, at a normal rent—the west to James Crowley, and the east to Mr. J. MacAnaney.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL CROWLEY.

Presented by Thomas Brown, 10/11/97. Acknowledged, 15/11/97.

Mr. Brown, M.L.A., was informed that the land desired by Crowley forms part of the leasehold area of The Troffs which will not expire till July, 1900. Mr. Crowley again urges that provision may be made whereby he may select his full area, and points out that the land on the east and west of his land is held under inferior land leases, Nos. 16 and 17. In view of the District Surveyor's report of the 6th October last, to the effect that the land desired by Crowley contains water improvements recently effected by the pastoral lessee, it is submitted that the previous decision be adhered to, and Mr. Crowley informed accordingly.—J. P. MCGUANNE, Ms. Ls. Branch, 18/11/97.

Rent for year ending 11th June, 1898, not paid on inferior land lease No. 17, which adjoins D. Crowley's conditional lease on the east; please see lithograph. Inferior land lease No. 16 stands good to 11th June, 1898.—W.C.F., 26/11/97.

No. 6.

Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Bigenbong, 21 March, 1898.

Respecting an application made by me on behalf of Mr. J. Crowley, of Trundle, I am now in receipt of a letter from the Under Secretary, No. 98,552, 15/2/98, asking me to see you on this matter on the following Wednesday. I regret that my absence from Sydney has rendered this impossible, and as I am only now in receipt of this letter, I could not communicate with you at an earlier date. If you can hold the case over until my return I will be glad, and will do myself the honour to wait on you. I expect to be in Sydney in about a week from this date.

In case you may have to deal with the matter at an earlier date, I will take the liberty of saying here, that I believe Crowley is entitled to some consideration at the hands of your Department, and I would suggest that provision be made to give him that consideration. I know that he cannot make an additional conditional purchase until termination of the pastoral lease, but provision should be made in connection with the proposed extended scrub lease under the 1895 Act, that will enable the area of this selection to be made up by additional conditional purchase as desired at the termination of the pastoral lease.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS BROWN.

I may point out that trial survey of a line of railway from Bogan Gate to Bullock Creek, passing within a mile or so of this land, has been approved and is now being carried out; and if this line be constructed, as there is every likelihood of, there is no doubt that the area already held by Crowley will be ample to maintain a home upon.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 16 June, 1898. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No 7.

Memorandum.

25 July, 1898.

Mr. D. CROWLEY holds 1,600 acres by conditional purchase and conditional lease, but states that it is inferior land, and there was no other land available in the locality when he took it up in 1889. He was, therefore, compelled to abide by it, in the hope of obtaining a full area on the expiry of the leasehold area of The Troffs holding. He states that his present area is not sufficient to make a living off.

He now finds that it has been decided to grant a scrub lease of half the leasehold area, and to design the balance for settlement when the lease expires on the 10th July, 1900.

A withdrawal from this leasehold area, under section 3, to allow of the lessee making application for scrub lease was approved, and the withdrawal took effect in January, 1898.

Mr. Crowley, therefore, wishes that this area for scrub lease may be so modified to allow of him obtaining his full area; but the lessee objects to this, on the ground that he has valuable water improvements on that area which would be set apart for Crowley.

On the 6th October, 1897, the District Surveyor reported that the statement by Crowley that there was no other land available at the time of his application is incorrect, as there were thousands of acres in the same parish, and adjoining parish, available for selection, and Crowley was the first to select. As to the smallness of the area to make a living off, the District Surveyor points out that the Bullock Creek Farmers' Association, of which it is believed Crowley is a member, has written to the Department requesting that the withdrawn portion of The Troffs leasehold area be subdivided into farms not exceeding 1,280 acres.

It would, therefore, seem that Crowley has ample land in 1,600 acres.

Crowley's

Crowley's land is within a mile of a railway line which is likely to be constructed between Bogan Gate and Bullock Creek.

On the 18th October, 1897, the Minister approved that Crowley be informed that the land he desires is part of the leasehold area, which will not expire till July, 1900, and also of the land available in 1889, according to the District Surveyor's report.

On the 15th February, 1898, a letter was written from the Alienation Branch to Mr. Brown, M.P., asking him to call on Mr. Capper about the matter.

Mr. Brown, M.P., wrote on 21st March, 1898, that he would call in about a week's time. The scrub lease was gazetted 23rd instant. Submitted that Mr. T. Brown be informed that his request in Crowley's behalf cannot now be complied with.

W. H. STUART,
Acting in charge of Miscellaneous Branch.

R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 25/7/98. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 26/7/98. W.H., 28/7/98. Approved.—J.H.C., 29 July, 1898. T. Brown, M.P., informed (Ms.), 3 August, 1898. The District Surveyor, Forbes, to note and return.—W.H.S., B.C.Lands, 4/8/98. Noted and returned.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 6 August, 1898. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands, to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 August, 1898.

Referring to your letter on behalf of Mr. D. Crowley, asking that he be allowed to increase his holding out of an area set apart for scrub lease on the leasehold area of The Troffs pastoral holding, I have the honour to inform you, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, that the request cannot now be complied with, as the scrub lease referred to has been approved and gazetted.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

No. 9.

Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P., to the Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Parliament House, Sydney, 2 September, 1898.

I am handing you herewith for your consideration, a letter from Mr. Daniel Crowley, of "Moirs," near Trundle, respecting his application to be permitted to make up his holding under the 11th section of the 1895 Land Act.

Personally, I think this case is entitled to the consideration asked for, as my previous representations will show. I think provision should be made to meet this case on the lines I have already indicated, namely, by excising from the proposed scrub-lease area, the land required to make up the area of this holding, which would become available for that purpose at the termination of the existing pastoral lease. In this way the selector's claims could be fairly met, and no injustice done to other interests.

With reference to the official reports to which Mr. Crowley takes exception, I can only suppose that the reports have emanated from different officers. If Mr. Crowley's holding is of a character to be a "sufficient area" in itself, then applications to convert the adjacent lands—Troffs holding—into scrub leases should not be entertained. If, on the other hand, said applications are valid, then selectors' claims for consideration are established by that fact; and the issue for the Minister to decide is whether the selector or the pastoral lessee shall have the preference. I am satisfied the selector's application may be allowed without entailing any real hardship on the lessee; on the contrary, however, if not allowed, then a very great hardship will be entailed upon the selector.

May I ask the reconsideration of Mr. Crowley's case, with a view of a more favourable treatment of his application than your last letter indicates.

Yours, &c.,
THOMAS BROWN.

Acknowledged. The case was fully gone into on 98-5,153 Misc. Departmental, and the application was refused by the Minister on the 29th July last. Mr. Brown's letter is submitted, but, apparently, nothing can be done in the matter of increasing Crowley's holding. The District Surveyor's report shows that Crowley had ample choice, being one of the first selectors on The Troff's holding; so that, if the 1,600 acres taken up by him consist of inferior land, that is purely owing to his own want of judgment; and his contention that he had to be satisfied with a remnant of inferior land falls to the ground, as, at the time he selected, there was, according to the District Surveyor's report, the whole of the parish of Redcliffe (except two portions of 375 and 1,125 acres) available, besides 5,000 acres adjoining in the parish of Gobondry, and several thousand acres in other parishes, all within The Troff's resumed area. It is submitted that these facts be pointed out to Mr. Brown, M.P., and that he be informed that Crowley's request for an additional area cannot be acceded to, as the land is included in a scrub lease gazetted on the 23rd July last.—J. E. O'DWYER, in charge of Misc. Branch, 8 September, 1898.

R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 9 September, 1898. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 12/9/98. W.H., 12 September. Approved—J.H.C., 13 September, 1898. Mr. Brown, M.P., informed (Ms.), 14/9/98. The District Surveyor, Forbes, for his information. W.H.S., for the Under Secretary, B.C., Lands, 15/9/98. Noted and returned—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 16 September, 1898. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Enclosure.

Mr. Daniel Crowley to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

"Moirs," Trundle, 15 August, 1898.
 I beg to draw your attention *re* my wanting to extend my holding on The Troffs leasehold area. The report of the District Surveyor was, I think, altogether unfair. That gentleman, reporting on The Troffs leasehold area, when it was being recommended as a scrub lease, "that it was very inferior land—not worth one half-penny per acre," now reports my land adjoining as very rich, good land, and only a six-wire fence between. I am paying 2d. per acre for my land adjoining, and I hope that the necessary arrangements for me to make my holding a full block will be made.

Yours, &c.,
 DANIEL CROWLEY.

No. 10.

The Under Secretary for Lands, to Thomas Brown, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 14 September, 1898.

Referring to the letter of the 15th ultimo, forwarded by you from Mr. Daniel Crowley, of "Moirs," Trundle, again asking that he be afforded an opportunity of extending his holding by taking up additional land out of the area on The Troffs pastoral holding, which has been set apart for a scrub lease, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that at the time Mr. Crowley selected the land held by him the whole of the parish of Redcliffe (except two portions of 375 and 1,125 acres) was available, besides 5,000 acres adjoining, in the parish of Gobondry, and several thousand acres in other parishes, all within The Troffs resumed area, and, therefore, Mr. Crowley's contention that he had to be satisfied with a remnant of inferior land is untenable.

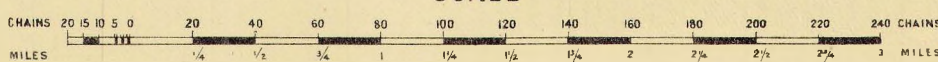
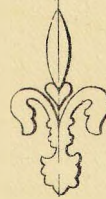
I am to add that, as the land in question is included in a scrub lease gazetted on the 23rd July last, Mr. Crowley's request cannot be complied with.

Yours, &c.
 WM. HOUSTON,
 Under Secretary,
 (per F.H.W.)

[One Plan.]

Enclosure to No. 2.

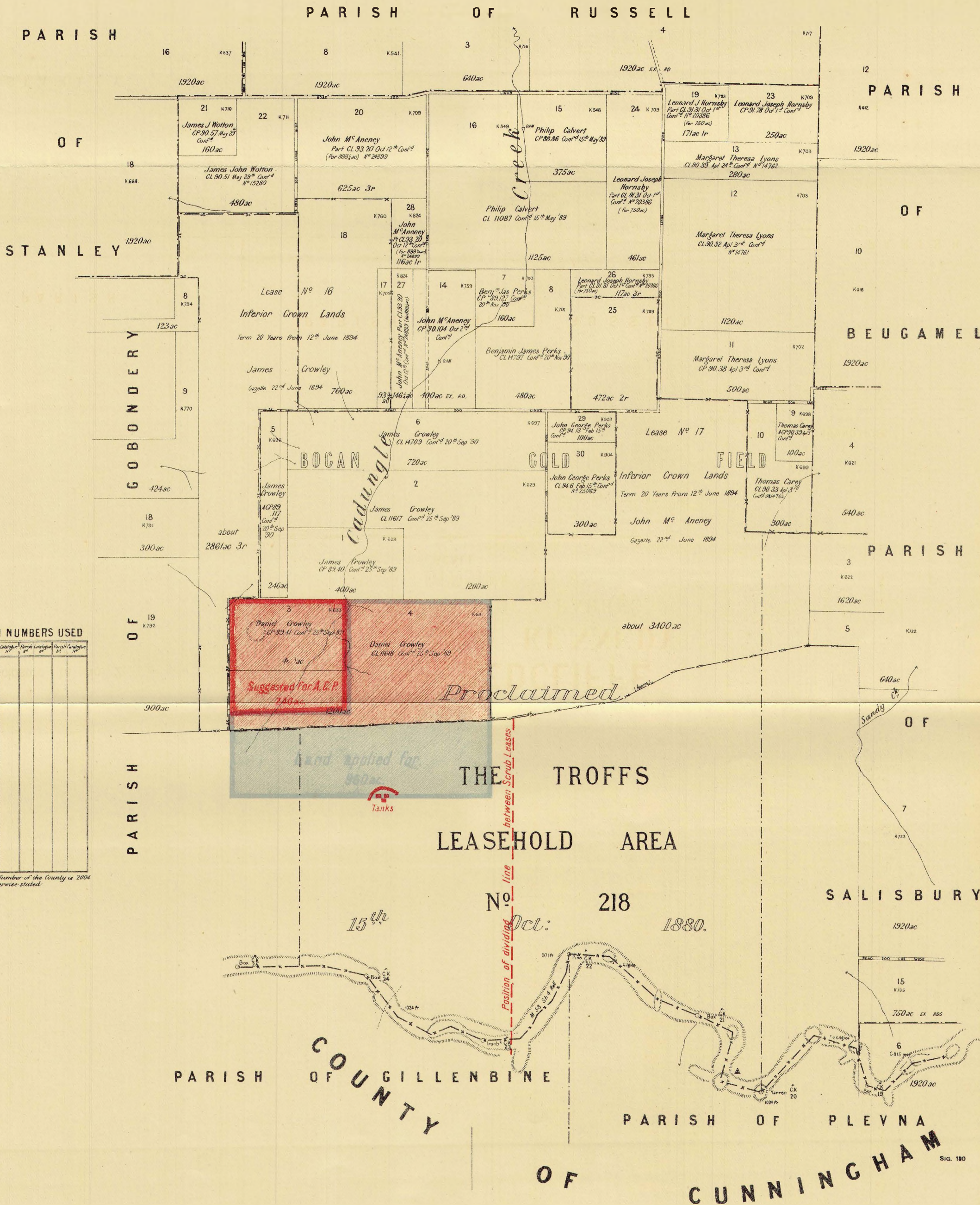
PARISH OF REDCLIFFE COUNTY OF KENNEDY LAND DISTRICT OF PARKES CENTRAL DIVISION N.S.W.



Date of Map 2nd Oct., '95.

DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARIES

County Boundary shown thus	— x — x — x — x — x —
Parish do do do	— — — — —
Inferior Lands do do	— — — — —
Dividing Line do do	— — — — —



PARISH NUMBERS USED

Parish	Category	Parish	Category	Parish	Category	Parish	Category
1	632	11	702	21	770	31	838
2	625	12	703	22	771	32	839
3	630	13	704	23	772	33	840
4	631	14	705	24	773	34	841
5	636	15	706	25	774	35	842
6	637	16	707	26	775	36	843
7	638	17	708	27	776	37	844
8	639	18	709	28	777	38	845
9	640	19	710	29	778	39	846
10	641	20	711	30	779	40	847
11	642	21	712				
12	643	22	713				
13	644	23	714				
14	645	24	715				
15	646	25	716				
16	647	26	717				
17	648	27	718				
18	649	28	719				
19	650	29	720				
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1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

NON-RESIDENTIAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES.

(PARTICULARS OF, TAKEN UP SINCE THE PASSING OF THE LAND ACT OF 1895.)

Printed under No. 18 Report from Printing Committee, 29 November, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 8th November, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing:—

- “ (1) The number of non-residential conditional purchases taken up since the passing of the Land Act of 1895.
 “ (2) The Land Districts in which they are severally situated.
 “ (3) The names of the present holders of such conditional purchases the conditions of which are yet unfulfilled.”

(Mr. Fitzgerald.)

No. 1.—RETURN showing the Number and Area of Non-residential Conditional Purchases taken up since 31st December, 1884, and still standing good, and the Land Districts in which they are situated.

Land District.	No. of C.P's.	Area.			Land District.	No. of C.P's.	Area.		
		a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.
Albury	5	631	3	0	Cootamundra, Central ...	12	2,619	0	0
Armidale	8	959	0	0	Corowa	5	687	3	0
Balranald, South	2	640	0	0	Cowra	14	1,902	2	0
Barmedman	1	89	0	0	Deniliquin	7	1,955	0	0
Bathurst	9	548	2	0	Dubbo	10	1,486	2	0
Bega	14	837	2	0	Dungog	7	534	0	0
Bellinger	13	972	3	0	Eden	20	1,400	3	0
Bingera	3	960	0	0	Forbes	7	1,280	0	0
Bombala	5	281	0	0	Glen Innes	2	108	0	0
Braidwood	5	362	0	0	Gosford	30	1,569	2	0
Boorowa	11	1,019	1	0	Goulburn	14	1,410	3	0
Campbelltown	2	110	0	0	Grafton	21	1,589	0	0
Carcoar	5	961	0	0	Grenfell	5	766	1	0
Casino	16	1,762	3	0	Gundagai	10	1,033	0	0
Cassilis	10	1,982	0	0	Gunnedah	2	640	0	0
Condobolin	1	240	0	0	Gunning	4	180	0	0
Cooma	8	1,154	2	0	Hay	13	3,057	0	0
Coonabarabran	7	1,100	1	0	Inverell	7	1,537	3	0
Coonamble	3	761	3	0	Kempsey	18	1,424	0	0
Cootamundra	16	2,102	1	0	Lismore	10	1,021	2	0

No. 1—continued.

Land District.	No. of C.P's.	Area.			Land District.	No. of C.P's.	Area.		
		a.	r.	p.			a.	r.	p.
Lithgow	20	1,654	1	0	Port Macquarie	11	781	2	0
Maitland	4	296	0	0	Queanbeyan	8	559	3	0
Metropolitan	4	914	0	0	Raymond Terrace... ..	9	804	3	0
Milton	1	40	0	0	Rylstone	14	2,304	3	0
Molong	7	1,433	0	0	Scone	11	1,951	2	0
Moree	5	1,199	0	0	Singleton	9	880	1	0
Moruya	15	1,916	0	0	Stroud	7	456	3	0
Moss Vale	31	1,817	1	0	Tamworth	10	1,805	0	0
Mudgee	7	640	0	0	Taree	14	1,094	0	0
Murrurundi	7	1,285	1	0	Tenterfield... ..	7	1,043	3	0
Murwillumbah	5	435	0	0	Urana	10	2,075	2	0
Muswellbrook	3	175	2	0	Wagga Wagga	13	3,010	1	0
Narrabri	3	509	0	0	Walcha	13	1,828	1	0
Narrandera	7	1,008	1	0	Walgett	5	901	2	0
Newcastle	1	80	0	0	Warialda	1	162	0	0
Nowra	11	643	0	0	Warren	7	2,240	0	0
Nyngan	1	320	0	0	Wellington	7	966	3	0
Orange	1	41	0	0	Windsor	110	7,174	0	0
Parkes	14	2,017	3	0	Wollombi	9	370	0	0
Parramatta	58	4,353	3	0	Yass	4	239	1	0
Paterson	9	1,394	0	0	Young	7	1,179	3	0
Penrith	44	4,175	2	0					
Picton	32	1,743	2	0	Total	938			

No. 2.—Return showing the Number and Area and the Names of Present Holders of Non-residential Conditional Purchases on which the Conditions are yet unfulfilled, so far as is shown by the Departmental Registers at Head Office, Department of Lands.

Land District.	C.P. No.	Area.			Name of Present Holder.
		a.	r.	p.	
Albury	1900- 6	40	0	0	Chas. A. Peake.
Bathurst... ..	98-14	52	0	0	Edwin Barnett.
	1900-10	40	0	0	Mary Boyd.
Bega	95-10	40	0	0	Hugh Jas. Gee.
	98- 1	50	0	0	Walter Curtis.
Bellingen	90-55	67	0	0	Jabez Jas. Boltwood.
	93- 5	48	0	0	
	97-12	73	3	0	Reuben Pigott.
	99-43	40	0	0	Peter Owen.
Bingera	92-16	320	0	0	Katherine E. Arndell.
Carcoar	99- 2	310	2	0	Aphra M. Glasson.
	99- 3	315	2	0	Norah L. Glasson.
Casino	99-14	60	0	0	Emily A. Hetherington.
Cassilis	94- 4	120	0	0	William J. H. Bettington.
Cooma	94-75	160	2	0	Ellen E. Ryrie.
	1900-60	120	0	0	Mary H. Hepburn.
Coonabarrabran	89-38	50	0	0	A. Croxon, sen.
	92-30	230	0	0	E. G. Beazley.
Dungog	99- 8	40	0	0	Timothy Jno. Taylor
Eden	94-25	120	0	0	Chas. Turner, jun.
	98- 9	50	0	0	Wm. Jas. Tweedie.
Forbes	96- 1	320	0	0	Susannah Doyle.
Glen Innes	1900- 9	48	0	0	Joseph Watson.
Gosford	94-20	40	0	0	Thomas H. Gosper.
	97- 9	40	0	0	Arthur Griffith.
	98- 5	46	2	0	Patrick Kelly.
	1900- 7	40	0	0	John Joseph Walker.
Grafton	97- 8	40	0	0	Wilmot J. Middleton.
	98-10	50	0	0	Anne E. Davison.
	98-12	40	0	0	Lydia F. Davison.
Inverell	1900- 9	150	0	0	Annie Swan.
Kempsey... ..	93- 4	54	0	0	Eliza M. Ball.
Lithgow	94- 8	69	0	0	Theodore A. Clark.
Molong	94- 4	177	0	0	Mary L. McNevin.
Moruya	99-10	40	0	0	Emily F. Bate.
	1900-10	80	0	0	Alice E. Bate.

No. 2—continued.

Land District.	C.P. No.	Area.			Name of Present Holder.
		a.	r.	p.	
Moss Vale	96- 4	45	0	0	G. Herdmun.
	98- 2	46	0	0	A. E. H. Carter.
	99- 2	40	0	0	C. B. Brownrigg.
	1900- 1	80	0	0	J. W. W. Croker.
Mudgee	99-36	50	0	0	J. D. Single.
	1900- 9	40	0	0	Wm. Thos. Gawthorne.
	1900-45	40	0	0	"
	99-16	40	0	0	R. A. Clothier.
Murwillumbah	99-21	100	0	0	Hugh M. Livingstone.
	94- 6	70	0	0	D. Lamond.
Nowra	99- 1	40	0	0	P. Davidson.
Penrith	96- 1	40	0	0	W. H. Bone.
	98- 1	40	0	0	Henry A. James.
	98- 5	40	0	0	W. A. Gullick.
	99- 1	40	0	0	James Lloyd.
Picton	99- 1	40	0	0	R. W. Davies.
Port Macquarie	95- 5	60	0	0	John H. Hill.
	95-11	40	0	0	"
Queanbeyan	1900-20	60	0	0	Catherine Roach.
Rylstone	1900-21	40	0	0	William Roach.
	96- 3	84	3	0	Alice R. Thompson.
Rylstone	98- 5	244	1	0	Ethel C. Lee.
	99-37	75	3	0	"
	99-38	60	0	0	Alice G. Lee.
	99-39	250	0	0	Florence M. Lee.
	99-50	50	0	0	Geo. W. Hardwick.
	99-61	310	0	0	Alfred H. North.
	99-62	320	0	0	Ethel S. North.
	99-63	320	0	0	Lucy G. North.
	95-16	100	0	0	Marion Abbott.
	98- 5	40	0	0	Reginald L. Davies.
	99- 3	60	0	0	Alfred C. Picton.
Singleton... ..	1900- 2	100	0	0	Arthur A. Eather.
	1900-10	40	0	0	"
Stroud	97- 7	50	0	0	Joseph Laurie.
Tamworth	95- 2	250	0	0	A. J. Edwards.
	97-24	320	0	0	A. J. Park.
Taree	1900-21	40	0	0	A. J. Edwards.
	99-20	68	0	0	Hellen Moore.
Tenterfield	1900- 5	50	0	0	Thomas Stone.
	97-23	43	2	0	T. T. Kelly.
Urana	1900-55	150	0	0	R. C. Hogarth.
	99- 7	320	0	0	E. B. Keane.
Wagga Wagga	96- 8	264	0	0	Jessie Hannah.
Warren	94- 5	320	0	0	Barbara Campbell.
	96-25	84	3	0	Wm. Jas. Robinson.
Wellington	96-57	40	0	0	Mary E. Suttor.
	99-27	130	0	0	Wm. Jas. Robinson.
	1900- 6	320	0	0	R. B. Suttor.
	1900-12	40	0	0	Thos. Geo. O'Brien.
	93- 2	60	0	0	B. Gosper.
	96-11	50	2	0	E. J. Loxton.
Windsor	97-12	40	0	0	T. Catterson.
	97-16	40	0	0	H. J. Wholahan.
	97-17	40	0	0	J. R. Hennessey.
	97-34	60	0	0	H. B. Matthews.
	98- 1	86	2	0	A. R. Powell.
	98- 7	40	0	0	J. R. Field.
	99- 6	40	0	0	A. A. Jones.
	88-20	40	0	0	Roland John Lumby.
	98- 7	40	0	0	Ernest A. Lynch.
	99-10	40	0	0	S. J. Butler.
Yass	96-11	40	0	0	J. R. Ross.
Young	91-44	44	0	0	D. B. Watson.

N.B.—These conditional purchases are included in Return No. 1.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

SCRUB IN THE WEST BOGAN.
(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 8 Report from Printing Committee, 9 August, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 22nd December, 1899, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, showing,—

- “(1.) The area of land cleared of scrub in the West Bogan.
- “(2.) The cost of clearing the same to date.
- “(3.) The area thrown open for settlement.
- “(4.) The area applied for.
- “(5.) The total of the upset rental annually on such area.
- “(6.) The total of annual lease rent to be paid on the area applied for.”

(*Mr. Spence.*)

- (1.) About 777,899 acres.
- (2.) £105,518 13s. 6d. with supervision, £88,000 18s. 8d. without supervision.
- (3.) 738,286 acres.
- (4.) 435,722 acres.
- (5.) £2,890 10s. 8d.
- (6.) £3,443 3s. 1d.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

A. HOPE'S SCRUB LEASE, NEAR CONDOBOLIN.
(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 13 Report from Printing Committee, 27 September, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 27th June, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with A. Hope's
“scrub lease, near Condobolin.”

(Mr. Holman.)

SCHEDULE.

NO.	PAGE.
1. Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin to the Under Secretary for Lands, enclosing application by Mr. Arthur Bobart Hope, for scrub lease of about 2,300 acres on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, Central Division, with minutes and enclosure. 4 May, 1898	2
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No. 1.

Messrs. Harison, Jones, and Devlin to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 4 May, 1898.

We enclose herewith papers received by us from Mr. A. B. Hope, Manna, Wamboyne, near Forbes, in connection with his application for scrub lease, particulars of which are given on the tracing annexed, and in respect to which we have this morning lodged with the Treasury the sum of £42—as per their receipt at foot of application form.

Yours, &c.

HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN, (LIMITED).
(G. R. JONES, Managing Director.)

Will Mr. Landers please state whether the applicant is the holder of a pastoral lease?—W.C.F., Miscellaneous Lease Branch, 6/5/98.

Messrs. Robert Hope, Thomas Culbertson Hope, Arthur Hope, and George Hope are the registered licensees of the preferential occupation license of Moonbi or Bogandillon, No. 542, Central Division; Arthur Hope does not appear to be the holder of a pastoral lease.—J.G., 13/5/98. Mr. McGuanne.

Will Mr. Hay please state whether any objections exist to granting a scrub lease of the land applied for, which forms part of forest reserve No. 21,907?—W.C.F., Miscellaneous Lease Branch, Forest Branch.

Forester Postlethwaite for report as to any objections, and, if unobjectionable, to suggest conditions; and also to state whether in his opinion any special supervision will be necessary.—R. D. HAY (for the Under Secretary for Lands). The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, B.C., 25/5/98.

Forwarded for report accordingly.—ROBERT McDONALD (*per* G.J.P.), Chairman, Local Land Board. Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 28th May, 1898. Mr. Forester Postlethwaite.

[Enclosure.]

Form 66, Crown Lands Acts.

Application for a Scrub Lease.

In pursuance of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," I, Arthur Bobart Hope, hereby apply for a scrub lease of the Crown lands hereunder described. I have lodged with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £ , and a receipt therefor is at the foot hereof.

I am of the age of over 21 years.

Signed this day of February, 1898.

A. B. HOPE,
Bogandillon, Forbes.

Description of the land applied for.

Parishes of Manna, Nerang Cowal, and Bena, county of Gipps, Land District of Condobolin, in the Central Division, about 2,300 acres. Commencing in the position shown on the accompanying tracing by red edging. To the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

RECEIVED, in connection with the above application, a deposit of £10, and a provisional survey fee of £32.
The Treasury, New South Wales, 4th May, 1898.

J. WALFORD,
(*Pro* Treasurer).

No. 2.

Mr. Inspector and Forester Postlethwaite to The Chairman, Local Land Board,
Forbes.

Sir,

Grenfell, 2 July, 1898.

According to your instructions, B.C., 25/5/98, with reference to the granting of a scrub lease of about 2,500 acres to Mr. A. B. Hope, of Bogandillon, parishes of Manna, Nerang Cowal, and Bena, county of Gipps, I have the honor to inform you that I see no objection to such a course being taken. On the contrary, I am of opinion that if the useless timber and scrub be destroyed, it will greatly benefit the good timber remaining.

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With reference to that portion of forest reserve 21,907, I would recommend supervision, and the following conditions :—

- 1st. Crooked and useless box, gum, and ironbark trees and saplings to be destroyed ; also all scrub and undergrowth.
- 2nd. Pine above 6 inches in diameter to be left intact, and that from 2 inches to 6 inches at 3 feet from the ground, to be thinned out to 10 feet apart.
- 3rd. The Department to be given at least three months' notice before operations commence, and not more than ten men to be employed at one time, so that the officer in charge can properly supervise the work.

I may mention that objections are raised by applicants to the stacking and burning off of scrub, which they say doubles the expense of the work.

I have, &c.,
JOHN G. POSTLETHWAITE,
Conditional Purchase Inspector and Forester.

Forwarded.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, Local Land Board (*per* T.W.W.), 5/7/98. The Under Secretary for Lands. Mr. Hay, Forest Branch.—J.G., 12/7/98. I think the conditions suggested by the Forester are suitable, and that special supervision and stacking and burning of debris and thinning should be enforced.—R. D. HAY, 15/7/89.

No. 3.

Office Memorandum.

Application for a Scrub Lease on the late leasehold area of Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, No. 542A, Central Division, Arthur Bobart Hope.

Department of Lands, 19 July, 1898.

ENCLOSED is an application for a scrub lease of about 2,300 acres on the late leasehold area of the above-mentioned pastoral holding.

The land is situated about 25 miles south-east of Condobolin and 40 miles west of Forbes, and between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

The present area of the late leasehold area above referred to is 24,666 acres, and is held under preferential occupation license by R. Hope, T. C. Hope, A. Hope, and G. Hope, at the rate of £2 18s. 8d. per section of 640 acres = £113 1s. 1d. per annum.

The Forest Branch state that there is no objection to granting a scrub lease of the land embraced in forest reserve 21,907, subject to the conditions recommended by Mr. Forester Postlethwaite on Occ. 98-5,845.

The applicant has lodged a deposit of £10, and a provisional survey fee of £32.

Submitted that the papers be forwarded to the Board for report.

E. C. LANDERS.

R. H. De Low (for U.S.), 20/7/98. Approved.—J.H.C., 21/7/98. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.L. (for U.S.), B.C., 22/7/98. The District Surveyor for report, &c.—T. W. WARD, Clerk-in-charge, 26/7/98. Instructions to Licensed Surveyor, Maitland, for report.—A.S., 8/8/98.

No. 4.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland.

Memorandum from The District Surveyor, Forbes, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor A. Maitland.

8 August, 1898.

AN application having been made by A. B. Hope for a scrub lease of the part of travelling stock reserve 17,085, indicated by red edging on the accompanying heliograph, Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland is requested to report as to the character of the country, nature, value, and ownership of improvements (if any), and whether there is any objection, in the public interest, to granting a scrub lease of this land.

If the application is recommended to be granted, Mr. Maitland will be so good as to suggest term and fair annual rental for the land, and to state to what extent it is being used by travelling stock.

Payment will be at daily rates.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

No. 5.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland to The District Surveyor, Forbes.

Exhibit "AA."—R. McD., Chairman, 19 June, 1899.

Memorandum.—Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Adam Maitland to the District Surveyor at Forbes.

14 September, 1898.

APPLICATION by A. B. Hope for a scrub lease of part of travelling stock reserve 17,085, notified 14th January, 1893, county of Gipps, Condobolin Land District, to me for inspection and report, under instructions No. 98-29, dated 8th August.

1. In compliance with the instructions quoted above, I have inspected that part of travelling stock reserve 17,085, within the Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, and have indicated upon the accompanying heliograph the limits of the different classes of country, as nearly as the necessary information could be gained from an inspection.

For plan see tracing X—No. 57.

2. The area in question, about 2,370 acres, is situated about 35 miles from Condobolin, and about 45 miles from Forbes, and, with the exception of about 50 acres of low, stony ridge at south-western corner, consists of almost level land, chiefly pine and box country, with patches of open boree (about 300 acres) and dense belar (about 250 acres).

3. About 1,300 acres of the northern portion is embraced by forest reserve No. 21,907, notified 22nd November, 1894. The soil on the pine timbered land within the forest reserve is red sandy loam with clay sub-soil. Southward of the reserve the soil becomes clayey and stiffer in character, and the pine gradually gives place to yarran and white box, with undergrowth of buddah and warriah-bush. The soil on the boree and belar land is crab-hole, stiff black and red clay.

5. There is not any natural water, save a temporary supply in gilgai holes. The ground is suitable for tanks. The average annual rainfall is about 20 inches.

6. Touching cost of improvements, I estimate the first cost of ringbarking and scrubbing over the whole area would be about 1s. 6d. an acre. A second expenditure of 6d. per acre would be necessary at the expiration of about three years from completion of first operation, and subsequent cost of keeping land free from suckers and scrub may be estimated at 1½d. per acre.

7. I estimate the carrying capacity of the land, in its present condition and during average seasons, at 4 acres to a sheep, and the improved capability at 1½ acres per sheep.

8. Assuming 1s. per sheep to be a fair yearly agistment rate, the grazing rental value of the land would be 4d. per acre. Rabbits are numerous, and wild dogs are destructive and troublesome, and general traffic, including passage of travelling stock, from end to end of the area, sensibly lessens the value of the land to a pastoral tenant. To what extent these drawbacks to profitable occupation are to be considered as affecting rental value is a debatable matter. Travelling stock reserve 17,085 is now but little used by travelling stock.

9. There are no improvements upon the land, save the run boundary fencing at either end (old drop fencing on eastern boundary and rabbit-proof fencing on southern boundary) and upon the boundaries common to portions 1 and 2, parish of Bena.

10. The pine timber upon forest reserve 21,907 should not be interfered with, save, perhaps, to cull out superfluous and worthless timber. This reservation is readily accessible, being traversed by a main thoroughfare, and inasmuch as much indiscriminate cutting is carried out upon such convenient and remote reserves, it does not appear advisable to thin out the trees to suitable distances apart, as regards growth, until circumstances warrant sufficient supervision over the standing timber.

11. It appears very inadvisable to separate by way of lease the high, dry land embraced by the travelling stock reserve from the adjoining low-lying flooded area covered by Cowal Lake. The high ground affords a refuge in time of flood, and the different classes of country can be most conveniently and profitably occupied together. A refuge reserve, No. 6, has been provided at the northern end of the lake; but I do not think that the available area of high ground is at all commensurate with the extent of flooded country. The improvement and development of the land applied for under scrub lease conditions would, no doubt, be of public benefit, but I cannot advise any action tending towards a separate lease, and am of opinion that the application should be refused.

12. The land was inspected on the 2nd instant, and this service, together with travelling, occupied one day; preparation of report, heliograph, &c., and office work, occupied a day.

A. MAITLAND.

No. 6.

Office Memorandum.

Proposed Scrub Lease, Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, county Gipps, parishes Bena, Nerang Cowal, and Manna.—Part of travelling stock reserve 17,085 and forest reserve 21,907.

Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 25 October, 1898.

An application by Arthur Bobart Hope for a scrub lease, in the form shown by red edging on attached plan, will be considered by the Land Board at Condobolin on a date to be fixed.

Objections, if any, may be lodged with the Chairman, at Forbes, by Saturday, 12th November, 1898.

ROBERT McDONALD.

Chairman, Local Land Board
(per T.W.W.)

No. 7.

Office Memorandum.

Exhibit "B."—R. McD., Chairman, 29/11/98.

Proposed Scrub Lease, Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, applied for by Arthur Bobart Hope.

Department of Lands, District Survey Office, Forbes, 25 October, 1898.

For the reasons given by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Maitland, it appears to be undesirable to grant a scrub lease of the land to the south of the line "A B," on plan marked "X," but the remainder, as indicated by red hatching, and embracing about 790 acres, might, in my opinion, be granted for a term of twenty-one years, at a rental of ¾d. per acre per annum (£2 per section), and subject to the following conditions:—

1st. Straight box and white or Lachlan pine trees, 6 inches or over in diameter at 3 feet from the ground, not to be interfered with. White or Lachlan pine, 2 inches or over in diameter at 3 feet from the ground, to be left at intervals of 20 feet apart where growing; the best or most promising saplings to be selected for preservation; also wilga, currajong, and berrigan or rosewood, except to whip or lop the branches for stock-feeding purposes.

2nd. That a firebelt, 2 chains wide, shall be left untouched round each boundary of the lease.

3rd. That all trees and saplings, not exempted in the foregoing paragraphs, shall be destroyed by ringbarking or otherwise, and all non-edible scrubs be thoroughly eradicated; that quondong, cherry, emu, currant, currawong, and warriah-bush shall not be destroyed (except for stock-feeding purposes); blue or golden wattle to be destroyed, or otherwise, at the lessee's option.

4th. That the lessee shall, within three months from the date of granting the scrub lease, commence to operate on the land as previously prescribed, and shall, within one year from that date, treat not less than one-half of the whole area, and shall during the next year treat the remaining half, in accordance with conditions 1 to 3. Land once operated upon to be afterwards kept clear of suckers and undergrowth during the remainder of the lease.

5th.

5th. That if fire be used for the destruction of the thinnings, sufficient precautions must be taken to prevent damage to the standing trees.

6th. That all persons duly authorised shall have full power to enter upon the land at any time during the currency of the lease for the purpose of cutting and removing timber without interference by the lessee.

7th. That stock travelling, pursuant to the provisions of the Diseases in Sheep Act (41 Victoria 19), or any Act amending the same, shall have the right to depasture on any part of the proposed scrub lease.

8th. That within three months of the granting of the scrub lease steps be taken towards destroying the rabbits, wallabies, and other noxious animals on the land as though it were within a declared rabbit-infested district.

9th. That any land required for mining or any other public purpose may be withdrawn from the lease without compensation, except for the lessee's interest in the improvements on the land so withdrawn.

The conditions suggested for thinning out the timber are very much less stringent than those advocated by the Forest Branch, which, in my opinion, are not adapted to cases in which the work is undertaken by individuals, inasmuch as there would be little or no return in the way of grass for the expenditure incurred.

The costs incurred in this office to date are as follow:—Mr. Maitland's inspection and report, £5 5s.; in District Survey Office, including my own time, £1 5s.; total, £6 10s.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

Notice and heliograph exhibited at Forbes, 25/10/98. Notice and heliograph to Crown Land Agent, Condobolin, 25/10/98. Advertisement to *Lachlander*, 25/10/98; published, 29/10/98. Advertisement to Government Printer, 25/10/98; published, 29/10/98. Letter to Under Secretary for Mines, 25/10/98, as to travelling stock reserve. Letter to Inspector Postlethwaite as to forest reserve, 25/10/98.—T. W. WARD, Clerk-in-charge, 28/10/98. Notice, 8/11/98, to A. B. Hope, and Memo. to Stock Inspector. Court at Condobolin, 29/11/98.

No. 8.

Mr. Inspector Postlethwaite to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

Sir, Condobolin, 5 November, 1898.

With reference to your instructions of the 25th October last, I have the honor to inform you that I am well acquainted with the country referred to, and that on the 3rd instant I went through the whole length *en route* from Lake Cowal to Condobolin, thus refreshing my memory.

The timber on the area of 2,300 acres, parishes of Bena, Nerang Cowal, and Manna, county of Gipps, about half of which is on forest reserve 21,907, consists of pine, box, gum, belah, and wilga, most of the west being heavily timbered; that on the east and part of the south open country, with patches of timber and scrub.

I see no objection to the granting of the lease; on the contrary, I consider that if the timber be judiciously thinned, it would be of benefit to the growth of the timber remaining, and in the interest of forest conservancy.

I venture to suggest that the following conditions be imposed on the lessee:—

All straight pine to be thinned out to 8 feet apart, but that none over 3 inches in diameter at 3 feet from the ground be interfered with.

All box or gum suitable for splitting or fencing to be preserved, and no wilga or warriah-bush to be destroyed.

The whole work to be done under Government supervision.

I have, &c.,
JOHN G. POSTLETHWAITE.

No. 9.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

The examination of Adam Maitland, of Condobolin, in the Colony of New South Wales, licensed surveyor; and Arthur Bobart Hope, of Bogandillon, in the said Colony.

WHEREAS it hath come before the Board, whether the application for a scrub lease of Crown lands in the parishes of Manna, Nerang Cowal, and Bena, county of Gipps, Land District of Condobolin, by Arthur Bobart Hope, should be recommended or otherwise; and it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Condobolin Court, 29 November, 1898.

Mr. Cheeseman (agent) for Applicant.

Mr. Sharp (District Surveyor) for Crown.

[Enclosure.]

THIS deponent, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—*To Mr. Sharp*: My name is Adam Maitland; I am a licensed surveyor, in the Land District of Condobolin; I inspected the land in question on 2nd September last, and prepared a report [*Exhibit A, and plan marked Exhibit X*], which I now produce; there would be no objection to granting a scrub lease of the land shown by red hatching on plan X; I did not go into the Lake Cowal, but there are patches of gum and box seedlings along the lake; I do not think a flood would kill them, as the water would be too shallow where they are growing.

To Mr. Cheeseman: If the applicant obtains a lease of the part of the lake within the Moonbi holding, there would be no objection to the granting of the lease in question; I think the part within the lake should be improved and kept in order.

Sworn before us, at the Court-house, Condobolin, }
this 29th November, 1898,—

A. MAITLAND.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
THOMAS F. MOONEY, } Members.
D. H. TASKER, }

This

This deponent, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—*To Mr. Cheeseman*: My name is Arthur Bobart Hope; I made the application for the scrub lease in question; I have heard the surveyor's evidence as to granting a scrub lease of the southern part of the area applied for and including the part within the lake; I would have included the latter part if I thought of it; I have known the lake since 1879, which is now very thickly timbered; when first I knew it it was comparatively open country; it is yearly deteriorating; the water that at times comes into the lake does not kill the timber; I now wish to amend my application to include the part of the lake within Moonbi holding; the whole of this is covered more or less with seedlings and saplings and other timber.

Sworn before us at the Court-house, Condobolin,
this 29th November, 1898,—

A. B. HOPE.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman,
THOMAS F. MOONEY, } Members.
D. H. TASKER, }

No. 10.

Decision of Local Land Board, Condobolin.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, }
to wit. } Arthur Bobart Hope.

WHEREAS on the 29th day of November, 1898, it became a matter for investigation before us as to an application, No. 98-6, by Arthur Bobart Hope, for a scrub lease of part of travelling stock reserve 17,085, parishes of Bena, Nerang Cowal, and Manna, county of Gipps; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we adjourn the case to a future Board meeting, at the request of applicant, and with the concurrence of the District Surveyor. It is stated that an amended application will be made, which it is expected will remove the objections stated by Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland in regard to the area at present applied for.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Condobolin, this 29th day of November, 1898,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
THOMAS F. MOONEY, } Members.
D. H. TASKER, }

No. 11.

Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir, Sydney, 5 December, 1898.

At the request of Mr. A. B. Hope, Manna, Wamboyne, near Forbes, we beg to hand you, enclosed herewith, documents in connection with an amended application for scrub lease being made by him, accompanying which is our cheque for £18 to cover the balance of survey fee.

Mr. Hope, writing us on the matter, mentions that the application has the approval of the District Surveyor.

Yours &c.,
HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN (LIMITED).
(G. R. JONES, Managing Director.)

Cheque £18, herewith.—F.B.S., J.R., 7th December, 1898.

The sum of £18 was credited this day as a supplementary provisional fee in connection with the attached amended application for a scrub lease.—S.C. (for U.S.) The Under Secretary for Lands, B.C., Treasury, 8th December, 1898.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith an application by Mr. A. B. Hope for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres of land in the parishes of Nerang Cowal and Bena, county of Gipps, Land District of Condobolin. Mr. Hope wishes this application to be substituted for one made by him dated February, 1898, and numbered 98-6, as it embraces the same land as that application, in addition to other lands adjoining. The deposit and provisional survey fee having already been paid with application No. 98-6, an additional sum of £18 to cover balance of survey fee required for the amended application has been paid to the Colonial Treasurer.

I beg respectfully to request that this application may be referred to the Local Land Board at Forbes for report.

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

I have &c.,
F. T. CHEESEMAN.

Form 66.—Crown Lands Acts.

Application for a Scrub Lease.

IN pursuance of the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," I, Arthur Bobart Hope, hereby apply for a scrub lease of the Crown lands hereunder described. I have lodged with the Colonial Treasurer the sum of £18, and a receipt therefor is at the foot hereof.

I am of the age of over 21 years.
Signed this 29th day of November, 1898.

A. B. HOPE,
Manna, Wamboyne, via Forbes.

Description of the Land applied for.

Parishes of Nerang Cowal and Bena, county of Gipps, Land District of Condobolin, in the Central Division, about 12,000 acres, in the position shown by red edging on accompanying lithograph, and embracing the resumed area of Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding shown thereon.

NOTE.—The deposit and provisional survey fee in connection with application No. 98-6 by me having already been paid, as this application is in substitution for that one I am paying an additional survey fee only.—A.B.H.
To the Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

RECEIVED, in connection with the above application, a supplementary provisional survey fee of £18.
The Treasury, New South Wales, 8th December, 1898.

S. R. CORKILL
(Pro Treasurer).

No. 12.

No. 12.

Office Memorandum.

Amended Application for a Scrub Lease on the Resumed Area of Moonbi or Bogandillon
Pastoral Holding, No. 542, Central Division.

Department of Lands, 13 December, 1898.

ENCLOSED is an amended application by Arthur Bobart Hope for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres, situated within the above-mentioned resumed area, together with a receipt for £18 as additional provisional survey fee.

The original application for an area of about 2,300 acres on the resumed area herein referred to was forwarded to the Board for report on the 25th of July last—*vide* Occ. 98-6,680.

Submitted that this amended application be referred to the Board to be dealt with on its merits.
E. C. LANDERS.

R. H. DE Low (for U.S.), 14/12/98. Approved.—J.H.C., 16/12/98. Mr. A. B. Hope, care of Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Sydney, informed by printed form of reference to Board, 19/12/98. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.L., (for U.S.), B.C., 19/12/98. The District Surveyor for report, and two helios for exhibition and one for Stock Inspector.—T. W. WARD (*pro* Chairman), 28/12/98. Instructions to Licensed Surveyor Maitland for report.—A.S., 19/1/99. Inspector Postlethwaite asked as to any objections as regards forestry, and to report any special conditions.—C.T.H., 25/5/99.

No. 13.

Office Memorandum.

The Lachlander and Condobolin District Recorder.

“Justice to All.”—Friday, January 20, 1899.—Proposed Scrub Lease, Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, County Gipps, Parishes Manna, Nerang Cowal, and Bena, about 12,000 acres—Arthur B. Hope.

Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 14 January, 1899.

PLANS illustrating the application are exhibited at the Crown Lands Office, Forbes and Condobolin, and objections should be lodged with the Chairman at Forbes not later than 8th February, 1899.

ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman, Local Land Board.

Local Land Board, Wednesday, 21st June, 1899. (Before the Chairman, R. McDonald, Esq., and W. Brooke and J. C. Sharpe, Esquires).—Arthur B. Hope, application for scrub lease of about 12,000 acres at Moonbi and Bogandillon holdings.—Declarations were tendered on behalf of Messrs. Geo. Dunn, Hedley Woods, and Henry Barnes, stating that they would select the land if made available for settlement lease, but were unable to remain in town from Monday to give evidence. After hearing evidence, the Board stated that they were inclined to consider the application favourably, but before giving a decision asked for reports from the Department of Works as to whether there would be any objections to granting a lease for ten or fifteen years, relating to the growth of scrub, subject to special condition that the lease may be wholly or partly cancelled if the land should be required in connection with any scheme for drainage of Lake Cowal, or any public scheme in connection with irrigation, drainage, or water conservation. The case was then postponed.

Condobolin.—Scrub Lease, No. 98-25, Arthur B. Hope, Manna, Wamboyne, Forbes. Moonbi or Bogandillon. Advertisement to *Gazette*, 14/1/99; published, 25/1/99, folio 700. Advertisement to *Lachlander*, 14/1/99; published, 20/1/99. Notice exhibited at Forbes, 14/1/99. Notice and helio to Crown Lands Agent, Condobolin, 14/1/99. Helio to Stock Inspector, 14/1/99. *Gazette* slip to Postmaster, Bena, for public information, 23/1/99. Court at Condobolin, 8th June, 1899; notice, 15/5/99. To A. B. Hope.

No. 14.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland.

19 January, 1899.

In connection with his report 98-44 of 14th September last, Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland is informed that an application has been received from A. B. Hope for a scrub lease of the area (about 12,500 acres) indicated by red edging on accompanying heliograph, and he is requested to furnish a report as to the character of the country, nature, value, and ownership of improvements (if any), and whether there is any objection in the public interest to granting a scrub lease of this land, either wholly or in part.

If the application is recommended to be granted, Mr. Maitland will be so good as to suggest terms and fair annual rental for the land, taking into account the fact that travelling stock would have a right to depasture over the whole of travelling stock reserve 17,085, that forest reserve 21,907 would be subject to specially stringent conditions as regards thinning out the timber, and that no tenant right would be allowed in ringing and scrubbing improvements.

The scrub lease, if granted, should apparently include the part of travelling stock reserve and reserve for refuge in time of flood No. 6, within Warroo pastoral holding.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

Report herewith, under letter No. 99-26. The character of the country differs widely from that usually leased under improvement conditions, and the case appears to be an exceptional one. My letter, No. 98-44 of 19th September, deals fully with reserves 17,085 and 21,907, and should accompany the present report.—A. MAITLAND, 8th April, 1899.

No. 15.

Office Memorandum.

Application by Mr. Arthur Bobart Hope, for a Scrub Lease of about 12,000 acres, on the Resumed Area of Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, No. 542, Central Division.

12 February, 1899.

THE above-mentioned application came before the Local Land Board at Forbes, on the 21st June, 1899, and after taking evidence and inquiring into the matter the Board stated that they were disposed to consider this application favourably excepting as regards the portion of land shown by black hatching; but before giving their decision they wish to be furnished with a report by the Department of Public Works as to whether there should be any objection to granting a lease of the subject land for a period of from ten to fifteen years under conditions relating to growth of scrub, and subject to the special condition that the lease may be wholly or partly cancelled if the land should be required in connection with any scheme for the drainage of Lake Cowal or any other public scheme in connection with irrigation, drainage, or water conservation. The Board also wished to be informed whether there was any objection, from the same points of view, to the alienation of the area within the limits of the flooded land (known as Nerang Cowal) or to the leasing of the land for a period of twenty-eight years (but without a condition of resumption) as settlement leases. The papers were therefore referred to the Works Department for that purpose—*vide* Occ. 99-6,417.

The Works Department reported that there was no objection to granting a lease of the land in question for fifteen years—*vide* Occ. 99-8,075.

This case came before the Local Land Board at Forbes again on the 25th September last, and after taking further evidence and inquiry into the matter, and considering the protests lodged against the granting of the scrub lease (Occ. 99-8,122, 8,123, and 8,516), the Board recommend that the application for scrub lease be refused, and that the whole of the deposit lodged by the applicant be refunded to him, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with one block of 1,560 acres, as shown by black etching on plan [*Exhibit E*], with a view to being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender under the conditions proposed by the District Surveyor in his report [*Exhibit B*], in so far as they will apply, with the further condition of resumption in connection with any public scheme for irrigation, drainage, or conservation of water; the term of the leases to be fifteen years. The upset rental to be determined after subdivision—*vide* Occ. 99-11,696.

The applicant lodged an appeal against the Board's decision on the several grounds as set out on back of notice of appeal (L.B. 99-7,178).

The Land Appeal Court sustain the appeal, and recommend the Minister to grant the applicant a scrub lease of about 11,240 acres, as shown by red etching on plan marked [*Exhibit E*], the area of 1,560 acres shown by black etching being excluded from the area originally applied for—*vide* Occ. 99-13,603.

The finding or recommendation of the Land Appeal Court is not binding on the Minister, and as the Local Land Board has not recommended that the land applied for as a scrub lease be declared "scrub land," it is not practicable to grant a scrub lease of it.

Submitted for special consideration.

E. C. LANDERS.

Since writing the above a further protest has been presented by Mr. Holman, M.P., against the granting of the scrub lease—*vide* Occ. 99-13,815 herewith.—E.L., 12/2/99. Special.

Submitted. It will perhaps be best to adopt the Board's report to refuse the application for a scrub lease, and thus leave the way open for future consideration of the question of the best means of disposal of the land. As the Board has not recommended the land be declared scrub land, it seems, at present, there is no other course open.—R. H. DE LOW, in charge of Lease Division, 14/2/99.

For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 15/2/99.

No. 16.

Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland to The District Surveyor, Forbes.

Exhibit "A."—R. McDonald, Chairman, 19 June, 1899.

Application by Arthur Bobart Hope for a Scrub Lease of about 12,500 acres, parishes of Manna, Nerang Cowal, and Bena, County of Gipps, Condobolin Land District. To me for report, under instructions dated 19th January, 1899.

8 April, 1899.

IN compliance with the instructions quoted above, I have made an inspection of part of the Manna or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, applied for, under scrub lease conditions, by Arthur Bobart Hope, and have indicated upon the accompanying heliograph the limits of the different classes of country as nearly as the necessary information can be gathered from an inspection. The open forest and thickly timbered country within the lake area, generally merge almost imperceptibly together, and therefore it would be extremely difficult to pourtray with great accuracy the varying density of the timber.

The land in question is situated about 45 miles and 35 miles from the towns of Forbes and Condobolin, respectively, and comprises about 12,500 acres, covered by the following reserves from sale, *viz.*, travelling stock and reserve for refuge in time of flood No. 6, reserve 14,941, water reserve 2,566 travelling stock reserve 17,085, and forest reserve 21,907. A description and report in connection with the two reserves last mentioned has been already furnished by my letter, No. 44, dated 19th September, 1898, and the matter now to be considered is the advisability or otherwise of granting a lease under improvement conditions of the area embraced by water reserve No. 2,566, *viz.*, part of Cowal Lake.

This area, about 8,300 acres, consists of level, low-lying, swampy land, subject to inundation, but available for grazing occupation about five years out of six. The land has been flooded three times within the

the last eighteen years, and after flooding the water takes about a year to drain off and dry up. The land gradually becomes available for stock as the water recedes, but for a considerable time after flooding the greater part of the land produces nothing but weeds.

About sixteen years ago this part of Lake Cowal was all very open country, scattered gum-trees here and there, and a light fringe of box timber around the lake edge. At the present time the 8,300 acres are made up approximately as follows:—2,600 acres very open forest, 3,400 acres fairly open forest with patches of thickly timbered land, and 2,300 acres of dense timber, mostly small trees and saplings. The timber is chiefly stunted gum of no value, patches of box seedlings and saplings, and occasional belars occur near to the banks of the lake.

It is obvious that the land is gradually becoming covered thickly with worthless timber, and that the pastoral value—*i.e.*, the grazing capacity—is steadily decreasing. I am of opinion that an unchecked timber growth would render the lake area comparatively valueless in about ten years' time. The labour and cost of improving the land will increase with delay.

The first operation of ringbarking would cost about 8d. per acre. Subsequent expenditure necessary to keep down suckers and seedlings depends upon the aftergrowth, and I am unable to furnish any information based upon treatment of similar country. I observed that recently ringbarked gum timber, within Lake Cowal, on Warroo holding, was thickly overgrown with suckers.

I estimate the carrying capability of the land, when available, at 3 acres per sheep, and the improved capacity at 1½ acre per sheep. Assuming 1s. as a fair yearly agistment rate per sheep, and deducting a sixth for probable flooded period, the annual rental value of the land would be 3½d. per acre.

The area embraced by travelling stock reserve and reserve for refuge in time of flood No. 6, bounded on the east by portions 48 and 59, parish of Moora Moora (the western boundary lines of these portions and of conditional lease 281 are substantially fenced and form part of the recognised eastern boundary of Manna holding), contains about 1,700 acres, made up as follows:—About 100 acres steep, rocky hill (conglomerate formation); about 1,300 acres low ridges, sloping and level land, red loamy sandy soil, thickly timbered with box, pine, yarran, and bull oak, with patchy scrub of pine, wattle, and buddah; about 50 acres thickly timbered with belar; and about 250 acres open dead boree and plain country. Estimated natural grazing capacity, 4 acres to a sheep.

The pine timber upon this reserve should not be interfered with, save to cull out worthless trees. All other timber, save sound, straight box-trees, might be destroyed, and the scrub and undergrowth cleared away.

Reserve 14,941 consists of plain and open dead boree country, stiff, clayey, crabhole soil, and covers about 200 acres. Estimated carrying capacity 1½ acre per sheep.

It is obvious that under present conditions of tenure the value of the lake area as a State asset is steadily decreasing, and also that the whole area applied for as a scrub lease is being worked and used under great disadvantages, owing to absence of subdivision fences and sufficient water improvements. In view of these circumstances, it appears advisable and necessary to take such action as will at least prevent the gradual depreciation of part of the public estate, and I would suggest two courses, *viz.*, that the application for a scrub lease over the whole area be granted, or that the land be divided into two about equal portions by a line from north to south, and offered under settlement lease conditions.

Viewing the character of the country, and in consideration of the fact that the greater portion of the high dry land adjoining the lake is reserved for preservation of timber, and therefore cannot be thoroughly improved for grazing use, and is infested with rabbits, and that travelling stock have the right to depasture over the whole of travelling stock reserve 17,085, I am in favour of the former proposition, and have to recommend that a scrub lease over the whole area be granted for a term of nine years at an annual rental of 3d. per acre, subject to the following conditions:—

The first operation of scrubbing and ringbarking to be completed within twelve months from date of commencement of lease, unless floods occur, when an extension of time may be granted; and the land to be kept clear of suckers, box and gum seedlings, scrub, and Bathurst burr, until termination of lease.

The timber and undergrowth upon forest reserve No. 6, and forest reserve 21,907, to be thinned and otherwise dealt with, according to directions from Forestry Department.

Reasonable action as regards destruction of rabbits to be taken.

Breach of conditions may entail cancellation of lease, and forfeiture of all improvements effected on the land.

No tenant right to be allowed in ringbarking and scrubbing improvements, save in case of resumption.

Tenant right to be allowed in all other improvements necessary to the beneficial occupation and use of the land.

If required for settlement or any other public purpose, the whole area, or any portion of it, may be resumed from lease after the expiration of three years from commencement of lease, the lessee to receive not less than twelve months notice of the resumption of any area exceeding 6,000 acres.

Six months, notice of resumption of any area exceeding 1,000 acres and less than 6,000 acres, and three months notice of the resumption of any area exceeding 100 acres and less than 1,000 acres.

Areas aggregating 100 acres may be resumed without notice. In event of resumption taking place, the lessee to receive compensation for ringbarking and scrubbing improvements according to the proportion between expired and unexpired periods of lease—*i.e.*, if half lease has expired, the lessee to be entitled to half value; if three-fourths have expired, to one-fourth value.

There are no improvements upon the area save the fencing upon exterior boundaries. The old deadwood fence on eastern boundary within the lake, A to B, is insecure and worthless, and a harbour for rabbits.

The water supply is afforded by tanks upon the adjoining alienated lands.

The exterior boundaries of the proposed lease should follow the broken red lines outside red edging.

The inspection of the land was carried out on 4th instant and occupied a day, and preparation of heliograph, report, &c., occupied a day in office.

Heliograph and instructions herewith.

The annual rainfall is about 20 inches.

A. MAITLAND.

No. 17.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, to Mr. Inspector Postlethwaite.

Local Land Board Office, Forbes, 25 May, 1899.

AN application for a scrub lease on the resumed area of Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, Central Division, parish of Nerang Cowal, county of Gipps, Land District of Forbes, has been lodged. You are requested to report objections, if any, to portion of such lease shown on sketch being granted in the interests of forestry.

See sketch on back hereof showing the land referred to, which is in reserve—travelling stock and refuge from flood reserve No. 6.

ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman.
(per T.W.W.)

You will probably be able to report on this application without a special visit. Please state any special conditions you think should be imposed. The case will probably be heard at the Board meeting, commencing 6th June, 1899.

No. 18.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

Exhibit "B."—R. McDonald, Chairman, 19 June, 1899.

Office Memorandum.—Proposed Scrub Lease, Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, applied for by Arthur Bobart Hope.

District Survey Office, Forbes, 29 May, 1899.

SINCE receipt of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland's report, of 8th ultimo, I have personally inspected a large proportion of the area applied for, and I am of opinion that the best use to which the land can be put, for the next ten years at any rate, would be to lease it under improvement conditions. Although I recognise that there may be a difficulty in declaring the greater part of the lake country to be scrub lands, still I think the wording of the 35th section of the Act of 1899 is sufficiently elastic to admit of it being so declared; and I therefore recommend that the area shown by red etching on plan marked "E," containing about 12,800 acres, be granted as a scrub lease to the applicant for a term of ten years, at an annual rental of 1½d. per acre (£½ per section), and subject to the conditions hereafter mentioned.

I do not think it would be desirable to encourage settlement lessees to take up this land, for the reason that a person having no other country near would probably have to sacrifice his stock every time the lake filled, as the small amount of high ground on each holding would be wholly insufficient to carry the stock for long, especially as in one case travelling stock would have the right to run all over it, and in the other case the land, being a timber reserve, could only be very partially improved.

I quite concur in Mr. Maitland's recommendation as regards including in the proposed scrub lease the small portions of Warroo resumed area.

The conditions which I would recommend to be attached to the scrub lease are as follows:—

1st. That the following trees shall not be interfered with: Straight box and gum trees, 8 inches or over in diameter, and pine-trees 6 inches or over in diameter, at 3 feet from the ground (except on forest reserves 6 and 21,907). Pine-trees between 3 and 6 inches in diameter, unless growing within 20 feet of each other, in which case the best or most promising saplings are to be selected for preservation. On forest reserves 6 and 21,907, the distance to be left between the saplings to be 8 feet instead of 20 feet, also all boree, currajong, wilga, and berrigan or rosewood, except to whip or lop the branches for stock-feeding purposes.

2nd. That firebelts 2 chains wide be left on each side of the main track from Marsden to Condouplin, round each boundary of forest reserve No. 6, and east and west and north and south, at intervals of about 1½ mile through the lease; also, at the lessee's option, 1 chain wide round each boundary of the lease, also small clumps, for shade purposes, at intervals of about a mile apart.

3rd. That all trees and saplings not exempted in the foregoing paragraphs shall be destroyed by ringbarking or otherwise, and all non-edible scrubs thoroughly eradicated; that quandong, cherry, cmu, currant, currawong, and warriah-bushes shall not be destroyed, except for stock-feeding purposes.

4th. That the lessee shall commence to operate on the land as previously prescribed, and shall, within one year from that date, treat not less than one-fourth of the area, and shall, during each succeeding year, treat not less than an additional one-fourth, until the whole area shall have been ringbarked and scrubbed, in accordance with conditions 1 to 3. Land once operated upon to be afterwards kept clear of suckers, seedlings, and undergrowth during the remainder of the term.

5th. That within three months from the granting of the scrub lease, steps be taken towards destroying the rabbits, wallabies, and other noxious animals on the land, and that all reasonable means be subsequently adopted for eradicating these animals.

6th. That any land required for mining, or other public purpose, may be withdrawn at any time, without compensation other than for the lessee's interest in the improvements for the unexpired portion of the lease.

7th. That should the land be required for settlement purposes, the Minister shall have power to resume up to one-half the area of the scrub lease, but such power shall not be exercised during the first six years of the lease; and as compensation for a withdrawal under this condition the lease of the remaining half shall be proportionately extended, but such extended term shall not exceed four years from the termination of the first term of ten years.

8th. Except as provided in condition No. 6, the lessee shall not have tenant right in ringbarking or scrubbing improvements, but shall have tenant right in all other improvements which may be effected with the permission of the Minister or Chairman of the Board.

The costs incurred to date are as follows:—As particularised on L.B. 98-6,945, £6 10s.; my attendance at Land Board meeting, on 29th November, 1898, £2; Mr. Maitland's attendance at same meeting, £7 14s.; Mr. Maitland's further report (L.B. 99-2,371), £5 5s.; District Survey Office, including my own time, £2 2s.; making a total of £23 11s.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

No. 19.

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No. 19.

Mr. Inspector Postlethwaite to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

Tendered by Mr. Sharp, and admitted by consent.—R. McD., 8 June, 1899.

Sir,

Grenfell, 4 June, 1899.

In reply to your memorandum of the 25th May last *re* the application for a scrub lease on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, parish of Nerang Cowal, county of Gipps, I have the honor to state that I do not see any objection to the granting of such lease in the interests of forestry.

A portion of this reserve, shown on the sketch herewith returned by blue hatching, was applied for by J. E. Ridley as an additional conditional lease, and is destitute of useful timber, besides being subject to inundation; the north-east corner of the reserve is also flooded at times.

I venture to suggest that the applicant be permitted to ringbark the timber on forest reserve No. 6 under the following conditions:—

1. Only crooked and useless box and gum trees to be destroyed; also, all scrub except edible scrub.
2. Pine above 6 inches in diameter to be left intact; pine from 2 to 6 inches in diameter to be thinned out to distances of 10 feet apart, leaving the best and straightest saplings; pine below 2 inches in diameter to be destroyed.

Girth measurement to be taken at 3 feet from the ground; thinnings and clearings to be stacked and burnt when dry. If deemed advisable by the Land Board, also an overseer be appointed to superintend the work, or the Forester be instructed to visit the locality while the work is in progress, the applicant giving three weeks' notice to the Department before operations commence.

I have, &c.,
JOHN G. POSTLETHWAITE,
Conditional Purchase Inspector.

No. 20.

Telegram from Mr. Inspector Postlethwaite to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

Grenfell, 5 June, 1899.

REPORT on scrub lease on forest reserve No. 6, parish Nerang Cowal, forwarded to-day, *via* Cowra.

JOHN G. POSTLETHWAITE,
Conditional Purchase Inspector.

No. 21.

Telegram from The Chairman, Local Land Board, Condobolin, to The Clerk-in-Charge, Land Board Office, Forbes.

Condobolin, 8 June, 1899.

HOPE's scrub lease mostly in Forbes district. Board here no jurisdiction. Case to be set down at Forbes, nineteenth instant. District Surveyor attending to change of venue.

ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman, Local Land Board.

No. 22.

Decision of Local Land Board, Condobolin.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, }
to wit. } Arthur Bobart Hope.

WHEREAS on the 8th day of June, 1899, it became a matter for investigation before us as to an application, No. 98-25, by Arthur Bobart Hope for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we find that this Board has not jurisdiction in respect of the larger portion of the subject land, five-sixths of the area in question being within the Land District of Forbes, and we have not been authorised by the Minister to deal with the matter, as required by the 5th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Condobolin, this 8th day of June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
THOMAS F. MOONEY, } Members.
D. H. TASKER, }

Special authority asked for for the Forbes Board to deal with the question by memo. of this date to U.S. for Lands.—A.S., 8/6/99.

[Enclosure.]

THIS deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Sharp.* My name is Richard Montgomery Galloway; I am Crown Lands Agent at Condobolin; a plan of "Bogandillon" scrub lease was exhibited at my office since 18th January last till to-day; I have not heard of any objections to granting the lease.

Sworn before us, at Condobolin, this 8th June, 1899,—

Chairman,
Members.

R. M. GALLOWAY.

No. 23.

No. 23.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Office Memorandum.—Application by A. B. Hope for Scrub Lease 98-25 on Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, County of Gipps.

Condobolin, 8 June, 1899.

THE above application covers land which is partly in Condobolin District, but chiefly in Forbes, and it is recommended that the Land Board at Forbes be directed to deal with the whole matter.

The applicant concurs in this recommendation.

As the case is set down for hearing on 19th instant, it is requested that the matter receive early attention.

ARTHUR SHARP,
District Surveyor.

Submitted, that the Land Board at Forbes be authorised to deal with the case under the provisions of section 5 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.—E. C. LANDERS, 14/6/99. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 14/6/99. Approved.—J. C., 15/6/99. Forwarded to the Chairman at Forbes to be noted by the District Surveyor.—E. L. (for U.S.), B. C. 15/6/99. The Chairman, Forbes. Forbes Court, 19/6/99. Adjourned till Wednesday, 21st instant.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman; WM. BROOKE, J. G. M. SHARPE, Members, Forbes, 19/6/99.

No. 24.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 1).

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

THE examination of Adam Maitland, of Condobolin, in the Colony of New South Wales, Licensed Surveyor; Arthur Sharp, of Forbes, District Surveyor; Hugh McDougall, of Warroo; Thomas McCormack, of Lake Cowal; Thomas Edward Ridley, of Lake Cowal; Phillip Jones, of Warroo; and Arthur Bobart Hope, of Lake Cowal, in the said Colony.

WHEREAS it hath come before the Board, whether the application for a scrub lease of Crown lands on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding (No. 98-6) by Arthur Bobart Hope should be recommended or otherwise; and it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Mr. A. Sharp (District Surveyor), for the Crown.

Mr. Cheeseman (Agent), for Applicant.

Mr. Chas. St. Baker (Agent), for Thomas McCormack, an objector to the granting of the lease.

[Enclosures.]

THIS deponent on oath states:—*To Mr. Sharp:* My name is Adam Maitland; I am a Licensed Surveyor in the Land District of Condobolin; I inspected the area applied for as scrub lease by Arthur Bobart Hope on Bogandillon pastoral holding, and prepared a report (*Exhibit "A"*), and plan (*Exhibit "E"*). [*Report here read over.*]

To Board: The previous report read over before the Board on 29th November last deals with details affecting travelling stock reserve 17,085; I know of no adjoining holders who would be affected by the scheme; Ridley has his full area; one of the Fitzgeralds has a full area; the other could increase his holding on Lake Cowal; I have considered the settlers on Warroo, and all other settlers, when preparing my report; I have heard of no objections to the lease; I have lived in the district twenty years; I report from my experience and what I have observed from inspection; the country is obviously deteriorating; I think if the area applied for were divided into 6,000 acres of settlement lease, I would not recommend a settlement lessee to take it; I do not think the land would be selected unless a person could get a considerable area of dry land.

To Mr. Cheeseman: The part with the thinnest timber is the part of the land that remains longer under water and would not be suitable for residential occupation; I consider the whole area should be granted as a scrub lease, as the thinly timbered land would be useless except for grazing; I do not actually know the dates when the lake was flooded; the land when improved by ringing and scrubbing would be more valuable than at present.

To Board: To drain the lake would entail an enormous expense; I have taken the levels; I think the lake will be drained eventually, but in a great many years; I do not think the draining of any of the lakes is a matter for consideration at present; I do not think the draining of the lakes will come within nine years—the period I recommend for the lease; the lake fills mainly from the river; this overflow would have to be stopped if the lake was drained.

To Board: I furnish supplementary report, marked "AA" [*Report here read over*]; when I said at Condobolin I knew of no adjoining holders who would be affected by the scheme, I was under the impression McCormack could not increase his holding; Nerang Cowal covers the only outlet to the lake, and in view of the probable draining of the lake I think it not desirable to sell any land commanding the outlet from the lake; I know of a great many selectors who spent more than 8d. an acre in putting land in order in the first place; McCormack is in a position to increase his holding southerly.

Sworn before us at Forbes, this }
19th June, 1899,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

A. MAITLAND.

THIS deponent on oath states:—*To Board:* My name is Arthur Sharp; I am District Surveyor for the Land Board District of Forbes; I have considered the application in question, and prepared a report on same which I now produce, (*Exhibit "B"*) [*Report here read over*]; I also tender a report by Mr. Forester J. G. Postlethwaite dealing with the forest reserves included within the proposed scrub lease; I know the country personally; I was over it six weeks ago; I have inquired from Messrs. Stewart and Donkin, of Lake Cowal, and they consider to drain the lake would not pay; I think a condition with reference to resumption, if a drainage scheme is proposed, should be inserted with the same compensation; the whole of land, excepting lands to the east of lines "A," "B," "C," which are in Warroo occupation license, is held under preferential occupation license of Moonbi or Bogandillon; none of the land is held under lease, and is all reserved from sale; I concur in forester's reports, except the limitation as regards pine; I think 3 inches would be sufficient; I produce report by Mr. Forester J. G. Postlethwaite on forest reserve 21,907; the other report refers to forest reserve 6; I agree with report by forester on forest reserve 21,907; there is an exchange suggested on the north, but it would not be beneficial to the Crown to carry it out; I know of no other exchange which would tend to dispose of the land under settlement conditions; I think there would be no objection to altering the distance; pine is to be left apart from 8 feet to 10 feet, providing the Forestry Department agree to it.

To Board: I think the gum timber can be killed effectively by ringing, if properly attended to; I have seen similar country killed on Lake Cowal.

To Mr. Cheeseman: It suckers very freely and wants thorough attention; taking into consideration that timber and travelling stock reserve on the land, I see no objection to a lease being granted for fifteen years if the Crown have the same power of resumption as suggested in my report.

To Board: I have submitted a proposal to cut out 1,560 acres from the proposed lease to allow Thomas McCormack an opportunity of increasing his holding if permitted to do so; the 1,560 acres is shown by black hatching on plan (*Exhibit "E"*); the cutting out of this area will not make any practical difference in the rental; the land applied for as a scrub lease is very difficult to dispose of; it could not be judiciously subdivided for settlement lease purposes, for the reasons given in my report.

Mr. Cheeseman: As regards fifteen years term, I mean there would be no objection provided there is no extension granted in case of resumption of part of the lease.

ARTHUR SHARP.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
19th June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, } Members.
J. G. M. SHARPE, }

This deponent on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman*: My name is Hugh McDougall; I am manager, "Warroo" pastoral holding for past fourteen years; I know the subject land, and have known it nineteen years; I recently inspected it; about half of the whole area is covered with sapling scrub and lignum; the saplings vary from 1 inch upwards; the gum saplings require to be grubbed; the large timber is thick in places; the timber towards the centre of the lake is the most open; this part of the land could not be worked by itself, and could not be worked in wet seasons to advantage, excepting by the adjoining holders; from 1890 to 1895 stock would have to be kept off the lake part, owing to flood-waters; the lake can remain under water for a number of years; I consider there is a risk in leasing the subject area; if the lake were drained it would fill from the big lake, which is filled from the river; no drain could take it out without allowing the water to spread over the lake; to improve the land in the first place would cost 2½d. an acre; there would be an after expense of about 3d. an acre after two years; I have had a little experience in gum scrub, and find it the worst timber to get rid of; this gum is softer than the river gum, and will not last; it suckers badly, and requires to be very carefully rung to kill it; with water, in an ordinary season, in its present condition, when the lake is dry, 4 acres would carry one sheep—that is, over whole area—and if fully improved 2 acres would carry a sheep; to make it carry this number it would require to be subdivided, and require three tanks of about 3,000 to 4,000 yards; it would be necessary to rabbit-net the boundaries; since I have known the gum country the saplings have greatly increased; if not attended to they will continue to increase; I consider the land should, in the public interest, be let as a scrub lease; after the lake dries it takes grass probably twelve months to grow on it; taking into consideration the expenditure required, I think twenty-one years a fair term of lease, and not less than fifteen years; in giving this estimate, I take into consideration that the lake might be full of water for four or five years; in the centre of the lake there is a considerable area with very little timber on it; I would not say there was 1,000 acres; that is the part most subject to inundation.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
19th June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, } Members.
J. G. M. SHARPE, }

HUGH McDOUGALL.

This deponent on oath states:—*To Board*: My name is Thomas McCormack; I am a selector, residing on bank of Lake Cowal since 1871; I want to obtain my full area; after hearing the proposal of District Surveyor, and the consent of Mr. Hope to cut out the area (1,560 acres) as shown on plan by black hatching, I withdraw all my objection to the granting of the lease.

To Mr. Sharpe: There has been an increase of scrub since I came to the lake; it is deteriorating; I do not think the land could be judiciously cut up for settlement; a person would want the high land entirely to himself to do any good.

To Board: I think Mr. Maitland's report a fair description of the area.

THOMAS McCORMACK.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
19th June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, } Members.
J. G. M. SHARPE, }

This deponent on oath states:—*To Board*: My name is John Edward Ridley; I am a selector in parishes of Nerang Cowal and Manna; I hold 2,560 acres—a full area; the only personal objection I have is that, my block being of bad shape, I might exchange some of my land for land in question; there is very little scrub on the lake; the lake itself is good grazing land; there is a portion of land on north-east of the lake with dense timber and saplings on it; it may be 10 chains wide; there is also a belt towards the road, pretty dense; there are 1,000 acres with hardly a tree on it; I am talking of Nerang Cowal on Manna only; I think the land would make two very good settlement leases; I have been in the locality fourteen years, and have known the land to be under water about eighteen months during that period; if the high ground could not be improved, but used only to live on, the land would make two good settlement leases; in flood-time the seasons would be good, and land could be rented to put stock on; Hedley Woods told me he would select the land as settlement lease; I have seen more fat sheep go off this run than any other I have seen; the last four years were the only dry ones since I have been in the locality.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I remember asking you when the case would be taken at Condobolin Board; I purchased a map, showing the land in question; I did not buy it with a view to opposing this application; I bought it because I was going to apply for an exchange; I had an idea of opposing the application before I bought the map; I could not appear at Condobolin, owing to other business; I spoke to Mr. Mooney at Condobolin, and used the map, and showed him the position of the proposed lease; I was about ten minutes in conversation with Mr. Mooney over the scrub lease; I asked him what was the best thing to do with the lake; he asked me if it was flooded; he said he thought it would make two good settlement leases; I never asked him whether I should remain in and oppose the application; I do not remember whether he did or not; I cannot say; I have not seen him or heard from him in any way since, nor have any of my friends that I know of; before I spoke to Mr. Mooney I intended to oppose the lease being granted; he never made any remark that I know of that it would not be necessary for me to remain in town to oppose the lease; Dunn, who is here to oppose the lease, is my brother-in-law; Barns, another objector, works for me; Woods is a contractor, working with Mr. Johnson, near Condobolin; I suggested to Dunn to come and oppose the application; I asked Barns was he coming to oppose the application; he said, "Yes"; Mr. McCormack came to see me about the opposition; I was away; I saw him after I said the lake should not be granted as a scrub lease; I have seen fat sheep go off Cadow; I get notice of fat sheep going off, as I adjoin Cadow; I will not swear there are more fat sheep go off Lake Cowal than Warroo; a forest reserve adjoins my land; if I gave up my high land, the Government might carry on the exchange, as the high land I would give up might induce settlers to select the lake; I have suggested the exchange at Survey Office, Forbes, and was informed that I would have to wait for the Surveyor's report to see whether it would be favourably considered; there are about 1,000 acres available on the north of my holding; there is, as far as I could judge, about half of the lake open country; this would not be of any use for settlement without the high land; a new settler would require some of the high land if he selected; I do not think he would select without some of it.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
19th June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, } Members.
J. G. M. SHARPE, }

JOHN EDWARD RIDLEY.

This

This deponent on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman*: My name is Phillip Jones; I am assistant manager, Cadow Station, and have been for fifteen years; I know the subject land and have known it over twenty years; the land in parts is very thickly timbered; portions are not so thick; at one time the southern part was very open country; the timber has grown and is increasing; the timber is thickest on the north and round fringe of the lake; this would be available for use first after the lake is drying up; the fringe of the lake is the most capable of improvement; about 3,000 acres of the area is covered with scrub—that is, the area in the lake; about half of the area applied for is scrubby; I have not had experience in this class of country with the gum, but if the gum is similar to the gum on hilly country (and it seems similar) it would be very difficult to get rid of; I would class the area applied for as scrub lands; the lignum is not killed by the water, but remains and increases; to ringbark, clear the scrub and lignum, would cost, in first place, not less than 1s. 3d., and there would be an after cost; water supply of two tanks of not less than 4,000 to 5,000 yards would be required on the land; the land would derive a benefit from ringing, about eighteen months or two years after the ringing; after flooding, if the water remains on the land, it takes some months for the grass to grow; the whole area in an ordinary season would carry one sheep to 5 acres; fully improved, 2 acres would carry a sheep; I consider a person would require a lease of fifteen years to recoup his outlay—that is, to thoroughly improve the lease; it could be more profitably worked by an adjoining holder than any outsider; in wet seasons, in flood-time, stock would have to be removed from the lease.

To Board: I have seen considerable periods elapse with no water on the lease; I have seen about 5 feet of water on the land; I have seen the whole area flooded; in 1870, I think, the water remained on it for two or three years; it takes a long time for the grass to grow if water remains any length of time on the land.

To Mr. Cheeseman: The only part of the land not scrubby is in the centre of the lake, and on the extreme south; this could not be settled on profitably without the land around it. PHILIP JONES.

Sworn before us, at the Court-house, Forbes, }
this 21st June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This deponent on oath states:—*To Mr. Cheeseman*: My name is Arthur Bobart Hope; I am applicant for land in question; I have heard Mr. Maitland's evidence and seen his plan, which I consider it thoroughly describes the country; I have known the lake since 1879; I was away six years since that date; since 1890 the lake had water in it for about three and a half years; It filled in June, 1891, and was first dry in January, 1893; it filled again in August, 1893, and was dry again at beginning of 1895; I know these dates are correct; the principal growth, when the lake dries, is a weed in summer months; there is no grass; sheep do well on the weed, but it makes the mutton taste; they would have to go into another paddock before selling them as fats; after drying up it takes over two years for the lake to thoroughly seed; the sheep would have to be put in other paddocks to allow it to do so; there was no weed on it this summer, but some the summer before; the weed when growing tall burrs the belly wool of the sheep; it reduces the weight of a 7 lb. fleece fully 1½ lb.; nothing less than a fifteen years' lease would allow me to thoroughly improve the land and recoup my outlay; it will require to be subdivided into three paddocks and tanks put down; I will accept the lease with a condition that the Minister shall have power to resume the land for drainage purposes without compensation, except for the actual cost of improvements; I do not hold any leasehold area. A. B. HOPE.

Sworn before us, at the Court-house, Forbes, }
this 21st June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

No. 25.

Declaration by Mr. Henry G. Barns.

Tendered by Mr. St. Baker.—R. McD., Chairman, 21/6/99.

I, HENRY GEORGE BARNES, of Wombine, labourer, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I would apply to take up a settlement lease at Nerang Cowal Lake, on the land being applied for as a scrub lease by Arthur Bobart Hope, if any such lease was available within a reasonable time. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

HENRY G. BARNES.

Made and signed before me, at Forbes, }
this 20th day of June, 1899,— }

CHAS. ST. BAKER, J.P.

No. 26.

Declaration by Mr. Hedley Woods.

Tendered by Mr. St. Baker.—R. McD., Chairman, 21/6/99.

I, HEDLEY WOODS, of Wombine, contractor, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I would apply to take up a settlement lease at Nerang Cowal Lake, on the land being applied for as a scrub lease by Arthur Bobart Hope, if any such lease was available for application within a reasonable time. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

HEDLEY WOODS.

Made and signed before me, at Forbes, }
this 20th day of June, 1899,— }

CHAS. ST. BAKER, J.P.

No. 27.

Declaration by Mr. George Dunn.

Tendered by Mr. St. Baker.—R. McD., Chairman, 21/6/99.

I, GEORGE DUNN, of Fairview, Warroo, grazier, do solemnly and sincerely declare that my son, William George Dunn, would apply to take up a settlement lease at Nerang Cowal Lake, on the land being applied for as a scrub lease by Arthur Bobart Hope, if any such lease was available for application within a reasonable time. And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and in virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Made and signed before me, at Forbes, }
this 20th day of June, 1899,— }

GEORGE DUNN

CHAS. ST. BAKER, J.P.

No. 28.

Decision of Local Land Board, Forbes.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, }
to wit. } Arthur Bobart Hope.

WHEREAS on the 19th and 21st days of June, 1899, it became a matter for investigation before us to consider an application, No. 98-25, by Arthur Bobart Hope, for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres, on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we are disposed to consider this application favourably, excepting as regards the portion of land shown by black hatching; but before giving our decision, we wish to be furnished with a report by the Department of Public Works as to whether there would be any objection to granting a lease of the subject land for a period of from ten to fifteen years under conditions relating to the growth of scrub (which is increasing under the present form of tenure), also subject to the special condition that the lease may be wholly or partly cancelled if the land should be required in connection with any scheme for the drainage of Lake Cowal, or any other public scheme in connection with irrigation, drainage, or water conservation. We also wish to be informed whether there is any objection, from the same points of view, to the alienation of the area within the limits of the flooded land (known as Nerang Cowal), or to the leasing of the land for a period of twenty-eight years (but without a condition of resumption) as settlement leases.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house at Forbes, this 21st day of June, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE,
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

Scrub lease application 98-25, Condobolin and Forbes, Arthur Bobart Hope.—Forwarded for reference to the Department of Public Works, as mentioned in the Board's finding.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, Local Land Board (*per* T. W. WARD), 27/6/99. The Under-Secretary for Lands. May be referred to the Department of Public Works for report, as recommended by the Board.—E. C. LANDERS, 1/7/99. R.H.D. (for U.S.), 3/7/99. Approved.—J.H.Y., 4/7/99. The Under-Secretary, Department of Public Works.—F. H. WILSON (for U.S.), B.C., 5/7/99. Mr. McKinney for report.—J.P., 11/7/99. Report herewith.—H.G.McK., 17/7/99. Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works.

No. 29.

The Principal Assistant Engineer, Water Conservation Branch, to The Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works.

Proposed Leasing of Land in Nerang Lake.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 15 July, 1899.

WITH reference to the accompanying papers, I beg to state that early in 1895 I was called on to report on the question of draining Nerang Lake and Lake Cowal. It is necessary to explain that the part of the lake north and north-west of the neck, near the centre of which reserve 1,325 is situated, was termed Nerang Lake, while the much larger area to the south and south east of this neck was termed Lake Cowal. These names are here retained for convenience.

In the report which I submitted at the time mentioned, it was stated that Nerang Lake, which comprises all the low-lying part of the land applied for and now under consideration, could be drained at an outlay equivalent to about 4s. 8d. per acre; but it was explained that the effect of the drains, if made, would not prevent the inundation of the land in a flood like that of 1891. The draining would carry off the flood-water much more quickly than it would disappear under existing conditions, and the land would, therefore, be increased in value for grazing purposes; but, as the risk of inundation would remain, it is unlikely that agriculture would be attempted, even if facilities for carriage were considerably improved.

By the construction of extensive embankments it would be possible to prevent inundation; but the cost of this, added to the cost of drainage works, would entail more expense than present conditions warrant.

While

While the question of drainage of Nerang Lake and the greater part of Lake Cowal is a matter of no great difficulty, I do not think it would be remunerative at present, and I do not think there is any objection to granting a lease of the land in question for fifteen years.

H. G. McKINNEY,
Principal Assistant Engineer, Water Conservation Branch.

I concur.—C.D., Engineer-in-chief for Public Works, 25/7/99. Under Secretary Public Works. Submitted for approval; to so inform Department of Lands.—R.R.P.H., Under Secretary Public Works and Commissioner for Roads. Approved.—C.A.L., 25/7/99. The Under Secretary for Lands.—J.P. (for U.S.) 25/7/99. These papers may now be returned to the Board to deal with the application for scrub lease.—E. C. LANDERS, 31/7/99. Yes.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 2/8/99. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.L. (for U.S.) B.C., 2/8/99. For next Board at Forbes; the papers of scrub lease 98-6 are also enclosed.

No. 30.

W. A. Ewars, Esq., to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

(Presented by W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.)

Dear Holman,

"Belle Forcst," Condobolin, 26 July, 1899.

Your very welcome letter I found awaiting me on my return from Temora (last Monday), where I had been to see mother off on a three month's visit to Adelaide. The roads by the way were indescribably bad, but I daresay you know what they are from recent painful experience on the same track. I am writing now on a matter that will very shortly be (if it has not already been) brought under your notice: I refer to the application by Messrs. Hope (of Manna) for a "scrub lease" of a part of their leasehold area. Like most applications for scrub leases (and exchanges) it has been kept very quiet, and until the last few weeks the people in this district were quite unaware of it, and so were unprepared to effectively oppose it at the recent sitting of the Forbes Land Board.

The position now, is this: the Board has reported favourably on the proposal, but before finally deciding have asked for reports from the Works Department *re* the possibility of the land in question being at any future time required for either irrigation or drainage in connection with Lake Cowal. This, too, in face of the fact that three witnesses (who, being in Forbes at the time, casually heard of the application) declared their intention of selecting on the land if thrown open for settlement lease, or otherwise. Now, as to the land referred to—I can speak from experience, as I have on several occasions been over it—a considerable part of it is occupied by what is known as "The Little Lake" (Cowal), which, except in very good seasons, is dry and unsurpassed grazing country. I have never seen water on it yet, but understand from surrounding settlers that, when full, the maximum depth is under 3 feet—the greater part being much shallower. The question of flooding, however is deemed not worth consideration by people who have long been settled in the locality. Around the edge of the "lake" is a narrow fringe of small timber, and as far as I can make out this seems to be the sole ground whereon the applicants base their claim to a "scrub lease." The surrounding (or rather adjoining) higher country, included in the application, is mainly open plains—simply magnificent pastoral country—and there is absolutely no apparent reason why the lease should be granted. The country in question is, on the whole, superior to that on Cadow (a few miles further down the creek) thrown open on 13th instant, and for which there were over thirty applications.

There cannot be even a shadow of a doubt that if this land were thrown open it would be eagerly rushed by applicants. There would, I have reason to believe, be at least five times more applicants than there would be blocks available.

Some capital has been made by the applicant (for the scrub lease) out of the fact that much of the country is low-lying and subject to inundation; but this might easily be altogether overcome by throwing in a portion of the half-mile stock route with each block, as was done with the blocks on Cadow above referred to.

The feeling locally is very strong in regard to the matter, and a petition has been prepared and I think now sent in.

If this scrub lease is granted, the lands administration will "stink in the nostrils" of the people locally, as indeed, through local "exchanges" it is already beginning to do. The mere fact that a pastoral lessee has the "front" to apply for a "scrub lease" of such country shows what a farce the administration has become. It is greatly to our advantage (as a district) to have the country taken up by *bona fide* settlers; and the district has already suffered irreparable damage by the permanent alienation of a large tract of first class country (on Euglo) by exchange. We hope, therefore, that the present application for a scrub lease on Manna will be ultimately refused, or otherwise the land in question will be locked up for perhaps twenty-eight years, and that would I consider be (*prima facie*) a scandalous violation of the rights of the people. I may add that I am writing by request, but should have done so in any case, in the hope that it may serve to strengthen your hands.

I have, &c.,

W. A. EWARS.

This protest against the granting of a scrub lease to Mr. A. B. Hope for land situated within Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding No. 542, Central Division, may be referred to the Board for consideration when dealing with the case referred to, and writer informed.—E. C. LANDERS, 8/8/99.

Forward; to be placed with papers.—H. CURRY, 9/8/99. Mr. W. A. Ewars (care of W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., Parliament House, Sydney) informed, 10/8/99. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.L. (for U.S.) B.C., 10/8/99. For Board at Forbes, 22/9/99. Notice to A. B. Hope, and to petitioners, 5/9/99. To W. A. Ewars. Letter to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., 5/9/99. Letter to A. B. Hope, Manna, Wamboyne, *re* petition, 13/9/99. Letter to A. B. Hope, care of Mr. F. T. Cheeseman, 13/9/99. We reserve our decision, but intend to announce it on Monday next, the 25th instant, at noon.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman; WM. BROOKE, J. G. M. SHARPE, Members. Court-house, Forbes, 22nd September, 1899.

No. 31.

Mr. J. E. Ridley to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Bena, Wamboyne, via Warroo.

Enclosed please find petition against granting scrub lease to Arthur Bobart Hope. As you will see, it is numerously signed, and by residents of the locality, and should have much weight with the Minister.

Trusting that you will do the best you can in our interests.

I have, &c.,

J. E. RIDLEY.

P.S.—That the land is first-class carrying land, and will carry one sheep to the acre. There is a break of 5 miles of metal, and the chances are that the lake will never be under water again.—J.E.R.

This is a petition signed by the residents of the parishes of Nerang Cowal and Bena, county of Gipps, against the granting of a scrub lease on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding No. 542, Central Division. This petition may be forwarded to the Board for consideration when dealing with the case, and the writers informed.—E. C. LANDERS, 31/7/99.

For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 2/8/99. Approved.—J.H.Y., 3/8/99. W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., informed, 4/8/99. The Chairman, Forbes.—E.L. (for U.S.), B.C., 4/8/99. For the information of the District Surveyor.—T. W. WARD, (pro Chairman), 9/9/99.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Presented by W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

We, the undersigned residents, and others who reside in the parishes of Nerang Cowal and Bena, county of Gipps, object to the granting of the scrub lease applied for by Arthur Bobart Hope, being No. 98-25, 29/11/98, pastoral holdings Moonbi and Bogandillon, area about 12,000 acres, for the following reasons, viz. :—

1. That if the above land was thrown open for settlement lease there would be numerous applicants for it.
2. That the land is thoroughly suitable for settlement, and it would be a distinct benefit to the district and Colony if it was thrown open, instead of being locked up in a scrub lease; and the land under settlement leases would be thoroughly improved, instead of being only partially improved under a scrub lease.
3. That the area in the lake proper would, at the outside, not cost more than eight pence per acre to ring and scrub, and the balance would not cost more than fifteen pence per acre, if allowed to be rung and scrubbed.
4. That the land is first-class fattening country; and it is generally known that, for some years past, very many fat sheep have been raised upon it and sent away to market.
5. That for the last fourteen years the land in question has been a resumed area, but under reserve, or it would have been taken up long ago.

Name.	Address.	Occupation.	Name.	Address.	Occupation.
Joseph Bishop	Warroo.....	Labourer.	W. G. Dewing	Fair View ...	Labourer.
Alexander Kennedy ...	"	Farmer.	William Ridley	Warroo.....	Selector.
John Constable	Jemalong	"	Henry G. Barnes	Wamboyne.	"
C. Kennedy	Warroo	"	George Woods	Bogandillon...	Farmer.
Michael G. Croke	Wollamundy..	Labourer.	Hedley R. Woods.....	Manna	Contractor.
T. H. Phelan	Condobolin ...	"	W. T. Shephard	Warroo.	"
G. S. Ludlow	Wamboyne ...	Selector.	G. H. Ridley	"	"
Walter E. Ludlow	"	Farmer.	James Porter	Bena	Grazier.
Harry Williams	Warroo.....	"	John Ellis	Wamboyme ...	"
Hugh Williams	"	"	William Ridley, senr. ...	Bena	Grazier and farmer.
A. Shepherd	Bena	"	John Sparks, senr.	"	Grazier.
G. A. Home	Goolagong ...	Grazier.	Jas. M. Sparks	"	"
W. Riley	Forbes	Farmer.	John Sparks, juar.	"	Selector and farmer.
A. McIntosh	Goulburn	Carrier.	Alfred E. Ridley	"	"
F. J. Millthorpe	Euabalong ...	Farmer.	Russell Midlane	"	Selector.
George T. Millthorpe...	Hillston	"	Charles Ewers	"	"
Alfred Platt	Condobolin ...	Labourer.	T. Ewers	"	"
C. W. Clemson	Bygaloree	"	A. B. Ewers	"	"
J. F. Dawson	Condobolin.	"	C. T. Field	"	"
William Orth	Forbes	Farmer.	Thomas Dean	"	"
Edward Byrnes	"	"	S. Ridley	"	"
George H. Ridley	Bena	Grazier.	George Twogood	Forbes	Storekeeper.
George Dunn	Ina.....	Farmer.			

The Honorable The Minister for Lands, Sydney.

No 32.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

THE examination of George Haunsom Ridley, of Bena, in the Colony of New South Wales, farmer and grazier; Hedley Reeves Woods, of Manna; George Dunn, of Warroo; Henry George Barnes, of Wamboyne; William Ridley, junior, of Warroo; William Alfred Ewers, of Bena; John Edward Ridley, of Nerang Cowal; Arthur Sharp, of Forbes.

WHEREAS it hath come before the Board whether the application for a scrub lease of Crown lands on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding in the Land Districts of Forbes and Condobolin (No. 98-6) by Arthur Bopart Hope, should be recommended or otherwise; also a petition by Joseph Bishop and others in opposition to the said application, hath been referred to us; and it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Mr. Sharp (District Surveyor) for Crown.

Mr. Cheeseman (Agent) for applicant.

Mr. Halloran (Agent) for objectors.

[Enclosure.]

This deponent, on oath, states:—To Mr. Halloran: My name is George Haunsom Ridley; I am a farmer and grazier at Bena; I know the subject land, and have known it about fourteen years; I consider the lake proper is not scrub land; there is no scrub on it.

To Board: I know the country shown on plan (Exhibit "E").

To Mr. Halloran: I know the area of the scrub lease—12,000 acres; in the lake proper there is 8,000 acres which is not scrub lands; there are about 400 acres plain also; the whole area could be suitably subdivided into three or four settlement

settlement lease blocks; I hold, at present, about 2,700 acres; I selected 618 acres, and purchased balance privately; I am married, and have a family of four; I have not sufficient area to maintain my home; the seasons have been bad during the last four or five years; I have had a great loss; I require more land to make a profit; the land in question has been locked up for about fourteen years to my knowledge; if any of it had been thrown open I would have selected it, if qualified; the reason I did not urge the District Surveyor to throw open the land was because I did not think any notice would be taken of my application; I was present at a ballot for land at Condobolin; I believe there were forty-four persons balloted for six settlement lease blocks; I do not know how many balloted for certain; I balloted, and saw a great many persons balloting; I knew five of the blocks balloted for on that occasion; some of the land in lake proper is as good as the land balloted, and some not as good; to ring the lake proper would cost 7d. or 8d. an acre; I have seen that part flooded a couple of times during the last fourteen years; there was a large flood about eight or nine years ago; the other flood dribbled out a little, but soon went back; I do not think there is a good catch in the lake proper except in flood time; a good catch could be got on the adjoining higher lands; a part of the road from Forbes to Condobolin is metalled, and it prevents high floods from flowing to the land in question; it prevents the main body; not a quarter as much water reaches the land as before the road was there; when the road is completed flood water will never reach the land, except through small culverts; I think about 2½d. or 2¾d. a fair rental for the land, provided the scrub was allowed to be cut out on forest reserve and travelling stock reserve; this rental refers to the land as a settlement lease; I considered the lessee having tenant-right in estimating the rental; I came here in my own and public interest; I am very anxious to secure more land; the land in question has a good carrying capacity; it will carry about two sheep to 3 acres in its natural state; this refers to the lake portion itself; if improved, one sheep to an acre; I would select some of the land as it stands now, when it is available, at a rental of 2½d. or 2¾d. an acre; I have no unfriendly feeling towards applicant for the lease; I have come 65 miles here at expense and personal inconvenience; I think if the land is locked for a number of years it will be against the public interest; I think if the land is thrown open for closer settlement it will be more in public interest than if granted as a scrub lease.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I bought the land; I did not select from a P. Cain about six years ago; I did not give a big price; it has been dear in the long run; I remember giving evidence in Euglo exchange case at Condobolin; if a man gets 2,000 acres of good open country on Euglo Creek it is enough to make a living off; the land I bought from Cain is about 1½ to 2 miles from the creek; the 618 acres I selected is on the creek; if thrown open, the land in question should be in three or four blocks; the lake country is very good; if I got a settlement lease of 3,000 acres of the land in question I would have 5,700 acres altogether; I often thought the lake should be thrown open; I never made the slightest inquiry about the throwing open of the lake before, as I thought no notice would be taken of me; I could not say who first asked me to sign the petition, nor where I was when I signed it; I do not think anyone asked me to sign it; I cannot say if my brother asked me; Kennedy's block is not as good as the land in question; there may be some dead myall on Kennedy's block; about 1,200 acres is very good country, the rest is very scrubby; the flood I saw on the lake was there about eighteen months; I cannot say if the lake has been flooded for four years during the last ten years; I held 2,500 acres good country, which I sold at a profit; I would still hold my present holding if I got a settlement lease of the subject land; I would want it for my family; some of the road referred to has stopped flood waters; I cannot say if there has been a flood since 1894; I cannot say how high Gatenby's embankments are; I do not know they stop the flood waters; there has been no flood during the last fourteen years that would go over the road referred to, in my opinion; about 1,000 acres in forest reserve is nearly useless for carrying sheep in its natural state; the other part of the area would carry one sheep to 3 acres.

To Board: Under the present condition of tenure the lake part of the land is deteriorating; I think it desirable something should be done with it; I have heard Mr. Maitland's description of lake part of the land; I think he has given too much for area of scrubby country; on the outside of the lake part the country is deteriorating; there is a large area of open country in the lake; a person could not take the land except as a settlement lease; I do not consider the lands scrub lands; if it cannot be disposed of as settlement leases, I think the land should be put up for tender.

To Mr. Halloran: I would suggest subdivision of the land into 3,000 acres, and put up for tender; one person may get the four blocks.

To Board: I did not consider that if put up in one block I would tender for it; I would sooner see it put up in three blocks.

To Mr. Cheeseman: My eldest child is about 8 years of age.
Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

G. H. RIDLEY.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran:* My name is Hedley Reeves Woods; I am a contractor at Manna; I know subject lands; I am desirous of getting a settlement lease in the locality; I have means to work a settlement lease; I have balloted for land on more than one occasion in Central Division; I do not hold any land whatever; I would like about 3,000 acres; the land in question is well suited for settlement, and I would apply for some of it, if open; I have been eleven years in the locality, and wish a farm in that locality; I have balloted twice for land (at Condobolin); some of the land I balloted for on Cadow is better than the subject land.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I am not married; I first balloted for land in Condobolin in 1897 or 1896—for land on Bogan-dillon or Moonbi.
Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

HEDLEY REEVES WOODS.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran:* My name is George Dunn; I am a farmer, at Warroo; I know the subject land, and am desirous of getting a settlement lease within that area; I have not sufficient land; I hold 2,560 acres at present; I have not recently made a profit; I am married, and have a family of two sons of 22 and 20 years of age; they also require land; I recently balloted for land at Condobolin, also my son; we were unsuccessful; I came here on my own and public interest to give evidence; I have no unfriendly feeling towards present applicant.

To Mr. Cheeseman: A person would want 3,000 or 4,000 acres of the land in question to make a living off; the 2,560 acres I hold at present is very good land, but not sufficient; it is not such good carrying country as the land in question; that refers to lake portion of the latter; part of the forest reserve on the latter, as it stands, is useless for carrying sheep; the whole of the land in question is, on the average, better carrying country than my 2,560 acres.
Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

GEORGE DUNN.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran:* My name is Henry George Barns; I am a labourer at Wamboyn; I know the subject land, which I consider is well suited for general settlement; I am desirous of getting a block of it; if available, I would apply for it; I have the means to work a farm; I am not married; I came to give evidence in my own and public interest; I do not hold any land whatever at present.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I have been working about three years in the locality, and about five or six years about there, for Mr. Ridley most of the time; at shearing time is the only time I have not worked for him; I have balloted for land on three different times; I recently balloted at Condobolin.
Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

HENRY G. BARNES.

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran*: My name is William Ridley, junior; I am a grazier and farmer at Warroo; I know the subject land, which is well suited for general settlement; I hold 2,560 acres at present, which I selected; I have seven children; the eldest is 20 years old; I have not sufficient area; I have lost lately over my holding; I have had to work outside lately to keep things going; I have been tank-sinking; to make a profit I would require about 3,000 acres more land; I balloted recently for land at Condobolin; the land I hold is more liable to flood than the land in question; the water runs through my land into the big lake; owing to the road made, a flood on the land in question, I think, is a thing of the past; I came to give evidence in my own and public interest; I have no unfriendly feeling towards the applicant.

To Board: In a very high flood I have had only 100 acres out of water, and in a medium one 500 acres out of water.

To Mr. Cheeseman: It is about five years since the road was started; the more that is metalled the less flood I will get; the part where the biggest break-over occurs has been done about three years; there has not been a flood to test it yet; Gatenby's embankment stopped most of the big flood in 1891; I do not think my present holding will ever be flooded when the road referred to is completed.

W. RIDLEY, JUNIOR.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran*: My name is William Alfred Ewars; I am a farmer at Bena; I know the subject land; I am President, Bena and Wamboyne Selectors' Association; had I known of the present application I would have taken action before in the matter; I consider the land well suited for settlement; my object in giving evidence is entirely in public interest; I know the land is required for settlement; I have come 70 miles; the land is at present well suited for closer settlement; I have no animosity against applicant; I have thoroughly examined the land, and consider the granting of the lease would be against the public interest.

To Board: I hold a settlement lease of 3,840 acres; I think if the land in question cannot be thrown open as settlement leases, it should be put up to tender as improvement leases.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I was not deputed officially by Committee to represent them to-day; they were not aware, as a body, in time of the application; that is why they did not take official action, and the petition was sufficient to show that the Committee as a body were against the application.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

W. A. EWARS.

This deponent, on oath, states:—*To Mr. Halloran*: My name is John Edward Ridley; I am a farmer near Nerang Cowal; I know the subject land, which is well suited for settlement; I do not hold sufficient land to keep myself and family; I hold 2,560 acres; during the last few years I have made no profit; if competent, I will apply for the land in question, if thrown open; I am giving evidence in my own and the public interest, as I consider the land should be thrown open for settlement; I had to leave my shearing to give evidence to-day.

To Board: I am certain the land would be eagerly applied for.

To Mr. Halloran: The applicant and I are the best of friends.

To Mr. Cheeseman: I see petition produced, drawn up by Mr. St. Baker for myself, Dunn, William Ridley, and, I believe, George Ridley was there; I cannot say if Mr. Baker was spoken to about petition at last hearing; when I spoke to him about it, George Ridley, William Ridley, and, I think, Dunn, were there; I asked all petitioners to sign; about half of the signers balloted for land at Condobolin a few weeks ago; I have not made any profit at all of my present holding; I have a family of five, the eldest is ten years old; one year I lost 1,500 sheep during the drought; most people on the land have lost during the last four years; Cadow has not lost; they have had good grass.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

JOHN EDWARD RIDLEY.

This deponent on oath states:—*To Board*: My name is Arthur Sharp; I am District Surveyor for the Land District of Forbes; I have heard the objections given to-day; the difficulty that appears to exist may be got over by allowing Mr. Hope to take half the area applied for as a scrub lease and allow the other half to be put up for improvement lease in about two blocks; if the land were made available for settlement it would be selected; I understand the Works Department oppose throwing the land open for settlement leases which cannot be granted for less than twenty-eight years; the land on the south has not been applied for as a scrub lease; I think it is a leasehold.

To Mr. Halloran: I think Mr. Hope is entitled to consideration as he has moved first in the matter; it will cost Mr. Hope a good deal, also the Department; I have not considered which half should be given to Mr. Hope; I think he should be allowed the southern half.

Sworn before us, at Forbes, this }
22nd September, 1899,— }

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE, }
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

ARTHUR SHARP.

No. 33.

Decision of Local Land Board.

Scrub Lease 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin.—Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Subsection 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

Arthur Bobart Hope.

WHEREAS on the 22nd and 25th days of September, 1899, it became a matter for investigation before us to further consider an application (98-25) by Arthur Bobart Hope for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, Land Districts of Forbes and Condobolin; also a petition by Joseph Bishop, Alexander Kennedy and others in opposition to the application; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we find that when the case was before us on the last occasion it was understood that it was closed so far as the taking of further evidence; and we stated that we were disposed to favourably consider the application for the scrub lease, as it was clear from the evidence that it would not be expedient, owing to the very large proportion of flooded land, to recommend any form of settlement which would necessitate residence and continuous occupancy such as are required in connection with settlement leases or holdings composed of original conditional purchases with their associated conditional leases.

leases. Homestead leases were considered to be out of the question, owing to the area being limited to 1,280 acres. Moreover, we recognised that it would prove dangerous to dispose of the large portion of Lake Cowal in question, under any form of tenure excepting one in which the term could be limited to fifteen years at the utmost, and with a condition giving the Crown the right of resumption in connection with any public scheme for drainage, water conservation, or irrigation. Under the settlement lease provisions, the term would not be less than twenty-eight years; and under the conditional purchase and associated conditional lease provisions the land would be practically alienated from the Crown; and apparently it would not be legal to introduce a condition of resumption as indicated to attach to holdings of these classes. Holding these views we desired the opinion of the Department of Public Works on the question of leasing the lake portion. That opinion is now before us, and is to the effect that there would be no objection to granting a lease of the land in question for a period of fifteen years (L.B. 99-5,405).

Since the case was last before the Board, a petition (L.B. 99-5,474), signed by a large number of persons, protesting against the granting of the scrub lease has been presented, and this petition has been forwarded to us by the Secretary for Lands for consideration when dealing with the case. Mr. Cheeseman, agent for the applicant, objected to the Board reopening the case, on the grounds that the inquiry had been duly advertised, that the time for receiving objections had long since passed, and that the applicant could not be expected at that late stage to meet objectors who had come forward after the case had virtually closed. We fully recognise the very unsatisfactory position in which the applicant is placed; but believing that we are acting Ministerially in this matter we consider that we are bound to take into consideration even now the petition which the Minister has forwarded specifically for our consideration. Had the petition come before us in any other way at this stage we would not have noticed it. Reviewing the whole case, however, in the light of the evidence offered at the inquiry on the 19th and 21st of June last, and at the present further inquiry; we report that our opinion has not been altered in the slightest as regards the advisableness of offering the land under some other form of tenure, or as regards the inexpediency of disposing of the land as settlement leases or original conditional purchases and their associated conditional leases; although we are bound to state our conviction that if the land were offered as settlement leases in areas of about 3,000 acres each it would be eagerly applied for. The question then presented is, whether the application for a scrub lease by Arthur B. Hope should be granted? Mr. Hope's application is the only one which has been received; the necessary inspection and inquiry have been made at his expense; he has shown the unwisdom of the present form of tenure, and the possibilities of improvement under a secure tenure for a fair term of years; but it is now obvious that (although in our opinion a very large number of the petitioners are not specially interested in the question) there are other persons who are willing to take up the land under similar conditions to those proposed by Mr. Hope, and we cannot satisfy ourselves, in view of the evidence given at the later inquiry, that Mr. Hope should, in virtue of the priority of his application, receive a monopoly of this large extent of country; and we therefore recommend that the application for the scrub lease be refused, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with one block of 1,560 acres as shown by black hatching on plan (*Exhibit "E"*), with a view to being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender, under the conditions proposed by the District Surveyor in his report (*Exhibit "B"*), in so far as they will apply, with the further condition of resumption in connection with any public scheme for irrigation, drainage, or conservation of water. The term of the leases to be fifteen years; the upset rental to be determined after subdivision.

We strongly recommend that the whole of the deposit lodged by Mr. Hope be refunded to him.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house at Forbes, this 25th day of September, 1899,—

ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman.
WM. BROOKE,
J. G. M. SHARPE, } Members.

No. 34.

Notice of Appeal to Land Appeal Court from Decision of Local Land Board.

Form 3, Crown Lands Acts.

Notice of Appeal to Land Appeal Court from Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, }
to wit. } Land Court No. 5,619.

WHEREAS on the 25th day of September, 1899, a certain matter, wherein an application by Arthur Bobart Hope for a scrub lease of certain land within the parishes of Nerang Cowal and Bena, Central Division, Land Districts of Condobolin and Forbes, scrub lease No. 98-6, came before the Local Land Board at Forbes, in New South Wales, for decision; and whereas the said Board decided that—

[*A copy of the Board's Decision is printed as No. 33.*]

And whereas I am aggrieved by such decision, and desire to appeal therefrom to the Land Appeal Court; these are, therefore, to give you notice that I appeal as aforesaid, and that I deposit the sum of £5 as security for the costs of such appeal. The grounds of such appeal are set out on the back hereof. I desire that this appeal shall be heard in Sydney.

Signed this 25th day of September, 1899.

A. B. HOPE,

Care of F. T. Cheeseman, Land Agent, Forbes.

To the Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.

RECEIVED the sum of £5 referred to above.

ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman, Local Board.
(*per* T. W. WARD).

Forbes, 4th October, 1899.

GROUND'S OF APPEAL.

1. That the decision of the Board is against the evidence, and the weight of evidence.
2. That the Board was in error in admitting further evidence after the evidence for the applicant, the Crown, and the objectors had closed at the first hearing, and after they had reserved their decision on the understanding that the evidence had closed.

3. That I was not prepared with further evidence which I might have produced had I been aware that such would be admitted after the case had closed on the final date of hearing.

4. That the Board was in error in overruling the objections of my agent to the reopening of the case after they had openly announced that it had closed.

5. That the Board was in error in believing they were acting Ministerially in the matter, as they cannot do so, and must sit and determine cases set before them as laid down by section 14 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts.

6. That if matters of this kind could be dealt with Ministerially there would be no necessity of sending them to the Land Board for hearing, as the Minister for Lands might deal with them in person in Sydney.

7. That the Board was in error in taking into consideration a petition prepared and signed after the case had virtually closed, and only awaited a reply from the Department of Public Works as to the length of tenure to be granted.

8. That the Board was in error in making any recommendation as to the form of tenure this land should be leased in, as that question was not before them, and as they they were dealing with a matter between the Crown and myself, and should simply have granted or refused my application.

9. That the decision of the Board is erroneous in point of law and in fact.

No. 35.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, to The Registrar, Land Appeal Court.

Department of Lands, Local Land Board Office,
Forbes, 5 October, 1899.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you herewith notice of appeal against the Board's finding of 25th ultimo in respect of A. B. Hope's scrub lease application 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin.

The papers of the case are also enclosed.

See previous
item for
enclosure

I have, &c,
ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman
(per T. W. WARD).

No. 36.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to The Inspector General of Police.

Sir,

Land Appeal Court, Darlinghurst, 6 October, 1899.

I have the honor to forward herewith one notice, in duplicate, of intention to hold a sitting of the Land Appeal Court, at Sydney, on the 24th October, and to ask that you will be good enough to cause speedy service of the same, in the manner prescribed by Rule 28 of Rules of Land Appeal Court, a copy of which is printed overleaf for your information.

I have, &c.,
J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

RULE 28 OF THE LAND APPEAL COURT.

THE Registrar shall give not less than fourteen days' notice to all parties concerned of the sittings of the Land Appeal Court at which any appeal or reference will be heard. Such notice shall be in the form or to the effect of Form 3, and be prepared by the Registrar in duplicate, and the service thereof upon any party other than the Minister shall be effected in the following manner:—One copy of such notice shall be served by delivering the same to the person intended to be served, or by delivering the same to some person apparently of the age of fourteen years or upwards, at the usual or last known place of abode or business of the person intended to be served. The person serving such notice shall indorse on the duplicate copy of the same a statement of the manner in which the service has been effected, or, if service has not been effected, of the attempts made to effect service, and such statements shall be verified by statutory declaration, to be also indorsed on the said duplicate copy of the said notice, and the said copy so indorsed as aforesaid shall be forthwith transmitted to the Registrar for production before the Land Appeal Court.

[Enclosure.]

Duplicate Copy—Form 3A.

Notice of Case coming on before the Land Appeal Court.

In the Land Appeal Court of } In the matter of Scrub Lease No. 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin, A. B. Hope.
New South Wales.

THE above-mentioned matter having come under the cognizance of the Land Appeal Court upon the appeal by A. B. Hope against recommendation of Board in respect of said scrub lease application made in respect thereof upon the 4th day of October, 1899, you are hereby notified that, at the sittings of the Land Appeal Court, to be holden at Sydney on the 24th day of October instant and following days, the said matter will be brought before the Court for hearing or otherwise as may be ordered in that behalf.

Signed this sixth day of October, 1899.

J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

To W. E. Ewars, of Belle Forest, Condobolin.

Statement

Land Appeal Court.

Statement of Service or attempts made to effect Service.

Colony of New South Wales, }
to wit. } Condobolin.

GEORGE BOOL, Police Constable, maketh oath and saith that he, this deponent, served a true copy of the within Land Notice on W. A. Ewars, by handing him the same personally at his residence on the 9th day of October, 1899.

GEORGE BOOL,

Constable.

I, GEORGE BOOL, Constable, stationed at Condobolin, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the above statement is true; and I make this solemn declaration as to the matters aforesaid according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

GEORGE BOOL,

Constable.

Made before me, at Condobolin, this }
14th day of October, 1899,— }
THOS. WATSON, J.P.

Police Station, Condobolin, 14 October, 1899.

SENIOR-CONSTABLE CAHALAN, No. 4,278, reports the attached Land Appeal Court notice was received direct from the Inspector-General's Office on the 8th instant, and is now returned with declaration of service endorsed on duplicate, through Mr. Sub-Inspector Webb.

JOHN CAHALAN,

Senior-Constable.

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Forbes.

Urgent. For attention and report.—J.G.S. (for Inspector-General of Police). Inspector Sanderson, Bathurst, B.C., 6/10/99. Forwarded to the Superintendent.—E. A. WEBB, S.-I., 16/10/99. The Superintendent of Police, Bathurst. Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.—C. SANDERSON, Superintendent. The Registrar, Land Appeal Court.—D.R.M. (for J.G.), B.C., 19/10/99.

No. 37.

W. A. Ewars, Esq., to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

[Presented by W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.]

Dear Sir,

Bena, 3 November, 1899.

You will see by attached report of Land Appeal Court proceedings, that the appeal of Mr. A. B. Hope against the recommendation of the Forbes Land Board is sustained. It was intended by our local Farmers and Settlers Association to take further action if this possibility eventuated; but unfortunately, owing to yesterday's extreme heat and the prevalence of influenza, there was not a quorum present at the meeting, consequently I am not able to write officially in this instance. However, those of us present yesterday talked over the matter informally, and as there was danger in delay, I was advised to write at once and acquaint you with the position.

I think I need not go into detail, as the correspondence that has already passed between our Association and yourself relative to this matter must have given you a fair idea of how things stand.

In brief, the Forbes Land Board, on 21st June last, recommended that Mr. Hope's application for a scrub lease be granted, subject to the receipt of a report from the Works Department. The attention of local residents, and others in want of land, being thus drawn to the fact that such land might be made available for selection, and was in danger of again becoming locked up for a considerable term, a largely-signed petition was sent to the Minister for Lands, protesting against the Board's recommendation being given effect to. As a result, the Minister directed the Board to further consider the matter, and petitioners were notified. Despite the fact that it was the busiest season of the year (shearing), seven witnesses attended, at very great personal inconvenience, and gave evidence in support of their contention that the land in question was urgently required for settlement, and would be taken up immediately on being made available. Of these witnesses, six testified as to their willingness to take up the land as settlement leases, at 3d. per acre (the other witness already had a lease), and stated their intention of doing so if offered the opportunity; and also that there were several other intending selectors, at present without land, and hitherto unsuccessful at previous ballots. The Board expressed itself as satisfied, from the evidence, that the land would be immediately taken up by selectors, the reference in the published decision (25th September) to this aspect of the matter being as follows:—"We are bound to state our conviction that if the land were offered as settlement leases in areas of about 3,000 acres each, it would be eagerly applied for." Again: "It is now obvious that there are other persons who are willing to take up the land under similar conditions to those proposed by Mr. Hope; and we cannot satisfy ourselves, in view of the evidence given at the later inquiry, that Mr. Hope should, in virtue of the priority of his application, receive a monopoly of this large extent of country." The Board, therefore, recommended (25th September) "That the application for the scrub lease be refused, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with a view of being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender, the term of the lease to be fifteen years." From this decision Mr. Hope successfully appealed to the Land Appeal Court (as per report attached), the Court recommending that the Minister grant him a scrub lease of the area for fifteen years, at 1½d. per acre. Thus we see, on the one hand—(a) the interests of practically the entire population of this district, represented by the local branch of the "Farmers and Settlers Association" (of some thirty selectors), (b) the interests and rights of many hitherto unsuccessful applicants (who have testified their willingness to give exactly double the rent that Mr. Hope is asked), and (c) obviously the best interests of the State,—subordinated to, on the other hand, the interests of one man—already a large landholder; and this not in the Transvaal (as one might suppose), but in a British Colony, where justice is supposed to be supreme. Although the Land Appeal Court has given this decision, we notice that it is in the form of a recommendation to the Minister. This would imply that the Minister still has the power to refuse the application for scrub lease; indeed, as you will notice, the possibility of a refusal is clearly recognised. We, therefore, in the interests of common justice and fair play, ask you to lay the whole facts (which have already been communicated to you by the Association) before the Minister, and use your influence to have the land made available for *bona-fide* settlement, and on such terms as will be mutually advantageous to the intending settlers and to the State.

In the improbable event of the Minister declining to accede to our reasonable wishes, we ask that you will move the adjournment of the House on the matter, so that the whole details of the transaction may be made public. We are aware that such a request should not lightly be made, but we feel convinced that, if ever there was justification for such action, there is such in connection with this case.

I have, &c.,

W. A. EWARS.

[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

Reserved Decisions.

ARTHUR B. HOPE appealed against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in respect of his scrub lease application No. 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin. The Court recommended the Minister to grant to the appellant applicant, A. B. Hope, a scrub lease of the area, containing approximately 11,240 acres, an area of 1,560 acres being excluded from the area originally applied for, the term of lease to be for fifteen years, and the annual rental to be 1½d. per acre. The other conditions on such lease to be as set forth in the report of Mr. District-Surveyor Sharp, dated May 29. The appeal was sustained, but the deposit survey fee should be retained, unless the Minister refused to grant the lease. The grounds of appeal having raised for decision the question whether the Board were entitled to reopen the subject inquiry after it had been closed, they being under the impression that their function in connection with the application was Ministerial only, the Court was of opinion that the Board were not entitled to reopen such inquiry, and that their functions under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts dealing with scrub leases being, as to procedure, judicial.

No. 38.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Scrub Lease No. 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin.

In the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales.

5 December, 1899.

APPEAL to be heard at sitting to be held at Sydney, commencing on the 24th day of October, 1899. Appeal by Arthur B. Hope. Nature of Appeal: Against recommendation of the Local Land Board in respect of his scrub lease application No. 98-25, Forbes and Condobolin.

Notice of intention to hold Court gazetted, 30/9/99.

Notice issued to undermentioned parties, and date of issue: A. B. Hope, by letter, 6/10/99.

Objectors, 6/10/99. Service effected, 9th October, 1899.

Names and addresses of any other parties interested: Arthur B. Hope, care of F. T. Cheeseman, Forbes; objectors, care of W. A. Ewars, Condobolin.

Now forwarded to the Minister for Lands, the case having been brought before the Land Appeal Court, sitting as above, on the 25th day of October, 1899.

Decision given at Sydney, 23rd November, 1899.

A copy of the order of the Court will be found below.

J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

COPY OF ORDER OF COURT.

THE Court recommends the Minister to grant the applicant, Arthur B. Hope, a scrub lease of the area, containing approximately 11,240 acres, as shown by red etching on plan marked Exhibit "E" with papers; the area of 1,560 acres shown by black hatching being excluded from the area originally applied for.

Judgment.—The term of lease to be fifteen (15) years, and the annual rent to be 1½d. per acre. All other conditions to be as set forth in the report of Mr. District-Surveyor Sharp, dated 29th May, 1899. Appeal sustained. Deposit to be refunded. Copy of full text of judgment enclosed.

[Enclosure.]

Reserved Decision, given Sydney, 23rd November, 1899, No. 5,619, re Hope.

THE Court recommends the Minister to grant to the applicant, Arthur Bobart Hope, a scrub lease of the area containing approximately 11,240 acres, as shown by red etching on plan (Exhibit "E") with papers, the area of 1,560 acres shown by black hatching being excluded from the area originally applied for.

The term of lease to be for fifteen years. The annual rental to be 1½d. per acre.

The other conditions in such lease to be as set forth in the report of Mr. District-Surveyor Sharp, dated 29th May, 1899.

The appeal is therefore sustained, but the deposit and survey fee should be retained unless the Minister refuses to grant the lease.

The grounds of appeal having raised for decision the question whether the Board were entitled to reopen the subject inquiry after it had been closed, they being under the impression that their function in connection with the application was Ministerial only, the Court is of opinion that the Board were not entitled to reopen such inquiry, their functions under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts dealing with scrub leases being, as to procedure, judicial. Deposit to be refunded.

No. 39.

Office Memorandum.

Application by A. B. Hope, for Scrub Lease, of about 12,000 acres on Moonbi or Bogandillon Holding; chiefly within Lake Cowal.

20 December, 1899.

ON 5th May, 1898, A. B. Hope, lodged an application for a scrub lease of 2,300 acres, included in travelling stock reserve 17,085 (not including Lake Cowal). On 29th November, 1898, the Board proceeded to consider the application, but after taking certain evidence, adjourned the case to permit the applicant to lodge an amended application.

On 12th December, 1898, A. B. Hope lodged the amended application for about 12,000 acres, including a large part of Lake Cowal. This is the application at present under consideration. The District Surveyor, Forbes, then referred the matter to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland for report.

The following extracts contain the more important features of his report of 8th April, 1899:—"I have indicated upon the accompanying heliograph the limits of the different classes of country as nearly as the necessary information can be gathered from an inspection. The open forest and thickly timbered country within the lake area generally, merge almost imperceptibly together, and, therefore it would be extremely difficult to portray with great accuracy the varying density of the timber. The land in question is situated about 45 miles and 35 miles from the towns of Forbes and Condobolin, respectively, and comprise about 12,500 acres, covered by the following reserves from sale, viz.:—Timber reserve, and reserve for refuge from flood No. 6, reserve 14,941, water reserve 2,566, travelling stock reserve 17,085, and forest reserve 21,907.

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"The part covered by the lake, about 8,300 acres, consists of level, low-lying swampy land, subject to inundation, but available for grazing occupation about five years out of six. The land has been flooded three times within the last eighteen years, and, after flooding, the water takes about a year to drain off and dry up. The land gradually becomes available for stock as the water recedes, but for a considerable time after flooding the greater part of the land produces nothing but weeds.

"About sixteen years ago this part of Lake Cowal was all very open country, scattered gum-trees here and there, and light fringe of box timber around the lake edge. At the present time, the 8,300 acres are made up approximately as follows:—2,600 acres very open forest, 3,400 acres fairly open forest with patches of thickly timbered land, and 2,300 acres of dense timber, mostly small trees and saplings. The timber is chiefly stunted gum, of no value; patches of box seedlings and saplings and occasional belar occur near to the banks of the lake.

"It is obvious that the land is gradually becoming thickly covered with worthless timber and that the pastoral value—i.e., the carrying capacity—is steadily decreasing. I am of opinion that an unchecked timber growth would render the lake area comparatively valueless in about ten years' time. The labour and cost of improving the land will increase with delay.

"The first operation of ringbarking would cost about 8d. per acre. Subsequent expenditure necessary to keep down suckers and seedlings depends upon the after-growth, and I am unable to furnish any information based upon treatment of similar country. I observed that recently ringbarked gum timber, within Lake Cowal, on Warroo holding, was thickly overgrown with suckers.

"I estimate present carrying capability of the land, where available, at 3 acres per sheep, and the improved capacity at 1½ acre per sheep. Assuming 1s. as a fair yearly agistment rate per sheep, and deducting a sixth for probable flooded period, the annual rental value of the land would be 3d. and one-third of a penny per acre.

"The area embraced by timber reserve, and refuge reserve in time of flood No. 6, bounded on the east by portions 48 and 59, parish of Moora Moora (the western boundary lines of these portions, and of conditional lease 281, are substantially fenced and form part of the recognised eastern boundary of Manna holding) contains about 1,700 acres, made up as follows:—About 1,300 acres low ridges, sloping and level land, red loamy sandy soil, thickly timbered with box, pine, yarran, and bull oak, with patchy scrub of pine, wattle, and buddah; about 50 acres thickly timbered with belar; and about 250 acres open dead boree and plain country. Estimated natural grazing capacity, 4 acres to a sheep.

"The pine timber upon this reserve should not be interfered with, save to cull out worthless trees. All other timber, save straight-sound box-trees, might be destroyed, and the scrub and undergrowth cleared away.

"Reserve 14,941 consists of plain and open dead boree country, stiff clayey crabholey soil, and covers about 200 acres. Estimated carrying capacity, 1½ acre per sheep.

"It is obvious that, under present conditions of tenure, the value of the lake area as a State asset is steadily decreasing, and also that the whole area applied for as a scrub lease is being worked and used under great disadvantages, owing to absence of subdivision fences and sufficient water improvements. In view of these circumstances it appears advisable and necessary to take such action as will at least prevent the gradual depreciation of part of the public estate, and I would suggest two courses, viz., that the application for a scrub lease over the whole area be granted, or that the land be divided into about equal portions by a line from north to south and offered under settlement lease conditions.

"Viewing the character of the country, and in consideration of the fact that the greater portion of the high dry land adjoining the lake is reserved for preservation of timber, and therefore cannot be thoroughly improved for grazing use, and is infested with rabbits, and that travelling stock have the right to depasture over the whole of travelling stock reserve 17,085, I am in favour of the former proposition, and have to recommend that a scrub lease over the whole area be granted for a term of nine years at an annual rental of 3d. per acre."

The District Surveyor then reported as follows:—

Exhibit "B"—Report dated 29th May, 1899.

"Since receipt of Mr. Licensed-Surveyor Maitland's report of 8th ultimo, I have personally inspected a large proportion of the area applied for, and I am of opinion that the best use to which the land can be put, for the next ten years at any rate, would be to lease it under improvement conditions.

"Although I recognise that there may be a difficulty in declaring the greater part of the lake country to be scrub lands, still I think the wording of the 35th section of the Act of 1889 is sufficiently elastic to admit of it being so declared; and I therefore recommend that the area shown by red etching on plan marked 'E,' containing about 12,800 acres, be granted as a scrub lease to the applicant for a term of ten years at an annual rental of 1½d. per acre (£4 per section), and subject to the conditions hereafter mentioned.

"I do not think it would be desirable to encourage settlement lessees to take up this land, for the reasons that a person having no other country near would probably have to sacrifice his stock every time the lake filled, as the small amount of high ground on each holding would be wholly insufficient to carry the stock for long, especially as in one case travelling stock would have the right to run all over it, and in the other case the land, being a timber reserve, could only be very partially improved.

"I quite concur in Mr. Maitland's recommendation as regards including in the proposed scrub lease the small portions of Warroo resumed area. The conditions which I would recommend to be attached to the scrub lease are as follows:—

"1st. That the following trees shall not be interfered with: straight-box and gum-trees, 8 inches or over in diameter, and pine trees, 6 inches or over in diameter, at 3 feet from the ground—except on forest reserves 6 and 21,907. Pine trees between 3 and 6 inches in diameter, unless growing within 20 feet of each other, in which case the best or most promising saplings are to be selected for preservation. On forest reserves 6 and 21,907 the distance to be left between the saplings to be 8 feet instead of 20 feet; also all boree, currajong, wilga and berrigan, or rosewood, except to whip or lop the branches for stock-feeding purposes.

"2nd. That firebelts, 2 chains wide, be left on each side of the main track from Marsden to Condobolin; round each boundary of forest reserve No. 6, and east and west, and north and south, at intervals of about 1½ mile through the lease; also at the lessee's option, 1 chain wide round each boundary of the lease, also small clumps for shade purposes at intervals of about a mile apart.

"3rd.

- "3rd. That all trees and saplings, not exempted in the foregoing paragraphs, shall be destroyed by ringbarking or otherwise, and all non-edible scrubs thoroughly eradicated ; that quandong, cherry, emu, currant, currawong and warriah bushes shall not be destroyed ; except for stock-feeding purposes.
- "4th. That the lessee shall commence to operate on the land as previously prescribed, and shall within one year from that date treat not less than one fourth of the area, and shall, during each succeeding year, treat not less than an additional one-fourth, until the whole area shall have been ringbarked and scrubbed in accordance with conditions 1 to 3. Land once operated upon to be afterwards kept clear of suckers, seedlings, and undergrowth during the remainder of the term.
- "5th. That within three months from the granting of the scrub lease, steps be taken towards destroying the rabbits, wallabies, and other noxious animals on the land, and that all reasonable means be subsequently adopted for eradicating these animals.
- "6th. That any land required for mining or other public purposes may be withdrawn at any time without compensation other than for the lessee's interest in the improvements for the unexpired portion of the lease.
- "7th. That should the land be required for settlement purposes, the Minister shall have power to resume up to one-half the area of the scrub lease, but such power shall not be exercised during the first six years of the lease ; and as compensation for a withdrawal under this condition the lease of the remaining half shall be proportionately extended, but such extended term shall not exceed four years from the termination of the first term of ten years.
- "8th. Except as provided in Condition No. 6, the lessee shall not have tenant-right in ringbarking or scrubbing improvements, but shall have tenant-right in improvements which may be effected with the permission of the Minister or Chairman of the Board."

Mr. Forester Postlethwaite also furnished a report on forest reserve No. 6, in which he states that he does not see any objection to granting a lease.

The Local Land Board then held an inquiry on 21st June, 1899, and came to the following decision :—

"We are disposed to consider this application favourably excepting as regards the portion of land shown by black hatching ; but, before giving our decision, we wish to be furnished with a report by the Department of Public Works as to whether there would be any objection to granting a lease of the subject land for a period of from ten to fifteen years, under conditions relating to the growth of scrub (which is increasing under the present form of tenure) ; also subject to the special condition that the lease may be wholly or partly cancelled if the land should be required in connection with any scheme for the drainage of Lake Cowal, or any other public scheme in connection with irrigation, drainage, or water conservation. We also wish to be informed whether there is any objection, from the same points of view, to the alienation of the area within the limits of the flooded land (known as Nerang Cowal), or to the leasing of the land for a period of twenty-eight years (but without a condition of resumption) as settlement leases."

A report was accordingly obtained from the Water Conservation Branch, in which Mr. McKinney states that "while the question of the drainage of Nerang Lake, and the greater part of Lake Cowal, is a matter of no great difficulty, I do not think it would be remunerative at present, and I do not think there is any objection to granting a lease of the land in question for fifteen years."

A petition was then lodged against the granting of the scrub lease, which was referred to the Board in connection with their inquiry.

The Board, on 22nd and 25th September, further considered the matter, and the following is their recommendation :— "That when the case was before us on the last occasion, it was understood that it was closed so far as the taking of further evidence ; and we stated that we were disposed to favourably consider the application for the scrub lease, as it was clear from the evidence that it would not be expedient, owing to the very large proportion of flooded land, to recommend any form of settlement which would necessitate residence and continuous occupancy, such as are required in connection with settlement leases or holdings composed of original conditional purchases with their associated conditional leases. Homestead selections were considered to be out of the question, owing to the area being limited to 1,280 acres. Moreover, we recognised that it would prove dangerous to dispose of the large portion of Lake Cowal in question, under any form of tenure excepting one in which the term could be limited to fifteen years at the utmost, and with a condition giving the Crown the right of resumption in connection with any public scheme for drainage, water conservation, or irrigation. Under the settlement lease provisions, the term could not be less than twenty-eight years, and under the conditional purchase and associated conditional lease provisions the land would be practically alienated from the Crown, and, apparently, it would not be legal to introduce a condition of resumption as indicated to attach to holdings of these classes. Holding these views, we desired the opinion of the Department of Public Works on the question of leasing the lake portion. That opinion is now before us, and is to the effect that there would be no objection to granting a lease of the land in question for a period of fifteen years.

"Since the case was last before the Board, a petition, signed by a large number of persons, protesting against the granting of the scrub lease, has been presented ; and this petition has been forwarded to us by the Secretary for Lands for consideration when dealing with the case. Mr. Cheeseman, agent for applicant, objected to the Board reopening the case, on the grounds that the inquiry had been duly administered, and that the time for receiving objections had long since passed, and that the applicant could not be expected, at that late stage, to meet objectors who had come forward after the case had virtually closed. We fully recognise the very unsatisfactory position in which the applicant is placed ; but believing that we are acting Ministerially in this matter, we consider that we are bound to take into consideration, even now, the petition which the Minister has forwarded specifically for our consideration. Had the petition come before us in any other way at this stage, we would not have noticed it. Reviewing the whole case, however, in the light of the evidence offered at the inquiry on the 19th and 21st of June last, and at the present further inquiry, we report that our opinion has not been altered in the slightest as regards the advisableness of offering the land under some other form of tenure, or as regards the inexpediency of disposing of the lands as settlement leases or original conditional purchases and their associated conditional leases ; although we are bound to state our conviction that if the land were offered as settlement leases, in areas of about 3,000 acres each, it would be eagerly applied for. The question then

presented is—whether the application for a scrub lease by Arthur B. Hope should be granted? Mr. Hope's application is the only one which has been received; the necessary inspection and inquiry have been made at his expense; he has shown the unwisdom of the present form of tenure, and the possibilities of improvement under a secure tenure for a fair term of years; but it is now obvious that (although, in our opinion, a very large number of the petitioners are not specially interested in the question) there are other persons who are willing to take up the land under similar conditions to those proposed by Mr. Hope, and we cannot satisfy ourselves, in view of the evidence given at the later inquiry, that Mr. Hope should, in virtue of the priority of his application, receive a monopoly of this large extent of country, and we therefore recommend that the application for the scrub lease be refused, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with one block of 1,560 acres, as shown by black hatching on plan (*Exhibit E*), with a view to being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender, under the conditions proposed by the District Surveyor in his report (*Exhibit B*), in so far as they will apply, with the further condition of resumption in connection with any public scheme for irrigation, drainage, or conservation of water; the term of the leases to be fifteen (15) years; the upset rental to be determined after subdivision.

"We strongly recommend that the whole of the deposit lodged by Mr. Hope be refunded to him."

The applicant then appealed to the Land Appeal Court, whose decision is as follows:—"The Court recommends the Minister to grant to the applicant, Arthur Bobart Hope, a scrub lease of the area containing, approximately, 11,240 acres, as shown by red etching on plan (*Exhibit E*) with papers, the area of 1,560 acres, shown by black hatching, being excluded from the area originally applied for.

"The term of the lease to be for fifteen years. The annual rental to be 1½d. per acre.

"The other conditions in such lease to be as set forth in the report of Mr. District-Surveyor Sharp, dated 29th May, 1899.

"The appeal is therefore sustained, but the deposit and survey fee should be retained unless the Minister refuses to grant the lease.

"The grounds of appeal having raised for decision the question whether the Board were entitled to reopen the subject inquiry after it had been closed, they being under the impression that their function in connection with the application was Ministerial only, the Court is of opinion that the Board were not entitled to reopen such inquiry, their functions under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts dealing with scrub leases being, as to procedure, judicial.

"Deposit to be refunded."

It is now suggested in Mr. De Low's memorandum of the 14th instant that "it would perhaps be best to adopt the Board's report to refuse the application for a scrub lease, and thus leave the way open for future consideration of the question of the best means of disposal of the land. As the Board has not recommended the land be declared scrub land, it seems at present there is no other course open."

In all the circumstances of the case, the recommendation of the Land Board is submitted for approval.

H. CURRY,
Acting Under Secretary.

Approved.—T.H.H., 21/12/99.

No. 40.

H. G. Freeman, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

A. B. Hope—Scrub Lease.

Sir,

7, Grosvenor-street, Sydney, 5 January, 1900.

I beg you will favourably consider the decision of the Land Appeal Court in this case.

The facts are, briefly, that A. B. Hope made application for a scrub lease of the travelling stock reserve, and was opposed by the District Surveyor, for the reason all the high land was being secured; and he suggested an amended application, which was made for the whole 12,000 acres, which has been personally inspected by the District Surveyor and the Staff Surveyor, and nothing could be stronger than their reports. The matter was twice heard by the Board, and the case closed, and a favourable decision announced, subject to no objection being raised by the Water Conservation Branch. There was no objection from that quarter.

The trouble, then, only arises from a petition lodged; and the Land Court, in giving their decision, said: "The Board had no right to reopen the case after closing it; that their function in respect to scrub leases as to procedure is judicial."

The Board in their decision said they would not have reopened the case only the Minister told them to do so. I am sure, in sending on the petition, the Minister did not intend it to be a direction; and it is important to note that J. E. Ridley, in giving evidence, says a S. W. St. Baker drew up the petition for myself, Dunn (Ridley's brother-in-law), Barnes (who was working for Ridley), W. Ridley, and G. Ridley, so that the petition is a family affair. And even Ridley says: "The only objection I have is, my block is an irregular shape, and I might exchange it." Mr. Sharp, District Surveyor, objects to the exchange.

The whole circumstances are in favour of Mr. Hope succeeding. He has borne all the expense, proved his case, shown the petition to be in the interest of one man, and to have been illegally heard. The Department has decided they will not grant it in any form of lease but a short improving one, so that Mr. Hope is as good a tenant as any one else. He has his sheep there, and if put up to auction it will only bring him into competition with others, who have not even been petitioners, and there will be every opportunity for blackmail. The selectors will not be able to secure it, and they have not sufficient capital to work their own country at present.

Surely the Ministerial Department will not depart from strong reports by their surveyors and the decision of the Land Appeal Court!

I have, &c.,
H. G. FREEMAN.

Evidence, 19 June.—Mr. District Surveyor Sharp says: "If the area was subdivided into 6,000-acre blocks, I would not recommend selectors to take it."

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No. 41.

W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

5 January, 1900.

Some time ago I had a personal interview with you *re* an application for a scrub lease by A. B. Hope, Beña. As far as I can remember, the facts of the case are these: A. B. Hope applied for some land adjoining his lease to be granted to him as a scrub lease. His application was granted. It was protested against at the sitting of the local court; but the application was upheld in spite of the fact that several selectors in the room offered to take up the land as conditional purchase lease. You promised to give this matter your personal attention at the time. May I hope that you will do so now.

I am, &c.,

W. A. HOLMAN,
(*per* C.H.)

No. 42.

H. G. Freeman, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

A. B. Hope's Scrub Lease.

Sir,

7, Gresham-street, Sydney, 11 January, 1900.

Referring again to this matter, and the fact that the Local Land Board in dealing with this case took a course which had been declared by the Land Appeal Court to be illegal, after they virtually announced their decision, I think that it would be a fair and reasonable course to follow to refer the case back to the Board to announce the decision they had arrived at prior to the illegal act committed by them in reopening the case.

I have, &c.,

H. G. FREEMAN.

No. 43.

Office Memorandum.

Mr. Hope's Application for Scrub Lease.

16 January, 1900.

THE decision of the Land Appeal Court is not, as pointed out, binding on the Minister; but in view of that decision, and the recent correspondence that has been received, it is submitted that the case be referred to the Land Board for further report.

H. CURRY,

Acting Under-Secretary.

This may be done.—T.H.H., 17/1/1900. W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., and H. G. Freeman, Esq. informed, 23/1/1900. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes.—E.L. (for A.U.S.), B.C., 23/1/1900.

Herewith are forwarded reports from each member of the Board and myself. I consider that this is the most satisfactory way of presenting the views of the members of the Board; and, further, that it was not intended by the Acting Under-Secretary that the matter should be reopened and dealt with by the Board sitting in open court.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, Local Land Board, Forbes, 8/2/1900. The Under-Secretary for Lands.

[Enclosures.]

A. B. Hope's Application for Scrub Lease.

7 February, 1900.

The Board, according to the Land Appeal Court, was wrong in the view that Mr. Hope's application had not priority of claim. If the Court, instead of making a recommendation to the Minister, had returned the case to the Land Board, that body would have been bound to make a favourable recommendation, in view of the finding previously recorded (*see* 99-6,417 herewith).

The Board were quite unanimous in the view that as the lease could only be granted for a limited term (not exceeding fifteen years), and as the Crown should be quite unhampered if it should be found desirable to resume the land in connection with any public scheme of irrigation, drainage, or conservation of water, there would be much greater difficulty in resuming from four or five holders than from one.

I observe that in the minute dated 14/12/99 (Occupation 99-14,240, enclosure) submitting the case, weight is given to the fact that the Board did not recommend that the land be declared scrub land (but the Board's first finding clearly involves that recommendation); but I may state here that, in view of the recent decision of the Land Appeal Court in the Palisthon and Kiacatoo scrub lease cases, the Board could have had no hesitation in recommending the lands to be declared scrub lands.

ROBERT McDONALD,
Chairman Local Land Board.Forbes Land Board District—*Re* A. B. Hope's application for Scrub Lease.

THE opinion I arrived at, after hearing the first evidence given in this case, was that Hope had a strong moral as well as a legal claim that his application should be allowed. It was during the first hearing that there were rumours that the granting of the lease would be objected to. It was also said that some of the objectors were in Court at that time. The Chairman made it very plain that the application for a scrub lease had been duly notified in the regular way, and that persons intending to object should have lodged their written intentions at his office. No such objections had, however, been sent in. The Chairman then stated in open Court that if any person or persons in Court were still opposed to the granting of the lease, they should then and there declare themselves as objectors, and in such case they were asked to remain in Court. Immediately, all the supposed objectors retired in a body.

When the matter again, at a later date, came before the Board, a petition against the granting of the lease had been addressed to the Board and was amongst the papers. That petition bore strong presumptive evidence of having been prepared and signed by members of a well-known family of selectors who already own large areas of land, and one of whom admitted in evidence that he had on a former occasion sold out his selection at a considerable advance on what it had cost him; in fact, the evidence of the objectors throughout was to my mind the reverse of satisfactory.

My opinion is now, and has been all through, that the area (some 12,000 acres) would be a much better Crown asset at the end of fourteen (14) years' lease if in the hands of the applicant Hope than it would be if disposed of as improvement leases to a few of the objectors.

The land, from its position and configuration, can never be settled upon in the manner contemplated by the Act. I state this from a knowledge of the locality, which extends over thirty years.

In conclusion, I may state, that I do not know Mr. Hope personally, and have never spoken to him in my life.

WM. BROOKE,
Member, Forbes Land Board.
Concerning

Concerning Scrub Lease applied for by A. B. Hope, Lake Cowal.

WHEN this application came before the Land Board in the first instance, they recommended that the lease should be granted, as, although ample notice had been given to the general public through the local newspapers, and as required by the Land Act, no objection of sufficient consequence was taken to justify the Board in not doing so. Since then the case was referred to them on account of a petition signed by a number of settlers in the locality stating that they would willingly take up the land if allowed to do so.

As a petition signed by such a number could not well be ignored, the recommendation was altered, and the land recommended to be divided into certain blocks as mentioned in report. I was under the impression that we had not the power to act judicially in this matter or I should not have altered my opinion, as I thought at the time that Hope should have the land, and am still of the same opinion. He was the first to make application, and from all I can learn is both able and willing to carry out the improvements required by the Act to make the land of much more value than it is at the present time.

I do not think much attention should be paid to petitions, as many people sign them thoughtlessly, and without intention of applying for land themselves.

J. G. M. SHARPE,
Member, Local Land Board.

No. 44.

The Acting Under Secretary for Lands to H. G. Freeman, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 January, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, on the subject of Mr. A. B. Hope's application (No. 98-25, Condobolin) for a scrub lease on Moonbi or Bogandillon holding, I have the honor to inform you that, having in view all the circumstances, it has been decided to refer the case back to the Local Land Board for further report.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary.

(per F.H.W.)

No. 45.

The Acting Under Secretary for Lands to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 January, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the instant, on the subject of Mr. A. B. Hope's application (No. 98-25, Condobolin) for a scrub lease on Moonbi or Bogandillon holding, I have the honor to inform you that, having in view all the circumstances, it has been decided to refer the case back to the Local Land Board for further report.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary.

(per F.H.W.)

No. 46.

Office Memorandum.

15 February, 1900.

HAVING regard to the expression of the views of the Chairman and Members of the Land Board, it is submitted, on a review of the case, that Mr. Hope's application for a scrub lease be proceeded with.

The Land Appeal Court's determination of rent may be accepted.

The conditions of the lease should be as proposed by the District Surveyor and the Board, after revision by the Forest Branch.

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary.

Approved.—T.H.H., 16/2/1900. Mr. Hay (Forest Branch) for report as to whether there are any objections to the conditions proposed by the District Surveyor, and for any suggestions he may desire to make.—E.L., 12/3/1900. Mr. Cheesbrough for review.—R. D. HAY, B.C., 14/3/1900.

Suggested conditions for the improvement of forest reserves Nos. 21,907 and 6, county of Gipps.—The first-mentioned reserve is also a travelling stock reserve, so that I think the stacking and burning-off of the thinnings and fallen timber should be insisted on. The conditions suggested by the District Surveyor are otherwise satisfactory.—JOHN S. CHEESBROUGH, Inspecting Foresters' Office, 15/3/1900.

Returned to Occupation Branch. I concur in the above.—R. D. HAY, 15/3/1900. Mr. Landers.

Mr. McMinn,—Please furnish description.—J.G., 16/3/1900. Description herewith.—A.B.M., 24/3/1900. Mr. Landers.

No. 47.

Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, 31 March, 1900.

WILL the District Surveyor at Forbes be good enough to furnish the names of the plants which should be declared "scrub" on proposed scrub lease applied for by A. B. Hope, situated within the resumed areas of Warroo, No. 181, and Moonbi or Bogandillon, No. 542, Central Division. Scrub lease application 98-25, Condobolin.

E.L.

The District Surveyor, Forbes.

(For the Under Secretary.)

The noxious scrubs indigenous to this land are box and gum seedlings, lignum, pine, buddha, dogwood, wattle, camomile, sifting-bush and hop-bush.—ARTHUR SHARP, District Surveyor, 3rd April, 1900. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 48.

No. 48.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 9 April, 1900.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that the undermentioned plants on proposed scrub lease No. 100, of about 11,240 acres, within the boundaries of the resumed area of Warroo pastoral holding No. 181, and resumed area of Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding No. 542, Central Division, be declared "scrub" within the meaning of the 4th section, Crown Lands Act of 1889, so far as the land referred to is concerned:—Box and gum seedlings, lignum, pine, buddha, dogwood, wattle, camomile, sifting-bush, and hop-bush.

T. H. HASSALL

The Executive Council approve of the recommendation herein specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Min. 00-16, 12/4/1900. Approved.—B., 12/4/1900. Confirmed, 17/4/1900. Proclamation of scrub, declaration of scrub land, scrub lease granted, gazetted 2/5/1900. Lessee informed and *Gazette* slip sent, 7/5/1900.

No. 49.

Proclamation.

New South Wales, } By His Excellency The Right Honorable WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Knight
to wit. } Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
(L.S.) BEAUCHAMP, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
Governor. Dependencies.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, I, WILLIAM, EARL BEAUCHAMP, Governor of the Colony of the New South Wales aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby declare all box and gum seedlings, lignum, pine, buddha, dogwood, wattle, camomile, sifting-bush, and hopbush to be "scrub," within the meaning of the 4th section of the said Act, on proposed scrub lease, containing about 11,240 acres, in the parishes of Manna, Bena, and Nerang Cowal, county of Gipps, declared to be "scrub lands" in the *Government Gazette* of this date, and being part of the resumed areas of Warroo pastoral holding, No. 181, and Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, Central Division.

[Occ. 1900-606]

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

T. H. HASSALL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1900.

DECLARATION OF SCRUB LANDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 35th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, the land hereunder described is hereby declared to be scrub lands.

T. H. HASSALL,

Secretary for Lands.

CENTRAL DIVISION, LAND DISTRICTS OF FORBES AND CONDOBOLIN.

Within the resumed areas of Warroo Pastoral Holding, No. 181, and Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, No. 542, notified 11th July, 1885, and 31st July, 1885, respectively.

County of Gipps, parishes of Manna, Bena, and Nerang Cowal, containing an area of about 11,240 acres. The Crown lands within the following boundaries: Commencing at the north-west corner of forest reserve 21,907, notified 22nd December, 1894; and bounded thence by the north boundary of that reserve bearing east to its north-east corner; thence by part of its eastern boundary bearing southerly to the south-west corner of portion 3, parish of Nerang Cowal; thence by the south and part of the east boundaries of that portion bearing east and north to the westernmost south-west corner of portion 9; thence by the south-western and south-eastern boundaries of that portion bearing south-easterly and north-easterly to the west boundary of forest reserve and reserve for refuge from flood No. 6, notified 3rd April, 1886; thence by part of the west, the north, and the east boundaries of that reserve bearing north, east, and south to the south-west corner of portion 59, parish of Moora Moora; thence by a line bearing west 105 chains; thence by a line bearing south about 160 chains; thence by a line bearing east to the south-west corner of converted pre-lease 3,602; thence by parts of the east and south boundaries of Moonbi or Bogandillon resumed area, No. 542, bearing south and west to the south-east corner of portion 1, parish of Bena; thence by the eastern boundaries of portions 1 and 2, and a line bearing northerly to the south-east corner of portion 16, parish Nerang Cowal; and thence by the eastern boundaries of portions 16 and 15, a line, portions 14 and 13, bearing northerly, to the point of commencement.

[Occ. 1900-606]

No. 50.

Notice of Granting of Scrub Lease

Department of Lands, Sydney, 2 May, 1900.

SCRUB LEASE—NOTICE OF GRANTING OF.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act and Regulations thereunder, a scrub lease of the land set out in the annexed Schedule has been granted for the term and under the conditions, provisions, covenants, restrictions, and reservations herein-after mentioned:—

1. The term of the lease shall be from the 2nd May, 1900, to the 1st May, 1915. The lease is granted subject to all of the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts and Regulations applicable thereto.
2. The lessee shall destroy all scrub (except edible scrub, which shall include quandong, cherry, emu, currant, currawong, and warriah bushes).
3. The lessee shall preserve all straight box and gum trees 8 inches or over in diameter at 3 feet from the ground, and all pine-trees 6 inches or over in diameter at 3 feet from the ground; also all boree, currajong, wilga, and berrigan or rosewood, except to whip or lop the branches for stock-feeding purposes; and shall not cut or destroy any timber useful for fencing or building purposes, or cut or remove any timber for sale, or otherwise than for lessee's own use. Lachlan or white pine-trees between 3 and 6 inches in diameter, measured at 3 feet from the ground, shall be thinned out by the lessee to distances of 20 feet apart wherever growing, leaving the straightest and best saplings.
4. The lessee shall, on forest reserves 6 and 21,907, thin out all Lachlan and white pine-trees between 3 and 6 inches in diameter, measured at 3 feet from the ground, to distances of 8 feet apart wherever growing, leaving the straightest and best saplings.
5. The lessee shall destroy all other trees and saplings not exempted in previous conditions, by ringbarking or otherwise, except that fire-belts 2 chains wide be left on each side of the main track from Marsden to Condoulin; also around each boundary of forest reserve 6, and east and west and north and south at intervals of about 1½ mile through the lease; also, at the lessee's option, 1 chain around each boundary of the lease; also small clumps for shade purposes at intervals of about a mile apart.
6. The lessee shall begin to clear the land within three months from the commencement of the lease. During the first year he shall clear not less than one-fourth of the total area of the land under lease, and during each of the succeeding three years one-fourth of the total area, so that the whole area shall be cleared during the first four years. After any part of the land has been cleared, such part to be kept cleared during the term of the lease.
7. The lessee shall, during the whole term of the lease, keep the land free from suckers, seedlings, and undergrowth.
8. The lessee shall, on forest reserves 6 and 21,907, collect and stack all thinnings and debris in neat heaps at intervals of not less than 1 chain apart, and shall totally burn them off during the winter months, and in so doing shall prevent the spread of fire therefrom extending to and injuring the standing timber.
9. All persons duly authorised shall have full right to enter upon the land leased embraced in forest reserves 6 and 21,907 at any time during the currency of the lease, for the purpose of cutting and removing timber without interference by the lessee.
10. The lessee shall give the Chairman of the Local Land Board not less than three weeks' nor more than six weeks' notice in writing of his (the lessee's) intention to commence the work of clearing, scrubbing, and burning off on that part of the land leased embraced in forest reserves 6 and 21,907, and shall, from time to time, on a stoppage or cessation of the work for a longer period than seven days, give the Chairman not less than seven days' notice in writing of his (the lessee's) intention to renew and continue the operations of clearing, scrubbing, and burning off.
11. The lessee shall, within three months from the commencement of the lease, take effective steps to destroy rabbits, wallabies, and other noxious animals, and shall continue to do so during the whole term of the lease, and of any extension thereof.
12. The right is reserved to the Governor to resume by notice in the *Gazette* for settlement any part of the area leased up to one-half, after the first six years of the lease, by giving not less than four months' notice to that effect in the *Government Gazette*, and no compensation will be paid for the exercise of the right of resumption for such purpose; provided that, upon the resumption of any land as aforesaid, a reduction of the annual rental will be made, proportionate to the area taken.
13. The lease is granted subject to the condition that the Governor may withdraw any land required for mining purposes or for any public purpose without compensation, except for improvements effected under special permission; provided that, upon the withdrawal of any land as aforesaid, a reduction of the annual rental will be made, proportionate to the area taken.
14. The lease is granted conditionally on all rights of road, of camping, and of travelling stock being retained.
15. The lease shall be deemed to be a lease for pastoral purposes, and as such to be subject to the operations of the Mining Act of 1874, and all Acts amending or extending the same.
16. The lessee shall maintain all improvements in good order and condition during the term of the lease, and of any extension thereof.
17. Upon such resumption as aforesaid, or upon expiration of the lease by effluxion of time, the lessee shall have tenant right, as defined in the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in such improvements as may be effected with the consent of the Chairman of the Land Board or the Minister; but shall not have tenant right in scrubbing, clearing, ringbarking, or suckering.
18. As part of the land included in this lease is within reserves from sale, and as Regulation No. 71 of the Crown Lands Acts provides that no application for a homestead selection shall be confirmed for the land included in any reserve from sale, the lessee, if desirous of ultimately obtaining a homestead selection under the provisions of section 27 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, is advised not to erect his dwelling-house, and not to effect the improvements referred to in that section on any land reserved from sale.
19. The annual rent shall be paid yearly in advance, and if not so paid, and in the event of any condition not being fulfilled, the lease will be liable to forfeiture.

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20. In the event of forfeiture of the lease for non-compliance with any of the conditions, all improvements effected by the lessee shall become the property of the Crown without compensation.

21. The rent for the first year of the lease must be paid within one month from this date.

SCHEDULE.

Land Districts of Forbes and Condobolin.

Within the resumed areas of Warroo Pastoral Holding, No. 181, and Moonbi or Bogandillon Pastoral Holding, No. 542, Central Division.

No. of Lease.	No. of Application.	Name and Address of Lessee.	Estimated Area.	Parishes.	County.	Annual Rent.
100	98-25	Arthur Bobart Hope, Bogandillon, Forbes.....	acres. *11,240 (about)	Manna, Bena, and Nerang Cowal.	Gipps	£ s. d. 70 5 0

* As described by notification of scrub lands in *Gazette* of this date.

The cost of survey and report will be adjusted after survey has been effected.

Scrubs :—Box and gum seedlings, lignum, pine, buddha, dogwood, wattle, camomile, sifting-bush, and hophbush.

T. H. HASSALL,
Secretary for Lands.

[Occ. 1900-606.]

No. 51.

The Acting Under Secretary for Lands to A. B. Hope, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 7 May, 1900.

I have the honor to invite your attention to a notification in the *Government Gazette* of the 2nd instant, notifying the granting to you of a scrub lease of about 11,240 acres within the resumed areas of Warroo pastoral holding, No. 181, and Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding, No. 542, Central Division, for the term 2nd May, 1900, to the 1st May, 1915, at a rental of £70 5s. per annum.

Rent for the first year should be paid into the Colonial Treasury, Sydney, on or before the 2nd June next, and for succeeding years on or before the 1st May in each year in advance.

The deposit and survey fee lodged will be adjusted when survey of the land has been effected.

Box and gum seedlings, lignum, pine, buddha, dogwood wattle, camomile, sifting-bush and hop-bush have been declared "scrub" in connection with the lease, and special attention is directed to the conditions as to clearing in respect thereof.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,
Acting Under Secretary,
(per F.H.W.).

Scrub lease, No. 100, Parishes Manna, Bena, and Nerang Cowal. Land Districts of Forbes and Condobolin.

Gazette slip herewith.

No. 52.

The District Surveyor, Forbes, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

8 May, 1900.

THE following description is forwarded to supersede one published in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd May, 1900, folio 3416—which includes part of portion 25, set apart for additional conditional purchase or conditional lease, and excludes a strip to the west thereof.

ARTHUR SHARP,

District Surveyor.

Declaration of scrub lands :—County of Gipps, parishes of Manna, Bena, and Nerang Cowal, containing about 11,240 acres. The Crown lands within the following boundaries :—Commencing at the north-west corner of forest reserve 21,907, notified 22nd December, 1894, and bounded thence by the north boundary of that reserve bearing west to its north-east corner ; thence by part of its eastern boundary bearing southerly to the south-west corner of portion 3, parish of Nerang Cowal ; thence by the south and part of the east boundaries of that portion bearing east and north to a point west of the westernmost south-east corner of portion 9 ; thence by a line east to that point ; thence by the south-western and south-eastern boundaries of that portion bearing south easterly and north-easterly to the west boundary of forest reserve and reserve for refuge from flood No 6, notified 3rd April, 1886 ; thence by part of the west, the north, and the east boundaries of that reserve bearing north, east, and south to the south-west corner of portion 59, parish of Moora Moora ; thence by part of a north boundary of portion 26, bearing west to a north-east boundary of portion 25, parish of Nerang Cowal ; thence by a north-eastern, a north, a west, and a south boundary of that portion bearing north-westerly, west, south, and east to the south-west corner of portion 74, parish of Moora Moora ; thence by parts of the east and south boundaries of Moonbi, or Bogandillon, resumed area No. 542, bearing south and westerly to the south-east corner of portion 1, parish of Bena ; thence by the eastern boundaries of portions 1 and 2, and a line bearing northerly to the south-east corner of portion 16, parish of Nerang Cowal ; and thence by the eastern boundaries of portions 16 and 15, a line, portions 14 and 13, bearing northerly to the point of commencement.

Occ. 1900-606. Mr. McMinn.—E.L., 14/5/1900.

The land set apart for McCormack having been measured as portion 25, the description, as slightly amended by the District Surveyor, may be notified in lieu of that published in the *Gazette* of the 2nd May.—A.B.M., 18/5/1900. Mr. Landers.

The description of the scrub lands may be renotified to supersede that published in *Gazette* of 2nd instant.—E. C. LANDERS, 18/5/1900. For approval.—F. H. WILSON, Chief Clerk, 21/5/1900. H. Curry, 22/5/1900. Approved.—T.H.H., 25/5/1900.

No. 53.

No. 53.

W. A. Ewars, Esq., to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

Presented by Mr. Holman, M.P.

Bena and Wamboyne Selectors' Association,

Dear Sir,

"Belle Forest," Bena, 21 May, 1900.

It is impossible to express to you the astonishment and indignation that has been evoked in this district by a report in the local papers to the effect that a scrub lease of 11,000 odd acres had been granted on Moonbi or Bogandillon pastoral holding. This can only refer to the land applied for by Mr. A. B. Hope, which my Association has confidently expected would be made available for selection (either as "improvement" or settlement lease), in accordance with the report of the Forbes Land Board, 25th September, and for which several residents of these districts—some of them without land—have been long waiting.

To show you what abundant grounds there are for the feeling referred to, I may briefly recall to your recollection the facts connected with this matter:—

Firstly as to the land.—This cannot fairly be said to come within the scrub lease provisions of the Act, inasmuch as not less than nine-tenths of the whole area is open box timber country, free from scrub, so sparsely timbered that even under present conditions there is a considerable growth of grass and herbage. The greater part of the area is known as "Little Lake Cowal," in contradistinction to the main "lake" further south, within Lake Cowal pastoral holding. The name, however, is a misnomer, as it has been dry for years, and, as shown in the evidence, is likely to remain so.

The fact that the land was applied for as a scrub lease was not known to local residents at the date of the first hearing (viz., 18th June, 1899), and, failing any opposition, the Board recommended that the application be granted. A large petition was then sent to the Minister by local residents and some others in want of land, and as a result the case was referred back to the Board for rehearing. Several members of my Association, at great inconvenience and expense, went to Forbes to oppose the application, and no fewer than six witnesses deposed as to their desire to take up blocks of the land in question (either as improvement or settlement lease), and at a rental double that suggested for the scrub lease. In view of this evidence, the District Surveyor suggested (on the invitation of the Chairman) that Mr. Hope be given half the area as a scrub lease, in recognition of the fact that he had been involved in considerable expense, and that, had it not been for his action, the residents of that district would not have been aware that the land in question was available. The Board in its decision justly overruled this suggestion, and refused the application.

The published decision states, *inter alia*: "We are bound to state our conviction that if the land were offered as settlement leases, in areas of about 3,000 acres each, it would be eagerly applied for." Again: "It is now obvious that there are other persons who are willing to take up the land under similar conditions to those proposed by Mr. Hope, and we cannot satisfy ourselves, in view of the evidence given at the later inquiry, that Mr. Hope should, in virtue of the priority of his application, receive a monopoly of this large extent of country; and we therefore recommend that the application for the scrub lease be refused, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with a view to being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender."

Mr. Hope then carried the matter before the Land Appeal Court, and the appeal was (on a technicality) successful.

This left the matter altogether in the hands of the Minister, who, instead of disposing of the case on its merits, after some considerable time referred it back to the Local Land Board for a further report, and now, to our astonishment and indignation, has, after all, granted the scrub-lease.

Such action on the part of a Minister, in any other than a British community, would bear only one interpretation; as matters are, it is simply incomprehensible.

The facts have in no wise altered since last September, except that one only of the protesting witnesses has since been successful at a ballot for land; the others are still waiting. Thus any subsequent report by the Board could not differ in its tenor from what I have quoted above.

Under these circumstances, I am directed to ask you to inquire (at your earliest convenience) the reasons given for the Minister's action, and to communicate them to my Association. If these are refused, or the explanation is unsatisfactory, it is our intention to give the matter full publicity, in order that settlers throughout the Colony may know the sort of Government they have to deal with.

I am, &c.,

W. A. EWARS,

Secretary, Bena and Wamboyne Selectors' Association.

Further protest by Secretary of Bena and Wamboyne Selectors' Association against the granting of Scrub Lease on Moonbi or Bogandillon Holding to A. B. Hope.—On the 12th December, 1898, A. B. Hope lodged an application for a scrub lease of about 12,000 acres, including a large part of Lake Cowal. The local surveyor, in reporting on the application, stated the land was situated about 45 and 35 miles from Forbes and Condobolin respectively, and comprised about 12,500 acres, covered by reserve, and suggested that a scrub lease of the whole area be granted, or that the land be divided into two equal portions and offered under settlement lease conditions. The District Surveyor, in reporting, stated that he had personally inspected a greater part of the area applied for, and was of opinion that the best use to which the land could be put for the next ten years would be to lease it under improvement conditions. The Board, on the 25th September, 1899, recommended the refusal of the application for a scrub lease, and that the land be subdivided into blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with one block of 1,560 acres, with a view to being offered as improvement leases by auction. Against this decision of the Board the applicant, A. B. Hope, appealed to the Land Appeal Court. The case came before the Land Appeal Court on the 25th October, 1899, and 23rd November, 1899, when the Court recommended the Minister to grant to A. B. Hope a scrub lease of the area containing, approximately, 11,240 acres for a term of fifteen years at a rental of 1½d. per acre, with the conditions as set forth in Mr. District Surveyor Sharp's report of 29th May, 1899. On the matter coming before the Department, it was approved to accept the Board's recommendation (99-14,240, Occupation). On the 5th January last, Mr. Holman wrote respecting the matter, and drawing attention to the protest by persons in the locality against the granting of the lease.

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On the 16th January the matter was revised and referred to the Land Board for further report. The members of the Board each furnished a report, and in view of the Land Appeal Court's decision that Hope had a priority of claim, and further, that had the case been returned to them, they would have been bound to make a favourable recommendation. In view of the expression of the views of the chairman and members of the Board, it was approved that a scrub lease be granted to A. B. Hope, under the conditions as proposed by the District Surveyor and the Board, after revision of the Forest Branch. The lease was gazetted on the 2nd May last. Mr. Holman, M.P., now presents a protest from the Secretary of the Bena and Wamboyne Selectors' Association, and to obtain the reasons given by the Minister for his action in granting the lease.—E. C. LANDERS, 25/5/1900. Submitted.

The history of the case may be explained to Mr. Holman.—H. CURRY, 25/5/1900. W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P., informed, 25/5/1900. Approved.—T.H.H., 26/5/1900.

No. 54.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. A. Holman, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 May, 1900.

Referring to the letter presented by you from Mr. W. A. Ewars, Secretary of the Bena and Wamboyne Selectors Association, relative to the scrub lease granted to Mr. A. B. Hope, I have the honor to inform you that the Local Land Board held an inquiry into the matter on the 21st June, 1899, and came to the following decision:—

"We are disposed to consider this application favourably, excepting as regards the portion of land shown by black hatching; but, before giving our decision, we wish to be furnished with a report by the Department of Public Works as to whether there would be any objection to granting a lease of the subject land for a period of from ten to fifteen years under conditions relating to the growth of scrub (which is increasing under the present form of tenure), also subject to the special condition that the lease may be wholly or partly cancelled if the land should be required in connection with any scheme for the drainage of Lake Cowal, or any other public scheme in connection with irrigation, drainage, or water conservation. We also wish to be informed whether there is any objection, from the same point of view, to the alienation of the area within the limits of the flooded land (known as Nerang Cowal), or to the leasing for a period of twenty-eight years (but without a condition of resumption) as settlement leases."

A report was accordingly obtained from the Water Conservation Branch, in which Mr. M'Kinney states that "while the question of the drainage of Nerang Lake, and the greater part of Lake Cowal, is a matter of no great difficulty, I do not think it would be remunerative at present, and I do not think there is any objection to granting a lease of the land in question for fifteen years." A petition was then lodged against the granting of the scrub lease, which was referred to the Board in connection with their inquiry. The Board, on 22nd and 25th September, further considered the matter, and the following is their recommendation:—"That when the case was before us on the last occasion it was understood that it was closed so far as the taking of further evidence, and we stated that we were disposed to favourably consider the application for the scrub lease, as it was clear from the evidence that it would not be expedient, owing to the very large proportion of flooded land, to recommend any form of settlement which would necessitate residence and continuous occupancy such as are required in connection with settlement leases on holdings composed of original conditional purchases with their associated conditional leases; homestead selectors were considered to be out of the question, owing to the area being limited to 1,280 acres. Moreover, we recognise that it would prove dangerous to dispose of the large portion of Lake Cowal in question under any form of tenure excepting one in which the term could be limited to fifteen years at the utmost, and with a condition giving the Crown the right of resumption in connection with any public scheme for drainage, water conservation, or irrigation. Under the settlement lease provisions the term could not be less than twenty-eight years, and under the conditional purchase and associated conditional lease provisions the land would be practically alienated from the Crown, and, apparently, it would not be legal to introduce a condition of resumption as indicated to attach to holdings of these classes. Holding these views, we desired the opinion of the Department of Public Works on the question of leasing the lake portion. That opinion is now before us, and is to the effect that there would be no objection to granting a lease of the land in question for a period of fifteen years.

"Since the case was last before the Board, a petition, signed by a large number of persons, protesting against the granting of the scrub lease has been presented, and this petition has been forwarded to us by the Secretary for Lands for consideration when dealing with the case. Mr. Cheeseman, agent for applicant, objected to the Board reopening the case, on the grounds that the inquiry had been duly administered; that the time for receiving objections had long since passed; and that the applicant could not be expected, at that late stage, to meet objectors who had come forward after the case had virtually closed. We fully recognise the very unsatisfactory position in which the applicant is placed, and, believing that we are acting Ministerially in this matter, we consider that we are bound to take into consideration, even now, the petition which the Minister has forwarded specifically for our consideration. Had the petition come before us in any other way at this stage, we would not have noticed it. Reviewing the whole case, however, in the light of the evidence offered at the inquiry on the 19th and 21st of June last and at the present further inquiry, we report that our opinion has not been altered in the slightest as regards the advisableness of offering the land under some other form of tenure, or as regards the expediency of disposing of the lands as settlement leases or original conditional purchases and their associated conditional leases, although we are bound to state our conviction that if the land were offered as settlement leases, in areas of about 3,000 acres each, it would be eagerly applied for. The question then presented is—whether the application for a scrub lease by Arthur B. Hope should be granted? Mr. Hope's application is the only one which has been received; the necessary inspection and inquiry have been made at his expense; he has shown the unwisdom of the present form of tenure, and the possibilities of improvement under a secure tenure for a fair term of years; but it is now obvious that (although, in our opinion, a very large number of the petitioners are not specially interested in the question) there are other persons who are willing to take up the land under similar conditions to those proposed by Mr. Hope, and we cannot satisfy ourselves, in view of the evidence given at the later inquiry, that Mr. Hope should, in virtue of the priority of his application, receive a monopoly of this large extent of country; and we therefore recommend that the

application for the scrub lease be refused, and that the land be subdivided in blocks of from 3,000 to 4,000 acres, with one block of 1,560 acres, as shown by black hatching on plan (*Exhibit E*), with a view to being offered as improvement leases by public auction or tender, under the conditions proposed by the District Surveyor in his report (*Exhibit B*) in so far as they will apply, with the further condition of resumption in connection with any public scheme for irrigation, drainage, or conservation of water. The term of the leases to be fifteen (15) years; the upset rental to be determined after subdivision."

The matter was, in view of correspondence received on Mr. Hope's behalf, referred in January last to the Land Board for further report, with the result that each of the members of the Board expressed views favourable to the case being dealt with in the way the Land Appeal Court itself had recommended. In view of the Land Appeal Court's decision and the opinion of the Land Board, the Minister, on a review of the case, decided to grant a scrub lease in satisfaction of Mr. Hope's application. I may mention that on 23rd January last a letter was forwarded to you, intimating that the case had been referred to the Board for report.

It may be pointed out that the case was referred to the Board in January last, after the Appeal Court had dealt with it, and the Board apparently felt that they could hardly deal with the case in open Court in review of the Appeal Court's decision.

I have, &c.,
H. CURRY,
Under Secretary.

No. 55.

Office Memorandum.

Mr. Hope's Scrub Lease.

29 May, 1900.

Mr. HOLMAN, M.P., called and complained that, in his opinion, the action of the Land Board had been inconsistent in this case. I gather that the matter has occasioned some local comment. I explained to Mr. Holman that the Land Appeal Court had dealt with the case; and when the papers were afterwards referred to the Land Board, the chairman and members evidently felt a difficulty in reviewing the Appeal Court's decision in open Court, and thus came to express their individual views, which, taken with the Appeal Court's decision, justified the granting of the lease. I think the papers may be again brought under the notice of the chairman and members of the Board, so that they may understand Mr. Holman's views, and have an opportunity of offering such observations, if any, as they may desire to make.

H. CURRY,
Under Secretary.

I concur.—T.H.H., 31/5/1900. The Acting Chairman, Bourke.—E.L. (for U.S.), B.C., 1/6/1900. I have no further observation to make; may be referred to Mr. Brooke, and then to Mr. Sharpe.—ROBERT McDONALD, Chairman, 8/6/1900. The Clerk in-Charge (Wilcannia), Forbes.

In forwarding these papers in connection with the Chairman's minute on L.B. 1900-8,704, and reply from members of the Board, L.B. 1900-3,792 and 3,793, and at the same time point out that action does not appear to have been taken on Occ. 1900-4,848.—A. J. VILES, Clerk-in-Charge (for Chairman), Forbes, 18/6/1900. The Under Secretary.

[Enclosure.]

Forbes, 18 June, 1900.

With regard to the land in question, every consideration was given to the evidence adduced by the different witnesses as to the nature of the country, and the only conclusion I could come to, as one of the members of the Board, was that, on account of the dense scrub, which is simply a haunt for noxious animals, the fact of its liability to floods, also that it will probably be required at some future time for water conservation in connection with Lake Cowal, of which it forms a part, that the best thing to be done with it was to grant it as a scrub lease. I should certainly recommend that the said lease be granted to Hope for the term of years mentioned in report.

J. G. M. SHARPE,
Member, Local Land Board.

Re A. B. Hope's Scrub Lease.

Forbes, 18 June, 1900.

With regard to the statement that the case when before the Board occasioned a good deal of public comment, I can confidently state that such is not the case. I never heard it spoken of except as coming from the parties interested, and certainly there was no exhibition of public feeling in the matter. Applicant and objectors were all unknown to me. The Board gave the case the most careful consideration, and, on retiring to consider their finding, each member read the evidence over again for himself.

I have known the subject land for between thirty and forty years, have seen it in times of flood and drought, and am satisfied that it is not land suitable for closer settlement, nor, indeed, ever will be. In the public interest, I am of opinion that the finding of the Board was the only correct and possible one.

WM. BROOKE,
Member of Forbes Land Board.

Private and Confidential.—N.B. The principal objectors have the reputation of being fault-finders in anything where they cannot have their own way.

No. 56.

Question and Answer, Legislative Assembly.

Department of Lands.

Legislative Assembly.—Question for this day.—Proof No. 6. Thursday, 21st June, 1900.

Question No. 10.

(10.) Scrub Lease of A. Hope, near Condobolin:—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to laying upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the granting of A. Hope's scrub lease near Condobolin?

Answer.

Mr. Hassall answered,—I have no objection; but the papers should be moved for in the usual manner.

[6 plans.]

Enclosure to No. 1.

TRACING

LAND BOARD DISTRICT
No 98/3175
ENCLOSURE
FORBES


Showing Land applied for as Scrub Lease

COUNTY OF GIPPS

Condobolin Land District

Scale 40 Chains to an Inch

Note.

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PARISH

R.A. N° 542A

OF

BOGANBILLOX

OR

MOONBRI

13

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5

RESUMED AREA

14

302 1/2 ac

3

N° 542

PARISH

640 ac

OF

1920 ac

15

NERANG

640 ac

WR. 2566. Notif'd 26th Ap^l 82

COWAL

Lake Cowal

16

17085 F. R. 21907

Notified 14th Jan^y 1893
Not'd 22nd Dec^r 94

R. 14041
Notif'd
11th July
1891

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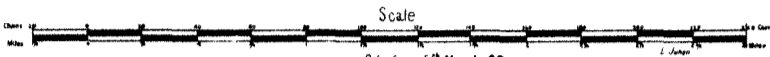
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SECOND EDITION
PARISH OF NERANG COWAL
COUNTY OF GIPPS
 LAND DISTRICTS OF FORBES & CONDOBOLIN
 CENTRAL DIVISION N.S.W.

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Land Board District
No 98.8289 Enclosure
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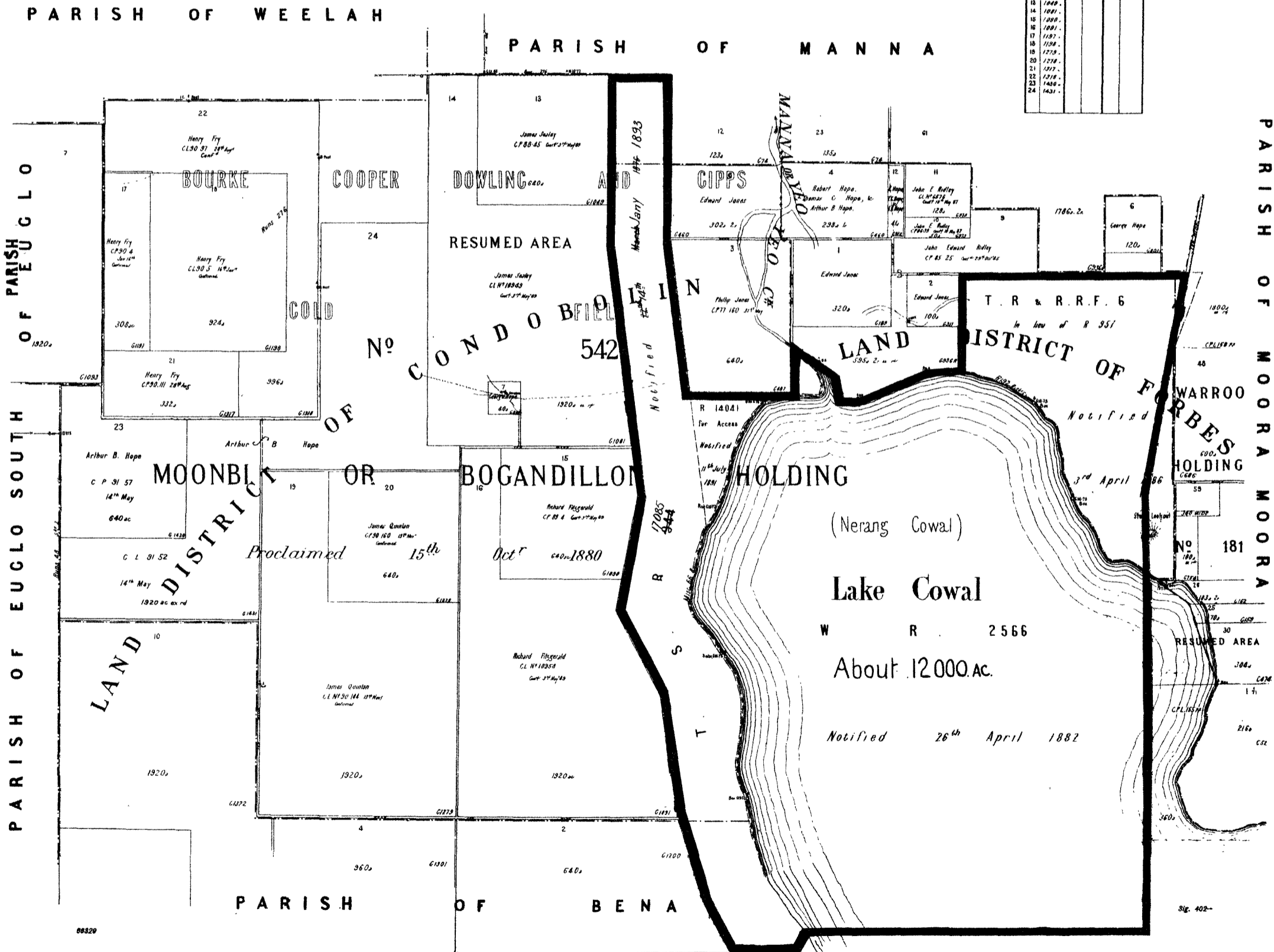
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DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARIES

Irish boundaries shown thus
 Reserve de
 Holding de
 Dividing line de
 Land District de

PARISH N^o USED

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1	GIPPS				
2	...				
3	...				
4	...				
5	...				
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(Nerang Cowal)
Lake Cowal
 W R 2566
 About 12000 ac.

Notified 26th April 1882

TRACING

Shewing Scrub Lease 98. 25.

Applied for by A B Hope

Parishes of Manna Nerang Cowal and Bena

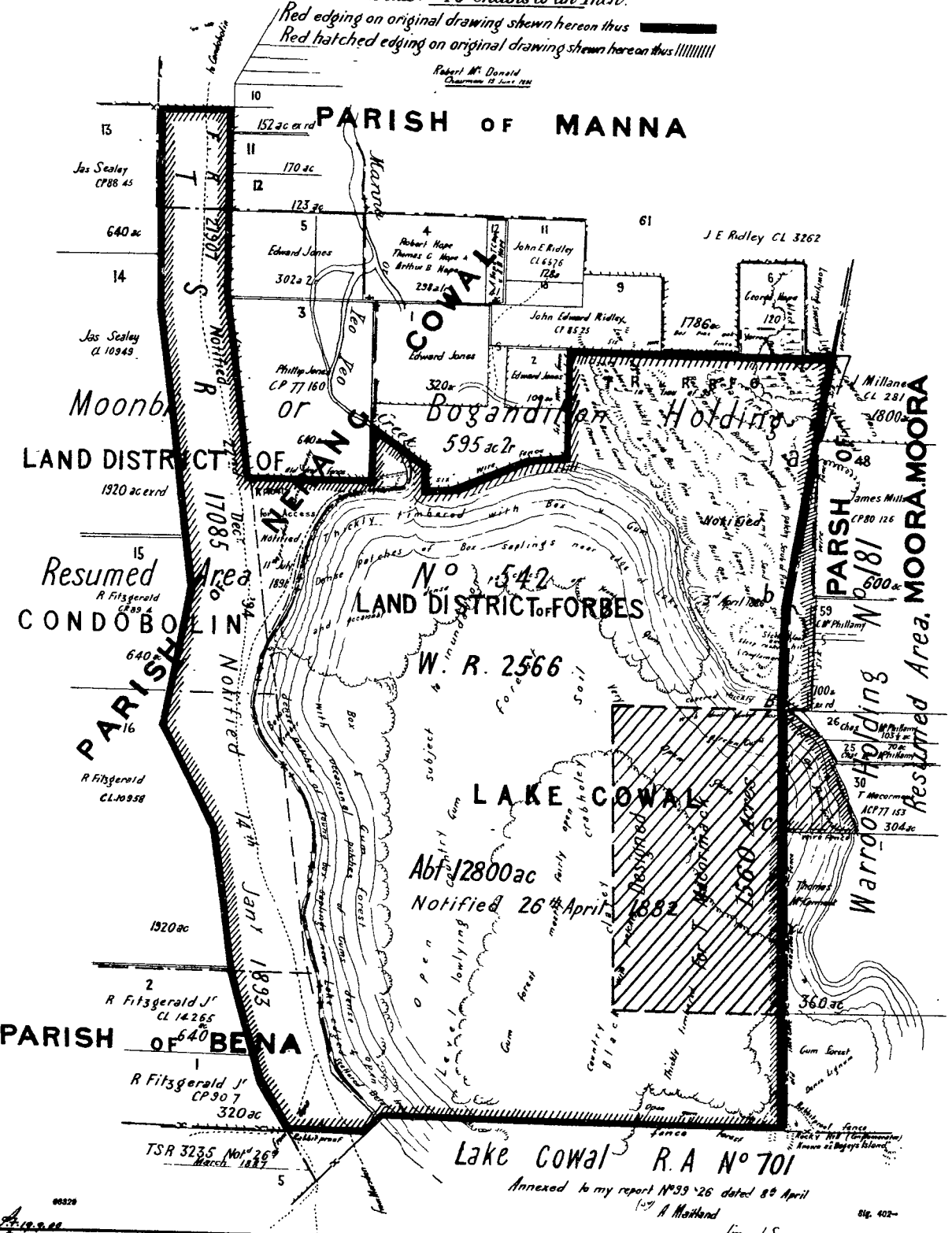
COUNTY OF GIPPS

Land Districts of Forbes and Condobolin

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Chairman of Court No.



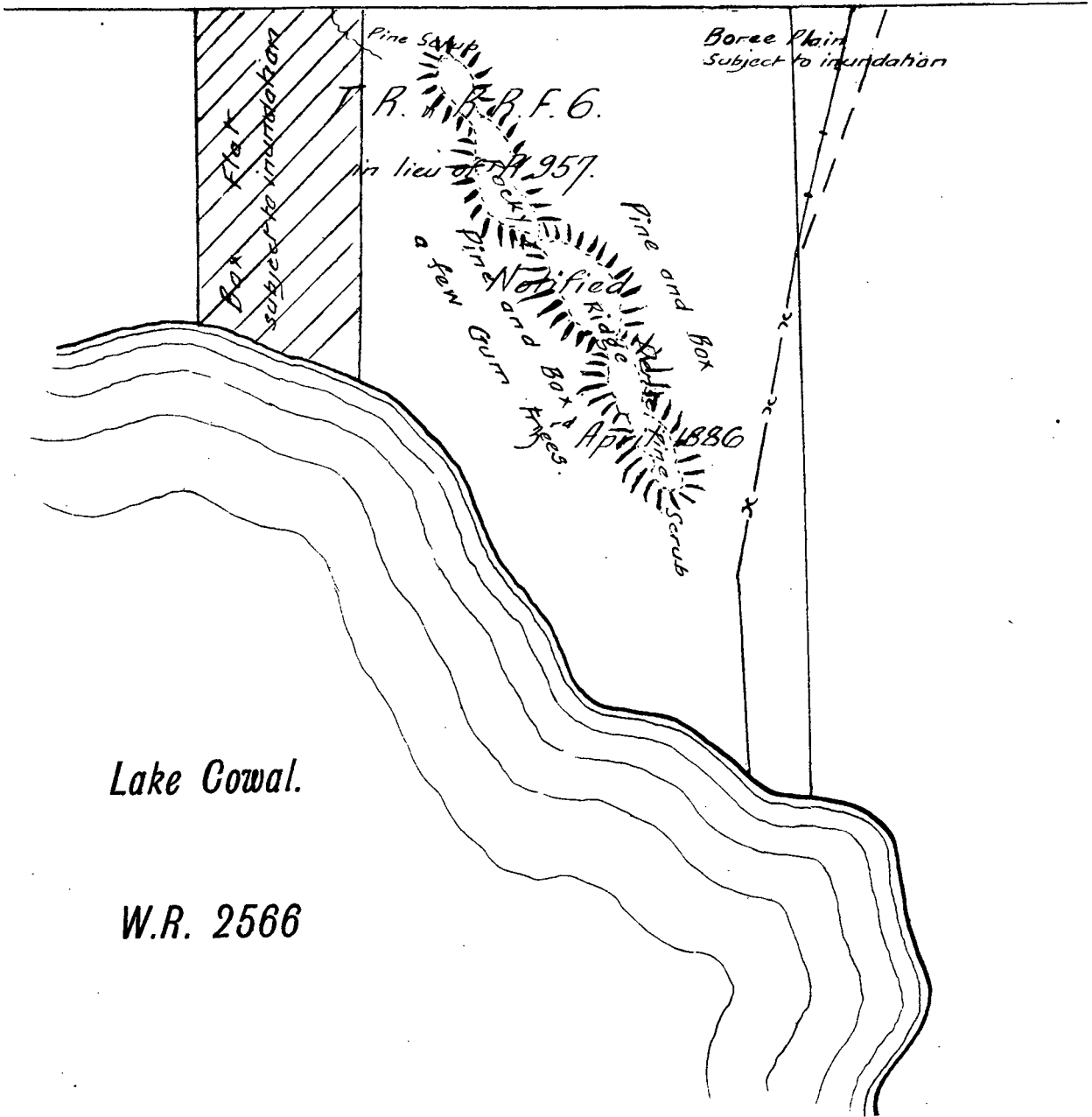
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Licensed Surveyor

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SKETCH.

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Land District of Forbes.

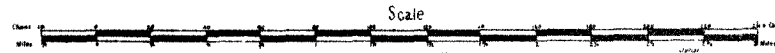




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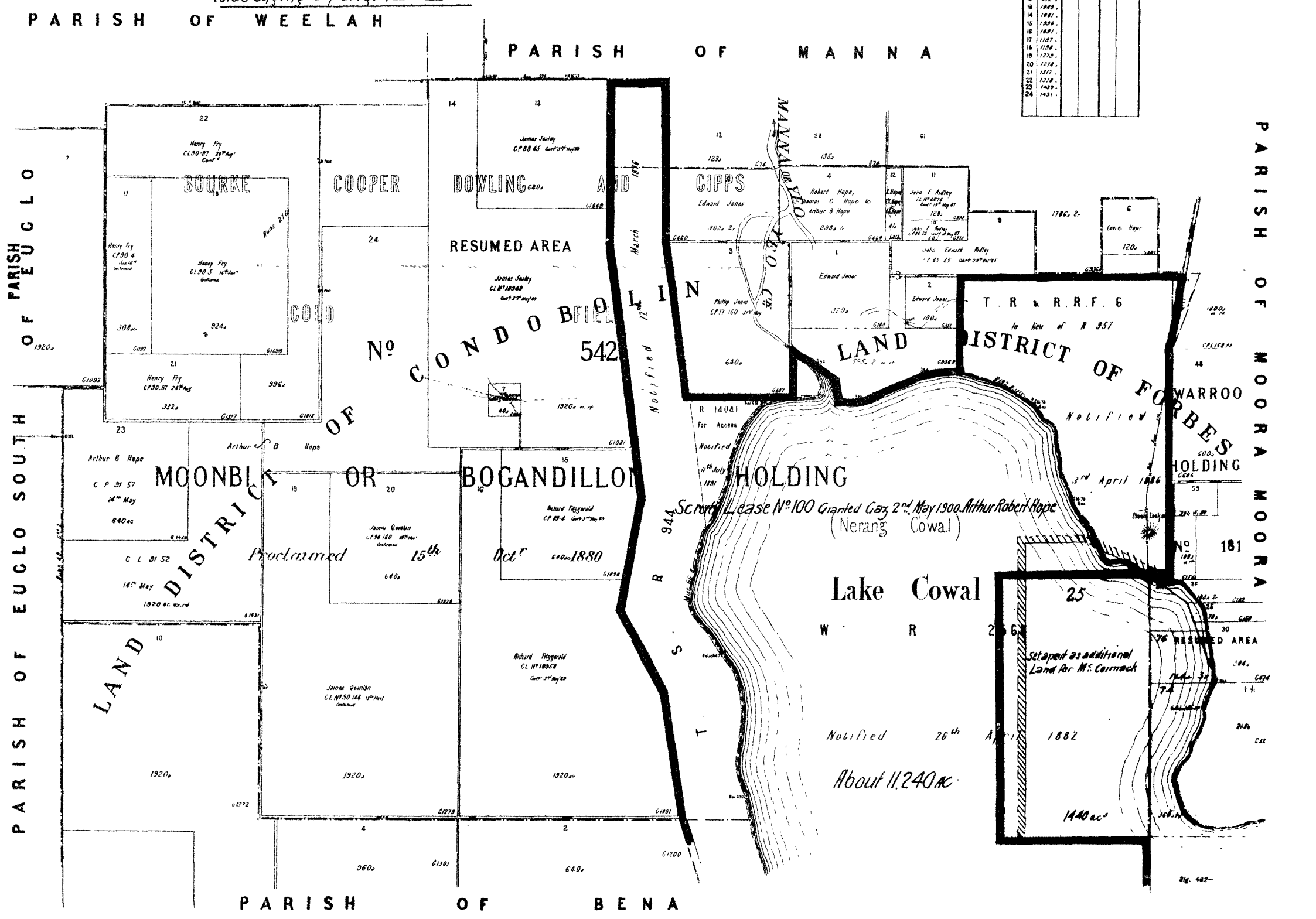
Scrub Lease as gazetted shown thus brown edging on original
 Proposed amendment shown thus blue edging on original

DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARIES

Parish boundaries shown thus	
Reserve do	
Holding do	
Dividing line do	
Land District do	

PARISH N^o USED

No.	Area	Dist.	County	Parish
1	6100			
2	10			
3	487			
4	410			
5	40			
6	881			
7	888			
8	516			
9	715			
10	40			
11	40			
12	372			
13	1000			
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TRACING


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Shewing part of T.S.R. 17085
Parishes of Bena, Nerang Cowal & Manna
COUNTY OF GIPPS
Land District of Condobolin

Land Board District
Forbes
98 6300 enclosure

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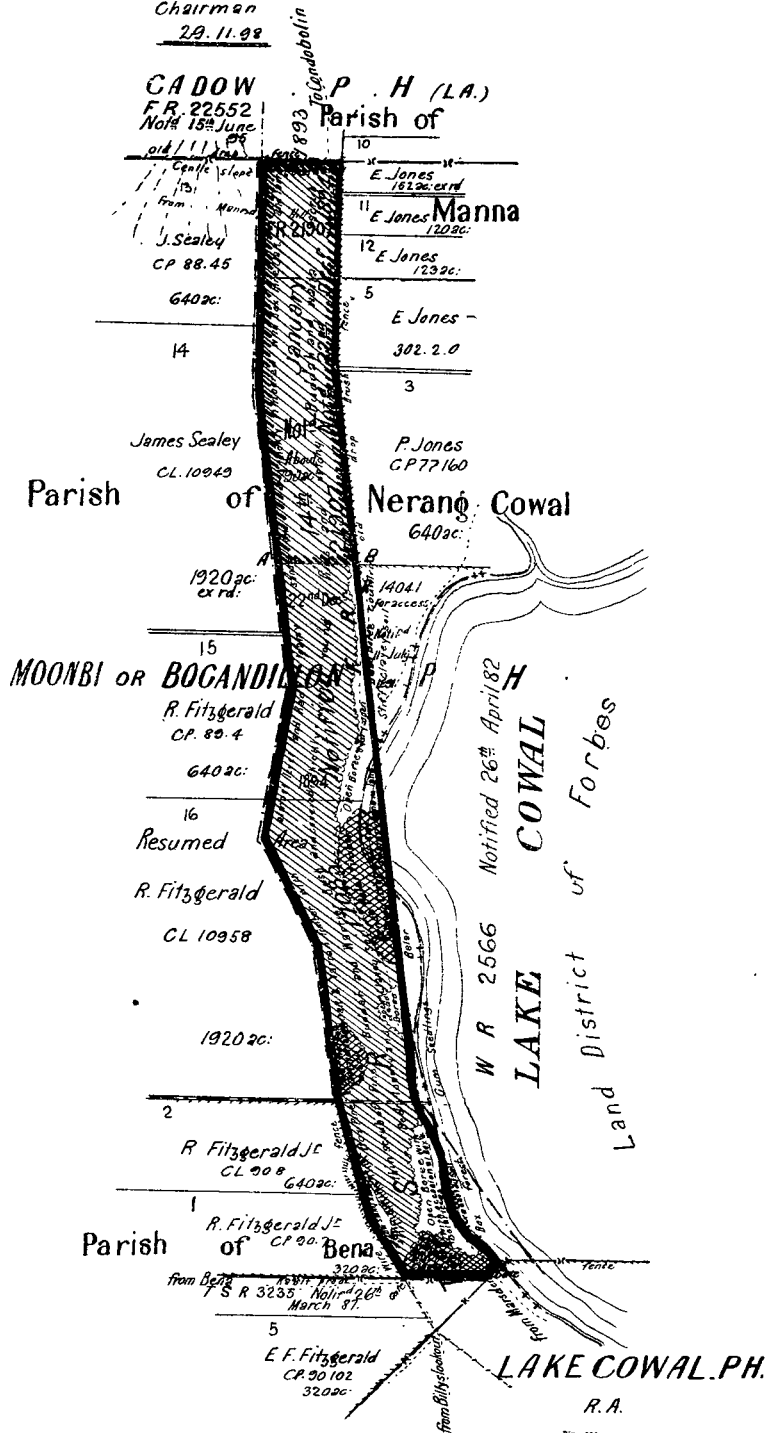
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Proposed modification shewn thus  (Red hatching on original)

Blue tint on original shewn thus 

Yellow tint on original shewn thus 

(S^d) Robert Mc Donald
Chairman
29. 11. 99



A. revised to my report No 9044. dated 14th September
(S^d) A. Maitland

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SECOND EDITION
PARISH OF NERANG COWAL
COUNTY OF GIPPS
LAND DISTRICTS OF FORBES & CONDOBOLIN
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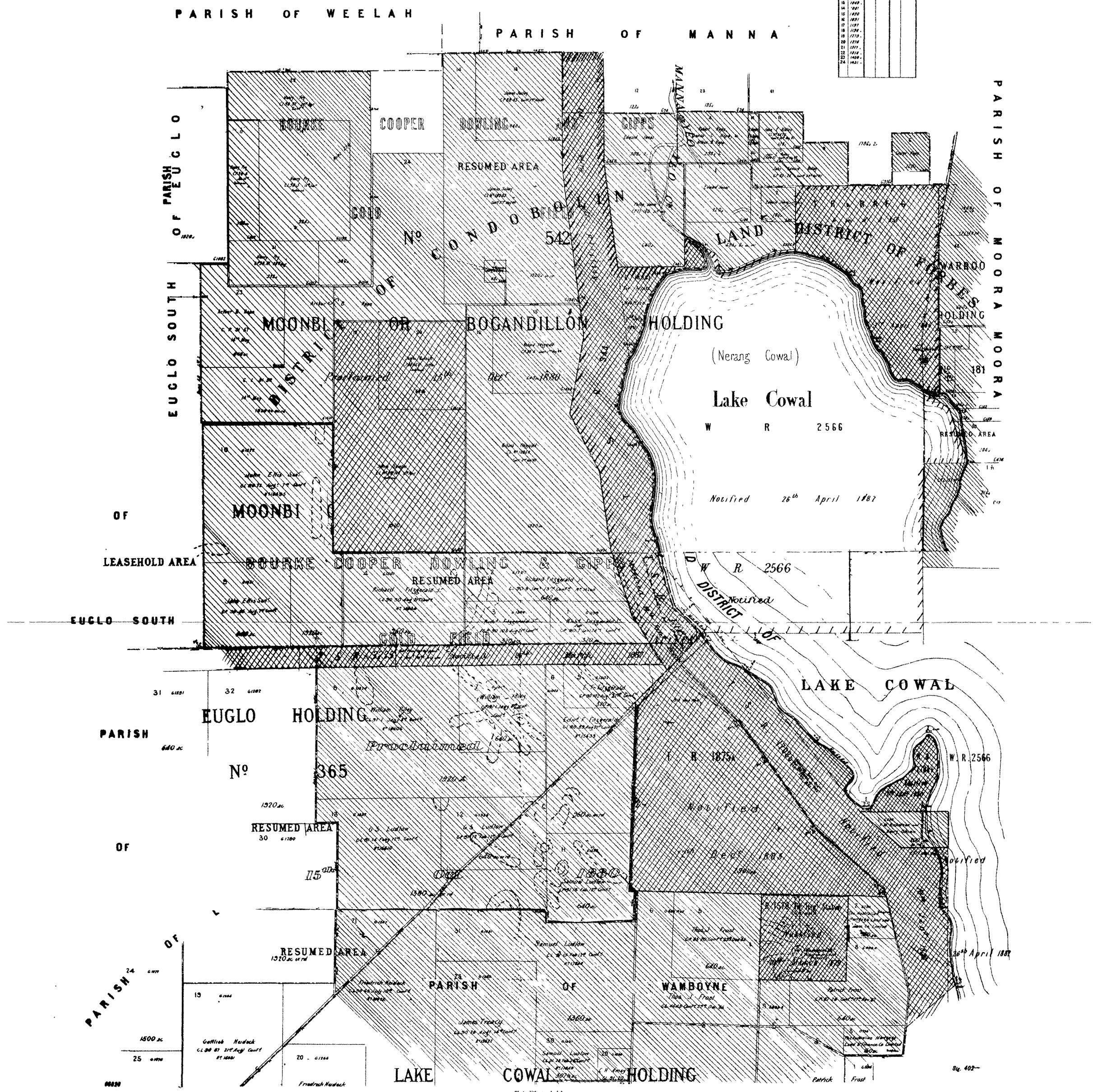
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DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARIES

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Survey	do
Reserve	do
Dist. Lease	do
Land Belong	do

PARISH N° USED

Dist. No.	Area	Area	Area
1	500		
2	400		
3	400		
4	400		
5	400		
6	400		
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1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXCHANGES OF LANDS.
(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 6 Report from Printing Committee, 26 July, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th July, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- “(1.) The number of applications for exchanges of land received by the Lands Department during the year 1895, and the number of such applications not yet finally disposed of.
“(2.) The like information regarding applications received during the year 1896.
“(3.) The like information regarding applications received during the year 1897.
“(4.) The like information regarding applications received during the year 1898.
“(5.) The like information regarding applications received during the year 1899.”

(Mr. Moore.)

RETURN showing the number of applications for exchanges of land received by the Lands Department during the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899, and the number of such applications not yet finally disposed of.

Year.	Number of applications for exchange of land received by Lands Department.	Number of applications for exchange of land not yet finally disposed of, 17th July, 1900.
1895	131	22
1896	177	59
1897	181	74
1898	127	72
1899	156	110
Totals	772	337

NOTE.—“Final disposal” in the above return is interpreted as “registration of the surrender document in the Lands Titles Office, by which the lands are vested in the Crown,” and also includes applications “refused or withdrawn.”

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

EUROKA-KEEPIT LAND EXCHANGE.

(PAPERS IN CONNECTION WITH.)

Printed under No. 18 Report from Printing Committee, 29 November, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 28th August, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“All papers in connection with the Euroka-Keepit Land Exchange.”

(*Mr. Willis.*)

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EUROKA-KEEPIT LAND EXCHANGE.

No. 1.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 13 July, 1897.

I have been instructed by Dalgety and Company to draw your attention to Keepit Holding, and to offer to exchange the whole of the freehold, conditional purchases, and conditional leases, amounting to about 28,000 acres, for an equal area on Euroka Holding, 631, Central Division, near Walgett.

I would point out the Keepit lands are far more suitable for closer settlement than the Euroka land, and in every way more valuable for subdivision.

I would point out exchanges for the purpose of consolidation have been made in each case, so that the character of the country can be easily ascertained.

I beg to suggest that preliminary reports be obtained from the District Surveyors, and then, if agreeable, application for exchange will be made. Meantime, we are prepared to pay costs of such preliminary reports.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

No. 2.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

91, Pitt-street, Sydney, 13 July, 1897.

I have made application to exchange the whole of Keepit freehold, conditional purchases, and conditional leases, about 28,000 acres, and put it in Euroka 631.

I give you this information so that you may be in a position, when subdividing the present exchange, to consider the possibility of a larger area being available.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

Please acknowledge receipt, with thanks, for the information supplied.—R.S. (for District Surveyor). The Chairman. Done.—T. W. WARD (*pro* Chairman), 16/7/97.

The surveys in connection with the Keepit exchange proposal are finished, and action will, I assume, proceed to the final stages. If the proposal referred to by Mr. Dickson is approved, a large area of wheat-land in proximity to Manilla will become available for closer settlement under the homestead selection provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. I understand that proposals are about to be made by which the Crown will acquire about 18,000 acres on Klori and Menedebri—adjoining holdings—suitable also for closer settlement. Should the above proposals eventuate, a homestead selection area of about 55,000 acres, including available Crown lands and land in the process of surrender, can be made with Manilla as its commercial centre. This would make Manilla into an important town, and materially add to the contemplated traffic on the proposed Tamworth-Manilla railway, as at least 100 families, whose main avocation would be the growing of wheat, would be provided with sufficient land to enable them to maintain comfortable homes thereon.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 24/7/97.

No. 3.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit and Euroka Exchange proposal.

23 July, 1897.

ENCLOSED is a proposal to surrender the whole of the station property on Keepit Holding in exchange for a like area on Euroka Holding, No. 631, in the Walgett Land District, and the District Surveyor at Tamworth is requested to report whether, in his opinion, the Crown would reap such advantages from the entertainment of such a proposal as would warrant favourable consideration.

The district surveyor has the Keepit exchange papers now in his hands for effecting survey of the exchange being carried out on that holding, and it is believed that he has a fairly intimate knowledge of the character of the station lands thereon.

The Euroka Holding is outside Mr. Poate's district, but it is presumed that the country, though nearer the Barwon, possesses characteristics somewhat similar to the north-western portion of the Tamworth Board District.

An exchange on Euroka is being effected, and the papers, together with the Euroka appraisalment papers, are forwarded, as they may possibly be of some assistance in arriving at a conclusion. It will be noticed that the Euroka leasehold area fronts the Barwon River, and touches the Walgett population area.

The Euroka exchange papers should be returned as soon as possible, as the deeds of surrender and exchange have been sent to the lessees for signature.

It may be remarked that the fact of the respective holdings being situated so far apart would not be considered an objection to the exchange, provided that, by carrying out the proposals, a positive gain would be assured to the Crown in the direction of securing lands decidedly more advantageous for settlement.

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A preliminary notice of intention to withdraw land from Euroka leasehold area under section 3 of the Act of 1895 has been gazetted (*vide* copy of notice enclosed, and the papers were sent to the District Surveyor at Moree on 14th April last), for the preparation of a design for settlement subdivision. If the District Surveyor thinks a perusal of these papers would be of value he might write to Moree for them, or for a copy of such matter as would be likely to help him.

C.J.S.

(For the Under Secretary).

Before replying I thought it advisable to see the Euroka papers with the District Surveyor at Moree, for preparation of a design for subdivision. They are, however, with Mr. Surveyor Laing, and, although a month has elapsed since he was asked for them, they are not yet forthcoming. It does not appear advisable to wait any longer for them. The lands proposed to be surrendered on Keepit are, generally speaking, suited for agricultural settlement; they are within the Manilla wheat district, and within the radius of country which will be served by the Manilla railway, and, if acquired by the Department, will be readily taken up by way of homestead selection. I have a personal knowledge of Euroka, though it is many years since I was on the holding, and am satisfied that it is in the interests of settlement, and, therefore, the public interest, that the proposed exchange should be proceeded with. Four families at least can be settled on the Keepit lands for one on the Euroka lands, and the four will be better off, and able to make better homes than the one. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the Crown will reap such advantage from the entertainment of this proposal as warrants its favourable consideration.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 28th August, 1897. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 4.

Telegram from District Surveyor, Moree, to District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Moree, 28 July, 1897.

THE Euroka papers are with Surveyor Laing, who is now out on the Barwon; will wire again as soon as I can get them.

W. H. O. M. WOOD,
District Surveyor.

No. 5.

Office Memorandum.

1 October, 1897.

AN exchange, now out for survey, is being effected on Keepit Holding, under which the owners are surrendering the lands edged red, for the areas edged blue on heliograph "A." Messrs. Dalgety & Co. now propose to surrender the whole of the Keepit lands, about 28,000 acres, tinted red on heliograph "A," in exchange for an equal area on Euroka Holding, near Walgett, *vide* lithograph "B."

The northern part of Euroka, adjoining the Walgett population area, is being withdrawn under section 3 of the Act of 1895, for settlement purposes, and the District Surveyor, Moree, proposes to subdivide it into thirteen settlement lease farms, ranging from 1,500 to 2,900 acres.

The matter of the exchange has been referred to the District Surveyor at Tamworth, who is of opinion that the proposals, if carried out, would be of manifest advantage to the Crown. He has a fair knowledge of both holdings, and thinks that four families could be settled on the Keepit lands for one on the Euroka lands, and that the four would make better homes than the one.

It is the southern part of Euroka that Messrs. Dalgety wish to acquire.

The Keepit lands are only about 20 miles from Gunnedah, and from their quality and nearness to market, would apparently be of greater value for settlement purposes than the Euroka lands; it is therefore submitted that applicants be informed that if they will lodge an application on the proper form, with fees to effect the exchange, together with their acquiescence in the usual condition of relinquishing to the Crown improvements on the surrender portions, the matter will be referred to the Land Board for report.

C. J. SAUNDERS.

Under Occupation 97-10,491, the withdrawal from Euroka for settlement purposes of the half nearest Walgett has been recommended.

The proposal is no doubt an advantageous one, looked at from a broad standpoint, but the residents of Walgett may object, on the ground of so large an area being absorbed by practically one person, notwithstanding the resumption of about 30,000 acres from the northern portion of the Euroka leasehold.—W. HOUSRON, Under Secretary, 1/10/97.

Approved to let matter proceed for the present.—J.H.C., 4/10/97. D. P. Dickson informed, 8/10/97.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to D. P. Dickson, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 October, 1897.

Referring to your letter of the 13th July last, submitting a proposal for the surrender of the whole of the station freeholds, conditional purchases, and conditional leases, on Keepit Holding, in exchange for an equal area on Euroka Holding, I have the honor to inform you that if you will lodge an application on the proper form with the necessary fees to effect the exchange, together with consent to relinquish the improvements on the surrender portions, the same will be referred to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary
(Per W.H.C.).

No. 7.

No. 7.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 13 October, 1897.

I have been instructed by the lessees of Keepit and Euroka to enclose applications for exchange of some 28,396 acres, more or less, on Keepit Holding, for an equal area on Euroka, No. 631, Central Division. In this case I would ask that one District Surveyor, or someone appointed, may inspect both places so as to give evidence before both courts, otherwise it would be difficult for the Boards to report and recommend what should be done.

In this application I would point out we have not given all portions separately, but the area is approximately 28,396 acres, and includes the whole land on Keepit owned by Dalgety and Company, and is shown on a plan which we lodged.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

Application has now been lodged for the exchange, but no consent to relinquish improvements given. Ask applicant to forward his consent to surrender the improvements.—E.A.B. (for Under Secretary), 18/10/97. D. P. Dickson asked, 19/10/97.

[Enclosure.]

Form 77.—Crown Lands Acts.

Application by the Owner to Surrender Land in Exchange for Crown Land.

RECEIVED a deposit of £10 and a provisional survey fee of £54.

The Treasury, Sydney, 13 October, 1897.

J. WALFORD

(Pro Treasurer).

Exhibit A 52.—
Chairman,
C. MacF.,
20/2/00.

IN accordance with provisions of section 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, we, Dalgety and Company (Limited), being the holders of grants of the lands specified on the back hereof, and the holders of lands specified on the back hereof, in respect of which the only unfulfilled condition is that of payment of balance of purchase money, within Keepit Holding, No. 492, in the Eastern Division, hereby apply to surrender the same in exchange for the Crown lands described on the back hereof; particulars of the improvements on the respective areas are set forth in the schedules appended.

Signed this 13th day of October, 1897.

DALGETY AND COMPANY (LIMITED),

WM. KILGOUR, Manager.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

[Particulars of Lands to be surrendered and of the improvements thereon.

Land Districts of Tamworth and Gunnedah, counties of Darling and Nandewar.

Area, 6,206½ acres freehold; 14,944 acres conditional purchase; 7,245½ acres conditional lease. Total, 28,396 acres, being the whole of the land held by Dalgety and Company (Limited) on Keepit Holding.

Particulars of Crown lands applied for in exchange, and of the improvements thereon.

Land District of Walgett, county of Leichhardt.

28,396 acres within the leasehold area of Euroka Holding, No. 631, Central Division, in parishes of Gunna, Tooloora, and Colimia.

No. 8.

The Under Secretary for Lands to D. P. Dickson, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 October, 1897.

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, lodging application for exchange of land within Keepit and Euroka Holdings, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to forward the lessees' consent to relinquish the improvements on the surrender portions.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(Per W.H.C.).

No. 9.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 26 October, 1897.

I have been instructed by Messrs. Dalgety and Company to reply to your favour of 19th instant, noted in the margin, and to state, in the Keepit and Euroka proposed exchange, they are willing to surrender in event of exchange being carried out, to relinquish all improvements on the surrendered portions, which cannot be removed.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

Exhibit B. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth. For inquiry in the first instance, in accordance with approval on Alienation 97-12,031.—E.A.B., per J.B. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 30/10/97. The District Surveyor.—WILLIAM FREEMAN, Chairman, 3/11/97. Mr. Crocker,—To note maps in first instance.—R.S. District Surveyor at Moree informed of proposal, and asked for tracing or lithographs of Euroka lands.—R.S., 16/11/97. Mr. Surveyor Sendall for necessary inspection and report.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 22/2/98. The Draftsman in Charge for preparation of schedule of the whole of the lands offered for surrender, and tracings of original plans.—W. NEVILLE SENDALL, Acting District Surveyor, 5/3/98. Returned to the District Surveyor with my report of the 26th August, No. 99-8,—W. NEVILLE SENDALL, Surveyor, 30/8/99.

No. 10.

No. 10.
Office Memorandum.

Tamworth, 16 November, 1897.

THE District Surveyor at Moree is informed that the Minister has referred for consideration and report, by the Local Land Board at Tamworth, a proposal by Dalgety and Company (Limited), for the surrender of the whole of their Keepit estate in the county of Darling, a total of 28,396 acres (by the application), in exchange for an equal area of Crown land on the southern part of their Euroka leasehold area, No. 631, Central Division.

To enable me to report fully on the application it is requested that you will have me supplied with a tracing or charted up parish lithographs showing the whole of the Crown and alienated lands within that part of Euroka not embraced by the withdrawal, which is, I understand, being made from the holding under section 3 of Crown Lands Act, 1895; and also showing the design or measurements (if effected) of any subdivisions which abut on the limits of the leasehold area and adjacent alienated lands.

FRED. POATE,
District Surveyor.

The District Surveyor, Moree.

2 December, 1897.

Mounted lithographs showing the whole of the leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 631, herewith.

The area to the north of the subdividing line, under section 3 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, shown by red broken band, has been withdrawn under that section. Portion 7 is contracted to be granted by way of exchange for the isolated blocks about the holding. The papers in connection with the exchange (in its final stages) are at head office.

All measurements abutting on the leasehold area have been shown.

J. T. SMALL,
Pro District Surveyor.

The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

No. 11.

S. W. Moore, Esq., M.P., to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 17 November, 1897.

Referring to the proposed exchange of Keepit land, the papers in connection with which (No. 97-8,626 alienation) are, I understand, under reference to you.

I have the honor to request that your Board's inquiry may be held at Manilla, it being the nearest town to the land, and most convenient to persons in the district who may wish to give evidence in regard to the proposal.

I have, &c.,

S. W. MOORE.

For report on Mr. Moore's request.—WILLIAM FREEMAN, Chairman, 19/11/97. The District Surveyor.

The matter has not yet reached the stage when the place of hearing by the Board can be determined, which will naturally be place most convenient to the majority of the parties interested.—FRED. POATE, District Surveyor, 19/11/97.

Mr. Moore informed by memorandum to-day.—W.F., 19/11/97.

No. 12.

Office Memorandum.

Moree, 4 December, 1897.

WITH reference to the map showing the leasehold area of Euroka, No. 631, recently furnished to you by this office for the purpose of reporting on an application for exchange by the lessees of the holding, I beg to inform you that portions 5 and 8, parish of Tooloora, country of Leichhardt, Catherine Kenna's conditional purchase 91-91 and conditional lease 91-85 are vacant, the conditional purchase and conditional lease being forfeited on the 20th October, 1897.

The land has been reserved, *vide Gazette* of the 24th November, 1897, from all forms of application.

M. ROGERSON,
Pro District Surveyor.

The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Mr. Crocker. Amend map accordingly, and connect this with papers.—R.S., 14/12/97. Map amended.—T.H.C., 17/12/97.

No. 13.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 16 March, 1898.

Could you inform me when and where the proposal for exchange of Keepit on to Euroka will be heard. I understand Manilla was to be the court; is this so?

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

Inform that I cannot state, even approximately, when the proposal will be referred to a Local Land Board, as the necessary field inspections have not, so, I understand, been made. Add that I find that the instructions to inspect are with Mr. Surveyor William Sendall (at present Acting District Surveyor) now down the Namoi River on an inspection tour. His present address is, care of Edgeroi Station, Narrabri (his

(his ordinary address is Gunnedah). The place of hearing will depend upon circumstances after advertising for objections, and may possibly be Manilla, or possibly Pilliga.—WILLIAM FREEMAN, Chairman, 19th March, 1898.

Done.—A.M.D., 19/3/98. Memorandum to Mr. Acting District Surveyor Sendall, care of Edgeroi Station, Narrabri, to-day, urging early inspection, &c.—W.F., 21/3/98.

No. 14.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to Acting District Surveyor.

Tamworth, 21 March, 1898.

I HAVE before me a letter of 16th instant from D. P. Dickson, of Pitt-street, Sydney, agent for the applicants in the matter of Euroka-Keepit Exchange proposal, asking when and where the matter is likely to come on for hearing before a Local Land Board.

I find that the main papers in the matter are with you for the purposes of inspection and investigation, and Mr. Dickson has been so informed, and that the hearing may possibly be at Manilla, or possibly at Pilliga.

The place for hearing will depend upon circumstances, and quite possibly the hearing may be ultimately fixed for Narrabri.

In view of the probable special importance of the proposal, it seems to me especially desirable that there should be early inspection and report, this, notwithstanding the numerous other instructions in your hands, requiring attention.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

I cannot say when this case will be ready for hearing, but it is counted as one among those of importance, and will be dealt with as soon as possible.—W. NEVILLE SENDALL, Acting District Surveyor, Narrabri, 25/3/98. The Chairman, Land Board, Tamworth.

No. 15.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 29 April, 1898.

Referring to your favour noted in the margin, dated 19th March, I would ask that this exchange may be set down for hearing as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

98-1891, L.B.
Keepit to
Euroka.

Referred to the District Surveyor.—E. G. MARKHAM, 2/5/98. Mr. Surveyor Sendall, in connection with previous papers.—F.P., 14/4/99.

No. 16.

Report on Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Mr. Surveyor Sendall to The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

Sir,

Gunnedah, 26 August, 1899.

In compliance with instructions of the 22nd February, No. 98-5, papers Alienation 97-12,863, Land Board, 97-8,603, I have the honor to submit the following report on a proposal made by Dalgety & Co. (Limited), under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, to surrender lands amounting to 25,758 acres 3 roods 28 perches, in the parishes of Baldwin, Dowe, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and lands amounting to 2,470 acres 2 roods, in the parishes of Tulcumba and Willuri, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, being the whole of the freehold, conditionally-purchased and conditionally-leased lands, comprised in their holding known as Keepit, for an equal total, and of 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, in the parishes of Gunna, Taloor, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central.

Inspection of the land applied for on Euroka was made on the 5th and 6th July, 1898, and of the lands offered for surrender on Keepit between the 9th and the 23rd May, 1899.

The lands offered for surrender are shown on heliograph herewith marked A by red tint (excluding the lands edged red, which have been surrendered under a previous exchange) and by blue edging. (Exhibit II 52.)

The lands applied for in exchange are shown on a lithograph herewith marked B by blue hatching. (Exhibit JJ 52.)

Detail descriptions of the lands offered for surrender are given on tracings herewith marked C, D, and E, and of the lands applied for in exchange on tracing marked F, all of which are my original field notes made at the time of inspection. (Exhibit HH 52.)

Of the lands offered for surrender, about 16,500 acres are suitable for agriculture or grazing, and range in value from 25s. to 57s. 6d. per acre, and the balance of about 11,730 acres is suitable for grazing only, ranging in value from 17s. 6d. to 30s. per acre.

The formation is basaltic and slaty.

The area classed as agricultural gently undulating, timbered with box and ironbark (silver-leaved).

That classed as grazing only, stony ridges, in places steep and rough; timbered with box, ironbark, and pine, and some of it thickly covered with young pine. There is a fair amount of currajong all over it.

A small area—40 acres—of nice flat, on portion 2, parish of Keepit, is suitable for lucerne-growing, 9 acres are under lucerne, established about fifteen years, and still producing good crops, and 3 acres have been recently sown with lucerne.

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Exhibit F, F 52.
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.
For tracings
A, B, C, D, E,
and F, see items
96 to 101
inclusive.

It is probable that about 50 acres on the frontage of portion 16, parish of Namoi, which is under cultivation, would grow lucerne, and also about 100 acres on the frontage of portions 46 and 17, in the same parish; but these places have not been proved.

The soil varies from a rich red and chocolate pliable loam to a stiffer, reddish loam, with clay sub-soil, and on the river frontages, and some of the small flats bordering creeks, from a dark chocolate to black soil.

Water can be readily obtained and conserved, which is a great consideration for the purpose of close settlement. There are about 9 miles of frontage to the Namoi River on surrender lands, of which about 4 miles are to both sides of the river. There are a few springs—Spring Gully, on portion 95, parish of Namoi; Bills' Plains Gully, portions 65 to 68, parish of Keepit; Halla Linga Creek, portions 60, 61, and 111, parish of Namoi; Drafting-yard Creek, portion 23, parish of Dowe; and in the gully through portion 37, parish of Dowe. Good sites for tanks and dams are numerous, and water has been obtained in wells from 18 to 25 feet deep. There are other wells, now out of repair, at greater depths—about 50 feet—which, judging by remains of troughing attached, have been at one time used.

The country generally presents the same characteristics as that in the parishes of Manilla, Dinawarindi, Veness, and Cuirindi, which is becoming noted as specially adapted for the production of good wheat crops.

A considerable proportion of the holdings, surrounded by and adjoining the lands offered for surrender, has been, and is, successfully cultivated.

Crops of from 15 to as high as 40 bushels of wheat to the acre may be expected, according to the seasons, and I consider 20 bushels to the acre a very moderate estimate of the average yield probable over the whole area classed as agricultural.

As a grazing area the whole, if fully improved, would probably carry a sheep to 2 acres on an average of good and bad seasons for wool-growing, and in favourable seasons the country, classed as agricultural, would grow herbage and fatten stock.

In its natural condition it is, more or less, grass—seedy and sour—and the stock in it require to be provided with salt.

I estimate that the lands offered for surrender are capable of supporting about forty-five families on the same number of separate holdings, varying in area from 480 to 1,280 acres.

This country is situated from about 11 to 20 miles from the railway at Manilla, and part of it from about 15 to 21 miles from the railway at Gunnedah, both of which places are reached by good roads.

The rainfall is about 28 inches per annum.

The lands asked for in exchange are suitable for grazing only, and consist partly of open plains, with a few myall, whitewood, beefwood, redwood, dogwood, and crewy trees, rich red and chocolate soils, partly open and moderate coolbar timber on black soil, with, in places, a growth of polygonum, and open plains with heavy polygonum, more or less liable to inundation, and partly open to moderate myall timber, few whitewood, dogwood, crewy, &c., on black soil, with a few patches of scalded red country through it; all fattening country, with a carrying capacity of one sheep to 2 acres when fully improved, grass and herbage land which I value at from 25s. to 30s. per acre.

There is no natural permanent water supply, but water can be conserved in tanks and dams. Artesian water can be obtained. There is a successful private bore on portion No. 7, parish of Gunna, the water from which had flowed about 3 miles to date of inspection, about 2¼ miles being through the land sought in exchange.

There is also a successful Government bore on travelling stock and camping reserve 25,087, parish of Toloora.

The Euroka Homestead, which is on portion No. 7, parish of Gunna, and about the centre of the holding, is about 15 miles from Walgett, about 145 miles from Narrabri railway, *via* Walgett, and about 120 miles, *via* Goangara, and about 165 miles from Dubbo railway, *via* Coonamble.

The country is only suitable for pastoral occupation, and I consider that about 2,560 acres would be necessary for the maintenance of a family—say twelve families on the 23,229 acres.

The rainfall is about 20 inches per annum.

For convenience of reference these lands have been marked on tracing F with the letters A to G.

In view of the large proportion of agricultural land offered for surrender, its proximity to railways, abundant rainfall, facilities for obtaining water in addition to natural supply, and general suitability for close settlement, as against the purely pastoral capabilities of the land asked for in exchange, its distance from market, and limited capricious rainfall, I have no hesitation in recommending the proposed exchange for favourable consideration as one which is very much to the advantage of the Crown for settlement purposes, while at the same time the lands offered to the Crown have a larger market value than those asked for in exchange.

The reserves included in the lands asked to be granted are no longer required in the public interest, and there is no objection to their cancellation, with a view to the land being disposed of by way of exchange.

The railway line trial survey from Walgett to Coonamble (railway reserve 1,656) passes through the lands asked to be granted, and it is advisable that the Crown should reserve the right to resume any land required for railway purposes without compensation for severance.

Schedules are enclosed giving particulars of the character, areas, and values of lands offered for surrender, and of those proposed to be granted in exchange, and approximate values of the improvements thereon; making a total area of 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, valued at £43,735 6s. 2d., offered for surrender, and a total area of 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, valued at £37,074 5s. 8d. proposed to be granted in exchange, a difference in favour of the Crown of £6,661 0s. 6d.

The improvements on the lands offered for surrender are valued at £3,815 14s. 6d., and those on the lands proposed to be granted in exchange at £1,490 10s., a difference in favour of the Crown of £2,325 4s. 6d.

I have, &c.,

W. NEVILLE SENDALL,

Surveyor.

Time occupied in service—Field, 7½ days; office, 11½ days.

[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE of Lands accepted of the surrender of which is recommended under section 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, on Keepit Holding No. 492, Eastern Division, Land Board District of Tamworth.

EUROKA KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Parish	Portion	Area	Holding	Rate per acre	Value	Nature of Improvements	Value	Description of Country
County of Darling—								
Baldwin	40	220 0 0	C P	45/	720 0 0	Ringbarking 80 acres, £4, dams, £40	44 0 0	Box and nonbark country, partly ringbarked and open plain, red and black loam soil, all agricultural
"	41	144 0 0	F	32/6	234 0 0	Fence, 23 chains, half value	2 18 0	Ironbark, box and gum, timber gum, and a little open plain red and black loam soil, all agricultural
"	86	83 0 0	A C P	35/	345 5 0	Fence, 44 chains, £13 15s, ringbarking 83 acres and clear 15 acres, £8 18s, salt shed, £15	37 8 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead level, red loam soil, and a little stony ridge, two thirds agricultural
"	101	120 0 0	C P	45/	270 0 0	Ringbarking, 120 acres	6 0 0	Box and nonbark country, ringbarked and dead, some seedlings red loam soil, all agricultural
"	102	153 2 12	A C P	25/	229 9 4	Salt shed	15 0 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green, level red loam soil all agricultural
"	103	156 1 23	A C P	27/6	215 1 8	Nil		Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green, level red loam soil all agricultural
"	104	182 3 20	A C P	27/6	251 9 6	Fence, 48 chains	6 0 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green level red loam soil all agricultural
"	105	182 3 0	F	27/6	251 5 8	Fence, 39 chains	4 15 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, some green and some ringbarked, but with thick growth of seedlings, level red loam, agricultural
"	106	182 3 0	F	27/6	251 5 8	Fence, 39 chains	4 15 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green level red loam soil all agricultural
"	107	187 0 0	A G P	27/6	188 7 6	Fence, 36 chains	4 10 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green level red loam soil all agricultural
"	118	200 0 0	A C P	25/	250 0 0	Fence, 42 chains £13 2s 6d, 47 chains, £11 10s, 19 chains £7 2s 6d, 23 chains, half value, £2 18s	34 18 0	Box and nonbark, timber, green, level, red loam soil all agricultural
"	119	46 3 0	F	25/	58 8 0	Fence, 50 chains	7 10 0	Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green undulating red loam soil, parts gravelly, all agricultural
"	140	27 0 29	F	27/6	37 7 6	Nil		Moderate box and a little gum, timber, green, level, red loam soil all agricultural
Dowe	10	320 0 0	F	30/	480 0 0	Fence, 28 chains £5, fence, 64 chains, half value, £8	13 0 0	Thick box timber, green, red loam soil green apple and yellow jacket on Wonga Creek frontage, no water, all agricultural
"	24	320 0 0	C P	45/	720 0 0	Well, £15, fence, 60 chains, half value, £3 15s, 62 chains, half value £5 16s 3d ringbarking, £8	3 11 3	Light box timber, ringbarked and dead seedlings in places, red loam soil and black along Wonga Creek frontage, no water, all agricultural
"	26	160 0 0	F	25/	200 0 0	Nil		Ironbark and box timber, green, level, red loam agricultural soil, small spring on Drafting yard Gully, which passes through portion
"	27	160 0 0	F	25/	200 0 0	Nil		Ironbark and box timber, green, level, red loam, agricultural soil a few dead mulls on a low ridge of black soils at north east corner
"	32	160 0 0	F	25/	200 0 0	Nil		Undulating, stony, and gravelly, open box and ironbark timber, green, all fair grazing land
"	33	100 0 0	Ex	25/	200 0 2	Nil		Undulating, stony, and gravelly, open box and nonbark, timber green, all fair grazing land
"	34	100 0 0	F	25/	200 0 0	Nil		Undulating, stony, and gravelly, open box and nonbark timber green all fair grazing land
"	35	1,081 2 0	Ex	17/6	948 1 3	Fence, 110 chains	20 12 6	Low stony hills, thickly timbered with stunted ironbark and box and patches of pine scrub, open nonbark along fence grazing only
"	37	40 0 0	C P	25/	50 0 0	Pipe, well, trough, £50, fence, 48 chains, half value, £7 10s ringbarking, £2	59 10 0	Stony ridges timbered with box and ironbark ringbarked, fair grazing, small spring, which, by improvement, has been made permanent
"	38	320 0 0	C P	45/	720 0 0	Fence, 59 chains, half value, £6 15s, ringbarking, £16	22 15 0	Box and nonbark timber, ringbarked and dead, few seedlings, level, red loam, agricultural soil, few acres stony and gravelly
"	45	320 0 0	C P	40/	640 0 0	Fence, 8 chains, £3, 28 chains, half value, £5 5s, ringbarking, £8 clearing, 150 acres, £37 10s	53 15 0	Box timber and some myall, 150 acres burnt off, remainder ringbarked, but many large suckers, all agricultural, no water in Wonga Creek
"	46	40 0 0	F	30/	60 0 0	Fence, 6 chains, half value	0 7 6	Thick box timber green, level, red loam soil agricultural frontage to Wonga Creek, no water
"	52	160 0 0	F	30/	240 0 0	Fence, 40 chains	7 10 0	Box and nonbark timber, green, level, red loam soil a few mulls on low black soil ridge, all agricultural
"	53	320 0 0	A C P	30/	480 0 0	Fence 168 chains, half value, £30 11s 3d, 15 chains, half value, £12 8s, tank, £5	36 19 3	Thickly timbered with box, which has been ringbarked, but now overgrown with suckers, level, red loam soil and a little gravelly ridge, agricultural
"	56	80 0 0	F	40/	160 0 0	Ringbarking	4 0 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, level red loam soil agricultural
"	58	199 3 0	Ex	25/	249 13 9	Nil		Undulating, stony, and gravelly ridges, open box and nonbark timber green, all fair grazing land
"	59	640 0 0	C P	50/	1,600 0 0	Fence, 118 chains, £36 17s 6d fence, 110 chains, half value £10 6s 3d, well, £10, ringbarking, £28	85 3 9	Box and nonbark, ringbarked and dead, except 80 acres gum in north west corner, level, red loam soil few acres stony and gravelly, all agricultural
"	61	200 0 0	A C P	40/	400 0 0	Ringbarking	10 0 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, level, red loam soil agricultural
"	62	100 0 0	A C P	30/	150 0 0	Ringbarking	3 15 0	Thick box, ringbarked and dead, level, red loam soil agricultural
"	66	110 0 0	A C P	25/	137 10 0	Salt shed	15 0 0	Ironbark country, few pine and gum, all green, level, red agricultural loam soil
"	67	114 2 0	C P	40/	229 0 0	Ringbarking, £5 14s, clearing, £3 15s	9 9 0	Ironbark country, ringbarked and dead, few suckers, level red loam soil with a few stony bars agricultural
"	68	125 0 0	C P	20/	123 5 0	Ringbarking, £4 12s	4 12 0	Ironbark country, ringbarked and dead, with a thick growth of young pine, stony ridges, grazing country, and about 30 acres agricultural
"	71	132 1 0	A C P	25/	165 6 3	Fence, 48 chains, half value	6 0 0	Ironbark country, few pine and gum, all green, level red loam soil agricultural
"	72	155 3 0	C L	37/6	292 0 7	Fence 50 chains, half value, £7 10s, ringbarking, £7 8s	14 18 0	Ironbark and box ringbarked, some suckers and young pine red loam soil agricultural, about 25 acres broken country at south end
"	73	158 1 0	C L	37/6	296 14 4	Salt shed, £15, ringbarking, £7 18s	22 18 0	Ironbark and box, ringbarked, some suckers and young pine red loam soil, agricultural, about 25 acres broken country at south end
"	74	49 0 0	C L	40/	38 0 0	Fence, 44 chains, half value, £4 2s 6d, clear, £2 10s, tank £50	56 12 6	Ironbark and box, cleared stump high, some suckers growing, red loam soil, agricultural
"	75	48 2 0	C L	40/	97 0 0	Fence, 50 chains, half value, £4 13s 9d, clearing, £2 10s	7 3 9	Ironbark and box, cleared stump high, some suckers growing red loam soil, agricultural
"	76	46 1 0	A C P	30/	69 7 6	Fence, 7 chains, £1 6s 3d, fence, 6 chains, half value, 11s 3d	1 17 6	Box and ironbark timber, green, level, red loam soil, a few mulls on low black soil ridge, all agricultural
"	77	154 3 0	A C P	30/	232 2 6	Nil		Box and nonbark timber, green, level, red loam soil, all agricultural

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Dowe	78	a. r. p.	A C.P.	30/-	178 10 0	Nil	£ s. d.	Box and ironbark timber, green; level; red loam soil; all agricultural.
"	81	119 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	164 10 0	Ringbarking	4 2 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead; level; red loam soil; agricultural.
"	82	157 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	314 0 0	Fence, 30 chains, £12; ringbarking, £7 17s.; clearing, £39 5s.; hut, £30.	89 2 0	Box timber, ringbarked, and then cleared by burning off, few stumps and green trees left; red loam soil; few acres stony; agricultural.
"	90	40 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	30 0 0	Ringbarking	2 0 0	Box and ironbark, ringbarked and dead; level; red loam soil; agricultural; a few acres stony at west end.
"	96	32 0 0	Ex.	25/-	40 0 0	Fence, 35 chains, half value	2 3 9	Box and gum timber, green; undulating red loam soil; agricultural.
"	98	160 3 0	A.C.P.	32/6	261 4 4	Fence, 36 chains, half value, £5 12s. 6d.; ringbarking, £8	13 12 6	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, few seedlings; level, red loam soil; agricultural; about 40 acres ridgey in south east corner.
"	108	1,350 1 36	Ex.	25/-	1,688 2 0	Fence, 90 chains, £22 10s.; 55 chains, £20 12s. 6d.; 163 chains, half value, £20 7s. 6d.; 13 chains, £3 5s.	66 15 0	Generally timbered with stunted ironbark, box, and gum on poor soil; patches agricultural; timbered with box, apple, and yellow-jackets; about one-fourth of the whole area of portions 108 and 109; there is a little open my all plan in the south-west corner of 109. Wongo Creek is not permanent water.
"	109	409 2 0	Ex.	25/-	511 17 6	Fence, 48 chains, £12; fence, 80 chains, half value, £7 10s.	19 10 0	Moderate box timber, green, level; red loam soil, with a little gravelly rise at the north end, agricultural
"	112	43 3 0	C.L.	30/-	65 12 6	Fence, 30 chains, £11 5s.; and 30 chains, half value, £5 12s. 6d., drafting-yards, £50.	66 17 6	Moderate box timber, green, level; red loam soil, with a little gravelly rise at the north end, agricultural
"	149	228 2 0	C.L.	17/6	199 18 9	Fence, 50 chains, half value, £4 13s. 9d	4 13 9	Low stony hills thickly timbered with stunted ironbark and box, and patches of pine scrub; grazing only
Keapt	2	312 0 0	F	50/-	780 0 0	Homestead, £400; woolshed, &c., £350; yards and sheds, £90; yard and cross-fence, £18; cultivation fence, £17; cultivation, lucerne, &c., £60; ringbarking, 312 acres, £15 12s.	950 12 0	Timbered with apple, gum, yellow jacket, and box, ringbarked and dead; a few seedlings, undulating chocolate and black soil, three-fourths agricultural, and the remainder stony ridge, good grazing, about 40 acres lucerne land; extensive frontage to Namoi River; permanent water.
"	3	40 0 0	F.	30/-	60 0 0	Fence, 30 chains	3 15 0	Half good open flat black soil; agricultural; and half open gravelly and stony ridge; good grazing
"	18	60 0 0	C.P.	40/-	120 0 0	Nil	.	Partly open box, ridges, stony in places, and very good grazing, partly gum; flat open black soil, half agricultural; Namoi River frontage.
"	19	40 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	80 0 0	Nil	.	Partly open box, ridges, stony in places, and very good grazing; partly open gum flat black soil; about one-third agricultural, Namoi River frontage.
"	23	200 0 0	C.P.	55/-	550 0 0	Ringbarking, 120 acres	6 0 0	About 60 acres open black soil, remainder box timber, ringbarked and dead, a very few seedlings; chocolate and red soil; all agricultural.
"	28	60 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	120 0 0	Fence, 35 chains	4 7 0	Thick light box timber; red and chocolate loam soil; timber, green; all agricultural.
"	29	100 0 0	A.C.P.	55/-	275 0 0	Fence, 45 chains, £5 12s., 100 acres, ringbarking, £5	10 12 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, a very few seedlings; red and chocolate soils; agricultural.
"	36	40 0 0	A.C.P.	40/-	80 0 0	Fence, 56 chains, half value, £3 10s.	3 10 0	Partly open box, ridges, stony in places and very good grazing, partly open gum; flat; black soil; about one-third agricultural; Namoi River frontage.
"	37	200 0 0	C.P.	30/-	300 0 0	Nil	.	Timbered with open box, green, half stony ridges, grazing, and half agricultural, red and chocolate soil; Namoi River frontage
"	38	40 0 0	C.P.	40/-	80 0 0	Fence, 60 chains, half value, £9 7s. 6d., ringbarking, 40 acres, £1.	10 7 6	Box timber, ringbarked; a good deal of young timber grown, red and chocolate soil; agricultural; Namoi River frontage.
"	40	160 0 0	C.P.	40/-	320 0 0	Fence, 15 chains, £1 17s. 6d.; ringbarking, 160 acres, £4	5 17 6	Apple, yellow-jacket, and gum, ringbarked, red and black soil, two thirds agricultural; one-third grazing only; large frontage to Namoi River.
"	41	300 0 0	C.P.	40/-	600 0 0	Fence, 45 chains, £5 12s. 6d.; 20 chains, £5; 300 acres, ringbarking, £15.	25 12 6	Apple, yellow-jacket, and gum, ringbarked; red chocolate and black soil; two-thirds agricultural, one-third grazing only; frontage to Namoi River
"	42	38 0 0	F	35/-	66 10 0	Fence, 52 chains, half value, £8 2s. 6d.; ringbarking, 19s.	9 1 6	Apple, yellow-jacket, and gum, ringbarked, red and black soil; all agricultural.
"	56	80 0 0	C.P.	55/-	220 0 0	Fence, 36 chains, £4 10s.; ringbarking whole area, £4	8 10 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, very few seedlings; chocolate and red soil, agricultural
"	57	40 0 0	C.P.	55/-	110 0 0	Fence, 20 chains, £2 10s.; ringbarking whole area, £2	4 10 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead; very few seedlings; chocolate and red soil, agricultural
"	60	40 0 0	F.	45/-	90 0 0	Fence, 7 chains, £1 15s.; 32 chains, half value, £8; 16 chains, half value, £1, ringbarking, £2.	12 15 0	Very open box, ringbarked and dead, few seedlings; chocolate and red soil, agricultural; portion scored by gutters
"	61	120 0 0	A.C.P.	25/-	150 0 0	Nil	.	Open box timber, green; red and chocolate soil; parts stony, but all suitable for agriculture.
"	62	54 1 0	A.C.P.	25/-	67 16 3	Nil	.	Box timber, green; red and chocolate soil; stony ridge, but some might be cultivated; good grazing land
"	63	98 3 0	C.P.	30/-	148 2 6	Buildings, well, fence, &c.	150 0 0	Box timber, green; red and chocolate soil, with a little black soil; all agricultural.
"	64	84 1 0	A.C.P.	40/-	168 10 0	Fence, 40 chains, £15; 20 chains, half value, £3 2s. 6d.; ringbarking, half area, £2 2s.	20 4 6	Box timber; red and black soils; all agricultural; about half the area ringbarked, and timber dead.
"	65	40 0 0	C.P.	35/-	70 0 0	Nil	.	Part open; black soil; flat, and part red soil, box timber, all agricultural; good waterholes in watercourse running through portion.
"	66	40 0 0	A.C.P.	35/-	70 0 0	Nil	.	Part open; black soil; flat, and part red soil; box timber; all agricultural. good waterholes in watercourse running through portion
"	67	40 0 0	A.C.P.	35/-	70 0 0	Nil	.	Part open; black soil; flat, and part red soil, box timber, all agricultural; good waterholes in watercourse running through portion
"	68	50 0 0	C.P.	35/-	87 10 0	Well and troughing	30 0 0	Part open; black soil; flat, and part red soil; box timber; all agricultural; good waterholes in watercourse running through portion.
"	69	102 0 0	C.P.	40/-	204 0 0	3 acres, clearing, 15s. per acre	2 5 0	Thick light box timber, green; red and chocolate loam soils; agricultural.
"	78	160 0 0	F.	35/-	280 0 0	Fence, 10 chains	1 5 0	Thick light box timber, half ringbarked; great growth of suckers; chocolate and red soil; agricultural.
"	79	160 0 0	F.	35/-	280 0 0	Fence, 26 chains	3 5 0	Thick light box timber, one-third ringbarked; great growth of suckers; chocolate and red soil; agricultural.
"	80	84 2 0	F.	27/6	116 3 9	Fence, 50 chains	6 5 6	Light box timber, green; red soil; agricultural
"	81	160 0 0	F.	27/6	220 0 0	Fence, 38 chains	4 15 0	Light box timber, green; chocolate and red soils; all agricultural.
"	82	160 0 0	F.	27/6	220 0 0	Ringbarking, 15 acres	0 15 0	Box timber; red and chocolate soil; agricultural. Whole portion has been ringbarked, but with exception of 15 acres is now overgrown with suckers.
"	83	160 0 0	F.	27/6	220 0 0	Fence, 38 chains, £4 15s.; and 65 chains, half value, £10 3s.	14 18 0	Box timber; black and chocolate soil; agricultural; timber, green, with exception of a small area which has been ringbarked, but now overgrown with suckers.
"	95	40 0 0	A.C.P.	25/-	50 0 0	Nil	....	Box, ironbark, gum, and pine; green, and fairly open; stony ridges; good grazing land.
"	98	40 0 0	C.P.	30/-	60 0 0	Nil	....	Box, ironbark, gum, and pine; green, and fairly open; stony ridges; good grazing land. Frontage to Namoi River.
"	102	40 1 0	F.	25/-	50 6 3	Nil	....	Moderate box and a little gum; timber green; red soil; agricultural.
"	103	66 0 0	Ex.	25/-	82 10 0	Nil	Moderate box and a little gum; timber green; red soil; agricultural.

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Keppit	104	a r p	F	25/	£ s d 50 0 0	Fence, 20 chains, half value, £3 3s 6d, and tank, £75	£ s d 78 3 6	Moderate box and a little gum timber, green, red soil, agricultural	
	106	100 0 0	C P	35/	175 0 0	Fence, 75 chains, £14 1s 3d, and 8 chains, half value, £1, ringbarking, £5	20 1 3	Box and ironbark timber, ringbarked, and dead, and part cleared stump high, red and chocolate soil, three fourths agricultural, one fourth stony ridge, all good grazing	
	107	200 0 0	C P	50/	500 0 0	Fence, 98 chains, £18 7s 6d; 40 chains, half value, £10, ringbarking, £10, clearing, 60 acres, £15, small tank, £5	58 7 6	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, 60 acres cleared for the plough, rich, red, and chocolate soil, all agricultural	
	114	45 1 0	C P	30/	67 17 6	Ringbarking	1 14 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, thick pine on half area, and myall other half, good red and chocolate soil, half agricultural, half stony, all good grazing	
	115	80 0 0	A C P	30/	120 0 0	Fence 30 chains, £6 10s, ringbarking, 60 acres, £1 10s	8 0 0	Box, ironbark, gum, and pine, 60 acres of box and ironbark, ringbarked and dead, stony ridges, good grazing land. Frontage to Namoi River	
	116	34 0 0	F	30/	51 0 0	Nil		Box, ironbark, gum, and pine, green, and fairly open, stony ridges, good grazing land Frontage to Namoi River	
	118	30 0 0	A C P	55/	220 0 0	Fence, 47 chains £5 17s 6d, ringbarking, £4	9 17 6	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, very few seedlings, chocolate and red soil, agricultural	
	119	40 0 0	A C P	45/	90 0 0	Fence 10 chains, £1 5s, 33 chains, half value, £4 2s	5 7 0	Box timber, ringbarked, now a very thick growth of seedlings, red soil, agricultural	
	120	40 0 0	F	57/6	115 0 0	Fence, 26 chains, £9 15s, 26 chains, half value, £3 5s, ringbarking, £1	14 0 0	Very open box timber, ringbarked and dead, no seedlings nor suckers, good red and chocolate soil, agricultural	
	121	60 0 0	C P	35/	105 0 0	20 acres, clearing, at 5s	5 0 0	Open box timber, green red and chocolate soil, parts stony, but all suitable for agriculture	
	122	100 0 0	C P	35/	175 0 0	Fence, 35 chains, £6 11s 3d, ringbarking, 50 acres, £2 10s	9 1 3	Open box timber, red and chocolate soils, parts stony, but all suitable for agriculture, half timber, green, and half ringbarked and dead	
	123	60 0 0	A C P	40/	120 0 0	Fence, 5 chains, 18s 9d, clearing, 10 acres, £7 10s	8 8 9	Thick light box timber, green, red and chocolate soils, all agricultural	
	124	40 0 0	A C P	40/	80 0 0	Clearing, 1 acre	0 15 0	Thick light box timber, green, red and chocolate soils, all agricultural	
	125	50 0 0	A C P	55/	137 10 0	Fence, 10 chains, £3 15s, 8 chains, £2, 8 chains, half value, £1, ringbarking, £2 10s	9 5 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, moderate growth seedlings, red and chocolate soil, agricultural	
	128	200 0 0	A C P	50/	500 0 0	Ringbarking, £10	16 0 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, seedlings thick in patches red soil, agricultural	
	142	600 0 0	A C P	30/	90 0 0	Fence, 7 chains	0 15 0	Heavy box timber, green, red and chocolate soils, all agricultural	
	143	640 0 0	C P	40	1,280 0 0	Fence, 9 chains, 17s 6d, 98 chains, £18 7s 6d, 74 chains, £23 2s 6d, 60 chains, half value, £9 7s 6d, ringbarking, £32	83 15 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, few seedlings, few green pine trees, red loam soil, some stony ridges, half agricultural, and all good grazing land	
	144	60 0 0	EX	30/	90 0 0	Fence 24 chains, half value	3 15 0	Box timber, green, red and chocolate soil, half agricultural, half stony ridge, all good grazing	
	145	160 0 0	A C P	30/	240 0 0	Ringbarking 120 acres	6 0 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, about 40 acres heavily overgrown with suckers, red soil agricultural	
	146	100 0 0	A C P	30/	150 0 0	Ringbarking, 60 acres	3 0 0	Box timber, about 40 acres, green, and 60 acres ringbarked and dead, red soil, agricultural	
	165	91 1 0	A C P	27/6	125 9 4	Ringbarking 12 acres	0 12 0	Box timber, all been ringbarked, but except 12 acres heavily overgrown with suckers, red soil agricultural	
	166	22s 2 0	A C P	30/	342 15 0	Ringbarking, 170 acres, £8 10s clearing 40 acres, £10, tank, £25, fence, 40 chains, half value, £5	48 10 0	Box timber, all been ringbarked, about 60 acres heavily overgrown with suckers, about 40 acres burnt off, red soil, agricultural	
	167	98 1 0	A C P	27/6	128 4 4	Fence, 23 chains, half value, £2 17s 6d, 40 chains, half value, £3 15s	6 12 6	Box timber, all been ringbarked, but now heavily overgrown with seedlings, red soil, agricultural	
	182	98 1 0	A C P	30	147 7 6	Nil		Box and a little ironbark, and patches seedlings, all green, red soil, agricultural	
	183	102 1 0	EX	30/	153 7 6	Nil		Box and a little ironbark, and patches seedlings, all green, red soil, gravelly in places, all agricultural	
	184	162 3 0	EX	25/	203 8 9	Nil		Box and a little ironbark, and patches seedlings, all green, mostly broken, stony ridges, good grazing only	
	190	50 0 0	A C P	30/	75 0 0	Nil		Box, ironbark, gum, and pine, green, and fairly open, stony ridges, good grazing land Frontage to Namoi River	
	222	45 2 0	A C P	30/	68 5 0	Fence, 26 chains	3 5 0	Box, ironbark, gum, and pine, green, and fairly open, stony ridges, good grazing land Frontages to Namoi River	
	223	40 1 0	A C P	25/	50 6 3	Fence, 35 chains	4 7 6	Stony ridges, few dead box trees, good grazing land	
	234	159 3 0	EX	2s/	199 13 9	Fence 15 chains, half value	2 16 3	Box and pine timber, and a few ironbarks, all green, stony broken ridges good grazing only	
	235	104 2 0	EX	2s	130 12 6	Fence, 8 chains, £3, 50 chains, half value, £18 15s	21 15 0	Box and pine timber, and a little ironbark, all green, stony, broken ridges, good grazing only Precipitous frontage to Namoi River	
	241	16 3 10	EX	25/	21 0 3	Nil		Box timber, green, stony ridge, grazing only	
	242	23 2 20	EX	25/	29 10 8	Fence, 27 chains	3 7 6	Box timber, green, stony ridge, grazing only	
	243	33 1 10	EX	25/	41 12 9	Nil		Box timber, green, red soil, gravelly in places, good grazing, and might be cultivated	
	244	268 2 0	A C P	35/	469 17 6	Ringbarking, 160 acres	4 0 0	Box timber, ringbarked on about 160 acres, the rest green, red and chocolate soils, agricultural	
	246	355 0 0	EX	22/6	399 7 6	Nil		The greater part broken, stony ridges, box, pine, and ironbark, green, grazing only, a little apple and yellow jacket, flat; agricultural Frontage to Namoi River	
	Namoi	2	40 0 0	F	30/	60 0 0	Nil		Box and ironbark, moderate pine timber, green, stony ridges fair grazing country Frontage to Namoi River
		11	35 1 0	C P	30/	52 17 6	Nil		Box and ironbark, moderate pine timber, green, stony ridges, fair grazing country Frontage to Namoi River
		12	40 0 0	C P	30/	60 0 0	Ringbarking, 40 acres	2 0 0	A low, stony ridge, with box and gum timber, ringbarked and dead, grazing land only Frontage to Namoi River
		16	272 3 0	A C P	30/	477 6 3	Fence, 5s chains, £6 17s 6d, 74 chains, £25 18s, 42 chains, £12 1s 6d, ringbarking, £13 13s, clearing, 50 acres, £25	83 10 0	Box and ironbark, ringbarked and dead, some pine, red loam soil, half stony ridges, half agricultural, all good grazing. Frontage to Namoi River
		17	40 0 0	A C P	45/	90 0 0	Ringbarking	2 0 0	Box and gum, ringbarked and dead, part cleared stump high, chocolate soil, few acres stony, agricultural, possibly lucerne Frontage to Namoi River
		18	40 0 0	C P	45/	90 0 0	Ringbarking	2 0 0	Box, ironbark, yellow jacket, and gum, ringbarked and dead, red soil, one quarter stony, three quarters agricultural, all good grazing Frontage to Namoi River
		19	40 0 0	A C P	42/6	85 0 0	Ringbarking	2 0 0	Box, ironbark, yellow jacket, and gum, ringbarked and dead, red soil, one third stony, with green pine, two thirds agricultural, all good grazing Frontage to Namoi River
		20	319 1 0	C P	42/6	678 8 2	Fence, 108 chains, £13 10s; 77 chains, half value, £4 10s 3d, 53 chains, half value, £8 5s 9d; ringbarking, £16	42 12 0	Ironbark, apple, and yellow jacket, ringbarked and dead, some young pine, red and black soil, nearly all agricultural, some possibly lucerne Large frontage to Namoi River
		29	40 0 0	C P	25/-	50 0 0	Fence, 24 chains, half value, £3 15s, salt shed, £15, ringbarking, £2	20 15 0	Ironbark timber, ringbarked and dead, few pines, stony ridges; grazing land
42		40 0 0	A C P	40/-	80 0 0	Ringbarking, £2	2 0 0	Box, ironbark, yellow-jacket, and gum, ringbarked and dead; red soil, half stony, with green pine, half agricultural, all good grazing Frontage to Namoi River	
43	30 0 0	F	35/-	52 10 0	Ringbarking, £1 10s	1 10 0	Box, ironbark, yellow-jacket, and gum, ringbarked and dead; red soil; two thirds stony, with green pine, one third agricultural, all good grazing Frontage to Namoi River		

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Namoi	45	a r p 80 0 0	F	35	140 0 0	Fence, 17 chains, £5 6s 3d, 37 chains, half value, £5 15s 9d, ringbarking, £4	15 2 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, red soil, about half stony ridges, and half might be cultivated Frontage to Namoi River
"	46	81 0 0	A C P	50/	202 10 0	Ringbarking, £4	4 0 0	Box and gum ringbarked and dead, parts cleared stump high, chocolate soil, all agricultural, possibly lucerne Extensive frontage to Namoi River
"	47	39 1 15	C P	35/	68 17 3	Ringbarking, £1 clearing, £6	7 0 0	Box, nonbark and pine, ringbarked, red soil, nearly all suitable for agriculture Frontage to Namoi River
"	60	104 0 0	F	30/	156 0 0	Fence, 20 chains, £2 10s, ringbarking, £5 4s	7 14 0	Box pine and nonbark, ringbarked and dead, red soil, parts ridgy, and parts might be cultivated Frontage to Namoi River
"	61	116 0 0	A C P	25/	145 0 0	Fence, 15 chains £2 12s 6d	5 12 6	Stony ridges and small flats, moderate box, pine, and nonbark red soil, grazing land, frontage to permanent water
"	62	80 0 0	F	35	140 0 0	Ringbarking, £4	4 0 0	Box and nonbark, ringbarked and dead, red soil, ridges and flats, half agricultural, all good grazing Extensive frontage to Namoi River
"	63	90 0 0	F	30/	185 0 0	Nil	2 0 0	Box and nonbark, moderate pine timber, green, stony ridges fair grazing country Frontage to Namoi River
"	64	40 0 0	F	30/	60 0 0	Clearing, £2	2 0 0	Box, nonbark, and pine been ringbarked, and cleared stump high, stony ridges, fair grazing country Frontage to Namoi River
"	65	80 0 0	F	35/	140 0 0	Ringbarking, £2	2 0 0	Box, nonbark, and pine ringbarked and half of it dead, red soil, agricultural Frontage to Namoi River
"	66	39 1 16	C P	35	68 17 3	Salt shed, £1, ringbarking, £1, clearing, £6	22 0 0	Box, nonbark, and pine ringbarked, red soil, about three fourths suitable for agriculture Frontage to Namoi River
"	67	39 1 16	C P	32/6	63 18 10	Sheep dip £50 ringbarking, £1	51 0 0	Box, nonbark, and pine ringbarked, red soil, about one half suitable for agriculture Frontage to Namoi River
"	68	39 1 16	C P	30/	59 0 6	Ringbarking, £1	1 0 0	Box, nonbark and pine, ringbarked, red soil about one third suitable for agriculture Frontage to Namoi River
"	69	40 0 0	F	30/	60 0 0	Ringbarking, £1	1 0 0	Box nonbark and pine ringbarked, red soil very little suitable for agriculture Frontage to Namoi River
"	70	160 0 0	F	25/	200 0 0	Fence, 20 chains £2 10s 50 chains, half value, £9 7s 6d ringbarking, £8	19 17 6	Box, nonbark, and pine timber, ringbarked and dead, stony ridges, good grazing country
"	73	160 0 0	F	20/	160 0 0	Nil		Broken country thick nonbark and box, green, and clumps of pine scrub, good grazing if improved Halla Langa Creek through portion, no water
"	74	120 0 0	Ex	20	120 0 0	Nil		Broken country thick nonbark and box green and clumps of pine scrub, good grazing, if improved Halla Langa Creek runs through portion, no water
"	75	202 3 0	F	30	304 2 6	Ringbarking £5	5 0 0	Box nonbark, and pine, ringbarked, some dead, and some green, red soil, agricultural, permanent water in Spring Gully
"	84	89 3 0	Ex	17/6	78 10 8	Nil		Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box, and patches of pine scrub, all green, grazing only Halla Langa Creek through portion no water
"	85	90 1 0	Ex	17/6	78 19 4	Nil		Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box and patches of pine scrub, all green, grazing only Halla Langa Creek through portion no water
"	86	90 1 0	F	17/6	78 19 4	Nil		Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box, and patches of pine scrub, all green grazing only Halla Langa Creek through portion no water
"	87	88 0 0	F	17/6	77 0 0	Fence, 14 chains £2 12s 6d	2 12 6	Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box, and patches of pine scrub, all green, grazing only Halla Langa Creek frontage no water
"	88	89 0 0	Ex	17 6	77 17 6	Fence, 10 chains £2 16s 3d	2 16 3	Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box, and patches of pine scrub, all green, grazing only Halla Langa Creek frontage no water
"	89	69 0 0	F	20/	69 0 0	Fence, 11 chains £2 1s 3d fence, 54 chains, half value, £8 8s 9d	10 10 0	Steep and stony ridges thickly timbered with nonbark and box, and patches of pine scrub, all green a little might be cultivated Halla Langa Creek frontage no water
"	90	57 1 0	A C P	20	57 5 0	Fence, 26 chains half value, £4 6s 3d	4 6 3	Stony ridges box and nonbark, and moderate pine green fair grazing country
"	91	159 3 0	A C P	25/	199 13 9	Ringbarking, £4	4 0 0	Low stony ridge box timber ringbarked, wants suckering red soil about half may be cultivated
"	92	160 0 0	A C P	25/	200 0 0	Ringbarking £4	4 0 0	Low stony ridges, box timber ringbarked, wants suckering red soil, about half may be cultivated
"	93	160 0 0	C L	25/	200 0 0	Nil		Low stony ridges, box timber green red soil, grazing only
"	94	199 3 0	C L	20	249 13 9	Nil		Box timber, green red soil suitable for agriculture
"	95	160 0 0	C P	40/	320 0 0	Ringbarking, £8, clearing, 75 acres, £37 10s	45 10 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, few green trees left, about 70 acres burnt off undulating red soil, agricultural
"	96	160 0 0	C P	40/	320 0 0	Ringbarking, £8 clearing, 75 acres, £37 10s	40 10 0	Box timber, ringbarked and dead, few green trees left, about 70 acres burnt off, undulating red soil, agricultural
"	97	240 0 0	C L	20/	240 0 0	Nil		Broken country thick nonbark and box, and clumps of pine, green, red soil, grazing country only
"	98	240 0 0	Ex	20	240 0 0	Nil		Broken country thick nonbark and box, and clumps of pine, green red soil, grazing country only
"	99	204 0 0	A C P	20/	204 0 0	Ringbarking, £2 fence, 10 chains, £3 10s, 58 chains, half value, £10 17s 6d salt shed, £15	34 12 6	Nonbark timber ringbarked and dead, strong growth young pine, tops clean, stony ridges, red soil, grazing only Halla Langa Creek frontage little permanent water
"	103	42 0 0	F	30/	63 0 0	Fence, 20 chains £6 5s, ringbarking, £2 2s	8 7 0	Box and nonbark, ringbarked and dead, red soil ridges and small flats very little agricultural, good grazing Frontage to Namoi River
"	106	280 0 0	A C P	25/	350 0 0	fence, 48 chains £15 6s chains, half value, £10 3s, salt shed £1 ringbarking, £14	54 3 0	Broken stony ridges, red soil, very good grazing land, box, nonbark, and pine ringbarked, moderate suckers, tops very clean
"	107	840 0 0	C L	22/6	945 0 0	Fence 120 chains £37 10s, 222 chains, half value, £34 13s 9d ringbarking, £42	114 3 9	Broken stony ridges red soil, box, nonbark, and pine ringbarked, tops are clean, gulches want suckering, moderate growth, pine and hop bush places good grazing
"	108	40 0 0	C L	30/-	40 0 0	Nil		Stony ridge, thick nonbark and box, and clumps of pine, green, grazing land only
"	111	212 2 0	Ex	20/	318 15 0	Nil		Rough stony ridges, box and nonbark, timber, green, and young pine on about 1/3 of the area, grazing only Frontage to Namoi River
"	112	220 0 0	A C P	25/	275 0 0	Ringbarking £11	11 0 0	Box, nonbark, and pine, ringbarked and dead, no suckers, few green pine trees
"	113	683 2 0	C L	40/	1,267 0 0	Fence, 182 chains, £68 6s, ringbarking, £31 14s	99 19 0	Red soil, two thirds agricultural, rest stony ridges, all good grazing
"	126	40 0 0	Ex	25/	50 0 0	Ringbarking £1	1 0 0	Low stony ridge, box timber, ringbarked, want suckering, red soil, grazing only
"	150	607 2 0	C L	22/6	683 8 9	Fence, 100 chains, £37 10s, 58 chains, half value, £10 17s 6d, drafting yards, £25, hut and yard, £17, tank, £30, ringbarking, £15 4s	133 11 6	About two thirds nonbark and box ringbarked and dead strong growth, young pine tops clean, stony ridges, grazing only, one third box and pine, ringbarked and dead, no suckers, red soil, agricultural
		25,758 3 28			40,835 3 0		3,520 9 9	

SCHEDULE of land acceptance of the surrender of which is recommended under section 47 of the Crown Lands Act, 1895, on part of "Keepit Holding, No. 492, Central Division, Land Board District of Gunnedah.

EUROKA-KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Parish.	Portion.	Area.	Holding.	Rate per acre.	Value.	Nature of Improvement.	Value.	Description of Country.
		a. r. p.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
County of Nandewar—								
Tulumba	104	25,758 3 28	C.L.	27/6	40,335 3 0	Fence, 145 chains, £27 3s. 6d.; fence, 54 chains, £16 17s. 6d...	3,529 9 9	Low ridges; box timber, green, thick and moderate; good grazing; red loam soil; about half might be cultivated between ridges.
"	105	356 0 0	C.L.	25/-	907 10 0	Fence, 155 chains, £48 8s. 9d.; 50 chains, £18 15s.; 34 chains, half value, £6 7s. 6d.	44 1 0	Box, and a little ironbark timber, green; stony ridges; good grazing land.
"	182	168 3 0	F.	30/-	253 2 6	Fence, 16 chains, half value, £2; dam, £125.	127 0 0	Gentle slope; box timber, green, thick, and moderate; red soil; agricultural.
"	193	176 3 0	Ex.	27/6	243 0 8	Nil.	.....	Gentle slope; box timber, green, thick, and moderate; red soil; agricultural, except about 30 acres of ridge in the north-east corner.
"	134	764 2 0	Ex.	27/6	1,051 3 9	Fence, 110 chains, £27 10s.; fence, 45 chains, half value, £5 12s. 6d.	33 2 6	Box and ironbark timber; about half ringbarked; but overgrown with suckers; red soil; stony ridges and flats; about half agricultural.
"	143	65 3 0	Ex.	25/-	82 3 9	Nil.	.....	Box and ironbark timber, ringbarked; but overgrown with suckers; red and gravelly soil; parts might be cultivated.
Willuri	150	160 0 0	A.C.P.	30/-	240 0 0	Fence, 18 chains, £2 5s.; ringbarking, 70 acres, £1 15s.	4 0 0	Box timber, green, thick, and moderate; about 70 acres ringbarked; red soil; agricultural.
"	65	118 3 0	C.P.	30/-	178 2 6	Fence, 20 chains, £2 10s.; ringbarking, 80 acres, £2	4 10 0	Box timber; about 80 acres ringbarked; many green trees, and the rest gum; red soil; agricultural.
		28,229 1 28			43,735 6 2		£ 3,815 14 6	Totals for surrender lands.

Synopsis.—4,856 acres 3 roods 29 perches, freehold lands; 6,207 acres 2 roods 36 perches, exchange lands; 12,744 acres 1 rood 3 perches, C.P. and A.C.P. lands; 4,420 acres 2 roods, C.L. lands. Total area, 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches. Average value, 31s. per acre.

"Ex." under Holding heading means lands granted under a previous exchange.

W. NEVILLE SENDALL.

SCHEDULE of lands recommended for granting in exchange under section 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, on Euroka Holding, No. 558, Central Division, county of Leichhardt, Land Board District of Walgett.

EUROKA-KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Parish.	Portion.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Value.	Nature of Improvements.	Value.	Description of Country.	
		a. r. p.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
County of Leichhardt—								
Toooro	A	1,429 1 28	25/-	1,786 15 8	Tank, 8,000 yards, £206 13s. 4d.; fence, 128 chains, half value, £20; 110 chains, half value, £10 6s. 3d.; and 105 chains, £19 13s. 9d.	316 13 4	Open coolabar and myall; small patches red ground; open coolabar and open heavy polygonum; black soil; all liable to inundation, except red ground; herbage and grass country fattening.	
"	B	3,530 0 0	25/-	4,412 10 0	Fences in schedule below	.....	Very open to moderate coolabar and myall, and open plain, with heavy polygonum; black soil; all liable to inundation; herbage and grass country fattening.
Toloora and Gunna	C	1,580 0 0	25/-	1,975 0 0	"	.....	Very open coolabar and myall, and open plain, with heavy polygonum; black soil; all liable to inundation; herbage and grass country fattening.
Gunna and Euroka	D	4,050 0 0	27/6	5,568 15 0	"	.....	Open and moderate coolabar black soil liable to inundation, and open myall; chocolate soil; herbage and grass country fattening.
Gunna	E	1,150 0 0	30/-	1,725 0 0	" tank, 920 yards, at 8d., and drains, £1 10s.	32 3 4	Very open; few myall; whitewood, beefwood, rosewood, and dogwood; soil, chocolate; herbage and grass country fattening.	
"	F	7,950 0 0	27/6	10,931 5 0	Fences in schedule below; tank, 4,250 yards, at 8d., £141 13s. 4d.; drains from bore, £6 17s. 6d.	148 10 10	Very open country; myall, whitewood, dogwood, crewy, beefwood, rosewood, &c.; chocolate, black, and red soils; two shallow, ill-defined warrambools pass through the area, joining about the middle of it; herbage and grass country fattening.	
" and Toloora	G	8,540 0 0	25/-	10,675 0 0	Fences in schedule below; tank, 2,500 yards, £80; tank, 8,000 yards, £566 13s. 4d.; tank, 2,350 yards, £78 6s. 8d., all at 8d. yard.	425 0 0	Open country; myall, whitewood, dogwood, crewy, beefwood, rosewood, &c.; chocolate, black, and red soils; patches scalded, and parts liable to inundation; some polygonum plain two shallow, ill-defined warrambools pass through the area; herbage and grass country fattening.	
		28,229 1 28		30,074 5 8				
		Average value, 26/3 per acre.						

NOTE.—The letters A to G under Portion heading have been used to identify areas; on tracing F, unmeasured.
 A, B, C.—Fence, 250 chains, half value, £23 8s. 9d.; C, D, E.—Fence, 487 chains, half value, £54 12s. 6d.; E, F.—Fence, 125 chains, half value, £10 6s. 3d.; F, G.—Fence, 100 chains, half value, £9 7s. 6d.; G, H, I.—Fence, 410 chains, half value, £51 5s.; I, K, L.—Fence, 160 chains, half value, £20; M, N, O.—Fence, 150 chains, half value, £28 2s. 6d.; K, P.—Fence, 400 chains, £100; H, G, R.—Fence, 360 chains, £45; G, S.—Fence, 65 chains, £8 2s. 6d.; E, F.—Fence, 140 chains, £26 15s.; D, U.—Fence, 150 chains, £23 2s. 6d.; U, F.—Fence, 83 chains, £20 15s.; B, V.—Fence, 125 chains, £25; V, W.—Fence, 145 chains, £36 5s.; X, W, Y.—Fence, 52 chains, £9 15s.; V, Z.—Fence, 190 chains, £71 5s.; total fences, £1,490 10s.; totals of lands for granting, 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches; value, £37,074 5s. 8d.
 Exhibit GG. 52.—Chairman, E. MacF., 20/2/1900.

W. NEVILLE SENDALL.

No. 17.

Office Memorandum.

District Surveyor's Office, Tamworth, 15 September, 1899.

Exhibit LL 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
21/12/1900.

AN application having been lodged by Dalgety and Company for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

An inspection was made by Mr. Surveyor Sendall, who has submitted the enclosed report.

The lands proposed for surrender are shown on heliograph, marked "A," by blue edging and red tint (excluding the lands edged red, which have been surrendered under a previous exchange, and the lands proposed to be granted in exchange are shown on heliograph marked "B" by blue hatching.

The lessee agrees, in the event of the exchange being carried out, to relinquish all improvements on the surrendered lands which are irremovable, *vide* Land Board, 97-8,603.

The aggregate area to be surrendered under this proposal is 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, valued at £43,735 6s. 2d., and improved to the value of £3,815 14s. 6d.

Of these lands it is estimated that 16,500 acres are arable, and 11,730 acres are suitable for grazing.

The equal area proposed to be granted to the lessee is worth £37,074 5s. 8d., and improved to the value of £1,490 10s., showing a difference in the values of the land in favour of the Crown of £6,661 0s. 6d.

The reserves included can be revoked without detriment to public interests.

This exchange will tend to consolidate applicant's estate in the Walgett district, and will place at the disposal of the Crown a large area of land suitable for close settlement, with a good rainfall, within easy distance of a railway, of superior market value, and in a district proved to be a successful one for agricultural pursuits.

It is, therefore, recommended for favourable consideration.

Costs to date, including surveyor's inspection and report, £43 10s. 7d.

CHAS. THURBURN,
Acting District Surveyor.

The Chairman.

Notices and sketches (two) sent to Crown Land Agents, Tamworth, Walgett, Narrabri, and Gunnedah, and postmaster, Manilla, for posting, and notice to Local Land Board, Moree, for posting, and notice posted outside this office, and advertisements sent to *Government Gazette, Tamworth News, Walgett News, Narrabri Herald, and Namoi Independent*, 12th October, 1899. Objections to be lodged by the 18th November, 1899.—A. M. DUNN.

Will the District Surveyor please supply letters in connection with this exchange for exhibition at the Local Land Board Office, Moree?—E. G. MARKHAM, *pro* Chairman, 13/10/99. Notice and sketches (two) sent to Local Land Board Office, Moree, for posting, 16th October, 1899.—A.M.D. Advertisements sent to *Moree Examiner* and *Moree News*, 21st October, 1899.—A.M.D.

No. 18.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Crown Lands Agent,
Tamworth.

Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

Exhibit Q. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

PLEASE have the enclosed notice and sketches (two) posted outside your office in a conspicuous place until the time for receiving objections expires; then return them with the usual certificate.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman, Local Land Board
(*per* E.G.M.).

Received, and plans and notices posted up, 13/10/99. I certify that the above referred to plans and notices were duly posted from 13th October to 19th November, 1899, both days inclusive.—W. G. ACOCKS, Crown Land Agent, Tamworth, 20/11/99. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth. Duly exhibited from 13th October to 19th November, 1899, both days inclusive.—W. G. ACOCKS, Crown Land Agent, Tamworth, 20/11/99.

[Enclosure.]

EUROKA-KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

Exhibit Q. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands, under the 47th section of the Crown Land Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Central Division, Land District of Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla and the offices of the Crown Lands Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this Office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(*per* E.G.M.).

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No. 19.
Office Memorandum.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands, under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division; for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit Q. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla and the offices of the Crown Land Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(per E.G.M.).

I certify that this notice was posted outside this office from 12th October, 1899, to 19th November, 1899.—E. G. MARKHAM, Clerk-in-charge, 21/11/99.

No. 20.
Office Memorandum.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit R. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla and the offices of the Crown Lands Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(per E.G.M.).

No. 21.
Office Memorandum.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit R. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla and the offices of the Crown Lands Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(per E.G.M.).

No. 22.
Office Memorandum.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited), for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit S. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla and the offices of the Crown Lands Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(per E.G.M.).

Exhibited at the Crown Lands Office; lodged the required time.—E. ANGOVE, Acting Crown Lands Agent, Walgett, 18/11/99.

No. 23.

No. 23.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Postmaster, Manilla.

Tamworth, 13 October, 1899.

Exhibit N. 52.— PLEASE have the enclosed notice and sketches (two) sent under separate cover, posted outside your office in a place best calculated to attract attention, until the 18th November next.

Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Then return them to this office with a certificate to the effect that such directions have been carried out.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman
(per E.G.M.).

I hereby certify that these directions have been carried out.—W. J. BURGESS, Postmaster, Manilla, 20/11/99. Maps posted up inside.—P.M., Manilla.

No. 24. -

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree.

Tamworth, 13 October, 1899.

Exhibit P. 52. PLEASE have the enclosed notice posted outside your office until the time for receiving objections expires.

Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman, Local Land Board
(per E.G.M.).

Notice posted outside Land Board Office.—F.C., 16/10/99. Notice calling for objections, &c., posted outside this office, and plans exhibited as required. No objections lodged.—FRED. CHAMBERS, Clerk-in-Charge, Local Land Board, Moree, 18/11/99. The Chairman, Tamworth.

[Enclosure.]

EUROKA-KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 14 October, 1899.

Exhibit P
Chairman
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla, and the offices of the Crown Land Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri, and the Local Land Board Office at Moree.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 25. .

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree.

Euroka (Walgett Land District); Keepit (Tamworth Land District); Moree Land Board District; Tamworth Land Board District—Proposed exchanges.

THIS matter is, or was when I left Tamworth, on the 5th instant, with the Acting District Surveyor there.

It was my intention to ask direction, under section 5, Crown Lands Act of 1889, for the Narrabri Local Land Board to conduct the inquiry, and I am still of opinion that the Narrabri Board should be so directed, after asking the Acting Chairman at Moree if he concurs in the proposed course.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth

(Now in the Metropolis, about to take up duty as Acting Chairman, Bourke),
Sydney, 13 October, 1899.

Edward MacFarlane, J.P., Chairman, Bourke
(About to take up duty as Acting Chairman, Tamworth).

Will the Acting Chairman at Moree favour me with an expression of his opinion at his early convenience, addressed to Tamworth?—EDWARD MACFARLANE, 13 October, 1899. The Acting Chairman, Moree.

The land offered in surrender is near Manilla; that asked for in exchange is near Walgett, and it seems to me the case should be dealt with either at Manilla or Walgett, so as to afford local residents an opportunity of objecting or otherwise, if they so desire. If the proposed exchange is effected Manilla benefits and Walgett suffers. Narrabri is about 150 miles from Manilla, by rail, and about 130 miles from Walgett, by coach; if the case is heard there it practically shuts out local criticism, etc. As no objection need be anticipated from Manilla, I think the hearing should be at Walgett; at the same time, I am aware that Mr. Freeman's opinion is entitled to the greatest respect, and shall, personally, be pleased if it prevails.—FRED POATE, Acting Chairman, 21st October, 1899. The Chairman, Tamworth.

Acknowledge. Say I will communicate further on 19th or 20th November, after last day for receipt of objections.—E. MACF., 27th October, 1899. Informed.—E.G.M., 27/10/99.

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No. 26.
Gazette Notice.

Extract from the Supplement to the Government Gazette, 14th October, 1899.
Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division, and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit D 52.—
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla, and the offices of the Crown Land Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 27.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Chairman, Local Land Board,
Moree.

Tamworth, 16 October, 1899.

PLEASE have the enclosed notice and sketches (two) posted outside your office until the time for receiving objections expires. Exhibit P 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Then return them to this office with a certificate to the effect that such directions have been carried out.

E. G. MARKHAM
(*pro* Chairman, Local Land Board).

[*Enclosure.*]

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

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Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the offices of the Crown Land Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri, and the Post Office at Manilla.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN, Chairman
(*per* E.G.M.).

This notice was exhibited at the Local Land Board Office, Moree, from 13th October, 1899, to the 18th November, 1899, both inclusive.—ARTHUR N. BADCOCK, Acting Clerk-in-Charge, Moree, 20/11/99.

No. 28.

Extract from Namoi Independent, 16th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darley, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit KK 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

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WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 29.

Extract from Narrabri Herald, 17th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division. Exhibit F 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

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WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 30.

Extract from *Tamworth News*, 17th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

Exhibit L 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

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WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 31.

Extract from *Walgett News*, 21st October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

Exhibit J 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

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WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 32.

Telegram from The Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Bourke, to The Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Bourke, 21 October, 1899.

JUDGING by advertisements, *Tamworth News* and *Gazette*, over my name, necessary exhibition of maps, &c., outside Moree Board Office, not attended to; Euroka-Keepit proposed exchange urgent and important; extension of date for objections suggested.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Acting Chairman.

Mr. Evans to note reply hereon; get from letter-book.—E.G.M., 21/10/99. Chairman replied this day,—“Many thanks; Euroka-Keepit Exchange receiving fullest attention.”—E.G.M., 21/10/99.

No. 33.

Extract from *Narrabri Herald*, 24th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Tamworth, 21 October, 1899.

Exhibit G. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

RELATIVE to the notice in the *Gazette* of the 14th October, 1899, concerning this matter, the public is hereby further notified that sketches illustrative thereof are exhibited at the Head Office of Local Land Board at Moree.

EDWARD MacFARLANE,
Chairman of Local Land Board.

No. 34.

Extract from *Tamworth News*, 24th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Tamworth, 21 October, 1899.

Exhibit M 52⁹—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

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EDWARD MacFARLANE,
Chairman of Local Land Board.

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No. 35.

The Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association, to
The Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Walgett, 24 October, 1899.

I have been directed by the committee of the Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales to inform you that the following resolutions have been carried by that committee:—

Exhibit N 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

* * * * *
"That this committee strongly protests against the exchange of land between the holdings of Euroka and Keepit; also against any further exchanges contemplated in the Central Division."

I am directed to point out that, owing to the great demand for land by *bona-fide* applicants in this district, the proposed exchange would be most undesirable in the public interest, and my committee, therefore, respectfully solicits your interference.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CLARKE,
Honorary Secretary.

No. 36.

The Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association, to
The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir, Walgett, 24 October, 1899.

I have been directed by the committee of the Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales to inform you that the following resolution has been carried by the committee:—

Exhibit T 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

* * * * *
"That this committee strongly protests against the exchange of land between the holdings of Euroka and Keepit; also against any further exchanges contemplated in the Central Division."

I am directed to point out that, owing to the great demand for land by *bona-fide* applicants in this district, the proposed exchange would be most undesirable in the public interest; my committee, therefore, prays that the said exchange be disallowed.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CLARKE,
Honorary Secretary.

Acknowledge. Ask him for a list of persons who would be prepared to give evidence at Pilliga or Narrabri.—E. MacF., 27/10/99. Informed as requested.—E.G.M., 27/10/99. Let District Surveyor see this, please.—E. MacF., 30/10/99. The District Surveyor.—E.G.M. (*pro* Chairman), 30/10/99.

No. 37.

Gazette Notice.

Extract from the Supplement to the Government Gazette, 25th October, 1899.

Revocation of Special Area No. 19,832.

Proclamation.

New South Wales, } By His Excellency the Right Honorable William, Earl Beauchamp, Knight Com-
to wit. * } mander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
(L.S.) } Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
Beauchamp, } Dependencies.
Governor. } Exhibit E. 52.—
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

WHEREAS a certain portion of Crown land was set apart as a special area by a Proclamation of the 31st March, 1894: And whereas it is deemed expedient to revoke such special area: Now, therefore, I, William, Earl Beauchamp, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim that so much of the said Proclamation as relates to the land hereunder described shall be revoked and absolutely cease and determine from and after the publication hereof in the *Government Gazette*:—

Eastern Division.—Land District of Tamworth.

Special area 19,832, proclaimed 31st March, 1894; county of Darling, parish of Baldwin, containing an area of 41½ acres. The Crown lands within the boundaries of measured portion 217 of 41½ acres,—as shown on plan catalogued D. 2,559—1,808.

NOTE.—Reserve 30,121 from sale pending completion of exchange, notified this day, embraces the above.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and in the sixty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
T. H. HASSALL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

No. 38.

Gazette Notice.

Extract from the Supplement to the Government Gazette, 25th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county of Nandewar,

Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

Notice is hereby given that sketches illustrating the above proposal are posted outside the Post Office at Manilla, and the offices of the Crown Lands Agents at Walgett, Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Narrabri.

Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 39.

Gazette Notice.

Extract from the Supplement to the Government Gazette, 25th October, 1899.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25th October, 1899.

Reserve from Sale generally pending Completion of Exchange.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, directs it to be notified that, in pursuance of the provisions of the 39th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, the land hereunder described shall be and is hereby temporarily reserved and exempted from sale generally pending completion of exchange.

T. H. HASSALL.

Eastern Division.—Land District of Tamworth.

No. 30,121, county of Darling, parish of Baldwin, containing an area of $41\frac{1}{4}$ acres. The Crown lands within the boundaries of measured portion 217 of $41\frac{1}{4}$ acres,—as shown on plan catalogued D. 2,559-1,808.

NOTE.—The above embraces special area No. 19,832, revoked this day.

No. 40.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree.

27 October, 1899.

I BEG to acknowledge receipt of your B.C. memorandum of 21st instant, in connection with the Keepit-Euroka exchange.

I will communicate further on the 20th November—after last day for receiving objections—in connection with this matter.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Chairman, Land Board, Acting at Tamworth
(per E.G.M.).

Please inform me, at your early convenience, whether you contemplate any action towards having the case dealt with at Walgett, as the Board meets there from 15th to 19th January next.—FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, 30/10/99. The Under Secretary for Lands.

As it is the Walgett District which would lose land by absorption under the exchange, the case should obviously be also heard by the Board at that place, to give the residents in the locality an opportunity of expressing their views. The Chairman is requested to state whether any decision bearing upon the point has yet been given on the papers.—C. E. RENNIE (for the Under Secretary), 8/11/99. The Chairman, Tamworth.

I have the honor to state—Land Board 97-8,603, Tamworth, enclosure—Alienation 97-12,031. Submission by Mr. C. J. Saunders, endorsed by Under Secretary. Minister has written, "Approved to let matter proceed for the present.—J.H.C., 4/10/97." Application in due form, 13/10/97. Consent to surrender improvements, Land Board, 97-8,603; alienation, 97-12,863. Thereon reference to Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, 30/10/97. Referred to District Surveyor, 3/11/97. Mr. Sendall's report, 30/8/99. I communicated with Mr. Acting-Chairman Poate as to locality of hearing, and promised to communicate with him further on 20th November—that is, after last day for objections. I propose on that date to make a definite recommendation as to place of hearing.—EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman of Land Board, Acting for Tamworth Land Board District, Gunnedah, 14/11/99. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 41.

Extract from Moree News, 27th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Tamworth, 21 October, 1899.

EXHIBIT H 52.—RELATIVE to the notice in the *Gazette* of the 14th October, 1899, concerning this matter, the public is hereby further notified that sketches illustrative thereof are exhibited at the head office of the Local Land Board, at Moree.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Chairman of Local Land Board.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

Application by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulcumba, county

county of Nandewar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division, for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Land District of Walgett, Central Division, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

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WILLIAM FREEMAN,
Chairman.

No. 42.

Extract from *Walgett News*, 28th October, 1899.

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Tamworth, 21 October, 1899.

RELATIVE to the notice in *Gazette* of 14th October, 1899, concerning this matter, the public is hereby further notified that sketches illustrative thereof are exhibited at the Head Office of Local Land Board at Moree. Exhibit K 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

EDWARD MacFARLANE,
Chairman of Local Land Board.

No. 43.

Extract from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 7th November, 1899.

Walgett Farmers and Settlers' Association.

Walgett, Monday.

At a public meeting convened by the Farmers and Settlers' Association on Saturday, the following resolutions were passed:— Exhibit BB 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

1. That this meeting most strongly protests against the proposed exchange of an area of land on Dalgety and Company's Euroka Holding for an equal area at or near Keepit, the land on Euroka being far more valuable than that offered in exchange.

2. That such exchange would be inequitable, and an injury to the best interests of Walgett and district; and, in view of the extreme differences in value and situation, would be unjust to the people and State.

3. That the proposed exchange of a portion of selection area on Euroka Holding for an equal portion on Bell's holding, is unjust to intending selectors, and is only sought for individual benefit.

4. That this meeting emphatically protests against the proposal of the delegates of the Orange Conference of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, that when a selector had once had land confirmed, the Board should be instructed not to inquire into his *bona fides* when an additional application was made, as likely, if granted, to perpetuate dummyism, and lead to the fraudulent acquirement of large holdings.

5. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Minister for Lands.

6. That this meeting should use every legitimate effort to have the Walgett railway speedily constructed, the route to be fixed by the Government.

7. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Minister for Works.

No. 44.

Extract from *Daily Telegraph*, 7th November, 1899.

Walgett Farmers' Association.

Walgett, Monday.

At a public meeting convened by the Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett and district, held in the School of Arts, on Saturday, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:— Exhibit CC 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

1. That this meeting most strongly protests against the proposed exchange of an area of land on Dalgety and Company's Euroka Holding, Walgett, for an equal area at or near Keepit, the land on Euroka being far more valuable than that offered in exchange.

2. That such an exchange would be inequitable, and an injury to the best interests of Walgett and district; and, in view of the extreme differences in value and situation, would be unjust to the people and State.

3. That the proposed exchange of a portion of a selection area on Euroka Holding for an equal portion on Bell's Holding is unjust to intending selectors, and is only sought for individual benefit.

4. That this meeting emphatically protests against the proposal of the delegates of the Orange Conference of Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, that when a selector had once had his land confirmed, the Board should be instructed not to inquire into his *bona fides* when an additional application was made, as likely, if granted, to perpetuate dummyism, and lead to the fraudulent acquirement of large holdings.

5. That this meeting should use every legitimate effort to have the Walgett railway speedily constructed, the route to be fixed by the Government.

No. 45.

The Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch Farmers and Settlers' Association,
Walgett, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Walgett, 7 November, 1899.

Exhibit V 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of 27th ultimo, Land Board, 99-7,824, *re* Euroka and
Keepit exchange.

In reply, I beg to inform you that my Association will meet on the 16th instant, when some one
will be appointed to give evidence either at Narrabri or Pilliga.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CLARKE,
Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers'
Association of New South Wales.

No. 46.

The Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association, Walgett, to The Secretary for
Lands.

Sir,

Walgett, 9 November, 1899.

Exhibit W 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/1/1900.

I have the honor, by instructions from the Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett and
district, to forward you resolutions adopted unanimously at a public meeting held here on the 4th instant.

I have, &c.,

JOHN E. CULLEN,
Secretary.

That this meeting most strongly protests against the proposed exchange of an area of land on Dalgety
and Company's Euroka Holding, Walgett, for an equal area at or near Keepit, the land on Euroka
being far more valuable than that offered in exchange.

That such exchange would be inequitable, and an injury, to the best interest of Walgett and district;
and, in view of the extreme differences in value and situation, would be unjust to the people and
the State.

That the proposed exchange of a portion of the selection area in the Euroka Holding for an equal
portion of Bell's Holding is unjust to intending selectors, as it is only sought for individual
benefit.

Ask the Chairman at Moree if the case is set down for hearing, and where the Board meeting will
be held.—E.A.B. (for Under Secretary), 16/11/99. Chairman, Moree, 16/11/99.

No. 47.

Questions and Answers, Legislative Assembly.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1899.

Question No. 12.

(12.) Application for exchange of land by Messrs. Dalgety and Company:—Mr. Willis asked the
Secretary for Lands:—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Dalgety and Company are applying for an exchange of certain lands near
Walgett for certain other lands not situated in the district of Walgett?
- (2.) Is it a fact that those persons in and about Walgett who might reasonably be expected in the public
interest to object to such exchange are invited by the Land officials to put in an appearance at their
own expense at a court to be held at Moree, some 250 miles away?
- (3.) Is it usual to ask the public to help the investigators of such exchange at their own expense to such
an extent?
- (4.) If not, will he cause the investigation by the Court to be extended to Walgett, or allow expenses to
such persons as may desire to go to Moree to object?

Mr. Hassall answered,—

- (1.) An application to surrender land on the Keepit Pastoral Holding, in exchange for land, Euroka
Holding, has been made by Messrs. Dalgety and Company. This case is now in the hands of the
Local Land Board at Tamworth, with a view to inquiry so far as the Keepit lands are concerned,
after which an inquiry will be held by the Walgett Land Board with regard to the Euroka lands. At
these inquiries any objections will be heard.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) See answer to No. 1.

No. 48.

Telegram from The Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, to The Under
Secretary for Lands.

Moree, 16 November, 1899.

KEEPIT-EUROKA exchange case is with Tamworth Chairman for action.

FRED. POATE,
Acting Chairman, Local Land Board.

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No. 49.

Telegram from the Honorary Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association, Walgett,
to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Walgett, 18 November, 1899.

MESSRS. William A. Bell, Thomas Clarke, give evidence Pilliga *re* Euroka-Keepit exchange.

THOMAS CLARKE,

Honorary Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association.

Acknowledge receipt, and thank him for communication.—E. MacF., 21/11/99. Done.—
A.M.D., 21/11/99.

No. 50.

The Honorary Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association, Walgett, to The
Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Sir,

Walgett, 20 November, 1899.

On Saturday last I wired you as follows:—"Messrs. W. A. Bell and T. Clarke will give
evidence at Pilliga *re* Euroka-Keepit exchange," and I now beg to confirm that wire.

I notice by the paper that the Minister for Lands, in reply to a question, stated that inquiry *re*
Euroka would be held in Walgett. If this is so, I presume there will be no necessity for Walgett
witnesses attending Pilliga.

I will be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to answer the following:—Can the evidence
of Messrs. Bell and Clarke be taken in Walgett?

If in the negative, on what date will the witnesses be required at Pilliga?

Awaiting the honor of an early reply.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CLARKE,

Honorary Secretary,

Walgett Branch of Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.

Acknowledge, and inform that papers are at present in Sydney, and when they are returned he
will be further communicated with as to where case will be heard.—E.G.M., 23/11/99. Acknowledged
and informed.—E.G.M., 23/11/99.

No. 51.

The Crown Lands Agent, Gunnedah, to The Chairman, Local Land Board,
Tamworth.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Gunnedah, 20 November, 1899.

I have the honor to forward, under separate cover, plans and notice in connection with
proposed Euroka-Keepit exchange, No. 99-7,474, Local Land Board, which have been posted up outside
my office since 14th October last to 18th November, 1899.

I have, &c.,

W. P. B. BROWN,

Crown Lands Agent,

Exhibit O. 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

[Enclosure.]

Euroka-Keepit Exchange Proposal.

Local Land Board Office, Tamworth, 12 October, 1899.

APPLICATION by Dalgety and Company (Limited) for an exchange of lands under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act
of 1895, in the parishes of Dowe, Baldwin, Keepit, and Namoi, county of Darling, Land District of Tamworth, Eastern
Division; and in the parishes of Willuri and Tulumba, county of Nandiar, Land District of Gunnedah, Central Division,
for an equal area in the parishes of Gunna, Toloora, and Euroka, county of Leichhardt, Central Division, Land District of
Walgett, leasehold area of Euroka Pastoral Holding, No. 558, Central Division.

Exhibit O. 52.—
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E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

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Objections thereto, if any, must be lodged at this office on or before the 18th November, 1899.

WILLIAM FREEMAN

Chairman (*per* E.G.M.).

No. 52.

The Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Under Secretary for
Lands.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange, Land Districts, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Walgett.

21 November, 1899.

AREA of exchange.—Offered, 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches; same area sought.

I have the honor to report, following my memorandum of 14th November, 1899:—

The application is dated 13th October, 1897.

The reference to Chairman is 30th October, 1897.

Surveyor Sendall's report is 26th August, 1899.

Notices to *Gazette* and newspapers were issued 12th October, 1899, and ample publicity has been
given to the case following on the District Surveyor's report received 12th October, 1899.

This important case, affecting three Land Districts—Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett—appears
to be exciting much public interest; but only one objection has been received—that is, from the Walgett
Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.

The applicants wish the case heard in the Tamworth Land District.

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I have the honor to recommend that the case be referred to the Local Land Board for the Narrabri Land District, to be listed for and called at Narrabri, Wee Waa, and Pilliga, between the 19th and the end of January, 1900.

The people of the Narrabri Land District have not any interest in the matter, while the suggested localities of hearing are sufficiently near to the sites of exchange for the interested persons to secure and submit ample evidence.

By telegram the objectors offer to tender evidence at Pilliga; also by letter.

Mr. Surveyor Sendall reports that the area offered for surrender will support sixty families by agriculture, near rail communication, and that the area sought in exchange will support twelve families by grazing.

The case is very fully set out in the Departmental Minutes, in Mr. Sendall's lucid report and schedules, and in the District Surveyor's summary.

I have the honor to forward all the papers.

Mr. Chairman Freeman and Mr. Acting District Surveyor Thurburn concur in this recommendation.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Chairman of Land Board, acting at Tamworth.

No. 53.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

29 November, 1899.

ENCLOSED is an application by Messrs. Dalgety and Company to surrender the whole of their property on Keepit Holding, over 28,000 acres, near Tamworth, in exchange for an equal area on Euroka Holding, close to Walgett. Mr. MacFarlane, Chairman, acting at Tamworth, reports that the case is exciting much interest; but, in response to advertisements and exhibition of maps, only one objection has been received, which is from the Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association.

The position of the Keepit land is shown on the within section of the Colony map by deep red tint, and the position of the Euroka land by blue tint.

Mr. MacFarlane, with the concurrence of Mr. Chairman Freeman, and of the Acting District-Surveyor, Mr. Thurburn, recommends that the case be referred to the Land Board for the Narrabri Land District to be listed and called at Narrabri, Wee Waa, and Pilliga between the 19th and the end of January. Mr. MacFarlane points out that the people in the Narrabri Land District have no interest in the matter, which the suggested localities of hearing are sufficiently near to the sites of exchange for the interested persons to secure and submit ample evidence. The objectors, the Farmers' Association, have intimated that they will be represented at the hearing at Pilliga.

From the map it will be noticed that the land applied for is situated only 8 miles from Walgett, and 40 miles from Pilliga; and that the surrender land and the land for exchange are 140 miles apart.

In reply to questions asked in the Legislative Assembly on the 16th instant as to whether persons in and about Walgett would be expected to attend a Court many miles away to give their evidence, &c., the Minister answered (*vide* Alienation 99-16,191 enclosed): "This case is now in the hands of the Local Land Board at Tamworth with a view to inquiry, so far as the Keepit lands are concerned, after which an inquiry will be held by the Walgett Land Board with regard to the Euroka lands. At these inquiries any objections will be heard."

In cases like this it may be recognised that the opposition is likely to come from the district losing land, and not from the district which gains land for new settlement; it therefore seems obvious that Walgett has claims as a place of hearing.

In view of the circumstances, and of the Minister's replies to the questions asked in the Assembly, it is submitted that instead of following the recommendation of the Chairman Acting at Tamworth, suggesting Narrabri, Wee Waa, and Pilliga, the case should be heard at both Tamworth and Walgett.

The Tamworth Board meets on the 11th December, and the Walgett Board from the 15th to the 19th January. Seeing that it is too late for the Tamworth Court, as there is not time to give the interested parties the fourteen days' notice required by the law, it is suggested that the papers might at once be sent to the Chairman at Moree for listing for the Walgett meeting. After such hearing the papers should be immediately despatched to Tamworth.

Mr. MacFarlane might be informed of the suggested course of action if approved of, and be requested to list the case for the first Tamworth Board meeting which he may fix for the new year.

Sending the case to Walgett and then to Tamworth will invert the order of hearing from that given in the Minister's reply in the Legislature; but, as considerable delay will be saved, perhaps the inversion may be regarded as a matter of no moment.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

C. E. RENNIE,
Chief Draftsman.

No. 54.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

11 December, 1899.

Exhibit EF 52*— THE proposal is that lands near Tamworth should be exchanged for lands near Walgett. The lands to be acquired by the applicants are in the latter district, and it is in that district that any local feeling would probably be aroused.

The opinion is ventured that the Walgett Land Board should be directed to deal with the matter in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Act of 1889, and that the Land Board at Tamworth should first report on the proposals, leaving the Walgett Board the final recommendation in the case. It

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is not overlooked that the parties may consider that this may expose the proposals open to the risk of refusal, and they may think that an independent Board—that is, a Board of some district other than either Walgett or Tamworth—could deal with the case free from local associations.

Be this as it may, I think the Walgett Board is entitled to deal with the matter, and there ought to be very strong reasons brought before the Department before it is withheld from its jurisdiction.

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary.

Approved.—T.H.H., 12/12/1899. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.—E.A.B. (for Acting Under Secretary),—B.C., 18/12/1899.

No. 55.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

18 December, 1899.

To be heard first in Tamworth.—Papers to be posted to Tamworth to-day.

PLEASE inform Head Office that Court gazetted for 8th January, 1900, is fully anticipated by listed cases, and that I propose to list this case for Tamworth as early as possible in February.

Inform Walgett Branch of Farmers and Settlers' Association that case is to be heard in Tamworth and in Walgett, and that they might arrange to send a representative to Tamworth at the hearing there, for which notice will be given them.

Inform District Surveyor by sending him this and the papers at once, on receipt.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,

Clerk-in-charge.

The Under Secretary for Lands informed by memorandum.—E.G.M., 19/12/99. Informed Walgett Branch Farmers and Settlers' Association.—E.G.M., 19/12/99. The District Surveyor.—E. G. MARKHAM, *pro* Chairman, 19/12/99. Noted.—C. THURBURN, Acting District Surveyor, 20/12/99. The Chairman.

Court at Tamworth, 31st January, 1900. Notice, 15th January, 1900, to Dalgety and Company, and Secretary Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett district, and to Secretary Walgett Branch of Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.

No. 56.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

Tamworth, 19 December, 1899.

In accordance with the above exchange, I am directed by the chairman to inform you that as the Court for 8th January, 1900, is fully anticipated by listed cases, it is proposed to list the above case for Tamworth as early in February next as possible.

E. G. MARKHAM,

Pro Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

No. 57.

D. P. Dickson, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

91, Pitt-street, Sydney, 21 December, 1899.

With reference to the Keepit and Euroka exchange, which is to be heard by two Land Boards on account of being in two districts, I beg to request you will be pleased to direct that one chairman may be appointed to hear the evidence given before the different courts; he would thus be in a better position to judge of the merits of each case, and to give a more conclusive decision.

I would point out that if two separate Land Courts hear the evidence it will be more difficult to decide than if the one chairman presided at both, for he would have an opportunity of seeing the witnesses, and how their evidence was given.

I, therefore, beg you will be pleased to consider the application, and appoint one chairman to preside at both courts.

I have, &c.,

D. P. DICKSON.

No. 58.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

9 January, 1900.

1. The lessees of Keepit Holding have applied to surrender the whole of their purchased lands on that holding in exchange for an equal area on Euroka Holding.

Keepit Holding is situated comparatively near to Tamworth, and Euroka is close to Walgett. The exchange is an extensive one, and the Minister, in reply to questions asked in the Legislative Assembly, promised that the matter should be heard by the Tamworth Board, and subsequently by the Walgett Board.

Applicant's agent now request that one chairman may be appointed to preside at both courts, on the grounds that if one chairman heard all the evidence, and saw all the witnesses, he would be in a better position to judge of the merits of the case.

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It is not apparent that anything would be gained by acceding to this request, as the chairman at Walgett will have before him all the evidence to be taken before the chairman at Tamworth, and it is, moreover, submitted that for obvious reasons the request is one that should not be entertained.

C. E. RENNIE,
Chief Draftsman.

There is always a difficulty in exchanges such as this, but it has already been decided that the two Land Boards within whose districts the land is situated should deal with the case, and, on the whole, this appears the best course. Indeed, the proposal now made could not, I think, be legally given effect to so long as both chairmen were in their positions.—H. CURRY, Acting Under Secretary, 10/1/1900.

It does not appear to me desirable that the one chairman should preside at each separate inquiry.—T.H.H., 12/1/1900. D. P. Dickson informed.—22/1/1900.

No. 59.

Telegram from Chairman, Local Land Board, Coonabarabran, to Clerk-in-Charge,
Land Board Office, Tamworth.

15 January, 1900.

KEEPIT-EUROKA case can be listed for 31st January, current.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Coonabarabran.

No. 60.

Messrs. Creagh and Kennedy to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Re Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

Sir,

Central Chambers, Tamworth, 17 January, 1900.

We understand that it is intended to set down this case for hearing at Tamworth on the 31st instant; but would be glad if it can be dealt with at a later Board meeting if by doing so present arrangements will not be greatly interfered with. We are aware that the Acting District Surveyor contemplates making a personal inspection of the Keepit lands, and are desirous that he should carry out his intention; but owing to his present engagements it may be impossible to arrange for his visit before the end of the month.

Another reason for desiring the hearing to take place at a later date is that for the remainder of this month we shall be very much pressed with work, including Quarter Sessions at Tamworth and Land Board at Gunnedah, and will not be able to give such attention to the preparation of the case as we desire; so that when it comes before the Board it may be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

We are, &c.,

CREAGH AND KENNEDY.

The District Surveyor.—Is there any objection in the public interest to a postponement?—E. MACF., Wee Waa, 19/1/1900. None, as far as I know; so that in my opinion there will be no objection to granting the postponement asked for.—CHAS. THURBURN, Acting District Surveyor, 27/1/1900. The Chairman.—Yes; delay in replying to this memorandum is due to the fact that I communicated with the District Surveyor, Moree, and it was some time before I received a reply from him.—C.T.

No. 61.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

19 January, 1900.

ADVERTISED in *Gazette* of 14th October, 1899; copy herewith. Also in *Gazette* of 25th October, 1899; copy herewith.

Has also been advertised in *Gazette*, 28th October, 1899; 1st November, 1899; 4th November, 1899; and 8th November, 1899.

Copies of *Tamworth News*, *Walgett News*, *Narrabri Herald*, *Namoi Independent*, *Moree Examiner*, and *Moree News*, containing advertisements, herewith.

Notice calling objections and sketch posted outside Moree Local Land Board Office.

Certificate on notice as to posting.

Notice calling for objections and sketch posted outside Land Agent's Office, Tamworth.

Certificate on notice by Crown Lands Agent.

Notice calling for objections and sketch posted outside Post Office, Manilla.

Certificate by Postmaster on notice.

Notice calling for objections with sketch posted outside Crown Lands Agent's Office, Walgett, with certificate by Land Agent.

Notice calling for objections posted outside Local Land Board Office, Tamworth.

Certificate by Clerk-in-charge on notice.

Notice calling for objections posted outside Land Office, Gunnedah, with sketch.

Certificate with notice.

Notice calling for objections and sketch posted outside Land Office, Narrabri.

Certificate on sketch.

Objections received within specified time.

Land Board, 99-7,824, from Thomas Clarke, Secretary to Farmers and Settlers' Association, Walgett.

There are other objections from the same associations; but they were not lodged within specified time, namely:—Land Board, 1900-905; Land Board; 1900-1,239; and Land Board, 1900-1,146—herewith.

The Chairman.

E. G. MARKHAM,
Clerk-in-charge.

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Telegram from Chairman, Local Land Board Narrabri, to Clerk-in-charge,
Land Board Office, Tamworth.

Narrabri, 22 January, 1900.

ADJOURNMENT, Keepit-Euroka case, granted, on application Creagh and Kennedy. Please notify all parties by telegram or letter, as shall be necessary to give earliest possible information; costs of this to be charged in the case.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,

Chairman, Land Board.

Mr. Creagh informed verbally.—E.G.M. Notice posted outside office. Notices to parties by letters this day:—Dalgety and Company, Thomas Clarke, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales; also to J. E. Cullen, Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett District.

No. 63.

The Under Secretary for Lands to D. P. Dickson, Esq.

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Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 January, 1900.

Referring to your request of the 21st ultimo, that one chairman be instructed to hear the evidence at both the Local Land Board inquiries in connection with the Keepit-Euroka exchange, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands declines to grant the request, as he considers such a course to be undesirable.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 64.

W. N. Willis, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 22 January, 1900.

I enclose a letter, of which I am in receipt from Walgett, which shows the opinion of my constituents with regard to the Euroka-Keepit exchange, and I forward same for your information.

Yours faithfully,

W. N. WILLIS.

Keepit-Euroka exchange, alienation 99-17,471, forwarded to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, for consideration in connection with the above.—J.B. (for Acting Under Secretary), 30/1/1900. W. N. Willis, M.P., informed, 30/1/1900. Mr. Donnelly,—Send out notices on Monday, please, in this case.—E.G.M., 3/2/1900. Done.—J.H.D. Court at Tamworth, 20/2/1900. Notice, 5/2/1900, to Dalgety and Company, care of D. P. Dickson; Dalgety and Company, care of Creagh and Kennedy; Secretary, Walgett Branch of Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales; and to Secretary of Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett and District.

Exhibit Y 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

[Enclosure.]

Sir,

Walgett, 20 January, 1900.

In pursuance of a motion carried at a meeting of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett and District, held on the 18th instant, I, on behalf of that organisation, beg respectfully to ask your opposition to the granting of the application of Messrs. Dalgety and Company, and known as the "Euroka-Keepit Exchange."

That there is no comparison in the relative value of the lands proposed to be exchanged, goes without need of argument, and it would be an incalculable loss to the district, and to your constituency generally if it were effected. The Association, therefore, confidently seek your assistance in obtaining the defeat of the proposal.

There were other resolutions passed at the meeting, to the report of which I would draw your attention.

Trusting to your good offices in this and all matters connected with the Society.

W. N. Willis, Esq., M.L.A., Sydney.

I have, &c.,

JOHN E. CULLEN,

Secretary.

Exhibit Z 52.—
Chairman,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

No. 65.

The Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association, to
The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Walgett, 23 January, 1900.

I have been directed by the Committee of the Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, to protest against the investigation into the matter of the "application made by Messrs. Dalgety and Company to surrender certain lands on Keepit Holding" and to be granted in exchange certain other lands on Euroka Holding being confined to Tamworth.

Exhibit XX52.—
Evidence of
General in case,
E. MacF.,
20/2/1900.

I am directed to point out that my committee were requested to forward the names of witnesses to be heard either at Narrabri or Pilliga, and that in accordance with that request, two names were submitted to the Chairman of Tamworth Land Board, and arrangements made to give evidence at either of the places named, and that any alterations in those arrangements is now impossible.

I am also directed to point out that the town of Walgett is alone concerned, as it would lose what other towns would gain by this exchange. My committee, therefore, is of opinion that it is most unfair to confine this inquiry to Tamworth, and thus exclude a large amount of valuable evidence, and trusts that you will so favourably consider this protest, as will lead you to order that evidence shall be taken in Walgett.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CLARKE,

Hon. Secretary,

Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales.

The

The Honorable T. H. Hassall, Minister for Lands. Presented by W. N. Willis, 5/2/1900.

Inform that after the Keepit-Euroka exchange has been considered by the Tamworth Land Board, the case will be referred to the Walgett Land Board for inquiry and report.—E.A.B. (for Acting Under Secretary), 9/2/1900.

W. N. Willis, M.P., informed, 12/2/1900. Forwarded to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth, to place with the Keepit-Euroka exchange papers.—E.A.B. (for Acting Under Secretary), B.C., 12/2/1900.

No. 66.

Telegram from Acting District Surveyor, Moree, to Acting District Surveyor, Boggabri.

24 January, 1900.

Re Euroka, is it too late now to supply information asked for, my wire, 19th instant, from Wee Waa.

JOHN DALY,
For Acting District Surveyor.

No. 67.

The Honorary Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Tamworth.

Walgett, 8 February, 1900.

Sir, The Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales again strongly protests against the hearing of the Euroka-Keepit exchange being confined to Tamworth, as per your notice.

My committee instructs me to invite your attention to your letters of 27th October, and 21st and 27th November, *re* taking evidence at Pilliga, also to point out that in these disastrous times a person might be able to afford a journey to Pilliga, but to go to Tamworth quite out of the question.

Walgett is the town mainly interested in the proposed exchange, and if the case cannot be heard in Walgett then it does not matter to us where it is heard.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS CLARKE,
Honorary Secretary.

Inform to-day the hearing will not be confined to Tamworth. A decision has been given that the case is to be heard at Tamworth and at Walgett.—E. MacF., 10/2/1900. Informed.—E.G.M., 10/2/1900.

No. 68.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. N. Willis, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 February, 1900.

Referring to the letter from Mr. Thomas Clarke, Honorary Secretary, Walgett Branch Farmers and Settlers' Association, protesting against the Keepit-Euroka exchange case being dealt with by the Local Land Board, Tamworth, only, I have the honor to inform you that after the exchange has been considered by the Tamworth Board the papers will be referred to the Walgett Land Board for inquiry and report.

I have, &c.,
H. CURRY,
Acting Under Secretary
(*per* W.H.C.).

No. 69.

Office Memorandum.

Re Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

Tamworth, 20 February, 1900.

Exhibit S. 52.— ACCORDING to the record of this office two heliographs were returned, with notice, marked Land Board Chairman, E. MacF., 20/2/1900. See DD. 52. E. MacF. 99-8,551. As this record contains the following entry, "Returning plans, &c., Keepit-Euroka exchange with certificate of exhibition of same."

STEPHEN H. DONNELLY,
Clerk, Land Board Office.

No. 70.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales }
To wit. }

Case 52.

23 February, 1900.

THE examination of Walter Neville Sendall, of Gunnedah, in the Colony of New South Wales, surveyor; Charles Thurburn, of Tamworth; George Loder Dowe, of Keepit; William Australia Watts, of Keepit; Leonard James Bailey, of Manilla; Albert Jasper Creagh, of Tamworth; and Charles Thurburn, of Tamworth, in the said Colony.

The Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

And it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Number of exhibits, 40.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Chairman of Local Land Board, acting at Tamworth.

[Enclosure.]

Enclosure.]

KEEPIT-EUROKA PROPOSED SURRENDER AND EXCHANGE.

Case 52.

20th February, 1900. 9-30 a.m.

Exhibits by consent.

Mr. A. J. Creagh, for the proposals.

Mr. Charles Thurburn, for the Crown.

A52. The application.

B52. Consent to surrender improvements. Reference to Board—pursuant of.

C52. Minister's contingent approval.

D52. *Gazette*, 826. 14th October, 1899. Advertising proposals.E52. *Gazette*, 854. 25th October, 1899. Further advertisement.F52. *Narrabri Herald*, 17th October, 1899.G52. *Narrabri Herald*, 24th October, 1899.H52. *Moree News*, 27th October, 1899.I52. *Moree Examiner*, 24th October, 1899.J52. *Walgett News*, 21st October, 1899.K52. *Walgett News*, 28th October, 1899.L52. *Tamworth News*, 17th October, 1899.M52. *Tamworth News*, 24th October, 1899.

Mr. Bailey here attends, and states he is deputed by the Manilla Progress Committee to give evidence.

N52. In four sheets—certificate of Exhibit and maps exhibited at Manilla.

O52. In four sheets—certificate of Exhibit and maps exhibited at Gunnedah.

P52. In four sheets—certificate of Exhibit and maps exhibited at Moree, also two duplicates—six in all.

Q52. In five sheets—certificate of Exhibit and maps exhibited at Tamworth.

R52. In three sheets—certificate of Exhibit and maps exhibited at Narrabri.

S52. In three sheets—certificate of Exhibit and map (one) exhibited at Walgett. *See also* Exhibit DD52.

T52, U52, V52, W52, X52, Y52, Z52.

AA52, BB52, CC52.

Ten letters and newspaper clippings tendered as objections. Admitted by Mr. Creagh for the purpose of identification, but not admitted as statements of fact.

DD52. The other map exhibited at Walgett.

EE52. Direction for Tamworth Board to report in the case.

Mr. Walter Neville Sendall, duly sworn, tenders:—

FF52. Report read.

GG52. Schedules, in eleven sheets; read.

HH52. Four tracings—the actual field notes.

II52. One heliograph.

JJ52. One lithograph.

And gives evidence, and further evidence.

Adjournment to 10 a.m., 21st, at 5 p.m., 20th.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
20th February, 1900.

21st February, 1900. 10-30 a.m.

Same appearances.

Charles Thurburn, Acting District Surveyor, sworn.

KK52. *Namoi Independent*, 16th October, 1899.

LL52. District surveyor's report read. This paper shows action as to publicity.

Gives evidence.

George Loder Dowe, licensed surveyor, in private practice, and grazier, gives evidence.

To luncheon adjournment at 1 p.m.

2-30 p.m. William Australia Watts, manager of Keepit, sworn, gives evidence.

Leonard James Bailey, produce dealer and farmer, Manilla, sworn, gives evidence.

MM52. Durham Court subdivision plan.

Albert Jasper Creagh, solicitor, Tamworth, sworn, gives evidence.

NN52. Certificate, balance due on portion conditional purchase 93-97.

Charles Thurburn, Acting District Surveyor, resworn, gives further evidence.

Thirty-one pages depositions.

Three pages Chairman's notes.

Forty Exhibits.

Costs agreed to. £49 12s. 9d. if refused.

£62 4s. 9d. if granted.

EDWARD MACFARLANE,
Chairman of Land Board,
Acting at Tamworth, 21st February, 1900.
Decision to be given, 23rd February, 1900.

The deponent, *William Neville Sendall*, duly sworn, on oath administered by William Henry Smith, Senior-constable of Police, says:—My name is Walter Neville Sendall; I am a Staff Surveyor, Department of Lands; I reside at Gunnedah; I produce my report (Exhibit FF 52), my schedules of valuations and descriptions in eleven sheets (Exhibit GG 52; my actual field-notes in four tracings (Exhibit HH 52); one heliograph (Exhibit II 52), one lithograph (Exhibit JJ 52). [All these have reference to a proposed Keepit-Euroka exchange; Mr. A. J. Creagh for the proposals; Mr. Charles Thurburn for the Crown; Mr. Sendall reads his own report (eight pages); Mr. Sendall reads his own schedule (eleven sheets) four sheets, and to portion 116 on sheet 5, before luncheon adjournment.]

Sworn before the Land Board at its Court-room, at Tamworth, }
this 20th day of February, 1900,—

W. NEVILLE SENDALL.

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.

MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Members,
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, } Local Land Board.

Walter Neville Sendall, recalled, resworn, by William Henry Smith, aforesaid:—[Continues to read his schedule from portion 116; appearances as before; and completes reading of eleven sheets.]

To Mr. Thurburn: I have been in the Tamworth District since August, 1891; and have been over a very considerable part of it, and have been able to judge from my experience of the values of lands, and of the requirements of settlement; I have heard of the Manilla wheat-growing district, it is, I believe, celebrated for heavy yields of wheat; all the agricultural lands mentioned in my report, and in schedules, GG 52, sheets 1 to 10, are in, or are similar to the lands in the Manilla wheat-growing district; I know Mr. Baldwin offered at public auction part of his estate near Manilla; I know it met sale; I was aware of that sale, and the prices realised, it confirmed me in my opinion as to values; I have not made a close inspection of the lands sold by Mr. Baldwin, but I say in a general way the Keepit lands, and Mr. Baldwin's lands are similar; I used for the Euroka grazing lands the same basis of value as for the Keepit grazing lands; Keepit is well situated as regards main roads; the main Manilla-Gunnedah road, and the Manilla-Boggabri road, and the Manilla-Carroll Gap, pass through it; the Carroll Gap road is kept in order by the Works Department as is the Somerton road; there is good access from Keepit to Somerton, Manilla, Carroll, Gunnedah by road, and the Boggabri road is being opened; the larger part of the lands in the parishes of Keepit and Baldwin are agricultural, about 16,000 acres of arable land; if half

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were cultivated at 20 bushels to the acre, about 4,500 tons of wheat would be taken to the railway, annually, and there would be more people on the country and more supplies carried to them, the carriage of wheat would bring in about £3,500 a year; there is very little Crown land available for occupation in the neighbourhood, except lands already surrendered by Keepit; if the lands proposed to be surrendered are accepted by the Crown, and made available in areas as suggested in my report they will, I think, meet immediate competition; I have in my estimate of value considered and given full effect to the cost of clearing for the plough; I value land with dead timber much higher than land with green timber.

To Board: The length of time between date of inspection and date of report makes no difference to my report, as I had very full notes; these I consulted carefully before making my report; I do not consider a man can make a good living by grazing only from 1,280 sheep, he might by dealing; I consider, 2,560 acres is sufficient area of Euroka lands for a man to maintain a home, judging from what has been done on similar country in Tamworth district at Narrabri end; I do not think £3,815 14s. 6d. will be realised from the improvements offered for the surrender if to be gained as their value to the incoming tenant; the value given by me is their value to the present holder; I think these improvements would be worth £2,300 to incoming tenants; I have seen the heliographs and tracing with Exhibits N52, O52, P52, Q52, R52, S52, DD52, and I have compared them with the Exhibits in my evidence, II52 and JJ52 they show the same country; a correct representation of the proposals has been placed before the public.

Sworn before the Land Board at its Court-room, Tamworth, }
this 20th day of February, 1900,—

W. NEVILLE SENDALL

EDWARD MACFARLANE, CHAIRMAN.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, } Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

THIS deponent, *Charles Thurburn*, of Tamworth, Acting District Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows. [Oath administered by Senior-constable William Henry Smith]:—I produce my report, LL52, which I have just read in open Court; on the 9th and 10th instants, I made a personal inspection of the lands on Keepit shown on Exhibit II52; the part on the eastern side of the Namoi River is, with a few exceptions, suited for agriculture, it is generally rich land, and I estimate that it could be subdivided in blocks of about 480 acres for agriculture and settlement; the timber on a considerable part of it has been ringbarked and is well dead, so that the cost of clearing to an incoming tenant will probably range from 5s. to 10s. per acre, while the cost of clearing green timber would run from 20s. to 30s. per acre; this part of the holding is intersected by the main road, Carroll Gap to Manilla, with a branch road to Somerton, thus affording easy access to Manilla, Gunnedah, or Tamworth, all railway stations, and Breeza another railway station; water has been obtained in wells in several localities, and there are facilities for conserving it by means of dams, the soil being retentive for the purpose; it adjoins a homestead selection area on the east, which is occupied by resident selectors, and also adjoins Crown lands obtained by surrender, and not yet alienated; the same remarks will apply to a great extent to the lands in the parish Dowe, and access to Manilla is supplied by the Boggabri-Manilla Road, part of which has been cleared by the Works Department; the lands in the parish of Namoi are of a rougher description, and a considerable area is only suited for grazing, but with judicious subdivision I believe a portion of grazing, and a portion of agricultural land could be included in each block, so that on 1,280 acres a man could maintain a home by mixed farming; the main road from Gunnedah to Manilla, *via* Carroll, passes along the west side of the Namoi through part of this land, and it would be possible to lay out practicable roads of access to it from each holding; this block of land also adjoins Crown lands, which can be subdivided in conjunction; water has been obtained in several parts of this area, and being bounded by the Namoi River, a number of holdings will be laid out having permanent water by frontage and springs; even if the lands on Euroka were of equal or greater value than those on Keepit, I would still consider this exchange a desirable one in the interests of the district and the Colony generally, because it will be the means of settling together with the adjacent Crown lands about fifty families, in a good climate on a country suited for residential agricultural settlement, thereby greatly increasing local trade and traffic on the Government Railways; accepting Mr. Sendall's report, that the Euroka lands are only suited for grazing, only a small number of residential farms could be established, and the increased traffic to the railways from them would be little, if any, more than it is at the present time; I am prepared to inspect the Euroka lands, and give evidence at Walgett.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, Tamworth, }
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

CHAS. THURBURN.

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, } Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

THIS deponent, *George Loder Dowe*, of Keepit, grazier, and licensed surveyor in private practice, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows.—[Oath administered by Senior-constable William Henry Smith]:—

By Mr. Creagh: For the last twenty-five years I have resided on portion 2, parish of Dowe, part of Keepit, and have carried on grazing and farming in connection with that portion and, subsequently, in addition with portions 18, 3, 127, 84, 64, 63, 89, 126, 103, 54, 53, conditional lease 559, in the same parish, and other lands in the parish of Dinawarindi next adjoining; I have an intimate knowledge of the Keepit lands for twenty-five years; I was the only surveyor measuring lands there, and for the last ten years I have been residing there continuously, and have been constantly over them; I know all the land in the county of Darling; my work has been in that county; as a surveyor it was part of my duties to make myself acquainted with relative values of land and capabilities of land; I have read the report and schedules of Mr. Surveyor Sendall (Exhibits FF52, and GG52); I agree with his estimate of the relative areas of agriculture and grazing lands; I value the holding, as now improved, at 35s. per acre.

By the Chairman: I see that Mr. Sendall's improved value is 33s. 8d.

By Mr. Creagh: I am sure that the Keepit holding could be cut up into forty-five holdings of areas of 320 acres on the good agricultural land, and 1,600 acres on the rougher land, in the parish of Namoi, the latter for mixed farming; most of those blocks could be provided with water, either by wells or tanks, and the rest would have a natural supply; water can be obtained at from 18 to 20 feet; most of the country is pretty good for storing water, except the rough land in the parish of Namoi; if cut into blocks, such as I have described, the agricultural land would be readily taken up as conditional purchases at £2 per acre; I agree in the main with Mr. Sendall's estimate of the improvements; I know 360 acres, owned by Mr. Roberts, in the parish of Keepit, being portions 20, 25, 35, 96, 140, and 139; that land is not as good as the Keepit agricultural land, but it has frontage to permanent water; Roberts was offered, within the last six months, £2 10s. per acre (including improvements worth £100) for it, but it was leased and the tenant would not give possession; I know portions 30, 31, 127, and 128, parish of Namoi, being conditional purchase of 320 acres, and conditional lease of 960 acres; there are 100 acres suited for agriculture, the rest is similar to the rough land on Keepit, from what I have been told; it was sold for about £1 19s. per acre (including improvements, worth about £300) on a freehold basis; the producing capabilities of the Keepit lands would compare favourably with the lower Manilla and the Attunga lands; it is only the last five years that there has been cultivation to any extent in the district, and now there is an eager demand for cultivation land in the district; the average yield has been about 16 bushels to the acre the last five years; 4s. 10d. a bushel three years ago to about 2s. 3d. a bushel now, local price; I know portions 168 and 169, parish of Baldwin; they are held as homestead selections, being part of the homestead selections area referred to in the District Surveyor's evidence as adjoining Keepit; I also know portion 149 in same parish, also adjoining Keepit; of those portions 240 acres were cultivated last season, about half of that area for the first time; it is a fair sample of the Keepit cultivation lands; the yield was 23 bushels per acre, of wheat or barley, on the 240 acres; after going into figures I find the difference between my values and Mr. Sendall's is £1,950 9s. 2d. Means of access: On railway to Manilla from Tamworth; platform at Somerton road and railway station at Manilla; by roads: two good roads to Gunnedah—one on each side of the river, and for trucking purposes, Breeza can be reached, *via* Carroll, the road travelling to Breeza would be only 6 miles longer than to Gunnedah, and the saving would be 7s. 6d. per truck for stock; there is also a good road from each parish to the Tamworth railway station, and there is good access by road to Manilla, a rising town, with an established flour mill.

To the District Surveyor: The land growing the ironbark is good for agriculture; it is not the narrow-leaved ironbark; I have seen it proved for agriculture; generally, the land in the parish of Keepit is not seedy enough to ruin the sheep, and the same remarks apply to the parish of Dowe; there is more grass-seed on the rougher country in the parish of

of Namoi; the existing grasses are of a fairly good character for sheep; I have kept stock ten years on my holding and they have not been damaged by grass-seed; on my holding 5 acres has kept four sheep for the last ten years, cross-breeds chiefly; the improvements are not of such a nature as to handicap the incoming tenant, not even the homestead.

By the Chairman: I have valued the land on the consideration of the ringbarking as affecting the after possibilities of clearing the land.

By Mr. Cunningham: I know the farms recently sold by Mr. Baldwin; I measured them twice—once for the Crown, and then for subdivision for Mr. Baldwin; from a grazing point of view they are about 25 per cent. better than the Keepit land, but from an agricultural point of view they are not so good as the Keepit agricultural land, having more sticky black soil; the highest price realised was £4 per acre for a block, improved by hut and a paddock; the next highest was £3 15s., nearly all light timber, with perhaps a little of it ringbarked; those lands of Baldwin's were passed at auction, but all taken up immediately, chiefly by people of the district.

By Mr. Creagh: I was not present when Baldwin's land was offered at auction, but I believe the terms were afterwards altered, and the land was then taken readily; I know F. H. Roach's farm of 207½ acres; it is about the same as the land in the parishes of Keepit and Baldwin for agriculture, but not for grazing; on that farm there are a mud-house (valueless), boundary fencing, a well, and 50 or 60 acres cleared and cultivated; I would put those improvements down at £100; I have no knowledge of a recent sale of that land; when I say my land has run four sheep to 5 acres I include and allow for my cattle and horses, allowing one head of large stock to ten sheep; I heard Mr. Sendall say that his basis of the value of the land is "allowing for ringbarking as an improvement at cost, adding to the unimproved value of the land the value accrued to it as the result of ringbarking, and valuing all other improvements as to the present owner"; that is my basis of valuation; on that basis my total exceeds Mr. Sendall's total by £1,950 9s. 2d.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, at Tamworth, }
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

GEORGE L. DOWE.

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

This deponent, *William Australia Watts*, of Keepit, station manager, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows. [Oath administered by Senior-constable William Henry Smith]:—

By Mr. Creagh: I have been managing Keepit about seven and a half years; I have heard Mr. Surveyor Sendall read his report and schedules, and I followed them on the tracing marked HH52; I agree with his estimate of the relative area of grazing and agricultural lands, and I agree with him as to the present value of improvements on the basis of cost; my basis of valuation of the land is, allowing for ringbarking as an improvement at its cost, adding to the unimproved value of the land the value accrued to it as the result of ringbarking, and in valuing all other improvements as to the present owner; I have heard Mr. Sendall's evidence, also Mr. Dowe's; I value the Keepit lands as freehold at 35s. per acre, inclusive of the value of the improvements; Messrs. Capel Brothers offered £1 15s. per acre for the Keepit lands about the first week in last month; if cut into forty-five holdings I would value the agricultural farms at £2 per acre, and the mixed farms at from £1 10s. to £1 15s.; off 200 acres on portions 9, 60, 3, 9, and 50, parish of Dowe, a man named Gardiner last season got five bags to the acre of wheat; it is similar land to the land in the parish of Dowe; on Wongo Creek the station wells are from 18 to 23 feet deep; there are several of them; on portion 59, parish of Dowe, there is a well about a mile from the creek, about 18 feet deep, with a depth of 6 feet of water; there are wells in the parish of Keepit, one on portion 3, about 18 feet deep; it is used by the boundary rider for his stock—four horses and four milch cows; another on portion 69, 23 feet deep; there were wells on Bell's Gully, used in the drought of 1877, but not since; they have fallen in, and tanks have been made; the country is good holding ground, with good catchments, and there are numerous depressions for making dams.

By the Acting District Surveyor: The country is fairly free from grass-seed in the parish of Keepit; the fringe along the river is seedy; the country in the parish of Dowe is similar to that in Keepit and Baldwin, but is less seedy; the country in the parish of Namoi is fairly seedy; I think seed can be got rid of by ringbarking, and heavy stocking for a while; I should say about quarter of the area has not been ringbarked; the lands acquired by exchange have not been ringbarked; we have been able to carry safely about 25,000 sheep on about 33,000 acres, about 6,000 acres of which consists of annual leases; besides the sheep, about 750 cattle and fifty horses; I estimate it takes 10 to 15 acres to graze one head of large stock; the stock do well; I send fat stock away; the numbers I have given constitute a fair stocking; I think it possible to obtain water on each of the forty-five holdings, judging from the numberless places water has already been obtained by sinking; I would estimate the cost at £30 per block, on blocks not sufficiently naturally watered; in all probability portions 17 and 46, parish of Namoi, are suitable for lucerne-growing; I grow lucerne on portion 2, parish of Keepit, and obtain good crops.

There is no doubt there would be a lot of fencing timber required, if the land were cut into small holdings; is this timber available? Yes; the best pine in the district; there is sufficient box and ironbark for fencing, and pine for building.

Selectors would not be put to great expense in fencing, for the want of timber; portions 35 and 149, parish of Dowe, have so much timber that it reduces their value for grazing or agriculture; the timber is worth more than the land; those portions would make a splendid timber reserve for adjoining selectors; a suitable road of access to the Carroll-Manilla road could be made from each holding, if the land were subdivided.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, at Tamworth, }
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

W. A. WATTS.

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

This deponent, *Leonard James Bailey*, of Manilla, farmer and produce dealer, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows. [Oath administered by Senior-constable William Henry Smith]:—

By Mr. Creagh: I am a member of the Manilla Progress Committee; at a meeting of that committee, on the 18th December, 1899, I was appointed with three others as a sub-committee to draw up a report in favour of the exchange proposal now under consideration; the sub-committee recommended that I should be deputed to appear and represent the committee before this Board, and give evidence in favour of the exchange, and that recommendation was approved of by the Progress Committee on the 31st January, 1900, and in pursuance of that I have been in attendance throughout the hearing of the case; I have lived in the Manilla district, close to Keepit, twenty-one years; I have been farming on my own account, off and on, for about nine years; I am farming at present on New Mexico, and I am also the proprietor of a produce store in Manilla; New Mexico is the name applied to the subdivision of Durham Court, sold by Mr. Baldwin, and referred to by previous witnesses in their evidence; I own two blocks, one of 486 acres, for which I paid £2 15s. per acre, and the other 276 acres, £3 10s. per acre; in that subdivision the smallest area was 210 acres, and the largest 720 acres; there were seventeen blocks, nine of which did not exceed 320 acres each; I bought according to the plan of subdivision now produced, and marked Exhibit MM52; I believe it to be correct in every particular; block 16 was sold for £4 per acre—the highest price—it was not cleared; it has a small frontage to a creek; the building was a small slab place, not of much value, a boundary rider's hut; the lowest price I know of given for agricultural land on New Mexico was £2 10s. per acre, but I cannot speak as to the lowest price of the whole land; I cannot say what Mr. Winter gave for block 15; it is broken land, and only fit for grazing; it was only partly ringbarked; an outlay for ringbarking the green timber would be necessary; I know the Keepit lands very well, and have been over them a great many times; I have been over them quite recently, to give evidence; the agricultural land on Keepit is better wheat land than the New Mexico land, as it is not so strong and more adapted for wheat-growing; apart from the natural water supply, the facilities for water are quite as good on Keepit as on New Mexico, which is watered by wells principally.

What would be the difference in distance from Manilla of the Keepit lands with regard to New Mexico? Three miles to nearest point; I do not think the extra distance would make any difference in the demand for the Keepit lands; if cut into blocks, I think there would be a good demand at £2 per acre for the agricultural land; I think there would be more

more demand for the mixed farming areas than for the wholly agricultural areas ; I know of several young practical men that would take up land if they got opportunity ; this exchange proposal has been well known about Manilla for some time, and I have heard it discussed ; there are some exceptionally rich patches on Keepit, but not in very large areas.

By Acting District Surveyor : I know portions 163 to 167, parish of Baldwin, owned by Messrs. Bowman, McKie, and Tunningley ; they are about the same as the lands in the parishes of Keepit and Baldwin ; the subdivision of settlement on the Keepit lands would increase trade in Manilla to a very large extent, and would also increase the railway traffic.

Supposing 16,000 acres of Keepit agricultural lands were thrown open, what proportion would be put under wheat ; would half of it ? Yes.

What would be about the yield ? I estimate it at about 16 bushels to the acre, which I estimate would give about £2,666 per year to the railways by way of increased traffic ; I think it would increase the number of business people n Manilla.

By Mr. Cunningham : Most of the wells on New Mexico are under 30 feet ; 8,000 acres of Keepit land surrendered would not be put under wheat in one year ; several years would pass.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, Tamworth, } L. J. BAILEY.
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

THIS deponent, *Albert Jasper Creagh*, of Tamworth, solicitor, Supreme Court, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows. [Oath administered by Senior-constable William Henry Smith] :—I was present this morning and heard Mr. Dove give evidence in this case ; F. H. Roach's farm, referred to by him, is portion 154, parish of Baldwin, conditional purchase 93-97, Tamworth ; that farm was sold a few days ago, and I am acting as solicitor for the vendor ; the price at which it was sold is a matter of public knowledge, was £2 3s. 6d. per acre, with improvements, and as conditional purchase ; I have made inquiries at the Local Lands Office, and obtained a certificate from the Crown Lands Agent, which I now produce, marked Exhibit NN 52, that the balance due to the Crown is £166 14s. 4d. ; the signature to the certificate is that of the Crown Land Agent of Tamworth ; after allowing for the improvements at the value stated by Mr. Dove (£100), the price of the land as freehold unimproved is £2 10s. per acre ; I was present at the auction sale of the land, and I heard several persons bidding for it ; in over seven years' experience in Tamworth as a solicitor dealing with land matters, I have found considerable demand for farming land, and the land in the Manilla district has always had a good reputation for growing wheat and barley.

ALBERT J. CREAGH.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, at Tamworth, }
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

THIS deponent, *Charles Thurburn*, of Tamworth, Acting District Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows. Recalled and resworn. [Oath administered by Senior-Constable William Henry Smith] : The road from Carroll Gap to Manilla twice crosses the Namoi River, and as there are no bridges, great inconvenience may occur in flood time, a road is now being surveyed with a view to opening along the southern side of the river, meeting the Carroll Gap Road probably near portion 97, parish of Keepit ; this will provide a shorter and better road into Manilla for the whole of the Keepit Estate, on the east side of the river ; I have heard Mr. Bailey state that portions 163, 164, 165, 166, and 167, parish of Baldwin, are fairly similar to the adjoining lands on Keepit ; these portions are homestead selection area No. 16, portions 163 and 164, were taken by William Tunningly as homestead selection 95-1, at £2 per acre unimproved ; this land was balloted for by two applicants ; portion 165 was applied for by Trevor McKie, at £3 per acre ; portion 166 was applied for by W. M. McKie, as homestead selection 95-5, at £2 per acre ; portion 167 and portions 127 and 128 adjoining it to the east were applied for by W. Bowman as homestead selection 97-2, at £2 per acre ; portion 168 was applied for by R. N. Bice as homestead selection 95-3, at £3 per acre ; portion 169 was applied for by W. N. Russell as homestead selection 95-2, at £3 per acre.

These facts are from office records.

CHAS. THURBURN.

Sworn before the Land Board, at its Court-room, Tamworth, }
this 21st day of February, 1900,—

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Members,
MR. HUTCHINGS, not sitting, } Local Land Board.

CONDITIONAL purchase No. 93-97, of 207½ acres, applied for on the 6th July, 1893, being measured portion 154, parish of Baldwin, by Francis Henry Roach, now standing in the name of William Regan. Amount owing to the Crown, £166 14s. 4d.

A. C. McDONALD,
Crown Lands Agent.

Exhibit WW52.

Evidence of. General in the case.

Chairman : E. MacF.

Papers Land Board District, 21/2/1900.

No. 71.

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales, Tamworth, }
to wit. } Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

WHEREAS on the twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-third days of February, 1900, it became a matter for investigation before us whether a surrender and exchange of lands, parts of the Keepit and Euroka estates, on the Keepit Holding 492, Eastern Division, and Euroka Holding 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett, should be recommended, and to appraise the subject lands in pursuance of sections 6 and 46, Crown Lands Act of 1889, and 47, Crown Lands Act of 1895, and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we find :—

1. The matter is duly before the Land Board at Tamworth on regular reference.
2. The lands affected are in the Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett.
3. The proposals have been duly and sufficiently notified in the *Government Gazette*, and in the *Narrabri Herald*, *Moree News*, *Moree Examiner*, *Walgett News*, *Tamworth News*, and *Namoi Independent*, local newspapers. Necessary exhibits have been made.

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4. Objections have been received; but there has not been any appearance on the part of the objectors.
5. The surrenderer has consented in writing to the surrender of the irremovable improvements on the lands offered for surrender.
6. The title to the lands proposed to be surrendered is in the surrenderer subject to payment of balances, and to conversion of conditionally leased lands.

We find further:—

That the lands offered for surrender, 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, are fit for the support of forty-five families, if suitably subdivided; that they are worth, on a freehold basis, exclusive of the value of improvements, based on cost but inclusive of the accrued benefit to the land from ringbarking, £45,484 14s. 5d., being Mr. Sendall's valuation with 4 per cent. added; that the improvements thereon, as they stand, but exclusive of their benefit to the land, are worth £3,916 15s. 6d. to the present holder, and are worth to incoming tenants in the aggregate a sum not exceeding £2,300—that is, not more than £52 a farm on the average; and that the acquirement by the Crown of these lands, with all improvements thereon, is to be desired in the public interest, in view of the legitimate demand for settlement.

Expenses to date, if application granted, £62 4s. 9d.; if refused, £49 12s. 9d., by consent.

The lands for surrender are described in detail in Schedule, Exhibit GG 52, Sheets 1 to 10.

Given under our hands, at the Board's Court-room, at Tamworth, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 23rd day of February, 1900,—

EDWARD MACFARLANE, Chairman.
M. G. CUNNINGHAM, Member of the Board.
T. R. HUTCHINGS, Member not sitting.

The District Surveyor to note.—E. G. MARKHAM (*pro* Chairman), 28/2/1900.

Noted and returned.—R.S. (for Acting District Surveyor), 1/3/1900. The Chairman.

Forwarded.—E. G. MARKHAM (*pro* Chairman), 2/3/1900. The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

Now forwarded to the Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, for inquiry, in accordance with approval on Alienation 99-17,471.—E.A.B. (for Acting Under Secretary), B.C., 5/3/1900.

No. 72.

The Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, to The Acting District Surveyor, Moree.
Euroka-Keepit Exchange.

Moree, 7 March, 1900.

FORWARDED for any report which may be necessary.

Kindly state what witnesses for the Crown it is desired should be notified.

W. G. ACOCKS
(*pro* Acting Chairman).

No further report seems necessary prior to hearing to the Land Board at Walgett. The following witnesses on behalf of the Crown should be summoned to attend, viz.:—Mr. W. N. Sendall, Surveyor, Gunnedah; the Acting District Surveyor, Moree.—EDWARD M. BRIERLY (for Acting District Surveyor), 12/3/1900. The Chairman.

Court at Walgett, 23rd April, 1900. Notices, 23rd April, 1900, to Dalgety and Company, Sydney; Dalgety and Company, c/o D. P. Dickson, Esq., 91, Pitt-street, Sydney; Dalgety and Company, c/o Manager, Euroka Station, Walgett; the Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett and District, Walgett; the Secretary, Walgett Branch, Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, Walgett; W. N. Sendall, Surveyor, Gunnedah; the Acting District Surveyor, Moree.

No. 73.

Office Memorandum.

Year.	Euroka.			Keepit.		
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1892	46	90	54,978	51	437	38,000
1893	43	97	48,620	59	337	27,500
1894	41	120	43,523	67	500	28,951
1895	40	115	48,222	87	650	34,439
1896	40	89	44,993	50	500	18,389
1897	36	90	33,541	85	777	16,153
1898	37	72	31,059	62	650	19,801
1899	37	55	20,996	50	700	20,000
1900	23	41	10,297	61	648	1,750

Exhibit 1.
Evidence of
J. Y. Bell,
Acting
Chairman,
F. Poate.

20 April, 1900.

I, BEING the officer in whose custody the records of the Stock Returns made under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act and Diseases in Sheep Act are kept, hereby certify that the above returns for Euroka and Keepit stations for the years 1892 to 1900, inclusive, are true and correct.

ALEX. BRUCE.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

THE examination of W. N. Sendall, of Gunnedah, in the Colony of New South Wales, staff surveyor; C. W. Lang, of Moree; C. Thurburn, of Tamworth; J. Y. Bell, of near Walgett; R. Wilson, of Walgett; G. Matthews, of Forest Lodge; J. Staunton, of Walgett; Wm. Dodd, of Walgett; and Louis Leake, of near Walgett, in the said Colony.

Whereas it had been proposed exchange of lands on Euroka-Keepit Holdings, and it had been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

[Enclosure.]

THIS deponent, *Walter Neville Sendall*, of Gunnedah, staff surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:— I produce a report marked Land Board, 99-6,345, on the Euroka-Keepit Exchange proposal; this report I have now read in open Court (Exhibit FF 52); I also produce the schedules accompanying that report, accepted as read by consent (Exhibit GG 52); I have been in the Tamworth Land Board District since 1891; in that district there is country fairly similar to Euroka; I have not dealt with country of that description for the purpose of alienation; designs of country of fairly similar country to Euroka were submitted to me when I was Acting District Surveyor at Tamworth; it was in the county of Jamieson; the blocks would have averaged about 3,000 acres; they ranged from 2,560 to something over 3,000 acres; I considered that such an area was necessary to enable a man to obtain a home on such country; I have seen a circular directing that the basis of subdivision should be a certain number of sheep; from 2,000 to 3,000 was the number; the lands mentioned in county Jamieson were all nearer the railway than Walgett; the sketch produced shows my field notes of Euroka; with the exception of a small area on block A, the whole of A, B, C, and a large part of D, is more or less liable to inundation; those letters refer to areas shown on tracing F accompanying my report; there is a good site for a tank on area A; I do not know of any site on B, C, or D suitable for tanks; in my opinion, no area of the blocks referred to could be suitably divided into blocks of smaller area than those mentioned; I cannot mention any part that could be profitably cultivated; on the remainder of the country E, F, and G, there are good tank sites; I think a 5,000-yard tank would be the least that would be required on a 3,000-acre block; the average cost of constructing such a tank would be at the least £125 on each settlement lease; tanks in the locality are very liable to silt; judging from the soil portions of E, F, and G are suitable for cultivation approximately at the very outside half; from what I know of the rainfall, it is not likely that cultivation could be depended upon every year; I could not say how many years' crops might be expected out of ten; this country is very difficult to work, on account of the uncertainty of the seasons; I have seen cultivation carried on near a bore; from what I have seen, I do not think that any large extent of country could be irrigated from any of the bores I have seen; there is no building timber on the lands asked for in exchange; from personal knowledge, I do not know where timber could be got in the vicinity; I think enough fencing could be got off the whole area for settlement leases of 3,000 acres, but I do not know if sufficient could be obtained from each block; the relative cost of building and fencing would be very much greater on Euroka than on Keepit to an incoming selector; I cannot give the percentage; a good six-wire fence could be put up on Keepit for not more than £30 per mile, No. 8 wire; I do not suppose the average cost of providing water on the Keepit land would cost more than £50 per block—that is, by wells; I think the supply would be permanent if once obtained; the cost of carriage from Keepit to the nearest railway station, I should say, would be about 8s. per ton; the cost of carriage by direct road from Euroka to Narrabri I should put down as £3.

By Mr. Wetton: The designs of country similar to Euroka were Bucklebone, Drildool, and Oreel, situated about 80 miles from Narrabri, approximately; they were dealt with as pastoral lands, owing to the distance from a railway; in estimating the area of those settlement leases the fact of the soil being suitable for agriculture was not taken into consideration; I have been to the north-west end of the Tamworth District, which adjoins the Walgett District, at Come-by-Chance and Bucklebone, about 30 miles from Walgett; if railway communication had been closer to the settlement leases, 2,560 acres to 3,000 acres in some instances, they might have been made smaller; the circular referred to, I take it to refer only to lands to be used for pastoral purposes; this is my first visit to Walgett; I formed the opinion that the Euroka lands were subject to inundation from the appearance of the country; the land has no frontage to a river; it is liable to inundation, I should say, by the backwaters from the Barwon; it is, I should say, not closer than 10 miles; it would not necessarily require a very heavy flood to inundate the land; I do not know how long it is since the land was inundated; in the event of railway communication, I would not advise that blocks E, F, G be cut up into smaller areas suitable for agricultural purposes, as I do not think the climatic conditions were favourable; 21 inches of rain is sufficient; if these areas were cut up into areas of from 600 to 1,280 acres, a 5,000-yard tank, I think, would be required to supply a permanent supply of water; some of the soil at Woolabra is good for cultivation; the caretaker, so far as I know, is the cultivator; I do not know that a flow of 2,000,000 gallons is equal to a fall of rain of 1 inch on an area of 480 acres on alternate days; I should say that a fence could be erected at Keepit equally as cheap as at Euroka; I have made inquiries as to fencing in adjoining district to Walgett, and in Euroka from the manager; he told me it would cost £36 per mile; I did not make any inquiries as to cost of building; I estimated that the cost of building at Euroka would be heavier than that at Keepit, from the fact that timber could not be obtained so close; I formed the opinion without going into details; I saw four wells on Keepit in working order, from 18 to 25 feet deep; the water, so far as I know, was good and permanent; it was being used; the value of the Keepit land I fixed as the land now stands; the last land sold there was on Durham Court; some brought £4 per acre, one isolated block brought £1 2s. 6d. per acre, the others from 30s. to £4 per acre on a freehold basis; the land, so far as I know, had been used for grazing; it was all cleared; there were several purchasers; it was cut into small areas for agricultural purposes; the distance to Manilla was from 6 to 10 miles; it was a narrow strip, running from 6 to 10 miles; I do not know the rent of the conditional lease lands to be surrendered; I should not say that the whole of Keepit Holding is seedy; generally speaking, the lands which I have classed as agricultural are not particularly grass seedy; I saw some of the grass with grass seeds on; there is the three-pronged variety; the grass seed would be worse in a good season than in a bad one; the holders have a small area of Crown lands on Keepit, in addition to the conditional purchases and conditional leases; I heard that the surrounding country was infested with wild dogs; an area close to Keepit has been subdivided for the purpose of settlement; some of them are surrounded by the lands proposed to be surrendered; it is not better country than Keepit; they are within Keepit, and some adjoining Keepit, which were acquired in a previous exchange with Keepit; at a very rough estimate I should say that exchange would be about 3,000 acres; it had the effect of consolidating Keepit; the lands were set apart for settlement from 320 to 640 acres; they were all taken up; I do not know if the whole of them were offered; I do not know how many were offered; it would cost from 5s. to 10s. per acre to clear the lands on Keepit where the timber has been ringbarked, and where the timber is green from 20s. to 30s. per acre, to clear fit for the plough; I think the capital value put on the lands thrown open by the Crown was up to £3 per acre; I am only speaking from memory, not having dealt with the land myself; the river frontage block was, I think, lower than any of the others; it is some few years since the blocks were taken up on Keepit; I do not know if any application has been made for reappraisalment.

By Mr. Pike: I was employed from August, 1891, in the Tamworth District as Staff Surveyor, and also as Acting District Surveyor part of the time; from the boundary of the Tamworth District to the Euroka land, I should say would not be more than 10 miles; going from Walgett east the rainfall increases towards Narrabri; the 21 inches of rain is ample if it falls at the proper time; from my experience of the western edge of the Tamworth District, rain does not fall at the proper time for agricultural purposes; taking the carrying capacity of Euroka as 2 acres to one sheep in accordance with the circular, it would require 4,000 acres for a holding that would give a total of seven holding; in my capacity as Acting District Surveyor, it has come under my notice that people have stated publicly that an area of 2,560 acres on the western edge of the Tamworth District was not sufficient to support a family; I have not been asked myself directly; I consider that an area of 2,560 acres on Euroka is sufficient; I think if blocks B, C, D were subdivided they would be taken up,
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but, I am not prepared to say that a living could be made off them; Bucklebone and Drilool, as a whole, consists of better country for settlement than Euroka; at Keepit there are some selections in the centre of the land offered in surrender under cultivation; I do not know if the land taken up by Meagher is under cultivation; the lands shown on the map taken up by James and Pierce Cullanan are two of the blocks cultivated, also part of that taken up by Albert and Mark Porter; I cannot say that land held by William Bowman and R. M. Bryce is cultivated; I cannot say that timber is being cut on Keepit to supply the saw-mills in the district; all through that district there is a big demand for land; I think that the land proposed to be surrendered if cut up into forty-five blocks would not only be applied for, but would be competed for.

By Mr. Thurburn: Eighty miles would be the outside limit of all the lands I mentioned from the railway; the nearest point of Drilool would be about 50 miles to the railway; if Euroka were subdivided into from 750 to 1,230 acres; I do not think it would be possible to get a supply of water by tanks on portions A, B, C, D, on the other portions it may be possible, but it is very likely that sites for tanks would be obtained with difficulty.

By Board: The land sold near Manilla was not Crown land, but part of Durham Court Estate; the land was offered at public auction; I should say that Manilla is closer to Newcastle than Narrabri; I think there is about 30 miles difference, but cannot say positively without seeing the mileage; I heard that the hilly country round about Keepit and Tulcumbah, was troubled with dogs at times; this country is westerly and south-westerly from the land offered in surrender.

Sworn by Walter Neville Sendall, at Walgett, }
this 23rd day of April, 1900,—

W. NEVILLE SENDALL

FRED. POATE, Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
A. S. BARTON, }

This deponent, *Charles Walter Laing*, of Moree, Acting District Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—I know the country under consideration at Euroka, as shown upon tracing "F"; I have been employed in the Moree Land Board District about fifteen years; during that time I have been frequently in the neighbourhood of Walgett; from my experience of the district generally, I consider that the lands at Euroka are of a grazing character; I do not think agriculture could be carried on profitably on small areas; I have seen agriculture on small areas for cultivation of hay for home use; if I were designing the country for settlement leases, I would cut it up into areas of 4,000 to 5,000 acres; I think a man might do with a less area, but the Minister has decided that the land should carry between 2,000 and 3,000 sheep; if that direction were disregarded, I would not think of measuring anything under 2,560 acres; I think the country is liable to inundation; through blocks A, B, C, and D, I have driven through 8 miles of water from old Euroka to the woolshed; a large swamp goes through portions A, B, C, and D, the overflow from the Namoi River; I cannot say if blocks E, F, and G are flooded.

By Mr. Wetton: The distance from Euroka to the woolshed is about 12 miles; I have not seen any water about the woolshed; a warrambool runs between Euroka and the woolshed; I think the largest area of settlement leases on Euroka was about 2,560 acres; I do not know the area of the smallest lease; I do not know, but I believe all those lands were balloted for; they were all taken up; if it were not for the Minister's minute, I should cut up the land into 2,560-acre blocks.

By Mr. Pike: I have designed the whole of the subdivisions in the Walgett District since the 1895 Act came in; for some years I had sole charge of the Walgett end of Moree District; that part of Euroka thrown open to settlement lease is between the land now under consideration and the town of Walgett; some of it is between 2 and 3 miles of Walgett; Youendah Holding adjoining Euroka has been cut up into settlement leases; I cannot say what the largest area was; so far as I recollect, somewhere about 3,000 acres; I do not think there was any area under 2,560 acres.

CHARLES W. LAING.

Sworn by Charles W. Laing, at Walgett, }
this 23rd of April, 1900,—

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
A. S. BARTON, }

This deponent, *Charles Thurburn*, of Tamworth, Acting District Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—I was present at the Land Board inquiry at Tamworth, on 20th, 21st, and 23rd February last, in connection with the Euroka-Keepit exchange, and I herewith tender the finding of that Board.

Mr. Wetton here objected to the finding of the Tamworth Board being put in, on the grounds that section 5 of the 1889 Act only gives the Minister power to refer any question as a whole to any Land Board, and that this Board has no right to take into consideration, in arriving at a determination, any evidence or decision arrived at by any other Board.

Objection over-ruled.

Decision of the Tamworth Board of 23rd February, 1900, registered Alienation 3,144 of 1900, admitted.

CHARLES THURBURN.

Sworn by Charles Thurburn, at Walgett, }
this 23rd of April, 1900,—

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
A. S. BARTON, }

This deponent, *John Young Bell*, of near Walgett, grazier, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—I know the land on Euroka proposed to be exchanged; the nearest point of land I own is about 7 miles from the leasehold area; I did not select on Euroka; a small portion of land taken up by my brother, in which I am interested, is on Euroka; I have been a resident of the district a little over ten years, on the land I at present hold; I have not gone in for any agriculture on my own land, but on my brother's I have done some farming on the share system; his land is nearer Euroka than mine; we have been farming about nine years, and have had eight successful crops and one failure; we have gone in for hay principally; we have had about 2½ tons per acre; on one occasion we had none at all; another time we had ¾ of a ton; the largest area we have had under cultivation is about 65 acres; we grew both for ourselves and to sell; we sold a good deal, and have had as high as £11 per ton for chaff, and as low as £6 per ton; I consider the leasehold area of Euroka is as good for agricultural purposes as the land I have been cultivating; the flow on the Euroka bore, on the travelling stock reserve, was estimated by Mr. Boulton at 6,000,000 gallons per day; I think the bore supplies four selectors with water; I believe other selectors are making application to be supplied from the same bore; I intend putting about 300 acres under cultivation this year; it is possible to grow wheat on this country; I produce a sample of wheat grown on my place; it was not grown for wheat, but was knocked out of the hay when carted in; it had not matured when the hay was cut; I produce a fair sample of 89 bushels of wheat I bought from Pedley and Haigh; the bore water runs through the paddock I am cultivating; the trench from the bore to the cultivation paddock was cut about eighteen months ago; I have had only one crop with irrigation; I have also grown lucerne with irrigation; it has been cut once when it was very young, and I got 2 tons from 5 acres; it is still growing; my brother and I hold four conditional leases; the lowest rent is 3d. per acre, one at 3½d., one at 5½d., and one at 5¾d.; I produce a certified copy of the stock returns from Euroka and Keepit stations from 1892 to 1900, marked Exhibit I; the leasehold area of Euroka would require very little clearing to make it fit for cultivation; about 3s. 6d. per acre would fit the land for the plough; with the full flow from the bore of the water running through my channel, I could irrigate 2,000 acres; I do not know if it is flowing with full force through the pipe; a bore has been put down on Euroka Station, and I know that they have artesian water there; the bore on Euroka is about 5 miles north-east of the bore on the Coonamble-Dubbo road; it is surrounded by the lands proposed to be exchanged; I do not know the flow or depth of the bore; I think the depth of the Talura bore is 1,540 feet; with artesian water, it would be possible for a selector to make a living off less than 2,560 acres on the leasehold area of Euroka; judging from my experience of the last nine years; the country was last inundated, I think, in 1894; a warrambool runs on the land from the Namoi; the water only lies on the land a few weeks; the river requires to be very high for the land

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to be inundated; the distance between old Euroka and the woolshed, I think, is about 6 miles; the timber for building in this district is obtained from Come-by-Chance, a distance of about 12 miles; the average cost of fencing, with No. 8 wire, would be £30 per mile; coolibar posts, I think, would have a longer life than pine; if artesian water were obtained it would not be necessary to put down tanks.

JOHN Y. BELL.

Court adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Resumed 9 a.m. on 24th April, 1900.

By Mr. Thurburn: Myself and brother hold 10,240 acres in this district; I have none elsewhere; I use the land principally for grazing; I principally breed, and carry on an average one sheep to 1½ acre; that has been the average for nine years; the average for the last five years has been a little under; I lost a few sheep last year owing to the drought; I lost about 1,000, I think; I sold some, I think, last July; I think somewhere about 2,000 were delivered; after the loss, and what were sold, I shored 4,300 sheep; I had no forage stored for the sheep; I cannot give the average area farmed for each year; the first year, I think, was about 8 acres, as near as I can recollect; we estimated it roughly at a little over 1 ton per acre; I cannot say what we got the second year; the yield last year, only estimated by measurement, was, I think, 64 tons; not quite a ton to the acre; I estimated one paddock at less than 50 acres, but a man named Butler estimated it at the 50; last year I irrigated a small portion; we have had some years better without irrigation and some worse; last year was our first experience with irrigation; we have had £6, £7, £8, £9, £10, and £11 per ton for chaff, and I have refused as high as £14; I am starting to increase the cultivation now; I have been gaining experience as I went along, and I was not too flush of money; it takes a good deal of money; there are agricultural farms in the district besides my own; I cannot say what is the largest area; I know of several of about 12 or 15 acres, which have only started lately; I think these areas have been cultivated as a trial, to see if it would do better than sheep; I could mention a row round Euroka, but they have not sold any yet; I daresay they are growing for home consumption; I have not grown wheat for grain; I intend to; I do not know that anyone, except a man named Murray, upon the Namoi, grows wheat for grain in this district; I could not say if he grows it regularly each year; from the experience I got from the wheat, from my own hay, this year, I consider this the finest wheat-growing country in New South Wales; I have had a great deal of experience in wheat-growing in Riverina; this district I consider has grown the best wheat for the time it has been allowed to mature, taking into consideration what I received from my own hay, of any in New South Wales; no wheat has been cut for grain on my place; I had about thirty bags of wheat, and what I have produced is a fair sample; it dropped from the hay as I was carting it in; there was an enormous yield; I have not obtained a similar return each year; I never saved the wheat before, but put it into the stack; the land on my own and brother's conditional purchase is similar to Euroka; the land on Euroka I call black-soil plains, with portions of reddish, chocolate, and small scalded patches here and there, lightly timbered with myall, coolibar, patches of whitewood; there are a few other trees I do not rightly know the names of; there are patches of lignum country; a good deal of it is covered with small lignum, on which the stock principally live on in dry time; it is an indication of water; the high lignum is an indication of flooded country; I consider the lignum country the very best for cultivation; portion of the country I cultivate is lignum; it does not suit to follow the lignum although it is the best country; the whole of Euroka right through could be cleared for an average of 3s. 6d. per acre; if a contract were given right through that would be the average; I could get the coolibar cleared there for 3s. 6d. per acre; most of Euroka is covered with coolibar and myall mixed; patches of the coolibar might cost a little more than 3s. 6d. per acre; I have seen 20,000 or 30,000 acres heavier timbered than Euroka cleared at 3s. 6d. per acre; to clear the timbered country on Euroka, I should say the average would go to about 5s. per acre; I have had experience with irrigation with bores extending over one year; I have not seen irrigation carried on at any other bore; I do not know that bore water has a deleterious effect on country after a series of years of irrigation; I could not say that it might have; I estimated that 2,000 acres could be irrigated from the Talura bore, from the fact that I had one-third of the flow from that bore; I irrigated 20 acres in two days; I did not flood it at all; I ran small channels, about 8 feet apart, through the paddock; after filling the channels twice, which took a day each time, thoroughly soaked the ground between the furrows; I do not know, of my own knowledge, what is the flow from that bore; I do not know the area on which the stock run in connection with the returns I produced; as the notice was short I had not an opportunity of getting them; I believe Euroka station holds some freehold lands; they may lease other Crown lands than those they are asking for in exchange; I have not, at any time, advocated fairly large areas for settlement leases; it would take me, roughly, about ten weeks to irrigate 2,000 acres with the full flow from the bore; we irrigated—not flooded—twice last year; 2,000 acres could be irrigated so that the land could be used the whole year.

By Mr. P.ks: I belong to the Walgett branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales; I have held office in the branch as president; I do not know that the Association advocated increase of areas of settlement leases; I will not swear that they have not; I could not say if the matter were discussed while I held the office of president; I have not had access to the minute-book; I could have had; I was president for three or four months; I have not received a notice from the secretary that an increase of areas was to be discussed at a certain meeting; I consider that the proposed will be a great injustice to the Colony of New South Wales, more particularly this district; I mean the Colony of New South Wales and the public, particularly the district of Walgett; the settlement of this district will be greatly affected, and I believe that more people could be settled on the Euroka land than on the land they are offering; I have never seen the land which is being offered; Narrabri or Gunnedah is the nearest I have been to it; it was passing through Gunnedah in the train; I consider this country better, from what I heard in evidence here yesterday; I had my experience of similar country above and below Albury, on the Murray; I know the whole of the Albury District and Germanton, from there to Wagga, Cootamundra, and Temora, Narrandera, and Hay right on to Narramine; I have not been right to Deniliquin; I do not know the district; I cannot say that I have been in the Manilla District; I do not know that Deniliquin District is the largest producer in the whole Colony; my brother and I use practically the whole of the 10,240 acres for grazing; I put in 4 acres of crop on that land and got nothing; that was the year we had the failure; I have not tried again on my own property; it was the year before last I put the crop in on my property; I think it is possible to grow crops on my country without irrigation; I think we could get eight crops out of nine; I think the whole of Euroka is suitable for irrigation; the lignum country is suitable for irrigation; portions of Euroka are practically cleared; I am sure there are not 20,000 acres cleared; at a rough guess I think there are 4,000 or 5,000 acres of cleared country; I have sufficient experience to know that the clearing could be done for 3s. 6d. per acre; the 3s. 6d. per acre for clearing was practically a guess; for the purpose of grazing on Euroka; I think about 2,500 acres would be required for each block; I know men who, with a capital of £200, have done very well on an area of 2,560 acres as grazing country; I consider that in ordinary seasons a man by farming could make a living off 400 acres if he farmed it all; he could make a living on the 400 acres without irrigation if he had ten years similar to the last ten years; I had a crop in on my brother's place in 1893; I think that was the year of the failure; in two paddocks there were failures; that year the paddocks were 7 miles apart; I had no irrigation that year; if all the people in the district put in wheat, I suppose they would grind it and sell the flour in this district and Queensland; wheat grown in this district could not compete in any market except Walgett, and west of Walgett, with that grown in Manilla; I have had to pay 9s. 6d. per bushel for wheat in Walgett; I have not sold any; I have sold 150 tons of produce in nine years; I think we had 4 tons for which we got £11 per ton for; it was a very bad time, but there has been one time worse since, when I was offered £14 per ton; when we got a good crop from natural rainfall, we also get good grass; we have had no difficulty in selling our fodder; in fairly good seasons we have got £6 per ton for fodder, chiefly from Walgett people; at the time we got £11 per ton for fodder, I know of two others who grew fodder; they only had small patches of 12 or 15 acres; they did not sell any; I think the cost of carriage from Narrabri at that time was £5 or £6 per ton; in fairly good seasons it is about £3 10s. per ton; the lignum country on Euroka would first be ploughed, and then harrowed; I could carry water from the bore—30 miles—for the purpose of irrigation; it would require fourteen bores like Talura to irrigate the 23,000 acres of Euroka; I had an offer to put one down for 17s. 6d. per foot—that is, inclusive of the cost of drains.

By Mr. Welton: The seasons for the last five years have been very bad—the worst since I have been here; Mr. McCulloch, Kennedy Brothers, McQuillan, Rowe, Ramsden have agricultural farms, I think, from 5 to 10 miles from the leasehold area of Euroka; hay is generally cut green; the land I farm is about ¾ or 1 mile from the land sought in exchange, separated by the travelling stock reserve; it was never mentioned to me that my Association was advocating increased areas; 1893 was a very bad season; I do not know the rainfall for that year; chaff in Walgett, I think, is now £12 per ton; the roads between here and Narrabri are in good travelling condition.

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By Board: I have 5 acres of land under lucerne; I sowed it in May last year, and cut it in November; it is about 2 feet 6 inches high now, and in flower; my opinion is that in the lucerne districts it is cut every six weeks, after it is established for three years; if I had been cutting the wheat for grain from which I got the thirty bags, I would have cut it later; if I had kept the crop for wheat, I would not have lost as much grain as I did by cutting it for loose hay; I am not aware that if a number of artesian bores are put down close together that the flow decreases; last year I rented some country for 1,300 sheep; I rented one paddock for a month, another for six months, in 1897; with those exceptions the 7,000 sheep run on the 10,240 acres.

Sworn by John Young Bell, at Walgett, }
this 23rd and 24th of April, 1900,— }

JOHN Y. BELL.

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, }
A. S. BARTON, } Members.

This deponent, *Robert Wilson*, of Walgett, retired, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—

By Mr. Wetton: I have been resident of the Walgett District nearly sixteen years; I know some parts of Euroka and Keepit Holdings; I was in the neighbourhood of Keepit for six years; I was employed by William Cobcroft on the property adjoining; I was also employed on Mr. Palmer's station on the Namoi, adjoining Keepit, in one corner; the general character of the Keepit land is ridgy, stony, and carries a heavy crop of grass-seed; it is pretty heavily-timbered with box; small quantity of coolibar; it is forty-two years since I left there; I left in 1859, and went there in 1852; the grass-seed is corkscrew and three-pronged, which works into the sheep, causing them to fester; I do not consider it good country for sheep-breeding or fattening, unless the sheep have a great quantity of salt; my opinion is that Keepit is not to be compared with Euroka; my family have some land on the river, and I am sure we would not exchange; I do not think that acre for acre they are of equal value; at the time I was on Keepit, there were any amount of wild dogs; I have no interest in the exchange; I am not a member of any association.

By Mr. Thurburn: I have not been on Manadabri since I left there forty-two years ago; there was no cultivation there then, as it was prior to the 1861 Land Act; I should judge from going over the land, that about 60 to 100 acres out of 1,000 were good for cultivation; I should think Euroka would be taken up at 25s. per acre; it is good country.

By Mr. Pike: I have not owned or bred sheep myself.

Sworn by Robert Wilson, at Walgett, this }
24th of April, 1900,— }

R. WILSON.

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, }
A. S. BARTON, } Members.

This deponent, *George Matthews*, of Forest Lodge, close to Walgett, grazier, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:—

By Mr. Wetton: I think I know the leasehold area of Euroka Holding; I know Keepit Holding in Tamworth district; I have not been on it the last nineteen or twenty years; I have known Euroka since the year 1860; I have some knowledge of agriculture; I would take Euroka rather than Keepit for agricultural purposes; the back part of Keepit is timbered; from what I recollect, the front was nice open country; the back was timbered; I have seen crops grown in this district, on the Barwon, on John Holt's place, about 3 miles from Walgett; it was wheat grown for hay; I do not know what the extent of country was; it was a splendid crop; there were about 4 acres; I have seen three or four crops there; last year was not a good crop; I have seen as good crops as I ever saw on the same ground; the last few years have been dry; I know Mr. Weate's place, about 3½ miles away; he has two paddocks under cultivation; last year he had no crop; but the two previous years he had good crops; the soil is good enough if properly managed; I have seen heavy crops on Gingie; the crops mentioned are on the Barwon; the soil in the back country is good enough, if properly managed.

By Mr. Thurburn: When I was on Keepit, it was not improved by ringbarking; I could not say if farming was being carried on at that time in the neighbourhood of Manilla; from personal observation, I am not able to say as to what crops can be produced on Keepit.

By Mr. Pike: I have nearly 13,000 acres of land; I have not farmed any of it; I would call Euroka fit for both pastoral and agricultural purposes; I could farm it in proper seasons; farming would not pay down here; grazing and farming together with a market, I could make a living off 2,560 acres on Euroka; I have had experience, in the old country and this, ever since I was a boy, of farming.

By Board: I do not consider it would be any use cutting up Euroka into less than 2,560 acres for grazing; I think a man could get a living off that; in an average season, I think about 5 acres to a sheep; we have either good or bad seasons here.

By Mr. Wetton: The 13,000 acres I own is on Gingie on Walgett North; I base the carrying capacity of 5 acres to a sheep from the country I own.

Sworn by George Matthews, at Walgett, }
this 24th of April, 1900,— }

GEORGE MATTHEWS.

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, }
A. S. BARTON, } Members.

This deponent, *John Staunton*, of Walgett, hotel-keeper, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:— I have been nearly thirty years in the Walgett district; I know Euroka Holding; I think it would be suitable for agriculture in fair seasons; I know of agriculture in this district; I do not know of any on this side of the river except those on the river; I know Mr. Bell's, Mr. Rowe's, McQuillan's, Kennedy's, and other places where small quantities are grown; I have seen some of the crops, and have a sample of wheat grown on Euroka; I grew some crops years ago, but not lately; I only had a couple of acres; I got good crops; I know of a crop close to Walgett put in last year, and only harrowed, by a man named Ramsden; there is not sufficient fodder grown in the district to supply Walgett; chaff is now from £10 to £12 per ton, cost of carriage from Narrabri is £6 per ton, it averages about £4; I have seen it as low as £2 10s. per ton; I think it is possible for a man to get a living from farming here in average seasons; by cultivating properly a very good crop can be obtained; I think Euroka should be divided for settlement into about 3,000 acres for agriculture and grazing combined; I know people who are doing very well by grazing alone, off an area of 2,560 acres; Ramsden holds 1,280 acres on Ulumbie Holding; it is 4 miles from Walgett to his place; he is making a good living; it was he who put in the crop without ploughing.

By Mr. Thurburn: I would not like to chance living by agriculture alone; I have known years when it would pay, but it would not pay during seasons like we have had the last few seasons; Ramsden does not make his living from farming only, but principally dairying; he does not do any dealing, only buys milking cattle.

By Mr. Pike: I am a member of the Walgett Farmers and Settlers' Association, and the Progress Association; the objection I have to the exchange is that the district would benefit more by the land being held by settlers than by the station alone.

Sworn by John Staunton, at Walgett, }
this 24th of April, 1900,— }

JOHN STAUNTON.

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, }
A. S. BARTON, } Members.

This deponent, *William Dodd*, of Walgett, hotelkeeper, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows:— I know Euroka Holding, and have been on Keepit Holding; it is a few months since I was over Keepit; I have a fairly good knowledge of grazing country, but none of agriculture; for pastoral purposes I do not think Keepit is to be compared with Euroka; I saw the corkscrew and spear grasses chiefly on Keepit, they are not good grasses; I do not consider that acre for acre Keepit is equal to Euroka; I am nearly 60 years of age; my experience has been nearly all on the Barwon; I have had over thirty years' experience; I was manager of Yarrandah, adjoining Euroka; I saw some sheep on Keepit, they looked in fair condition; I did not like the look of them, but I am not a sheep man.

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By Mr. Thurburn : I did not go to Keepit with the intention of inspecting the property ; I did not inspect it ; I was only taking sheep from Euroka to Keepit ; I only know that part where I went on travelling with the sheep ; we have had two or three droughts since I have been on the Barwon ; I cannot say the number, it is always subject to drought.

By Mr. Pike : The sheep I was taking from Euroka to Keepit were starved out of Euroka ; I had to cut scrub for them ; I am not prepared to say how many acres would be required to make a living on Euroka ; I was about a mile or 1½ mile from Keepit head station.

By Mr. Wetton : At the time I took the sheep from Euroka there was a large area selected from Euroka.

Sworn by William Dodd, at Walgett, }
 this 24th of April, 1900,— }
 FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
 W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
 A. S. BARTON, }

WILLIAM x DODD.
 his
 mark.
 Witness :—T. S. HULME, Deposition Clerk.

This deponent, *Louis Leake*, of near Walgett, station-manager, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith as follows :—I am manager of Euroka and Keepit Stations, supervising manager of Keepit ; I am acquainted with the lands of Euroka and Keepit Holdings ; portions marked A, B, C, D on tracing F are subject to floods ; I have been at Euroka between nine and ten years ; during that time the blocks mentioned have been impassable three times in as many years ; two portions of them were dry, but the greater portion was covered with water from 6 inches to 4 feet ; there is timber fit for milling on Keepit, and it is being cut for the local saw-mills on the land proposed to be surrendered ; the saw-mill is at Carroll, 10 miles away ; Euroka timber is very poor for fencing purposes ; the timber on Keepit is splendid for fencing ; I consider there is enough timber on Keepit to fence the forty-five blocks suggested ; I cannot say how long the fences on Keepit or Euroka would last ; there is very good building timber on Keepit ; I saw the stock returns produced by Mr. Bell ; there has been about 20,000 head of sheep and 1,000 head of cattle on Keepit since I have been supervising, about five years, running on about 35,000 acres of country ; I reckon 1,000 cattle equal 6,000 sheep for grazing ; we have turned off both fat sheep and cattle, I think, each year ; we have been stocked on Euroka for the last ten years, an average of 2½ acres per sheep ; we lost 36,000 sheep from flood, and about 30,000 from drought ; the dogs on Keepit are not bad ; we have dogs on Euroka lately ; we have not suffered very much at either place ; it would be impossible for a settler to hold his sheep on blocks B and C and the greater portion of A and D, as shown on sketch F, in times of flood ; I have tried cultivation on Euroka, and irrigated from the private bore ; I found the bore water had a deleterious effect on the soil ; the bore water cakes the soil, and after being irrigated a few times it is very difficult to work ; a crop that can be cultivated between the rows can be worked to advantage, but a crop such as lucerne, that has to be irrigated for a succession of years without being able to cultivate the soil, becomes hard, causing the crop to deteriorate ; I consider that Euroka is grazing land, and I think ought to be cut up into blocks of 5,000 or 6,000 acres, in order that a man may obtain a living ; Keepit is both agricultural and pastoral land ; there is cultivated land in the centre of that proposed to be surrendered ; it is heavily cultivated ; I think Keepit could be cut into blocks of 320 acres, so that a man could make a living ; there would be a market for all the stuff grown.

By Mr. Thurburn : I keep a rain-gauge at Euroka ; for eighteen years' record kept by the station, the rainfall has on average been 18 inches 54 points ; in 1890 there was 35 inches 87 points ; during that year the country was flooded ; in 1888 there was 9 inches 88 points ; a light fall of a few points does no good after a dry time ; the last four years has been practically drought ; although we have had good falls, they have not been followed up by other rains to be of much benefit ; the light falls of rain would not be much use to an agriculturist ; a succession of light falls would benefit the crops grown in winter-time, but it is not the character to get falls in succession ; I tried to cultivate without the bore-water, but it was not a success.

By Mr. Wetton : I deny that the stock returns put in are correct ; we have lost sheep occasionally on Keepit by the dogs ; the cattle and sheep run all over the property ; the sheep have not travelled from Keepit on agistment ; we have had stock on agistment ; the 20,000 sheep and 1,000 head of cattle are there all the year round ; we generally send about 100 head of fat bullocks away per annum ; we have 2,000 fat sheep there now ; about 2,000 went down last year ; I cannot give the exact numbers sent away the past five years ; 10,000 have not been sent, but 5,000 have ; Dalgety and Company do not rent country adjoining Keepit ; the stock mentioned have been on Keepit only ; I came on to Euroka after the 1890 flood ; I saw the bones of the sheep lost—the exact number I got from the books ; I can swear that there were 36,000 lost ; I have not seen or killed any wild dogs on Euroka ; I have seen the blocks A, B, C, and D flooded twice in 1893 and 1894 ; I think September or October, 1893, and April and May in 1894 ; the water remained on the blocks from five to eight weeks ; the bore has been done between two and three years ; I started to cultivate immediately we obtained the water, in 1898 ; I put in wheat, lucerne, maize, and potatoes ; the area put under cultivation in 1898 was 7 acres ; I put in 4½ to 5 acres of wheat ; only a few rows of maize, about ½ an acre of potatoes, and 1½ to 2 acres of lucerne ; I irrigated some of it by flooding, but most of it by confining the water to channels ; I have had agricultural experience in Victoria and New South Wales ; I put in a crop in 1899, and got a good crop of about 14 acres ; lucerne can sometimes be grown between the drains ; the whole of the available land has been selected on Euroka, from, I think, 1,900 acres to 2,900 acres ; the land in the centre of Keepit has been cultivated ever since I went there ; the farm at Euroka is close to the station ; the temperature of the water is 108 degrees ; I put it direct on the land in use, except in hot weather ; the 36,000 sheep were mostly drowned on portions alienated from the station ; I think there were not 1,000 drowned on the blocks A, B, C, and D on sketch F ; there were about seventy sheep lost on one of those blocks in 1893 ; some of the remainder of the sheep were put on the higher country—part of that proposed to be surrendered ; I do not know how many sheep were running in the angle paddock last year ; the travelling stock reserve in that paddock belongs to the station ; I was not running 5,000 sheep there last year.

By Mr. Pike : The dogs referred to on Euroka are town dogs ; it is very hard to get at them.

Sworn by Louis Leake, at Walgett, }
 this 24th of April, 1900,— }
 FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
 W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
 A. S. BARTON, }

LOUIS LEAKE.

No. 75.

Decision of the Local Land Board.

New South Wales, } Walgett, Tamworth, and Gunnedah—Heard at Walgett.
 to wit. }

WHEREAS on the 23rd and 24th days of April, 1900, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the proposed surrender and exchange of lands on Keepit Holding, 492, Eastern Division, and Euroka Holding, 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett, should be recommended, and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we report that the land offered in surrender is in an agricultural district, and is to a large extent suitable for agriculture ; also that it has convenient access to market ; and that the Tamworth Land Board, on the 23rd day of February, 1900, found that this land is fit for the support of forty-five families if suitably subdivided.

We also report that the land asked for in exchange, viz., 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, as set forth in schedules marked Exhibit GG 52, is in a pastoral district, remote from market, and, under existing conditions, would be subdivided into six or seven holdings ; or, if the areas are reduced to a minimum, into not more than eleven holdings.

We

We appraise the value of the land asked for in exchange at £37,074 5s. 8d., as set forth in schedules marked G G 52, and report that the Tamworth Board, on the 23rd February, 1900, valued the land offered in surrender at £45,484 14s. 5d.

We are of the opinion that the exchange is desirable in the public interest, and recommend it be effected.

Costs of this hearing amount to £25 4s. See Mr Thurburn's memorandum of even date.

Mr. Acting District-Surveyor Thurburn appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Pike for applicants.

Mr. Wetton for objectors, viz.:—Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett, and the Progress Committee of Walgett.

This case was initiated before the Tamworth Board, and, at the opening of the proceedings before us, Mr. Wetton objected to the Crown continuing their case, contending that the applicant should open the case, and that the objections need not be formulated or gone into until applicant had closed his case.

Board ruled:—Crown to complete their case in chief; objectors then to formulate their objections, and support same by evidence.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, Walgett, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 24th day of April, 1900.

FRED. POATE, Acting Chairman.
W. G. FERRIS, } Members.
A. S. BARTON, }

Forwarded to the District Surveyor, Moree.—W. G. A. (*pro* Acting Chairman), 30/4/1900. Dealt with in District Survey Office—J. T. SMALL (*pro* A.D.S.), 3/5/1900. The Chairman, Local Land Board. Forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands.—W. G. ACOCKS (*pro* Acting Chairman), Moree, 3/5/1900. Charting Branch.—E. A. B. (*per* G. H.), 8/5/1900.

[Enclosure.]

(Exhibit Y.)

PROPOSED SURRENDER AND EXCHANGE—EUROKA HOLDING, COUNTY OF LEICHHARDT

Portion	Parish	Area	Character of Country	Value		Improvements	Value	Remarks
				£ s	£			
(SURRENDER)		acres						
19, 26, 6	Gowendah	960	Level, low, black soil, open coolibah forest, flooded	1 5	1,200	90 chains fence, at £15, 45 chains at £25	£ s d 30 18 9	Low, flooded, poor grazing
7	Sussex	200	Level, black soil, open coolibah forest	1 10	300	Tank, 9,157 yards, 9d, £343 7s 9d	343 7 9	Watercourse, no catch, dam broken
8	"	200	Level, black soil, plain, open coolibah, myalls, lignums	1 10	300	Tank, 1,313 yards, 9d, £49 4s 9d, 176 chains fence, at £35, £77	126 4 9	" "
10	"	200	Level, light soil, plain, open coolibah, rosewood, whitewood	1 10	300	Tank, 6,707 yards, 9d, £251 10s 3d; 176 chains fencing, at £35, £77	328 10 3	Fair catch, good grazing
9	"	200	" " "	1 10	300	Tank, 9,177 yards, 9d, £344 2s 9d, tank, 1,000 yards, 9d, £37 10s, trough, 40 yards, £20, 176 chains fencing, £35, £77	478 12 9	Good catch, good grazing
27	Colma	200	Level, light and black soil, open plain	1 10	300	Tank, 5,214 yards, at 9d	195 10 6	" "
11	Toooloora	200	Level, light and black soil, myalls and whitewood, plain	1 10	300	Tank, 10,000 yards, 9d, £375, tank, 2,000 yards, £75, 34 chains fencing, at £20, £8 10s	458 10 0	" "
9	"	200	" " "	1 10	300	Tank, 3,528 yards, 9d	132 1 0	" "
6	"	100	" " "	1 10	150	Tank, 680 yards, 9d	25 10 0	" "
11	Gunna	200	" " "	1 10	300	Tank, 4,493 yards at 9d	168 9 9	" "
3	"	200	" " "	1 10	300	Tank, 7,579 yards, 9d, £284 4s 3d, tank, £26 13s	310 17 3	" "
3, 4,	Euroka	400	" " "	1 10	600	Tank, 8,976 yards at 9d, £336 12s, well and drive, £25, pump, £15, 500 yards 2 inch pipe, 3s, £75, trough, 600 feet, 1s 6d, £4s, hut, £20, stable, loft, &c, £80, harness room, £8, cow shed, £3, yards, £10, old house, £200, new house, £300, dining room, £100, bath and tank, £35, house, £75, kitchen, stove, oven, £100, man's hut, £20, tank, £15, iron shed, £100, 400 yards iron piping, £20, forge, fencing, 120 chains, at £20, £30	1,642 12 0	Head station, improvements
					4,650		4,241 4 9	
(EXCHANGE)								
7	Gunna	3,260	Level, high, red and black soil, open plain, open coolibah, whitewood, rosewood, wilga, myall	1 10	4,890	Woolshed, £600, hut, £60, hut, £40, cottage, £3s, store, £30, tank, £1s, 6 miles fencing, £20, £120, tank, 3,460 yards, at 9d, £129 15s, 500 yards drains, 1s, £25, pump, trough £100, tank A, 7,812 yards, £292 19s, drains, 500 yards, 1s, £25	1,472 14 0	Good catch, good grazing, best land on Euroka

No. 76.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit—Euroka Exchange.

24 April, 1900.

MEMORANDUM of expenses incurred at inquiry in the above exchange before the Land Board, at Walgett, on the 23rd and 24th April, 1900.

Mr. Acting District Surveyor Laing	£ s. d.
Mr. Acting District Surveyor C. Thurburn—four days	2 0 0
Mr. Surveyor Sendall—four days	8 0 0
Coach fare to Narrabri for Acting District Surveyor, Tamworth	12 14 0
	2 10 0
	£25 4 0

CHAS. THURBURN,

Acting District Surveyor at Tamworth.

NOTE.—Two days for travelling are charged for Messrs. Acting District Surveyor Thurburn and Surveyor Sendall.

No. 77.

No. 77.

Office Memorandum.

18 May, 1900.

THE attached notice of appeal by John Young Bell against the decision of the Walgett Land Board, in the matter of the proposed surrender and exchange of lands on Keepit and Euroka Holdings, is forwarded to the Under Secretary for Lands with a request that the former papers in the Exchange Case, Land Board 00/2,530, forwarded to head office on the 3rd instant, may be attached and transmitted to the Registrar of the Land Appeal Court as soon as practicable and convenient.

ARTHUR BADCOCK

(pro Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree).

The Under Secretary for Lands, Sydney.

[Enclosure.]

New South Wales, }
to wit. }

Notice of appeal to the Land Appeal Court from decision of Local Land Board.

WHEREAS on the twenty-third and twenty-fourth days of April, 1900, a certain matter wherein Dalgety and Company were the applicants for surrender of lands on Keepit Holding, Gunnedah and Tamworth Land Districts, in exchange for lands on Euroka Holding, Walgett Land District, came before the Local Land Board at Walgett, in New South Wales, for recommendation.

And whereas the said Board recommended that the exchange was desirable in the public interest, and that it be effected.

And whereas I am aggrieved by such decision, and desire to appeal therefrom to the Land Appeal Court. These are, therefore, to give you notice that I appeal as aforesaid, and that I deposit the sum of £5 as security for the costs of such appeal. The grounds of such appeal are set out on the back hereof. I desire that this appeal shall be heard in Sydney.

Signed this 14th day of May, 1900.

JOHN YOUNG BELL,
C/o Wetton & Co., Coonamble.

To the Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree.

RECEIVED the sum of £5, referred to above, by registered post.—ARTHUR BADCOCK, Acting Clerk in charge, pro Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, 18th May, 1900.

Grounds of Appeal.

1. That the Board were wrong in forcing me to proceed with objections until the applicants closed their case.
2. That the Board were wrong in admitting the finding of the Local Land Board at Tamworth, as they ruled that the evidence upon which this finding was based was inadmissible.
3. That the Board were in error in taking into consideration the finding of the Local Land Board, at Tamworth, in arriving at their decision.
4. That the reference, under section 5 of the Act of 1899, should be directed to one Board to wholly hear the case, and all evidence must be given before that Board.
5. That the Walgett Land Board is not an Appeal Court, and has no power to review or take into consideration any decision, finding, or award made by any other Board with equal powers.
6. That no evidence was taken as to the ownership of the surrender or exchange lands.
7. That no application was put in evidence by the alleged applicants, and, therefore, the whole of the proceedings were bad.
8. That, owing to shortness of notice, I was unable to get evidence to rebut the statements made by witnesses for the applicants, but if the case was sent back for rehearing I could produce evidence which would show that the proposed exchange was against the public interest.

No. 78.

Telegram from Acting Chairman, Local Land Board, Moree, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

18 May, 1900.

APPEAL lodged, Euroka-Keepit exchange. Letter following.

ARTHUR BADCOCK

(pro Acting Chairman, Local Land Board).

No. 79.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to Mr. J. Y. Bell.

In the Land Appeal Court }
of New South Wales. }

In the matter of application of Dalgety and Company (Limited) for surrender of lands in the Keepit Holding, No. 492, Eastern Division, in exchange for lands in the Euroka Holding, No. 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett.

THE above-mentioned matter having come under the cognisance of the Land Appeal Court, upon the appeal by John Young Bell, against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in favour of the granting of said application made in respect thereof upon the 18th day of May, 1900, you are hereby notified that, at the sittings of the Land Appeal Court, to be holden at Sydney on the 25th day of June next, and following days, the said matter will be brought before the Court for hearing or otherwise as may be ordered in that behalf.

Signed this 28th day of May, 1900.

J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

New South Wales, to wit, Coonamble. Constable M. N. Brennan maketh oath, and saith that he did, on the 1st day of June, 1900, at Coonamble, serve a true copy of this Land Notice on A. T. Wetton, who is agent for John Young Bell, and who accepted service on his behalf.—M. N. BRENNAN.

I, M. N. Brennan, Police Constable, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the above statement is true, and I make this solemn declaration as to the matters aforesaid according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.—M. N. BRENNAN. Made before me, at Coonamble, this 1st day of June, 1900.—G. A. COBB, J.P.

No. 80.

No. 80.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to The Manager, Dalgety and Company
(Limited).

In the Land Appeal Court }
of New South Wales. }

In the matter of application of Dalgety and Company (Limited), for surrender of lands in the Keepit-Holding, No. 492, Eastern Division, in exchange for lands in the Euroka Holding, No. 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett.

THE above-mentioned matter having come under the cognisance of the Land Appeal Court, upon the appeal by John Young Bell, against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in favour of the granting of said application made in respect thereof upon the 18th day of May, 1900, you are hereby notified that, at the sittings of the Land Appeal Court, to be holden at Sydney on the 25th day of June next, and following days, the said matter will be brought before the Court for hearing or otherwise as may be ordered in that behalf.

Signed this 28th day of May, 1900.

J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

Patrick Scannell, Police Constable, of Moree, do hereby state that he did, at Moree, on the 1st day of June, 1900, personally serve a true copy of the within Notice on H. M. L. Pike, Esquire, agent for the manager of Dalgety and Company (Limited).—P. SCANNELL.

I, Patrick Scannell, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the above statement is true, and I make this solemn declaration as to the matters aforesaid according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.—P. SCANNELL. Made before me, at Moree, this 1st day of June, 1900.—C. H. GALE, J.P.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court.—J. H. COFF (for I.G.P.), B.C., 5/6/1900.

No. 81.

The Manager, Dalgety and Company (Limited), to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

Sir,

Sydney, 29 May, 1900.

Referring to the proposed exchange of areas from our Keepit Station, Tamworth, to our Euroka Station, Walgett, we beg to say that an appeal has been lodged by one Bell against the strong recommendation of the Walgett Board in favour of the exchange; and if the appeal in question is allowed to hold good, this important matter will not only be suspended for the time being, but we shall have to go to the trouble and expense of appearing before the Land Court to explain away a series of frivolous objections. We understand Bell is not personally affected, and is probably merely voicing the views of a few selectors on this question, while the objections in his notice of appeal have little to do with the merits of the case, but turn upon a dozen technical points of a frivolous character. At least so we are advised by a barrister skilled in land matters. We protest against any such Land Court hearing, and we appeal to your good sense to protect us in the matter.

As you are aware, this exchange has been for a year or two before the public, and we have spent no end of time and trouble in bringing it along to the present stage; and as you are further aware, we hold strong recommendations in favour of the proposal, not only from the Board at the end where the surrenders are to be made, but also from the Board at the end where we propose to ask for the new areas in substitution.

In view of the foregoing, it seems to us both unjust and absurd that the matter should now be indefinitely postponed at the instance of a party in the position occupied by the appellant.

We shall deem it a favour if you will kindly look into the matter, and we feel sure if you do so you will not let the exchange proceedings be delayed by any such appeal. Awaiting your early advices.

We have, &c.,

DALGETY AND COMPANY (LIMITED).

WM. KILGOUR,
Manager.

Mr. Bell does not appear to have lodged an objection; but one was lodged by the Walgett Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association. Mr. Bell states in his evidence that he is a member of that Association, and has been president of the branch; and it would, therefore, appear that he gave evidence on its behalf, although such is not specifically stated. He has lodged a formal appeal against the Board's decision, and such appeal is now before the Land Appeal Court, and is set down for hearing on 25th instant, at Sydney. Dalgety and Company protest against this appeal on the ground that it is frivolous, and will delay the exchange proceedings, and they ask the Minister to protect them. The appeal must, of course, come before the Appeal Court and be dealt with on its merits, and Dalgety and Company may perhaps be so informed.—E.A.B., 7/6/1900.

The case is in the hands of the Land Appeal Court, and any attempt on the part of the Department to intervene would be futile, and would perhaps draw forth adverse comment on the part of the Appeal Court.—H. CURRY, Under Secretary, 7/6/1900.

I concur. Mr. Kilgour may be informed.—T.H.H., 9/6/1900. Dalgety and Company (Limited) informed.—11/6/1900.

No. 82.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Manager, Dalgety and Company (Limited).

[Aln. 00-8,243.]

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 11 June, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, respecting the Euroka-Keepit exchange of land, and the appeal by Mr. Bell against the Board's recommendation, I have the honor to inform you that the case is in the hands of the Land Appeal Court, and must be dealt with on its merits.

The Minister has no power to intervene in a matter of this kind.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 83.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

In the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales.

Land Appeal Court, No. 5,761.

APPEAL to be heard at sitting to be held at Sydney, commencing on the 25th day of June, 1900.

Appeal by John Young Bell.

Nature of appeal.—Against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in favour of the granting of the application of Dalgety and Company (Limited) for surrender of lands in the Keepit Holding, No. 492, Eastern Division, in exchange for lands in the Euroka Holding, No. 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett.

Names and addresses of any other parties interested.—John Young Bell, care of Wetton & Co., Coonamble; Dalgety & Co. (Limited), care of H. Pike, Moree.

Now forwarded to the Minister for Lands, the case having been brought before the Land Appeal Court sitting as above on the 26th day of June, 1900.

Decision given at Sydney, 20th July, 1900.

A copy of the order of the Court will be found on third page hereof.

J. T. KEATING,

Registrar.

24th July, 1900.

Copy of Order of Court.

Appeal dismissed, with costs to the amount of £5 to be paid by the appellant to the respondent, for which the deposit lodged with appeal is to be made available.

The Court affirms the recommendation of the Local Land Board. Copy of full text of judgment enclosed.

[Enclosure.]

Reserved decision given at Sydney, 20th July, 1900.

Case 5,761.—Bell v. Dalgety and Company (Limited).

APPEAL of John Young Bell against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in the matter of the application of Dalgety and Company (Limited) for surrender of lands on the Keepit Holding, No. 492, Eastern Division, in exchange for lands on the Euroka Holding, No. 558, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett.

The Board found that the lands offered for surrender 28,229 acres 1 rood 28 perches, are fit for the support of forty-five families, if suitably subdivided, and are worth £45,484 14s. 5d., and that the improvements thereon are worth to the incoming tenant about £2,300, but £3,916 15s. 6d. to the present holder, or about £52 per farm on an average; and that the acquisition by the Crown of these lands, with the improvements thereon, is desirable in the public interest, in view of the legitimate demand for settlement.

The evidence before the Court shows that the value of the lands sought for by way of exchange is £37,074 5s. 8d., and that the improvements thereon have a value of £1,490 10s., and that the area of such lands equals that of the lands offered in surrender, and that evidence also goes to show that the difference between the value of the surrendered and the exchange lands is £8,410 8s. 9d. in favour of the Crown if the exchange is carried out, and of the improvements on the respective areas, £2,325 4s. 6d., also in favour of the Crown. These last valuations are those of the inspecting surveyor, and they do not appear to have been shaken by any evidence adduced on the part of the objectors (the Selectors' Association). Taking the Board's figures, the difference in the respective values of the two assets seems to be such as to commend the proposed exchange as a very good business transaction in the public interest, not only in regard to intrinsic values, but in consideration of the greater facilities for close settlement offered by the surrendered lands.

These, on the Keepit Holding, are estimated to be capable of supporting forty-five families, while the lands asked for in exchange on the Euroka Holding could not support more than twelve.

Notwithstanding the superior advantages of settlement possessed by the lands that would be acquired by the Crown if the exchange be accomplished, it is right to point out that the applicant for the proposed exchange is not so much consolidating his holding on Euroka as transposing his estate from Keepit to Euroka. But this circumstance does not appear to the Court to outweigh the largely countervailing advantages which will be secured to the Crown in the way of settlement.

The Court affirms the recommendation of the Board, and dismisses the appeal, with costs to the amount of £5, to be paid by the appellant to the respondent, for which the deposit on appeal will be made available.

No. 84.

H. G. Freeman, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

7, Gresham-street, Sydney, 27 July, 1900.

Sir,

Euroka-Keepit Exchange.

This matter was recently the subject of an appeal to the Land Appeal Court, case number 5,761, and the Registrar has fixed the 22nd August next to settle the final certificate in connection with the order of the Court on the appeal.

As agent for the appellants in this matter, I beg to give you notice not to take any action in connection with this case till the final certificate issues.

I do so for the reason that I understand the papers have been forwarded to your office from the Land Appeal Court.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. FREEMAN.

No. 85.

No. 55.

Mr. J. Y. Bell to W. N. Willis, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

Marshmead, 27 July, 1900.

As the Appeal Court has decided against me in the appeal against the Euroka-Keepit Exchange, I have prepared a petition to the Minister, signed by sixty-five residents of Walgett and district. I have another copy of this petition out, being signed by others in this neighbourhood, which I will send on to you at an early date. I am sending this on to you hurriedly, so that you might put it before the Minister before he does anything in the matter.

You will see by the petition how we have been treated in this matter, and what a poor chance we had to get evidence together at such short notice. If this case is referred back to Walgett I am quite satisfied I can get evidence to convince the Local Land Board that it is against the interest of the country to grant this exchange. Although the Land Board are prejudiced against the body of objectors, and in sympathy with the applicants, I am satisfied, with reasonable notice, I can fetch evidence to compel them to reverse their decision.

You might write me as early as possible, and let me know what effect the petition is likely to take with the Minister for Lands, and, if it is necessary, the Walgett branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association will ask for a Royal Commission.

The people of this district are determined that they will have a fair hearing of this case. If we get a fair chance, and then fail, we will be satisfied.

I trust you will put this matter strongly before the Minister, and as early as possible, that the result may be a satisfactory one.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN Y. BELL.

[Enclosure.]

The Honorable the Minister for Lands, —

We the undersigned residents, and selectors in the Walgett District beg to approach you with reference to the proposals for the surrender of certain lands near Gunnedah, known as Keepit, in exchange for certain lands near Walgett on Euroka Station.

We complain that an attempt is being made to hasten through an exchange proposal, which is against the interest of the Walgett District and the residents in it, without every opportunity and facility being given to unravel the proposal, and place before you the views of the residents in the Walgett District.

We would point out that this exchange proposal was first heard at Tamworth some hundreds of miles away from Walgett, and we were precluded, owing to distance, from attending such meeting; and that only after vigorous representation was the case set down for hearing at Walgett.

We complain that the date for the hearing at Walgett was hastily and hurriedly fixed, and we received but short notice of the hearing. That owing to the continuous drought in our district it has been difficult for residents to get about hurriedly and attend meetings on scant notice; moreover, the mails are irregular and intermittent, and at short notice it is not possible for residents to act in concert; and, as we were not certain whether any inquiry was to be heard at Walgett, we were not prepared with full evidence to put our case clearly and strongly before the Board.

Had we received definite notice of a reasonable date we could have gained the necessary witnesses to inspect the lands and give evidence.

We were compelled to do the best we could under such short notice.

We complain that the Walgett Land Board only partially heard the case, taking only into consideration the decision of the Tamworth Board without hearing or permitting the evidence taken at Tamworth to be referred to, or discussed, and the Walgett Board refused and disallowed a postponement of the case so that we might bring the necessary evidence, and amplify the case.

We complain that we have failed to receive from the Land Appeal Court, the redress asked for on the grounds that we had not lodged a notice of motion in the Court.

We complain that an area of 28,229 acres, within a short distance of the town of Walgett is proposed to be alienated, that in view of the prospects of railway communications, and, the proposal of the Government for a closer settlement, and the increasing demand for land immediately on the outskirts of a town in the centre of the Colony, that it will be unfair, unjust, and against the interests of the Walgett District to alienate such lands.

We complain that such a proposal would disinherit us of land; which, by long residence in the district we have endeavoured to maintain till the period arrived for closer settlement, expansion, and other features enjoyed by towns nearer market.

The owners of the surrender lands have tendered evidence to the Department to show how much superior in value the surrender lands are, than those sought in exchange, and how much more the lands offered for surrender could be sold for at auction than the Walgett lands, that difference is shown to be about £10,000, and we would suggest that this evidence be received with suspicion by the Department, for these reasons:

The surrender lands are at present in almost a solid block, at all events, capable of being worked without difficulty or inconvenience.

They are in a district nearer market with a better rainfall, where the holders are capable of dealing in stock, and generally working a superior property to the greatest advantage, and yet there is an expressed anxiety to surrender. Moreover, if there is a genuine difference in the value, financial institutions are very slow to give away so enormous a margin as expressed here, and certainly they are not prone to make presents to the Crown of sums equalling £10,000, and while a surrender of a compact area in a good district is offered, it is only to attach it to a very small area near Walgett, and is not a consolidation in the proper acceptance of the word. The consolidation would take place by the surrender of the small area at Walgett for lands adjoining Keepit.

We pray that you will refer the case back to the Walgett Board with instructions that we are to receive ample notice that we may gather our evidence properly, and tender it to the Department in proper form.

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.	Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
John Y. Bell	Selector	Marshmead.	Fred. W. Modezuski...	Accountant	Walgett.
Richard Kenna	"	Chancedale.	William H. Moore.....	Grazier	"
John Smith	Settlement lessee..	Smithfield.	John Adams	Baker	"
Frank Adams	Newspaper pro- prietor.	Walgett.	Chas. Baker.....	Hairdresser	"
James Bourke	Settlement lessee..	Happy Valley.	Wm. P. Higgins.....	Coachbuilder	"
W. T. Staunton	Selector	Tribly Park.	D. Cohen	Storekeeper.....	"
R. E. Boyle.....	Stock agent.....	Walgett.	D. P. Carter	Bootmaker	"
W. H. Wright	Accountant	"	C. Brackley	Tailor	"
M. W. Geurin	Hotelkeeper.....	"	C. McGally	Intending selector.	"
John Lloyd	Saddler	"	T. Barker.....	Contractor	"
Joseph H. Bragshaw...	Settlement lessee..	"	R. Norman	Tailor	"
G. J. A. Butler	Intending selector.	"	J. Fagan	Coachbuilder	"
W. Vanstone	Hotelkeeper.....	"	A. G. Parr	Intending selector.	"
George Pinchin	Chemist	"	P. Beddie	Builder	"
Fredk. Barker.....	Contractor	"	A. H. Rose	"	"
Geo. Ford	Painter	"	John McGarvy	Cordial-maker.....	"
William Kenna	Grazier	"	John E. Cullen	Intending selector.	"
			Chas. Smith.....	Cordial-maker.....	"

Name.	Occupation.	Residence.	Name.	Occupation.	Residence.
W. Smith	Intending selector.	Walgett.	Oscar Weber	Hotelkeeper.....	Walgett.
A. Halstein	Storekeeper	"	Samuel Hazlett	Grazier	Craigmore.
B. Goldman	"	Carinda.	R. Wilson	Gentleman	Walgett.
James Jones	Tank-sinker.....	"	F. Glasgow	Selector	"
J. Goldman	Storekeeper	"	Martin Kenna.....	"	"
J. B. Staunton	Intending selector.	"	Alfred Bradley	Grazier	"
W. R. Cohen	Storekeeper.....	"	F. Whartan.....	Settlement lessee..	"
A. Cohen	"	"	John Osborne	Fruiterer	"
H. D. Richards	Carrier	"	John Staunton	Hotelkeeper.....	"
Peter Staunton	Selector	Ulumbie.	W. J. Benton	Solicitor	"
Arthur Gray	Saddler.....	Walgett.	Peter Murray	Settlement lessee..	"
C. W. McCauley	Butcher	"	J. P. J. Bell.....	Selector	"
J. Prendergast	Shearer.....	"	W. A. Bell	"	"
Charles Tee	Intending selector.	"	M. Kennedy	"	"
C. Casey	Tailor	"	T. F. Fagan	Coachbuilder	"

No. 86.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

7 August, 1900.

THE owners of the Keepit property (tinted red on heliograph, marked A) are surrendering the lands shown by red edging in exchange for the equal area shown by blue edging thereon. That exchange is approaching completion, and the owners have applied for a further exchange—to surrender all the lands possessed by them on Keepit for an equal area on Euroka holding, as shown by the blue hatching on lithograph B.

The Keepit lands, intersected by the Namoi River, are situated in the land districts of Gunnedah and Tamworth, and the Euroka land is situated near Walgett.

The case was heard by the Tamworth Land Board on the 20th, 21st, and 23rd February, 1900, and afterwards by the Walgett Land Board, on the 23rd and 24th April, 1900.

The value of the surrender area—28,229 acres—is appraised at £45,484, and the equal area for exchange is appraised at £37,074, a difference in favour of the Crown of £8,410.

The improvements on the surrender lands are valued at £3,916, and those on the lands for exchange at £1,490, and as applicants are willing to relinquish all claim to the irremovable portion on the surrender lands, perhaps the Minister will feel disposed to make no charge for those on the exchange area, if the proposals be carried out.

There are several conditional leases amongst the lands for surrender, and if the exchange is to proceed, applicants should immediately convert them into conditional purchases, and obtain certificates of conformity as soon as possible, to put them on a footing that will allow of their being exchanged.

Part of the surrender area is held under freehold title, and the balance, after conversion of the conditional leases, will be held under conditional purchase title, and applicants might be informed—if the exchange receive approval—that a design will, before measurement, be sent to them for their approval for the allotment, as each conditional purchase will have to be defined by survey on the exchange area, unless they elect to convert all the conditional purchase lands into freeholds, which would considerably reduce the cost of survey. They might also be informed that they will be called upon to pay a further sum, before survey, for costs; but the amount likely to be required—possibly £500 or £600—cannot be stated until the district surveyor has projected the design for subdivision for the allotment.

The Board's reports are very favourable to the exchange being carried out, and the same have been endorsed by the Land Appeal Court when dealing with Mr. J. Y. Bell's appeal, lodged against the proposals. The Court, however, points out that the application is not so much for consolidating the holding on Euroka as transposing the estate from Keepit to Euroka; but the Court does not consider that that circumstance outweighs the largely countervailing advantages which will be secured to the Crown in the way of settlement.

The finding of the Board is that, the Keepit lands being largely of the agricultural class, within easy reach of market, *via* the railway, either at Manilla or Gunnedah, will establish forty-five new settlers, while the Euroka land, part of which is liable to inundation, is about 60 miles from the railway, is mostly of the grazing class, and would have to be divided for settlement purposes into farms of about 4,000 acres each, and would not establish more than six or seven families, or by reducing the farms to minimum, not more than eleven at the outside.

The Tamworth district will benefit considerably by the exchange and as anticipated there was no opposition in that quarter; but at Walgett, on the contrary, opposition was raised by the Farmers and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, the Farmers and Settlers' Association of Walgett, and by the Walgett Progress Committee. These objections were based chiefly on the grounds of detriment to the district by absorption of such a large area, so close to the town of Walgett, by the station lessees.

The Walgett Board has, however, viewed the exchange from the public interest point of vantage, and not from the purely local one, and, therefore, recommends that the proposals be carried out.

Mr. J. Y. Bell, who it appears represented the Farmers and Settlers' Association, appealed against the exchange; but as before mentioned the Court dismissed the appeal. The Court (*vide* alienation 00-10,933 enclosed) has notified the Department that it will issue its certificate dismissing the appeal, with costs to the amount of £5 deposited to be paid by the appellant to the respondent, on the 22nd instant, if this Department does not attend on that date to take exception.

A petition is now presented by Mr. W. N. Willis, M.L.A., protesting against the granting of land by way of exchange on the outskirts of the town of Walgett, alleging that future close settlement and expansion will be thereby prevented; complaining also that sufficient notice was not given to enable them to collect evidence, and inspect the lands, and praying that instructions may be issued to the Walgett Board to rehear the case.

It may be pointed out that the objectors had ample time to gather evidence relative to the exchange, as the Associations had been aware of the proposals for some time (*vide* alienation 99-15,255 and 15,004, &c.) meetings having been held since October, 1899, and resolutions passed against the exchange.

Sketches

Sketches were exhibited at Walgett, in October, 1899, showing the proposals; notices were issued prior to the hearing at Tamworth, in February, 1900, and the objectors were informed on the 23rd March, 1900, of the intention to hear the case at Walgett, on the 23rd April, *i.e.*, a full month's notice was given.

The case having come regularly before the Land Boards and Appeal Court, it is not apparent that a second reference to the Walgett Board could be legally made, as requested by the petitioners.

Notwithstanding the lands are in different districts, the weight of evidence is strongly in favour of the exchange seeing, *inter alia*, that its completion would enable forty-five families to be established as against a possible eleven under present conditions. It is, therefore, submitted that the exchange should perhaps be allowed to proceed.

I have, &c.,

C. E. RENNIE,

Chief Draftsman.

7th August, 1900.

No. 87.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

9 August, 1900.

THE recent debate in the House brought forth expressions of opinion that exchanges of land in different districts were to be avoided, and I take it that exchanges of this character will not be encouraged in future.

There are, however, certain cases which were initiated before the debate took place, and I venture to suppose that the House did not mean that these were to be refused absolutely as a mere matter of course, and without reference to their merits.

This case was dealt with by the Land Boards at Tamworth and Walgett, and the objectors were represented before the Walgett Board by Mr. Bell.

A petition has now been presented against the exchange, and a desire is expressed to have the case brought before the Land Board again.

It would appear that the Department would—putting aside the question of different districts—be warranted in regarding the exchange as a satisfactory one, particularly as it has been dealt with not only by the Land Boards mentioned, but by the Land Appeal Court.

The special question seems to be how far the debate in the House affects cases which have arrived at the stage the present one has.

A. CURRY.

No. 88.

Office Memorandum.

Keepit-Euroka Exchange.

9 August, 1900.

I AM myself opposed to exchanges of lands situate in different districts, and future applications containing that objectionable feature cannot be entertained. When, however, applications were made prior to the debate in the Assembly on this subject, and action taken by the Department calculated to lead parties concerned to expect a settlement based on the merits of the case, I do not think the House expected or would desire the Department to repudiate what might fairly be classed as its responsibilities to this class of landholders. I could, perhaps, shelter myself behind the understanding arrived at in the House, and refuse to complete the exchange, which might possibly be the easier and more convenient course for me to take personally.

I do not, however, feel justified in taking such a course in this particular case in face of the favourable complexion which this exchange bears.

The case has been dealt with by the Tamworth and Walgett Land Boards, and also by the Land Appeal Court, and their respective recommendations are deserving of serious consideration.

I think, therefore, the exchange should be approved, subject, however, to the parties surrendering their deeds and responding to any requirements of the Department, within, say, three months of those requirements being put forward.

With regard to the petition, I cannot see how the case can well be got back to the Board, supposing such a course appeared expedient, as the Land Appeal Court dealt with the case, and any such action would savour of an attempt to go behind the back of the Court.

T. H. HASSALL.

Dalgety and Company (Limited), c/o D. P. Dickson, and W. N. Willis, M.P., informed.—
10/8/1900.

No. 89.

The Under Secretary for Lands to W. N. Willis, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 August, 1900.

Referring to the letter from Mr. J. Y. Bell, of Marshmead, and petition from residents and selectors of Walgett District, presented by you, against the completion of the Keepit-Euroka exchange, and urging that the case be referred back to the Local Land Board for rehearing, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to point out that the case has been before the two Land Boards and the Land Appeal Court, and, in view of the favourable recommendations made by them, and as the action already taken by the Department was calculated to lead the parties concerned to expect a settlement of the case on its merits, he has decided to proceed with the exchange, provided the applicants take all action required of them, with a view to completion without any unnecessary delay.

Ncw

New proposals for exchange of land within different districts are not now approved by the Department, but the present case being one which passed through all its stages before objection on this point came to be raised, the Minister does not consider that any objection on this head can be urged now.

I am further to inform you that the Minister is of opinion that the case having been dealt with by the Land Appeal Court, cannot be referred back to the Board, even if such a course were thought to be desirable; but I am to mention that Mr. Bell was afforded an opportunity of presenting objections before the Land Board, and that the objections, and the request now put forward are, therefore, late.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 90.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Manager, Dalgety and Company (Limited).

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 10 August, 1900.

Referring to the Keepit-Euroka exchange of land, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the proposal recommended by the Local Land Board and Land Appeal Court being proceeded with, provided you surrender your deeds and respond to any requirements of the Department within three months of those requirements being put forward. I am, therefore, to ask for an immediate reply.

The Minister has also approved that, in view of the improvements relinquished by you, no charge will be made for those on the lands granted.

I have now to request that you will at once convert the conditional leases affected into conditional purchases, and obtain certificates of conformity therefor, and state whether you intend converting the conditional purchase lands into freeholds.

In the event of you desiring to exchange, on a conditional purchase basis, a design for the allotment of such conditional purchases on the exchange area (as each conditional purchase will have to be defined by survey) will be sent for your approval before measurement.

You will also be called upon, prior to survey, to pay a further sum for costs, but the amount likely to be required (£500 or £600) cannot be stated until the District Surveyor has projected the design for conditional purchase allotment.

I would, however, point out that if you make the conditional purchases into freeholds the cost of survey will be considerably reduced.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 91.

The Manager, Dalgety and Company (Limited), to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

No. 15, Bent-street, Sydney, 11 August, 1900.

Keepit-Euroka
Exchange.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, notifying that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the proposal recommended by the Local Land Board and Land Appeal Court being proceeded with, provide we surrender deeds and respond to any requirements of the Department within three months of those requirements being put forward; and we may say we duly accept your conditions.

Replying to your query we may say we do not wish to convert the conditional purchases into freeholds, but desire to exchange on conditional purchase basis.

We may add we have to-day paid to the Treasury the sum of £500 sterling against prospective costs of survey, &c.

We have, &c.,

DALGETY AND COMPANY (Limited).

T. F. KNOX, Managing Director.

Charting Branch.—E.A.B. (per G.H.), 13/8/00. The District Surveyor at Tamworth is requested to furnish a correct list of the freeholds, conditional purchases and conditional leases, for surrender on Keepit, and then forward same and these papers to the District Surveyor at Moree, for preparation of a design and estimate of costs for allotment on the exchange area, with a view to this office obtaining applicants' concurrence. Relative to conditional leases it may be necessary to see that no series exceeds the limit that may be converted, &c.—C. E. RENNIE (for the Under Secretary), 17 August, 1900. The District Surveyor, Tamworth.

No. 92.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

The Treasury (Revenue Branch), Sydney, 14 August, 1900.

Subject:—Exchange of Land on Pastoral Holding No. 492, Eastern Keepit. Dalgety & Co., Ltd.

THE sum of £500 was credited on the 11th instant, being further costs in connection with the above noted exchange.

E. R. CORKHILL

(For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade).

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No. 93.

Telegram from The Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association, Walgett, to
J. Haynes, Esq., M.P.

20 August, 1900.

Re Euroka-Keepit exchange. Considered breach faith Government passing this after distinct promise contrary. Calling special meeting protest.

W. W. WRIGHT,
Secretary, Farmers and Settlers' Association.

Presented by J. Haynes, M.P. The Chief Draftsman.—E.A.B. (*per* G.A.), 23/8/1900.

Submitted. I do not think the decision in this case could be reversed, as the applicants have been informed, and forwarded a letter of acceptance. Mr. Haynes may be informed that the decision in the case cannot now be affected.—H. CURRY, 24/8/1900.

No distinct promise was ever made as stated, and my decision in the case will be adhered to. Mr. Haynes, M.P., may be informed.—T.H.H., 25/8/1900. Mr. Haynes, M.P., informed, 27/8/1900. The District Surveyor at Tamworth. See instruction on Aln. 1900-11,748.—E.A.B. (for Under Secretary), B.C., 27/8/1900. Dalgety and Company informed, 27/8/1900.

No. 94.

The Registrar, Land Appeal Court, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Land Appeal Court, No. 5,761.

Sir, Office of Land Appeal Court, Darlinghurst, 23 August, 1900.

I have the honor to forward herewith certificate of the final order of the Land Appeal Court in the matter of the, as per margin, and to request that you will be good enough to acknowledge receipt of same. Appeal *re*
Keepit-Euroka
exchange.

I have, &c.,
J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

[Enclosure.]

In the Land Appeal Court } Certificate of the Order of the Land Appeal Court.
of New South Wales. }

WHEREAS on the 26th day of June, 1900, a certain matter, wherein John Young Bell and Dalgety and Company (Limited), and the Minister for Lands were concerned in connection with application of Dalgety and Company (Limited), for surrender of land in the Keepit Holding, No. 492, Eastern Division in exchange for lands in the Euroka Holding, No. 553, Central Division, Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Walgett, was brought under the cognisance of the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales, upon the appeal by John Young Bell, against the recommendation of the Local Land Board in favour of the granting of the said application.

And whereas the Land Appeal Court duly heard and determined the said matter, and on the 20th day of July, 1900, made a final order in respect thereof. These are, therefore, to certify that the final order of the Land Appeal Court in the premises was as follows:—

Appeal dismissed, with costs to the amount of five pounds (£5) to be paid by the appellant to the respondents, Dalgety & Co., for which the deposit lodged with appeal is to be made available.

The Court affirms the recommendation of the Local Land Board.

The seal of the Land Appeal Court was hereunto affixed by me this 23rd day of August, 1900.

J. T. KEATING,
Registrar.

No. 95.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Haynes, Esq., M.P.

Sir, Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 August, 1900.

Referring to the telegram from the Secretary of the Walgett Farmers and Settlers' Association, presented by you, against the approval of the Keepit-Euroka exchange of lands, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that he made no distinct promise to refuse this exchange, as stated in the telegram referred to, and the decision given will be adhered to.

I have, &c.,
H. CURRY,
Under Secretary
(*per* W.H.C.).

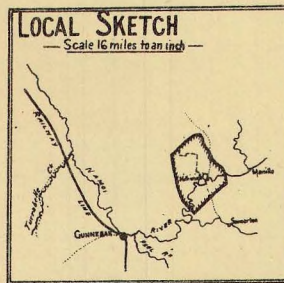
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PLAN OF KEEPIT HOLDING

No. 96.

Scale 40 chains to an inch



A

Exhibit II 52.
General in evidence.
(Signed) Eud. Macfarlane,
20/2/1900.

NOTES.

Station Property shown by pink tint on original, on this map thus
Adverse Aliens shown by blue tint on original, on this map thus

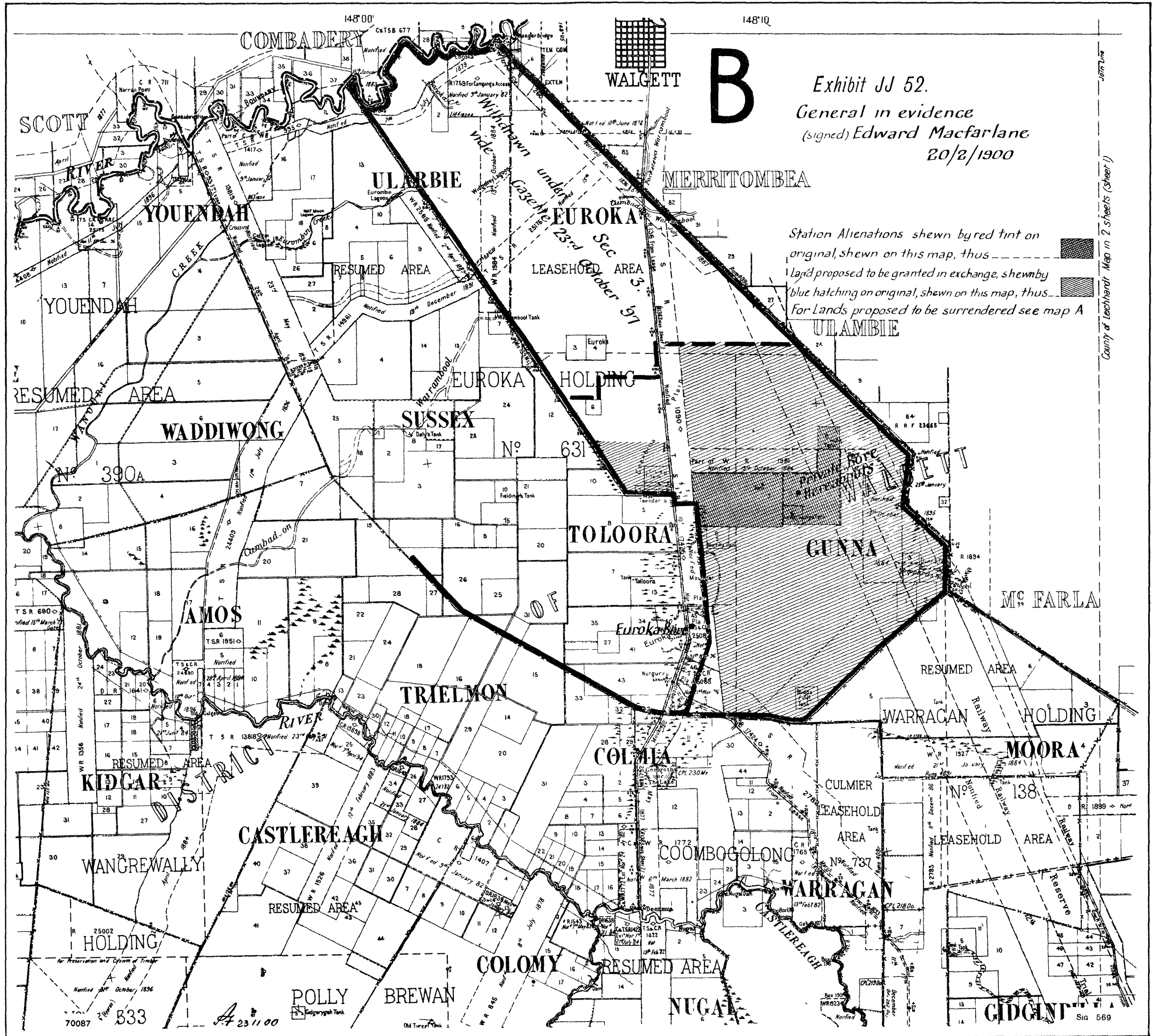
ORIGINAL KEEPIT EXCHANGE.

Lands surrendered shown by red edging on original, on this map thus
Lands granted in exchange shown by blue edging on original, on this map thus

EUROKA-KEEPIT EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

Lands proposed to be surrendered shown thus
For lands proposed to be granted in exchange, see map "B."





B

Exhibit JJ 52.
 General in evidence
 (signed) Edward Macfarlane
 20/2/1900

Station Aliens shown by red tint on original, shown on this map, thus [red tinted box]
 Land proposed to be granted in exchange, shown by blue hatching on original, shown on this map, thus [blue hatched box]
 For Lands proposed to be surrendered see map A

County of Leichhardt Map in 2 Sheets (Sheet 1)

Note: Red edging on original shown on this Map thus

Exhibit H.M. 52
in four Sheets
Sheet 1
General in Evidence

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Scale 20 Chains to an Inch
E.M.S.
20/12/1900

Field notes of Inspection of part of
KEEPIT HOLDING
N^o 492
Eastern Division
County of Darling
Land District of Tamworth
in connection
Keepit-uroka Exchange Proposal
Between 9th and 23rd May 1899
W. Neville Serrdall
P. D. S.

Well on or near North boundary
Portion 68 of Keepit of 50 acres
25 feet deep 6 water 4 x 4 shaft £20
150 feet log troughing £10

For Boundary Riders place on 52 part
portions 63.
See Field Book 44 Page 3

On Portion 2
Homestead House £250
Wash house £25
Kitchen £40
Store £20
Buggy Shed £15
Fence £20
Fence £20
£400 total

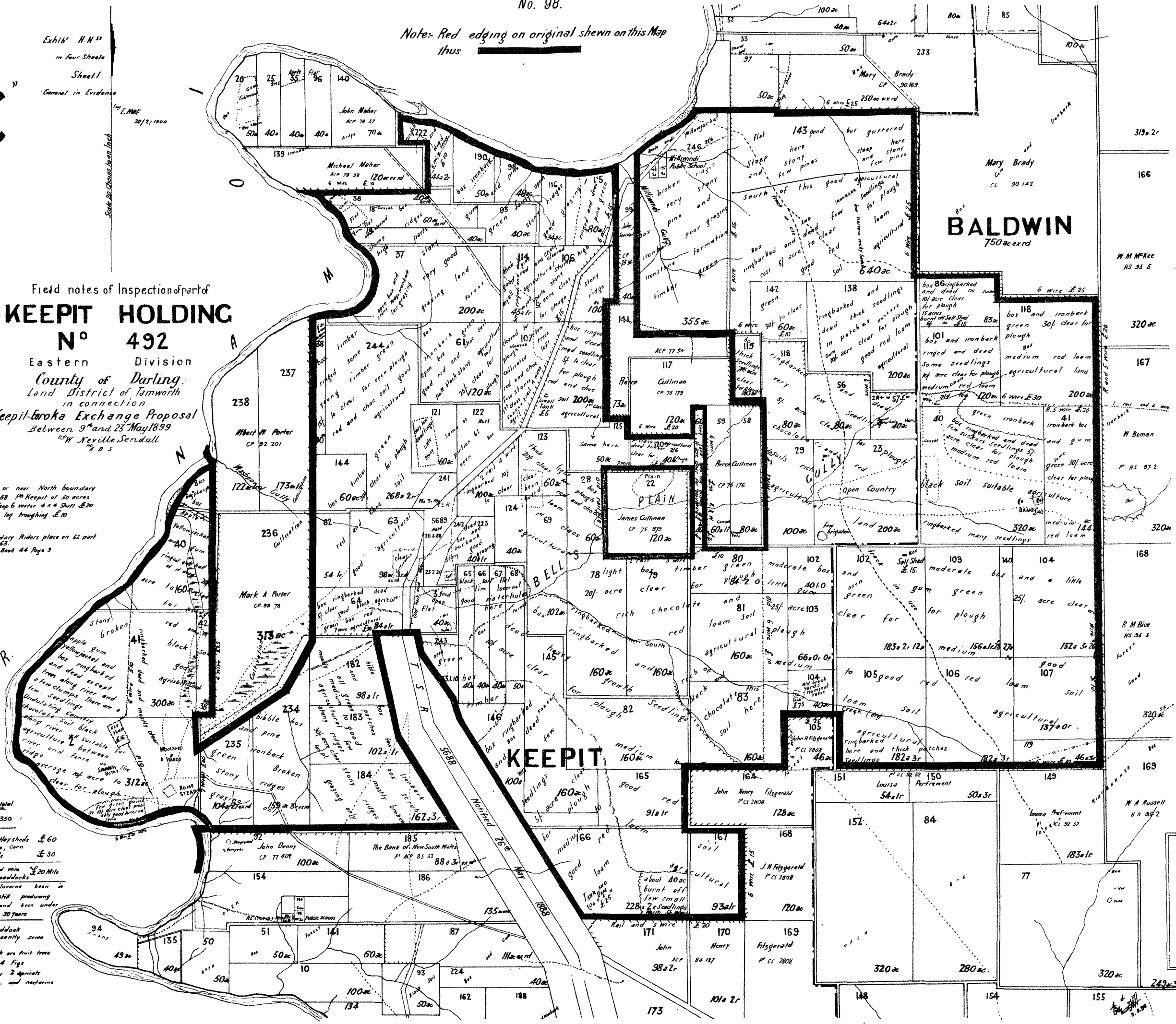
Washed yards £350
2 Shavers Huts

Horseyard and 2 Haysheds £60
Washed Chaff house, Corn
House and Yards £30

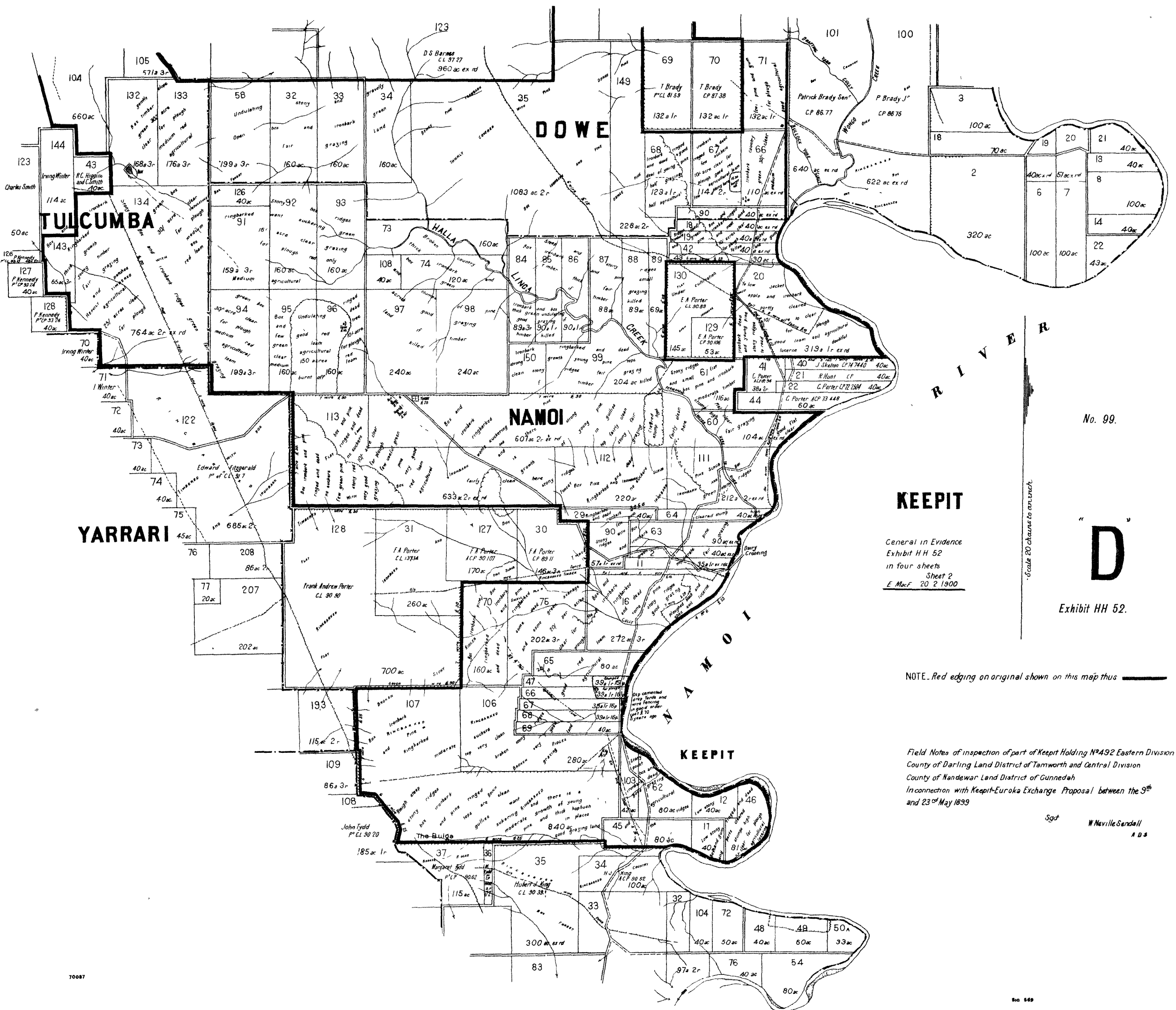
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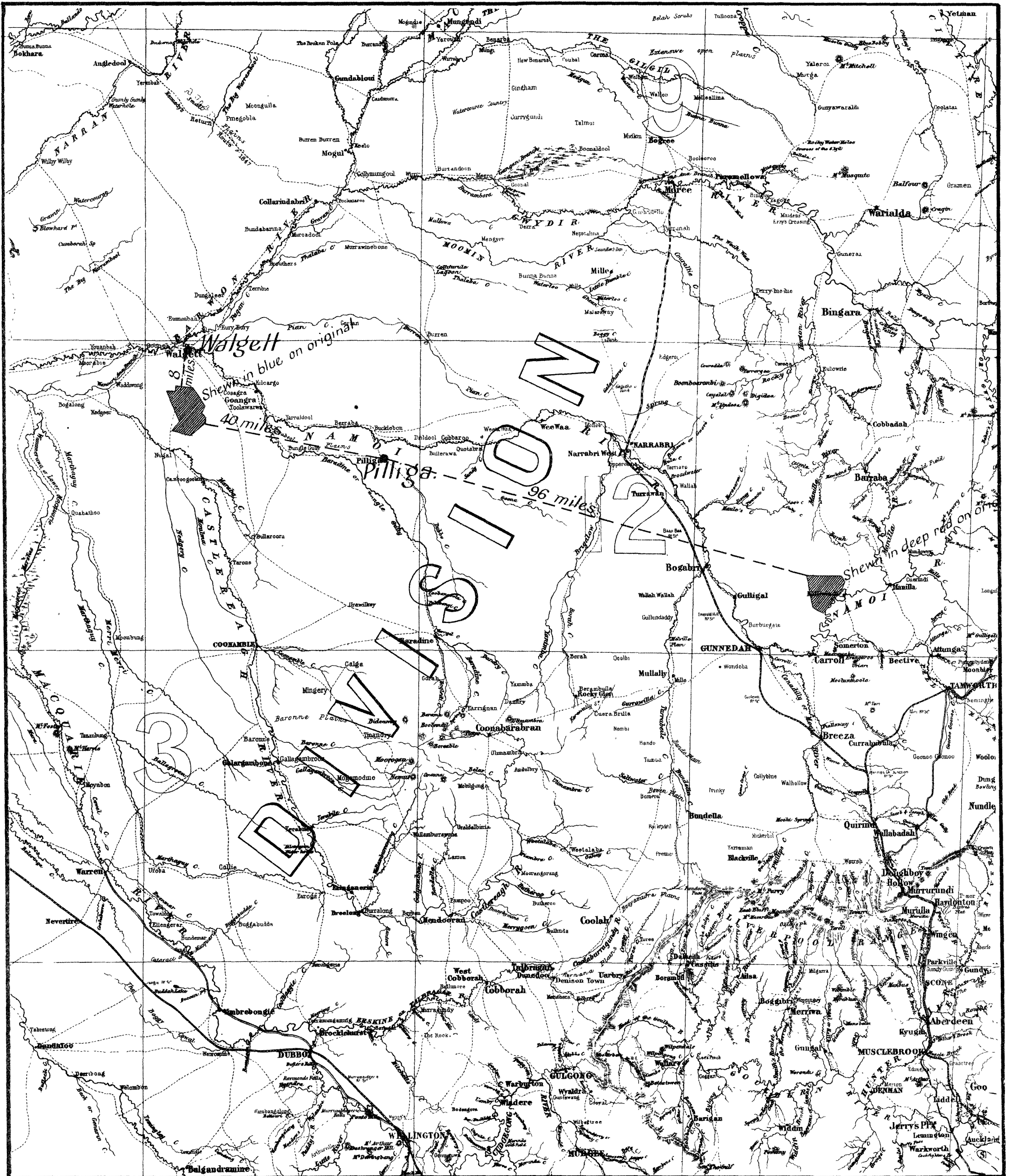
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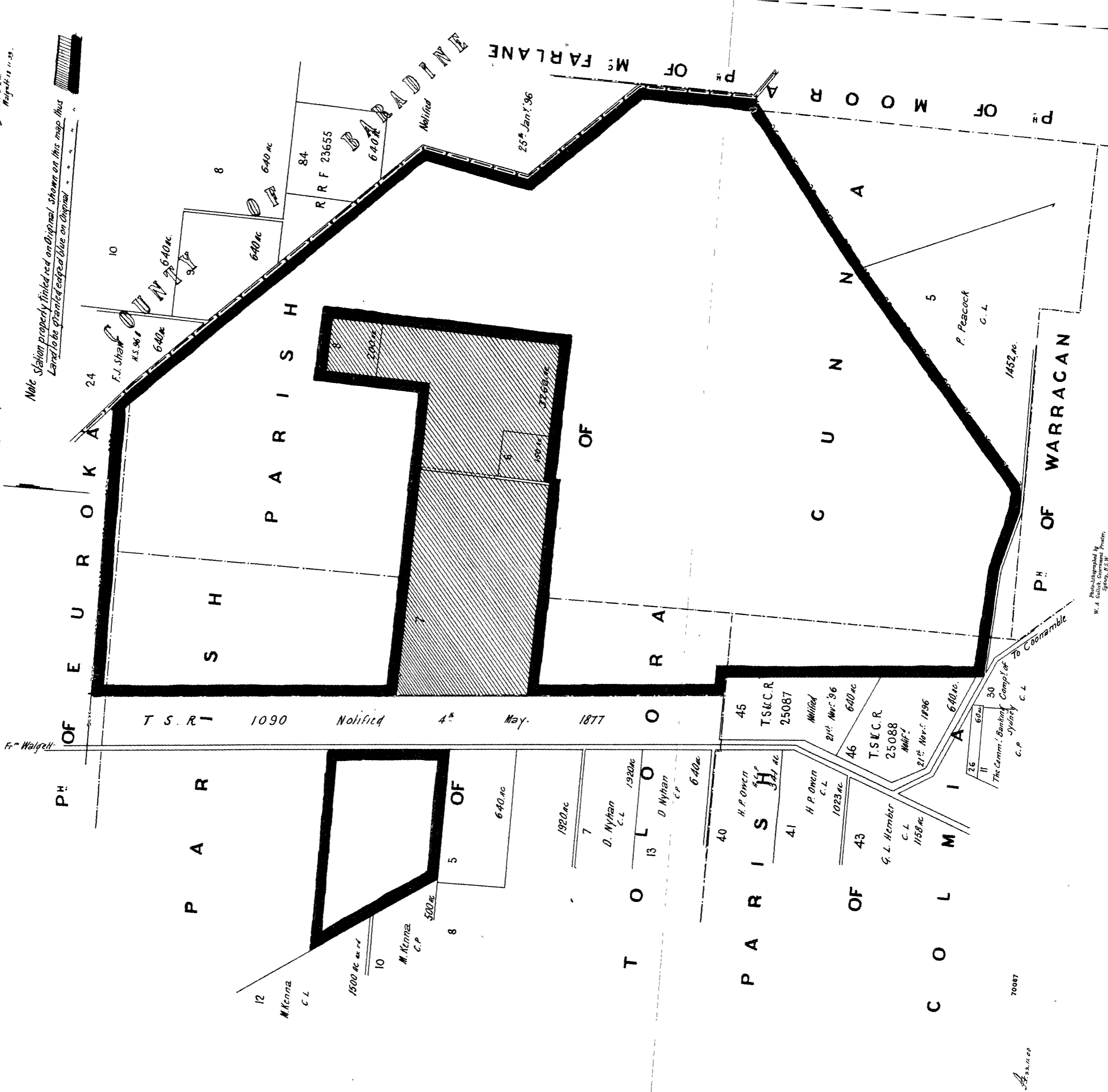
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Land District of Walgett

Scale 40 chains to one inch

LAND BOARD DISTRICT
No. 99: 534
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HEAD OFFICE TOWN
Exhibited at Land Office Walgett
E. Argowood C.L.A.
Walgett 11-1-39.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

NYANG LAND EXCHANGE GRANTED TO THE HONORABLE
SIMON FRASER, M.L.C., OF VICTORIA.

(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 10 Report from Printing Committee, 30 August, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 15th August, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

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“ to the Honorable Simon Fraser, M.L.C., of Victoria.”

(*Mr. Norton.*)

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No. 1.

J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Moama, 28 June, 1892.

Enclosed please find an application from Mr. Simon Fraser, of Nyang Station, Land District Deniliquin, to surrender land in exchange for Crown lands, as per application and plan attached.

This exchange will be beneficial, as the land proposed to be surrendered is of better quality than that sought for in exchange, has a large water frontage to the Niemur River, is considerably nearer to a market and railway, and altogether entirely in the interest of the Crown to sanction the exchange.

The areas are a little dissimilar, but that can be rectified in the surveys.

I may add that from inquiries I have personally made from settlers in the immediate district I am assured that this exchange would give public satisfaction. Kindly have the matter dealt with as speedily as possible, and oblige.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Any communication to Mr. Fraser may be sent to my care.

[Enclosure.]

Form 57.—Crown Lands Acts: Regulation No. 233.

Application by a pastoral lessee to surrender land situate within a resumed or leasehold area in exchange for other land within the leasehold area.

RECEIVED a deposit of £10, and a provisional survey fee of twenty-two pounds three shillings.

The Treasury, Sydney,

30th June, 1892.

W. NEWCOMBE

(pro Treasurer).

In accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1889, I, Simon Fraser, being the holder of a grant of the lands hereunder described, within resumed area No. 108, in the Central Division, hereby apply to surrender the same in exchange for the lands within my leasehold area, No. 108, which are hereunder described; a list of the improvements on the said land is set forth in the Schedule on the back hereof; and I agree to pay the value of such of them as are not my property.

Signed this 17th day of June, 1892,—

SIMON FRASER,

Nyang, Moulamein.

To the Under Secretary for Lands.

Description of Land to be Surrendered.
Land District of Deniliquin, County of Wakool.

Parish.	Portion No.	Area.
Boyd	8, 9, 10, 11, and 12	1,285 acres.
"	41	60 "
Nyang	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17	1,920 "
		3,265 acres.

Description of Land applied for in exchange.		
Land district of Deniliquin, county of Wakool, parish of Barrabu, portions 10, 11, 12, 13, 26, 25, 8, 9, and 17.....	acres rd.	2,340 1
Parish of Balpool, portions 6 and 8		895 0
Total land applied for.....		3,235 1

Schedule of Improvements on the Land applied for in exchange.

Nature of improvement.—No improvements.

No. 2.

J. M. Chanter. Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Moama, 28 June, 1892.

Enclosed please find bank draft for the sum of £32 3s., being for deposit and survey fees upon land applied for in exchange by Mr. Simon Fraser, of Nyang Station. Please return receipt upon Form 57 to the Under Secretary for Lands without delay, and oblige.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

Simon Fraser.—£10 deposit; £22 3s. survey fee; total, £32 3s.; Credited 30th June, 1892.
Memo.—£32 3s. received and credited on the within-mentioned application.—J.S.W. (for U.S.)
The Under Secretary for Lands.—E.H., B.C., Treasury, 30th June, 1892.

No. 3.

Office Memorandum.

Exchange.—Nyang Pastoral Holding, No. 108, Central Division.

20 December, 1892.

ENCLOSED is an application under the 46th section, Act of 1889, for the surrender of lands situated in

PARTICULARS of the portions proposed to be surrendered :—
the resumed area of Nyang pastoral holding in exchange for other lands situated in the leasehold area.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	How sold.	Improvements at survey.	Remarks.
		acres.			
8	Boyd (County Wakool)	160	Auction	House, yards, fencing, £51.	
9	" "	325	"	Fencing.	
10	" "	320	"	"	Indicated on lithograph by red hatching.
11	" "	160	"	"	
12	" "	320	"	"	
41	" "	60	Completed C.P. ...	Well, houses, £59 8s.	
12	Nyang	320	Auction.		
13	"	320	"		
14	"	320	"		
15	"	320	"		
16	"	320	"		
17	"	320	"		
		3,265			

PARTICULARS of the lands desired in exchange.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Remarks.
8	Barrabu (County Wakool)	191 0 0	.....	Conditional purchase 76-148, lapsed September, 1880.
9	" "	364 2 0	.....	" " 76-149, " " "
10	" "	407 3 0	.....	" " 76-148, " " "
11	" "	381 2 0	.....	" " 76-157, " " "
12	" "	351 2 0	Nil by applicant ...	" " 76-147, " " "
13	" "	354 0 0	.....	" " 76-156, " " "
17	" "	160 0 0	(Hut and yards, £160 by original.)	Improvement Purchase 74-5,910, lapsed.
25	" "	70 0 0	.....	" " 74-5,911, refused; partly in forest reserve, 1790.
26	" "	57 0 0	.....
6	Balpool	459 3 0	.....	Conditional purchase 76-160, lapsed September, 1880.
8	"	434 0 0	.....	" " 76-159, " " "
		3,231 0 0		

The accompanying lithograph "A" shows by distinctive hatchings the lands affected by this proposal, the surrender portions being indicated by red hatchings, and the areas desired in exchange by blue hatching.

The surrender of the river-frontage portions would probably save public interests; but it is questionable whether the portions in parish Nyang should be accepted in the form proposed.

Perhaps a modified proposal, having for its object the relinquishment of the frontage portions referred to, and also of the block of station alienations on the boundary dividing the parishes of Balpool and Barrabu, and the granting in exchange of an equal area in parishes Nyang and Barrabu, as indicated by pencil hatching, would be favourably viewed, and is consequently submitted for consideration in preference to that proposed by the lessee.

This proposal to be subject to the usual condition of relinquishment of claim to the improvements on the surrender portions, and to the payment for such as are forfeited or forfeitable on the lands proposed to be granted in exchange.

C.J.S.

Submitted.—

Submitted.—W.H., 15/2/93. Approved.—H.C., 10/3/93. The modified proposal is now indicated by red and blue edgings on Sketch "A."—O.W.B., 11/3/93. Sketch enclosed for applicant. The Minister wishes the letter to be sent, care of Mr. R. Barbour, M.L.A.—R.M., 14/3/93. Mr. S. Fraser, care of J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.L.A., and R. Barbour, Esq., M.L.A., with sketch.—17/3/93. A reminder may be sent.—E.L., 1/5/93. Yes.—R.H.D., 2/5/93. Mr. Fraser reminded, 4/5/93.

No. 4.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 17 March, 1893.

Exchange
Nyang, No. 108,
Central Division.
Sketch.

Referring to your application, dated 17th June, 1892, for the surrender and exchange of land situated within the holding noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that, in lieu of the proposal included in your application, the Secretary for Lands would submit for your consideration a modified proposal, as set forth on the accompanying sketch, as one that he would consider, subject to your relinquishing all claim to the improvements on the surrender portions, and paying for such as are forfeited or forfeitable on the lands proposed to be granted in exchange; and I have to request that you will be good enough to intimate your concurrence with this modification and conditions.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 5.

Office Memorandum.

17 May, 1893.

At a personal interview with the Minister, Mr. Fraser intimated his unwillingness to relinquish the land lying between reserves 1,164 and 746, representing that it contains certain valuable drafting yards. He further stated that he is prepared to surrender portions 12 to 26, Nyang, which form a solid block of country surrounded by selected land, and being in the resumed area would be available for immediate settlement, in addition to portions 8 to 12, 41, 67, and 68, Boyd. The Minister expressed his willingness to accept the portions offered in Boyd and Nyang, subject to the favourable report of the District Surveyor, and relinquishment of non-removable improvements contained, but did not decide whether the surrender of portions between reserves 1,164 and 746 should be insisted upon. It is now submitted whether the area to be granted in exchange should be bounded on the east by a line extending from the Edward River south to forest reserve 2,125, on the Niemur River, near the eastern boundary of reserve 1,164, or whether the southern boundary of the consolidated estate in this locality should follow approximately the south boundaries of portions 8 and 7, Balpool, and 16, Barrabu, and a line west to portion 15, and thence along the south boundaries of portions 15, 14, 13, 23, Barrabu, and by a line west to the road from Moulamein to Moama.

C.J.S.

Submitted.—W.H., 18/5/93. The lessee may be offered either the north and south pencil line on east of water reserve 1,164, down to forest reserve on Niemur River, or the alternative referred to in my decision of 10/3/93.—H.C., 18/5/93. Mr. S. Fraser, care of R. Barbour, Esq., M.L.A., informed, 19/5/93.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Hon. S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 May, 1893.

Exchange
Nyang, No. 108,
Central Division.

Referring to your interview with the Minister for Lands, respecting the proposed surrender and exchange of land situated within the holding mentioned in the margin, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that he is prepared to consider a proposal granting you an area situated westerly to the dividing line from a north and south line near the eastern boundary of water reserve 1,164 down to forest reserve 2,125, in exchange for the station alienations referred to at the interview, in the parish of Boyd, fronting Niemur River, and parish of Nyang (portions 12 to 26 inclusive), and in parishes of Balpool and Barrabu, lying between reserves 746 and extension and 1,164, or the alternative proposal as communicated in my letter of 17th March last.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 7.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Re Exchange of Land on Nyang Holding.

Dear Sir,

Sydney, 2 June, 1893.

Since Mr. Fraser's return to Melbourne he has communicated with his overseer, and he finds that he gave you a wrong impression with regard to the frontage to the Niemur. He says he only meant to say that a particular part to the east was flooded country, and that generally speaking the land adjoining the Niemur frontage is high, dry, and rich agricultural country.

In order that all doubts may be removed, I have to request that you will get a report on the matter from your District Surveyor, which can be more relied upon than the answers from a person imperfectly acquainted with the country as Mr. Fraser evidently is.

Truly, &c.,

ROBERT BARBOUR.

Attach to other papers and forward to District Surveyor for report as to the two proposals; also as to quality of country fronting the Niemur River—whether flooded or otherwise; also quality as to agriculture compared with Edwards frontage.—H.C., 2/6/93. The

The District Surveyor, Hay, for immediate report.—E.L. (for U.S.), B.C., 6th June, 1893.

Transferred to Mr. Surveyor Broughton, who will be good enough to report on the within proposals. Special reference should be made to the relative qualities of the lands fronting the Niemur and Edward River, as directed in the Secretary for Lands' minute hereon. In the alternative proposals for lands which might be granted in exchange, shown by pencil hatchings on lithograph "A," enclosed and described in the Chief Draftman's minute of the 17th ultimo, certain reserves are affected, and it will be necessary for Mr. Broughton to report whether such may be cancelled without prejudicially affecting the public estate. The reserves referred to are—

No. 2,423 from sale.....	} Parish of Nyang.
No. 508 from lease	
Part of forest reserve 1,790 from sale	
Water reserve 747 from sale	
Water reserve 7,476 from sale	} Parish of Barrabu.
Part of forest reserve 1,790 from sale.....	
Part of water reserve 1,164 from sale	
Part of water reserve 749 from sale.....	

J. L. TRITTON, District Surveyor, 14th June, 1893.

No. 8.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton, to The District Surveyor at Hay.

Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, reporting on land proposed to be exchanged.—
Nyang Pastoral Holding, Deniliquin Land District.

Sir, Deniliquin, 26 October, 1893.

In compliance with your instructions, No. 49 of 14th June, 1893, I have the honor to furnish the following report on a proposal by Mr. Simon Fraser to exchange land (under the 46th section of the Crown Lands Act) situated within the Nyang pastoral holding, No. 108, Central Division.

I inspected the lands under consideration on the 30th September and 1st and 2nd October, 1893.

The enclosed tracing B is illustrative of this report.

The character of the country proposed to be surrendered by the lessee is as follows:—Portions Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, parish of Boyd, is principally box forest, interspersed with open plains. There is a shallow gum watercourse running through the land, and within portion No. 8 there is an area of about 100 acres, embracing a sandhill; the last-mentioned land is the only part of these portions worth mentioning that is suitable for agriculture; the rest of the country is first-class grazing land, and is partly liable to inundation. The soils are grey and black clays. These portions have frontage as one block to the Niemur River, which contains a permanent water supply. Portions Nos. 41, 68, 76, and 77, parish of Boyd, is principally box forest, more or less subject to annual inundation. The only country suitable for agriculture is about 60 acres of low sandhills within portions 76 and 41; the rest of the land is grey and black clays, which would afford good pasturage if the timber was ringbarked. These portions have, as one block, frontage to the Niemur River, which affords a permanent water supply. Portions 12 to 26 inclusive, parish of Nyang, comprise about two-thirds of forest country, timber, box, dogwood, pine, and ti-tree. The rest of the land is open plain. The soil is principally red and grey clays, but there is a large proportion of sandy land, which is principally situated within portions 21, 22, 25, and 26. This land is of a first-class grazing order, but the only part that I consider is suitable for agriculture is the sandy country, which represents an area of about 800 acres. There is a fair water supply in the Murrain Yarrein Creek, which runs through portions Nos. 18, 23, and 24.

The character of the country proposed by the Minister for Lands to be surrendered in addition to that offered by the lessee is as follows:—Portions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, parish of Balpool, and portion 7, parish of Barrabu, have frontage to the Edward River, which affords a permanent water supply; the land is principally open plain with scattered clumps of box and a fringe of poor gum timber along the river; the soils are red and grey clays, except a strip of grey sandy loam country, from 10 to 20 chains wide, along and near the river, which is the only land suitable for agriculture; the country generally is very good grazing land.

Portions 16, 18, 22, parish of Barrabu, portions 5, 7, 17, and 18, parish of Balpool, comprise open box and plain country, red, grey, and black soils; it is purely grazing land of a good class; not any natural water supply.

Portions 9, 10, and 12, parish of Balpool, is principally open plains, the residue being open box forests (ringbarked) and scattered pine trees; the country along the Jawbone Creek is land of a sandy nature, and is suitable for agriculture; the rest is red and grey clay soils; this country is grazing land of a good class; there is a fair supply of water in the Jawbone Creek, which runs through portions Nos. 10 and 12.

Lands proposed to be exchanged.

Portions Nos. 8 and 27, parish of Nyang, portions 8, 25, 26, parish of Barrabu, and the Edward River frontages of water reserves Nos. 747 and 1,164 for a depth of one (1) mile embrace country that is practically of the same character and value as the blocks fronting the Edward River that are proposed to be surrendered; the other measured Crown lands, viz., portions 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17, parish of Barrabu, consist of about equal parts of rung box forest and plain; there are also parts of a sandy rise within portions 10 and 17, lightly timbered with scattered pine and box; the only land suitable for agriculture is about 100 acres of the last-mentioned country; the land is all of a good grazing class.

The part of water reserve No. 747B adjoining the west boundary of portions 12, 13, and 23, parish of Barrabu, together with the Crown lands lying to the west of this part of the reserve, consist of open box forest (ringbarked) interspersed with plains; soils, red and grey clays. This land is only suitable for grazing, and is of a good class; it has not any natural permanent water supply, though in early summer some of the watercourses are usually flooded by the back water from the Niemur River, and contain water for some time.

The Crown land (including parts of reserves 747B and 1,164) on south of six-wire fence that runs partly on south boundaries of portions No. 13, 14, 15, and 23, parish of Barrabu, is box forest (ringbarked) with small plains interspersed throughout; soil, grey and black clays. The forest country on this part

part is generally heavier than usual, but it affords an abundance of pasturage, though it is not suitable for agriculture; it is generally colder country and more liable to inundation than any of the lands under review, and is, therefore, not so well adapted to the fattening of sheep as the higher and more open land which is situated nearer the Edwards River. This part is intersected with watercourses that are flooded annually, and afford a fair water supply.

That part of reserve No 1,164 adjoining portion 10 and 15 on the east, and Nos 9, 22, 17, 16, and 18 on the west, comprises about two thirds of open plain country, and the residue is timbered chiefly with box, there is also an area of about 150 acres of low sandhill country, with a few scattered pines about it, that is suitable for agriculture. The whole of this portion is of a good grazing class, but it has not any natural water supply.

I am of opinion that all the reserves affected by the proposals to exchange can be revoked without prejudicial effect to the public estate, the timber on the Crown lands under consideration is not of any commercial value. There is little or no public traffic through the leasehold area of Nyang pastoral holding, nor is it likely to ever increase sufficiently to warrant the retention of any land beyond that required for access roads, and these reserves do not embrace any natural advantage of sufficient importance to justify the retention of any part of them.

The manager of the station, and Mr. Barbour, M L A, as agent for the lessee, have intimated to me that Mr. Fraser would not accept the proposals of the Minister, as he considered that they were too unfavourable for him, in respect of inclusion of inferior country and severance of necessary improvements. I am of the opinion that a more equitable exchange would be by the adoption of a line (as outside boundaries of consolidated area) in the position shown by yellow colour on enclosed tracing, and that the applicant should surrender all freehold held by him on the south and east of it, thus a fair proportion of land lying between six-wire fence on south boundaries of portions 13, 14, 15, and 23 would be included, and the exchange of frontages would be about equal.

I consider that the carrying capacity (viz, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre to a sheep) of the land to be surrendered and that now proposed to be exchanged is about equal, but the area of agricultural country is much greater in the former case, and is more suitable for settlement.

The area of land proposed to be surrendered by me is $10,049\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and I recommend the exchange of an equal area.

I consider the value of the land proposed to be exchanged at £1 17s 6d per acre, and that to be surrendered at £2 per acre.

I am of the opinion that, in the event of this exchange being effected, the land surrendered in the resumed area should be made available for settlement as special areas, maximum limit of area, price, to be fixed at a future date.

Improvements are shown on enclosed schedules. I consider those on the land offered to surrender are not of the magnitude that would interfere with settlement.

The cost of this report is £18 18s.

I have, &c,

J BROUGHTON

Submitted for the consideration of the Under Secretary for Lands. In view of the circumstances set forth, I concur in Mr Broughton's recommendations. The costs amount to £20 18s 6d, being £18 18s. cost of surveyor's inspection and report and £2 0s 6d. district office expenses—J. L TRITTON, District Surveyor, 8/11/93. The Under Secretary for Lands

[Enclosure]

NYANG EXCHANGE—Schedule of Improvements on land proposed to be surrendered under 46th section of Crown Lands Act. To accompany Surveyor Broughton's letter, No 93-98, of 26th October, to District Surveyor, Hay

Portion	Parish	Area	Improvements	Value
8	Boyd	a r p 160 0 0	Fencing	£ s d 19 0 0
9	"	325 0 0	Nil	
10	"	320 0 0	Fencing	10 0 0
11	"	160 0 0	"	6 0 0
12	"	320 0 0	"	8 0 0
41	"	60 0 0	Fences, £24, hut, £15, well, £20	59 0 0
12	Nyang	320 0 0	Ringbarking	5 0 0
13	"	320 0 0	Nil	
14	"	320 0 0	Fence	6 0 0
15	"	320 0 0	Ringbarking, £5, fence, £6	11 0 0
16	"	320 0 0	Nil	
17	"	320 0 0	Nil	
18	"	320 0 0	Ringbarking	3 0 0
19	"	320 0 0	Tank, 1,135 yards at 7½d per yard	35 9 6
20	"	320 0 0	Fence	15 0 0
21	"	320 0 0	Fence, £4, ringbarking, £10	14 0 0
22	"	320 0 0	Ringbarking	10 0 0
23	"	320 0 0	Ringbarking, £4, fence £1 10s	5 10 0
24	"	297 2 0	Fence, £26 10s, ringbarking, £12	38 10 0
25	"	320 0 0	Fence, £14, ringbarking, £14	28 0 0
26	"	320 0 0	" £11, " £12	23 0 0
1	Balpool	320 0 0	Ringbarking	1 0 0
2	"	320 0 0	"	4 0 0
3	"	320 0 0	"	4 0 0
4	"	320 0 0	"	5 0 0
5	"	640 0 0	"	10 0 0
10	"	640 0 0	Fence	26 0 0
12	"	581 1 0	Ringbarking	7 0 0
18	"	206 0 0	Tank, 2,419 yards at 6d per yard	60 9 6
68	Boyd	271 0 0	Nil	
76	"	189 2 0	Nil	
77	"	119 2 0	Nil	
		10,049 3 0		

NYANG EXCHANGE—Schedule of Improvements on land proposed to be exchanged under 46th section, Crown Lands Act.

Portion	Parish	Area	Improvements	Value		
				£	s.	d.
Part of 6	Balpool	About 60 0 0	Nil			
8	Barrabu	191 0 0	Old yards	5	0	0
9		364 2 0	Nil			
10		407 3 0	Nil			
11		381 2 0	Nil			
12		351 2 0	Ringbarking	9	0	0
13		354 0 0	"	8	0	0
25		70 0 0	Nil			
26		57 0 0	Nil			
17		160 0 0	Yards and hut, are valueless			
8	Nyang	196 0 0	Fencing, 20 chans, at £16 per mile	4	0	0
27	"	122 0 0	Nil			
Part of reserve 1,164	Barrabu	7,334 2 0	Fencing, worth £12 to £24 per mile			
Part of reserve 7,476	Nyang		Ringbarking, worth 8d. per acre			
Crown lands on west of reserve 7,476.	"					
Crown land south of portions 13, 14, 15, and 23.	Barrabu					
Crown land south and west of portion 11.	Nyang					
		10,049 3 0				

No. 9.

Office Memorandum.

9 December, 1893.

In connection with the Nyang exchange, the papers of which (L.B. 93-6,282) are now, I think, at the Land Board Office, it is pointed out that additional conditional purchase 92-80 of 580 acres, covering portions 68, 76, and 77, parish of Boyd, county of Wakool, which were offered in surrender, has been withdrawn. The area of the land, therefore, proposed to be granted in lieu of surrendered land should be reduced by that amount (580 acres).

J. P. A. GARVIN.

No. 10.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Exchange of Land, Nyang Pastoral Holding, No. 108, Central.

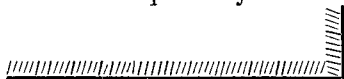
Sir,

Sydney, 11 December, 1893.

In accordance with instructions from the Honorable Simon Fraser, of Nyang pastoral holding, No. 108, Central, I have the honor to request that you will substitute the within Schedule for the one furnished with the original application for surrender and exchange of land.

As the suggestions of the Minister have, as nearly as possible, been met in this amended application, and as the deposit and survey fees were lodged with the original application, I have to request that you will forward the papers to the Local Land Board, in order that they may deal with the application as early as possible.

The consolidation required by the Honorable S. Fraser is marked with red ink on the accompanying plan, thus—



Yours, &c.,
ROBERT BARBOUR.

[Enclosure.]

Exchange and Surrender of Lands, Nyang Pastoral Holding, No. 108, Central.

To be Surrendered.

County Wakool, Parish Boyd, frontage to the Neimur.			a. r. p.		
Portion 12, containing	320	0 0			
" 10, "	320	0 0			
" 9, "	325	0 0			
" 8, "	160	0 0			
" 11, "	160	0 0			
			1,285	0	0
Parish Nyang, Nos. 12 to 26.					
15 pieces, containing			4,777	2	0
Parish Balpool.					
Portion 12	581	1 0			
" 10	640	0 0			
" 18	206	0 0			
" 5	640	0 0			
" 3	320	0 0			
" 4	320	0 0			
			2,707	1	0
			8,769	3	0

Wanted in Exchange.

County Wakool, Parish Barrabu.			a. r. p.		
Portion 12	351	2 0			
" 13	354	0 0			
" 11	384	0 0			
" 10	407	3 0			
Water Reserve 1,164, estimated	1,920	0 0			
Portion 17	160	0 0			
" 9	364	2 0			
" 6	461	0 0			
" 8	191	0 0			
" 25	70	0 0			
" 26	57	0 0			
Parish Nyang.					
Portion 8	196	0 0			
" 27	122	0 0			
West of No. 1	100	0 0			
Reserve 747	3,631	0 0			
" 747B					
Also west of reserve, unsurveyed, estimated					
			8,769	3	0

No. 11.

No. 11.

Office Memorandum.

Nyang Exchange.

25 January, 1894.

In furtherance of Ministerial direction on Occ. 93-4,064, the District Surveyor has now furnished a report on the merits of the alternative proposals referred to herein.

From this it will be noted that, generally, the areas affected are first-class grazing lands, with only occasional patches of country suitable for agriculture, and that the lands fronting the Niemur River are more liable to inundation than those abutting on the Edward River.

After interview with the station manager and the pastoral lessee's agent, the District Surveyor recommends a further modification, involving the surrender of the portions edged purple on tracing "B" in exchange for the available lands north and west of the yellow edging. This scheme is acceptable to the pastoral lessee (*vide* Occ 93-10,326) except with regard to the disposition of the land at the north-east corner of the consolidated area, applicant desiring the substitution of the blue-hatched edging in the place of the irregular yellow lines.

The assessment of the areas involved favours the Crown, inasmuch as the surrender portions embrace more land suitable for agriculture.

Submitted whether the District Surveyor's proposal, modified by the elimination therefrom of portions 1 and 2, parish of Balpool, the inclusion of the residue of 6. same parish, the elimination of portions 68, 76, and 77, parish of Boyd (which are not now available for surrender), and the curtailment of the area proposed to be granted in the parish of Barrabu, necessary to maintain the equilibrium of the proposal, be referred to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report in terms of section 46;—the pastoral lessee in the first instance, however, to state his willingness to forego claim to the improvements on the surrender portions, attention being invited to the Minister's decision of 18/5/93 on Occ. 93-1,889.—C.J.S.

The papers may be returned to the District Surveyor for a definite report on the two proposals adverted to in the Minister's decision of the 18th May last. The circumstances alluded to by Mr. Surveyor Broughton in connection with a statement by the manager of the station and the agent in the case (Mr. R. Barbour, M.P.) should not be permitted to influence the report in the remotest degree.—W.H. 1/2/94.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor for report accordingly. The north and south pencil-line referred to by the Minister, in decision of 18/5/93, on Occ. 93-1,889, has since been marked in blue, thus, on lithograph "A." The area proposed to be granted in decision of 10 3/93 is shown by blue edging.—C.J.S. (for the U.S.), 1/2/94. The District Surveyor, Hay.

No. 12.

The District Surveyor at Hay to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Nyang Exchange

Sir,

4 April, 1894.

From Mr. Surveyor Broughton's detailed report, enclosed, on the lands embraced within the proposals mutually agreed upon between the applicant, Simon Fraser, and the Secretary for Lands, it appears that the value of the land offered in surrender is slightly higher than that of the land sought in exchange.

The two proposals are reviewed hereunder.

1st. Lands embraced within the proposal approved by Mr Secretary Copeland on 10th March, 1893, (Occ. 93, 1889), shown by red bands on lithograph.

Lands offered in surrender.

No	Parish	Area	Improvements	Value	Character of Country
		acres		£ s d	
8	Boyd	160	Fencing	19 0 0	First class grazing land, partly liable to inundation; it has frontage in one block to Niemur River. About 100 acres covered by sandhill on portion 8 suitable for agriculture.
9	"	325	Nil		
10	"	320	Fencing	10 0 0	
11	"	160	"	6 0 0	
12	"	320	"	8 0 0	Very good grazing land fronting Edward River; principally open plain with scattered clumps of box and fringe of poor gum timber along river; strip of sandy loam 10 to 12 chains wide along river bank suitable for agriculture.
7	Barrabu	320	Not reported		
1	Balpool	320	Ringbarking	1 0 0	
2	"	320	"	4 0 0	
3	"	320	"	4 0 0	Grazing land of a good class; not any natural water supply; open box and plain country; red, grey, and black soils.
4	"	320	"	5 0 0	
22	Barrabu	202	Not reported		Principally open plains; residue open ring-barked box forest Jawbone Creek, which runs through 10 and 12, contains fair supply of water; along it land is sandy, suitable for agriculture; altogether is good grazing land.
16	"	406½	"		
18	"	566½	"		
5	Balpool	640	Ringbarking	10 0 0	
7	"	581½	Not reported		Principally open plains; residue open ring-barked box forest Jawbone Creek, which runs through 10 and 12, contains fair supply of water; along it land is sandy, suitable for agriculture; altogether is good grazing land.
17	"	120	"		
18	"	206	Tank	60 9 6	
9	"	581½	Not reported		
10	"	640	Fencing	26 0 0	
12	"	581½	Ringbarking	7 0 0	
		7,409¾			

Land sought in Exchange.

No.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.
27	Nyang	acres. 122	Nil.....	£ s. d.	} Similar to the Edwards River frontage blocks offered in surrender.
8	do	196	Fencing	4 0 0	
Water reserve 747	do	About 750	Ringbarking, fencing...		
Part of water reserve 747B.	do	About 2,050	do do ...		} Open ringbarked forest, interspersed with plains; only suitable for grazing, and is of good class.
Land west of water reserve 747B.	do	About 1,435	Ringbarking		
Land south of portions 23, 13, 14, and 15.	do	About 1,362	Ringbarking, fencing...		
10	Barrabu	407 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nil.....	} About equal parts ringbarked; box forest and plain, also part of sand-rise within 10 and 17; about 100 acres suitable for agriculture. All good grazing land.
11	do	381 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nil.....	.....
12	do	351 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ringbarking	9 0 0	
13	do	354	do	8 0 0	
		7,409 $\frac{3}{4}$			

The second proposal approved by Minister, 18th May, 1893, *vide* Occ. 93-1,889, enclosed, before mentioned, embraces all the surrender portions included within the first proposal, with the addition of the block of portions in the parish of Nyang, Nos. 12 to 26 inclusive, embracing an area of 4,777 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and portion 41, parish of Boyd, of 60 acres, making in all 12,307 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. These additional lands are described as follows:—12 to 26, parish of Nyang, about two-thirds of forest country, one-third open plain, soil principally red and grey clays, but there is a large proportion of sandy land, which is principally situated within portions 21, 22, 25, and 26. This land is of a first-class grazing order, but the only part that is considered suitable for agriculture is the sandy country, about 800 acres. There is a fair water supply in the Murrain Yarrein Creek, which runs through portions 18, 23, and 24.

These lands are improved to the extent of £194 9s. 5d.—by ringbarking, £75; fencing, £84; and tank, £35 9s. 5d.

Portion 41 embraces part of a low sandhill, and in view of the fact that additional conditional purchase 92-80, applied for in virtue thereof, has been withdrawn, it is highly desirable that this portion become again Crown land. It is improved by—fences, £24; hut, £15; well, £20; total, £59.

The additional lands to be granted in exchange, embraced within the alternative design, which lie to the west of the fence, passing through water reserve 1,164, extending from the Edwards River southerly toward the Niemur River, and the land to the north of forest reserve No. 2,125, include about 60 chains of frontage to the Edwards River (part of water reserve 1,164), similar in quality to the frontage lands to that river offered in surrender. That part lying to the east of portions 10 and 15, parish of Barrabu, consists of about two-thirds open plain, the residue partly timbered with box, and about 120 acres covered by a sandhill; suitable for agriculture.

The remainder of the lands sought comprises ringbarked box forest, more liable to inundation than the more northern lands, and therefore not so well suited to agriculture or for fattening purposes, but is, nevertheless, good grazing country.

Of the two proposals, I am inclined to favour the second and more comprehensive one, as it tends more to consolidation and will leave a compacter area of surrendered and Crown lands available for settlement.

These lands are of such a quality as are suitable for special areas in blocks of about 640 acres each, and it is recommended that they be so disposed of.

The lands fronting the Edward River are of about similar character and value to those fronting the Niemur River.

It will be observed that Mr. Broughton has not reported on the improvements on portions 7, 16, 22, and 18, parish of Barrabu, and portions 7, 9, and 17, parish of Balpool, they not forming part of the surrender lands in the scheme suggested by him; nor is the exact quantity of ringbarking or fencing shown on that part of the land sought within water reserve 747, part of water reserve 747B, west of the latter, and south of portions 23, 13, 14, and 15, parish of Barrabu, *vide* Schedule hereon; on tracing "B," however, a tank is shown on portion 7, drafting-yards on portion 22, and ringbarking on portion 18. On portion 9 ringbarking, and on 17 drafting-yards.

Mr. Broughton has been fully occupied reporting, &c., in connection with the proposed extension of pastoral leases in the Deniliquin District, and it was considered inadvisable in the circumstances to instruct him to visit the ground and report. Perhaps, therefore, the information already furnished may be considered sufficient for the purpose at this stage; a more complete report could be furnished when carrying out the necessary survey.

It appears very probable that a good proportion of the improvements on water reserve 747 and water reserve 747B will become the property of the Crown under the provisions of the 102nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

I have, &c.,

W. G. WALKER,
Acting District Surveyor.

The District Surveyor's further report on the alternative proposals—referred to in Ministerial decision of 15th May, 1893 (Occ. 93-1,889), which are indicated on lithograph "A" by red edging in exchange for the land edged blue, and by red edging and hatched edging in exchange for the available lands lying between the dividing line and the line marked by blue hatched edging—favours the latter proposal, "as it tends more to consolidation, and will leave a compacter area of surrendered and Crown lands available for settlement." Submitted that, subject to the pastoral lessee's acquiescence to the latter proposal being obtained, and also to his signifying his willingness to forego claim to the improvements on the surrender portions, that the papers be forwarded to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report on that scheme.—C.J.S., 24/4/94. The Under Secretary.

For approval.—W.H., 24/4/94. Approved.—H.C., 11/5/94. S. Fraser (with sketch), care of R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., informed, 31 May, 1894. S. Fraser, care of R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., reminded, 5th July, 1894.

No. 13.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 5 July, 1894.

Surrender and
exchange,
Nyang, No. 108,
Central Division.

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter of the 31st of May last, submitting for your consideration a further modified proposal for exchange of land within the holding noted in the margin suggested by the Secretary for Lands, subject to your relinquishing all claim to any improvements on the portions surrendered, and requesting you to intimate your concurrence or otherwise therewith, and I am to request you to be good enough to furnish a reply thereto at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary (per E.L).

No. 14.

Office Memorandum.

MEMO. as to present condition of Nyang Exchange.

MR. COPELAND, on the 18th May, 1893, Occ. 93-1889, offered, as an alternative to the applicant, either that the eastern boundary of his consolidated estate should be approximately in the position indicated by the blue hatched line near the east boundary of water reserve 1,164, or that the area to be granted in exchange should be as shown by blue edging.

At Mr. Barbour's instigation he subsequently, on the 2nd June, 1893, referred the matter to the District Surveyor for report on these two proposals, and also as to the relative character of the land on the Edwards and Niemur Rivers frontages.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton supplied the necessary report as to the character of the land, on the 26th October, 1893; but, instead of reporting on the merits of the alternatives referred to by the Minister, suggested a compromise in the shape of the yellow-edged line on the large tracing "B," illustrating his report, which he considered would form the basis of an equitable exchange. This course was apparently taken by him in consequence of certain representations to him by Mr. Barbour and the station manager, that neither of the Minister's alternatives would be accepted by Mr. Fraser.

The papers were then referred back to the District Surveyor for a definite report on the two proposals made by the Minister, and Mr. Acting District Surveyor Walker reported, 4/3/94, decidedly in favour of the blue hatched line running north and south.

That line was therefore approved by the Minister, 11/5/94, subject to the lessee's concurrence, which is necessary before referring it to the Land Board under section 46.

The case now awaits applicant's concurrence.

C.J.S.

Mr. Barbour wished this matter to be reconsidered on the basis of Surveyor Broughton's proposal. I cannot see, however, that any concession can or should be made, as the matter has already received much attention at the hands of the Minister.—W.H., 2/8/94.

Approved.—H.C., 2/8/94. R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., informed, 27th August, 1894.

No. 15.

Office Memorandum.

13 August, 1894.

MR. BARBOUR, M.P., may be informed the matter has already been definitely dealt with by my predecessor, and I will not reopen.

J.H.C.

No. 16.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Amended proposal for Surrender and Exchange of Land, Nyang Pastoral Holding, No. 108, Central Division.—Deposit lodged with the original application, No. 92-7,639.

Sir,

Montagu Chambers, 8, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 20 August, 1894.

On behalf of the Honorable Simon Fraser, of Nyang pastoral holding, No. 108, Central Division, I beg leave to submit a proposal for the surrender and exchange of land thereon for the purpose of consolidating the holding.

This is an amended application, which I hope will meet with your approval, and I have to request that you will forward instructions to the Land Board at Deniliquin in order that they may deal with it as soon as possible.

I send attached hereto a Schedule of the lands proposed to be surrendered, and those asked for in exchange, and Mr. Fraser desires that the deposit lodged with the original application, No. 92-7,639, may be treated as the deposit hereon.

Truly, &c.,

ROBERT BARBOUR,

(Agent for S. Fraser, Nyang).

[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

NYANG Pastoral Holding, No. 108—Proposed Exchange.

<i>To be Surrendered.</i>			<i>Wanted in Exchange.</i>		
	a.	r. p.		a.	r. p.
Parish Boyd, county Wakool, frontage to the Niemur, portions 12, 10, 9, 8, and 11.....	1,285	0 0	County Wakool, parish Barrabu, portions 12, 13, 11, 10.....	1,497	1 0
Parish of Nyang, portions 12 to 26.....	4,807	2 0	Water reserve 1,164, estimated	1,920	0 0
Parish of Balpool, portions 12, 10, 18, 5, 3, 4, containing	2,707	1 0	Portions 17, 9, 6, 8, 2, 5, and 26	1,303	2 0
			Parish Nyang, portions 8 and 27	318	0 0
			Unmeasured, west of No. 1	100	0 0
			Reserve 747B, and west of reserve, estimated	3,661	0 0
	8,799	3 0		8,799	3 0

This proposal is identical with that submitted by Mr. Barbour on Occ. 93-10,326, and which has been refused by Mr. Secretary Copeland on 94-6,058, and decision upheld by the Minister on 94-6,365. Mr. Barbour was, however, not informed of these decisions until after this letter was written.—R.M., 10/9/94.

Submitted.—E.L., 11/9/94. Inform.—R.H.D., 14/9/94. R. Barbour, Esq., M.P. (Montagu Chambers, Elizabeth-street), informed, 19 September, 1894.

At a personal interview with the Minister on the 25th instant, Mr. Carruthers desired that these papers should be resubmitted for his consideration. The present state of the case is fully explained in Occ. 94-6,058.—C.J.S., 27/9/94. The Under Secretary.

Inform Mr. Barbour there is so little advantage to the Crown by the proposed consolidations that it is hardly worth while entertaining them; but that, in view of the amending Land Bill now before Parliament, I should like proposals dealing with the resumed and leasehold areas, so as to clear the run and consolidate the Crown and pastoral holdings, making due allowance for legitimate extensions to existing holdings adverse to station.—J.H.C., 4/10/94.

R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., informed 8 October, 1894. The application may now be formally refused, and the deposit, with survey fee, refunded, less costs incurred.—E.L., 5/11/94. R.H.D. (for U.S.) Approved—J.H.C., 7/11/94. Survey and sketch, £1 1s.; Surveyor Broughton, £18 18s.; District Surveyor's report, &c., £4 2s. 6d.; sketch for applicant, 10s; total, £24 11s. 6d.—R.M., 21/11/94. Deposit, £10; survey fee, £22 3s.; total, £32 3s.; less costs, £24 11s. 6d.; refund, £7 11s. 6d. Simon Fraser, care of R. Barbour, Esq., M.P., Montagu Chambers, Elizabeth-street, and Treasury informed, 27 November, 1894.

No. 16½.

The Under Secretary for Lands to R. Barbour, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 August, 1894.

Referring to your personal representation on or about the end of last month, in connection with the proposed surrender and exchange of land within the holding noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Secretary Copeland decided that your request for the matter to be reconsidered on the basis of Surveyor Broughton's proposal cannot be complied with, as the matter has already received much attention at the hands of the Minister.

Exchange,
Nyang, No. 108,
Central Division.

I am to add that the proposal submitted by your letter of the 20th instant will be dealt with on its merits.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 17.

The Under Secretary for Lands to R. Barbour, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 September, 1894.

Referring to your letter of 20th instant, submitting a modified proposal for surrender and exchange of land within the holding noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that your proposal is identical with that suggested by Mr. Surveyor Broughton, and the Secretary for Lands has declined to entertain it, of which decision you were informed by my letter of the 27th ultimo.

Exchange,
Nyang, No. 108,
Central Division.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 18.

The Under Secretary for Lands to R. Barbour, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 October, 1894.

Referring to your personal interview with the Minister on the 25th ultimo, respecting the proposed surrender and exchange of land within Nyang holding, No. 108, Central Division, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that there is so little advantage to the Crown by the proposed consolidations that it is hardly worth while entertaining them, but that, in view of the amending Land Bill now before Parliament, he should like proposals dealing with the resumed and leasehold areas so as to clear the run and consolidate the Crown and pastoral holdings, making due allowance for legitimate extensions to existing holdings adverse to the station.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,

Acting Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 19.

No. 19.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 24 November, 1894.

Exchange, Nyang, No. 108, Central Division.	£	s.	d.
Deposit	10	0	0
Survey fee ..	22	3	0
	32	3	0
Less costs ..	24	11	6
Refund	£7	11	6

Referring to your application, dated 17th June, 1892, for surrender and exchange of land within the holding noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that your proposal is not sufficiently comprehensive, and the Secretary for Lands has therefore refused the application; and the deposit and survey fee lodged therewith, less £24 11s. 6d., amount of costs incurred, will be refunded to you on application to the Treasury.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
Acting Under Secretary
(per R.H.D.).

No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 November, 1894.

Exchange, Nyang, No. 108, Central Division.	£	s.	d.
Deposit	10	0	0
Survey fee ..	22	3	0
	32	3	0
Less costs ..	24	11	6
Refund	£7	11	6

Referring to the application, dated 17th June, 1892, lodged by Simon Fraser, for surrender and exchange of land within the holding noted in the margin, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has refused the application, and to request that you will be good enough to refund the deposit and survey fee lodged, less £24 11s. 6d., amount of costs incurred, on application.

I have, &c.,

F. H. WILSON,
Acting Under Secretary
(per R. H. DE LOW).

Date of credit, 20 June,
1892.

No. 21.

Telegram from the District Surveyor, Hay, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

25 April, 1895.

Re your wire to-day, reserve eighteen-eleven (1,811) not required in public interest. Papers in connection with same forwarded to-day.

W. G. WALKER,
District Surveyor.

No. 22.

J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, Sydney, 6 June, 1895.

The Honorable Simon Fraser, of Nyang Station, will arrive in Sydney on Thursday, the 13th, and wait upon you the following day in reference to his proposal for surrender and exchange of land on Nyang pastoral holding.

Yours, &c.,
J. M. CHANTER, M.P.

No. 23.

Office Memorandum.

In re "Nyang" Exchange.

19 June, 1895.

THE pastoral lessee, accompanied by Mr. Chanter, M.L.A., recently interviewed the Minister in support of applicant's refused exchange proposal.

The whole case was discussed at some length, but the applicant refused to agree to any consolidation other than that shown by blue circles on the enclosed tracing. This proposal the Minister promised to send to the Board for consideration.

Submitted, that upon Mr. Fraser depositing the sum of £20 towards costs, the Board be instructed to hold an inquiry, and to report whether the granting of an application in the form shown by red and blue circles would be in the public interest, and whether it would prejudice the subsequent disposal of the lands, which would then remain in the hands of the Crown.

Sketch for applicant enclosed.

C. J. SAUNDERS.

Submitted.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 20/6/95. A memo. from Mr. Chanter was sent by me to Mr. Saunders to-day.—J.H.C., 21/6/95. For memo., see item No. 24 of Schedule.

Submitted, as no objections are manifest, that the pastoral lessees' request to include portion 65, parish of Worobyan, in the exchange proposal, be referred to the Board, in conjunction with recommendation of, 19/6/95.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 21/6/95. The Under Secretary.

There is no objection to the inclusion of the portion mentioned in the proposal to be discussed. I understand the reference embodied in memo. of the 19th instant has been concurred in by the Minister.—W.M. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 22/6/95.

Approved.—J.H.C., 24/6/95. Honorable Simon Fraser, care of J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., informed 25th June, 1895. Payment made, vide Treasury 95-5,935; now forwarded to the Chairman for inquiry and report, as directed by the Minister.—C.J.S. (for the U.S.) 3/7/95. The Chairman, Hay, inform Mr. Chanter of reference to the Board. J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., informed 4th July, 1895.

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No. 24.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

123, Queen-street, Melbourne.

I quite forgot to ask Mr. Carruthers to include portion 65, area 320 acres, parish Worobyan, in Crown lands which I might receive. This land was offered at auction while I was at Ottawa, on behalf of Victorian Government. Try and get consent. My freehold is on three sides of it, and one-fourth of it is shallow water. Enclosed is the *Gazette* notice, offering it for sale last September.

P.S.—There will be no departmental objection to it.—S.F.

Yours, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

Mr. Saunders.

No. 25.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 25 June, 1895.

Referring to your recent interview with the Minister respecting a proposal for exchange of lands on Nyang holding, No. 108, Central Division, I have the honor to inform you that, on your depositing with the Treasury the sum of £20 towards costs, your proposal, including portion 65, parish of Worobyan, will be forwarded to the Local Board for inquiry and report.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per R.H.D.)

No. 26.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

MEMO.—The sum of £20 was received and credited this day as costs in connection with an application by Honorable Simon Fraser for exchange of land on Nyang holding, No. 108, Central Division.

As the application itself has been refused, will the Under Secretary for Lands be good enough to say, in view of the above payment, whether it is to be considered as restored? N.L.

The Treasury, B.C., 2 July, 1895.

The Treasury should be informed that this amount should be retained pending further directions from this Department.—C.J.S., 3/7/95. Inform Mr. Chanter, M.P., of reference to Board when papers are issued.—C.J.S., 3/7/95. Mr. Landers. Treasury informed, 4 July, 1895. NOTE.—Treasury authorised to credit amount to application 92-7,637 Occ., *vide* letter of 9th April, 1897. Alienation 97-3,935.

No. 27.

Mr. W. J. Davies to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Dear Sir,

Deniliquin, 5 July, 1895.

The Honorable Simon Fraser has made application for an exchange of lands on Nyang run, and I have been informed that all the papers in connection with same have been forwarded to you, I would therefore respectfully ask you to deal promptly with this matter, as the local surveyor, Mr. Broughton, informs me that unless he is in possession of the papers referred to early next week the flood-waters will be over the land in question, and probably prevent him from inspecting the land for some months. Trusting you will be pleased to deal with this at once.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DAVIES.

The writer may be informed that the papers in connection with the Nyang exchange application have not yet been received in this office, but that as soon as they are the matter will be at once put in hand.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 10/7/95. The Chairman.

Since writing the above the papers have come to hand, and action will be at once taken thereon.—W. G. WALKER, 11/7/95. Mr. W. J. Davies informed in terms of District Surveyor's report, 11/7/95.

No. 28.

Mr. W. J. Davies to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 29 July, 1895.

Re the application for exchange of lands on Nyang holding, will you kindly advise me if such action has been taken as will admit of the application being dealt with at the next sitting of the Land Board at Deniliquin; also, if it is necessary for the papers to be sent to Mr. Broughton, the Local Surveyor, before the case is set down for hearing, as I waited on Mr. Broughton, who informed me that he had not yet received the papers. I would again respectfully ask you to urge this matter on to enable the application to be dealt with at the next sitting of the Land Board at Deniliquin.

I have, &c.,

W. J. DAVIES.

The writer may be informed that instructions in connection with this matter were issued to Mr. Surveyor Broughton on 29th instant, and that it is anticipated that the case will be able to be dealt with at the next Deniliquin Court.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 31/7/95. The Chairman.

Mr. W. J. Davies informed, 2/8/95.

No. 29.

No. 29.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to Mr. Surveyor Broughton.

District Surveyor's Office, Hay, 29 July, 1895.

[Form F.]

MEMORANDUM of INSTRUCTIONS. (To be returned with reply.)

Subject.	Reply. (If necessary, the reply should be by letter, enclosing this instruction.)
<p>MR. BROUGHTON is requested, at his easy convenience, to report on a further modified proposal for surrender and exchange on Nyang holding, as shown by red and blue hatchings on the enclosed lithograph.</p> <p>The lands not included in former proposal reported on by Mr. Broughton are as follow :—</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Surrender.</i></p> <p>Conditional lease 2,908, H. H. McCullagh, 376 acres, inclusive of road, parish of Balpool. Portion 13, M. M. Holmes, conditional purchase, 640 acres, exclusive of roads, parish Balpool. Portion 14, J. H. McCullagh, conditional purchase, 335 acres, parish Balpool. Conditional lease 3,107, M. M. Holmes, now M. M. McCullagh, 248 acres, parish Balpool. Conditional lease 3,107, M. M. Holmes, now M. M. McCullagh, 302 acres, parish Balpool. Portion 15, Richard Holmes, conditional purchase, 320 acres, parish Balpool. Portion 16, Richard Holmes, additional conditional purchase, 80 acres, parish Balpool. Portion 1, J. C. Holmes, conditional purchase, 640 acres, parish Yadabal. Portion 16, London Chartered Bank, additional conditional purchase, 640 acres, parish Yadabal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sought in Exchange.</i></p> <p>Portion 65, parish Worobyan, 320½ acres. Portion 51, parish Moulamein South, 170 acres, exclusive of road. Portion 31, parish Boyd, 310 acres, exclusive of road, and a vacant piece of land lying to the south and south-west of portion No. 18, parish of Barrabu, shown by sienna band on lithograph.</p> <p>Of these lands, portion 31, parish of Boyd, and portion 51, parish of Moulamein South, have already been reported on by Mr. Broughton, the first-named on the 22nd March last, and the latter on the 24th December, 1893. Both have been offered at auction sale, the former at £1 12s. 6d. per acre, and the latter at £1 15s., but were not bid for.</p> <p>Portion 31 is unimproved, and at date of inspection of portion 51 there existed on that portion, tank, valued at £46 11s. 6d., the property of the Crown.</p> <p>Portion 65, parish Worobyan, was surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wood in December, 1893, and offered at auction sale at £1 10s. per acre, but was not bid for; such portion is unimproved.</p> <p>Early action by Mr. Broughton in this case is requested having due regard to other urgent instructions now in his hands.</p> <p>No doubt Mr. Broughton has copies of his former report and schedules, from which he will be able to compile, after inspection of the additional lands involved, a complete report and schedules of this modified proposal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor.</p> <p>29 July, 1895.</p>	<p>To the District Surveyor, with my letter, No. 95-724, of 19th August.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.</p>

No. 30.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to Mr. Surveyor Broughton.

6 August, 1895.

PAPERS, L.B.D. 95-2,915. and L.B.D. 95-3,220, *re* Deniliquin and Nyang exchanges, are forwarded herewith for notification in *Gazette*, and for exhibition of lithograph and tracings, as the cases will be dealt with in time for hearing at the forthcoming Deniliquin Land Board meeting.

W. G. WALKER,
District Surveyor
(*per* J.P.A.G.)

Heliograph and tracing forwarded to Crown Lands Agent, Deniliquin, 6/8/95. Notice to *Gazette*, 6/8/95. W.O.R., 10/8/95. A.J.V. (for Chairman), 12/8/95, District Survey Office.

[Enclosure.]

NOTICE.

APPLICATION for Exchange and Surrender of lands in connection with Nyang Pastoral Holding, under section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1889.

As explained thereon, the attached tracing shows the land in question.

The application above mentioned will come before the Local Land Board on or about 7th September, 1895; any objections to the granting of same must be lodged in writing at the Local Land Board Office, Hay, at least three days before the day above stated.

FRED. TROLLOPE,
Chairman,
(*per* A.J.V.)

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 6th August, 1895.

No. 31.

No. 31.

Gazette Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 286 of the Crown Lands Act, that the applications for exchange and surrender, as particularised hereunder, will come before the Local Land Board, Deniliquin, on or about the 7th September, 1895. Heliographs and tracings showing the nature and extent of each application can be seen at the office of the Crown Lands Agent, Deniliquin, or Local Land Board Office, Hay.

Any objections to granting of the undermentioned applications must be lodged in writing, addressed to Chairman, Local Land Board Office, Hay, at least three days prior to date of Board meeting.

Local Land Board Office, Hay, 9th August, 1895.

FRED. TROLLOPE,
Chairman.

Applicant.	Holding and No.	Land District.
Hon. Simon Fraser	Nyang, No. 108	Deniliquin.
The Australian Mortgage, Land, & Finance Co. (Limited).....	Barham, No. 651	do
R. O. G. R. and H. O. Blackwood	Hartwood, No. 409	do
Alexander Landale	Deniliquin, No. 465	do

No. 32.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, reporting on an application for exchange of land within the Nyang Pastoral Holding, Deniliquin Land District.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 19 August, 1895.

In compliance with your instructions, No. 62, of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to submit the following report on an application by the lessee of the Nyang pastoral holding to exchange land under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

The land offered in surrender consists of portions Nos. 12, 11, 10, 8, 9, 41, parish of Boyd, 12 to 26 inclusive, parish of Nyang, part of No. 12, 10, 18, 5, 4, 3, conditional lease 2,908, 13, 14, conditional lease 3,107, 15, 16, parish of Balpool, Nos. 1 and 16, parish of Yadabal, county of Wakool, comprising an area of about 1,212 acres.

The land proposed to be granted in exchange consists of portions No. 65, parish of Boyd, Nos. 27 and 8, parish of Nyang, Nos. 12, 11, 10, 13, 26, 25, 8, 9, 17, parish of Barrabu, No. 6, parish of Balpool, and parts of reserves 747, 747B, 1,164, and vacant Crown lands in the parishes of Nyang and Barrabu, the aggregate area being about 12,120 acres.

The tracing accompanying my former report (No. 93-98) is used to show position of improvements and land to be exchanged, also to illustrate character of country, and I enclose two (2) schedules setting forth value of improvements, &c., on the respective lands.

I visited the land on the 13th and 14th instant, and did not deem it necessary to make another special inspection of the lands dealt with in my former report (No. 93-98).

The character of the land offered in surrender is described in detail in my former report and on enclosed Schedule A. It is chiefly of a grazing order of a good class, and comprises about 1,200 acres suitable for the cultivation of cereals; it is well watered by the Edwards and Niemur Rivers and several creeks that are fed by the Edwards and Niemur Rivers; it is more or less subject to annual inundation, particularly the land comprising the additional area to be surrendered, viz., Holmes and McCullough's (now S. Fraser) selections in the parishes of Balpool and Yadabal.

The character of the land proposed to be exchanged is also described by tracing and schedule. It is almost similar to that offered in surrender, except that the area of agricultural land is less. The water supply is good, and derived from the same source as the surrender land.

I estimate the grazing capacity of these lands to be the same, viz., about one sheep to one and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) acre.

I consider the value of the lands to be exchanged at £1 13s. 6d. per acre, and that offered in surrender at £1 14s. 6d. per acre.

I am of the opinion that the granting of this exchange will tend considerably to the consolidation of Crown lands and to the estate of the applicant, but in view of the fact that the country lying between the Neimur River and the proposed exchange is more or less subject to annual inundation, I consider that, in the interests of settlement, it is desirable that a proportion of high land should be excluded from this exchange, and that it should be measured with frontage to the Neimur River, and I would suggest that a form of area somewhat similar to that shown by red edging on enclosed lithograph X be adopted; this course would necessitate a further surrender (about 1,000 acres), inclusive of the residue of portion 12, parish of Balpool, and would also embrace part of forest reserve No. 2,125, which would not affect the public estate, as the timber is nearly all flooded box of stunted growth and of no commercial value; moreover, I intend, when dealing with disposal of Crown land within Nyang leasehold, to recommend the revocation of further area of this reserve.

I am of opinion that all the reserves affected by this exchange can be revoked without prejudicial effect to the public estate.

Disposal of surrender land: I am of the opinion that the land within the resumed area should be made available as homestead selections, limit of area and price to be fixed after final action of Land Board; the land within the leasehold to be dealt with in conjunction with adjoining Crown lands, and after expiration of lease to be made available either for homestead selection or settlement lease.

Improvements: I am unable to learn when the improvements on Crown lands were effected, except the ringbarking on the leasehold area, which was done about 1889; owing to the situation of the tank on portion No. 51, parish of South Moulamein (it being near the Murrain Yarrein Creek), with regard to a natural water supply, I consider it is questionable whether it is of practical value; and for the same reason

reason I am of opinion that tanks (2) on the surrender lands (portions 3 and 4, parish of Balpool) are valueless, as in the latter case there is not any question about the Edwards River affording a permanent and natural water supply.

Time occupied: One and a half days travelling, two days in field, and two and a half in office; total, six days.

I have, &c.,

J. BROUGHTON.

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE "A."—Nyang Exchange.

Lands within Nyang Holding proposed to be surrendered under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.
		acres.		£ s. d.	
12	Boyd	320	Fencing	8 0 0	Box forest, interspersed with open plains intersected by shallow gum watercourses. About 100 acres are suitable for agriculture; it is all good grazing land. Permanent water supply.
11	"	160	Fencing	6 0 0	
10	"	320	Fencing	10 0 0	
8	"	160	Fencing	19 0 0	
9	"	325	Nil ... ..	..
41	" ..	60	Fencing, £24; hut, £15; well, £20.	59 0 0	Box and gum forest; low sandhill (30 acres) suitable for agriculture.
26	Nyang	320	Fence, £11; ringbarking, £12.	23 0 0	About two-thirds forest country; timber—box, dogwood, pine, and t-tree; the rest of the land is open plain. Soils—sandy loam, red and grey clays. About 800 acres (within portions 21, 22, 25, and 26) are suitable for agriculture. It is all first-class grazing-land. There is a fair water supply in the Murrain Yarrein Creek, which intersects portions 18, 23, 24, and 25.
25	" ..	320	Fence, £14; ringbarking, £14	28 0 0	
24	" ..	297½	Fence, £26 10s.; ringbarking, £12	38 10 0	
21	" ..	320	Fence, £4; ringbarking, £10 ..	14 0 0	
22	" ..	320	Ringbarking	10 0 0	
23	" ..	320	Fence, £1 10s.; ringbarking, £4	5 10 0	
20	" ..	320	Fence	15 0 0	
19	" ..	320	Tank, 1,135 yards at 7½d. per yard.	35 9 5	
18	" ..	320	Ringbarking	3 0 0	
15	" ..	320	Fence, £6; ringbarking, £5 ..	11 0 0	
16	" ..	320	Nil ... ..	.....
17	" ..	320	Nil ... ..	.....
14	" ..	320	Fence	6 0 0	
13	" ..	320	Nil ... ..	..
12	" ..	320	Ringbarking	5 0 0	
Part of 12	Balpool	290½	Ringbarking, 290 acres at 8d. per acre.	9 13 4	Plain and timber country, intersected by Jawbone Creek. Fair water supply; good grazing; partly suitable for agriculture.
10	" ..	640	Fence	26 0 0	Plains and open box country, scattered pine in vicinity of Jawbone Creek; good water supply; partly suitable for agriculture; all fair grazing land.
18	" ..	206	Tank, 2,419 yards, at 6d. per yard.	60 9 6	
5	" ..	640	Ringbarking	10 0 0	
4	" ..	320	Ringbarking	5 0 0	Frontage to Edward River (permanent water); chiefly open plain with scattered clumps of box, fringe of gum along river; partly (about 120 acres) suitable for agriculture; all good grazing land.
3	" ..	320	Ringbarking	4 0 0	
13	" ..	640	Fence, £5 6s. 5d.; ringbarking, 440 acres at 8d., £14 13s. 4d.; tank, 890 yards, at 4d. per yard, £14 16s. 8d.	34 16 5	Plain, with scattered pine and box; partly flooded; partly suitable for agriculture; all good grazing land.
14	" ..	335 exclusive of road	Fence, £33 12s.; ringbarking, £11 3s. 4d.	44 15 4	Flooded box country; grey clay soil.
15	" ..	320	Hut, £20; tank, £3 6s. 8d.; fencing, £27; tank, £15 3s. 4d.; ringbarking, £9 6s. 8d.	74 16 8	Box and open gum forest, subject more or less to annual inundation; grey clay soil.
16	" ..	80	Fence, £4; ringbarking, £2 13s. 4d.	6 13 4	
Conditional lease, 2,908.	" ..	376 inclusive of road.	Fence, £80; ringbarking, £7 6s. 8d.	87 6 8	Flooded box country; grey clay soil.
Part of conditional lease 3,107.	" ..	248	Tank, £3 6s. 8d.; fencing, £22 16s.; part of bridge, £1; hut, £10; ringbarking, £8 5s. 4d.	45 8 0	Same as portions 15 and 16.
" ..	" ..	302	Bridge (part), £1; fencing, £26 14s.; ringbarking, £10 1s. 4d.	37 15 4	Same as portions 15 and 16.
1	Yadabal .	640	Fencing, £50 10s.; dam, £10; ringbarking, £21 6s. 8d.; bridge, £20.	101 16 8	Open gum forest, and small proportion of plain and box timber; subject to inundation.
16	" ..	640	Fencing, £55 14s.; ringbarking, £20.	75 14 0	

To accompany my letter No. 95-72, of 19th August, to the District Surveyor at Hay.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

SCHEDULE "B."—Nyang Exchange.

Lands within Nyang Holding proposed to be exchanged under the 47th Section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.
65	Worobyan..	acres. 320½	Nil.....	£ s. d.	Open sand-hill and box forest; embraces part of open lagoon; good water supply; partly suitable for agriculture.
51	Moulamein South.	170	Tank, 1,230 yards, at 5d. per yard	25 12 6	Open box forest, good grazing land, grey clay soil, fair water supply.
31	Boyd.....	310	Nil.....	.....	Box forest, interspersed with small plains; soil, red and grey loam.
27	Nyang	122	Nil.....	.....	Open country and box forest; grey clay and loamy soils, partly suitable for agriculture; good grazing land; frontage to Edward River; permanent water supply.
8	„	196	Fencing, 20 chains, at £16 per mile; ringbarking, 100 acres, at 8d. per acre.	7 6 8	
12	Barrabu ...	351½	Ringbarking, 270 acres, at 8d. ...	9 0 0	Open box forest and plain, with sandy rise; lightly timbered with pine and box. Soil, sandy loam and grey and red clay, partly suitable for agriculture; good grazing country.
11	„	381½	Nil.....	.....
10	„	407¾	Nil.....	.....
13	„	354	Ringbarking, 240 acres, at 8d. per acre.	8 0 0	
26	„	57	Nil.....	.....	Frontage to Edward River (permanent water supply); loamy soil and grey clay; plain country, with scattered box and stunted gum in vicinity of river; partly suitable for agriculture; good grazing country.
25	„	70	Nil.....	.....
8	„	191	Old yards.....	5 0 0	
9	„	364½	Nil.....	.....	Same as portions 12, 11, 10, and 13.
17	„	160	Yards and hut (valueless) .....	.....
6	Balpool.....	461½	Nil.....	.....
Un-measured.	Nyang and Barrabu.	8,203	Amount of fencing, at from £12 to £24 per mile, and of ringbarking at 8d. per acre, can be ascertained when surveyed.	.....
					Open plains, with scattered clumps of box; box forest, interspersed with open plains, intersected with watercourses; sandy loam; black, red, and grey clay soils. About 800 acres suitable for agriculture; all good grazing land; permanent water supply in Edward River, and fair supply in Jawbone Creek.

To accompany my letter No. 95-72 of 19th August to the District Surveyor at Hay.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

No. 33.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

THE attached report on Nyang exchange has this morning been received, and the papers are forwarded for issue of notices and registration, after which it is requested they may be returned to this office for preparation of report. The report can probably be forwarded in two or three days' time.

W. G. WALKER,
District Surveyor,
(per J.P.A.G.)

Mr. O'Hanlon to prepare notices.—A.J.V., 20/8/95. Honorable Simon Fraser, 123, Queen-street, Melbourne; John Broughton, Surveyor (per District Surveyor), Hay; and W. J. Davies, Deniliquin,—notified case will be dealt with at Deniliquin, 9/9/95.—W.O'H., 20/8/95. The Clerk in Charge.

No. 34.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

[Application No. 92-5 (46th Section Crown Lands Act of 1889) by Simon Fraser for surrender and exchange of land on Nyang Holding.]

District Surveyor's Office, Hay, 30 August, 1895.

IN compliance with your directions on papers L.B. 95-2,929, enclosed, the following report on the above-mentioned exchange is submitted for the Board's consideration:—

The original proposals under this application were reported on by Mr. Surveyor Broughton, to whom the work of inspection was entrusted, as far back as October, 1893. (Vide papers L.B. 93-6,282 enclosed.)

Such proposals (alternatives) are indicated on enclosed lithograph "A" by red edging in exchange for the lands edged blue, and by red edging and hatched edging in exchange for the available lands lying between the dividing line and the line marked by blue hatched edging.

Mr. Broughton, on visiting the ground, had interviews with the station manager and applicant's agent, and, as a result, he suggested a further modification, involving the surrender of portions edged purple on tracing "B" in exchange for the available lands north and west of the yellow edging.

In this proposed modification the late Mr. District Surveyor Tritton concurred. It was, however, decided by the Under Secretary for Lands to adhere to the original proposals, and the case was referred back to this office for report. Accordingly such report was prepared by me, Occ. 94-1,989, from the data furnished by Mr. Surveyor Broughton in his previous report.

The Secretary for Lands, in view of this report, approved of the second of the alternative schemes—i.e., the one in which the line shown by blue hatched edging forms the eastern boundary of the land to be granted in exchange—being forwarded to the Land Board for inquiry, subject to the pastoral lessee's acquiescence to such proposal being obtained, and also to his signifying his willingness to forego claim to the improvements on the surrender portions. (Vide papers, Occ. 94-1,989.)

Applicant's agent wished the case to be reconsidered on the basis of Mr. Broughton's proposal referred to, but such request was refused. (Vide Occ. 94-6,058.)

After

After an interview with Mr. Chanter, M.L.A., and the applicant, the Secretary for Lands agreed to send the proposal indicated by blue circles on tracing "B" (exhibited at Crown Lands Office, Deniliquin, identical with red and blue hatchings on lithograph "X") to the Land Board for inquiry and report; subsequently, portion 65, parish Worobyan was added to the proposal.

Mr. Broughton's latest report, L.B. 95-3,617, deals in general terms with this application, and he estimates the value of the lands offered in surrender at £1 14s. 6d. per acre, and of the lands sought in exchange at £1 13s. 6d. per acre, as it contains less agricultural land; thus showing a difference of 1s. per acre in favour of the Crown. Details of each separate block of land, character of soil, water supply, timber, and improvements are set forth in Schedules A and B.

The improvements on the lands offered in surrender amount to £920 14s. 8d., which will be probably relinquished to the Crown. Two tanks are reported by Mr. Broughton as existing on portions 3 and 4, parish Balpool; but owing to their proximity to a permanent natural water supply (Murrain Yarrein Creek) are not of any practical value. The improvements on the land sought in exchange, in which the Crown will have a claim, in this case consist of fencing and ringbarking on the unmeasured land in the parishes Nyang and Barrabu; the amounts, however, cannot be ascertained until after survey. A tank exists on portion 51, parish Moulamein South (reserve 20,805), which will be the property of the Crown on revocation of the reserve; but Mr. Broughton, although he places the value of the excavation (1,230 yards) in schedule at £25 12s. 6d., considers it questionable whether it is of practical value for watering purposes, owing to its proximity to Murrain Yarrein Creek.

In view of the comparative values of the land involved in this exchange, and of the advantages to the Crown as well as the pastoral lessee by the consolidation of the Crown lands, and consequently of the freehold lands, the subject proposal which has been mutually agreed upon, subject to valuation, &c., between applicant and the Secretary for Lands, is recommended for favourable consideration. Attention, however, is invited to Mr. Broughton's suggestion, in which he proposes to modify the form of the land to be granted in exchange as shown by red band on lithograph X, thus giving the applicant frontage to the Niemur River and retaining a larger proportion of high land for future settlement.

For the reasons stated by Mr. Broughton, I consider such form an improvement on the one provisionally approved. If agreed to, however, it will be necessary to obtain full particulars of the parts of portions 2, 7, 9, and 12, parish Balpool, and the unmeasured lands not already reported on which are affected by this proposed further modification.

Mr. Broughton reports that the part of forest reserve 2,125 embraced in this proposed modification does not contain timber of any commercial value, and that all the reserves covered by the lands sought may be cancelled without prejudicially affecting the public estate.

The costs incurred to date in this case, as far only as this office is concerned, amount to £40 7s., made up as follows:—

Mr. Surveyor Broughton's Inspection and Report, and District Survey	£	s.	d.
Office expenses in 1893— <i>vide</i> L.B. 93-6,282	...	20	18 6
Supplementary report—Occ. 94-1,989	...	1	1 0
Instruction for further report, lithograph, &c.	...	1	1 0
Surveyor Broughton's inspection and report—L.B. 95-3,617	...	16	15 6
This report	...	1	1 0
		£40	7 0

W. G. WALKER,
District Surveyor.

No. 35.

Mr. T. Robertson to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Moulamein, New South Wales, 10 September, 1895.

I was informed that the Nyang Station was applying to the Lands Department, or to the Land Board at Deniliquin, for an exchange of land. The land that they say they want to exchange is almost all flooded in winter for land that is high and dry and nearer to Moulamein than that they will give. I am a young native of New South Wales, and am looking for land to settle on and to earn an honest living. If the exchange is allowed to the station, all the land that is out of the flood will be gone, and the poor will be put in the wet country to be flooded out every year. I ask you, as a gentleman, which I believe you are, not to allow the exchange to annoy one of them.

I have, &c.,
T. ROBERTSON.

No. 36.

Caption to Deposition of Witnesses.

New South Wales }
to wit. }

THE examination of Simon Fraser, of Melbourne, grazier; George Lewis Singleton, (Nyang) station manager, in the Colony of New South Wales; and John Broughton, of Deniliquin (surveyor), in the said Colony.

WHEREAS it hath come before the Board whether the application for surrender and exchange of lands within Nyang pastoral holding by Simon Fraser should be recommended or otherwise, and it hath been found necessary to investigate the said matter on oath, the depositions of the several witnesses are appended hereto.

Mr. Lakeman (agent) appeared for applicant.

[Enclosure.]

Simon Fraser, on oath, states:—I am the owner of Nyang pastoral holding, and the applicant for an exchange; the greater part of the present application is not my original application; the proposal submitted to the Board is suggested by this Department to me and agreed upon; included in the proposal was the northern part of reserve 747, and I wish this land now added to consolidate the holding; the suggested proposal by the Department was very reluctantly accepted

accepted by me ; in this proposition I am giving up about 3 miles of frontage to the Niemur River, parish of Boyd ; I am also giving up about 6 miles fronting a forest reserve on the Niemur, parishes of Balpool and Yadabal ; I consider this practically a water frontage for the purpose of watering stock ; I am giving up about a mile and a third frontage to the Edward River ; if the proposal, as agreed upon by the Minister and myself, is granted, it will consolidate the holding, and this is the only reason why I would consent to the application, as I consider the land offered more valuable than that sought in exchange ; I consider the portions from 12 to 26 in the parish of Nyang, with the exception of portions 12, 13, 14, and 15, to be the best agricultural land in the district ; the agricultural land in these portions, 1 acre is worth 2 acres of the plain—of the lands I am getting in exchange ; I am giving mostly timbered country for mostly plain country ; the timbered country I am giving up is most valuable ; if not for the purpose of consolidation, the exchange would be of a disadvantage to me ; the principal reason for consolidation is to make smaller paddocks and pump water into them from the Edward River ; I am emphatic in my view that the northern portion of water reserve 747 was included in the proposal ; the lands to south of portions 13, 14 and 15, parish of Barrabu, is inferior to the lands that front the forest reserve on the Niemur.

Mr. Broughton : I paid 33s. 6d. or 33s. 9d. for the group of selections known as Holme's and McCullagh's ; this is equal as Crown grant.

SIMON FRASER.

Sworn before us, at the Board Room, Deniliquin, this 9th day of September, 1895,—

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT,
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

George Lewis Singleton, on oath, states :—I am manager of Nyang pastoral holding ; I know the land of the proposed exchange, as shown on tracing "B" ; the lands that we are offering are more suitable for settlement, and will carry more stock than those lands we are acquiring ; if not for the purpose of consolidation, it would be a disadvantage to Mr. Fraser if the proposal were granted, as the land offered will carry more stock ; I know the northern part of reserve 747, eliminated from the Ministerial proposal ; there is no traffic to this reserve nor any road to it ; it is not used by the travelling public, nor not wanted by the travelling public.

G. L. SINGLETON.

Sworn before us, at the Board Room, Deniliquin, this 9th day of September, 1895,—

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT,
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

G. L. Singleton, recalled, states :—As to improvements on lands offered, I value the improvements on the lands offered :—

Water improvements	£ 430
Fencing	654
Ringbarking	260
Bridges	31
3 huts	50
1 well	30
Grand Total	£1,455

G. L. SINGLETON.

Sworn before us, at the Board Room, Deniliquin, this 9th day of September, 1895,—

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT,
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

John Broughton on oath states :—I am a Staff Surveyor in the Hay Land Board District stationed at Deniliquin ; I know the lands forming the subject of this exchange ; I hand in tracing "B" as an illustration of my evidence ; the country proposed to be surrendered is shown by red circles on tracing produced, and set forth in Schedule "A" ; its character is as follows : portions 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, parish Boyd, is principally box forest interspersed with open plains ; there is a small gum watercourse running through the land, and within portion 8 there is an area of about 100 acres embraces a sand-hill ; this sand-hill is the only part of these lands that is adapted for agriculture ; the rest of the land is first-class grazing land and partly liable to inundation, and the soils are of grey and black clay ; as one block, this land has frontage to the Niemur River, which contains a permanent water supply ; portion 41, parish of Boyd, consists of box and gum forest and low sand-hills ; about 30 acres is suitable for agriculture ; the rest is good grazing land, not suitable for agriculture ; portions 12 to 26, parish of Nyang, comprises about two-thirds of forest country ; timber—box, pine, and ti-tree ; the rest is open plain ; the soil is chiefly red and grey clay ; the only lands suitable for agriculture is about 800 acres of sandy country situated within portions 21, 22, 25, and 26, but it is all of a first-class grazing order ; there is a fair water supply in the Murrain Yarrein Creek, which intersects portions 18, 23, 24 and 25 ; portions 3 and 4, parish of Balpool, have frontage to the Edward River—permanent water ; chiefly open plain and scattered clumps of box and a fringe of gum timber along the river ; soil is principally grey and black clay ; about 120 acres on the frontage suitable for agriculture ; the whole of the land known as Holmes and M'Cullagh's selections is liable to annual inundation, except about half of portion 13, about 320 acres, parish Balpool, which is suitable for agriculture ; with this exception the land is all grey soil and fair grazing country ; portions 5 and 18 comprise open box and plain country, red clay and black soil ; it is purely first-class grazing country ; no natural water supply ; portions 10 and 12, parish of Balpool, is principally open plain, the residue being open box and scattered pine trees ; the soil is nearly all of a sandy nature, and about 700 acres well suited for agriculture ; there is a limited water supply in Jawbone Creek, which intersects the lands ; the lands proposed to be given in exchange are shown by blue circles in tracing "B," and described in Schedule "B" ; portions 8 and 27, Nyang, consists of open country and box forests, grey clay and loamy soil ; about 16 acres suitable for agriculture ; good grazing land ; has frontage to Edward River—permanent water ; portion 65, parish Worobyan, is open sand-hill and box forest, embraces part of an open lagoon ; has good water supply, and 60 acres suitable for agriculture ; portion 51, Moulamein South, open box forest and good grazing land, not suitable for agriculture ; grey clay soil, fair natural water supply ; portion 31, parish of Boyd, box forests interspersed with small plains ; red and grey loam, partly suitable for agriculture, good grazing land ; portions 10, 11, 12, 13, parish of Barrabu, open box forest and plain ; a plain with a sandy rise lightly timbered with pine and box ; soil, sandy loam, red and grey clay ; about 40 acres suitable for agriculture, good grazing land ; portions 8, 25, and 26, parish of Barrabu, have frontage to the Edward River ; soil is loamy and grey clay ; it is plain country with scattered box ; there is stunted box in the vicinity of the river ; about 100 acres suitable for agriculture ; it is good grazing country ; portions 6, Balpool, 9 and 17, Barrabu, is same character of country as portions 10, 11, 12 and 13, parish of Barrabu ; the unmeasured land, which comprises parts of water reserves 1,164, 747 B, and the open Crown lands lying to the south of portions 23, 14, and 15, parish of Barrabu, also that south of portion 18, Barrabu, also that west of reserve 747 B, and portion 11, parish of Nyang, comprising an area of about 8,203 acres ; it consists of open plains and scattered clumps of box and box forests interspersed with plains and intersected with watercourses ; the soil is sandy loam, black, grey, and red clay ; about 800 acres are suitable for agriculture ; it is all of a good grazing order ; that part on the south of portions 23, 13, 14, and 15, is more or less subject to annual flood, caused by the overflow of the Niemur River ; there is a permanent water supply in the Niemur River, and a fair supply in the Jawbone Creek ; the frontage part of reserve 747 is chiefly open country, there is a narrow fringe of gum timber along the river, and there is about 200 acres in the south-east corner, comprising box forest and scattered pine ; the soil is chiefly of a sandy nature, and red clay, and about 200 acres suitable for agriculture ; I estimate the value of the land offered in surrender at £1 14s. 3d., and that sought in exchange at £1 13s. 3d. per acre ; the value of the improvements on the lands offered is approximately £920, and on the part of the measured lands sought in exchange £54 19s. 2d., and on the unmeasured lands, fencing from £12 to £14 per mile and ringbarking at 8d. per acre ; I cannot now give the quantity.

Mr.

Mr. Lakeman :—The improvements on the lands sought in exchange are considerably less than those offered in surrender; these improvements—viz., fencing and ringbarking—are partly on lands reserved from sale, but under lease, and partly on land under lease and unreserved; the ringbarking has been done under authority; I know no public want to keep reserve 747; the application if granted will tend to consolidate the holding; I think the advantages to the public would override the only objection I have; my objection is that there is not enough high land left between the Niemur River and the land sought in exchange.

By the Board :—If this application is granted, the distance from the eastern boundary of portion 2, Balpool, to the boundary of the Moulamein township would be about 13½ miles; if the application is granted, the only Crown lands within that distance having frontage to the Edward River is a reserve about half-way, containing about 200 acres; there is also a reserve, about 3 miles from Moulamein, about 80 to 100 acres; there is a road on that side of the Edward River, but not much traffic on it.

J. BROUGHTON.

Sworn at the Board Room at Deniliquin, this 9th day of September, 1895, before us—

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman,
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

No. 37.

Decision of Local Land Board at Deniliquin.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II, Section 14, Sub-section 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales }
to wit. }

Land District
of Deniliquin.

WHEREAS, on the 9th and 11th days of September, 1895, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the application for surrender and exchange of lands within Nyang pastoral holding by Simon Fraser, should be recommended or otherwise; and having taken evidence and inquired into the said matter, we find and report to the Honorable the Minister for Lands:—

That the granting of the application would tend to consolidate the freehold lands of the applicant; but that the exchange would be prejudicial in the public interest, chiefly for the reasons that the applicant would acquire too great a proportion of the Edward River frontage lands, and the Crown would be left with lands disadvantageously situated for settlement on the Niemur River. We therefore recommend the refusal of the application.

Expenses in dealing with the case by the Board, £4 4s., to be added to the expenses formerly incurred.

Given under our hands, at the Board Room, at Deniliquin, in the Colony of New South Wales, this eleventh day of September, 1895.

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

Nyang pastoral holding exchange of lands.—The case is now forwarded to Head Office in connection with the Board's recommendation of 11th September, 1895.—FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman, Hay, 27/9/95 (*per A.J.V.*). The Under Secretary.

Charting Branch.—E.L., 30/9/95. The pastoral lessee interviewed the Minister in connection with this matter, when the merits of this exchange and a further modification were discussed. Eventually it was decided that Mr. Fraser should be supplied with a sketch showing Mr. Broughton's scheme, and that referred to above. Sketch supplied, and the District Surveyor asked to report as to the character and value of the lands proposed to be granted under the latter proposal, and also as to whether the reserves affected may be alienated without injury to public interests.—O.W.B., 11/10/95.

No. 38.

Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, 11 October, 1895.

THE pastoral lessee of Nyang holding recently interviewed the Minister in reference to the Nyang exchange, and various further proposals were discussed; but before anything is decided upon, information is sought as to the character and value of the several areas referred to hereunder, also as to whether the reserves thus involved may be alienated without injury to public interests.

Water reserve, 789, parish Moulamein South.

" " 1,480, " Burbagadah.

" " 1,481, " "

Portion 11 and vacant land south thereof, parish Balpool.

The whole of reserve 746 and 746B south extension.

Part of forest reserve 3,262, lying west of a north and south line, situated about 20 chains east of the north-west corner of portion 15, parish Balpool, said to contain no timber of value.

A special inspection of the locality is not necessary at this stage, but the information asked for should be supplied at the earliest date possible.

C.J.S.,
For the Under-Secretary.

To Mr. Broughton for early report, in accordance with the terms of the above minute. Reserves 1,480 and 1,481 being now alienated, land need not be considered.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 15 October, 1895. Mr. Surveyor Broughton.

Reported on by my letter, No. 95-130, of the 16th of October, 1895, to District Surveyor.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

No. 39.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, reporting on certain reserves on the Nyang Pastoral Holding, Deniliquin Land District.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 16 October, 1895.

In compliance with your instruction No. 91, of 15th instant, I have the honor to submit the following report on certain lands within the Nyang pastoral holding.

Water reserve, No. 789, parish of South Moulamein, is chiefly open country, there being a small proportion of box timber near western boundary and scattered about it. This reserve embraces a shallow basin, known as Lake Agnes, which is filled at time of flood by a channel from the Niemur River. As far as I can judge from my local knowledge, the land has a few sandy rises about it which are suitable for agriculture, but generally it is grazing country of a good order. I estimate its value at about thirty-five shillings (35s.) per acre. The only natural advantage this reserve has is the lake, which is useful for conservation of water, but not of sufficient importance to warrant the retention of the land, and I am of the opinion that it can be revoked without prejudice to the public estate. It is pointed out that there are two settlers, with limited holdings, adjoining this reserve.

Portion 11, and vacant land adjoining parish of Balpool: The measured land has pine and box timber, and to a great extent is suitable for agriculture. The Jawbone Creek, which intersects the portion, affords a fair water supply. This land is of a good grazing order. I estimate its value at about thirty-five shillings (35s.) per acre; the vacant land is nearly all box forest, only suitable for grazing, and worth about thirty shillings (30s.) per acre.

Reserve No. 746 is chiefly open country, with scattered clumps of box and willow, and on frontage there is a narrow fringe of gum of poor quality. It is of good grazing order and partly suitable for agriculture. There is a naturally permanent water supply in the Edward River (which fronts this land). I estimate the value at forty-five shillings (45s.) per acre.

Reserve 746B south extension consists of open plains, with scattered clumps of box and pine forests; it is all good grazing land and partly suitable for agriculture. At the south end there is a small proportion of it liable to inundation. I estimate the value of this land from 32s. 6d. to 35s. per acre.

Reserve 746 and extension can be revoked without prejudicial effect to the public estate.

That part of forest reserve No. 3,262 lying west of a line north and south, situated about 20 chains east of the north-west corner of portion No. 15, parish of Balpool, does not contain any timber of sufficient commercial value to warrant the retention of any of the land, as it is chiefly open plain, with scattered clumps of box and willow, and in vicinity of river there is a fringe of gum of little or no value; and towards southern extremity of the land the timber is stunted box. Liable to inundation at high flood. This land is all of a first-class grazing order, and in locality of Edward River, and towards portion 13, it is suitable for cultivation of cereals. I estimate the value of that part (about 1,100 acres) fronting the Edward River at forty-five shillings (45s.) per acre, and the rest at about thirty-two shillings and sixpence (32s. 6d.) per acre.

This report is made from a good knowledge of the locality, and it is probable that after inspection the values may be modified to a slight extent.

I may state that nearly the whole of land under consideration is high country and well suited for settlement as homestead selections.

I have, &c.,

J. BROUGHTON,

Surveyor.

Maps of District Survey Office noted.—R.M.G., 22/10/95.

The foregoing report has been obtained, as directed by the Under-Secretary for Lands on the 11th instant—*vide* papers L.L.B. 95-4,708 enclosed. Mr. Surveyor Broughton did not make a special inspection of the subject land, but reported from his local knowledge; and as his acquaintance with the district is a very intimate one, probably such report will be found to be sufficiently minute for the purpose. Reserves 1,480 and 1,481, parish of Burbagadah, referred to in the papers quoted, comprise portions 20 and 33 and 22 and 49, all of which have been alienated to Simon Fraser. Attention is invited to the last paragraph of Mr. Broughton's report, wherein he states that nearly the whole of the lands under consideration are well suited for homestead selections.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 22/10/95. The Under-Secretary for Lands.

No. 40.

The Honorable S: Fraser, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Nyang Exchange.—Improvements on Freehold.

Sir,

10 December, 1895.

Herewith please find the proposed schedule of my freehold, 14,073 acres 1 rood, to be given in exchange for an equal acreage of Crown lands, schedule of which is enclosed.

There are nine large tanks, one well; the timbered country has been ringbarked.

There is a good deal of fencing, sheep yards, and hut, which I presume I would be allowed to remove.

I am not aware that there is any improvements on the Crown lands, with the exception of some fencing and ringbarking.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

[Enclosure.]

No. 42.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Exchange.—Nyang, No. 108, Central Division.

Sir, 454, Collins-street, Melbourne, 23 December, 1895.

Your letter of 19th instant came duly to hand, and, in reply, beg to state that I am quite willing to defray the cost of inquiry, survey, &c., in the event of such exceeding the amount already deposited; and I am also willing to relinquish the irremovable and remove the movable improvements on any portions eventually surrendered.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

The lessee having agreed to the terms of approval of 18th instant, the papers are now forwarded to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report, in accordance with that decision.—E.A.B., B.C., 21/12/95. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay. Honorable Simon Fraser informed, 31/12/95. The District Surveyor for report.—A.J.V. (for Chairman), 3/1/96.

Forwarded to Mr. Surveyor Broughton, who is requested to furnish the required report in the usual manner for such cases. The proposal has now taken the form indicated by red and blue hatched edging on lithograph "X." The greater part of the lands involved have already been reported on by Mr. Broughton, and it may not be, perhaps, necessary to again inspect some of these lands. The values set down for such may, however, require slight alteration, in view of any possible fall in land values; also for depreciation of improvements. It is desirable that this instruction be carried out at as early a date as practicable.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor (*per* J.G.), 2/3/96. Mr. Surveyor Broughton.

To the District Surveyor, with my letter No. 96-27 of 1st September.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

No. 43.

A. Lakeman, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Hay, 24 August, 1896.

I have the honor to ask that the District Surveyor may be instructed to make a report as to the best means of effecting the consolidation of the "Nyang" freehold lands. At present you have only asked him to report on certain propositions agreed upon between the Minister and Mr. Fraser, which I feel certain, on more minute inquiry, will not be acceptable either to the Crown or Mr. Fraser.

I therefore ask that the District Surveyor may be asked to submit a proposal for the Minister's approval outside the scope of anything yet put forward.

Yours, &c.,

ALLEN LAKEMAN,

Agent for Simon Fraser, Nyang.

No. 44.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, reporting on an application for exchange of land within the Nyang Pastoral Holding, Deniliquin Land District.

Sir, Deniliquin, 1st September, 1896.

In compliance with your instructions No. 17, of the 2nd of March, 1896, I have the honor to submit the following report on a further proposal by the lessee of Nyang pastoral holding to exchange land within that holding, under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

The land offered in surrender consists of portions No. 12 to 26 inclusive, 32, 33, and 1, parish of Nyang; No. 8 to 12 inclusive, and 41 parish Boyd; No. 1 to 6 inclusive, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 and 23, parish Barrabu; and No. 16, parish Yabadal,—comprising an area of 13,433 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres.

The land proposed to be granted in exchange consists of portions No. 65, parish of Worobyan; No. 51 and reserve 789, parish South Moulamein; No. 31, parish Boyd; 27, 28, part of reserve 747, and the vacant land (about 240 acres) south of portions 1 and 2, parish of Nyang; portions Nos. 26, 25, 8, 9, and 17, parish of Barrabu; portions 6, 8, 11, area (about 300 acres) south of portion 11; reserves 746 and 746B, parish of Balpool and part (about 5,400 acres) of reserve No. 3,262, parishes of Yabadal and Balpool;—to embrace, in the aggregate, an area of 13,433 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres.

The tracing accompanying my former report (No. 93-98) is again used to show the position of improvements, to illustrate the situation of subject lands, and character of country comprising them; and I also enclose two schedules, setting forth nature and value of improvements on the respective lands, also a detailed description of the country.

I inspected the areas that were not included in the former proposals on the 3rd and 4th July last, and also availed myself of the opportunity of a further inspection (of a cursory nature) of the lands previously reported upon.

The land offered in surrender is of a good grazing order, and embraces about 1,750 acres suitable for the cultivation of cereals. It is well watered by the Edward and Niemur Rivers, and by several creeks, viz., Murrain Yarrein, Jawbone, Gum, &c., that are fed by these streams, with the exception of a small area of flooded box within portions 2 and 19, parish Barrabu. The country in vicinity of the Edward River, and to the Jawbone Creek, is generally high and level and above flood. Portion 32, part of 33, part of 14, parish Nyang, portions 8 to 12 inclusive, parish Boyd, and portion 16, parish Yabadal, are more or less subject to inundation at an ordinary annual flood.

The land proposed to be exchanged is chiefly open country, with belts of box timber, and scattered pine, willow and ti-tree, is occasionally met with. There is a fair area of flood box and gum within the part comprised by reserve 3,262. Part of portion 11, and the area south of it, parish Balpool, is subject to inundation, but generally there is less flood country than embraced by the "surrender lands"; but there is also less agricultural land (by about 150 acres). This country is generally well watered by natural streams, viz., Edward River, Murrain Yarrein, Jawbone Creeks, &c.

I estimate the value of these lands to be equal, viz., one pound fourteen shillings (£1 14s.) per acre. I am of the opinion that the reserves affected by this proposal can be revoked without prejudice to the public estate.

I am of the opinion that the granting of this exchange will tend to the consolidation of Crown lands and freehold; but I consider it very objectionable to accept the surrender of portion No. 1, parish of Nyang, as it would create an isolated block of Crown lands, and I therefore recommend that it should be struck out of the proposal. I also consider that it is not desirable to at present alienate the part applied for in reserve No. 747, as the whole of this frontage should only be alienated in conjunction with the Crown lands at the back. I would also point out that the granting of this exchange will create the severance of about 1,000 acres of land suitable for settlement, which has frontage to the Edward River and in locality of water reserve 745, as, except this area, the Crown lands that would be left in this vicinity are composed of flooded gum-forests and are unfit for settlement in small holdings. I may add that though this proposal tends to consolidation, chiefly in the applicant's interests, I consider it desirable that one of a more favourable nature should endeavour to be arranged.

Improvements.—With reference to those on the "surrender lands," the tanks on portions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 23, parish Barrabu, are valueless; the first five-mentioned ones, on account of their close proximity to naturally permanent water, and the tank on portion No. 23 is also on a bad site, and is in vicinity of a fairly permanent water-hole in the Deep Creek. With regard to those on the Crown lands, I beg to draw attention to my remarks in my letter, No. 95-72, referring to tank on portion 51, parish South Moulamein; and the same circumstances with regard to tank on portion 11, parish Balpool, also apply, owing to the existence of the Jawbone Creek in its neighbourhood. My remarks *re* date of improvements, in letter No. 95-72, also apply to this case. I find it a difficult matter to estimate area of ringbarking on unmeasured Crown lands, and consider a more reliable estimate can be formed when survey of the land is made.

Disposal of land.—Where practicable, I am inclined to favour the system of settlement leases for disposal of surrender land and adjoining Crown lands; but, no doubt, this question can be better dealt with at a later stage.

Time occupied in dealing with this report, five and a half days—viz.,—one day travelling, two days in field, two and a half days in office.

I have, &c.,

J. BROUGHTON,
Surveyor.

See covering report of even date.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor (*per* J.G.F.), 16 October, 1896.

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE "C."—Nyang Exchange.

LANDS within Nyang Holding proposed to be surrendered under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.	
12	Nyang	320	Ringbarking	£ 5 0 0	About two-thirds forest country. Timber: box, dogwood, pine, and ti-tree; the rest of the land is open plain. Soils: sandy loam, red and grey clays. About 800 acres (within portions 21, 22, 25 and 26) are suitable for agriculture. It is all first-class grazing land; there is a fair water supply in the Murrain Yarrein Creek, which intersects portions 18, 23, 24 and 25.	
13	"	320	Nil	5 0 0		
14	"	320	Fence	6 0 0		
15	"	320	Fence £6, ringbarking £5	11 0 0		
16	"	320	Nil	.....	
17	"	320	Nil	.....	
18	"	320	Ringbarking	3 0 0		
19	"	320	Tank	35 9 5		
20	"	320	Fence	15 0 0		
21	"	320	Fence £4, ringbarking £10	14 0 0		
22	"	320	Ringbarking	10 0 0		
23	"	320	Fence £1 10s, ringbarking £4	5 10 0		
24	"	297½	Fence £26 10s., ringbarking £12	38 10 0		
25	"	320	Fence £14, ringbarking £14	28 0 0		
26	"	320	Fence £11, ringbarking £12	23 0 0		
32	"	640	Fence £32, ringbarking £5 6s. 8d.	37 6 8		
33	"	1,920	Tank £43 15s., yards £3, fence £144, ringbarking (many suckers) £28 6s. 8d.	219 1 8		
1	"	320	Ringbarking	3 0 0		
8	Boyd	160	Fence	19 0 0		Box forest, interspersed with open plains, intersected by shallow gum watercourses. About 100 acres are suitable for agriculture, and all is good grazing land. There is a permanent water supply. Partly liable to inundation.
9	"	325	Nil	.....	
10	"	320	Fence	10 0 0		
11	"	160	Fence	6 0 0		
12	"	320	Fence	8 0 0		
41	"	60	Fence £24, hut £15, well £20	59 0 0	Box and gum forest; low sandhill (30 acres) suitable for agriculture. Partly liable to inundation.	
1	Barrabu	320	Tank (valueless)	Open high plain, with clumps of pines and open box forest; sandy loam and clay soils; fronts Edward River; about 120 acres suitable for agriculture.	
			Ringbarking £4 3s 4d.	4 3 4		
			Fence £9	9 0 0		
2	"	270	Tank (valueless)	.....	
			Ringbarking £7 10s.	7 10 0		
			Fence £4 10s.	4 10 0		
3	"	160	Ringbarking £3	3 0 0	Open high plain and rung box forest, fairly open; soil, loamy and clay; about 300 acres in neighbourhood of river is suitable for cultivation. This land fronts the Edward River.	
4	"	320	Tank (valueless)	.....	
			Ringbarking £8 6s. 8d.	8 6 8		
5	"	320	Tank (valueless)	.....	
			Ringbarking £6 13s. 4d.	6 13 4		
6	"	320	Tank (valueless)	.....	

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.
14	Barrabu ...	acres. 574½	Ringbarking £10 8s. 4d., fence £14	£ s. d. 24 8 4	Open high plain and box forest, intersected by watercourse; soil, sandy soil, loam, and clay; about 100 acres suitable for cultivation.
15	„	638¾	Ringbarking £12 10s., fence £16	28 10 0	
19	„	223	Ringbarking	4 3 4	Open high plain and box forest; loam and clay soil; about 20 acres suitable for agricul- ture. Partly subject to inundation at high flood.
20	„	193	Yards £39, ringbarking £4 3s. 4d.	43 3 4	
21	„	231	Tank £60 8s. 4d., ringbarking £4 3s. 4d.	64 11 8	
23	„	220½	Tank (valueless) .....	.....	Box forest, intersected by Jawbone Creek; Soils, loam and clay. Partly subject to inundation at time of high flood.
			Fence £10, ringing £6 13s. 4d.	16 13 4	
16	Yadabal ...	640	Fence £55 14s., ringbarking £20	75 14 0	Open gum forest, and small proportion of plain and box timber; more or less subject to inundation; gray clay soil.
		13,433¼		856 5 1	

With my letter No. 96-27, of the 1st September, to the District Surveyor at Hay.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

SCHEDULE "D."—Nyang Exchange.

LANDS within Nyang holding proposed to be exchanged under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

Portion.	Parish.	Area.	Improvements.	Value.	Character of Country.
65	Worobyan..	acres. 320½	Nil.....	£ s. d.	Open sand hill and box forest; embraces part of an open lagoon; good water supply; partly suit- able for agriculture.
51	Moulamein South.	170	Tank, 1,230 yards, at 5d. per yard (doubtful serviceable)	25 12 6 (Crown)	Open box forest; good grazing land; grey clay soil; fair water supply.
31	Boyd.....	310	Nil.....	.....	Box forest, interspersed with small plains; soil, red and grey loam.
Reserve 789	Moulamein South.	About 640	Fencing, 1 mile, at £8	8 0 0 (Crown)	Chiefly open, high, sandy and red- soil rise, gently undulating, and there is a small proportion of box forest at north-west corner. Embraces Lake Agnes.
27	Nyang	122	Nil.....	.....	Open country and box forest; grey clay and loamy soils; partly suitable for agriculture; good grazing land; frontage to Edward River. Permanent water supply.
8	„	196	Fencing, 20 chains, at £16 per mile. Ringbarking, 100 acres, at 8d. per acre.	4 0 0 3 6 8	
Part of reserve 747	„	About 320	Fence, 1 mile, at £12 per mile. Ringbarking, 200 acres, at 9d. per acre, £7 10s.	..... 19 10 0 (Crown)	Open forest and plain; good sandy loam and clay soil; partly suitable for agriculture.
Part of south of 1 and 2.	„	About 160	Fencing and ringbarking (can be better ascertained after survey).	.....	Open box forest and plain; loamy and clay soils.
26	Barrabu ...	57	Nil.....	.....	Frontage to Edward River (per- manent water supply); loamy soil and grey clay. Plain coun- try, with scattered box and stunted gum in vicinity of river; partly suitable for agriculture.
25	„	70	Nil.....	.....
8	„	191	Old yards	5 0 0	
9	„	364½	Nil.....	.....	Open box forest and plain, with sandy rise, lightly timbered with pine and box; soils, sandy loam and grey and red clay; partly suitable for agriculture; good grazing country.
17	„	160	Yards and hut (valueless).....	.....
6	Balpool..	461½	Nil.....	.....
8	„	434	Nil.....	.....
11	„	640	Ringbarking, 200 acres, at 6d. per acre, £5. Tank, 2,000 yards, at 3d. £25.	30 0 0	Box forest, subject to flood, and high loamy plain, partly suit- able for agriculture.
Area south of 11.	„	About 300	Fence, 115 chains, at £16 per mile (half value), £11 10s. Ringbarking, 240 acres, at 6d. per acre, £6.	..... 17 10 0*	Chiefly flooded box forest; grey clay soil.
Reserve 746, and part of forest re- serve 3,262.	„	8,562	Fence, about 2 miles, at £10, £20. About 3 miles at £16 (half value), £24, and about 3½ miles at £16 (half value), £28. Ringbarking approxi- mately about 3,000 acres, worth about 6d. per acre, £75.	147 0 0 (of which the ringbarking £75, is the Crown's).	Chiefly open country, with belts of box, pine, willow, oak, and ti-tree, and a small proportion of flooded box and gum; soils, sandy and grey loam, red, grey and black clays. Permanent water supply in Edward River.
		13,433¼		259 19 2	To which is to be added the value of ringbarking on about 160 acres lying to south of portions 1 and 2, parish Nyang.

* As to value of fencing, see reply to memo. with papers.

With my letter, No. 9,627, of 1st September, to the District Surveyor at Hay.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

No. 45.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to The Chairman, Local Land Board, Hay.

REPORT, Nyang Exchange.

16 October, 1896.

THE above proposal is for the surrender of about 13,500 acres of land on Nyang holding in exchange for an equal area of Crown lands on that holding, and has been approved by the Secretary for Lands, subject to the report of the Land Board—*vide* papers Alienation 95-10,569 enclosed.

The several parcels of land embraced within the proposal are indicated by red and blue hatched edgings on lithograph "X" (exhibited at Crown Land Agent's Office, Deniliquin), and by large red and blue crosses on tracing "B" enclosed, upon which tracing is indicated the position of improvements and the character of the country.

Schedules "C" and "D" are also enclosed, which give full particulars of each portion of land, its area, nature, and value of improvements and character of country.

Mr. Broughton states that the lands offered in surrender and those sought in exchange are of about equal value, viz., £1 14s. per acre; the lands offered in surrender, however, contain a larger proportion of flooded land. The improvements on the surrender lands are valued at £856 5s. 1d., viz.:—Hut, £15; yards, £42; fencing, £436 4s.; tanks, £139 12s. 9d.; ringbarking, £203 8s. 4d.; well, £20. Of these the hut, yards, and fencing, valued at £493 4s., may be classed as removable, thus leaving only improvements, valued at £363 1s. 1d., to be relinquished to the Crown in accordance with the terms of the Ministerial decision on papers, Alienation 95-10,569 enclosed, before referred to, and agreed to by the applicant on papers, Alienation 95-11,244, also enclosed.

The improvements on the land sought amount to £259 19s. 2d. (plus value of ringbarking on 160 acres—see Schedule D), of which those on portion 51 and reserve 789, parish Moulamein South, reserve 747, parish Nyang, and the ringbarking on forest reserve 3,262, parish Balpool, in all amounting to £158 2s. 6d., are either the property of the Crown or will become so on the revocation of the covering reserves.

Although the proposal tends to the consolidation of the freehold lands, and the lands sought and those offered in surrender are of equal value, apparently the advantages are mostly in favour of the applicant.

The present proposal will leave about 5,000 acres of Crown lands comprised within forest reserve No. 3,262 at the eastern extremity of the holding. Of these 5,000 acres, only about 1,000 acres are suitable for settlement by small holders, the balance being flooded gum forest country, which could only be worked advantageously in conjunction with high and dry ground; evidently the best part of forest reserve 3,262 within this holding is embraced within the land sought to be acquired under this exchange.

I concur with Mr. Broughton that it is undesirable to accept the surrender of portion 1, parish Nyang 320 acres, although, if the circumstances warranted it, it could be added to travelling stock reserve 17,581 adjoining, and would perhaps be useful in connection with a crossing from the main road on Woorooma holding, on the north side of the Edward River.

No part of water reserve 747 should be exchanged, but should be retained, as suggested by Mr. Broughton, for settlement in connection with the vacant Crown lands to the south of it.

It is pointed out that an exchange on this holding was previously considered by the Board, viz., on the 11th September, 1895—*vide* papers L.B. 95-4,217 enclosed; and the subject application is the outcome of an interview between the Secretary for Lands and the pastoral lessee, in which a modification suggested by Mr. Surveyor Broughton in his report, L.B. 95-3,617, was considered.

In view of all the circumstances, the Crown has little to gain by the exchange as provisionally approved by the Minister, and it is considered that a more favourable scheme in the interests of the Crown might be arranged.

The additional costs amount to £18 12s. 6d., viz.:—Issue of instructions, 5s.; Surveyor's inspection and report, £17 6s. 6d.; this report, £1 1s.

W. G. WALKER,
District Surveyor
(*per* J.G.F.).

Send heliograph X for exhibition; urgent; gazettal also.—A.J.V., Clerk in charge, 18/10/96.

Notice to *Pastoral Times*, *Deniliquin Chronicle*, Crown Land Agent, and Government Printer.—W.O.R., 19/10/96. Notify applicant and Mr. Surveyor Broughton. For Board after, 22/11/96. A.J.V., 20/10/96. Court at Deniliquin, 25/11/96. Notice, 6/11/96, to Honorable Simon Fraser and Surveyor Broughton.

No. 46.

Decision of Local Land Board.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II., Section 14, Sub-section 4).

Decision of Local Land Board.

New South Wales }
to wit.

WHEREAS on the 25th and 26th days of November 1896, it became a matter for investigation before us whether the application for a surrender and exchange of lands by Simon Fraser within "Nyang" pastoral holding should be recommended or otherwise; and having taken evidence and inquired before us into the said matter, we find and report to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, that the present proposal does not sufficiently tend to consolidate the freehold lands of the applicant; and, further, that an undue proportion of Edward River frontage lands are applied for by the applicant.

We find that the cost incurred in dealing with the case is £21 15s. 6d.

Given under our hands, at the Board-room, at Deniliquin, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 26th day of November, 1896.

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.
[Enclosure.]

[Enclosure.]

John Broughton, on oath, states: I am a Staff Surveyor, residing at Deniliquin; I know the lands in the proposal for surrender and exchange of lands within Nyang pastoral holding, as shown on tracing "B"; the lands proposed to be surrendered are shown on tracing "B" by red crossed lines, and those sought in exchange by blue crossed lines on tracing; the land offered in surrender is of good grazing order and embraces about 1,750 acres of land suitable for cultivation of cereals; it is well watered by the Edward and Niemur Rivers also by several creeks that are fed by these streams; with the exception of a small area flooded box, portions 2 and 19, parish of Barrabu, the country in the vicinity of the Edward River, and to the Jawbone Creek is generally high and above flood; portions 32, part of 33, part of 14, parish of Nyang, portions 8 to 12, Boyd, portion 16, parish of Yacabal, are more or less subject to inundation at an ordinary annual flood; the country sought in exchange is chiefly open belts of box timber and scattered pine, willow and ti-tree being occasionally met with; there is a fair area of flooded box and gum within reserve 3,262; part of portion 11 and the area south of it in the parish of Balpool is subject to inundation, but, generally, there is less flooded land than in the surrendered land; there is also 150 acres of less agricultural country; this country is generally well watered by natural water in the Edward River, Murrain Yarrein Creek, and Jawbone Creek; I estimate the value of the respective lands as equal, viz., £1 14s. per acre; it is objectionable to accept the surrender of portion No. 1, parish of Nyang, as it will create an isolated portion of Crown lands, and it is not desirable to at present alienate the part applied for within reserve 747, as this frontage should only be alienated in conjunction with the Crown lands at the back; the granting of the application in its present form will also create the severance of about 1,000 acres of land suitable for settlement which has frontage to the Edward River in vicinity of reserve 745; but this difficulty will be got over by the further surrender of portions 58, 59, 60, and 61, parish of Worobyan and the exclusion of reserves 789 and 1,906 from the lands sought in exchange.

Mr. Lakeman: There is a creek at the back of reserve 747, and to the best of my belief only one permanent water-hole; there is a creek running through portions 13, 14, and 15, parish of Balpool; this does not sufficiently water the land; the portions are also too remote from other Crown lands.

J. BROUGHTON.

Sworn before the Land Board, at the Board-room at }
Deniliquin, this 25th day of November, 1896,— }

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

Simon Fraser, on oath, states:—I am the owner of Nyang pastoral holding and the applicant for the proposed surrender and exchange of land; I am willing to have water reserves 789 and 1,906 excised from the present proposal, and I am also willing to surrender portions 58, 59, 60, and 61, parish of Worobyan, and to take that area east of the dotted line shown on tracing; I am also willing to retain portion 1, parish of Nyang.

SIMON FRASER.

Sworn before the Land Board, at the Board-room at }
Deniliquin, this 25th day of November, 1896,— }

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

Thomas Shaw Armstrong, on oath, states:—I am Manager of Nyang pastoral holding; I know the portion of reserve 747 sought in exchange; the reason I ask that this be given, it is a stud paddock at present, and securely fenced; the Crown lands on reserve 747 and portions 10 and 11 are watered by a creek with permanent waterholes in it; there is a chain of waterholes in the creek at present time at the south-west of the reserve named.

T. S. ARMSTRONG.

Sworn before the Land Board, at the Board-room at }
Deniliquin, this 25th day of November, 1896,— }

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

John Broughton, recalled, states:—*By Mr. Lakeman*: If the proposal is carried out it will tend to consolidate the holding; there is not sufficient land on either side to consolidate in one block.

By the Board: If the proposal is carried out minus portion 1, parish of Nyang, and without considering the land in reserve 747, the holder would receive about 6 miles of Edward River frontage and the Crown 3 miles; the Crown would also receive about 1½ mile of frontage to Niemur River; of the 6 miles of frontage to the Edward River, about 1½ mile not of good quality, on account of its flooded nature, being timbered with box and flooded gum.

J. BROUGHTON.

Sworn before the Land Board, at the Board-room at }
Deniliquin, this 25th day of November, 1896,— }

FRED. TROLLOPE, Chairman.
D. TENNANT, }
CHARLES OPITZ, } Members.

No. 47.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Re Nyang Exchange.

Sir,

454, Collins-street, Melbourne.

I am willing to modify my application of 10th December, 1895, in the following manner, viz.:—

1. To waive my right of application for half frontage of reserve 747 ... 40 chains
2. To give up portion 9, parish Nyang 25 "
3. To give up portion 10, parish of Nyang.
4. To waive my right of application for portion 8, parish Nyang ... 35 "

Memo.—As I am the owner of adjoining freehold of this small block, I consider that it is almost equal to a frontage.

I am also willing to give up portions 58, 59, 60, and 61, parish of Worobyan—these at the desire of Mr. Broughton (as I am told).

The above portions, being near to township of Moulamein, and a navigable river, are especially valuable to selectors. Their produce can be sent to Echuca or Hay by river at low rates of freight, whereas the bulk of the lands I am getting from the Crown are not on a navigable river, and distant from railway communication.

Roughly speaking, I am applying for 5 miles Edward River frontage, which is not navigable, for exchange of about 5 miles and 40 chains, which, with the exception of Niemur frontage (1 mile 60 chains), is navigable frontage; and on that account, and proximity to railway, the whole of the lands I am yielding are more valuable to settlers than lands I am receiving. The advantage to me is the consolidation.

The

The Crown is also receiving valuable improvements, which, I am satisfied, incoming selectors will be quite willing to pay for. I forgot to mention that I would expect the western portion of reserve 2,880 on the road from Moulamein to Moama, which will give me a connection to my Nyang homestead freehold of 15 acres. I believe there is no departmental objection to this. It is very awkward for me to work my property without this connection.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

P.S.—Were I to give up my freehold in Nyang, I would be obliged to build another woolshed, and to abandon my stud paddocks, drafting-yards, and first-class cultivation paddock, which, in a dry season, I intend to irrigate. My sheep would have to travel 14 miles through lanes to be shorn.—S.F.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor for early report as to the merits of the modifications lately suggested by the pastoral lessee. It should be ascertained from Mr. Broughton whether the acquisition of portions 58 to 61, and the retention of 65, parish Worobyan, would serve public interests to any extent, as it is observed that all the surrounding lands are already alienated. The District Surveyor should also report whether any objections exist to the alienation of reserve 2,880, which includes part of the Moulamein South suburban lands. As the Minister wishes this matter to be dealt with as soon as possible, the report should be furnished at the earliest date possible.—C.J.S. (for the Under Secretary), 21/12/96. The District Surveyor, Hay.

Forwarded to Mr. Broughton for immediate report.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 24/12/96. Mr. Surveyor Broughton. To the District Surveyor at Hay with my letter No. 71 of 28/12/96.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor.

[Enclosure.]

Re Nyang Exchange.

Dear Mr. Saunders,
I stated at Land Board, Deniliquin, that I waived my claim for water reserve 789 (Lake Agnes), and also the lake on portion parish Worobyan, of 408 acres. Will you be good enough to convey this information to your Minister for Lands, as I omitted to state it in my letter of yesterday to the Honorable J. H. Carruthers, modifying my proposal.

Yours truly,

SIMON FRASER.

No. 48.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, reporting on Nyang Exchange, Deniliquin and Balranald South Land Districts.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 28 December, 1896.

In accordance with your instructions No. 140 of the 24th instant, I have the honor to submit the following report on the proposed modification by the pastoral lessee of the Nyang exchange, as dealt with by the Local Land Board on the 26th ultimo, viz., the further surrender of portions 58 to 61 parish of Worobyan, and portions Nos. 9 and 10, parish of Nyang, and the excision of the frontage part of reserve No. 747, portion No. 8, parish of Nyang, reserve No. 789, parish of Moulamein, and portion No. 65, parish of Worobyan, from the land sought in exchange; also to include that part of reserve No. 2,880, parish Moulamein, on the west side of Moulamein-Moama Road, in the exchange. This course will have the effect of increasing the area of surrender lands by about 2,600 acres, which I presume is to be compensated for by the inclusion, in the exchange of the area of available land in the parish of Yadaba, which is referred to in the 10th paragraph of my report, No. 9,627, as being severed by the proposal; and my further adjustment I now recommend be made by the addition of that part of forest reserve 2,125. Forest reserve 2,125 and water reserve No. 748, and extension lying between portion No. 12 and conditional lease 2,908, parish Balpool. However, in view of the proximity of reserve No. 2,880 to the town of Moulamein, which at present has comparatively a limited area of Crown land about it, it appears to me to be impolitic to alienate, in one interest, such an extensive area—viz., about 600 acres—as though at present it is not required for any extension or convenience of the town, the fact of Moulamein being one of the remote centres of settlement and a port of shipment during the annual rise in the Edward River, there is not any doubt but that in the near future it will be required for urban settlement, and I may add that the character of this land, together with the advantage of a frontage to a permanent watercourse, affords facilities for irrigation. Furthermore, I may state that the town of Moulamein has made fair progress during the last few years.

Portions Nos. 59 to 61, together with portion No. 65, parish Worobyan, aggregate an area of 1,724½ acres, which partly lies into a group of selectors. It embraces about 220 acres of agricultural country (in scattered patches), and is generally of a good grazing order. Its situation, with regard to Moulamein, gives it a better advantage for settlement than the land at the east of the holding, and I consider that, chiefly in view of this advantage, it would be readily selected in two blocks of equal area.

Water reserve No. 789 would be taken up by either of the adjoining selectors—Broad or McCannon—whose holdings at present are somewhat limited.

As the exchange now stands, viz., with the modifications proposed by lessee and amendment and adjustments recommended by me, I am of opinion that there is not any difference in the value of the respective lands, but there is still the want of consolidation by the exclusion of the freehold—viz., portions 1 to 6 and 11, parish Nyang—from the exchange, as taken exception to by the Board; and I may point out that, with regard to Mr. Fraser's remarks, and also noting in red on tracing "B" re homestead and woolshed on these lands, that the only improvements that now exist are fencing, ringbarking, small yards, and boundary-rider's hut; and I am aware that the homestead, shown as being on portion No. 1, parish Nyang (and also, I think, the woolshed, on portion 2), was destroyed by fire about six years ago; and I have reasonable grounds for believing that all the sheep on Nyang are shorn at the woolshed which is situated on portion 15, parish Moulamein South, and I am not aware of any strong reason why this land should not be included in the exchange.

With

With regard to the remarks of Mr. Fraser, *re* navigation of Edward River, it is pointed out that this watercourse was recently surveyed for a considerable distance, and it can now be, and is, navigated by steamers and wool-barges up to the vicinity of portion 4, parish Balpool, during the usual annual flood.

My report on lands not formerly dealt with is made from my local knowledge, which is a good one, as at this stage I did not deem another inspection necessary.

I have, &c.,

J. BROUGHTON.

"Exchange," Nyang.—Upon this report I am of the opinion that the modification submitted by Mr. Fraser is more advantageous to the Crown than the previous proposal, with the exception that no part of reserve 2,880 should be alienated except for small settlement. With respect to the acquisition by the Crown of portions 58 to 61, and the retention of portion 65, parish of Worobyan, public interests would not be served to any great extent, as the area is capable of supporting only two settlers, and there is the risk of adjoining settlers spoiling the area for independent settlement by making additions to their conditional purchases. By the modified proposal, but excluding reserve 2,880, about 2,600 acres will require to be added to the lands sought in exchange, and this addition should be made at the eastern end of the holding, in the vicinity of water reserve 745, in the locality marked "A" on tracing "B." It would be greatly to the advantage of the Crown to secure the surrender of portions 1 to 6 and 11, parish of Nyang. The woolshed and homestead have been removed from these portions, and the sheep are shorn on portion 15, parish of Moulamein South, so that there is no force in the reasons advanced in the postscript to Mr. Fraser's letter.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 29/12/96. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 49.

Office Memorandum.

[Honorable Simon Fraser's exchange proposals. Asked for by the Minister.]

3 February, 1897.

MR. FRASER'S modification of the Departmental suggestion, made 21/12/96, does not meet with the approval of the local officers.

The principal point of difference is the question of the lessee surrendering the balance of his Nyang frontage lands.

The papers will be submitted to-morrow.

C. J. SAUNDERS.

Submitted.—W. HOUSTON, 4/2/97.

No. 50.

Office Memorandum.

[Nyang Exchange.]

Department of Lands, 4 February, 1897.

SEVERAL proposals have been made, both by the Department and the pastoral lessee, but a mutually satisfactory scheme could not be arrived at. Eventually applicant interviewed the Minister, and a proposition, affecting the areas indicated on tracing "B" by large red and blue crosses, was made and referred to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report.

The Board having investigated this matter, report that the present proposal does not sufficiently tend to consolidate the freehold lands of the applicant; and, further, that an undue proportion of Edward River frontage lands are applied for.

A careful inspection of the affected lands has been made by Mr. Surveyor Broughton, who reports their value to be equal, *viz.*, 34s. per acre. Generally there is less flood country on the land sought in exchange, but the surrender portions contain more land suitable for agriculture.

The surrender land is of a good grazing order, and embraces about 1,750 acres, suitable for the cultivation of cereals; it is naturally well watered, and with the exception of a small area within portions 2 and 19, parish Barrabu, the country in the vicinity of the Edward River and to the Jawbone Creek is generally high and level. Portions 32, and a part of 33, parish Nyang, 8 to 12, parish Boyd, and 16, parish Yadabal, are more or less subject to inundation at an ordinary annual flood.

The exchange area is chiefly open country with belts of timber, &c., and is generally well watered.

Mr. Broughton regards it as objectionable to accept the surrender of portion 1, parish Nyang, and also to grant any part of reserve 747; also, that the granting of the land in parish Yadabal, in the vicinity of reserve 745, would leave the rest of the Crown lands in that locality unfit for small settlement, the bulk of the land remaining being composed of flooded gum forests, which could only be worked advantageously in conjunction with high and dry ground.

Subsequently, at the Board's inquiry, Mr. Broughton states that this last objection might be overcome by the surrender of portions 58 to 61, parish Worobyan, and the elimination from the scheme of reserves 789 and 1,906, the intention no doubt being that the flood country in parish of Yadabal should be absorbed by the station in exchange for these additional areas.

The station-holder has already intimated his willingness to agree with these modifications.

Since the receipt of the Board's report, the pastoral lessee has, in answer to a verbal offer made to him by the Department, confirmed the arrangement referred to in the preceding paragraphs, and has also agreed to surrender portions 9 and 10, parish of Nyang, and to the elimination of reserve 747 and portion 8, same parish, but he wishes the western part of reserve 2,880 to be granted to him. In a postscript he also states that should he agree to give up all his freeholds in parish Nyang, it would be necessary to build another woolshed, and to abandon his stud paddocks, drafting-yards, and cultivation paddock.

A further report has been obtained from the District Surveyor, who is of opinion that the modification submitted by Mr. Fraser is more advantageous to the Crown than the previous proposal, with the exception that no part of reserve 2,880 should be alienated except for small settlement in connection with village of Moulamein adjoining. No special advantage would, however, be obtained by the acquisition and retention respectively of the lands in parish Worobyan, as only two settlers could be accommodated, and there is a risk of the adjoining selectors spoiling the area for independent settlement.

Regarding

Regarding the station portions in parish Nyang, the District Surveyor reports that it would be greatly to the advantage of the Crown to secure portions 1 to 6 and 11, and that owing to the removal of the woolshed and homestead from these lands no strong reason exists why this small isolated block of station property should not be included in the exchange.

As the inclusion of this block would to a great extent remove the Board's objections to the scheme, it is submitted applicant be informed that in view of the Board's adverse recommendation, and of the District Surveyor's report, that the improvements on this isolated block are not of any importance, their relinquishment must be insisted on; also, that no part of reserve 2,880 can be included in the exchange.
C. J. SAUNDERS.

The above recommendation is submitted for adoption. The report of Mr. Surveyor Broughton is comprehensive, and throws considerable light on that feature of the exchange having reference to the surrender of portions in the parish of Nyang.—WM. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 6/2/97.

The Minister desires that Mr. Broughton's objection to Mr. Fraser's scheme be intimated to the latter, who is at the same time to be asked whether he is willing to surrender portion 11, Nyang, in addition to the other portions specified in his letter of the — December last.—W.H., 8/2/97.

Mr. Fraser may be informed of the substance of the report, and requested to give up portion 11, in which case the proposals will be finally dealt with.—J.H.C., 8/2/97. Honorable Simon Fraser informed, 10/2/97.

No. 51.

Mr. G. McCannon to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

South Moulamein, 22 February, 1897.

When it was published in the *Gazette* that the owner of Nyang holding, near Moulamein, was endeavouring to exchange some lands with the Government, I inquired at Balranald if the water reserve known as Lake Agnes, near Moulamein, was included in the exchange, and I was informed as far as they knew it was not; and as the land was situated in that district I felt at ease about it, though I have been informed since—though whether rightly or wrongly, I do not know—that it was, and I feel very anxious in consequence; for if the exchange is effected, and the reserve pass from the Crown to the station, it will crush me out altogether, and it will likewise affect others.

It is the only place to water our stock in the summer months, and in time of flood it is the only outlet we have along the margin of the lake.

Trusting you will excuse me for trespassing on your time.

The case is so serious with me that I feel very uneasy; and if you would let me know by return of post, I will be very thankful to you.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE McCANNON.

Pending receipt of Mr. Fraser's reply, the Department is scarcely in a position to give the information asked for. Applicant might, however, be informed that the matter of effecting an exchange on Nyang holding is still under consideration, and that it is unlikely reserve 789, which includes Lake Agnes, will be affected.—R.M., 2/3/97. Mr. Bronsdon.

Inform writer, and remind Mr. Fraser as to letter, 10/2/97.—E.A.B. (for U.S.), 8/3/97. Mr. George McCannon informed, 8/3/97. Honorable Simon Fraser reminded, 8/3/97.

No. 52.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. G. McCannon.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 8 March, 1897.

In reply to your letter of 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the matter of effecting an exchange on Nyang holding is still under consideration; but it is unlikely reserve 789, which includes Lake Agnes, will be affected.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary.

No. 53.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

454, Collins-street, West, Melbourne, 15 March, 1897.

In reply to yours of the 10th February (Alienation 97-1,553) and March 8th (Alienation 97-2,305), I beg to say that I wish to amend my proposal as follows (schedule herewith), from which you will see that I agree to surrender portion 11, Nyang, and do not insist on the Department taking portions 58, 59, 60, and 51, parish Worobyan.

I cannot possibly surrender portions, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, parish Nyang, as I must have a depôt for my sheep coming from the east end of my run to shed for shearing. They will have to travel 15 miles, 13 of which will be through selections (as no doubt the surrendered land will be selected). A camping place half-way is therefore absolutely necessary, as otherwise I would have to build another shed at east end of my run, which would be expensive, and the property which is now managed as one would require to be managed separately.

You will kindly note that I agree to a north and south adjusting line somewhere between water reserves 744 and 745, parish Yadabal, which means that I will have to accept some lands that are subject to annual inundation, and are therefore not of much value; also, that I do not ask the Department to take portions 1 and 16, parish Yadabal, which are also subject to annual inundation.

Very pressing business prevented me from giving this matter the attention I would have liked.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

[Enclosure,]

No. 55.

Office Memorandum.

Nyang Exchange.

Department of Lands, 27 March, 1897.

MR. FRASER'S letter is submitted in connection with report, Alienation 97-1,539, and decision of 6/2/97 on Alienation 97-1,553.

Mr. Fraser has now intimated his willingness to surrender portion 11, parish Nyang, but has also suggested a few further modifications of the scheme previously made by him, the chief being that he does not now wish to surrender portions 58 to 61, parish Worobyan, 1 and 16, parish of Yadabal, but seeks to acquire portion 65, parish of Worobyan, and reserve 789, parish Moulamein South. He also offers to surrender the parts of portion 26, 36, and 38, parish Boyd, situated south-westerly of the Moulamein-Moama Road.

Regarding these further alterations, there would apparently not be any objection to their adoption, except with regard to the alienation of reserve 789 (which includes Lake Agnes), as, on Alienation 97-2,305, it has been pointed out by George McCannon that the granting of this land to the station would prejudice the interests of the adjoining selectors.

Provided this area be omitted, the exchange as suggested by Mr. Fraser would then take the form indicated by broken hatchings on tracing "B."

Should the matter be entertained in this form, it will be necessary to reverse the previous refusals, inform applicant of the decision, and that such approval is subject to the usual relinquishment of improvements on the portions for surrender, and to obtain payment of £257 6s. 6d., being the amount estimated to cover all the costs already and still to be incurred in dealing with the case.

C. E. RENNIE,

Chief Draftsman.

The effect of the latest proposal is effectively shown upon the tracing herewith. A letter has recently been received from G. McCannon, asking that reserve No. 789 be not alienated to the pastoral lessee. It is now submitted whether the exchange is to be proceeded with on the lines above indicated, which will involve the formal action in respect of previous decisions referred to above.—W. Housron, 1/4/97.

May proceed on the lines indicated.—J.H.C., 5/4/97.

Department of Lands, Office Memorandum.—A sketch is enclosed for applicant's information, showing the proposal as now finally approved by the Minister, subject to the adjustment of areas in survey. The deeds for the following portions might now be called for:—8 to 12, 26, 34, 36, 38, 39, and 41, parish Boyd; 9 to 26, parish Nyang; 1 to 6, 14, 15, 19 to 21, 23, parish Barrabu; and applicant should also be asked whether he intends converting portions 32 and 33, parish Nyang, into freeholds.—R.M., 8/4/97. Mr. Bronsdon.

Honorable Simon Fraser and Treasury informed, 9/4/97.

No. 56.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Nyang Exchange.

Sir,

21 April, 1897.

In reply to yours of 9th April, I beg to say that I agree to the exclusion of reserve 789, and also to the adjustment of areas in survey.

I am willing to relinquish all claim to the irremovable improvements, *i.e.*, that I am allowed to remove fencing and huts and cattle and sheep yards.

On my return to Melbourne, I will forward bank draft for £257 6s. 6d. to your Treasury.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

Await payment of fees.—G.H., 27/4/97.

No. 57.

The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

454, Collins-street West, Melbourne, 29 April, 1897.

I now enclose my cheque on the London Bank for £257 6s. 6d., with exchange for 6s. 6d. added, making full amount of cheque, £257 13s.

It is not my intention to convert portions 32 and 33, parish Nyang, into freehold.

I hope to be in Sydney on Thursday, 6th of May, when I will deliver my deeds for portions to be surrendered.

Yours, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

Memo.—The sum of £257 6s. 6d. was credited this day for further costs in connection with exchange of land on "Nyang."—S.R.C. (for U.S.), the Treasury, B.C., 1/5/97. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 58.

Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, & Co. to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Exchange, Nyang No. 108, Central.

Sir,

Norwich Chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney, 6 May, 1897.

Referring to your letter of the 9th April to the Honorable Simon Fraser, we have the honor to enclose herewith certificates of title, volume 1,069, folio 99, and volume 1,193, folio 161, which comprise all the portions mentioned in your letter, except portions 26 and 34, parish of Boyd, the deeds of which will be forwarded shortly.

We have, &c.,

JOHNSON, MINTER, SIMPSON, & CO.

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The certificates of title referred to are with me. The Honorable Simon Fraser is the registered proprietor of the lands comprised therein.—F. McK., 8/5/97.

Forwarded to the District Surveyor for the measurement of areas equal to the areas of the conditional purchase and freehold lands for surrender, respectively; for statement of costs incurred, including the cost of Mr. Surveyor Broughton's attendance at the Board meetings—Occupation 95—11,645 and Alienation 96—1,301; and the District Surveyor and Mr. Broughton's reports—Alienation 95—8,995 and 96—14,354; also of survey (adjoining lands, whether previously measured or unmeasured, being for this purpose treated as one portion); and for the usual final report covering disposal of the portions for surrender.—C.J.S. (for the Under Secretary), 20/5/97. The District Surveyor, Hay.

The Honorable Simon Fraser informed, 21/5/97.

No. 59.

The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Nyang Land Exchange.

Sir,

454, Collins-street West, Melbourne, 18 May, 1897.

I have the honor to refer to the proposed exchange on Nyang, and to inform you that my solicitors in Sydney, Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Company, have forwarded to your Department two consolidated certificates for the greater part of the lands to be surrendered, and are unencumbered.

The only other lands affected by the contemplated dealing are small parts from the corner of two portions, 26 and 34, parish of Boyd, which are included in a consolidated certificate of title, comprising 12,104 acres, at present subject to a mortgage to Mrs. Jane Rutherford and others. There is no difficulty in obtaining the release of the two portions from the mortgage, except that some of the mortgagees are resident in England, and the powers of attorney are not sufficient to enable the attorneys to release without payment of the mortgage moneys. Hence that part of the lands to be surrendered cannot be released from the security until the discharge has been sent to England and returned. The Crown Solicitor can, of course, see the consolidated certificate at the Registrar-General's. There will be no delay in obtaining the discharge.

I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

P.S.—The deeds for two portions, 26 and 34, will be sent immediately the discharge is received from Home.—S.F.

No. 60.

The District Surveyor, Hay, to Mr. Surveyor Broughton.

Re Nyang Exchange Report.

17 July, 1897.

FORWARDED to Mr. Surveyor Broughton for the necessary survey. The freeholds to be surrendered embrace the following portions, viz.:—8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 41 Boyd; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21, 23, 14 and 15 Barabu; 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 32 and 33, parish of Nyang, or an area of 13,233 acres 3 roods, plus about 1,077 acres included within parts of portions 26, 34, 39, 36 and 38, parish of Boyd, on the south-west side of the reserved road 5 chains wide, or an area of about 14,310 acres 3 roods in all. It will, therefore, be necessary to determine the exact area, in the first instance, of the block supposed to contain 1,077 acres. As it is very safe to infer that this exchange will now be completed, this area should be measured as one portion; but I am of the opinion that the road between part of portions 38 and 39 should be included in the area. No. "82" should be adopted as the parish number, and old marking should be obliterated.

The lands to be given in exchange comprise portions 9, 8, 25, 26 and 17, parish of Barrabu; 6, 8, 11, Balpool; 51, South Moulamein; 31, Boyd; 65, Worobyan; and 27, Nyang, or an area of 3,300½ acres, together with unmeasured lands about 255 acres, parish of Balpool, on part of the south boundary of portion 11, and parish No. 19 may be adopted in this measurement. The balance of the unmeasured lands are in the parish of Balpool and Yadabal, and comprise all the land east of portions 4, 5, 18, 8, 10 and 11, north of conditional lease 2,908, west of portions 14 and 13, and north of 13, 15 and 16, in the parish of Balpool, and north of 1 and 16 Yadabal, the easternmost boundary of the "exchange" land being very near to a line north and south in the continuation of the east boundary of reserve 745. In order to preserve a regular design of the parishes of Balpool and Yadabal, it will be necessary to divide the large area in these two parishes by a line situated near the present boundary of the parish, and No. 20 may be adopted in the parish of Balpool, and 2 in the parish of Yadabal. As the lessee has included in this exchange portions 32 and 33, Nyang, an area of 2,560 acres conditionally-purchased land, it will be necessary for Mr. Broughton to survey an area of 2,560 acres separately out of the exchange lands, which area must be equivalent in value to those portions. If in the parish of Balpool, No. "21" may be adopted, or if in Yadabal, "3" may be adopted for this measurement.

Mr. Broughton is also requested, before carrying out these surveys, to submit a design for the disposal of the surrender land.

W. G. WALKER,

District Surveyor.

No. 61.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Proposed modification of Nyang Exchange,—Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, submitting a proposal for modification of Nyang Exchange, Deniliquin Land District.

Sir,

Deniliquin, 11 March, 1898.

Adverting to your instructions, No. 69 of 17th July, 1897, I have the honor to report that in the course of measurement of the land to be granted by the Crown in satisfaction of the Nyang exchange, I find that the area required is not obtained in the position set forth in Ministerial design on papers

Alienation 97, 3,935; and that there is a deficiency of about 700 acres; and it is pointed out that, in view of the valuable character of the gum timber to the east of the exchange land, it is not desirable to encroach further in that direction on forest reserve No. 1,309; moreover, the south-eastern part of the portion of the exchange land in the parish of Yadabal encroaches upon a gum forest that embraces valuable timber which, in my opinion, should be retained, and under the circumstances I now submit the matter for reconsideration, and recommend that the land comprising the valuable gum timber (position of which is described on tracing V herewith) be excised out of the exchange, and that the limit of the exchange land be in the position shown on tracing by broken blue edging; and in order to adjust the area of the exchange, I submit that portion 11, parish Nyang, be retained by the applicant, that the area west of this portion and south of portions 1 and 2, together with the area edged blue on tracing, south and west of conditional lease 2,908, parish of Balpool, be added to the land to be granted in exchange. The latter country is chiefly of a flooded character and mostly of indifferent quality, and the advantage of the Niemur River frontage is greatly reduced by the last-mentioned drawback, and under the circumstances I consider that there will be practically no difference in land within this exchange, caused by the modification; moreover, the part of the Crown lands south of conditional lease 2,908, parish Balpool, is awkwardly situated for settlement and can be more advantageously disposed of in the manner recommended.

I beg to request that early action be taken in this matter as I anticipate being in the locality shortly, and if the surveys are not carried out before the annual rise in the rivers it will be impossible to complete them before the end of the year; moreover, the question of submitting design for disposal of surrender land, which I propose be made available in conjunction with Crown lands on leasehold (now expired), is dependent on this matter.

I have, &c.,

J. BROUGHTON.

Modification Nyang Exchange.—The modification suggested by Mr. Broughton is one of those matters of detail which it is almost impossible to foresee when the main question is being dealt with. I do not anticipate any objection from the lessee to the modification which offers advantages to both parties. I have, therefore, instructed Mr. Broughton to proceed with the surveys in accordance with the modifications, and in the meantime submit the matter for approval.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 15/3/98. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 62.

Office Memorandum.

Department of Lands, 28 March, 1898.

At a recent interview with the pastoral lessee, further modifications were suggested in connection with the adjustment of areas in the Nyang exchange case, as follows:—

Applicant asked to obtain the eastern part (about half) of water reserve 789, parish Moulamein South, with frontage to Lake Agnes.

Also travelling stock reserve 17,581, parish Nyang.

He stated his willingness to retain portion 26, parish Boyd, and 11, parish Nyang, and to secure land west of the latter portion.

He was not anxious to acquire the land lying between McCullagh's converted pre-emptive lease and the Niemur River, but would take the northern part of reserve 748, parish Balpool, with frontage to a "supposed waterhole in Jawbone Creek."

He would also take land lying between J. C. Holme's converted pre-emptive lease and the Niemur.

The granting of any part of reserve 748 seems, however, objectionable, in view of the future disposition of the adjoining Crown lands; and the District Surveyor is therefore requested to obtain Mr. Broughton's views on the other items, it being thought that should a further adjustment of areas be necessary after allowance has been made in connection with the first three items, such should be made out of the lands immediately south of McCullagh's converted pre-emptive lease.

C.J.S.

(for the Under Secretary).

Mr. Surveyor Broughton accordingly.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 30/3/98.

I am of the opinion that the amendments submitted in my letter, No. 30, of the 11th instant, are the most desirable in the public interests, for I consider that the whole of reserve No. 789 should be set apart for the purpose of allowing the settlers adjoining it an opportunity of extending their holdings, as at present their areas are limited. Travelling stock reserve 17,581 is required for public use, particularly in view of the prospective settlement on the Nyang leasehold; the granting of the north part of reserve No. 748, which is a choice piece of land, will have the effect of leaving the Crown nothing but flooded country between it and the Niemur River, which will be detrimental to the subdivisions and occupation of adjoining Crown lands. In conclusion, I may say that the granting of the applicant's request will have the effect of alienating land that is nearly all well adapted for settlement, and leaving the Crown country that can only be occupied in conjunction with high land. I beg to request that early action be taken in this matter, as my camp is about to proceed to the locality.—J. BROUGHTON, Surveyor, Deniliquin, 31/3/98.

No. 63.

Telegram from The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Nyang, Moulamein, 7 April, 1898.

UNDERSTAND my proposal re exchange is objected to; be good enough defer dealing with same until receipt of letter.

SIMON FRASER.

No. 64.

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No. 64.

The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Re Nyang Exchange.

Dear Sir,

Nyang, Moulamein.

I have just sent you the following wire, viz.:—"Understand my proposal *re* exchange is objected to; be good enough to defer dealing with same until receipt of letter";—which I now confirm. If it be the case that my proposal of the 24th March last is not approved of by the Department, I beg to submit the following (which, in my opinion, will simplify the matter), viz.:—I to retain parts of portions 26, 34, 36, 38, and 39, parish of Boyd, all of which are situated west of the Moulamein and Moama stock route, area about 1,100 acres, which is about the deficiency of Crown lands required to adjust the exchange.

I may mention that these portions were only submitted, as I was led to understand there was not sufficient freehold to balance the Crown lands offered.

I have, &c.

SIMON FRASER.

Referred to the District Surveyor for consideration in connection with the previous proposal.—C.J.S. (for the Under Secretary), 15/4/98.

No. 65.

Office Memorandum.

Re adjustment of area, Nyang Exchange.

25 April, 1898.

SINCE Mr. Broughton's report was received, the Honorable Simon Fraser has asked, in lieu of the proposal mooted at his recent interview with the Department, that part of portions 26, 36, 38, and 39, containing about 1,100 acres, should be retained by him.

I see no objection to his request being granted, but there will, apparently, be still a deficiency of about 270 acres of "exchange lands."

This can be made up preferably out of the area to the south of conditional lease 2,908.

W. G. WALKER,

District Surveyor.

On measuring the area approved to be granted to the Honorable Simon Fraser, M.L.C., under the Nyang exchange, it was found that some land containing "good gum timber" had been included in the proposal, thus necessitating a further adjustment of areas. To effect this the applicant handed in a list of suggested amendments which the inspecting surveyor has strongly reported against. Mr. Fraser then interviewed the District Surveyor, and intimated to him his willingness to retain portions 26, 36, 38, and 39, parish Boyd, and to withdraw his suggestions of March last. This arrangement has since been confirmed by letter, Alienation 98-4,861. Submitted, therefore, that in accordance with this understanding the exchange proposal be amended by the elimination of the portions named, and that should any further Crown lands be required to balance the areas—about 200 acres seem necessary—land south of conditional lease 2,908 be measured as recommended by the District Surveyor.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 17/5/98.

Submitted for approval of the course proposed.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 19/5/98. Approved.—J.H.C., 20/5/98. The District Surveyor at Hay.—E.A.B. (for U.S.) B.C., 27/5/98. The Honorable Simon Fraser informed, 27/5/98.

No. 66.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 May, 1898.

Referring to the exchange of lands on Nyang holding, I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the proposal being amended by the elimination of portions 26, 36, 38, and 39, parish of Boyd; and should any further Crown lands be required to balance the respective areas, such land will be measured south of conditional lease 2,908.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.)

No. 67.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Nyang Exchange.—Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, transmitting plan of three (3) portions of land measured for exchange.

Sir,

Deniliquin Land District, Deniliquin, 12 July, 1898.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of survey of three portions of land containing an aggregate area of 9,613½ acres, numbered 20-21, parish of Balpool, and 2, parish of Yadabal, county of Wakool, applied for under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895 by Simon Fraser; survey completed by me on the 4th instant, in accordance with your instructions No. 74 of the 8th ultimo.

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The improvements on these lands are as follows :—			£	s.	d.
Portion No. 20.—	8,181 links fence, half value £7 per mile	...	7	3	0
	19,300 „ „ full value £14 „	...	33	15	6
	800 acres ringbarking, at 6d....	...	20	0	0
Portion No. 21.—	64 chains fence, half value £7 per mile	...	5	11	0
	193 „ „ full „ £14 „	...	33	15	6
	1,600 acres ringbarking, at 6d....	...	40	0	0
Portion No. 2.—	190 chains fence, at £14 per mile	...	33	5	0
	1,000 acres ringbarking, at 6d.	...	25	0	0
Total value of improvements			£198	10	0

Time occupied 11½ days in field, 5¾ days in office, total, 17¼ days; distance measured, 40½ miles.

Mr. Fraser interviewed me yesterday, and objects to the inclusion in the exchange of that part of the flooded country at the southern extremity of portion No. 2, parish of Yadabal, the nature of which is chiefly open gum forest, and does not embrace timber of sufficient value to warrant its reservation, and he urges that portion No. 11, parish of Nyang, be retained by him; also, that the triangular-shaped area of Crown lands adjoining the western boundary of that portion be added to the exchange. I consider that this request should not be granted, as the land he desires to acquire is good high country mostly, and is well suited for settlement, while that he wishes to exclude is of a flooded character, and unsuited for occupation as an independent holding, and of no value as a reserve, and should certainly be included in the exchange.

With reference to that part of your instruction, No. 97-69, directing the measurement of an area of 2,560 acres to be of equal value to the land embraced by portions 32 and 33, parish of Nyang, I beg to state that the country comprising portions Nos. 11, 19, and 20—aggregate area, 2,560 acres—parish of Balpool, is as nearly as possible of the value desired.

I have, &c.,
J. BROUGHTON.

No. 68.

Mr. Surveyor Broughton to The District Surveyor, Hay.

Nyang Exchange.—Surveyor Broughton to the District Surveyor at Hay, transmitting plan of a portion of land measured for exchange.

Sir, Deniliquin Land District, Deniliquin, 12 July, 1898.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a plan of a portion of land containing an area of 260 acres, numbered 19, in the parish of Balpool, county of Wakool, applied for by Simon Fraser, under the 47th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, measured by me on the 8th March last, in accordance with your instructions of 17th July, 1897.

The only improvements on this land is 260 acres ringbarking at 6d., £6 10s.; 30 chains fence, at £14 per mile, £5 5s.; the fence on the south boundary is dilapidated, and of no value. The country is box forest chiefly, liable to inundation; soil, red and grey loam and clay; no natural water supply.

Time occupied—half-day in office, half-day in field; total, one day; distance measured, 233¼ chains.

I have, &c.,
J. BROUGHTON,
Surveyor.

Nyang Exchange.—The necessary measurements in connection with this exchange have been effected, and the papers are now forwarded for completion of action. The plans will be forwarded this day under separate cover. The area of the conditional purchase surrender lands is 2,560 acres, and the area in exchange therefor is comprised within portions 11, 19 and 20, parish of Balpool, which portions, according to Mr. Broughton's report, are as nearly as possible of equal value to the surrender lands. Descriptions are enclosed for the revocation of all reserves covering the exchange area, viz.:—508 and 261 from lease, 1,811, 2,423, forest reserve 1,790, water reserve 746, water reserve 745, water reserve 746B, forest reserves 3,262, 1,032, 20,766, 20,805, and the Nyang classification area. The additional costs incurred in this office since my report on 96-5,629, are as follows:—Mr. Broughton's attendance at Land Court, £2 2s.; survey fees, £153, District Survey Office, £5; total, £160 2s.—W. G. WALKER, District Surveyor, 28/3/99.

Memorandum to Department of Mines in *re* Mining on Private Property Leases.—O.W.B., 5/6/99.

No. 69.

The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Re Nyang Exchange.

Sir, 454, Collins-street West, Melbourne, 16 August, 1898.

Under the arrangement concluded by my letter of 21st April, 1897, in reply to the Departmental letter of the 9th April, 1897, copies of which are enclosed, I have the right, as I conceive, to all the fences on my freehold; and to avoid any misunderstanding with the Department, I am asking for a recognition of my right to either remove my portion of the fences dividing my exchange freeholds from selectors or to deal with the selectors in regard to these fences.

I have, &c.,
SIMON FRASER.

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In *re* Nyang Exchange.—The Honorable Simon Fraser, M.L.C., of Victoria, asks for information respecting certain fences situated on the portions he is surrendering under the Nyang exchange. He wishes to know whether he has the right, under the agreement entered into, to all the fencing on his freehold, and asks recognition of his right to either remove his portion of the fencing dividing his surrender portions from adjoining selections or to deal with the selectors in regard to these fences. On examination of applicant's letter of 21/4/97, which covers the subject in question, it will be observed that he intimated therein his willingness to "relinquish all claim to the irremovable improvements," *i.e.*, that he be "allowed to remove fencing, huts," &c. It is therefore submitted Mr. Fraser be informed, *per* Mr. Chanter, M.P., that under this agreement the Department is prepared at the proper time to authorise the removal of the fencing situated on the surrender portions of which he holds absolute ownership; but that in regard to the fencing in which the adjoining holders have an interest, the improvement must be regarded as irremovable, and applicant's share therein must be given up; also that any fencing not removed within three months after the date of signature of the surrender document, will revert to the Crown.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 20/8/98. The Under Secretary.

May be informed as proposed.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 22/8/98. Approved.—J.H.C., 23/8/98. The Honorable Simon Fraser, M.L.C., c/o J. M. Chanter, Esq., M.P., informed 26/8/98.

No. 69½.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 August, 1898.

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant respecting improvements on lands to be surrendered under the Nyang exchange, I have the honor to inform you that, under the agreement arrived at in above matter, the Department is prepared at the proper time to authorise the removal of the fencing situated on the surrender portions of which you hold absolute ownership; but in regard to the fencing in which the adjoining owners have an interest, the improvement must be regarded as irremovable, and your share therein must be given up. Any fencing not removed within three months after the date of signature of the surrender document will revert to the Crown.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

No. 70.

Office Memorandum.

Surrender Portions and Leases under the Mining on Private Property Act.

Department of Lands, June, 1899.

A SCHEDULE is appended, and sketch enclosed, showing the portions proposed to be surrendered to the Crown under the Nyang exchange application; and, in accordance with the general arrangement entered into in these cases, reference is now made to the Department of Mines as to whether these lands are affected by any form of lease or application under the Mining on Private Property Act.

It is requested that this reference be treated as specially urgent.

F.M.T.
(for R.M.)

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE referred to:—

Portion	1	Parish Barrabu	County Wakool.	Portion	8	Parish Boyd	County Wakool.
"	2	"	"	"	9	"	"
"	3	"	"	"	10	"	"
"	4	"	"	"	11	"	"
"	5	"	"	"	12	"	"
"	6	"	"	"	41	"	"
"	14	"	"	"	9 to 26	Parish Nyang	"
"	15	"	"	"	inclusive.		
"	19	"	"	"	Portion 32	"	"
"	20	"	"	"	33	"	"
"	21	"	"				
"	23	"	"				

Will the Warden please report whether any of the areas herein specified are affected by any mining interests under the Mining on Private Lands Act.—G. A. MCKAY, Chief Mining Surveyor, B.C., Mines, 7/6/99. The Warden at Deniliquin.

The lands herein specified are not affected by any form of lease or application under the Mining on Private Property Act, as far as this office is concerned.—N. C. O'NEILL, P.M., Warden, B.C., 12/6/99. The Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture.

Forwarded for the information of the Under Secretary of Lands.—G. A. MCKAY (for Under Secretary Mines and Agriculture), 16/8/99. The Under Secretary for Lands.

No. 71.

No. 71.
Office Memorandum.
Nyang, Exchange.

Department of Lands, 22 July, 1899.

THE necessary measurements having been made, it is submitted that the within exchange, under which the Crown is to accept the surrender of the freehold and conditionally-purchased lands indicated on tracing "B" by broken red lines, together with certain of their contained improvements, and to grant or allot in exchange equal areas respectively, as shown by broken blue lines, be now finally approved; and that Executive authority be then obtained for the completion of the exchange, the allotment in their new positions of the conditional purchases for surrender, and for the revocation of the affected reserves—all of which are reported to be no longer required in the public interest.

Particulars of the lands for surrender:—

Freeholds.

County Wakool, parish of—

1. Barrabu	... 320 acres	... Tank, ringbarking, and fencing*	... Preferential occupation license.
2. "	... 270 "	... " " "	... " "
3. "	... 160 "	... Ringbarking	... " "
4. "	... 320 "	... " tank	... " "
5. "	... 320 "	... " "	... " "
6. "	... 320 "	... Ringbarking	... " "
14. "	... 574½ "	... " fencing*	... " "
15. "	... 638¾ "	... " "	... " "
19. "	... 223 "	... " "	... " "
20. "	... 193 "	... " yards*	... " "
21. "	... 231 "	... " tank	... " "
23. "	... 220½ "	... " fencing*	... " "
8. Boyd	... 160 "	... Fencing	... Occupation license.
9. "	... 325 "	... " "	... " "
10. "	... 320 "	... Fencing*	... " "
11. "	... 160 "	... " "	... " "
12. "	... 320 "	... Half-fencing and fencing*	... " "
41. "	... 60 "	... Fencing,* hut,* well	... " "
9. Nyang	... 120 "	... Ringbarking and fencing*	... Preferential occupation license.
10. "	... 260½ "	... " "	... " "
11. "	... 380¾ "	... " "	... " "
12. "	... 320 "	... Ringbarking	... Occupation license.
13. "	... 320 "	... " "	... " "
14. "	... 320 "	... Fencing*	... " "
15. "	... 320 "	... " *, ringbarking	... " "
16. "	... 320 "	... " "	... " "
17. "	... 320 "	... " "	... " "
18. "	... 320 "	... Ringbarking	... " "
19. "	... 320 "	... Tank	... " "
20. "	... 320 "	... Fencing	... " "
21. "	... 320 "	... Ringbarking and fencing	... " "
22. "	... 320 "	... Ringbarking	... " "
23. "	... 320 "	... " fencing*	... " "
24. "	... 297½ "	... " half-fencing	... " "
25. "	... 320 "	... " fencing	... " "
26. "	... 320 "	... " "	... " "

10,674½ acres

Conditional Purchases.

32. Nyang	... 640 acres	... Conditional purchase 85-7, Deniliquin—ringbarking and fencing*	... Occupation license.
33. "	... 1,920 "	... Additional conditional purchase 91-47, Deniliquin—ringbarking, tank, yards,* fencing	... " "

Total... 2,560 acres

Particulars of the lands for granting or for allotment in exchange:—

For Granting.

County Wakool, parish of—	acres.
6. Balpool	... 459¾
8. "	... 434
21. "	... 4,875¼
8. Barrabu	... 191
9. "	... 364½
17. "	... 160
25. "	... 70
26. "	... 57
31. Boyd	... 310
51. Moulamein South	... 170
27. Nyang	... 122
65. Worobyan	... 320½
2. Yadabal	... 3,140½
	10,674½

For

For allotment.

11.	County Wakool, parish Balpool, 640 acres.	To be held as conditional purchase 85-7, Deniliquin, 640 acres.
19.	" " " 260 "	} Additional conditional purchase 91-47, 1,920 acres.
20.	" " " 1,660 "	
		2,560 acres.

It is further recommended that on the surrender of the station lands affected being complete they be declared Crown lands, and be added to the Nyang occupation or preferential occupation licenses respectively. Under separate papers these portions, together with the available adjoining Crown lands, have been designed and measured principally for settlement lease, and partly for addition to adjoining selections of insufficient area.

As the value of the improvements agreed to be relinquished by the station-holder exceeds that of those on the Crown lands affected, payment in respect of the latter should perhaps be waived by the Crown in this instance.

The usual statement of costs, &c., is appended.

C. E. RENNIE,
Chief Draftsman.

Submitted for final approval of exchange, and of the incidental action as set out above.—
W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 24/7/99. Approved.—J.H.Y., 25/7/99. The Honorable Simon Fraser informed—28/7/99.

Statement of costs, &c.—Deposited (92-7,637), £32 3s. ; balance refunded, £7 11s. 6d. ; total, £24 11s. 6d. Preliminary head office investigation and sketch, £1 1s. ; Surveyor's inspection and report, £18 18s. ; District Surveyor's report and District Survey Office action, £2 0s. 6d. ; District Surveyor's report, £2 2s. ; sketch, 10s. ; total, £24 11s. 6d. Payment, £20 ; payment, £257 6s. 6d. ; total, £277 6s. 6d. ; balance, from which the cost of action by Deeds Branch may be deducted, £57 2s. 6d. ; total, £220 4s. Surveyor's inspection and reports, £38 1s. ; District Surveyor's reports, and District Survey Office action, £2 2s. ; Board's inquiries, £7 7s. ; surveyor's attendance, £4 4s. ; Survey and District Survey Office action on plans, £158 ; head office reports, £10 10s. ; total, £220 4s.

No. 72.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Honorable S. Fraser, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 28 July, 1899.

I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary for Lands has approved of the exchange of lands on Nyang holding, No. 108, Central Division, being completed ; and, in consideration of the improvements on the surrender lands relinquished by you, the Crown will waive claim to those on the lands to be granted.

I have now to request that you will be good enough to signify what improvements you desire to remove from the surrender lands. Schedule overleaf.

I have, &c.,
WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary.

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE of Improvements on Surrender Lands.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Improvements.	County.	Parish.	Portion.	Improvements.
Wakool	Barrabu ..	1	Ringbarking, tank, fencing.	Wakool	Nyang ...	10	Ringbarking and fencing.
"	"	2	" " "	"	"	11	" "
"	"	3	Ringbarking. " "	"	"	12	" "
"	"	4	" tank.	"	"	13	" "
"	"	5	" "	"	"	14	Fencing.
"	"	6	Ringbarking. "	"	"	15	" and ringbarking.
"	"	14	" fencing.	"	"	16	" "
"	"	15	" "	"	"	17	" "
"	"	19	Ringbarking. "	"	"	18	Ringbarking.
"	"	20	" yards.	"	"	19	Tank.
"	"	21	" tank.	"	"	20	Fencing.
"	"	23	" and fencing.	"	"	21	Ringbarking and fencing.
"	Boyd	8	Fencing.	"	"	22	Ringbarking.
"	"	9	" "	"	"	23	" and fencing.
"	"	10	Fencing.	"	"	24	" "
"	"	11	" "	"	"	25	" "
"	"	12	" "	"	"	26	" "
"	"	41	" hut, well.	"	"	32	" "
"	Nyang ...	9	Ringbarking and fencing.	"	"	33	" and
							tank and yards.

No. 73.

The Honorable Simon Fraser, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

454, Collins-street, Melbourne, 11 August, 1899.

In reply to yours of 28th July, I beg to state that the fencing and yards have been removed from all my surrender freeholds as per schedule enclosed ; the remaining fencing and hut will be removed within the time allowed in such cases, which I understand to be three months from date of transfer of the surrendered lands.

The give-and-take boundary fence between Nyang and Nooroug, on portions 9, 10, and 12, parish Boyd, has not yet been removed.

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The whole of the fencing on portion 41, parish Boyd, belongs to me. Selectors have not contributed to any portion of cost. This will also be removed. I have, &c.,

SIMON FRASER.

P.S.—Would have replied sooner, but that I had to send to my manager to be examined.—S.F.

There is apparently no objection to the removal of the improvements referred to and now marked.* in schedule to submission.—Alienation 99-10,218. Lessee should not remove the fencing from portion 41 unless his sole property.—R.M., 22/8/99. Alienation Branch.

[Enclosure.]

SCHEDULE of Improvements on Surrender Lands.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Improvements.	
Wakool	Barrabu ...	1	Ringbarking, tank, fencing	Fencing removed.
"	"	2	" " " "	" "
"	"	3	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	4	" tank	" "
"	"	5	" "	" "
"	"	6	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	14	" fencing	Fencing removed.
"	"	15	" "	" "
"	"	19	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	20	" yards	Yards removed.
"	"	21	" tank	" "
"	"	23	" " and fencing	Fencing (removed?).
"	Boyd	8	Fencing	Adjoining selector.
"	"	9	"	Fence to be removed on the part adjoining Noorong and forest reserve.
"	"	10	Fencing	Fence to be removed on part adjoining Noorong.
"	"	11	"	Adjoining selector. Fence to be removed on the part adjoining Noorong. Part adjoining selector.
"	"	12	"	" "
"	"	41	" hut, well	Hut and whole fencing to be removed.
"	Nyang	9	Ringbarking, fencing	Fencing removed.
"	"	10	" "	" "
"	"	11	" "	" "
"	"	12	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	13	"	" "
"	"	14	Fencing	Fencing removed.
"	"	15	" and ringbarking	" "
"	"	16	"	" "
"	"	17	"	" "
"	"	18	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	19	Tank	" "
"	"	20	Fencing	Fencing adjoining selector.
"	"	21	Ringbarking and fencing	" " "
"	"	22	Ringbarking	" "
"	"	23	Ringbarking and fencing	Fencing removed.
"	"	24	" "	Adjoining selector part removed.
"	"	25	" "	" " "
"	"	26	" "	" " "
"	"	32	" "	Fencing removed, part adjoining selector.
"	"	33	Ringbarking, fencing, and tank and yards.	Adjoining selector.

SIMON FRASER.

No. 74.

Minute for the Executive Council.

Subject :—Surrender and exchange of lands.—Proclamation of Crown lands.—Revocation of Reserves.—Nyang Holding, No. 108, Central Division.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 September, 1899.

It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, the surrender of the freehold lands specified in the within Schedule A, together with their contained improvements, be accepted, and that the lands mentioned in Schedule B be granted in lieu thereof; also, that the surrender of the lands specified in the within Schedule C, at present held under conditional purchase, together with their contained improvements, be accepted, and the lands mentioned in Schedule D allotted in lieu thereof.

It is also recommended that the lands so surrendered be proclaimed Crown lands and added to the adjacent occupation and preferential occupation licenses of Nyang holding, No. 108, Central Division.

It is further recommended that the reserves specified in Schedule E be revoked.

T. H. HASSALL,

Minister for Lands.

The Executive Council approved the recommendation in each case therein set forth.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Minute 99-41, 19/9/99. Approved.—BEAUCHAMP, 19/9/99. Confirmed, 25/9/99.

SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE A.

PARTICULARS of Freehold Lands to be surrendered to the Crown.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Area.			Improvements.
			a.	r.	p.	
Wakool	Barrabu	1	320	0	0	Tank, ringbarking, fencing. Preferential Occupation License.
"	"	2	270	0	0	" " " "
"	"	3	160	0	0	Ringbarking. " " "
"	"	4	320	0	0	" tank. " "
"	"	5	320	0	0	" " " "
"	"	6	320	0	0	Ringbarking. " " "
"	"	14	574	2	0	" fencing. " "
"	"	15	638	3	0	" " " "
"	"	19	223	0	0	Ringbarking. " " "
"	"	20	193	0	0	" yards. " "
"	"	21	231	0	0	" tank. " "
"	"	23	220	2	0	" fencing. " "
"	Boyd	8	160	0	0	Fencing. Occupation License.
"	"	9	325	0	0	Nil. " "
"	"	10	320	0	0	Fencing. " "
"	"	11	160	0	0	" " " "
"	"	12	320	0	0	Half-fencing, fencing. " "
"	"	41	60	0	0	Fencing, hut, well. " "
"	Nyang	9	120	0	0	Ringbarking, fencing. Preferential Occupation License.
"	"	10	260	2	0	" " " "
"	"	11	380	3	0	" " " "
"	"	12	320	0	0	Ringbarking. Occupation License.
"	"	13	320	0	0	Nil. " "
"	"	14	320	0	0	Fencing. " "
"	"	15	320	0	0	" ringbarking. " "
"	"	16	320	0	0	Nil. " "
"	"	17	320	0	0	Nil. " "
"	"	18	320	0	0	Ringbarking. " "
"	"	19	320	0	0	Tank. " "
"	"	20	320	0	0	Fencing. " "
"	"	21	320	0	0	Ringbarking, fencing. " "
"	"	22	320	0	0	Ringbarking. " "
"	"	23	320	0	0	" fencing. " "
"	"	24	297	2	0	" half-fencing. " "
"	"	25	320	0	0	" fencing. " "
"	"	26	320	0	0	" " " "
Total.....			10,674	2	0	

SCHEDULE B.

PARTICULARS of Lands to be granted in Exchange.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Area.			County.	Parish.	Portion.	Area.					
			a.	r.	p.				a.	r.	p.			
Wakool	Balpool	6	459	3	0	Wakool	Boyd	31	310	0	0			
"	"	8	434	0	0	"	Moulamein South	51	170	0	0			
"	"	21	4,875	1	0	"	Nyang	27	122	0	0			
"	Barrabu	8	191	0	0	"	Worobyan	65	320	2	0			
"	"	9	364	2	0	"	Yadabal	2	3,140	0	0			
"	"	17	160	0	0									
"	"	25	70	0	0									
"	"	26	57	0	0									
									Total.....			10,674	2	0

SCHEDULE C.

PARTICULARS of Conditional Purchase Lands to be surrendered to the Crown.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Area.			Improvements.
			a.	r.	p.	
Wakool	Nyang	32	640	0	0	Conditional purchase 85-7, Deniliquin.—Ringbarking, fencing, half-fencing. Add to occupation license.
"	"	33	1,920	0	0	Conditional purchase 91-47, Deniliquin.—Ringbarking, fencing, tank, yards. Add to occupation license.
Total.....			2,560	0	0	

SCHEDULE D.

PARTICULARS of Lands to be allotted in Exchange for Conditional Purchases.

County.	Parish.	Portion.	Area.			Improvements.
			a.	r.	p.	
Wakool	Balpool	11	640	0	0	} To be held as conditional purchase 91-47, Deniliquin.
"	"	19	260	0	0	
"	"	20	1,660	0	0	
Total.....			2,560	0	0	

SCHEDULE E.

PARTICULARS of Reserves to be Revoked.

County.	Parish.	Area.		
		a. r. p.		
Wakool	Boyd	310 0 0	Reserve 261.	Description—A1.
„	Nyang	about 122 0 0	„ 508.	„ A2.
„	Yadabal	„ 400 0 0	Water reserve, 745.	„ A3.
„	Balpool	„ 640 0 0	„ „ 746.	„ A4.
„	„	about 3½ square miles	„ „ 746B South Extension.	„ A5.
„	„	about 120 0 0	Part reserve 1,032.	„ A6.
„	Balpool and Barrabu	„ 750 0 0	Part forest reserve 1,790.	„ A7.
„	Boyd	310 0 0	Reserve 1,811.	„ A8.
„	Nyang	about 122 0 0	Reserve 24,233.	„ A9.
„	Yadabal and Balpool	„ 6,940 0 0	Part forest reserve 3,262.	„ A10.
„	Worobyan	320 2 0	Reserve 20,766.	„ A11.
„	Moulamein South ...	170 0 0	Reserve 20,805.	„ A12.
„	Nyang, Barrabu, Bal- pool, Yadabal.	12,434 0 0	Part of Classification reserve 11, notified 9th July, 1898.	„ A13.

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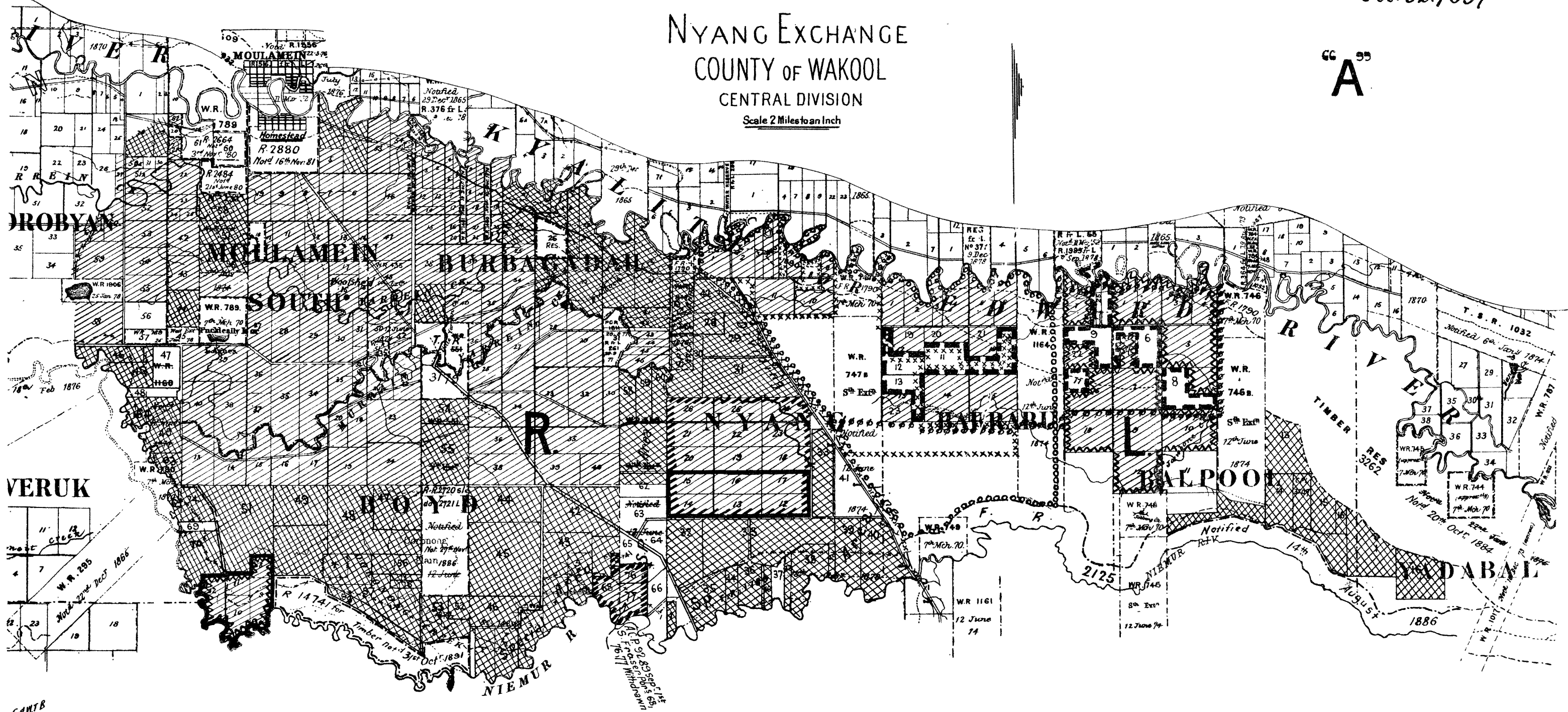
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COUNTY OF WAKOOL
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NOTES

- Station Alienations tinted Red on Original (on This Map thus)
- Adverse Selections " Blue " (" " ")
- Applicants original Scheme - Surrender Portions Hatched Red on Original (on This Map Edged thus)
- Lands desired in Exchange Hatched Blue on Original (on This Map Edged thus)
- Departmental modification - Red Edging on Original - shown on This Map thus)
- Blue Edging " " " " " " ")
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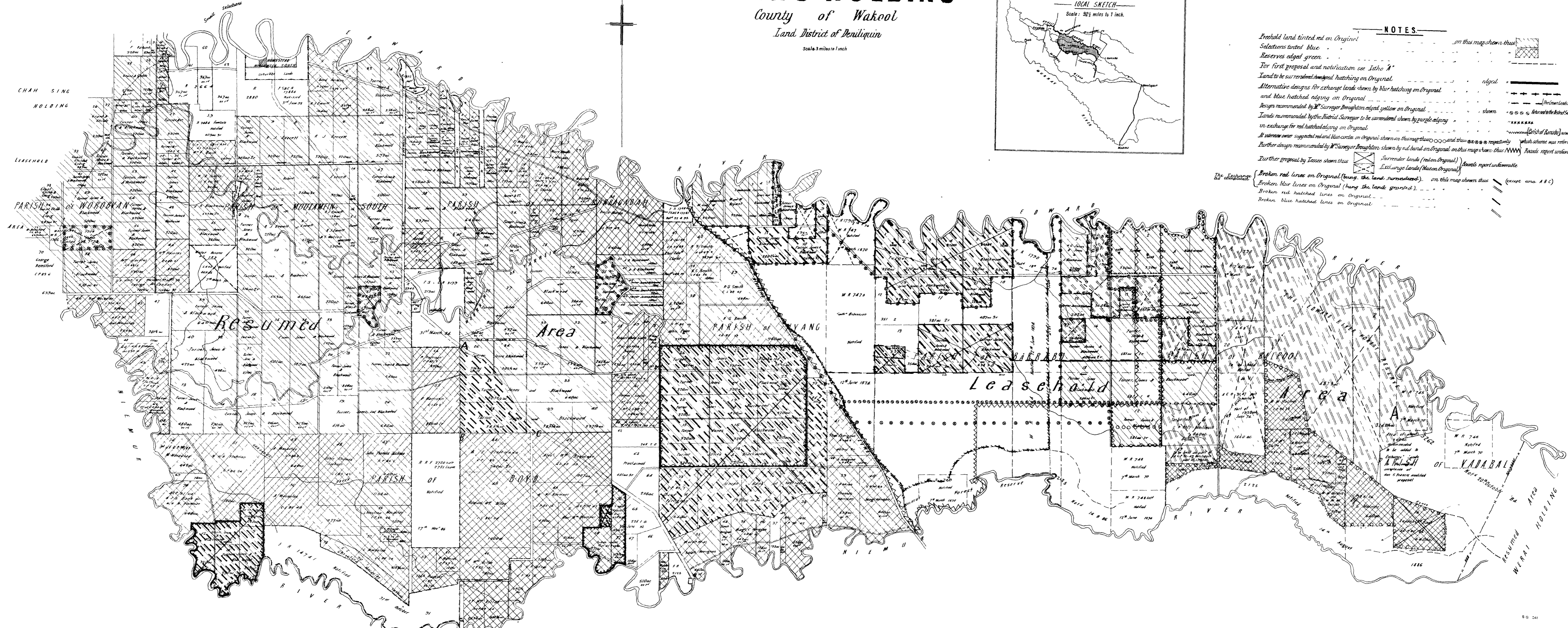
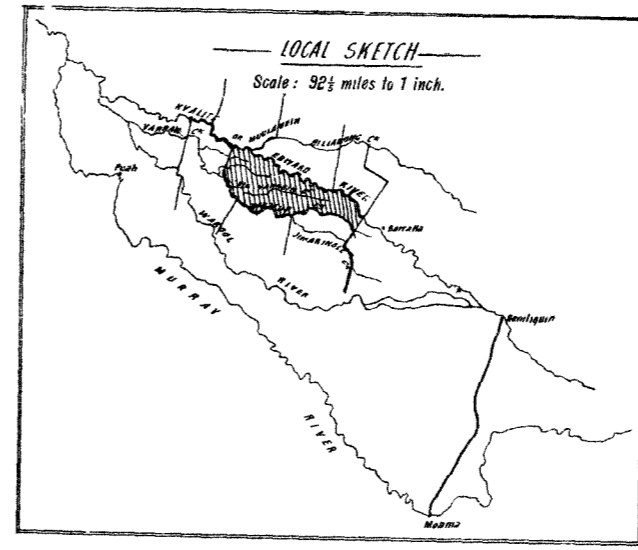
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Land District of Deniliquin

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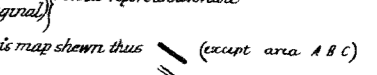
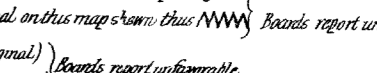
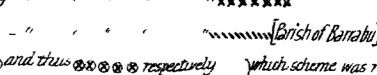
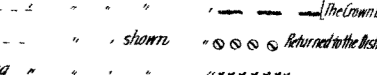
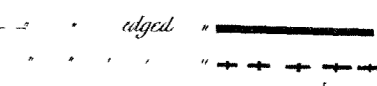
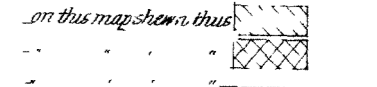
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NOTES.

- Freehold land tinted red on Original
- Selections tinted blue
- Reserves edged green
- For first proposal and notification see 'Isto A'
- Land to be surrendered, edged hatching on Original
- Alternative designs for exchange lands shown by blue hatching on Original
- and blue hatched edging on Original
- Design recommended by Mr. Surveyor Broughton edged yellow on Original
- Lands recommended by the District Surveyor to be surrendered shown by purple edging
- in exchange for red hatched edging on Original
- If water owner suggested red and blue circles on Original shown on this map thus ○○○○ and thus ○○○○ respectively
- Further design recommended by Mr. Surveyor Broughton shown by red band on Original on this map shown thus NNNN
- Further proposal by Lessee shown thus
- Broken red lines on Original (being the land surrendered)
- Broken blue lines on Original (being the land granted)
- Broken red hatched lines on Original
- Broken blue hatched lines on Original

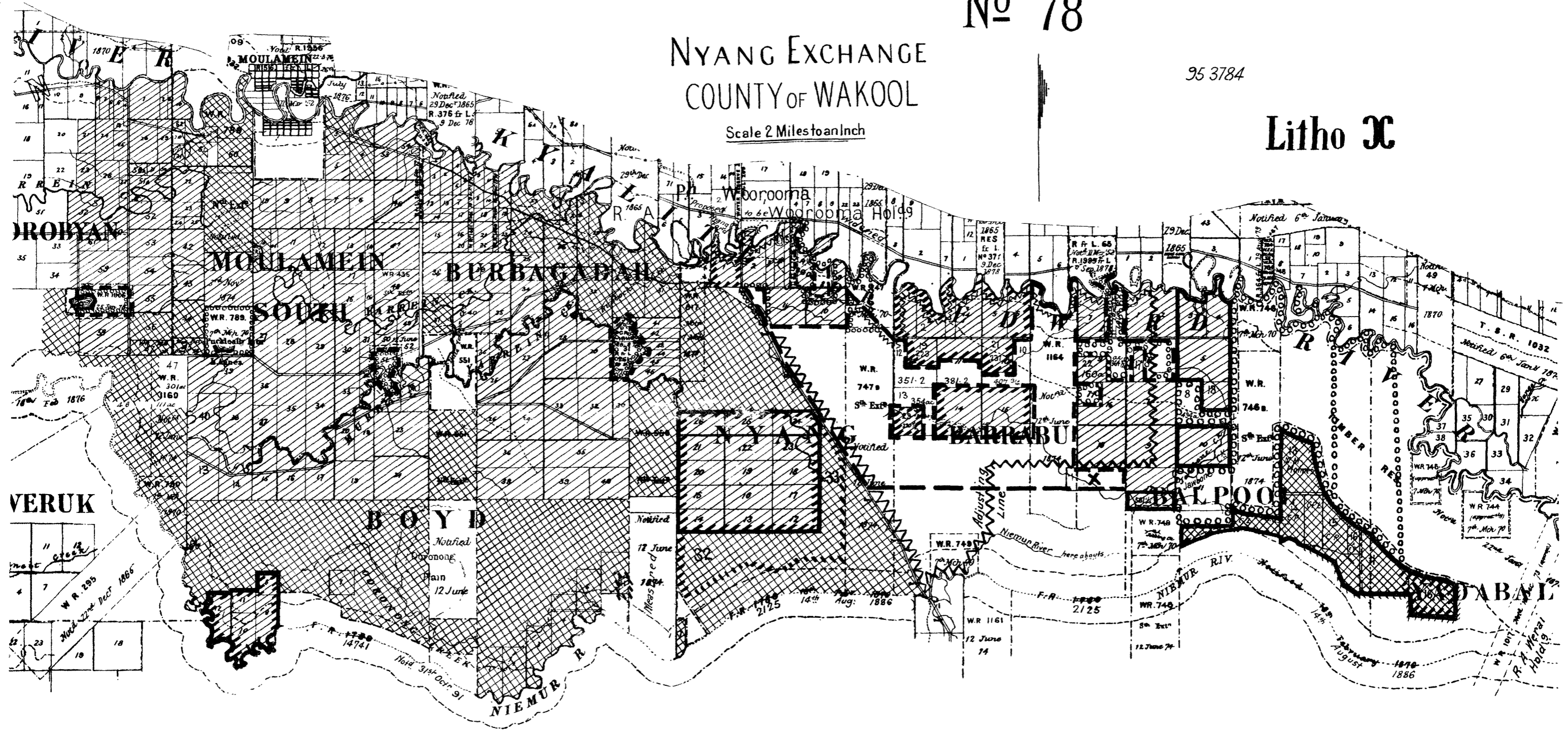


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NOTES

- Station Freeholds shown by Red Colour on Original (on This Map thus)
- C.P.s & C.L.s " " Blue Colour " "
- Reserves " " Green Colour " "
- Adversely reported on by Board — Land offered in Surrender shown by Red Hatching on Original (on This Map Edged thus)
- Land sought in Exchange " " Blue Hatching " "
- M^r Su^r: Broughton's proposed consolidation shown by Red Edging on Original (on This Map thus)
- Further modified proposal referred to at interview indicated on Original by Hatched Edgings
- (Red Hatched Edging (shown on This Map thus) and Blue Hatched Edging (thus)
- The land shown by Brown Band on Original and on This Map shown thus Parish of Barrabu not embraced in M^r Broughton's previous report
- Proposal to be considered by Board — Surrender Land Red Hatched Edging (on This Map thus)
- Land sought by Lessee Blue Hatched Edging (on This Map thus)

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With my letter No. 95172 of 19th Aug. to Dist. Sur. Hay
(Sg^d) J. Broughton
Su^r:

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LAND EXCHANGE AT LARRAS LAKE, DISTRICT OF MOLONG.

(RETURN RESPECTING.)

Printed under No. 11 Report from Printing Committee, 11 September, 1900.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 15th August, 1900, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ All papers, correspondence, maps, Local Land Board decisions, and other documents, &c., referring to the application made for ‘ Land Exchange at Larras Lake,’ in the District of Molong, and Counties of Wellington and Ashburnham.”

(Dr. Ross.)

SCHEDULE.

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No. 1.

Application by the Owner to Surrender Land in Exchange for Crown Land.

Form 77.—Crown Lands Acts.

The Treasury, Sydney, 22 January, 1897.

RECEIVED a deposit of £10 and a provisional survey fee of £8.

J. ROBSON

(pro Treasurer).

In accordance with provisions of section 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, I, James Lee, being the holder of a grant of the lands specified on the back hereof, hereby apply to surrender the same in exchange for the Crown lands described on the back hereof; particulars of the improvements on the respective areas are set forth in the Schedules appended.

Signed this twenty-first day of January, 1897,—

JAMES LEE,

Larras Lake, Molong.

Particulars of Lands to be surrendered and of the improvements thereon.

Land District of Molong, County of Ashburnham.

Parish, Bell; portion No., part of portion 3 (as shown in sketch, marked "A," attached); area, 250 acres; nature of alienation, freehold; nature and value of improvements, fencing £120, ringbarking £10, total £130.

Particulars of Crown Lands applied for in exchange and of the improvements thereon.

Land District of Wellington, County of Wellington.

Parish, Three Rivers; portion No., not measured, as shown in sketch attached, marked "B"; area, about 250 acres; nature and value of improvements, fencing, &c., £60, drafting-yards £40, clearing £3, total £103.

This land is held under annual lease No. 10,110 by me, and the improvements thereon have been effected by me.

No. 2.

Office Memorandum.

MEMO.—The sum of £18 was credited 22nd instant, being £10 deposit and £8 provisional survey fee on application to surrender and exchange land as under:—

James Lee, 250 acres, Land District Molong, county Ashburnham, Land District Wellington, county Wellington. (Form 77 herewith.)

Treasury.—S.H.C. (for U.S.), B.C., 23/1/97. The Under Secretary for Lands.

Receipt ackd.—

JAS. LEE, 28/1/97. G.W.

No. 3.

Office Memorandum.

Proposal for Exchange.—Eastern Division.

26 February, 1897.

FROM information obtainable in Head Office, it is not clear that it would be in the public interest to entertain the enclosed proposal for exchange of lands.

The applicant offers to surrender 250 acres of portion 3, parish of Bell, county of Ashburnham, fronting Molong Creek, retaining, however, the frontage, and about 40 acres adjoining the west boundary, in exchange for an equal area in the parish of Three Rivers.

The latter area was notified under General Notice of 1861 as a village reserve, but as there was no prospect of its being required for village purposes, was cancelled and renotified as a camping and water reserve. It is situated on the main road from Molong to Wellington, has a large frontage to the Bell River, and would appear to be a valuable site.

The District Surveyor is requested to report from his local knowledge whether there are any circumstances in the case that would warrant the Department proceeding with the exchange.

C.J.S.

(for the Under Secretary).

Replied to by my memo of the 26th May, 91-122.—H. A. CROUCH, District Surveyor.

No. 4.

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No. 4.

The District Surveyor, Orange, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Proposal by Mr. James Lee, under the 47th section of Crown Lands Act of 1895, to exchange part of portion 3, parish of Bell, county of Ashburnham, for water reserve 24,054, parish of Three Rivers, county of Wellington.

Memorandum.

26 May, 1897.

(1.) After careful consideration, I would beg to recommend that the application be proceeded with in the usual way.

(2.) Water reserve 24,054 occupies an important position, and its revocation alone would be strongly opposed; but the site proposed to be given in lieu would be advantageous to team and stock traffic on the Cumnock-road as well as to that along the Wellington-road, whilst water reserve 24,054 is only useful to the latter. The former traffic is about twice as heavy as the latter.

(3.) The water in Molong Creek is almost permanent.

(4.) The matter will entail survey to show existing positions of fences, and so that a comprehensive report can be furnished.

(5.) If this proposal be proceeded with, modification will be proposed to include part of portion 39, and an increased frontage near the bridge, in the surrender—to include the western end of water reserve 702 in the exchange, and to excise part of water reserve 24,054 so as to provide convenient access of water.

H. A. CROUCH,
District Surveyor.

No. 5.

Office Memorandum.

Proposed Exchange by Mr. James Lee.

10 June, 1897.

THE District Surveyor recommends that the application for exchange in this case be proceeded with.

He points out that the land proposed for surrender would be serviceable to teams and stock on two roads, while the reserve sought to be acquired is only available for public use on one.

Mr. Crouch also suggests certain modifications by increasing the surrender area so as to secure greater frontage to Molong Creek, absorbing the western part of water reserve 702, and retaining part of water reserve 24,054, which would undoubtedly make the exchange advantageous to the Crown.

It is recommended that Mr. Lee be communicated with and informed that if he is willing to modify his proposal in the direction indicated by the District Surveyor, and agrees to relinquish any claim to improvements on the surrender lands, the case will be referred to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report under section 46 of the Crown Lands Act, 1889.

C. J. SAUNDERS.

The Under Secretary for Lands.

For approval.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 11/6/97. Appd.—J.H.C., 16/6/97. Jas. Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, infd. 18/6/97.

No. 6.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Lee, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 18 June, 1897.

Referring to your application of the 21st January last for surrender of part of portion 3, parish Bell, county Ashburnham, in exchange for water reserve 24,054, parish Three Rivers, county Wellington, I have the honor to inform you that if you are willing to include part of portion 39 and an increased frontage near the bridge in the surrender area, and to include the western end of water reserve 702 in the exchange, and to excise part of water reserve 24,054, so as to provide convenient access to water, the case will be forwarded to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report.

I have, &c.,

WM. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary
(per W.H.C.).

No. 7.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 1 July, 1897.

In reply to your letter of 18th instant, No. 6,884, I beg to inform you that I am quite willing to make the exchange in the way set forth in your letter.

I have, &c.,

JAMES LEE
(per B.J.L.).

Now forwarded to the Local Land Board at Orange, in accordance with approval on Aln. 97-6,884.—E.A.B. (for U.S.), B.C., 5/7/97. Jas. Lee infd. 5/7/97. Any further report required prior to Board meeting.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, Orange, 6/7/97.

No. 8.

No. 8.

The District Surveyor, Orange, to Mr. Surveyor Chapman.

L.B. 97-5,636.

District Surveyor's Office, Orange, 14 July, 1897.

Subject :—

MR. SURVEYOR CHAPMAN is requested, at his early convenience, to effect survey of water reserve 24,054, marking it as portion No. 38, parish of Three Rivers, county of Wellington, excising besides the road a sufficient area to afford convenient access to water near the bridge over the Bell River. To report as to character of improvements, date of erection and value, character and value of land.

H. A. CROUCH,
District Surveyor.

Mr. Chapman will probably have some difficulty in locating boundaries. Reference should be made to me if he is in doubt, after preliminary survey has been made.

Reply :—

Replied to by my letter dated 7th December, No. 97-129.

A. W. CHAPMAN,
Surveyor.

No. 9.

The District Surveyor, Orange, to Mr. Surveyor Chapman.

L.B. 97-5,636.

District Surveyor's Office, Orange, 14 July, 1897.

Subject :—

MR. SURVEYOR CHAPMAN is requested, at his early convenience, to report on the desirability or otherwise of the proposed exchange being completed, having regard to the public interests.

He will please make a sufficient traverse to show positions of all improvements on portions 3 and 39 which would be affected by the proposed exchange.

It will be well to provide for including (1) part of portion 3 east of the main road in the exchange, say about 450 links along that road from northern boundary, so as to afford an increase of frontage (to the Molong Creek) for the reserve; also (2) part of portion 39 south of Cumnock-road.

The western part of water reserve 702, exclusive of a necessary reserved road, may be proposed to be given as part of the exchange.

Mr. Chapman will then be good enough to prepare a tracing on scale of 8 chains to an inch, showing clearly the land proposed to be surrendered, with improvements, &c., and furnish a complete report as to improvements, date of erection, value, &c., character and value of land. The tracing need only be prepared to show the part about portion 3, 39, and water reserve 702, in the parish of Bell.

Report and plan of portion 38 (water reserve 24,054), parish of Three Rivers, county of Wellington, will furnish all particulars of that, so that details need not be repeated, but totals and general facts only.

Papers L.B. 97-5,636 are herewith for Mr. Chapman's information.

H. A. CROUCH,
District Surveyor.

Reply :—

Replied to by my letter dated 7th December, No. 97-130, 97-10,951 L.B.

A. W. CHAPMAN,
Surveyor.

No. 10.

Mr. Surveyor A. W. Chapman to The District Surveyor at Orange.

No. 97-129.

Transmitting plan of one portion of land.

Land District of Molong.

Sir,

Orange, 7 December, 1897.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the plan of one portion of land, containing 177 acres, numbered 38, in the parish of Three Rivers, county of Wellington, survey of which was completed by me on the 15th October, in accordance with your instructions, dated 14th July, No. 97-58.

1. This portion includes camping and water reserve 24,054, notified 9th May, 1896.

2. The country consists of gentle undulations, moderately timbered with ringbarked box, running into a rough rocky ridge, thickly timbered with box and gum. The surface is too stony for cultivation; about two-thirds of the area may be considered good grazing land, the remainder being indifferent grazing land. Its carrying capacity is about one sheep to 1½ acres. Water is considered permanent in the Bell River. The formation is basalt and limestone.

3. I estimate the capital value of the land, as unimproved freeholds, at 25s. per acre.

4. The improvements consist of :—

	£	s.	d.
Old sheep yard and shed	20	0	0
Sheep dip and yards (new); erected twelve months	80	0	0
1½ miles 6-wire fence, at £20 per mile; erected six years	30	0	0
100 acres, ringbarked (old), at 1s. per acre	5	0	0

Total value of improvements effected by James Lee ... £135 0 0

5. About 10 chains of frontage to the Bell River was included in reservation for road, with a view of giving convenient access to water at the bridge over the river, which will be ample for that purpose.

6. Regarding location of the reserve.—Some difficulty was experienced in tracing the boundaries of adjoining portions owing to the absence of marks; the old timber has now almost disappeared, through ringbarking and decay. Search was made for the corners of adjoining portions, and a number of trees near the boundaries were opened. I learnt from Mr. James Lee, the present owner of the adjoining lands, that a few panels of the old fence at corner "C" were pointed out to him by his father, the original owner, as being on the western boundary of portion 17. The only marks which could be found were distinct blazes on two dead trees on the northern boundary of portion 16. With this data the boundaries of the reserve were fixed, allowing full deed lengths for the boundaries of adjoining portions.

7. The azimuth of survey was taken from the survey of road through the reserve which, by plan of that survey, is shown to be $8^{\circ} 43'$ east of true north. This azimuth differs $2^{\circ} 42'$ from the original needle bearing of the adjoining portions, but I think the difference may be due to local attraction, caused by the ironstone formation which extends through the reserve in a northerly direction. Considerable difference was observed in different parts of the survey from the ironstone in my own needle.

8. Mr. Lee expressed himself satisfied with the position of the reserve as now surveyed, and has given his written consent on attached tracing to accept boundaries of adjoining portions as thus located. I might also mention that the boundaries appear to accord with their positions relative to the Bell River, as shown by original plans of adjoining portions.

9. A proposal for exchange of other land for this reserve has been made by Mr. Lee (L.B. 97-5,636); and, in reply to instructions No. 97-58, a report (No. 97-130) is furnished in connection with that proposal.

10. The time occupied in investigation and survey is three days field, one day office—£11 4s.

I have, &c.,

A. W. CHAPMAN.

Plan approved.—H. A. CROUCH, District Surveyor, 31/1/98.

This survey has been based on very meagre data; but plan has been approved to save further delay, and specially having regard to the fact that Mr. James Lee is the owner of surrounding land, and his written consent enclosed to the boundaries as now defined.—H.C.

No. 11.

Surveyor A. W. Chapman to The District Surveyor at Orange.

Reporting on proposed exchange of land, Larras Lake Holding, parishes of Bell and Three Rivers, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, Land District of Wellington.

No. 97-130.

Sir,

Orange, 7 December, 1897.

In reply to your instructions dated 14th July (No. 97-59), I completed inspection and inquiry on the 15th October regarding the above-mentioned exchange, and have the honor to report:

1. The part sought to be acquired includes camping and water reserve 24,054, notified 9th May, 1896, in the parish of Three Rivers.

2. The land offered for surrender is an equal area of that part of Finch Brothers' (now James Lee's) 320 acres, portion No. 3, in the parish of Bell,—as shown by red hatched lines on enclosed lithograph.

3. Mr. Lee is, however, agreeable to a modification of his proposal to accord with suggestions made by the District Surveyor in his letter No. 97-122, viz., including part of portion 39 and an increased frontage near the bridge in the surrender, to include the western part of water reserve 702 in the exchange and excise part of water reserve 24,054, so as to provide convenient access to water,—the proposed modification as shown by pink edging on attached tracing.

4. Water reserve 24,054 has recently been measured by me as portion No. 38, plan of which was transmitted with my letter, No. 97-129.

5. In that survey provision was made for convenient access to water at the bridge over the Bell River, by including a frontage of about 10 chains to the river within the road reserved through that portion.

6. The area of reserve 24,054, exclusive of road, is 177 acres, and its capital value as unimproved freehold at 25s. per acre is £221 5s. The value of improvements enumerated on plan is £135—effected by Mr. James Lee.

7. The area of land proposed for exchange within water reserve 702 is about 12 acres, and its unimproved value at 25s. per acre is £15. The improvements consist of old ringbarking at 1s. per acre—12s. It is similar in description to land offered for surrender. The total area thus proposed for exchange is 189 acres.

8. The area of land offered for surrender is also 189 acres, comprising a gentle slope moderately timbered with ringbarked box; it may be considered good grazing land, but is not adapted for cultivation owing to the surface being generally stony. The formation is basaltic. Water is almost permanent in Molong Creek. I estimate its capital value as unimproved freehold at 25s. per acre, £236 5s.

The improvements consist of—

	£	s.	d.
97 chains, top-rail, and 5-wire fence in good order, @ £20 per mile	24	5	0
52 chains, top-rail, and 5-wire, @ £20 per mile, half cost	6	10	0
1 acre, cleared, @ 30s.	1	10	0
170 acres, ringbarked, @ 1s. per acre	8	10	0

Effected by James Lee. Total £40 15 0

10. As regards the advantages to the Crown by the proposed exchange, I may mention that the land offered for surrender would be advantageous to team and stock traffic on the Cumnock-road as well as on the Wellington-road, whereas the reserve sought to be acquired is only advantageous to traffic on the latter road; the former traffic is also about twice as heavy as the latter.

11. Water reserve 24,054 is situated close to Larras Lake homestead and woolshed ; it includes a sheep-dip and sheep-yards used in connection with the working of Larras Lake holding, and is also subdivided for the beneficial working of that holding. Its acquisition would, therefore, be a matter of some moment to applicant.

12. I am of opinion the exchange is a desirable one in the interests of the public, and consider that as the land in each case is of equal value, and that the whole of the improvements have been effected by the applicant, an exchange on a basis of equal area would be a fair and equitable one.

13. The value of improvements on the reserves is £135 12s., compared with £40 15s. on land offered for surrender. As a set-off against the improvements, it is suggested that Mr. Lee be required to complete fencing of boundaries of his land adjoining the land offered for surrender, so as to avoid trespass, as I think the nature and extent of traffic will be sufficient to warrant reservation from lease in the event of the surrendered land becoming a camping and water reserve.

14. Provision is made for continuation of road between portions 95 and 96 through water reserve 702 ; it is not used, but serves as a means of access to incomplete conditional purchase land.

The cost of this service is £5 12s.

I have, &c.,

A. W. CHAPMAN.

See protest by Dr. Ross under L.B., 98-2,032 herewith.—W.A., 21/3/98.

No. 12.

The District Surveyor, Orange, to Mr. Surveyor Chapman, Orange.

Memorandum.

22 December, 1897.

IN connection with his survey of portion 38, parish Three Rivers, county of Wellington (plan transmitted with his letter No. 129, of 7th December, 1897) Mr. Chapman is requested to state whether any steps were taken to determine the north-east corner or the north boundary of portion 17.

H. A. CROUCH,

District Surveyor.

Search was not made for the north-east corner of portion 17. The north-west corner of portion 17 was searched for, but no trace could be found.—A. W. CHAPMAN, Surveyor, 24/12/97.

No. 13.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Molong, 4 March, 1898.

I am informed that an effort is now being made to exchange a land reserve at Larras Lake, near Molong, for other land belonging to the Larras Lake or Eurimbla Run. If so, I consider it would be an injustice to the general and travelling public, as the reserve applied for by way of exchange is bounded by the Bell River and Molong Creek, and, therefore, is a most valuable reserve for the general public.

I hope no such thing will ever be contemplated, as it would be a gross wrong and injustice to the public to have this reserve exchanged for inferior land. In the interest of the public, I beg to offer my protest against any such exchange of the land in question ; the application being made, I am informed, on behalf of Dalgety & Co., and the Surveyor, I am also informed, is now in Molong making a survey of the said land, with the view to the exchange being made. If so, I hope no such thing will ever take place, as it will only lead to an aggravated public annoyance.

Hoping the matter will receive immediate attention.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Acknowledged, 7/3/98.

Referred to the chairman for consideration in connection with James Lee's application for the exchange of camping and water reserve 24,054, to which matter the letter appears to refer. Papers. Aln. 97-7,603 were forwarded to Orange, 5th July, 1897.—C. J. S. (for the Under Secretary), 15/3/98. The Chairman, L.L.B., Orange.

No. 14.

Office Memorandum.

Exchange of Lands—Larras Lake Holding.

Proposal by James Lee, of Larras Lake, for exchange of lands in the parishes of Bell and Three Rivers, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, Land Districts of Molong and Wellington, Eastern Division.

1. In this case the applicant, Jas. Lee, offers to surrender that part of freehold portion 3, parish of Bell, county of Ashburnham, shown by red hatching, in exchange for Crown lands in the parish of Three Rivers, county of Wellington, shown by blue hatching on diagram "X" herewith.

2. The latter portion was notified as reserve 24,054 from sale for camping and water supply on the 9th May, 1896, in lieu of a village reserve notified by general notice of the 24th December, 1861, which covered the same land. It is held by James Lee as annual lease 10,110, and contains by recent measurement 177 acres, exclusive of road.

3. Water reserve 24,054 occupies an important position, and its revocation alone would be strongly opposed, but the site proposed to be given in lieu would be advantageous to teams and stock traffic on the Cumnock-road, as well as to that along the Wellington-road, whilst water reserve 24,054 is only useful to the latter. The traffic on the former road is about twice as heavy as the latter.

4. The area proposed to be surrendered adjoins water reserve 702, notified 10th May, 1876. That reserve is distant about 7 miles from Molong, and has a frontage to Molong Creek, the water in which is almost permanent. An increase of about 450 links in the frontage of that reserve would enhance its value to the public, and provide more convenient access to water.

5. In view of this, and having regard to Mr. Surveyor Chapman's report (L.B. 97-10,951) herewith, it is suggested that water reserve 24,054, measured as portion 38, of 177 acres, in the parish of Three Rivers, and about 12 acres of water reserve 702, parish of Bell, in all about 189 acres, as shown by blue tint on the diagram "X" herewith, be granted in exchange for a similar area to be surrendered out of portions 3 and 39, parish of Bell, as shown by pink tint on the said diagram. By letter of 1st July, 1897, L.B. 97-5,636, Mr. Lee has stated his willingness to accept this modification of the original proposal.

6. For character and value of the land, nature, value, &c., of improvements on each portion in modified proposal, please see enclosed Schedules "A" and "B", and Mr. Surveyor Chapman's reports, L.B. 97-10,950 and 10,951, herewith.

7. Under applicant's letter, L.B. 97-5,636, of 1st of July, in furtherance of Ministerial decision, all claim to compensation for improvements on the surrendered lands is relinquished.

8. Having regard to the provisions of section 102 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, it would appear that the greater part, and probably the whole, of the improvements on water reserves 24,054 and 702 are now the property of the Crown.

9. Two helios for exhibition are herewith.

10. The costs of District Survey Office action to date may be estimated at £1 ls., in addition to that of Mr. Surveyor Chapman's report, L.B. 97-10,851, £5 12s. W.B. A.G., 25/3/98.

Having regard to the objection lodged by Dr. Ross, Aln. 98-3,035, perhaps his attention should be specially drawn to the helio when exhibited.

The Chairman, L.L.B., Orange.

H. A. CROUCH, D.S.

30 March, 1898.

Send notice and helio to L.A., Molong, and post at front door of this office.—W.A. (*pro* Chairman), 2/4/98. Dr. Ross, *Gazette, Molong Express*, Government Printer, C. L. Agent, with sketch and passage. Objections to be lodged by 15/5/98. Now for Board.—18/4/98.

Proposed surrender and exchange, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, parishes of Bell and Three Rivers. Applicant, James Lee. Plans of the above-mentioned proposal may be seen at the office of the Crown Lands Agent, at Molong, and at the Local Land Board Office, at Orange. Any objections thereto must be lodged in writing with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Orange, on or before the 15th May, 1898.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, Land Board Office, Orange, 18/4/98.

[Enclosure.]

EXCHANGE OF LAND, LARRAS LAKE.

Schedule "A."—For Surrender.

Parish.	Portion.	Area in acres.	Description of Country.	Value of Land.		Nature of Improvements.	Value.		Total value of Impts. and Land.
				@ per acre.	Total.		Rate.	Total.	
Bell ...	Pt. of 3 Freehold	182	Gentle slope, moderately timbered with ringbarked box; surface stony; good grazing; not adapted for cultivation.	25/-	£ s. 227 10	Abt. 90 chs. top rail and 5-w. fence. Abt. 170 acs. ringbarked	@ £20 p. mile	£ s. 22 10	£ s. 266 10
Do ...	Pt. of 39 A.C.P.	7	Do do ...	25/-	8 15	1 acre cleared ... Half cost 52 chs. top rail and 5-w. fence on S. boundary. Abt. 7 chs. top rails 5-wire fence.	@ 1/- p. mile @ £20 p. mile @ £20 p. mile	8 10 1 10 6 10 1 15	
Totals		189		£	236 5			£40 15		£277 0

Schedule "B."—Land proposed in Exchange.

Three Rivers	Por. 38	117 acs.	Gentle slope, moderately timbered with ringbarked box, running into a rough, rocky ridge, thickly timbered with box and gum; too stony for cultivation; pt. good grazing; pt. indifferent grazing.	25/-	221 5	Old sheep yard and shed .....	.....	20 0	356 5
						New sheep dip and yard .....	.....	80 0	
						1½ mls. of 6-wire fence	@ £20 p. mile	30 0	
						100 acs. ringbarked, old	@ 1/- p. acre	5 0	
Bell ...	Pt. W.R. 702.	12 acs.	Do do ...	25/-	15 0	12 acs. ringbarked.....	@ 1/- p. acre	0 12	15 12
Totals		189 acs.		£	236 5			£135 12	£371 17

No. 15.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Acting Under Secretary for Lands.

[Very important and urgent.]

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 19 April, 1898.

Some few weeks back I sent a letter to your Department *re* application for exchange of land on the Larras Lake estate, near Molong, parish of Three Rivers, and to that letter I received a reply to the effect that no application had been made for exchange. My attention was drawn to the matter by my constituents, and the public injustice it would inflict if such exchange was carried out. On the 18th April I received the following letter from the Chairman, Land Board, at Orange, 98-2,563 L.B., as follows:—
“Having regard to your objection to the proposed exchange of lands on Larras Lake estate, I have to inform you that by even post a tracing showing the proposal has been despatched to the Crown Lands Agent at Molong, for public information.”

Since the receipt of the above letter I have seen the tracing above referred to, and the proposed exchange is one of the most audacious and scandalous that I have ever heard of, and on behalf of the public I have to enter my emphatic protest against so ridiculous a proposal. The land proposed to be exchanged is of inferior quality and waterless, and cut off from the Molong Creek by the road to Wellington and to Cumnock, to Obley, and the station paddock, whereas the water reserve and camping ground, which to my knowledge has been used by the public for upwards of thirty years, is surrounded for a long distance a frontage to the Bell River, and, therefore, the camping ground and reserve for water supply is invaluable to the travelling and general public, and ought not to be exchanged as proposed.

It is a piece of the most audacious impudence ever to apply for such an exchange, and I hope in the interest of the general public that the application will, without hesitation, be disallowed. The water reserve and camping ground is about 7 miles from Molong on Wellington-road, and is, therefore, valuable as a camping reserve for the public and travelling stock on account of the water supply which adjoins the Bell River (marked blue), as the rough tracing enclosed clearly enough discloses.

Under these circumstances I hope the exchange will not be allowed under any circumstances, as it will be the means of inflicting a serious loss and injury to the public by being cut off from the water and the use of the camping reserve, which has been in use for upwards of thirty years.

Awaiting an early answer as to the final decision in this most important matter, so as to save me the necessity of bringing the matter before Parliament.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Jas. Lee's Exchange, Larras Lake. Protest by Dr. Ross, M.P. May be referred to the Chairman in connection with the case referred to.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 21/4/98. Referred to the District Surveyor, with a view to the matter being brought before the Chairman.—H. CURRY, Acting Under Secretary, 22/4/98. The District Surveyor, Orange.

Dr. Ross, M.P., ackd. and infd., 22/4/98. Received, D.S.O., Orange, 25/4/98. Mr. Day, 25/4/98. Forwarded for the consideration of the Local Land Board, in connection with my report of 30th ultimo, on Larras Lake Exchange Case, L.B., 98-2,563.—H. A. CROUCH, District Surveyor, 26/4/98. The Chairman, L.L.B., Orange.

Board meeting at Molong.—Molong, 17/5/98. Jas. Lee, Dr. Ross, District Surveyor, notified 29/4/98.

No. 16.

The Acting Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22 April, 1898.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, with respect to the proposed exchange of lands at Larras Lake, near Molong, with Mr. Jas. Lee, and protesting against the same, and to inform you that your protest has been referred to the District Surveyor at Orange, with a view to the matter being brought before the Chairman.

I am to add, that a further communication will be made to you when a decision in this case has been given.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary

(per E. B.).

No. 17.

Decision of Local Land Board, Molong.

Exchange of Lands on Larras Lake Estate, Land Districts of Molong and Wellington.

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of May, 1898, it became a matter for investigation before us of an application by James Lee for an exchange of lands situate in the parishes of Bell and Three Rivers respectively, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington. When, having taken the evidence of Mr. Surveyor Chapman (who attended for the Department of Lands), E. G. Finch (Stock Branch), Bertram J. Lee, and Joseph White, all Crown witnesses, we reserve our report, &c., to Cumnock on the 20th instant, and now, having personally inspected the lands in question, we have to report:—

The land proposed to be surrendered adjoins water reserve 702 on Molong Creek, at (“Bridgewater”) the junction of the roads from Cumnock and Wellington respectively to Molong. The land proposed to be acquired comprises reserve 24,054 “for water supply and camping,” fronting the northern side of the Bell River and distant from Bridgewater about 60 chains along the Wellington-road, which passes through it. There is evidence that teamsters and other travellers camp on reserve 702, on the small area marked “A” (tracing X), and at the Bell River on the road at point “B” on reserve 24,054. The traffic towards Molong is much greater, from the direction of Cumnock, than it is from

from the direction of Wellington (more than three to one), and therefore if the exchange be effected, and the land surrendered be made a camping reserve, a much larger number of the travelling public would be accommodated, as a reserve at Bridgewater could be used by travellers on both roads, whereas the present reserve is only used by a few. The land comprising reserve 24,054 is somewhat better than that proposed to be surrendered; but in view of what we have already stated, we have no hesitation in recommending the exchange, but on the understanding that the land surrendered be reserved as a travelling stock and camping reserve. With the exception of the small area at "B," reserve 22,054 (at present under annual lease) is enclosed with applicant's freeholds—fences having been placed on both sides of the road; gates, however, have been left in the fences, but the enclosed parts appear to have been very little used by the public. For the purpose of this exchange the lands may be considered to be of equal value per acre, and the exchange should be on the basis of acre for acre, as suggested by the District Surveyor, except that an area of about 5 acres (red hatching of helio "Y") should be retained as a reserve—which will give the public a large camping place, and more extended access to water at the Bell River than appears to have been used of late. Although water in Molong Creek on the frontage of water reserve 702 is not permanent, it is nearly so, and the acquisition of the strip of land proposed to be surrendered, extending from the road to the creek at Bridgewater, will give access to a permanent waterhole. The improvements on the land proposed to be surrendered, consisting of ringbarking and fencing, are valued at £45 15s., and those on the land to be acquired—fencing, yards, dip, &c.—at £133 2s.; the latter are the property of the Crown. Of the fencing on the land to be surrendered, that along the eastern boundary would, to some extent, be useful in preventing travellers' stock from straying; but the fencing running easterly and westerly through the land would be of no use to the public, applicant might be permitted to remove it on condition that he re-erect it on the lines "a" and "b" and "c" and "d". The improvements on the land to be acquired should be paid for by applicant, unless it be considered that the value may be remitted on the grounds that they were effected under a misapprehension.

Given under our hands at the Court-house, at Cumnock, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 20th day of May, 1898,—

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
THOMAS S. PEARSE, Member.
H. S. M. BETTS, Member.

The cost of Board action in this case, including the attendance of Mr. Surveyor Chapman, is estimated at £5 15s. 6d.—C.E.F., Chairman, 20/5/98.

Inform Mr. Lee and Crown Land Agent of purport of recommendation.—C.E.F., Chairman. J. Lee and Crown Land Agent informed 25/5/98.

[Enclosure.]

Larras Lake Exchange.

This deponent, *Archibald Wellesley Chapman*, of Orange, Salaried Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—Acting under instructions from the District Surveyor, I, on the 15th day of October last, inspected the lands proposed to be surrendered and acquired in the matter under consideration, and from my investigations I furnished a report, which bears date 7th December, 1897, and registered as 97-10,921 L.B., that report having been read, I can vouch for its accuracy, so far as my knowledge extends; reserve 24,024 is fenced, but access is provided by gates, yet 10 chains of the frontage is open for watering purposes; I did not observe that any notices were posted to designate that the land within the enclosure was a reserve; the fencing on the road had been up some five or six years; the camping reserve notification is dated 9th May, 1896, previous to which the land formed a village reserve; the junction of the Wellington and Cumnock roads is at Bridgewater; the Cumnock-road is the most used both by travelling stock and ordinary traffic; on the part proposed to be surrendered (on part of portion 3) there is a good waterhole of a permanent character and easy of access to stock; there is a very good camping place at Bridgewater, and that would be rendered better by the acquisition of the land to be given up by applicant; taking the grazing capacity of each area, they are about equal, or I believe the land to be surrendered is the better grassed, and I consider, taking the lands area for area, apart from improvements, that the exchange is fair and equitable, and that public interests would be benefited by adopting the proposal; I know that the banks on the creek near the bridge over it at the south-eastern part of portion 3 would require to be cut down to permit stock watering there, beside which water is not permanent there; if the exchange be approved, I would suggest that applicant be required to fence the western boundary of the block he proposes to surrender, and for that purpose he might be allowed to use the material in the fence at present on the land; there is permanent water in Jews' Creek, about 2 miles further towards Cumnock, which, should the Molong Creek fail, teamsters could take advantage of, and use the land to be given up as a resting place.

Sworn by deponent at Molong, this }
17th of May, 1898,—

A. W. CHAPMAN.

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
THOMAS S. PEARSE, Member.
H. S. M. BETTS, Member.

This deponent, *Edward George Finch*, of Molong, Inspector of Stock, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I know the areas now under consideration; that proposed to be surrendered is at the junction of the Wellington and Cumnock roads; taking the numbers of stock using the respective roads, I think they are about equal, but the team traffic on the Cumnock-road is three times as heavy as that on the Wellington-road; the Cumnock-road is mostly used by travelling stock, but they often divert and come in by the Norah Creek road; travelling stock and teamsters' requirements would be met by the acquisition of the land to be surrendered, moreover, it would prove a benefit to those travelling by the Cumnock-road; if the exchange be adopted on the lines suggested by Mr. Chapman, water of a permanent character would be available at both places; I regard the areas about equal for grazing.

To Mr. Chapman: I know the reserve at Jews' Creek; it is very small, but the frontage affords permanent water; I think stock travelling from Cumnock would prefer to come in by the Norah Creek road in fair seasons, as being shorter, and so to avoid the metal; I view the proposal as one that will be of public benefit if adopted to both roads.

Sworn by deponent, at Molong, this }
17th of May, 1898,—

E. G. FINCH.

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
THOMAS S. PEARSE, Member.
H. S. M. BETTS, Member.

This deponent, *Bertram John Lee*, of Larras Lake, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I appear here on behalf of my father, the applicant in the matter under investigation; the desire to acquire the reserve on the river is on account of its proximity to the woolshed which is on portion 17, parish of Three Rivers, and with a view of consolidating the lands of the estate; the capabilities of the two areas for grazing are about equal—if anything, the land to be given up is the better; undoubtedly the acquisition of the land at the junction of the roads will prove more advantageous to the public than the retention of the reserve on the river; I know the modifications proposed by Mr. Chapman; my father is agreeable to those, and he is willing to fence the western boundary of the land he desires to surrender; the creek banks at the north-eastern corner of portion 3 are very steep; the fence on the road through the reserve on the river was put up about five or six years ago; the sheep-yards and dip were constructed about three years ago; in putting on those improvements we supposed them to be on the freeholds of the estate; that is, as regards the dip and yards.

To Mr. Chapman: I should say the movements of travelling stock along the Wellington and Cumnock roads respectively are about equal, but the team traffic on the Cumnock-road is fully six times as heavy as that on the other road; teamsters much use the reserve at Bridgewater, and request permission to use the land proposed to be given up; on account of the scarcity of natural feed from there into Molong, we suffer some annoyance by teamsters putting their horses in on our lands without permission; on the part proposed to be given up there is a good waterhole in the creek, which is permanent; it carries water at present, although this is an exceptionally dry season; water was not available at the bridge at Bridgewater for about three months last summer, and for a like period of the previous summer; I have never known the creek to give out there before.

Sworn by deponent at Molong, this }
17th of May, 1898,—

B. J. LEE.

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
THOMAS S. PEARSE, Member.
H. M. S. BETTS, Member.

This deponent, *Joseph White*, of Molong, carrier, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:—I carry on both the Wellington and Cumnock roads from Molong fairly constantly; I know the camping reserve on the Bell River, and I know the paddock owned by the applicant proposed to be surrendered; now thoroughly understanding the proposal, I am certain that if adopted teamsters would derive an advantage; stock can water in the creek at Bridgewater; I consider the respective areas as about equal for grazing—the land proposed to be surrendered is the better if anything; I cannot say whether the general run of the carriers about here know of the proposal.

To Mr. Chapman: I generally turn out at Jews' Creek; feed there is very scarce; I have camped at Bridgewater, and then, with Mr. Lee's permission, have turned my horses into the paddock he proposes to give up; I have known other carriers do the same thing; the creek near the bridge at Bridgewater does not carry water at the present, but on the creek in the land to be surrendered there is a good waterhole of permanent character; I have in camping had to take my team from Bridgewater on to the reserve on the Bell River, but that was a great inconvenience; if the proposal before the Board be favoured that will obviate that being done; the team traffic on the Cumnock-road is considerably heavier than on the Wellington-road.

To the Board: I have been carrying out of Molong for many years; am attending here this day to give evidence in my own interest.

Sworn by deponent at Molong, this }
17th of May, 1898,—

JOSEPH WHITE.

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
THOMAS S. PEARSE, Member.
H. S. M. BETTS, Member.

No. 18.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 30 May, 1898.

I regret to hear (after my written protest on behalf of the public) that it is the intention of the Lands Department to effect an exchange of land at Larras Lake, near Molong, and to say that as soon as Parliament meets it is my intention to have the matter fully ventilated, as I look upon such case as simply a disgrace to the public, and downright injustice to the people, who, in hundreds, are looking for homes on the land.

Another case will demand my attention in the exchange of reserve 2,069, on Buckinbah Holding, county of Gordon, in Molong District, and which I understand steps are now completed to carry out this exchange—in fact, I am informed on good authority that the above reserve, 2,069, has been exchanged on the 22nd April last, 98–5,411. I asked for information in the matter, but which apparently has been refused, otherwise why is the answer being withheld? I beg to draw your attention to a reply one J. Cavanagh, of Yeoval, received, in which you informed him that an exchange of land was being proceeded with, and at present in the hands of the District Surveyor. I am informed the survey has been completed about ten days ago, and that Mr. McCulloch has let a contract for fencing on the land. Conduct like this is deserving of the highest censure, and warrants public exposure in the interest of the public. Other persons besides Cavanagh protested against this exchange.

I look upon exchanges under such circumstances, and in the face of the fact of so many *bona fide* persons seeking for land and homes, as a crying shame and disgrace.

I want also to know why action is being delayed with "Collins'" case at Molong, and when an inquiry is to be held as to his *bona-fides*.

When the "Nanima" cases are to be further dealt with—that several years past I brought before Parliament, and the Conditional Purchase Inspector dealt with for having received a bribe as proved at the Commission.

What, if any, action is to be taken in the "Angledool" cases, so frequently referred to me in Parliament, and when these cases will be inquired into, and why they are being delayed?

It is my intention to do everything in my power to have these cases fully investigated in the interest of the public.

Yours, &c.,
A. ROSS, M.D.

Extract made,
vide Aln. 98-
7,318.—F.W.S.,
8/6/98.

Aln. Ech.
Acknowledged,
F.W.S., 31/5/98.
Extract made,
8/6/98.

Extract made,
vide Aln.
98-7,317.

Extract made,
8/6/98.

No. 19.

Question and Answer.

Wednesday, 31 August, 1898.

Question.

- (10.) Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to proceed with the exchange of land at Larras Lake, near Molong, after the written protest made by Dr. Ross on behalf of the public?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Crown land proposed to be exchanged is the best in the district, being bounded by the Bell River and Molong Creek, and contains a never-failing supply of water for teamsters and the travelling public, it being a valuable water reserve?
 - (3.) Will he see that steps are taken to have the application of the runholder for the exchange disallowed in the interest of the public?

Answer.

Mr. Brunker answered,—My honorable colleague understands that the Land Board have made a personal inspection of the lands proposed to be exchanged, and furnished a report thereon, which has not as yet been before him; but in dealing therewith every care will be taken by him to protect the interests of the public. He will be glad, too, to receive the benefit of the Honorable Member's experience of the land to help him to decide the case when it is ripe for decision.

No. 20.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.—Mr. James Lee.

4 October, 1898.

THIS case has awaited an opportunity being afforded Dr. Ross, M.L.A., to present his objections to the proposal. He has, however, not written further.

The report of the Local Land Board at Molong goes to show that said proposal, while serving the applicant, is really most advantageous to the public, as affording a camping-place in a better situation than the present reserve. The Board personally visited the lands, and their recommendations have the support of the Stock Inspector, the District Surveyor, and Mr. Surveyor Chapman, who inspected the lands. Small modifications have been proposed, and are agreed to by the applicant's representative, viz., as indicated by coloured edgings on lithograph map.

It is not exactly clear whether it was intended by the Board that applicant should receive from the Crown an area equal to that he surrendered, or 5 acres less. The Board report the Crown lands to be somewhat the better, but appraise both as of equal value, acre per acre, adding, however, the exception that there be excluded from the exchange 5 acres of the reserve at the river crossing. If the proposal be proceeded with, and applicant be required to pay for improvements on Crown lands, it would appear reasonable to carry out the exchange on a basis of equal areas.

Improvements on the surrender lands are valued at £45 15s. (consisting chiefly of fencing), and on the exchange area at £133 2s. (principally sheep-dip and fencing).

Whereas, however, reserve 24,054, forming the subject of the exchange application, is situated in the Wellington district, and the inquiry was held by the Molong Board alone, without special authority, and seeing there is opposition raised by Dr. Ross, M.L.A., against the proposal, perhaps it would be well to remit the case for a report further of the Wellington Board; and it is recommended that it be forwarded accordingly.

C. E. RENNIE.

Mr. Saunders, in first instance. Is this the case respecting which Dr. Ross asked a question in Parliament?—W.H., 4/10/98. This is a case referred to by Dr. Ross in Parliament, *vide* question of 31/8/98. The further inquiry proposed will afford the objectors an opportunity of presenting their view of the proposed exchange to the Department.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 6/10/98. The case may be remitted to the Land Board at Wellington for inquiry and report, and Dr. Ross informed of the reference.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 6/10/98. Approved—J.H.C., 7/10/98. Dr. Ross, M.P., and Jas. Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, informed 12/10/98. See covering paper.—C.E.F., Chairman, 24/10/98. The Chairman, L.L.B., Orange.—E.A.B. (for U.S.), B.C., 12/10/98.

No. 21.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 October, 1898.

I have the honor to inform you that the papers respecting the application by James Lee, for exchange of land at Larras Lake, have been referred to the Local Land Board at Wellington for inquiry and report, part of the lands affected being within the Wellington Land District.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 22.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 13 October, 1898.

In reply to yours, No. 98-13,197, of 12th October, 1898, *re* exchange of land at Molong to James Lee, informing me that the case has been referred to the Local Land Board at Wellington, I have to state that, in the interest of the general public, the land being so near Molong, it would be far more satisfactory for the Local Land Board to hear and decide the case at Molong, where the public may be afforded the opportunity of attending at the hearing, in place of forcing them to travel to Wellington, a distance of 40 miles. I hope, therefore, that when the Local Land Board is dealing with the case that it will, for these reasons, be heard at Molong.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Larras Lake Exchange.—Jas. Lee. Acknowledge receipt and informed that this exchange proposal has already been dealt with by the Molong Local Land Board, and the case has been forwarded to the Wellington Board for report, as part of the land is situated within that land district.—E.A.B. (*for* U.S.), 19/10/98.

Dr. Ross, M.P., informed 19/10/98.

No. 23.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 October, 1898.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant with respect to the application for exchange of land by James Lee at Larras Lake, and suggesting that the case be heard by the Molong Land Board instead of by the Wellington Board, and to inform you that this exchange proposal has already been dealt with by the Molong Local Land Board, and the case has been forwarded to the Wellington Board for report, as part of the land affected is situated within that land district.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(*per* E.A.B.).

No. 24.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.—James Lee. Land Districts Molong and Wellington.

24 October, 1898.

(1.) Bring this case on at the next meeting at Wellington, after that of the 27th instant, and in the mean time—

(2.) Let the proposed exchange be notified in the *Gazette*

(3.) And local newspapers (Wellington and Molong).

(4.) Have copies of the plan showing the proposed exchange exhibited at the Crown Lands Offices at (a) Wellington and (b) Molong, and at the (c) Police Station at Cumnook.

(5.) When sending notices to parties advise (a) James Lee, (b) Dr. Ross, (c) Mines, and (d) any objectors who may have come forward.

(6.) (a) James Lee, (b) Dr. Ross, and (c) Mines should have their attention drawn to the notices so soon as they appear.

(7.) The helio. should have shown on it the 5 acres reserve proposed by the Molong Land Board.

CHAS. E. FINCH,

Chairman.

The Clerk-in-charge, L.B.O., Orange.

Will D.S. please supply the required number of helios., &c., for exhibition as above, and indicate the position of the 5 acres proposed reserve.—W.A. (*pro* Chmn.), 24/10/98. Received, D.S.O., Orange. Mr. Day, 26/10/98. Three helios. herewith noted as requested.—A. R. GALL (*pro* Dis. Surv.), 31/10/98. The Chairman.

Notice to *Gazette* (Government), Wellington *Gazette*, Crown Lands Agent, Wellington; Crown Lands Agent, Molong; Dr. Ross, Board Office, 5/12/98.

Proposed Surrender and Exchange, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, parishes of Bell and Three Rivers. Applicant, James Lee. Plans of the above-mentioned proposal may be seen at the Office of the Crown Lands Agent at Wellington, and at the Local Land Board Office at Orange. Any objections thereto must be lodged in writing with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Orange on or before the 10th day of January, 1899.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman. Land Board Office, Orange, 5/12/98.

No. 25.

Office Memorandum.

Proposed Surrender and Exchange, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, parishes of Bell and Three Rivers.—Applicant, James Lee.

PLANS illustrating the above-mentioned proposal may be viewed upon application at the Land Board Office, upstairs.

Any objections thereto must be lodged in writing with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Orange on or before the 10th day of January, 1899.

Land Board Office, Orange, 5 December, 1898.

CHAS. E. FINCH,

Chairman

(*per* W.A.).

This notice was exhibited from the 5th December, 1898, till the 10th January, 1899, at the Local Land Board Office at Orange. No objections received.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman (*per* W.A.).

No. 26.

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No. 26.

Question and Answer.

Tuesday, 6 December, 1898.

Question.

- (7.) Exchange of Land on Larras Lake, near Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has anything yet been done respecting an application made by one James Lee, of Larras Lake, near Molong, in regard to an exchange of a valuable water reserve in the neighbourhood of Larras Lake for land of a most inferior and waterless character?
- (2.) Will he state if the Local Land Board has yet dealt with the case, or if they have recommended that the exchange should take place; if so, when, and on what public grounds?

Answer.

Mr. Bruncker answered,—

- (1.) The application by James Lee for exchange of land at Larras Lake has been referred to the Wellington Land Board for inquiry and report.
- (2.) The case has not yet been dealt with by the Board.

No. 27.

Office Memorandum.

Proposed Surrender and Exchange, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, parishes of Bell and Three Rivers.—Applicant, James Lee.

PLANS of the abovementioned proposal may be inspected at the Office of the Crown Lands Agent at Wellington, and at the Local Land Board Office at Orange.

Any objections thereto must be lodged in writing with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Orange, on or before the 10th January, 1899.

Land Board Office, Orange, 10th December, 1898.

CHAS. E. FINCH,
Chairman
(per W.A.).

The Crown L. A. at Wellington for exhibition, please, till the 10th proximo.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, per W.A. Exhibited as directed.—A. G. CHIPLIN, C.L.A., Wellington, 10/1/99.

No. 28.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Chairman, Land Board, Orange.

Dear Sir

Parliament House, Sydney, 12 December, 1898.

I am in receipt of your L.B. 98-8,292, of 5th December instant, *re* exchange of land at Larras Lake, near Molong, of Mr. Jas. Lee, and I will feel obliged by your favouring me with two litho. copies or sketches, showing the area and position of the land, to enable me to reply to the same.

Kindly forward the same to my address at Molong without delay.

Yours, &c.,
A. ROSS, M.D.

Reply, 17/12/98. See action on, 98/9,860, L.B.

No. 29.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 13 December, 1898.

May I ask you to kindly favour me with two copies, lithos. or sketches, showing the area and position of the land now proposed to be exchanged at Larras Lake, near Molong, parish of Bell, to Jas. Lee, to enable me to take steps to protest against the exchange which is to be dealt with by the Local Land Board on the 10th January, 1899.

Awaiting early answer.

Yours, &c.,
A. ROSS, M.D.

Aln. 98, 13,197.—Chairman, Orange, 12/10/98. Will the District Surveyor be good enough to supply Dr. Ross with the sketches desired? The exchange is now before the Board for inquiry.—E.A.B. (for U.S.), 13/12/98. Dr. Ross infd. 13/12/98. Would the Chairman please cause the attached helios. (two) to be forwarded to Dr. Ross to-day.—A. N. GALL (*pro.* District Surveyor), 15/12/98. A. Ross, M.P., infd. 14/12/98.

No. 30.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

A most urgent and important Land Case.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 2 January, 1899.

Re proposed exchange of land at Larras Lake, near Molong (98-2,563, portion 38, Bell, reserve 38-24,054 for water supply and camping ground, notified 5th May, 1896), 177,320 acres, and which I understand is to be dealt with by the Local Land Board on 15th January instant.

In the interest of the general public, and also stock and teamster travellers, I have again to offer my emphatic protest against this exchange of land as one that will prove a serious injustice to the public. The reserve proposed to be exchanged consists of nearly a mile frontage to the Bell River of land honestly worth from £4 to £6 per acre for land some little distance away, adjoining the Molong Creek, in county of

of Ashburnham, and which is land of a very inferior quality, being cut off from the Molong Creek and the water supply. The proposed change, if carried, will be a most scandalous one, and a gross injustice to the public and public estate, because the land offered for exchange is not only cut off (the part of it on the flat) from the creek, but of a barren, inferior quality, and not worth £1 per acre.

I do sincerely hope that no such exchange as proposed will ever be allowed, as the "reserve" consists of most valuable land on the main road from Molong to Wellington, and consists of a never-failing supply of water in all seasons.

I do again, in the interest of the public, wish to impress upon the attention of the Minister for Lands not for one minute to entertain this proposal for exchange, and which, if allowed or tolerated, would be a most crying wrong and injustice to the public.

As the recognised representative of the district, I deem it my imperative duty to offer my most emphatic protest against this proposed exchange, and which I do most solemnly and sincerely hope will never be carried into effect. I have personally known the two portions of land for upwards of forty years, and know the full facts of the case to be correct and such as I have described, and for this reason, and this only, the interest and rights of the public, I offer my unhesitating protest.

Yours, &c.,
A. ROSS, M.D.

Diagram enclosed. Blue shows water reserve, with mile fronting Bell River; red shows land proposed to be exchanged and cut off from the Molong Creek by road marked XXX, leaving the upper red portion a barren, waterless hill, not worth £1 per acre.

Dr. Ross, M.P., protesting against exchange of land at Larras Lake.—Submitted that this letter be forwarded to the Local Land Board for consideration, and that Dr. Ross be informed accordingly, and that his protest will be considered by the Minister upon receipt of the Land Board's report.—E. A. BRONSDON, Clerk-in-charge, Alienation Branch, 5/1/99.

Yes.—W. H. CAPPER (*pro*. Under Sec.), 6/1/99. Dr. Ross, M.P., informed 1/99. The Chairman, Local Land Board, Orange.—E.A.B. (for the U.S.), 9/1/99. B.C., Lands, Sydney.

Advise Dr. Ross that the date stated in his letter for Board meeting is incorrect, and when case has been set down he will be advised *re* date, which will be about end of February next. Add that the tracing accompanying his letter does not show the modification proposed. Suggest that as no objections have been lodged at this office, it would be well for some party or parties to attend at the Board meeting to place before the Board his views in the matter.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman (*per* W.A.).

Dr. Ross, M.P., informed 12/1/99. Board, Wellington. Board meeting at Wellington, 2nd March, 1899. Notified, 9/2/99.

No. 31.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Chairman, Land Board, Orange.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 14 February, 1899.

I have your notice *re* consideration of my proposed exchange by the Wellington Land Board, on the 2nd March next. I am perfectly willing to allow the matter to proceed without my attendance, but, in order to meet any objections that may have been lodged, I would thank you to advise me as to the grounds of opposition to the matter being favourably dealt with. I unhesitatingly state that to give effect to the recommendation of the Molong Land Board will prove a lasting public benefit, as the site of my surrender will (when added to the already inadequate reserve) confer to travellers what they have been short of for years, which statement is strongly supported by Departmental officers.

Your early reply will oblige.

Yours, &c.,
JAMES LEE
(*per* B. J. LEE).

The only objection received is from Dr. Ross, M.L.A., who makes a general objection. Inform Mr. Lee, and supply him with copy of, or extracts from, Dr. Ross's letter.—C.E.F., Chairman, 22/2/99. Mr. Ardill. Urgent. James Lee, with extracts from protest by Dr. Ross, 24/2/99.

No. 32.

Question and Answer.

Thursday, 23 February, 1899.

Question.

- (2.) Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to Dr. Ross's Question during last Session concerning an application made by the owners of Larras Lake, near Molong, the hearing of which is to take place at Wellington on or about the 2nd March, for an exchange of barren, inferior, waterless land for a "water reserve" on the Bell River, and consisting of rich agricultural land, and a never-failing supply of water, will he, in the interest of settlers, teamsters, and general public, instruct the Local Land Board to hear the application at Molong (where the land is situated), in place of removing the case to Wellington, which is 40 miles distant from Molong, and which precludes witnesses from attending to give evidence against the exchange?

Answer.

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The application by James Lee for exchange at Larras Lake affects land in the Land Districts of Molong and Wellington. The case has already been heard at Molong by the Molong Board, and is now before the Wellington Board to be heard at Wellington by that Board. When the reports of the Board and evidence are before me I will carefully analyse the same before giving my decision.

No. 33.

Decision of Local Land Board.

Crown Lands Act of 1884—(Part II., Section 14, Sub-section 4.)

New South Wales, }
To wit. } Exchange of Lands, Larras Lake Estate, Land Districts of Molong and Wellington.

WHEREAS on the 2nd day of March, 1899, it became a matter for investigation before us, by direction of the Secretary for Lands, for a report upon an application by James Lee for an exchange of lands, situate in the parishes of Bell and Three Rivers respectively, counties of Ashburnham and Wellington, the matter having previously been reported on by the Molong Land Board, and having taken the evidence of Surveyor Chapman and inquired into the said matter, we have to report that we fully endorse the opinion of the Molong Land Board, as set out in their report of 20th May, 1898. Unquestionably the public will be better served by the acquisition of the additional area at Bridgewater than by the retention of the reserve at the Bell River crossing—at which place the small reservation suggested by the Molong Land Board will meet public requirements, while an enlargement of the reserve at Bridgewater will afford accommodation to travellers and others approaching Molong from the direction of Cumnock, as well as those from Wellington.

Given under our hands, at the Court-house, at Wellington, in the Colony of New South Wales, this 2nd day of March, 1899,—

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
R. T. B. GADEN, }
E. J. MATTHEWS, } Members.

[Enclosure.]

This deponent, *Archibald Wellesley Chapman*, of Orange, Government Surveyor, being duly sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows :—Under instructions from the District Surveyor, I inspected the lands within the proposed exchange, and from my observations and notes made on the ground I furnished a report; that report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and ability; I measured the land sought to be acquired by the applicant; the Molong-Wellington road passes through the portion for about 10 chains; taking the two areas as a whole, I consider their value to be about equal; I believe the water on the frontage to be surrendered is permanent; I have often been on the reserve and found water there; the reserve at Bridgewater is much used by teams; I see on helio marked "Y" an area hatched in red; the reservation of that will tend to afford to the public extra accommodation for camping, but really the reservation is not needed; the facilities towards public benefit will be much better served by the acquisition of the land to be surrendered.

Sworn by deponent at Wellington, }
this 2nd of March, 1899,— }

CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman.
R. T. B. GADEN, Member.
E. J. MATTHEWS, Member.

A. W. CHAPMAN.

No. 34.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.—Mr. James Lee.

EXCHANGE of lands, as indicated by red and blue edgings on within lithograph map, is recommended by the Local Land Board both at Molong and Wellington, being a modification of small extent of the proposal contained in the application. Applicant's consent has been given.

The proposal has been protested against by Dr. Ross, M.L.A., and has been made the subject of questions by him in the House on three occasions; but no opposition has been met with from any other quarter, although every opportunity has been given to the public to state objections.

It is recommended that the report be approved, and that, subject to applicant depositing a further sum of £20 towards cost of survey and final expenses, and agreeing to pay the difference in the value of improvements, amounting to an excess on the Crown lands of £87 7s., measurement be made on an equal area basis. The principal improvements are a new sheep-dip and yard constructed in the south-eastern corner of the reserve, "about three years ago," on the supposition, it is stated in evidence, that they were being put on the freehold. This statement, however, is hardly borne out by the report of the surveyor, that a few panels of the old fence at the corner (viz., of William Lee's 640 acres) had been pointed out as marking the original boundary.

C. E. RENNIE, Chief Draftsman, 26/3/99.

The Under Secretary.

For approval of the proposed action—Dr. Ross, M.P., might, perhaps, be informed of the Minister's decision, and if it be favourable to proceeding with the exchange, invited to inspect the official papers.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 27/3/99. Ask Dr. Ross to inspect the papers.—J.H.C., 27/3/99.

Dr. Ross, M.P., 30/3/99.

No. 35.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 30 March, 1899.

Referring to your objections relative to Mr. James Lee's application for exchange of land at Larras Lake, I have the honor to inform you that the Wellington Local Land Board has now reported favourably on the proposal, and the Secretary for Lands invites you to peruse the papers at this Department before finally giving his decision thereon.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 36.

No. 36.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 24 April, 1899.

I am anxiously waiting to receive a copy of the report of the Molong Local Land Board in the case *re* "Exchange of land applied for by Jas. Lee, of Larras Lake, near Molong," and which was dealt with by the Land Board at Wellington some time back.

I have called several times at the Department of Lands, and at your request, to see the papers, but I have been met with the petty excuse that either yourself or the Under Secretary was busy or could not be seen, so much so that it appears to me that the Department is under the control of the messengers, and I decline, therefore, to be fooled about any longer.

I have again to request that a copy of the report of the Local Land Board in the above case be forwarded to me, as the case is one of "far too serious a nature in the interest of the general public" for me to discontinue to protest against the exchange of this valuable piece of land, and one that has a never-failing supply of water.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

I invited Dr. Ross to call here to inspect the papers, and now that he has been so met at this office I direct that a clerk ascertain the Doctor's convenience and wait upon him with the papers for his perusal.—J.H.C., 25/4/99.

Dr. Ross, M.P., asked. Copies of Molong and Wellington Bd. reports furnished, 26/4/99.

No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 April, 1899.

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant respecting the exchange of lands at Larras Lake with James Lee, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the reports of the Molong and Wellington Land Boards on the proposal as desired, and to inform you that if you will intimate a convenient time, an officer from this Department will wait upon you at the Legislative Assembly with the papers in order that you may peruse them.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 38.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 15 May, 1899.

I have to thank you for copies of the report of the Land Board respecting the proposed exchange of land belonging to Mr. James Lee, of Larras Lake, near Molong, for a valuable "water reserve" of never-failing supply of water in all seasons for an absolute barren, waterless piece of land.

I have known the water reserve as a resident of Molong for nearly forty years, and therefore can without contradiction vouch for the value of the water reserve. For this reason I beg and pray of you under no consideration, in your capacity of Minister for Lands and guardian of the public interest, ever to think of condescending to grant one single inch, far less this valuable piece of land and water reserve, by way of exchange. I have already repeatedly warned you against carrying out this exchange of land, as it would be an everlasting injustice and injury to the public, owing to being deprived not only of the land, but this never-failing supply of water. You lose sight of the fact that the Larras Lake Estate consists of something like 40,000 or 50,000 acres of land; and no rational-minded man can say that land monopoly is in the interest of the future welfare of the Colony.

I again enter my determined protest against the exchange of this water reserve. I would sooner resign my seat in Parliament than stand by in idleness to see such a gross injustice ever being attempted to be inflicted upon the public without offering my most emphatic protest.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Papers.—W.H., 16/5/99.
W.H., 19.

Papers herewith.—E.B., 18/5/99.

Better submit in usual way.—

No. 39.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.—Dr. Ross' Protest.

7 July, 1899.

THE area shown by blue hatching, left in the original subdivision of the adjacent land for a village, not being required for that purpose, was on 9th May, 1896, formally reserved as for water supply and camping.

Mr. Lee, the owner of the land surrounding the reserve, has held it under annual lease for several years and effected improvements consisting, at date of inspection, of sheep-dip, yards, fencing, and ring-barking, of a total value of £135.

The application of Mr. Lee to be permitted to acquire the freehold of this reserve in exchange for the area shown by red hatching from the first met with emphatic objection from Dr. Ross.

But all the officers who have dealt with the case, including the members of the Local Land Boards of Molong and Wellington, the local Inspector of Stock, the District Surveyor, and the inspecting Surveyor, are unanimous in stating that the exchange in the modified form shown by red tint on tracing "X" will be decidedly to the public advantage. The lands are reported to be of approximately equal value; the surrender area commands permanent water, and as a camping and water reserve will afford advantage and convenience

convenience to a much larger section of the travelling public than reserve 24,054, as the traffic on the Molong-Cumnock road is fully three times as great as that on the Molong-Wellington road. The members of the Molong Board personally inspected the sites.

Questions, relative to this proposal, have been asked by Dr. Ross in the House. But neither at the meeting of the Local Land Board at Cumnock nor at the subsequent meeting at Wellington was Dr. Ross present or represented.

Particular care was taken that Dr. Ross should receive due notice of the Board's meetings; and he has been supplied with copies of illustrative sketches. He was also invited by Mr. Secretary Carruthers to call at Head Office and inspect the papers, *vide* minute 25/4/99, on Aln. 99-5,501, and was then supplied with copies of the Board's reports.

Nevertheless, in a later communication from Dr. Ross, he reiterates most emphatically his objections (Aln. 99-6,625), which are, briefly, that the reserve in much better land than that offered in exchange for it, and commands a never-failing supply of water.

No one else has objected either by letter or appearance before the Local Land Boards.

As the preponderance of evidence is in favour of the exchange, the proposal should, perhaps, be proceeded with.

The Under Secretary.

C. E. RENNIE,
Chief Draftsman.

There is no reason why the recommendations of the Local Land Boards should not be acted on. It is difficult to understand the opposition of Dr. Ross to the proposed exchange, which the sworn evidence given at the Land Board inquiries shows is in the public interest,—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 10/7/99.

Approved.—J.H.Y., 11/7/99. Dr. Ross, M.P., informed 15/7/99. Before survey instructions are issued, applicant should be communicated with as indicated in minute registered, Aln. 99-4,257.—R.H., 21/7/99. Alienation Branch, £20, Jas. Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, and Treasury, 26/7/99.

No. 40.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Protest against Exchange of Land.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 27 July, 1899.

I beg to draw your attention to my speech last night in the House *re* the Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong, to Mr. James Lee, and to again offer my emphatic protest (in the interest of the general public) to the exchange taking place, and which will be most prejudicial to the public interest.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

No. 41.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 2 August, 1899.

Having reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, asking for the payments of £87 7s. for the value of improvements on the land to be acquired, under the Larras Lake Exchange, and the sum of £20 towards further costs in connection therewith, I have the honor to represent that the matter was first before the Molong Land Board on the 17th May, 1898, who, after personally inspecting the lands involved, recommended that the proposal to exchange be given effect to (20/5/98), then valued the improvements on the area to be secured by me at £133 2s. I then made application for a remission of the value of these improvements, and on the 2nd August, 1898, the Land Board upon the evidence then before it recommended that as the fencing along the road had been put up by me to protect the lands I held under annual lease, and the sheep-dip and new yards effected by me under misapprehension as to my boundaries, the values of those be remitted to me—that would be over £100.

I apprehended that the exchange, &c., would then be approved, but it appears from the documents I heard of at the last inquiry that Dr. Ross, the Parliamentary representative for Molong, urged the Minister to again re-open the matter, as he had objections to lodge. The matter was then referred to the Land Board at Wellington, who, on March 2nd last, after hearing the Crown officer in evidence, endorsed the recommendation of the Molong Board. Now, Sir, am I to be mulct in costs owing to the action of Dr. Ross, who failed on both occasions to offer any objection or attend—in fact, all the testimony was in favour of the proposal? I lodged a reasonable sum to cover costs, and have yielded to a curtailment of the area I applied for; thus, taking the whole of the circumstances into consideration, I submit in justice that the exchange be proceeded with, without further call on me; and, as there is some error in the amount to be remitted to me for the improvements, I urge that it be adjusted.

I have, &c.,

JAMES LEE.

Larras Lake Exchange—Mr. James Lee. The writer may be informed that the inquiry at Wellington was unavoidable, from the fact that the Crown land proposed to be dealt with was situated in that Land District, and that no authority had been given to the Board at Molong (as provided by law) to wholly deal with the matter under inquiry. Also, as to the Departmental claim to payment of £87 7s. on account of improvements on the lands proposed to be surrendered and of those on the exchange area, to all of which the Crown is entitled to assert a claim. The latter were erected upon the reserve without permission, and the Department is only following an invariable rule in claiming them to be Crown property, of which rule the Land Board is cognisant. Further, the Board did not recommend that this practice be departed from. The circumstances of the case do not support the claim that the improvements were effected on Crown land under a misapprehension.—C. E. RENNIE, Chief Draftsman, 12/8/99. The Under Secretary.

May be explained to the writer.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 12/8/99. Approved.—J.H.Y., 15/8/99. Jas. Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, 21/8/99.

No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Lee, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 21 August, 1899.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, in connection with payment of costs and excess value of improvements on the lands to be granted under the Larras Lake Exchange, I am directed by the Secretary for Lands to inform you that the lands to be dealt with being situated in the Land Districts of Molong and Wellington, it was necessary, under the Crown Lands Acts, that an inquiry should be held in each district.

As regards the Departmental claim for payment of £87 7s. for excess value of improvements, I have to state that the improvements on the exchange area were erected upon the reserve without permission, and the Department is following an invariable rule in claiming them as Crown property. The Local Land Board did not recommend that this practice be departed from, and the circumstances of the case do not support the claim that the improvements were effected on Crown land under a misapprehension.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary
(per W.H.C.).

No. 43.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

"Public matters of urgency and importance."

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 29 August, 1899.

In my speech on the 26th July, 1899, on the Address in Reply to the Governor's opening speech (see *Hansard*), I took the trouble to bring under the notice of the Minister for Lands several most important public matters, and to which I am anxiously waiting for some satisfactory and definite reply or answers.

The questions at issue are as follows, viz. :—

1. Will you inform me what decision, if any, the Minister for Lands has arrived at in regard to an application made by Mr. James Lee, of Larras Lake, Molong District, county of Gordon, for exchange of land, and which was referred to by me in the House on the 26th July last?
2. What steps, if any, he intends to take in dealing with the New Angledool cases, &c., and also referred to by me?
3. What steps, if any, he intends to take in the Nanima cases, district of Molong, county of Ashburnham, and in which one (a conditional purchase inspector) Battye was implicated, and reported on by the Royal Commission that was appointed to inquire into the matter?

These matters are of too serious a public character for me to allow them to pass without the fullest consideration and investigation in the interest of the general public.

Hoping to be favoured with a reply without delay.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Submitted for the Minister's consideration, together with the papers in two cases referred to by Dr. Ross; *vide* statement as to the stages at which the cases stand at present.—W.H., 30/8/99.

Dr. Ross, M.P., informed of state of each matter, 2/9/99.

No. 44.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

2 September, 1899.

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, inquiring as to the Larras Lake Exchange, the Angledool cases, and the Nanima cases, referred to in your speech in the Legislative Assembly on the 26th idem, on the Address in Reply, I have the honor to invite your attention to my communication of the 15th July last, intimating that it had been decided to proceed with the Larras Lake Exchange, and 20th June last, informing you that, in view of the advising of the Crown Law Office, it has been decided not to proceed any further in the Nanima cases.

With regard to the Angledool cases, I have also to refer you to my letter of the 2nd July, 1898, inviting your attention to the replies of your Parliamentary questions, and inquiring whether you are prepared with any evidence against the homestead lessees, and to the reply to the question asked by you in the Legislative Assembly on the 30th August, 1898, to the effect that until reliable evidence is forthcoming the Government are powerless to deal with the alleged wholesale system of dummying.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary
(per W.H.C.).

No. 45.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 5 September, 1899.

I have your communication before me of the 21st ultimo, *re* the necessity of two inquiries and two reports by different Land Boards, *re* my proposal to exchange lands on Larras Lake, and stating that it was necessary under the Crown Lands Acts that an inquiry should be held by the Boards in each district. I am quite content with the law, if that be so, but I cannot conceive why a trifling matter like mine should need so much consideration, and an endorsement by a second Land Board, while huge exchanges are dealt with by one Board, embracing lands in two or more Land Board Districts—the nearest one to this I know of is by the Union Bank—surrendering lands on Nanima (Molong District) for lands in the Grenfell District (not even same divisions of the Colony), their proposal was dealt with by the Grenfell Board only, and I believe the exchange has been approved. I am quite at a loss to understand the

the concluding paragraph of your letter, where you state "the Land Board did not recommend that the practice be departed from." A copy of the recommendation was read over at the conclusion of the case, when the Board certainly recommended that the value of the fencing along the road, sheep-dip, and yard be remitted to me—the Crown taking the value of the other improvements. If there be any mistake in the purport of the Board's recommendation, as sent you as against that come to in Court, I pray that you will send the case back to the Board, as I am convinced that they concluded the circumstances of the case warranted the Crown acting on their recommendation. In conclusion, I beg that you will treat my proposal as others have been treated, and adopt the recommendation of the Land Board, who thoroughly investigated my application before arriving at a decision.

I have, &c.,
JAMES LEE.

No. 46.
Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.—Mr. James Lee.

26 September, 1899.

THE applicant for the exchange further objects to the amount of costs incurred by the double inquiry, and to his being called upon to pay for certain improvements erected by him on Crown lands, stating that he understood the Board to recommend the Crown to waive claim; and he asks that reference on this point be again made to the Board.

As to costs, a sum of about £27 6s. has already been expended (partly for survey of reserve 24,054, £11 4s.), whereas the deposit and survey fee paid amount to but £18.

Perhaps applicant may be informed that the expenses of the hearings by the two Boards, which may be defined as not exceeding £8 8s., are not regarded as out of proportion to the importance of the question considered; that the costs of investigation and office action preceding the hearing amounted to £7 8s.; and that the balance of the deposit and survey fee lodged is required, together with the £20 asked for, to cover the expenses mainly of survey, but also of final action. Further, as to payment for the improvements, that the circumstances of the case do not appear to warrant departure from the established practice in similar cases.

C. E. RENNIE.

The Under Secretary.

May be informed accordingly.—W. HOUSTON, Under Secretary, 27/9/99. Approved.—T.H.H., 29/9/99. James Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, infd. 6/10/99.

No. 47.
Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Most Important Letter.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 4 October, 1899.

To-day I called at your office to see you, but unfortunately you happened to be out, and I was compelled to leave for the country in the evening.

Let me beg of you to deal with the Land Exchange case without delay, viz. :—

James Lee's application, Larras Lake, near Molong.—I am determined to fight this shameful case to the bitter end in the interest of public right and justice. Over and over I have protested against this land exchange taking place, and the application is one that ought never to have been entertained. The Lee Estate consists of some 40, or 50,000 acres of land, and yet the owner of this little empire has the audacity to take away this valuable water reserve from the public. The land sought to be obtained by exchange is a most valuable reserve of permanent water supply in all seasons, with nearly a mile frontage to the Molong Creek and Bell River. See to the case at once, and put a stop, at all hazard, to the proposed exchange being allowed or carried out.

I have known the land for upwards of forty years. Put your foot down and deal with the case like a man, in the interest of right and justice. Come what may, I am determined to fight the case to the bitter end.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Dr. Ross protests against Larras Lake Exchange.—This protest contains nothing which the writer has not previously asserted, while his attitude is opposed to the evidence of every one else who has been heard and to the recommendation of every local officer who has reported on the proposal. The case received every publicity, abundant opportunity having been afforded by two Land Board inquiries for the merits of the proposal to be tested; and the conclusion to permit the exchange to proceed was, therefore, not arrived at without due consideration. The whole facts are brought forward on Aln. 99-9,459, and in view of the decision given thereon, further action is merely awaiting payment by Mr. Lee of the additional sum asked for towards costs of inquiry, survey, &c.—C. E. RENNIE, 11/10/99. The Under Secretary.

No. 48.
The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Lee, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 6 October, 1899.

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant regarding payment of costs and value of improvements in connection with the Larras Lake exchange of lands, I have the honor to inform you that the expenses of the hearings by the two Land Boards, which do not exceed £8 8s., are not regarded as out of proportion to the importance of the question considered. The costs of investigation and office action preceding the hearing amounted to £7 8s., and the balance of the deposit and survey fee lodged, together with the £20 called for, is required to cover the expenses of survey and final action.

With regard to the improvements, payment for which is required, I have further to inform you that the circumstances of the case do not appear to warrant departure from the established practice in similar cases.

I have, &c.,

W. HOUSTON,
Under Secretary
(per W.H.C.).

No. 49.

No. 49.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Exchange.

THIS case has been very fully discussed. The land to be acquired by the Crown is in the Land District of Molong, and that to be acquired by Mr. Lee is in the Land District of Wellington. The blocks are about 1 mile apart.

The Land Boards of each district dealt with the matter, and, although both Boards were presided over by the same Chairman, the Members of the Boards were not identical, and, therefore, looked at the matter independently.

The following are the Board's findings:—

Molong Board.

“The land proposed to be surrendered adjoins water-reserve 702 on Molong Creek, at (Bridgewater) the junction of the roads from Cumnock and Wellington respectively to Molong. The land proposed to be acquired comprises reserve 24,054 ‘for water supply and camping’ fronting the northern side of the Bell River, and distant from Bridgewater about 60 chains, along the Wellington-road, which passes through it. There is evidence that teamsters and other travellers camp on reserve 702, on the small area marked ‘A’ (tracing ‘X’), and at the Bell River, on the road at point ‘B’ on reserve 24,054. The traffic towards Molong is much greater from the direction of Cumnock than it is from the direction of Wellington (more than three to one); and, therefore, if the exchange be effected, and the land surrendered be made a camping reserve, a much larger number of the travelling public would be accommodated, as a reserve at Bridgewater could be used by travellers on both roads, whereas the present reserve is only used by a few. The land comprising reserve 24,054 is somewhat better than that proposed to be surrendered, but, in view of what we have already stated, we have no hesitation in recommending the exchange, but on the understanding that the land surrendered be reserved as a travelling stock and camping reserve. With the exception of the small area at ‘B,’ reserve 24,054 (at present under annual lease) is enclosed with applicant's freeholds; fences having been placed on both sides of the road—gates, however, have been left in the fences—but the enclosed parts appear to have been very little used by the public. For the purpose of this exchange the lands may be considered to be of equal value per acre—and the exchange should be on the basis of acre for acre, as suggested by the District Surveyor—except that an area of about 5 acres (red hatching of helio. ‘Y’) should be retained as a reserve, which will give the public a larger camping place, and more extended access to water at the Bell River, than appears to have been used of late. Although water in Molong Creek on the frontage of water reserve 702 is not permanent, it is nearly so, and the acquisition of the strip of land, proposed to be surrendered, extending from the road to the creek at Bridgewater, will give access to a permanent waterhole.

“The improvements on the land proposed to be surrendered, consisting of ringbarking and fencing, are valued at £45 15s., and those on the land to be acquired—fencing, yards, dip, &c.—at £133 2s.; the latter are the property of the Crown. Of the fencing on the land to be surrendered, that along the eastern boundary would, to some extent, be useful in preventing travellers' stock from straying; but the fencing running easterly and westerly through the land would be of no use to the public, applicant might be permitted to remove it—on condition that he re-erect it on the lines ‘a’ and ‘b’ and ‘c’ and ‘d.’ The improvements on the lines to be acquired should be paid for by applicant, unless it be considered that the value may be remitted, on the grounds that they were effected under a misapprehension.”

Wellington Board.

“We have to report that we fully endorse the opinion of the Molong Land Board, as set out in their report of 20th May, 1898. Unquestionably the public will be better served by the acquisition of the additional area at Bridgewater than by the retention of the reserve at the Bell River crossing, at which place the small reservation suggested by the Molong Land Board will meet public requirements, while an enlargement of the reserve at Bridgewater will afford accommodation to travellers and others approaching Molong from the direction of Cumnock as well as those from Wellington.”

The original proposal has been slightly modified, and the exchange is supported not only by the two Land Boards but by the District Surveyor, Surveyor Chapman, and the Inspector of Stock. The evidence before the Department is emphatically in favour of the exchange, and the conclusion to be drawn is that the public will benefit by it.

It is much to be regretted that Dr. Ross did not present his objections to the Land Boards; and it is difficult to deal with them now, seeing that Ministerial approval has been given to the exchange, and the Crown has probably entered into a contract from which it might not be able to recede, even if it desired to do so, unless Mr. Lee should refuse to pay the expenses which have been called for. (See enclosed copy of letter of 26th July last to Mr. Lee.)

H. CURRY,
14/10/99.

In view of the stage this case has reached, it is not apparent that the decision already given can be reversed; but as Dr. Ross, M.P., has written so frequently and so emphatically in opposition to the proposed exchange, I think his letters might be forwarded to the Chairman for his own perusal and that of the members of the Molong and Wellington Boards, who might favour me with any comments thereon they may deem necessary.—T.H.H., 16/10/99.

Forwarded to the Chairman at Orange in accordance with the Minister's direction.—J.B. (for U.S.), B.C., 17/10/99.

Will Messrs. Gaden and Matthews look into this case and make such comments as they may think desirable, for the information of the Secretary for Lands (see his minute, 16 October, 1899)?—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, L.B.O., Orange, 27/10/99. Messrs. Gaden and Matthews, Wellington, care of Crown Land Agent. Joint reports herewith, 31/10/99.

Does Mr. Pearse (Molong Board) desire to make any remarks?—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, L.B.O., Orange, 13/11/99. Reply herewith, 27/11/99.

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Larras Lake Exchange.—In compliance with the Minister's minute of the 16th October last, I forwarded the enclosed papers to the members of the Land Boards which dealt with the matter, and now submit a joint report from Messrs. Gaden and Matthews (Wellington), and a report from Mr. Pearse (Molong), *vide* papers 99-9,918 and 99-9,919 L.B. For my own part, I may state I see no reason for in any way altering the opinion I arrived at in this matter, both from the evidence submitted and from personal observation. Every publicity was given to the matter before the investigations were made, but with the exception of the protest by Dr. Ross, who failed to submit evidence, no objections were lodged, nor was any evidence against the exchange submitted to the Boards. In dealing with exchanges—and I have had experience in large exchanges in the Forbes Land Board District—I have always acted on the principle that the Crown (who is the person approached by the applicant for an exchange) should, by the exchange, secure a decided benefit in the interest of the public; and this appears to have been the view of the officers who have conducted the cases for the Crown in all cases that have come under my notice. No doubt the exchange under consideration will benefit Mr. Lee by consolidating his holding; but I am convinced the public will be much better accommodated than they are at present, provided the land to be surrendered at Bridgewater be made available as a camping and travelling stock reserve. The comparative values of the two portions of land are set out in the evidence, and as to "permanent water," it will be seen that access to permanent water will be retained at the Bell River and acquired at Bridgewater, while the reserve at the latter place will benefit a far larger number of the travelling public than at present use the reserve at the Bell River. Mr. Betts, one of the members of the Molong Board who dealt with this case, is now deceased, but he was fully in accord with myself and Mr. Pearse in the recommendation we made. I need scarcely point out that if these cases are to be dealt with in open Court, it must be in the usual manner and on such evidence as may be submitted to the Board.—CHAS. E. FINCH, Chairman, L.B.O., Orange, 28/11/99. The Under Secretary for Lands.

The remarks of the members of the Board upon Dr. Ross' opposition to the proposed Larras Lake Exchange are submitted for consideration. The benefits to be derived by the public are shown by the Chairman to have had due weight in influencing the Boards to make their recommendations in its favour, and those advantages are again, and more fully, presented in Mr. Pearse's minute. It is submitted that Dr. Ross be informed that after further inquiry the Department is satisfied to proceed with the proposed exchange upon applicant complying with the usual terms; also, that Mr. Lee be advised that further action now awaits his reply to departmental letter of 6th October.—C. J. SAUNDERS, 14/12/99. The Under Secretary.

Submitted for approval.—H. CURRY, Acting Under Secretary, 14/12/99. Approved.—T.H.H., 15/12/99. Dr. Ross, M.P., and Jas. Lee reminded, 20/12/99.

[Enclosures.]

Larras Lake Exchange.—Comments by Members of Wellington Land Board.

Having carefully gone through papers and evidence in the Larras Lake land exchange, we see no reason to alter our former recommendation to the exchange being carried out. We still think the public are getting the best of the exchange.

R. T. B. GADEN,
E. J. MATTHEWS,

Members of Local Land Board, Wellington.

Wellington, 30th October, 1899.

Exchange of Land, Larras Lake Estate.—Comments by Mr. Pearse, Member, Molong Land Board.

Having carefully looked through the papers and the voluminous correspondence by Dr. Ross in this case, I cannot see any reason to change my opinion with regard to the report submitted by the Board respecting this exchange.

The excellent minute, covering Aln. 99-9,459, to the Under Secretary so clearly and accurately states the case, that it seems almost unnecessary for me to offer any further comment. But as it may be desirable that I should add some remarks from my view of the case, I may say that the reasons for favouring the exchange, from evidence before the Board, and also from personal observation by the Chairman and members, are so apparent and conclusive, that I am surprised any person is found to cavil at the recommendation.

By the exchange a larger area for camping purposes than is at present available, with access to permanent water, will be secured at Bridgewater, where, at present, the area is restricted, and this will accommodate not only the traffic on the Wellington-road, but also the much greater traffic from the direction of Cumnock and Obley. Thus a much greater number of the travelling public will be benefited, while bearing in mind that at the Bell River a sufficient area will be retained to meet requirements at that spot. I may point out that, notwithstanding the publicity given to this case, no one, with the exception of Dr. Ross, has questioned the desirability of the exchange, nor has any one appeared before the Land Board in opposition.

As one of the members of the Board dealing with this case, and claiming an equal sense of "right" and "justice" with Dr. Ross, and influenced by no motive other than that of the public interest, I have no hesitation in stating that in my opinion the exchange is unquestionably desirable for the convenience and accommodation of the travelling public, and by whom I am satisfied it will be appreciated.

THOMAS S. PEARSE,
Member, Molong Board.

Orange, 21/11/99.

No. 50.

Question and Answer.

Wednesday, 18 October, 1899.

Question.

- (7.) Exchange of Land at Larras Lake, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has any further action been taken to grant to Mr. Jas. Lee, of Larras Lake, Molong District, an exchange of a barren, waterless piece of land, about 200 acres, for a more valuable water reserve of never-failing supply of water, with about a mile frontage to the Molong Creek and Bell River; if so, has any decision yet been arrived at in the matter?
(2.) In the interest of *bona fide* settlement, will he, in the above case, see that the interest of the general public is not sacrificed in order to conciliate a spirit of land monopoly, seeing that the Larras Lake Estate already consists of something like 40,000 to 50,000 acres of freehold?

Answer.

Mr. Hassall answered,—The exchange has received Ministerial approval; but before sending the papers on to the Executive Council I am giving the matter my careful consideration; but I am doubtful whether the decision already given can be reversed, even if expedient.

No. 51.

The Acting Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 20 December, 1899.

Referring to your letter of the 4th October last, respecting the exchange of land at Larras Lake, I have the honor to inform you that, after further inquiry, the Secretary for Lands is satisfied to proceed with the proposed exchange upon the applicant complying with the usual terms.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Acting Under Secretary

(per E.B.).

No. 52.

Question and Answer.

Wednesday, 20 December, 1899.

Question.

- (9.) Land Exchange, Larras Lake, Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to carry out the proposed “land exchange” belonging to Larras Lake, in the district of Molong, or does he intend to reserve the land, and make it available as a special area for *bona fide* settlement, the land being of a rich and superior quality, and surrounded by a never-failing supply of water, viz., the Molong Creek and Bell River?

Answer.

Mr. Hassall answered,—The exchange proposals were approved by my predecessor in office. In view, however, of the Honorable Member's strong representations, I thought it expedient to make further inquiry into the case, and accordingly referred the matter to the chairman and members of both the Molong and Wellington Land Boards, from whose reports I am assured that the exchange would be desirable in the public interest, and should be proceeded with.

No. 53.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 21 December, 1899.

I am in receipt of yours—99—16,792—of yesterday's date, 20th December, informing me that, after further inquiry, the Secretary for Lands is “satisfied to proceed with the proposed exchange of land at Larras Lake, district of Molong, upon the applicant complying with the usual terms.”

In reply, I have, in the interest of the public, to again offer my most emphatic protest against the exchange being carried out, for reasons that I have already explained.

It is one of the most shameful cases that ever occurred in the administration of our land laws, and I feel compelled, under the circumstances, in the interest of the public, to inform you that I will avail myself of the earliest opportunity of having the matter fully discussed on the reassembling of Parliament.

I have personally known the land and valuable never-failing water supply that is about to be surrendered under this proposed exchange for a barren piece of waterless land for upwards of forty years, and I unhesitatingly challenge contradiction.

Yours, &c.,

ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

No. 54.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Re proposed Land Exchange, Larras Lake, Molong District.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 27 December, 1899.

In answer to my question in the House of the 20th instant in the above case, you informed me that “the exchange proposed was approved by your predecessor in office. In view, however, of the strong representations made by Dr. Ross, I thought it expedient to make further inquiry into the case, and accordingly referred the matter to the chairman and members of both Molong and Wellington Land Boards, from whose reports I am assured that the exchange would be desirable in the public interest, and should be proceeded with.”

In view of the above very unsatisfactory answer, I cannot, in the interest of teamsters, carriers, settlers, stock travellers, and the general public, refrain from drawing your attention to this shameful case, and to again offer my protest against the exchange being carried out. It appears to me worse than a farce and mockery for you to refer the case back to the same tribunal that dealt with the matter previously, but more especially without taking fresh evidence. Is it likely or reasonable to suppose that they would alter their former opinion when no fresh evidence was called?

I ask at your hands no special favour whatever, only justice in the interest of the public; and while I have the honor of holding a seat in Parliament I shall use every legitimate means at my command to obtain and protect the public rights of my constituents. It is not the first time I have had the occasion to encounter the opposition of a Land Minister or a Minister of the Crown, and however unpleasant the task may be, it is a sacred public duty that I have no alternative but to perform. Rather than betray the public trust that has been placed in my hand, and remain under the stigma of being regarded as a coward, I'd sooner resign my seat and retire from Parliament than allow myself to be degraded in the eyes of my fellow-citizens. I challenge you and the officials in your Department, aye, and both the Molong and Wellington Land Boards, to point out to me at the present time where the water is to be found on the land that is proposed to be exchanged for the old water reserve and Crown lands that now and always contained a never-failing supply of water, to my personal knowledge, for the last forty to fifty years.

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For weeks, nay, for months, past not a single drop of water is to be found by teamsters, carriers, settlers, &c., on the land proposed to be exchanged, and yet you and your officials have the audacity to tell me that the exchange is made in the interests of the public. Was it the public or the owner of the run that made application for the exchange? The thing is simply a disgrace and insult to the public interest. I challenge you to send a competent and unbiassed man to inspect and report on where and what quantity of water is available for the use of the public as has been alleged.

I have personally known the land and water reserve proposed to be exchanged for upwards of forty years, and, therefore, can vouch for the fact of the land being invaluable, and contains a never-failing supply of water in all seasons. Not so with the land proposed to be exchanged—for six months out of twelve the land is waterless.

The Larras Lake Estate contains something like 50,000 acres of land, and includes both sides of the Bell River and Molong Creek for miles, and yet, forsooth, the Department of Lands has the audacity to take away from the public the only available and permanent water supply in the locality.

What makes the case worse is the fact that the water reserve proposed to be exchanged is on the main road, Molong to Wellington, a distance of 40 miles.

Talk about our land laws settling an industrious, peaceful class of yeomanry on the soil; but if stubborn facts like these are to be tolerated, then they are more likely to bring them to ruin and destruction. Of late years, owing to the protracted droughts, water for domestic purposes is of far more value to public health than that of gold, but in this case public health, right, and justice are of little or no consequence, so long as the rich become richer and the poor poorer.

Yours, &c.,
ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

No. 55.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 30 December, 1899.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt from your Department of a letter dated 6th October last, and a circular reminder anent the same subject bearing date 20th instant, respecting payment for certain improvements effected by me on land, I understand, that has been approved as an acquisition to the Larras Lake Estate, in lieu of an area to be surrendered.

Permit me to respectfully invite your attention to the facts of the case in support of an application by me for a remission of the value of most of the improvements, which was the subject of an inquiry by the Molong Land Board, who recommended (or intended to do so) that the value of the sheep-dip, &c., recently effected, be remitted to me. In explanation of my action in effecting those improvements on what turned out to be Crown lands was the total absence of any marked line or boundary separating my portion 17 from the part of the subject exchange to be acquired—that the improvements were effected under misapprehension as to the true position of the boundary, and on land really understood to be part of my freehold portion 17, the measurement of which took place many years ago, consequently the lines have been obliterated. Mr. Surveyor Chapman, when measuring the reserve (after the dip was made), had the greatest difficulty in picking up a marked point, and seeing that the dip, &c., are within 1 chain of the boundary line established by that gentleman, I venture to submit that is evidence of the correctness of my statement, and sufficiently weighty enough to influence you to exercise your rights by approving of the Land Board's recommendation. I am convinced that the Board intended to report in my favour. If they have not done so, presumably some error has occurred; and if their expressed minute is not conclusive enough to warrant your complying with my request, then I would beg of you to return the case to the Board for a further report as to the facts attending the construction of the improvements, which I assure you were effected with a view to the better and more profitable use of my freehold lands, and on land I held under annual lease, but on what I considered to be my portion 17. As regards the amount (£20) demanded for additional cost in dealing with the exchange matters, I already hold the Treasury receipt for £18, which does not appear to be exhausted as yet; and as the only other expense that can be involved is the exclusion of the small area to be set apart for camping on the Bell River (about 4 acres), the amount called for seems to me to be quite out of proportion to the service. Anyway, I respectfully urge that the whole question be reconsidered without prejudice to any right to the exchange going through, and then I shall be prepared to pay a sum commensurate for the survey, and thus bring the question to a speedy conclusion, as I understand your Department desires.

Soliciting your favourable consideration hereto.

I have, &c.,
JAMES LEE.

No. 56.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Re Land Exchange, Larras Lake, near Molong.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 9 January, 1900.

At the close of last year I took the trouble to write asking you to send a competent officer to Molong to report on the quantity of water that is alleged to exist on the land offered for exchange by Larras Lake, but to the present time I have received no reply. Now is the time that the proposed exchange should be made the subject of a thorough inspection (in regard to the water supply), when not a drop of water at the present time, and for weeks past, to be found on the land offered to be exchanged.

Yours, &c.,
A. ROSS, M.D.

Larras Lake Exchange.—In Mr. Surveyor Chapman's evidence given before the Land Board at Molong on the 17th May, 1898, it is stated that upon that part of portion 3 which it is proposed the Crown shall acquire by surrender from Mr. Lee "there is a good waterhole, of a permanent character, and easy of access to stock." The District Surveyor is requested to report if the experiences of the two succeeding seasons has tended to substantiate the opinion thus expressed of the permanence of the water supply.—C. E. RENNIE (for the Under Secretary), 10/2/1900. The District Surveyor, Orange.

No. 57.

No. 57.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 10 February, 1900.

I enclose for your information enclosed clipping from *Truth*, of 11th February, 1900, re proposed land exchange in Molong District.

You will find when Parliament meets that I have the "land fish" to fry besides this.

Take the "Windus" alone, and the worry and annoyance I have had for years over this case, and which is still unsettled, awaiting, I presume, some other red tape process ere it sees the light of day or justice.

Yours, &c.,

ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

[Enclosure.]

A SHAMEFUL LAND EXCHANGE PROPOSAL.

[To the Editor of *Truth*.]

Sir,

Knowing your readiness to at all times assist in redressing a public grievance, may I ask the necessary space to place before the public the following correspondence in reference to a most interesting and remarkable case? For some considerable time past an application has been pending in regard to an exchange of a rich and valuable water reserve on Larras Lake, near Molong, on the main road from Molong to Wellington, for an inferior, waterless portion of land on the road Molong to Cumnock and Obley; and which I have, not only in Parliament, but in writing, frequently brought under the notice of the Minister for Lands, and protested against the exchange being carried out as inimical and prejudicial to the best interests of the public. The reserve being so situated embraces the water frontage to the Bell River and Molong Creek for some considerable distance, and which, if the exchange is carried out, will deprive the public of the use of this water frontage for all time to come. It will be observed by the following correspondence how far my labour in the interest of the general public has been successful, when the rights of the public are being ignored or trampled on by those in office and authority. To this day no reply has been received, therefore I am not in a position to say whether the Minister for Lands is likely to reconsider the case after his previous deliverance:—

Re Proposed Land Exchange, Larras Lake, Molong District.

Hon. T. HASSALL, Esq., Minister for Lands, Sydney,—

Parliament House, Sydney, 27 January, 1899.

Dear Sir,

In answer to my question in the House on the 20th instant in the above case, you informed me that the "Exchange proposed was approved of by your predecessor in office. In view, however, of the strong representation made by me (Dr. Ross) I thought it expedient to make further inquiry into the case, and accordingly referred the matter to the chairman and members of both the Molong and Wellington Land Boards, from whose report I am assured that the exchange would be desirable in the public interest, and shall be proceeded with."

In view of the above very unsatisfactory answer, I cannot, in the interest of teamsters, carriers, settlers, stock, travellers, and the general public, refrain from drawing your attention to this shameful case, and to again offer my protest against the exchange being carried out. It appears to me worse than a farce or mockery for you to refer the case back to the same tribunal that dealt with it previously, but more especially without taking fresh evidence. Is it likely or reasonable to suppose that the respective Boards would alter their former decision when no fresh evidence is called or adduced? I ask at your hands no special favour, only justice in the interests of the public; and while I have the honor of holding a seat in Parliament I shall use every legitimate means at my command in endeavouring to obtain and protect the general interests and public rights of my constituents. It is not the first time I have had occasion to encounter the opposition of officials and Minister of the Crown, and however unpleasant the task may be it is one of a sacred public duty that I have no alternative but to faithfully perform. Rather than betray the public trust placed in my hands, and remain silent and under the stigma of being regarded or branded as a coward, I'd sooner resign my seat and retire from Parliament than allow myself to become degraded in the eyes of my fellow-citizens. I challenge you and the officials in your Department and the respective Land Boards to point out to me at the present time where the alleged water supply is to be found for travellers, teamsters, stock, &c., on the land proposed to be exchanged for the old water reserve of Crown lands that now and always did contain a never-failing water supply, to my personal knowledge, for the last forty-three years, and during the most protracted and severe droughts. For weeks, nay, months, past not a single drop of water is to be found for travellers, teamsters, stock, &c., on the land proposed to be exchanged, and yet, forsooth, you and your officials have the audacity to tell me that the exchange is made in the interests of the general public, and shall be proceeded with. Was it the public or the owner of the run or estate that made the application for the exchange? The thing is simply ridiculous and misleading, and against the public interests. I challenge you to send a competent and unbiassed officer to inspect and report on the matter, and where and what quantity of water is now available on the land offered for exchange for the use of the public, as has been alleged. I have personally known the land and water reserve proposed to be exchanged for upwards of forty years, and can, therefore, vouch for the fact that the land, as a reserve, is invaluable, and contains a never-failing supply of water in all seasons; not so with the land proposed to be exchanged, for six months out of twelve the land is waterless. The Larras Lake Estate contains something like 50,000 acres, and includes both sides of the Bell River and Molong Creek for miles; and yet, forsooth, the Department of Lands has the audacity, not only to sanction, but to take away from the public the only permanent water supply in the locality. What makes the case worse is the fact that the water reserves (that have been in existence for upwards of forty years) proposed to be exchanged are on the main road, Molong to Wellington, and about 7 miles from Molong and 33 from Wellington. Talk about our land laws settling an industrious, peaceful class of yeomanry on the soil! But if stubborn facts like these are to be allowed, it is more likely to have the opposite effect—of bringing them to ruin and destruction. Of late years, owing to severe and protracted droughts, water to settlers and stock is a great desideratum, and for domestic purposes of more intrinsic value to public health than land or gold. In this case, public health, right, and justice are evidently things of little or no consideration. "Let the rich become rich and the poor poorer" is the motto that I cannot silently subscribe to.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

Parliament having gone into recess, and not likely to meet again for months, precludes me from bringing this important case before the notice of the House, and thus my reason, on the present occasion, and in the absence of any subsequent answer, for seeking to lay the particulars of the case before the notice of the public through the columns of the Press.

Yours, &c.,

ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

Legislative Assembly, 7th February, 1900.

No. 58.

The District Surveyor, Orange, to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Larras Lake Exchange—As to water on area to be surrendered.

Sir,

Orange, 26 February, 1900.

In reply to instructions of the 10th instant, directing report on the permanency of water supply on the land in the parish of Bell, county Ashburnham, to be surrendered in the Larras Lake Exchange, in connection with statement of the 9th ultimo, by Dr. Ross, M.P., that "not a drop of water at the (then) present time, nor for weeks past was to be found on the land offered for exchange," I have the honor to report that on the 17th instant I visited the land and found good water in the creek, measuring from 3 to 20 feet wide, 150 feet long, and 4 ft. 6 in. deep in the deepest part sounded, within the area to be surrendered, in a hole, position of which is shown approximately by blue mark on lithograph marked "A" enclosed.

2. It is stated that this hole has never been dry, and that evidence can be brought to support the statements; but it can safely be accepted that any hole in the creek which now contains water after the exceptionally dry seasons experienced, is permanent.

3. On water reserve 702, between the bridge and portion No. 3, there is a small hole containing water, which, though not nearly so good, has apparently sufficed for the use of persons camping. The traces of about a dozen recent camp-fires were seen.

4. In a personal interview with Dr. Ross on the same day, he stated that he had been mistaken, as he was not aware that any of the frontage within portion 3 was to be surrendered.

I have, &c.

H. A. CROUCH, D.S.

P.S.—Although beyond the instruction, it may perhaps be mentioned that I had an interview the same day with Mr. W. F. Wynne, the Mayor of Molong, who is a very old resident of the district and well acquainted with the land. Referring to the exchange, he stated that in his opinion it was a fair and reasonable proposal, in which the public obtained rather the best of the deal, and that he saw no objection whatever to it.—H.A.C.

No. 59.

Office Memorandum.

Larras Lake Proposed Exchange.

19 March, 1900.

MR. LEE, the applicant for the exchange, protests further against the amount of the costs, and presses his request that the Crown shall not insist upon his paying for improvements put upon the land under, as he asserts, a misapprehension.

Mr. Surveyor Chapman, in reporting survey of the reserve, states that some difficulty was experienced in tracing the boundaries owing to disappearance of marks, but that, having identified the northern boundary of portion 16 by two old blazed trees, he fixed the western boundary of portion 17 by means of an old fence, a few panels of which Mr. James Lee indicated as having been pointed out by the latter's father, a former owner of the land, as being on the boundary. Mr. Lee accepted Mr. Chapman's marking of the boundaries, expressing himself in writing as satisfied therewith, and subsequent examination in office, and comparison with former plans of survey and deed lengths, tended to verify the accuracy of the remarking. Although the charting of Mr. Chapman's survey upon the published map of the parish discloses discrepancies, this appears to arise from defective drawing, due to insufficient data. Illustrative litho. of the parish of Three Rivers is herewith.

At date of survey, 15th October, 1897, the following improvements existed:—

(1.) Sheep-dip and yards, new, value	... ..	£80
Sheep-yard and shed, old	... ..	20
Fencing both sides road, erected six years, value	... ..	30
Ringbarking, old	... ..	5
Total	... ..	£135

Mr. Lee writes that he understood that the Molong Board intended to recommend that the value of the sheep-dip, &c., recently effected, be remitted to him; that these improvements are within 1 chain of the boundary as established by Mr. Chapman, and on land really understood to have been part of the freehold portion 17, the position of the line dividing that portion from the reserve being unknown.

The Board, however, did not recommend that the Crown waive claim to the value of any of the improvements, but submitted that they "should be paid for by applicant, unless it be considered that the value may be remitted on the grounds that they were effected under a misapprehension."

The sheep-dip and yards in question are in the south-eastern corner of the reserve; and being, therefore, close to the old fence pointed out as marking the original boundary, the view has been taken that Mr. Lee should have known that said improvements would extend beyond his land, consequently that he deserved no more consideration than if he had placed them in the middle of the reserve.

It is not thought that a case of misapprehension has been made out, so it is submitted that the Department should insist upon the Crown's right to payment for such improvements as provided in Section 102 of the Act of 1884.

As to the amount of costs objected to by the applicant for the exchange, he should be informed that he must be charged the cost of survey of each area, both surrender and exchange, together with all other expenses involved in effecting exchange; that the estimate of expenditure is £38, and that the further deposit of £20 is required before the necessary further survey is undertaken.

Respecting Dr. Ross' letters enclosed, dated 9th January and 10th February, Mr. District Surveyor Crouch's report of the 26th February made almost immediately after inspecting the surrender land, disposes of the contention regarding the reputed absence of water; and it also appears that the protests have arisen through Dr. Ross misunderstanding the proposals.

C. E. RENNIE.

For approval.—Dr. Ross may be informed of what is understood, *i.e.*, that he recognises he was misinformed.—H. CURRY, Under Secretary, 20/3/00. Approved.—T.H.H., 21/3/00. James Lee, Larras Lake, Molong, and Dr. Ross, M.P., informed 26/3/00.

No. 60.

The Under Secretary for Lands to J. Lee, Esq.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 26 March, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the 30th December last, in connection with the Larras Lake Exchange, and the question of payment for improvements on the lands to be granted, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Surveyor Chapinan, when surveying the land, fixed the western boundary of portion 17 by means of an old fence, which was indicated by you as being on the old boundary line, and Mr. Chapman's marking was accepted by you. The Local Land Board did not recommend that the Crown waive claim to the value of any of the improvements, but submitted that they should be paid for by applicant, unless it be considered that the value may be remitted on the grounds that they were effected under a misapprehension.

The improvements in question are in the south-eastern corner of the reserve, and therefore close to the old fence pointed out by you as marking the original boundary, and the Secretary for Lands has therefore decided that payment for the same must be insisted on, as provided in section 102 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

With regard to the costs objected to by you, I have to state that you must be charged the cost of survey of such area, both surrender and exchange, together with all other expenses involved in effecting the exchange. The estimated expenditure is £38, and the further deposit of £20 called for is required before the necessary further survey is undertaken.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(*per* W.H.C.).

No. 61.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 28 March, 1900.

Referring to your letter respecting the Larras Lake Exchange, and the question of the permanency of water on the surrender land, I have the honour to inform you that from the report of the District Surveyor it is understood that you had an interview with that officer, and stated that you had been mistaken, as you were not aware any of the frontage within portion 3 was to be surrendered.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(*per* W.H.C.).

No. 62.

Dr. Ross, M.P., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Dear Sir,

Parliament House, Sydney, 29 March, 1900.

In reply to your letter of date 28th instant, 00-4,051, respecting Larras Lake land exchange case, Molong District, and the question of permanency of water on the surrendered land, I have to state that lately Mr. Crouch, District Surveyor of Orange, did call upon me, and that I had expressed myself to him that I had been mistaken.

I have to state that since the interview with Mr. Crouch I have examined the land and find my original statement fully confirmed. At the time of my interview with Mr. Crouch, and from his statement to me, I thought I had made a mistake, but since my late inspection of the land I feel more convinced than ever that to surrender or exchange the land would simply be a public scandal and disgrace, and therefore I still persist in entering my emphatic protest against the land being exchanged or carried out.

Yours, &c.,

A. ROSS, M.D.

No. 63.

J. Lee, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Larras Lake, Molong, 30 March, 1900.

Your letter 26th instant to hand, and in accordance with same I am paying into the Treasury the sum of £20 as deposit to cover further expenses in connection with Larras Lake Exchange.

I have, &c.,

JAMES LEE

(*per* B.J.L.).

No. 64.

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No. 64.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Under Secretary for Lands.

The Treasury (Revenue Branch), Sydney, 12 May, 1900.

Subject:—Exchange of Land, Districts Molong and Wellington, Counties Ashburnham and Wellington—James Lee.

Memorandum.

THE sum of £20 was credited on 31st March, 1900, being further costs in connection with the above noted exchange.

S. R. CORKHILL,
For the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Larras Lake Exchange, Mr. James Lee.—Dr. Ross may, perhaps, be advised that instructions have been given for measurement of the area proposed for surrender, and amendment of survey of the land applied for in exchange, to accord with the finding of the Local Land Board; also that it is hoped, when the areas have been defined on the ground, it will be seen there is no longer occasion for opposing the proposal. The necessary authority might then be forwarded to the District Surveyor at Orange, as already approved.—C. E. RENNIE, 8th June, 1900. The Under Secretary.

For approval. This matter has been very fully considered, and it is not apparent that any reversal of action is called for.—H. CURRY, Under Secretary, 9/6/00. Approved.—T.H.H., 11/6/00. Dr. Ross informed 16/6/00. Forwarded to the District Surveyor to effect the necessary survey.—E.A.B. (for U.S.), B.C., 16/6/00. The District Surveyor, Orange. J. Lee informed 16/6/00. Received, L.B.O., Orange, 21/6/00. Mr. Roper, 22/6/00.

No. 65.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Dr. Ross, M.P.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 16 June, 1900.

Referring to your letter of the 29th March respecting the Larras Lake Exchange, I have the honor to inform you that instructions have been given for measurement of the area proposed for surrender, and amendment of survey of the land applied for in exchange, to accord with finding of the Local Land Board; also that it is hoped, where the areas have been defined on the ground, it will be seen there is no longer occasion for opposing the proposal.

I have, &c.,

H. CURRY,

Under Secretary

(per W.H.C.).

No. 66.

The District Surveyor at Orange to Mr. Surveyor Chapman.

Larras Lake Exchange.

Memorandum.

26 June, 1900.

Exchange proposal by Mr. James Lee, of Larras Lake, to surrender parts of portions 3 and 39, parish Bell, county Ashburnham, and acquire in lieu part of camping and water reserve 24,054, parish Three Rivers, county Wellington, and part water reserve 702, parish Bell, county Ashburnham.

MR. SURVEYOR CHAPMAN is requested to excise an area of 5 acres from portion 38, parish Three Rivers, county of Wellington, in the position indicated by red hatching upon helio. "Y" herewith, the northern corner of the 5 acres to be fixed as shown in diagram.

A corner of portion 38 should be marked at "E."

The portions A, B, C, upon tracing "B," parish Bell, are to be measured and marked. The areas of A and B to be equalised by location of line b c, and area of block "C" to be measured 172 acres by adjustment on line d e.

Parish No. 41 to be used for the 5 acres, parish Three Rivers, and Nos. 154, 155 for areas "A" and "B," parish Bell. The surrender land block "C" will not be marked with parish number until surrender has been formally completed, and the land gazetted as Crown lands.

Two permanent marks to be placed in most suitable positions in survey of block "C."

Separate plan of each portion required.

H. A. CROUCH,

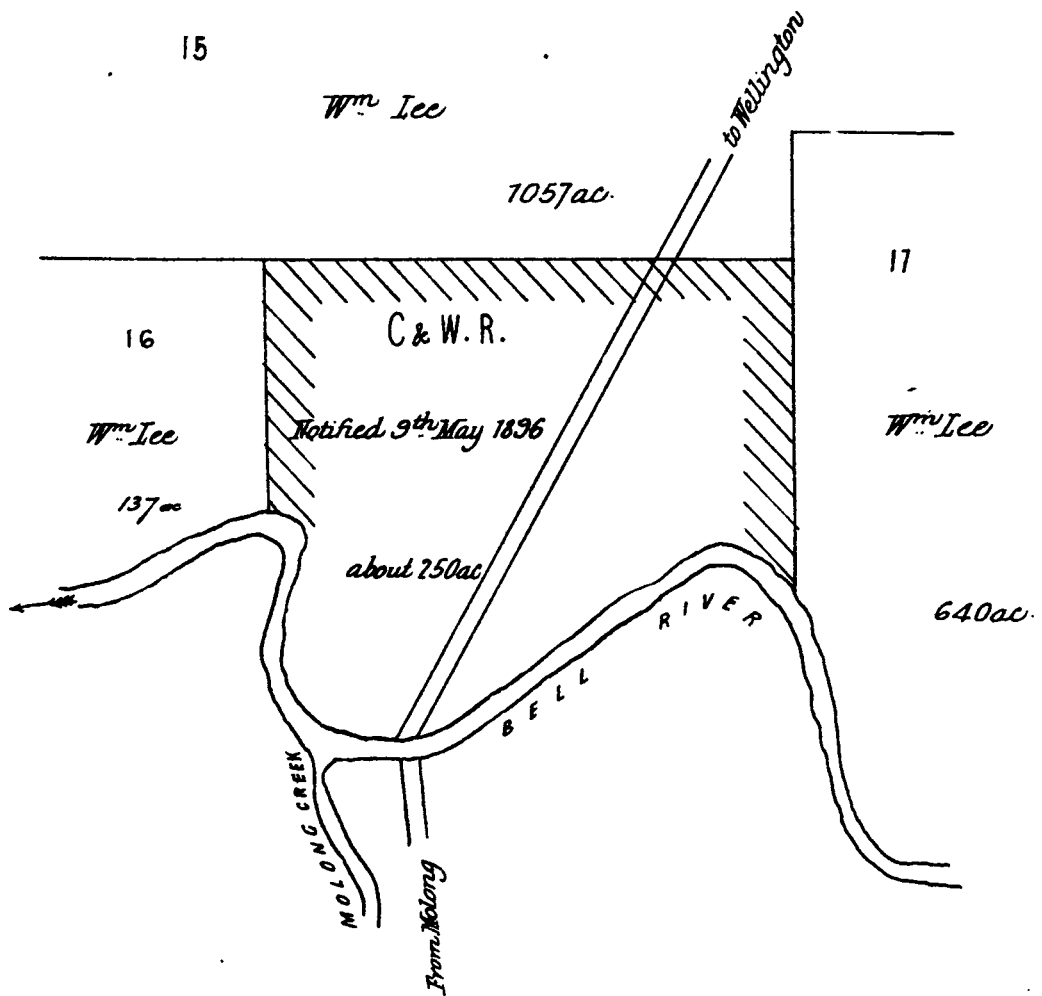
District Surveyor.

In surveying block "C," allowance should be made for the area of roads reserved in original measurement or since proclaimed, and the area of the block should, therefore, be 176 acres, inclusive of roads.

Mr. Surveyor Chapman,—With respect to the marking of block "C," shown on tracing "B," with the papers of Larras Lake Exchange, forwarded under instructions of 26th June, although contrary to the circulars bearing generally on the subject, Mr. Chapman is requested to mark the block with parish No. 156, in order to save delay and another visit to the ground, but the number should not be referred to in papers or shown on plan, the portion being shown as marked with \uparrow only.—H. A. CROUCH, District Surveyor, 26/6/00.

[12 plans.]

Diagram "B"



Land applied for in exchange shewn thus

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97-10950



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L. B. N. 97-10950
Enclosure.

PLAN OF PORTION 38

County of Wellington Parish of Three Rivers

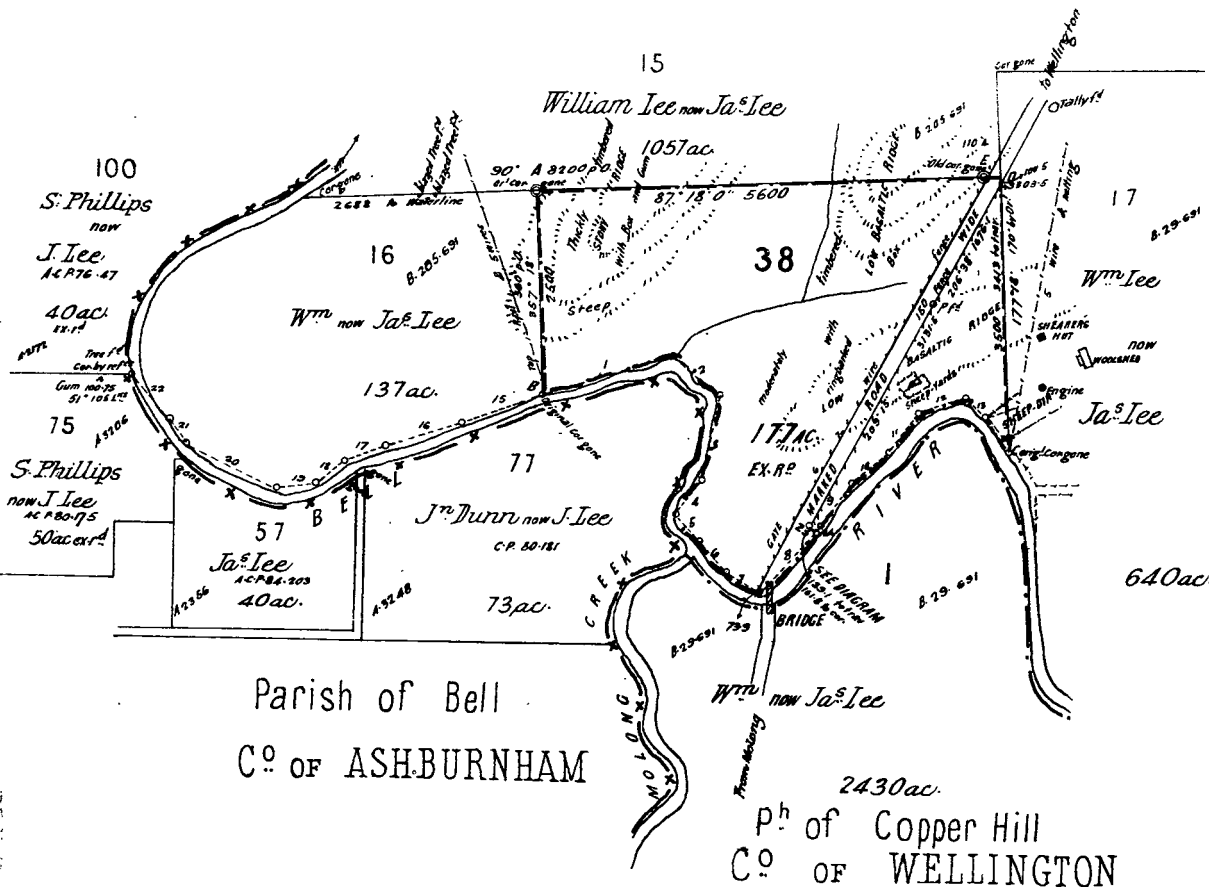
Land District of Wellington

Land Board District of Orange

Eastern Division

Applied for under the Section of the Crown Lands Act of by

Within C & W. R. 24054 Notified 9th May 1896.



Parish of Bell
C^o OF ASH. BURNHAM

2430ac.
P^h of Copper Hill
C^o OF WELLINGTON

Permanent Mark.

Distance	From	on line
51 ^{ft}	A	AE
51 ^{ft}	E	EA

Azimuth taken from road survey of P.

Field Book Vol. A 5112 Folio's 10.

Reference to Corners

Corner	Bearing	From	Links	N ^o on Tree
A	200° 13'	Box	26.2	16-38
B	239° 40'	D ^o Box	20.4	16-38
C	1° 40'	Willow	54.7	17-38
D	308° 40'	Apple	156.1	38

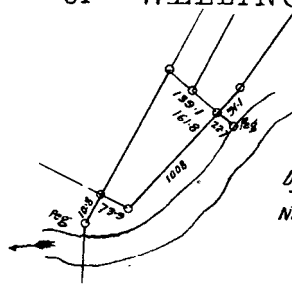
Improvements Sheep-yards and Shed £ 20
Sheep-Dip & Yards (new) £ 80 1/2 miles fence at
£ 20 = 30. 100ac ring barked at 1/- per acre £ 5 Total £ 135.

Connection Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
15	243° 37' 45"	1037
16	253° 6' 5"	357.9
17	243° 42' 10"	508.1
18	227° 55' 40"	479.1
19	263° 9' 30"	482.8
20	296° 44'	1213.2
21	331° 54' 5"	335.8
22	321° 34'	751.5

Reference to Traverse

Line	Bearing	Distance
1	251° 43'	164.3
2	308° 45'	795.4
3	12° 14'	1037.6
4	38° 35'	512.3
5	322° 02'	488.9
6	318° 50'	507
7	297° 11'	427
8	221° 29'	1039
9	214° 44'	656.5
10	228° 24'	604.8
11	214° 25'	578.7
12	250° 22'	576.8
13	309° 26'	390.1
14	327° 18'	496.4
23	127° 48'	139.1
24	221° 29'	91.0



I hereby certify that I in person made and completed the survey represented on this plan on the 15th Oct. 97 and I declare that the bearings and lengths of the lines measured by me and the regulations published for the guidance of Licensed Surveyors and the practice of the Department of Lands.

(sd) A. W. Chapman.

Staff
Assured Surveyor

Transmitted to the District Surveyor with my letter of 7th Dec. N^o 97-125.

Voucher N^o Passed Staff

Calculation Book N^o 1724 Folio

Checked and Charted (sd) L. R. Parker 17th Dec. 97.

Examined (sd) A. H. Gall 20th Dec. 97.

Plan approved 31st Jan^{ry} 98 (sd) H. A. Crouch B.S.

Draftsman in Charge

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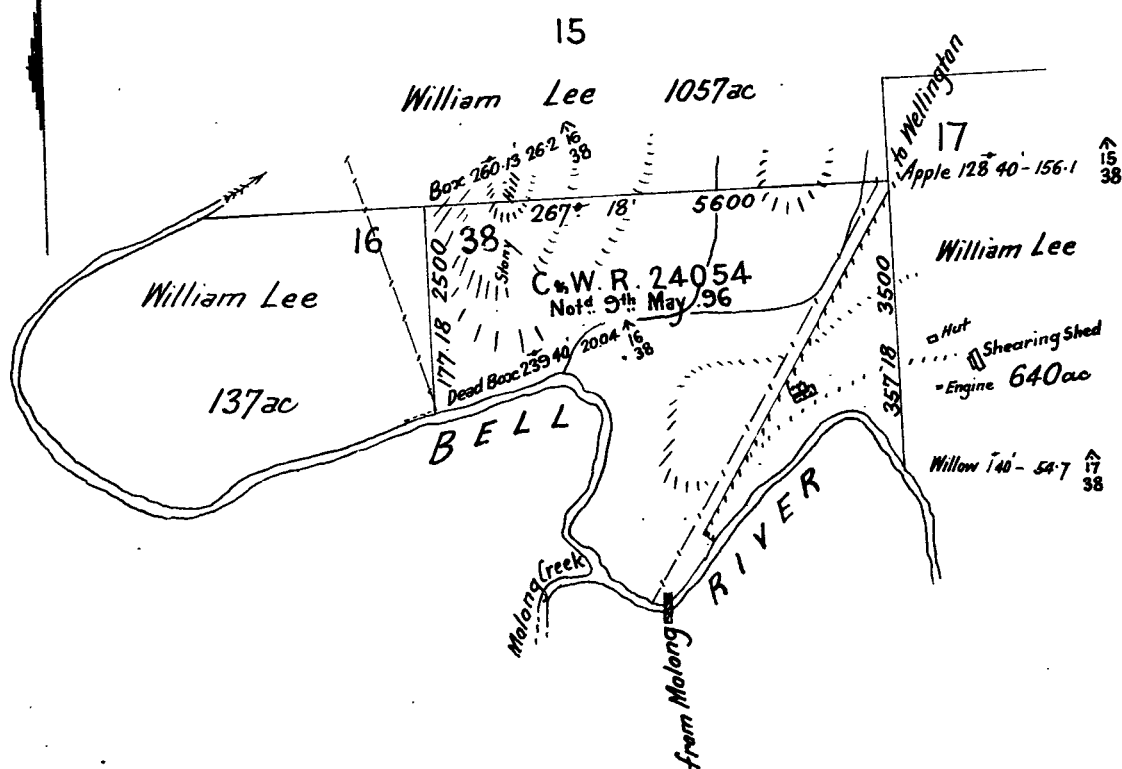
TRACING Enclosure to No. 10.

Showing Portion No. 38 C & W R 24054 Notified 9th May 1896

Parish of Three Rivers
County of Wellington

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6 Azimuth taken from Magnetic Variation 8° 43' east of true north



I certify that I am the owner of Portions of land numbered 15, 16 and 17 in the Parish of Three Rivers County of Wellington, and I hereby agree to accept the boundaries of these Portions as represented by the bearings and distances of the boundaries of the adjoining Portion No. 38 (C & W R. 24054 Notified 9th May 1896) shown on this tracing

Witness

James Lee

B. J. Lee

Forwarded to the District Surveyor at

Orange with my letter dated

18th October 1897

7th December No. 97.129

A. W. Chapman

Surveyor

TRACING shewing Portions 3 & 39 in connection with proposed exchange of Land Larras Lake Hold^r
 Parish of Bell County of Ashburnham

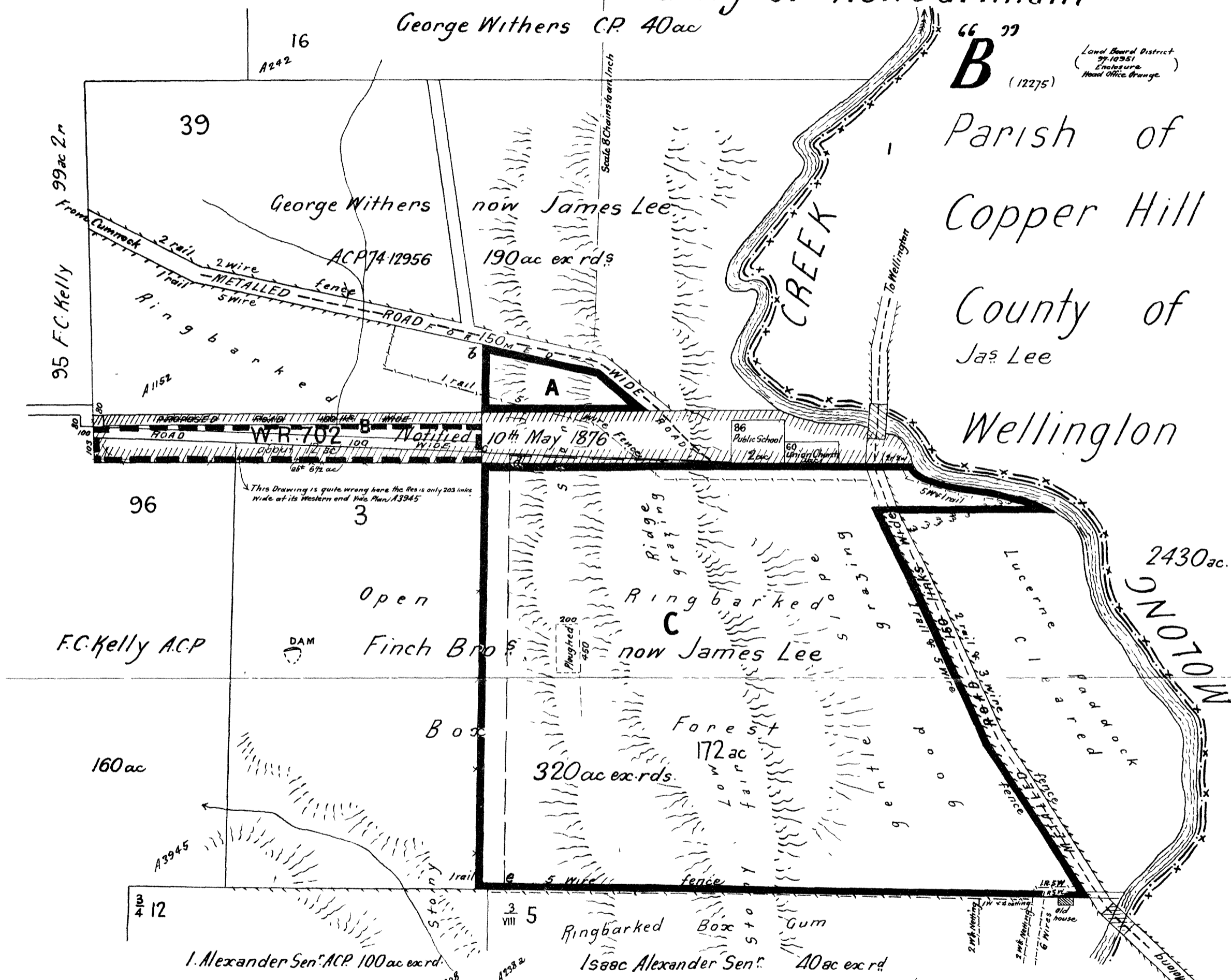
George Withers CP 40ac

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Local Board District
 of 1851
 Enclosure
 Head Office Orange

Parish of
 Copper Hill
 County of
 Jas Lee

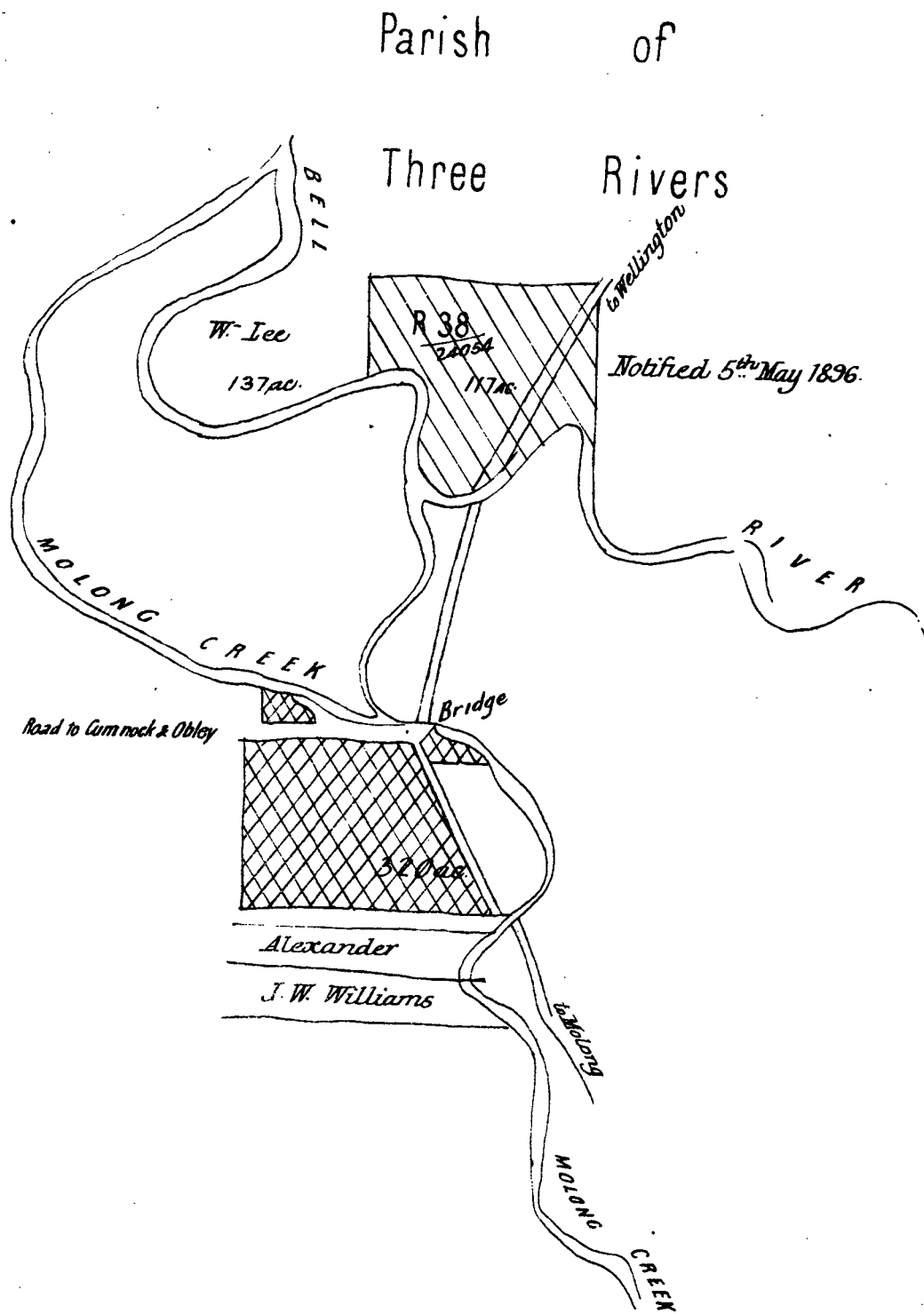
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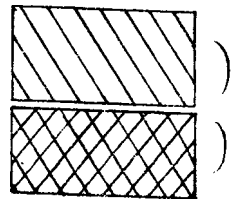
NOTES

Surrender Land shown thus 189ac
 Land proposed to be granted in exchange shown thus 12ac
 W.R. 702 shown thus

A. W. Chapman Staff Surveyor
 Forwarded to the District Surveyor at Orange with my letter of 7th Dec. No. 97. 130



Blue colour on Original (hereon shewn thus)
Red colour on Original (hereon shewn thus)



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

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L. B. N^o 98-2563 Orange
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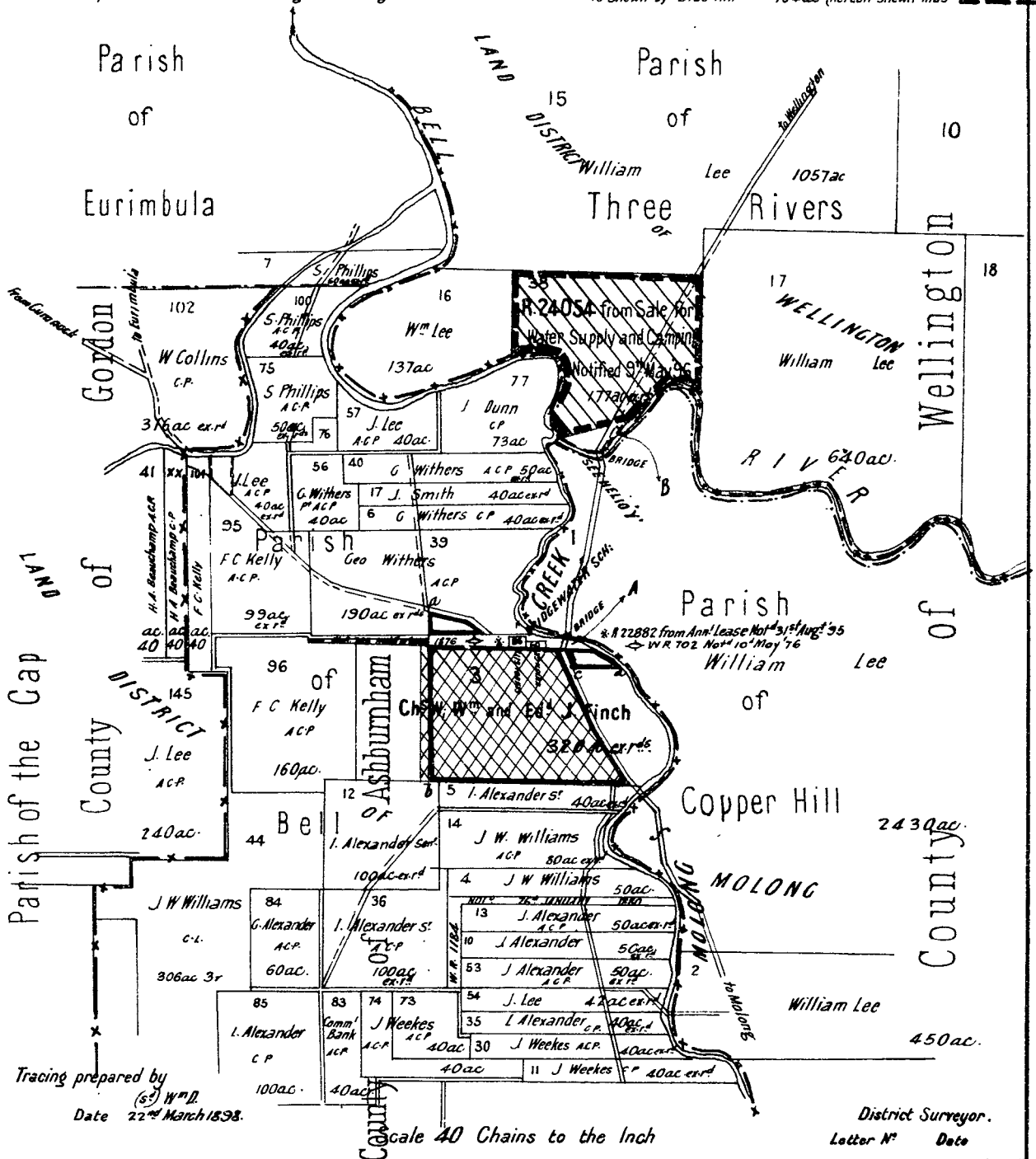
DIAGRAM X.

in connection with Proposal for Exchange by James Lee
under Secⁿ 47 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895

PARISH^s OF BELL AND THREE RIVERS COUNTIES OF ASHBURNHAM AND WELLINGTON DIVISION EASTERN
to accompany report to the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Orange

NOTE. The area proposed to be surrendered
The area proposed to be acquired in exchange
Proposed modification of surrender area
Proposed modification of area to be given in exchange

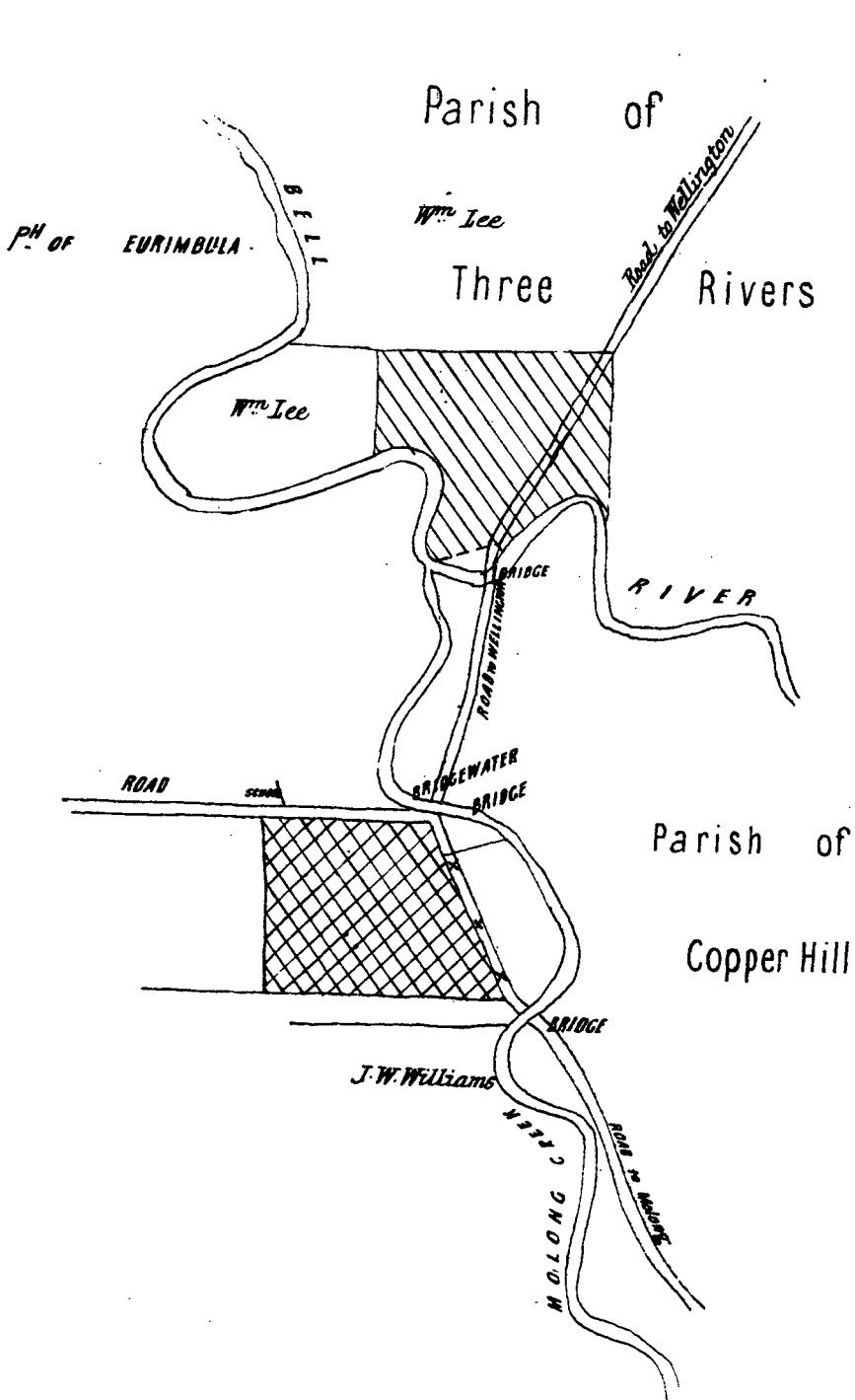
in annexed Application is shown by Red hatching - 177ac (hereon shown thus )
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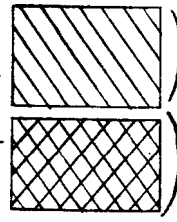
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DIAGRAM X.



Blue shews W.R. (hereon shewn thus -----)

Red land proposed to be exchanged (hereon thus -----)



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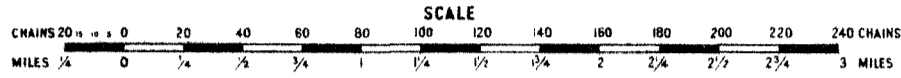
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SECOND EDITION

PARISH OF BELL COUNTY OF ASHBURNHAM

Land District of Molong

EASTERN DIVISION N.S.W.



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Date of Map, 28th Jan 96

PARISH NUMBERS USED

Ph. No.	Cat. No.	Ph. No.	Cat. No.	Ph. No.	Cat. No.	Ph. No.	Cat. No.	Ph. No.	Cat. No.
1	102	41	1150	81	1308	121	1485		
2	46	42	4720	82	3210	122	4854		
3	15	43	4857	83	3492	123	5208		
4	134	44	4858	84	3482	124	4108		
5	134	45	4859	85	3484	125	4009		
6	24	46	4983	86	3071	126	4078		
7	767	47	4984	87	3586	127	5084		
8	721	48	4885	88	3509	128	5728		
9	397	49	4886	89	3508	129	5728		
10	504	50	1749	90	3664	130	5283		
11	810	51	1750	91	3571	131	5264		
12	808	52	1760	92	3596	132	5265		
13	811	53	2304	93	3597	133	5266		
14	812	54	2703	94	4892	134	5472		
15	829	55	1949	95	3945	135	5481		
16	830	56	2312	96	3649	136	5506		
17	843	57	2316	97	3649	137	5506		
18	273	58	1950	98	3854	138	5607		
19	4280	59	2305	99	3854	139	5607		
20	4280	60	2410	100	2172	140	5607		
21	4279	61	4560	101	3894	141	5607		
22	4281	62	4561	102	4029	142	5607		
23	4270	63	2610	103	3921	143	5607		
24	40	64	104	104	3540	144	5607		
25	4279	65	2704	105	3914	145	5547		
26	40	66	2729	106	4166	146	5607		
27	1006	67	2892	107	4070	147	5607		
28	1007	68	4096	108	4069	148	5607		
29	1008	69	4887	109	3936	149	5607		
30	329	70	4888	110	4893	150	5607		
31	1011	71	4882	111	4067	151	5607		
32	1004	72	3468	112	4068	152	5607		
33	1005	73	3707	113	4068	153	5607		
34	1030	74	40	114	4071	154	5607		
35	4804	75	3206	115	3936	155	5607		
36	1136	76	3212	116	4890	156	5607		
37	6571	77	3248	117	4891	157	5607		
38	1156	78	3247	118	4883	158	5607		
39	1157	79	3209	119	4884	159	5607		
40	40	80	3547	120	4552	160	5607		

NOTE: The small Number is 1770 unless otherwise specified

DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARIES

- Courty Boundaries shown thus
- Parish do
- Reserve do
- Pastoral Holdings do
- Municipal do
- Res^d from Sale & Lease do
- Cold Field do
- Suburban do
- Population Area do
- Classified Areas do

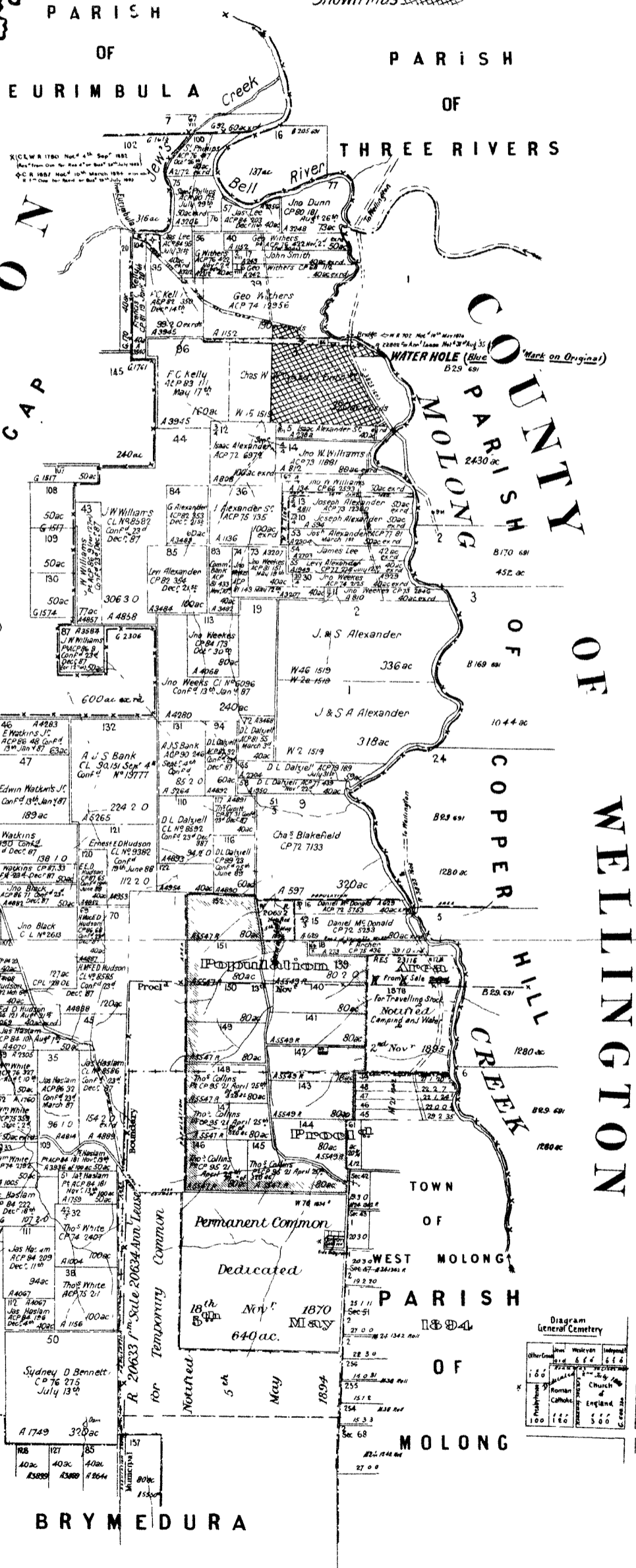
CLASSIFIED AREAS

Area	Area	Area
130	80	140
140	80	140
141	80	140
142	80	140
143	80	140
144	80	140
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146	80	140
147	80	140
148	80	140
149	80	140
150	80	140
151	80	140
152	80	140

Reference to Small Portions

No. of Portion	Particulars	Area
60	Union Church	1 0 0
65	Public School	2 0 0
121	School Site	2 0 0
153	Res ^d from Sale & Lease	2 0 0

NOTE: 189 ac of Land proposed to be surrendered - Larra's Lake Exchange Shown thus

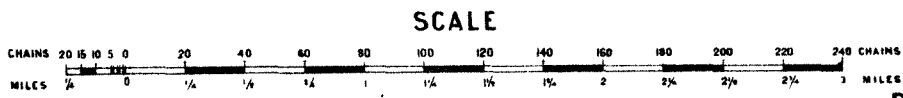


SECOND EDITION
PARISH OF THREE RIVERS
COUNTY OF WELLINGTON
 LAND DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON
 EASTERN DIVISION N.S.W.

N^o of Lth. P. 95. 242

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DISTINCTIVE BOUNDARY
 Parish Boundary shown thus ————
 Reserve do do ————
 Land District Boundary do ————
 County Boundary do ————

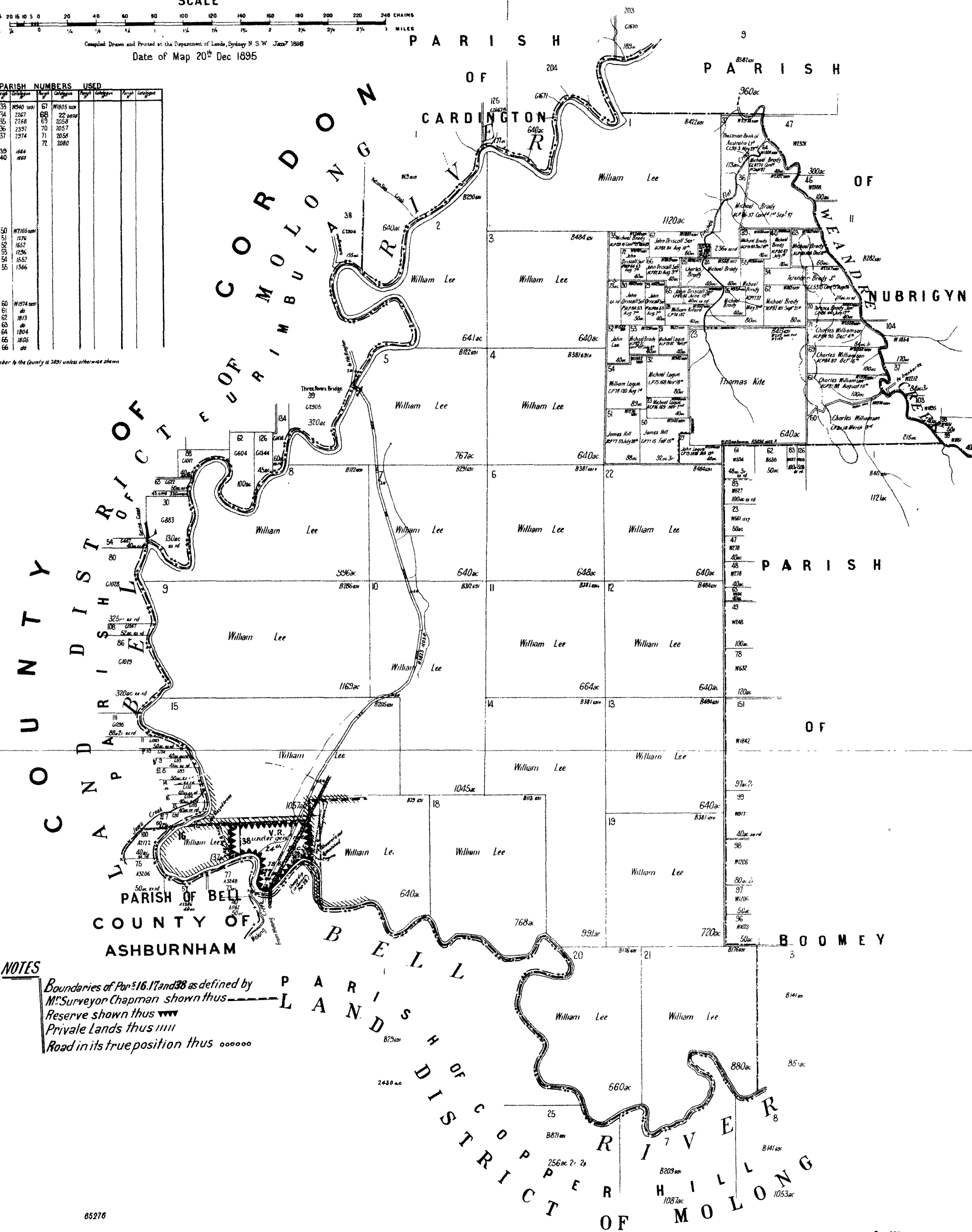


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Date of Map 20th Dec 1895

PARISH NUMBERS USED	
Parish	Area
1	8422 ac
2	230
3	404
4	381
5	172
6	381
7	231
8	172
9	286
10	312
11	381
12	484
13	381
14	381
15	205
16	381
17	23
18	381
19	381
20	176
21	381
22	484
23	381
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27	204
28	550
29	629
30	629
31	629
32	340

The Index Number to the County is 7891 unless otherwise shown

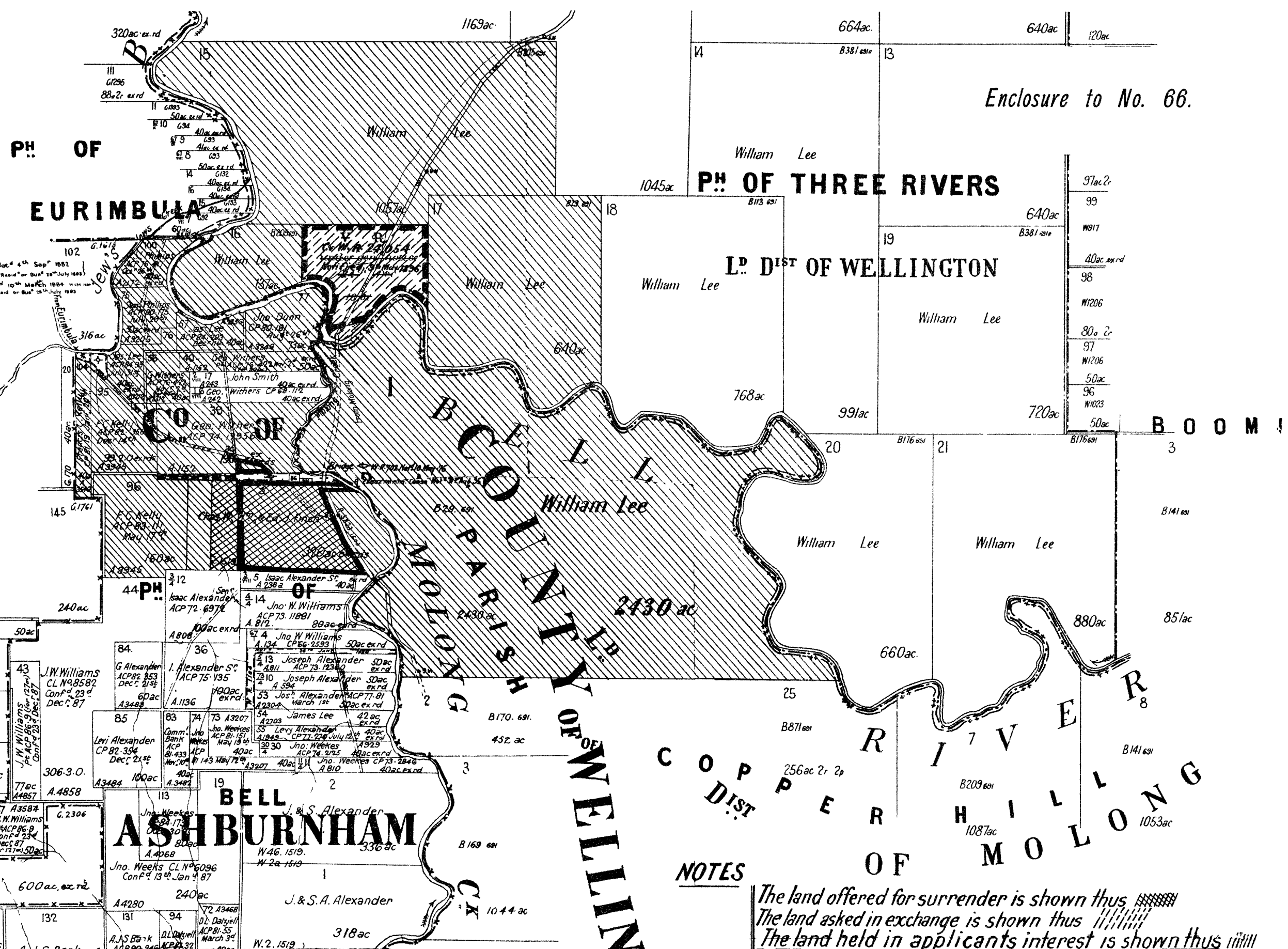


NOTES

Boundaries of Par^s 16, 17 and 38 as defined by Mr. Surveyor Chapman shown thus ————
 Reserve shown thus ————
 Private lands thus ————
 Road in its true position thus ————



Scale 40 Ch² to an Inch



Enclosure to No. 66.

THE GORDON GAP OF THE CO. OF

PH. OF EURIMBULA

PH. OF THREE RIVERS

L.P. DIST. OF WELLINGTON

BELL ASHBURNHAM

PARISH OF MOLONG

COPPER DIST. OF RIVER HILL MOLONG

NOTES

The land offered for surrender is shown thus [diagonal lines]
The land asked in exchange is shown thus [cross-hatch]
The land held in applicants interest is shown thus [dotted]
Modification recommended by the Local Land Board - of Molong
Land for surrender indicated thus [solid line]
Land for exchange indicated thus [dashed line]

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES OF THE COLONY.

(REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF FISHERIES FOR YEAR 1899.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to Act 44 Vic. No. 26, sec. 69.

Printed under No. 2 Report from Printing Committee, 28 June, 1900.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary,—
Sir,

Department of Fisheries,
Sydney, 26 May, 1900.

In submitting our Report for the year 1899, we desire to invite special attention to the very satisfactory state of the finances of the Department.

In our Report for 1898 it was shown that the revenue for that year exceeded the expenditure by an amount of £1,188 9s. 11d., and it is our pleasing duty to be able to state that the receipts for this year are in excess over the expenditure by an amount of £1,022 15s. 10d.

This is all the more satisfactory when it is considered that the amount of money expended in the administration of this important industry has not in either of the last two years exceeded £2,983—an amount which we consider grossly inadequate for the proper administration of the fisheries of the Colony.

Eighty-one fishermen's licenses and 35 fishing-boat licenses were taken out in excess of those issued in the previous year, and the receipts for oyster leases, fines, and forfeitures was greater by the amounts of £291 11s. 10d. and £15 1s. 6d. respectively.

It is mainly due to the close supervision of the Inspectors that so many licenses have been taken out, and considerable vigilance has been observed to secure due compliance with the fisheries laws; and there can be no doubt that, with an increased expenditure for more Inspectors, the revenue will very largely increase.

During the year prosecutions were instituted against 86 offenders. In 75 cases convictions were obtained, and in 27 cases the nets were confiscated. The total amount of fines imposed, not including costs of Court, was £161.

The following list will show the revenue and expenditure during the last ten years:—

	Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1890	2,696	6	8	6,048	6	4
1891	2,586	12	2	5,024	6	11
1892	2,216	4	10	4,830	8	0
1893	2,812	9	4	3,697	15	8
1894	2,609	1	4	2,692	14	2
1895	2,458	1	5	2,910	0	0
1896	2,803	5	0	3,347	10	9
1897	2,980	14	4	2,532	16	1
1898	3,713	10	1	2,525	0	2
1899	4,005	18	5	2,983	2	7

Official Staff.

The Clerical Staff consists of three officers, and the Inspectorial of twelve, and their time is more than fully occupied in dealing with the work of the Department, while some of the best fishing rivers and harbours are left without Inspectors or supervision for want of funds.

Two additional salaried Inspectors have been appointed—Mr. H. Laman, at Port Stephens, and Mr. W. A. Newton, at Port Hacking; and provision has been made for the appointment of an Inspector to supervise the waters of the Clyde River and the adjacent districts.

With the concurrence of the Inspector-General of Police, Senior Constable J. M. Scott was appointed without salary as an Inspector at Eden, *vice* Sergeant Thompson, transferred.

Mr. J. Jones having resigned his position as Caretaker at the Prospect Hatchery, Mrs. A. Richardson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

For the last three years the work in connection with the fisheries and oyster fisheries has been increasing and the revenue expanding, each year showing an increase of revenue over expenditure; and in view of the extension of the fisheries it is absolutely necessary that the staff should be increased to cope with the extension of business.

Ten years ago a staff of thirty-six officers was employed in the administration of this Department, and the number now engaged is not half that number. In 1893, owing to the call for retrenchment throughout the Service, twenty officers were dispensed with, and the Department has been undermanned ever since. The following statement will show the number of officers for the last ten years:—

Year.					Number of Officers.	Year.					Number of Officers.
1890	...	...	...	...	36	1895	...	...	...	...	13
1891	...	...	...	...	34	1896	...	...	...	...	13
1892	...	...	...	...	33	1897	...	...	...	...	13
1893	...	...	...	...	33	1898	...	...	...	...	14
1894	...	...	...	...	13	1899	...	...	...	...	15

Fisheries.

The supply of fish to the Metropolitan Markets has exceeded that for the preceding year by 12,307 baskets.

Lake Illawarra, Cape Hawke, Shoalhaven River, Ulladulla, Clyde River, and Richmond River showed an increase on the previous year, and the supplies from Clarence River, Lake Macquarie, Hawkesbury, Tuggerah, Port Jackson, Manning River, Hastings River, and Camden Haven were below the 1898 returns.

It will be seen from the appended list that the total quantity of fish consigned to the Sydney Markets was 87,525 baskets:—

				Baskets.					Baskets.
Richmond River	...	...	...	5,202	Tathra	...	...	...	47
Clarence River	...	...	...	12,083	Nambucca	...	...	...	265
Macleay River	...	...	...	2,482	Port Macquarie	...	...	...	740
Cape Hawke	...	...	...	3,968	Camden Haven	...	...	...	317
Port Stephens	...	...	...	3,018	Port Jackson	...	...	...	4,623
Hunter River	...	...	...	496	St. George's Basin	...	...	...	349
Lake Macquarie	...	...	...	7,792	Jervis Bay	...	...	...	144
Tuggerah Lakes	...	...	...	4,200	Manning River	...	...	...	2,430
Hawkesbury	...	...	...	7,375	Terrigal	...	...	...	417
Botany and George's River	...	...	...	9,224	Bermagui	...	...	...	558
Lake Illawarra	...	...	...	9,804	Moruya	...	...	...	425
Shoalhaven	...	...	...	5,586					
Ulladulla	...	...	...	3,559	Total	...	...	...	87,525
Bateman's Bay	...	...	...	2,421					

A great proportion of fish from the waters of Port Stephens, Hunter River, and Lake Macquarie do not find their way to Sydney, but are forwarded direct to Newcastle, and are consigned from that city to the various towns on the Northern Railway.

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The import of fish from outside sources is very considerable, and greatly exceeds the quantity exported. The value of fresh fish imported was £2,204; chilled, £4,888; preserved, £167,412; and those exported were valued at—fresh fish, £2,067; chilled, £117; and preserved, £35,016.

The majority of chilled fish came from New Zealand for the Fresh Food and Ice Company in this city.

Fish of the schnapper species, one of the most valuable of our fish food, has been steadily decreasing year by year, but it is satisfactory to state that during the latter part of the year the young of this species from 4 to 6 inches in length have been observed in large numbers along the coast from Wollongong to Kiama, and in the waters of Lake Illawarra.

In view of their value later on, special efforts were made by the local Inspector to preserve them, and with satisfactory results, as the professional fishermen invariably returned the young fish to the waters rather than kill them in their immature state.

It is several years since fish of this species have been seen in the Lake waters in such numbers, and it is hoped that the public will receive the benefit when they arrive at a state of maturity.

The catch for the year in Lake Illawarra was 4,515 baskets in excess of the output of the previous year, and this is all the more remarkable, as the sand-bar at the entrance was closed to the ocean waters and to travelling fish for the first seven months of the year.

In August the local fishermen undertook the work of cutting a channel to admit the sea waters, and after four days' work managed to effect a junction of the Lake and the ocean, which has since continued. The waters were very low, and fell 3 feet below their normal level, leaving the bars at the entrance to the tributaries dry, as well as a large portion of the channel entrance,—a condition of things that has not occurred for over forty years. At the mouth of Mullet Creek—which was quite closed—a channel was constructed by the Government, at considerable expense, to allow of full access to the waters of the Lake, and to provide for the passage of launches into the creek.

The oyster deposits in the channel have entirely disappeared; they were destroyed during the dry weather, owing to the receding waters.

The lakes and nursery inlets of the Home Division of Fisheries—such as Lake Macquarie, Tuggerah, Hunter River, and Port Stephens—have, ever since these grounds have been brought under railway communication with the metropolis, been gradually receding in the quantity of fish supplied to market. This is no doubt due to over-fishing, and the use of that destructive net known as the garfish net.

This net was legalised for the purpose of catching garfish only, and as long as it is legitimately used, no danger arises; but some fishermen make a practice of using it for ground fish when they can do so without detection, and quantities of immature fish of all species are killed by this net when so worked.

As it was reported that fishermen were using these nets for ground fish, a proceeding that is contrary to the Act and Regulations, a circular was addressed to each licensed fisherman, pointing out the manner in which the nets should be used to comply with the law; and, as a consequence, a deputation of fishermen waited on the Chief Secretary and represented the hardships they would suffer under if compelled to catch garfish only and to return other fish to the water when accidentally taken in the garfish net.

Discretion has, however, been exercised in administering the law in connection with this class of net.

The lakes and lower portions of our coastal rivers and inlets, or arms of the sea, represent the sources of supply, and are, for many varieties of fish, both the breeding and fattening grounds, while for others, and principally the deep swimming kinds, they are the appointed nurseries.

With a view to conserving the young fish in these nurseries, closures have been made from time to time with very satisfactory results, and immense quantities of small fish may at any time be seen in these protected waters.

The following waters have been closed during the year against the use of nets for a period of two years:—

Paterson River, from its junction with the Hunter River to the town of Paterson.

Williams River, from its junction with the Hunter River to the town of Clarence Town.

Portion of Port Jackson lying to the north-east and east of a line drawn from Grotto Point to Middle Head and thence to Shark Point.

The waters of Killick Creek.

The channel entrance to Lake Illawarra and the whole of Mullet Creek.

And

And the following closures, which expired during the year, were extended for a period of twelve months :—

Manly, Curl Curl, Deewhy, and Narrabeen Lagoons.

The channel entrance to Tuggerah Lake, and parts of Budgewoi and Munmorah Lakes.

The tributaries of the Hawkesbury River, Tuggerah Lakes, Lake Illawarra, and Lake Macquarie; and portion of Parramatta River and Lane Cove.

Representations having been made that fishermen could not obtain satisfactory freights of fish in the shallow waters of Womboyn River and Wallis Lake by the use of the ordinary hauling net of 150 fathoms, without harassing the fish by continuous netting, the provisions of the Fisheries Act Amendment Act of 1894 were extended to these waters for periods of three years and one year respectively, to enable nets of 300 fathoms in length being used.

The provisions of the Sunk Net Act of 1892 were extended to the following waters, with a view to preventing sunk nets being used therein :—Manly, Curl Curl, Deewhy, Narrabeen and Tom Thumb Lagoons, Brisbane Water, Tuggerah, Budgewoi and Munmorah Lakes, Hunter, Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, and Port Stephens.

For the last ten years the catch in the waters adjacent to Sydney has been as follows :—

Waters.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Lake Illawarra	4,312	4,966	4,450	2,214	7,189	9,252	8,356	9,063	5,936	9,804
Botany	8,991	8,453	5,000	3,930	10,000	9,000	12,000	*5,689	14,235	9,224
Port Jackson	5,035	5,069	4,804	3,293	*6,686	10,500	*1,289	*792	5,016	4,623
Hawkesbury River.....	4,721	5,900	6,163	4,965	5,740	4,160	6,890	8,843	9,377	7,375
Brisbane Water	451	129	130	405	Nil.	2,592	*172	3,058	1,866	Nil.
Tuggerah Lakes	9,172	7,228	3,918	3,874	13,888	8,071	11,422	10,372	6,259	4,200
Lake Macquarie	14,521	14,124	15,494	7,293	11,574	13,850	12,673	12,676	12,470	7,792
Port Stephens	5,327	3,039	2,844	2,097	6,593	7,800	*3,053	*2,618	2,831	3,018
Totals	52,530	48,908	42,803	28,071	61,670	65,225	55,885	53,111	57,990	46,036

* Incomplete.

On Lake Macquarie, Tuggerah, the Hawkesbury, and Port Stephens the extent of fishable water is enormous, and quite out of the power of a single Inspector to supervise effectually.

These waters should all be governed by two Inspectors, to properly enforce the provisions of the Act and Regulations.

Representations were made that sawdust and other refuse were deposited in tidal waters by the sawmill proprietors on the Hastings River, to the injury and detriment of fish and oyster life, and after bringing before the parties concerned their liability under the Regulations the practice was discontinued.

In order that fishermen who attend the fish market might be made aware of the closure of waters, large notice boards were provided and erected in each fish market, and one at the railway station, Brooklyn. In this manner the various proclamations affecting the local waters are posted for general observation.

The importance of introducing other methods of catching fish than those at present obtaining in New South Wales induced us to make a series of experiments with an electric light apparatus, which was invented by Mr. J. Shekleton. The fish-trap may be briefly described as follows :—

Circular in shape, about 28 feet in circumference, and 6 feet deep. The frame consisted of iron covered with stout woven wire-netting, the lower half being saucer-shaped. It contains six entrances at even distances, extending 2 feet into the trap, 10 inches in diameter at the outside, and 6 inches at the inside. In the centre of the trap mirrors were placed facing each quarter, which reflected the light from the glass globes, which were attached to the mirrors.

The electricity was supplied by a dynamo gratuitously supplied by the Union Gas-engine Co., Hunter-street, Sydney, from the surface, and conveyed through copper-wire with gutta-percha insulation.

In order to give the method a fair trial, the Government steamer "Thetis" was obtained, and some experiments were carried out in the presence of Mr. J. H. Want and Mr. W. R. Campbell, Fisheries Commissioners, off the John Young Banks and in Jervis Bay.

The first trial was made in 26 fathoms of water, and when the cage was lowered it was found that the pressure of water at that depth was too great for the electric light globes, which collapsed. Subsequent trials were made at a depth of 6 fathoms, but in no case were fish caught, although the water was brilliantly illuminated all round the trap and for some distance on the surface.

Great quantities of garfish and small fish of other species were attracted by the light and could be seen swimming about. It is probable that the lights used were too strong and generated too many rays. The experiment would have been more successful if double glass for the lights had been used and the rays concentrated on the reflectors to confine the illumination to the immediate vicinity of the trap.

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The fishing-nets in vogue in this Colony are known as the ordinary mesh-net, hauling-net, garfish-net, and prawn-net, and in order to bring before the licensed fishermen a class of net that might be used with advantage off the coast, directions were given to Inspectors W. H. and F. Newton to make a trammel net, and experiments were made in some of the waters off the coast.

The net is made up of three nets or distinct sets of meshes, as is shown by its name, which in modern French is "tramaill," a corruption of "trois mailles," *i.e.*, three meshes. The trammel is therefore a combination of three nets placed side by side and fastened together at the back, foot, and ends.

Each of the outer nets or wallings is 30 fathoms long, and has meshes 12 inches square. These two wallings are mounted so that the meshes of both exactly correspond in position, and a fish might pass through them as if they were a single net.

The third net however is placed between the other two, and has 4-inch meshes of fine pliable material, but it is twice as long and as deep as the outer ones, the excess being gathered in at short intervals along the edges where the three nets are united. The result is a very large quantity of slack netting between the two outer nets.

Thus prepared the trammel is set at the bottom, with its length in the direction of the tide. It is anchored and buoyed at each end, the back or upper edge being well corked and the foot weighted to keep the whole length in proper position. The leads are of the required weight to sink the corks which will raise the net like a wall from the bottom to the height the large meshes will allow, *viz.*, 8 feet.

The action of the trammel is peculiar and is more like that of a trap than is apparently the case in other nets. As the outer nets or wallings stand with their meshes fully open and exactly opposite each other, and the small meshed net hangs loosely between them, a fish, in trying to pass through the first one, meets the second and carries a portion of it through the third, thus producing a bag or pocket beyond it.

The more the fish struggles within its self-made prison, the more it becomes "trammelled," and, in its efforts to free itself, sometimes carries the pocket back through the adjoining large mesh and makes its chance of escape still more hopeless.

There is a double advantage in having a walling on each side, for a fish is thus obliged to strike the net just where the middle slack portion can be pushed through the outer large mesh, and the net is equally effective on whichever side the fish approaches it.

The first trial was made off Cronulla Beach in about 7 fathoms of water, and the trial was fairly successful though made in the daylight and only left down for a short time. Other trials were made after dusk, and the result was a marvellous success.

In half an hour's trial a fish basket full of magnificent red carp, schnapper, teraglin, groper, and bream, were netted and there can be no possible doubt that it would be successful all along the coast, and would naturally increase our fish supply if adopted by the fishermen and worked on outside grounds.

These trials were carried out in the current and in the rough sea, and on rocky and foul grounds, and it was found that the net worked exceedingly well.

The total cost of the material for the nets did not exceed £1 13s. 3d.

The absence of literature regarding the fishes of this Colony is seriously felt, and with a view to the compilation of a popular and scientific illustrated catalogue of the fishes and crustacea of these waters, the Government of the day was approached and asked to provide funds for the publication of such a work; but it is to be regretted that the necessary authority could not be obtained.

Such a work, embodying in a concise form a description of the principal forms of fish, their habitats, classification, and habits, as well as their popular names, would be of great value, serving as a book of reference to the general public, and would afford much necessary information that cannot be obtained in any existing publication.

At the request of the Aborigines Board a fishing net was presented for the use of the Aborigines at Wallaga Lake Station.

As great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a boat for inspectorial services when visiting Lake Illawarra, a boatshed has been erected on the shores of the lake on a site leased from Mr. G. Fuller, at Albion Park, in which a spare boat is kept for use of the Inspectors visiting these waters.

An inexpensive shed has also been erected by the local Inspector, on a site obtained from the Department of Lands, at the Recreation Reserve, Kelly's Creek, Lake Illawarra, for the custody of the local Inspector's boat.

Steps have been taken to establish a marine hatchery for salt-water fish and crustacea, and for the cultivation of oysters, at Cabbage-tree Creek and Basin, Port Hacking, and as an experimental farm and fish preserve the works are now complete. The hatching and propagation of fish, as carried out in England, Canada, and America, will now be only a question of funds.

The locality selected at the heads of the Port Hacking estuary is an ideal one for the purpose, and consists of large flats of shallow depth of water, which eventually join a miniature harbour of great depth, with rocky borders, covered with fish and oyster food, and into which a small creek empties at the far end, where there is a large mud flat covered with mangrove trees and reeds.

It is proposed to construct paddocks for the various kinds of fish to breed in, and to lay down oysters on the shallow flats, with a view to studying their habits and life history.

Fish farms and breeding establishments have been carried out successfully in Switzerland, Italy, America, Norway, Canada, Scotland, and Newfoundland, and with the natural advantages existing at Port Hacking it is expected that the experiment will be equally successful.

A lease for ten years, at a nominal rental, has been obtained from the Australian Joint Stock Bank of the salt-water basin and gut known as Black Ned's Bay, at the entrance to Lake Macquarie.

The waters of this bay are connected with the channel by a small inlet, and as they were included in one of the early land grants issued to Mr. J. H. Broughton, in 1834, this Department had no jurisdiction over them under the Fisheries Act. Under this lease the same protection may be afforded to the fish in this bay as is given to the closed waters at the channel entrance adjoining.

Our thanks are due to the Bank for their generous assistance in placing these waters unreservedly at our disposal.

In November last a new set of By-laws was adopted by the Municipal Council of Sydney, regulating the Eastern Fish Market, Woolloomooloo.

In one of the By-laws, which has been in existence for some time, provision is made that the Eastern Market shall be the place for the inspection and wholesale disposal of all fish (not being preserved or salted), and that no such fish shall be exposed for sale in any other part of Sydney, unless approved of by the Market Inspector.

This By-law is not enforced in connection with the two fish markets at Redfern, which are not under municipal control.

There is no Market Inspector appointed to control the business at these markets, and the consequence is that fish may be, and are, sold that would not be passed if a responsible officer was appointed to control these matters.

In the interests of the public health and the fishermen, it is desirable that the same supervision should be exercised as at the Eastern Market.

A new By-law has been framed authorising fishermen to sell their fish privately from the hour of opening the market till 6 o'clock a.m., after which hour all sales must be conducted by public auction.

This alteration in the disposal of fish has given great satisfaction to fishermen who convey their catches to the markets, as they are thus enabled to save the expense of an auctioneer, when fortunate enough to dispose of their wares privately.

Officers of this Department attend all the markets daily, when not engaged on all-night duty, for the purpose of preventing the sale of immature fish, and several prosecutions have been taken during the year against persons for consigning under-sized fish to market.

The fish seized have in all cases been presented to the Sydney hospitals, where they are gratefully received.

Oyster Culture.

A steady increase is being shown yearly in the quantity of oysters shipped to market from the oyster-bearing grounds in this Colony.

The total output in 1898 was 16,334 bags, which was an increase on the previous year; and 20,182 bags were consigned to market in 1899, which is an increase of nearly 4,000 bags for the twelve months.

This increase, no doubt, is due to the systematic cultivation that is being carried out by several of the principal lessees, and the watchfulness of our Inspectors.

The production in excess over the previous year was :—From the Hastings River, 427 bags; Manning River, 405; Port Stephens, 897; Hawkesbury River, 947; George's River and Botany, 487; Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, 497; and Clyde River, 611.

On the Hastings, Manning, Camden Haven, and Clyde Rivers, and at Cape Hawke, oak logs and stakes, ballast, stones, old shells, and other materials have been judiciously laid down as a catchment for the spat, which adheres to these objects in great numbers.

The export of oysters exceeded the imports very considerably, the number of bags exported being 6,318, valued at £9,525, as against 1,299 bags imported, valued at £1,758.

The demand for oyster leases was very considerable; 224 applications were lodged for areas aggregating 59,661 yards of foreshore, and 134 oyster leases were issued during the twelve months.

The total area of foreshore under lease at the end of 1899 was 264,756 yards.

Great losses are still being experienced by the ravages caused by the disease known as *Polydora ciliata*, and it is the exception to find an estuary along the coast free from the disease. No practical steps have been taken to eradicate it, and it has now made its appearance in the Manning and Hastings Rivers. It is still very prevalent in the Hunter River, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts made by the lessees to clean the badly infected areas by dredging the oysters and removing them to dry land. This means the destruction of both the oyster and the worm, but the shells after being thoroughly cleansed are relaid in clean waters.

For many years preserved oysters have been imported into this Colony from America, and have realised a ready sale; and it is surprising that our oyster cultivators have not exhibited sufficient enterprise to place on the market preserved oysters to compete with the imported article.

Mr. F. J. Gibbons, one of our largest and most successful growers, made a move in this direction by tinning a few oysters from the Hunter River; but after the first experiment no further steps were taken, as it was considered that the cost of production was too excessive to admit of them being sold at a price suitable to the public and the producer.

Some of these tinned oysters were submitted to us for inspection, and they were found to be of very good quality, and much more natural in their preserved state than the American article.

With such extensive grounds as this Colony possesses for producing this bivalve, there ought to be no difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply for ordinary demands, as well as a surplus that should be preserved in tins for consumption in the interior of the Colony, where it is not practicable to obtain the shell-fish in its natural state.

A few years ago some of the best of our oysters were obtained from the Tweed River and Terranora Creek, but that is very far from the case now. The oysters in these waters are now very much affected with the disease already mentioned as *Polydora ciliata* and it is the exception to find any absolutely clean. No oysters are now marketable from this locality, and the majority of leases have been surrendered on account of the unhealthy condition of things.

Experiments have been carried out by the local Inspector at Cape Hawke to determine the vexed question as to the length of time it takes an oyster to grow to a marketable size in these waters. In February, 1898, some oyster spat (mere specks) was laid down in Wallis Lake, and after a period of two years they were taken up and forwarded to Sydney for inspection. The specimens were healthy and free from disease, in fine clusters attached to stone and hardwood, and above the regulation size for market purposes, the shells measuring 3 by 2 inches, but from the delicate margins of the shells by recent growth it was apparent that they had not reached their limits of maturity.

A detailed account of their various stages of growth is given in the report of Inspector Massingham, which is appended.

The Harbours and Rivers Department, in carrying out reclamations and improvements in the coastal rivers, are liable to injure oyster leases in the immediate locality of the works by dredging operations, and the lessees naturally look for compensation for any damage that may be done to their areas or to the oysters on them.

Prior to the year 1898 all leases were issued without any provision for resuming such areas without compensation; but since that date the interests of the Government have been safeguarded by the insertion of a clause which empowers the Crown to resume areas under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act and the Crown Lands Acts.

In localities where it is contemplated by the Harbours and Rivers Department to carry out public works in the near future, leases are now only issued on condition that the Government is not liable to pay, nor the lessee entitled to claim, any compensation for any damage or injury that may be done to any leased area or to the oysters growing thereon.

Oyster stealing off Crown lands has been carried on to a great extent owing to the lack of supervision for want of funds in far distant waters.

A general impression prevailed that oysters could not be the subject of larceny, and in a case at Central Tilba the local Bench of Magistrates dismissed an information against a person who was charged with stealing a bucket of oysters the property of Her Majesty. The oysters were proved to have been taken during the daytime from Crown lands not under lease, and the Bench held that there could not be larceny of oysters growing on Crown lands; and that since the taking took place in the daytime, no punishable offence under section 10 of the Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884 had been proved.

As this was considered to be a wrong decision a special case under the Justices Appeal Act was stated, and after argument Mr. Justice Cohen decided that the defendant ought clearly to have been convicted of larceny. Upon this ruling fresh proceedings were instituted and the defendant fined accordingly.

This decision has had a very beneficial effect upon persons who had been in the habit of illegally taking oysters for the purposes of sale; and posters have been circulated in every Coastal District warning them of their liability for illegally removing oysters off Crown lands.

An appeal was made in the case of one Hair to set aside a conviction for having taken oysters from the public oyster reserve at Port Hacking. It was contended that the defendant took the oysters for his own consumption, and not for sale, and that the public oyster reserve upon which the oysters were alleged to have been taken had not been legally proclaimed.

After argument, Mr. Justice O'Connor ruled that the defendant failed to prove that the oysters were taken for his own consumption only, and that the reserve was legally proclaimed.

This decision has strengthened the hands of this Department considerably, and has been the means of preventing the wholesale removal of oysters from this popular recreation reserve and also from other public oyster reserves in the Colony.

The reports of the Inspectors, and returns of the Fisheries and Oyster Fisheries, will be found in the Appendices.

Inland Waters.

Endeavours were made to obtain live codfish during the spawning season, with a view to taking the spawn and hatching the ova, so that this species of fish might be introduced into some of the rivers of the coast.

Mr. H. K. Bloxham and Mr. W. P. Banks, of Bourke, very kindly offered their services in endeavouring to obtain some mature fish, and upon receipt of fishing nets, which were supplied by this Department, they made several attempts to secure the cod, but on account of the low state of the river, they were unable to obtain any that were suitable.

In the Darling River, near Bourke, codfish have decreased of late years on account of the very dry seasons, and it is difficult to obtain fish in any numbers.

Lake George in past years has been famous for the growth of codfish, but the drought has had a disastrous effect on fish life in these waters. Some years ago this lake was a magnificent sheet of water, 22 miles in length, with an average width of 9 miles and a mean depth of 8 feet, and at the present time it is about 10 miles in length, with an average width of 3 miles and a mean depth of 3 feet. The water is quite brackish and unfit for drinking purposes, and all the codfish are reported to be dead.

As there is nothing absolutely known as to the spawning time of codfish in the Murray River, information was sought from practical fishermen on various parts of the river, extending from Euston to Albury, and it was ascertained that the consensus of opinion tended to show that the spawning period extended from October to January; and as it was necessary to offer all the protection possible to prevent the extermination of this valuable fish, the whole of the Murray, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan, Darling, and Barwon Rivers, and their tributaries, were closed to net fishing from the 1st September, 1899, to 28th February, 1900.

The Edwards River, for 12 miles on each side of Deniliquin, the Nepean River from its junction with the Warragamba to its junction with the Grose, and the River Darling on each side of Bourke, were also closed for periods of two and three years.

Large quantities of codfish have been sent to Melbourne from the South Australian border between Melbourne and Adelaide which were caught by nets and lines in the Murray River.

Very little benefit is derived by this Colony from the fisheries in the Murray River on account of the inaccessibility to the Sydney markets. A few New South Wales fishermen follow their occupation in these waters, but the bulk of fishermen reside in the sister Colony.

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From the towns of Swan Hill, Mulwala, Koondrook, and Moama, 97,586 lb. of codfish were exported to Victoria.

During the winter months codfish have a ready sale in Sydney, and are forwarded in good numbers by rail. 12 tons 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lb. were consigned to the metropolitan market last year, three-fourths of which came from Bourke and the remainder from other towns on the railway lines.

Trout Acclimatisation.

After fourteen years experience in importing several species of fresh water *Salmonidæ* and their ova, such as brown trout (*Salmo fario*), the Loch Leven trout (*Salmo levenensis*), the American Brook Char (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), and the rainbow trout (*Salmo irideus*), we have arrived at the conclusion that the latter is most suitable for importation into New South Wales.

A native of the Pacific slopes of North America, of brilliant colour, rapid in growth, active in its habits, of excellent flavour, and capable of enduring the warmth of a sub-tropical climate, it is a fish that is admirably adapted for acclimatisation in this Colony, and is certain to prove both a valuable food supply and a source of pleasure to sportsmen.

It has been introduced into New Zealand waters—especially into the waters of the northern island—with most satisfactory results, and it was from the hatchery of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society that 100,000 rainbow trout ova were obtained this year for the purpose of hatching at Prospect.

As an instance of the rapid growth of this species of fish, it may be mentioned that a rainbow trout, taken from the ponds at the entrance to the Prospect Reservoir in October last, though only one year and ten days old, measured $13\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length, $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches in girth, and weighed 1 lb.

To realise the efforts we are making to stock our rivers with trout, it should be borne in mind that many of the waters in which they are being liberated are devoid of edible fish life. On the eastern slopes of our northern tablelands the only edible inhabitants of the streams are eels, and on the western slopes there are no fish except where cod have been introduced from the rivers of the plain country.

Very much the same may be said of the streams of the western and southern highlands. A food supply of great commercial value is thus being introduced into the waters of these districts where no food supply previously existed.

Young trout have many natural enemies to contend with, and it is, therefore, very discouraging to hear of mature fish being ruthlessly destroyed by some of the residents of the districts through which trout-bearing streams flow, after they have escaped the dangers which beset them in early life, and before they are sufficiently numerous to warrant their being killed in large numbers.

We desire to impress upon all who take an interest in the acclimatisation of this valuable fish the necessity of using every means in their power to protect them until they are thoroughly well established.

The spawning season for trout in the Monaro District commences about the end of March and continues till the month of July. Trout containing roe in an advanced state have been caught towards the end of March and in the month of April, and during the months of June and July a great number have been captured with the roe in ripe condition.

Over 26,000 trout fry were liberated in the following waters during the year, and in nearly every case they arrived at their destination in excellent condition, owing to the distribution being carried out before the hot weather set in:—Abercrombie River, Guinecor Creek, Kerraway Creek, Twelve-mile Creek, Cobrabald Creek, Wallagambie River, Yarrowitch River, Jerriwa Creek, Isis River, Jews' Creek, Broughton Mill Creek, Belabula River, Fish River, Duckmaloi Creek, Paterson River, Allyn River, Beardy River, Yarrow Creek, Cordeaux River, Warragamba River, Nepean River, Kangaroo River, Cudgegong River, Dunn's Plains Creek, Cambelong Creek, Little Plain River, Woronora River, Macdonald River, Wyong Creek, Cox River, Cox's Creek, Turon River, Kruhi River, Waterloo Creek, Williams River, Chichester River, Barrington River, Gloucester River, Macquarie River, Saumarez Creek, Burrowa River, Jenolan River, Winburndale Creek, Cataract River, Bobundarah Creek, Megalong Creek, Cotter River, Goodrabadgee River, Molonglo River, Queanbeyan River, Gudgenby River, Jellamatong Creek, Shoalhaven River, Colombo Creek, Campbell's River, Kingdom Ponds Creek, Stewart Brook, Murrumbidgee River, Paddy's River, Kialla Creek, Orara River, Enrich River, Bellinger River, Page's Creek, Moonan Brook, Picton Lakes, Stonequarry Creek, Windellama Creek, Popham Creek, Bow Creek, Spring Grove Creek, Brushy Hill Creek, and Jerrabagully Creek.

After the distribution of the trout fry had taken place, 16,400 young fish still remained at the hatchery; 13,200 of these were placed in the chain of ponds at the entrance to the Prospect Reservoir, and 3,200 were retained in the hatchery ponds.

These trout are being fed and taken care of, and will be distributed during the season of 1900, at which date they will be yearlings.

Although thousands of trout have been liberated in the Prospect Reservoir during the last few years, no trace of their existence has yet shown.

With a view to ascertaining whether any existed, a personal visit was made in June last, and hauls were made with deep nets in different parts of the reservoir, without result. A plentiful supply of natural food, in the shape of fresh-water crustacea, is probably the reason they are not seen to rise out of the water for insect life, as in the old country; but we have every reason to believe that they are in the deep waters of the reservoir.

We are anxious of taking this opportunity of thanking the many residents of the interior who have been kind enough to furnish us with valuable information respecting the growth and increase of the trout which have been liberated in the streams of their respective districts, and for the interest they have shown in the work.

The following particulars, which have been taken from these reports, will tend to show that trout are developing well in many parts of the Colony:—

South.

Yarrangobilly River.—Many trout have been seen, and they are doing well.

Eucumbene River.—Large trout are frequently seen. One weighing 5 lb. and another weighing 1½ lb. were caught near Adaminaby, and a trout weighing 2¾ lb. was found stranded in the Mill Hole at Kiandra. This fish was forwarded to us.

Moonbah River.—Numbers of trout have been caught from 1 lb. and upwards, and they are constantly seen rising in the stream, some of them apparently about 8 or 10 lb. in weight.

Bobundarah Creek.—They are thriving and increasing in size.

Bibbenluke River.—Many of the pools are full of fish, some of them as much as 8 or 10 lb. in weight, and they are frequently seen rising and jumping.

Delegate River.—They are now becoming well established.

Bombala River.—A trout weighing 2 oz. less than 6 lb., and measuring 24 inches in length, was found floating dead in a pool about quarter mile below the town bridge.

Upper Queanbeyan River.—They can be seen in shallow places and also jumping from the water. They appear to be thriving. One rainbow trout, weighing 4 lb., was caught in this river, the head of which was sent to us for inspection.

Umeralla River.—They are very numerous and increasing rapidly in size and numbers.

Kybean River.—They are doing splendidly in these waters. One very large trout, weighing 12½ lb., was caught at the junction of the Umeralla and Kybean Rivers, the head of which was forwarded to the Department. The jaws and tongue of this fish are studded with long, strong, sharp teeth.

Nerriga District.—The trout liberated in the streams of this district are growing vigorously. Only one has as yet been caught.

Belabula River.—They are apparently doing well, but none have been caught.

Wollondilly River.—Some dead trout were found on the bank of the river after a flood.

Teralga River.—Some have been caught from 1 to 2 lb. in weight.

Kerraway Creek.—They are increasing in size and doing well.

West.

Fish River.—Many trout have been seen. A considerable number of large fish have been caught with the net, and several weighing from 6 to 8 lb. have been speared.

Campbell River.—One trout has been caught this season. The river has been too low for successful fishing.

Winburndale Creek.—The young trout are doing well, numbers of them having been seen. None have been caught.

Lewis Creek, Larras Lake.—Several have been seen, and they are apparently thriving. None have been caught.

North

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North.

Ourimbah Creek.—Several have been seen upwards of 1 lb. in weight.

Paterson and Allyn Rivers.—One trout has been caught weighing $1\frac{3}{4}$ lb., and others have been seen which were judged to weigh $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and upwards.

Upper Hunter District.—The young trout which have been liberated in the streams in this district are doing well.

Kingdom Ponds Creek.—They are increasing in size.

Moonan Brook.—A young rainbow trout, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. long and 3 oz. in weight, which could not have been more than 7 months old, caught in this stream, was forwarded to the Department for identification. Hundreds of similar fish have since been seen in these waters and in Stewart's Brook.

Macdonald River.—Trout are plentiful and are seen in many parts of the river. Cormorants and other fishing birds are frequently seen rising from the water with fish in their bills, apparently from 1 to 2 lb. in weight. They are said to grow rapidly in the Macdonald, and they attain a great size there. One weighing 5 lb. was shot by a man, who mistook the fish when it rose to the surface for a platypus, and nine were found dead in a waterhole near Woolbrook after a heavy storm, weighing from 3 to 12 lb.

Armidale Waters.—Trout are thriving and increasing rapidly in the waters of this district, some weighing as much as 2 lb. having been caught.

Beardy River.—The skeleton of a trout about 14 inches long, which had been stranded in a shallow pool in this stream, was forwarded to us. They are sometimes seen, but none have been caught.

Waterloo Creek.—Several trout have been seen in pools, varying from 4 to 8 inches long.

There is sufficient evidence to show that our endeavours to establish trout in various streams of the Colony as far north as the Queensland border, as well as to the west and south of Sydney, have been attended with success; and it affords us the greatest gratification to feel that we are in a position to report that very many of our rivers and creeks are well adapted for the reception and growth of this valuable species of fish. But it is in the Monaro district that our efforts have succeeded almost beyond our expectations. The Snowy River and its tributaries are full of splendid trout. In the main river they are increasing rapidly both in size and numbers, and reports have frequently been forwarded regarding large fish which have been seen or caught in its tributaries. The streams in the Bombala district are also well stocked.

Trout have been seen lying in the pools of the Bibbenluke which would probably weigh from 8 to 10 lb. if brought to scale; and on a favourable morning or evening it is not uncommon to see as many as fifteen or twenty trout rising and jumping at once in many parts of this river. As many as fourteen trout, weighing from 2 to 4 lb., were caught here in one day. They are becoming well established in the Bombala and Delegate Rivers. In the Moonbah, trout of all sizes up to 8 or 10 lb. may be seen; and favourable reports have been received regarding their growth and increase in the Eucumbene, Thredbo, and other tributaries of the Snowy River.

It is the extraordinary success which has attended the introduction of some of the fresh-water varieties of the *Salmonidæ* into these waters that induced us to recommend in our last Annual Report the erection of hatcheries on the banks of trout-streams with the view of producing fry from ova stripped from the trout which inhabit our own waters.

Hatcheries established in favourable localities would be attended with many advantages, and would ultimately prove a source of economy.

The great expense incurred annually in purchasing and importing ova from New Zealand would be saved, and the loss which is yearly sustained through the ova having to be brought a long over-sea journey—a considerable percentage of them sometimes being dead on reaching Sydney—would be done away with.

The fry produced from the ova taken from acclimatised fish would be stronger, healthier, and more fit for distribution than young fish raised from imported ova, and the retaining of fish in suitable ponds constructed for the purpose in the vicinity of the hatchery until they become yearlings or two-year-old fish before distributing them would be attended with good results.

At our request, Mr. C. R. Burnside made an inspection of the country through which the Naas and Cotter Rivers—tributaries of the Murrumbidgee—flow, with the view of ascertaining whether a suitable site could be obtained in the vicinity of these streams for the erection of a hatchery.

In the excellent report on the result of his investigations, which is published in the Appendices, he states that both these rivers are suitable for the purpose, but of the two he is of opinion that the Cotter is best for a trout nursery.

It has been found that at the Prospect hatchery it would be necessary to have some repairs executed before the hatching season commenced. The ponds were, accordingly, re-cemented, the drain-pipes relaid, and the floor, which had sunk, was raised 3 inches with concrete, and cemented.

Some bird-nest ferns and stag-horns were obtained from Tuggerah and placed on trees and round the chain of ponds situated at the entrance to the Prospect Reservoir, and have added considerably to the appearance of the grounds.

We consider that it is our duty, in the interests of the fishing industry, to again urge upon the Government the necessity of introducing more stringent laws than those at present in force for the protection of fish and oysters, and for the better administration of the fisheries.

The statutes governing the fisheries of the Colony are bristling with defects, and new legislation is urgently required to place matters upon a satisfactory basis.

Several attempts have been made within the last few years to improve the Fisheries Laws, but without success.

In submitting our reports for 1883 and 1890 we forwarded Draft Bills, and in 1895 a Bill was prepared by the Royal Commission on Fisheries, but the amended legislation therein proposed was not carried out.

Last year an amended Bill which was framed by Mr. J. H. Want, and approved of by the Government, passed through the Upper House, but was left at that stage by reason of prorogation the of Parliament.

Provision was made in this Bill—

To protect all kinds of fish and crustacea against the use of fishing-nets, scop-nets, and lines in close fisheries.

To close any waters that might be considered necessary against fishing-nets and scoop-nets, without waiting till the supply had become exhausted.

To refuse licenses to undesirable characters.

To enable the Commissioners to establish private fisheries.

To make it illegal to use any kind of sunken net.

To prevent the removal of oysters from Crown lands or private lands.

To provide for imprisonment instead of fine for a second offence, and to remedy a number of existing defects in the present Acts.

Such a measure is absolutely necessary, pending the passing of a more comprehensive Bill, and it is earnestly hoped that this Bill will be proceeded with during the early part of the coming Session.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

JAMES C. COX, M.D.

W. R. CAMPBELL.

J. H. WANT.

S. H. HYAM.

FRANK FARNELL.

APPENDICES.

A.

STATEMENT of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Department of Fisheries for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

Revenue—		£	s.	d.
Fishermen's licenses, 762 at 10s.	...	381	0	0
" " 196 at 5s.	...	49	0	0
Fishing-boat " 350 at 20s.	...	350	0	0
" " 95 at 10s.	...	47	10	0
Deposits on applications for oyster leases	...	467	0	0
Rent on leased areas	...	2,320	2	11
Premium on deep-water lease	...	22	10	0
Deed fees	...	156	0	0
Transfer fees	...	28	0	0
Fines and forfeitures	...	184	15	6
Total Revenue		£4,005	18	5
Expenditure—				
Salaries	...	2,054	5	0
Contingencies	...	928	17	7
Total Expenditure		£2,983	2	7

B.

STATISTICS.

SCHEDULE of Applications for Oyster-culture Leases received during the year 1899.

Name of Applicant.	Length of Fore-shore.	Locality.	Name of Applicant.	Length of Fore-shore.	Locality.
Gibbins, F. J.	400	Camden Haven.	Dick, John S.	100	Hastings River.
Clifton, John W.	500	Mooney Mooney Creek, Jervis Bay.	Do	200	do
Seymour, George	300	Hawkesbury River.	Davison, John	500	Wagonga River.
Do	500	do	Dick, Thomas	100	Hastings River.
Selmon, Frederick	300	Botany Bay.	Thompson, Henry	300	Port Stephens.
Collis, Edwin J.	1,000	George's River.	Dick, Thomas	200	Hastings River.
Smith, Courtany	500	Port Stephens.	Denham, G. E., and Johnson, John.	100	Nambucca River.
Barclay, James	200	Clyde River.	Marshall, G., and Duncan, Jas.	800	Hastings River.
Gibbins, F. J.	600	Camden Haven.	Gibbins, Fredk. J.	400	Hunter River.
Haiser, George	400	Shoalhaven River.	Templeman, Thos.	200	Clyde River.
Do	100	do	Donnelly, Patrick E.	500	Womboyn River,
Do	100	do	Alick, Charles	500	Hawkesbury River.
Diemar, Ernest N.	200	Port Stephens.	Severs, Charles	100	Panbula River.
Lonesborough Robt.	200	Crookhaven River.	Wray, Timothy	300	Clyde River.
Do	100	do	Wailes, Anthony	500	Hawkesbury River.
Do	100	do	O'Connell, Patrick J.	500	Macleay River.
Do	200	do	Wray, Timothy	100	Clyde River.
Latta, William	300	Clyde River.	Do	100	do
Do	300	do	Do	100	Tuross River.
Dick, Thomas	100	Hastings River.	Field, Wm.	500	Wagonga River.
Holmes, H. L.	200	Port Stephens.	Marshall, G., and Duncan, J.	300	Hastings River.
Smith, Courtany	500	do	Sutton, Albert	500	Hawkesbury River.
Ravel, George	100	Wallis Lake.	Alick, Charles	300	do
Alick, Charles	200	Hawkesbury River.	Allaban, Alfred	500	Wagonga River.
Galloway, Peter L.	500	Wagonga River.	Guy, George, and Peters, Geo.	100	Cullendulla Creek.
Do	300	do	Barclay, James	200	Waterfall Creek.
Milton, Wm. H.	100	do	Latta, Wm.	200	Clyde River.
Masters, Fredk. Wm.	500	Manning River.	Davison, Ada	200	Wagonga River.
Buie, James, jun.	500	Hawkesbury River.	Morris, Wm.	500	do
Wray, Timothy	200	Clyde River.	Field, Annie	300	do
Do	100	do	Do	200	do
Judd, R. H., and Bowden, P. K.	260	George's River.	Gibbins, F. J.	300	Camden Haven.
Do	175	do	Dick, Ernest H.	100	Hastings River.
Murray, John	200	Brisbane Water.	Dick, Thos.	100	do
Ongley, W. S.	100	Manning River.	Seymour, George	500	Hawkesbury River.
Galloway, Peter L.	200	Wagonga River.	Do	300	do
Dick, Thomas	500	Hastings River.	Lonesborough, John	100	Crookhaven River.
Wrigley, James	500	do	Wray, Timothy	200	Clyde River.
Do	500	do	Woodward, H., and Moriarty, J.	100	Wallis Lake.
Dick, John S.	200	do	MacMillan, John	200	Wagonga River.
Stinson, Mary A.	100	Manning River.	Marshall, G., and Duncan, J.	400	Hastings River.
Sheather, Charles H.	300	do	Garthon, Susannah J.	400	Hawkesbury River.
Dick, John S.	100	Hastings River.	Hardacre, Henry J.	200	Panbula River.
Brown, Alexr. K.	500	Nullica River.	Do	200	do
Cheyne, George	100	Richmond River.	Do	100	do
Woodward, H., and Moriarty, J.	100	Wallis Lake.	Covell, S., Izzard, J., and Marshall, G.	100	Hawkesbury River.
Marshall, G., and Duncan, J.	1,600	Hastings River.	Johnston, Joseph	500	do
Do	400	do	Sheather, Charles H.	100	Manning River.
Wigmore, Wm.	300	Richmond River.	Do	300	do

SCHEDULE of Applications for Oyster-culture Leases—*continued.*

Name of Applicant.	Length of Fore-shore.	Locality.	Name of Applicant.	Length of Fore-shore.	Locality.
McIntyre, John C.	500	Hastings River.	Comino, John	500	Hawkesbury River.
Marshall, George	200	Hawkesbury River.	Do	400	do
Buie, James, senr.	250	do	Ralston, Lionel.....	100	Wallis Lake.
Dick, John Stuart	100	Hastings River.	McDermid, John	100	Manning River.
Ravel, George	100	Wallis Lake.	Thomas, Fredk.	500	Hawkesbury River.
Do	100	do	Latta, Wm.	200	Nelson's Bay.
Covell, S., Marshall, G., and Izzard, J.	500	Hawkesbury River.	Do	300	do
Lloyd, Wm.	500	do	Ross, James	300	Hawkesbury River.
Hungerford, Marcus O.	200	Panbula River.	Do	200	do
Masters, F. W.	200	Manning River.	Rose, Joseph.....	500	do
Do	100	do	Woods, Francis.....	100	Panbula River.
Do	100	do	Ravel, George	100	Wallis Lake.
Do	100	do	Milton, Wm. Henry	100	Wagonga River.
Dieman, Ernest	100	Port Stephens.	Do	100	do
Marshall, G., and Duncan, J.	300	Hastings River.	Lonesborough, Robert	200	Crookhaven River.
Cause, W. G.	200	Manning River.	Louis, Louis	500	Port Stephens.
Burton, Wm. Thos.....	100	Panbula River.	Stevens, Nicholas.....	200	do
Do	100	do	Latta, David	500	Wagonga River.
Do	100	do	Seymour, George	300	Hawkesbury River.
Do	100	do	Allabin, A. E.	200	Wagonga River.
Do	100	do	Smith, Courtany	200	Port Stephens.
Paskell, Robert.....	800	Hawkesbury River.	Woodward, H., and Moriarty, J.	100	Wallis Lake.
Stinson, Mary Ann	300	Manning River.	McDermid, John	200	Manning River.
Garthon, Susannah J.	200	Hawkesbury River.	Smith, Wm.	300	George's River.
Merrick, John	500	do	Do	300	do
Sutton, Albert	300	do	Do	200	do
Ralston, Lionel.....	300	Wallis Lake.	Wood, Francis, senr.	100	Panbula River.
Southwell, J. A.	100	Manning River.	Haiser, Joseph	500	Crookhaven River.
Barclay, James.....	100	Clyde River.	Severs, Charles.....	100	Panbula River.
Rooke, Henry	500	Port Stephens.	Comino, John	300	Khappinghet Creek.
Dick, Ernest Harold	100	Hastings River.	Do	400	do
Do	100	do	Dervent, Andrew.....	500	George's River.
Southwell, Joseph A.	100	Manning River.	Le Mare, Lanmel	300	Wallis Lake.
McIntyre, John Croft.....	100	Hastings River.	Southwell, Joseph A.	200	Manning River.
Do	100	do	McMillan, John	200	Bermagui River.
Do	200	do	Do	100	do
Do	200	do	Do	100	do
Gibbons, F. J.	400	Hunter River.	Motum, Arthur	500	Port Stephens.
D'Landro, Francis	400	Hawkesbury River.	Smith, Wm. E.....	200	George's River.
Buie, James, senr.	200	do	Stinson, Mary A.....	180	Manning River.
D'Landro, Francis	500	do	Lamon, Thos., and Lamon, C.	100	Port Stephens.
Masters, F. W.	300	Manning River.	Dalton, Fredk.	500	Hawkesbury River.
Galloway, Peter L.	100	Wagonga River.	Frater, John	500	do
McDermid, John	100	Manning River.	Haiser, George	200	Currambene Creek.
Do	100	do	Do	100	Crookhaven River.
Lloyd, William.....	500	Hawkesbury River.	Do	100	Port Stephens.
McInherney, Peter E.....	100	Hastings River.	Smith, Courtany	300	George's River.
Do	100	do	Dervent, Andrew.....	500	George's River.
Davison, John	200	Wagonga River.	Barrie, John.....	200	Hastings River.
Severs, John	100	Panbula River.	Hungerford, M. O.	300	Panbula River.
Haiser, George	100	Crookhaven River.	McMillan, John	100	Bermagui River.
Do	100	do	Ross, A., and Davis, J.	176	Clarence River.
Cause, W. G.	200	Manning River.	Comino, John	400	Khapping Creek.
Barrie, John	200	Hastings River.	Dangar, H. C.	500	Hawkesbury River.
Do	300	do	White, Cyril C.	600	Port Stephens.
Wood, Francis	200	Panbula River.	Fotheringham, George	100	Khapping Creek.
Do	200	do	Do	200	do
Comino, John	300	Hawkesbury River.	Do	100	Manning River.
Do	200	do	Thomas, Fredk. E.	200	Hawkesbury River.
Do	200	do	Do	300	do
Hungerford, Marcus O.	100	Panbula River.	Trinder, J. W., and Smidmore, F.	500	George's River.
Do	100	do	Do	400	do
			Fotheringham, George	200	Khapping Creek.
			Comino, John	100	Manning River.

C.

RETURN showing the Number of Packages of Fish imported into New South Wales during the year 1899.

Imported from—	Fresh Fish.		Chilled Fish.		Totals.	
	Packages.	Value.	Packages.	Value.	Packages.	Value.
Victoria	304	£ 252	.....	.....	304	£ 252
Tasmania.....	34	31	218	131	252	162
Queensland	705	395	.....	.....	705	395
New Zealand	8	128	5,217	3,947	5,225	4,075
South Australia	1,800	1,398	.....	.....	1,800	1,398
United Kingdom .....	.....	.....	239	162	239	162
United States.....	.....	.....	348	147	348	147
Canada.....	.....	.....	95	501	95	501
Totals	2,851	2,204	6,167	4,888	9,018	7,092

IMPORTS into New South Wales of Fish, dried and preserved, during the year 1899.

Article.	Whence Imported.	Quantity.	Value.
		lb	£
Fish, Dried and Preserved ...	Victoria	415,347	9,227
	Queensland.....	41,264	926
	South Australia	295,199	6,794
	Western Australia	16,638	336
	Tasmania	20,772	363
	New Zealand	55,883	1,503
	United Kingdom	2,857,948	52,647
	Cape Colony	14,592	505
	Canadian Dominion	165,696	3,171
	Hong Kong	43,410	1,402
	Straits Settlements	36	2
	China	91,789	2,949
	France	176,637	5,144
	New Caledonia	48	1
	Germany.....	9,001	401
	Italy	2,296	86
	South Sea Islands	112	2
Spain	34,725	931	
Norway	20,556	613	
United States	4,204,320	79,839	
Portugal.....	17,725	570	
	Total	8,483,994	167,412

RETURN showing the Number of Packages of Fish exported from New South Wales during the year 1899.

Exported to—	Fresh Fish.		Chilled Fish.		Totals.	
	Packages.	Value.	Packages.	Value.	Packages.	Value.
Victoria	1,131	£ 1,404	.....	.....	1,131	£ 1,404
Queensland.....	3	6	57	40	60	46
South Australia	251	593	.....	.....	251	593
New Zealand	5	4	1	1	6	5
New Caledonia	40	60	.....	.....	40	60
Cape Colony .....	.....	.....	46	76	46	76
Totals	1,430	2,067	104	117	1,534	2,184

EXPORTS from New South Wales of Fish, dried and preserved, during the year 1899.

Article.	Destination.	Quantity.	Value.
		lb.	£
Fish, Dried and Preserved.	Victoria	517,550	10,671
	Queensland.....	445,601	8,900
	South Australia	189,132	3,984
	Western Australia	241,500	4,949
	Tasmania	77,542	1,598
	New Zealand	45,746	1,000
	United Kingdom	344	5
	Fiji	58,062	1,108
	India	1,500	34
	Natal	540	18
	New Guinea	12,282	266
	Norfolk Island	48	1
	New Caledonia	51,259	1,028
	Tahiti	240	6
	Marshall Islands	10,493	237
	New Britain	5,130	118
	South Sea Islands.....	49,603	983
United States	10,600	110	
	Total	1,717,172	35,016

D.
EASTERN Fish Market, Woolloomooloo.

Name of Water.	Baskets of Fish received.	Dozens of Crayfish received.	Baskets of Prawns received.	Baskets of Fish condemned as unfit for food.	Name of Fish.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Richmond River	3,386	...	...	76	Schnapper ... doz.	10/- to 79/-	12/- to 42/-	15/- to 60/-	15/- to 96/-	15/- to 48/-	13/- to 66/-	20/- to 60/-	3/- to 54/-	20/- to 90/-	3/- to 52/-	2/6 to 66/-	15/- to 60/-
Clarence River	8,500	...	...	180	Black Bream ,,	1/6 ,, 9/-	-/9 ,, 6/9	-/9 ,, 9/6	1/6 ,, 9/-	2/- ,, 9/-	1/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 9/-	1/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 9/-	1/- ,, 10/-	1/3 ,, 9/-
Macleay River	1,094	...	...	...	Flathead ... ,,	4/- ,, 30/-	4/- ,, 20/-	5/- ,, 24/-	4/- ,, 36/-	4/- ,, 24/-	5/- ,, 30/-	5/- ,, 24/-	5/- ,, 30/-	5/- ,, 24/-	1/6 ,, 30/-	2/- ,, 24/-	6/- ,, 24/-
Nambucca River	220	...	...	10	Whiting..... ,,	1/6 ,, 7/6	1/6 ,, 7/-	1/6 ,, 5/3	1/6 ,, 8/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/6 ,, 8/-	1/6 ,, 6/-	1/6 ,, 8/6	1/6 ,, 5/-	1/9 ,, 9/-	1/3 ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 7/-
Port Macquarie	717	...	...	...	Flounders ... ,,	2/- ,, 9/-	2/- ,, 5/-	3/- ,, 9/-	2/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 8/-	3/- ,, 9/-	3/- ,, 7/6	2/6 ,, 9/-	2/- ,, 15/-	4/- ,, 12/-	1/6 ,, 9/-	4/- ,, 6/-
Manning River	2,430	...	...	64	Kingfish..... ,,	2/- ,, 3/-	10/- ,, 24/-	2/- ,, 22/-	1/9 ,, 8/-	.....	21/- ,, 24/-	.....	2/- ,, 2/6	12/- ,, 54/-	2/- ,, 42/-	6/- ,, 60/-	9/- ,, 30/-
Camden Haven.....	175	...	...	...	Jewfish	4/8 ,, 90/-	8/- ,, 48/-	6/- ,, 72/-	3/- ,, 84/-	6/- to 72/-	1/- ,, 72/-	8/- to 52/-	12/- ,, 96/-	1/- ,, 78/-	8/- ,, 72/-	6/- 72/-	12/- ,, 78/-
Cape Hawke	2,590	52	...	20	Teraglin..... ,,	5/- ,, 8/-	5/- ,, 12/-	5/- ,, 10/-	5/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 18/-	5/- ,, 11/-	5/6 ,, 8/-	6/- ,, 9/-	.....	6/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 9/-	4/6 ,, 9/-
Port Stephens	344	1,136	...	3	Nannegai ... ,,	.....	2/- ,, 4/-	.....	.....	2/- ,, 3/-	2/- ,, 8/-	2/- ,, 3/-	2/- ,, 5/-	.....	.....	6/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 6/-
Hunter River	24	46	...	...	Salmon	1/6 to 2/6	1/6 ,, 2/3	1/6 to 2/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3/- to 4/-	2/- ,, 5/-	.....
Lake Macquarie	1,037	...	...	...	Mullet	-/6 ,, 4/6	-/6 ,, 4/6	-/6 ,, 4/6	-/6 to 4/6	1/- to 6/-	-/6 to 4/-	-/6 to 4/-	1/- to 5/-	-/6 to 5/-	-/9 ,, 4/6	2/- ,, 4/-	-/6 to 4/6
Tuggerah Lakes	864	...	...	10	Rock Cod ... ,,	.....	2/6 ,, 4/-	9/- ,, 72/-	6/- ,, 14/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 36/-	2/6 ,, 9/-	1/- ,, 4/-	1/6 ,, 2/6	1/- ,, 4/-	1/- ,, 2/6	2/- ,, 4/-
Terrigal	417	57	...	...	Eels	2/- to 3/-	1/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 4/6	2/- ,, 3/6	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 7/-	2/- ,, 4/-	1/6 ,, 3/-	1/6 ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 6/-
Hawkesbury River	5,993	39	43	44	Garfish bskt.	14/- ,, 25/-	12/- ,, 30/-	10/- ,, 28/-	13/- ,, 20/-	10/- ,, 30/-	12/- ,, 30/-	12/- ,, 35/-	15/- ,, 50/-	13/- ,, 25/-	10/- ,, 30/-	10/- ,, 40/-	18/- ,, 45/-
Port Jackson.....	4,506	...	937	419	Blackfish ... ,,	6/- ,, 12/-	6/- ,, 10/-	5/- ,, 10/-	6/- ,, 10/6	6/- ,, 12/-	7/- ,, 15/-	6/- ,, 11/-	6/- ,, 14/-	4/- ,, 8/-	1/6 ,, 4/6	5/- ,, 10/-	6/- ,, 16/-
Botany Bay and George's River ..	2,416	...	11	...	Silver-bellies ,,	3/- ,, 5/-	3/- ,, 5/-	3/- ,, 7/-	4/- ,, 6/-	3/- ,, 5/-	4/- ,, 8/-	5/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 11/-	3/- ,, 5/-	4/- ,, 7/6	4/- ,, 18/-	4/- ,, 5/6
Lake Illawarra	4,544	...	88	12	Yellow-tail ,,	3/- ,, 18/-	4/- ,, 12/-	3/- ,, 15/-	3/- ,, 10/-	4/- ,, 25/-	5/- ,, 15/-	5/- ,, 8/-	3/- ,, 20/-	5/- ,, 20/-	.....	4/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 12/-
Shoalhaven	2,735	39	16	8	Tailer	4/- ,, 18/-	6/- ,, 9/-	7/- ,, 10/-	7/- ,, 12/-	5/- ,, 10/-	5/- ,, 9/-	7/- ,, 10/-	4/- ,, 15/-	6/- ,, 20/-	6/- to 10/-	5/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 14/-
Ulladulla	858	4	...	37	Travally..... ,,	6/- ,, 15/-	4/- ,, 7/9	4/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 9/-	5/- ,, 8/-	.....	5/- ,, 9/-	6/- ,, 8/-	6/- ,, 10/-	7/- ,, 15/-	7/- ,, 12/-
Bateman's Bay	630	367	...	...	Pilchard ... ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 5/-	.....	.....
Bermagoe	558	9	...	...	Crayfish..... doz.	12/- to 15/-	5/- to 16/-	20/- to 23/-	6/- to 18/-	9/- to 10/-	8/- to 19/-	6/- to 12/-	5/- to 12/-	7/- ,, 15/-	12/- ,, 16/-	5/- to 16/-	7/- to 12/-
Moruya	425	...	...	22	Prawns bskt.	15/- ,, 55/-	15/- ,, 40/-	15/- ,, 55/-	20/- ,, 95/-	15/- ,, 100/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	20/- ,, 99/-	8/- ,, 80/-	15/- ,, 80/-
Totals	44,463	1,749	1,095	905	Crabs	-/3 ,, 1/-	-/3 ,, 2/-	-/3 ,, 1/3	-/6 ,, 2/6	-/9 ,, 2/-	-/9 to 1/9	1/- to 2/6	-/9 to 1/6	-/9 to 2/3	-/9 ,, 2/-	-/3 ,, 2/6	-/9 ,, 2/-

BATCHELOR'S Fish Market, Redfern.

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Name of Water.	Baskets of Fish received.	Dozens of Crayfish received.	Baskets of Prawns received.	Baskets of Fish condemned as unfit for food.	Name of Fish.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Richmond River	481	...	...	...	Schnapper ... doz.	15/- to 25/-	18/- to 50/-	15/- to 35/-	20/- to 40/-	10/- to 30/-	15/- to 62/-	18/- to 50/-	10/- to 50/-	10/- to 61/-	15/- to 35/-	10/- to 65/-	12/- to 30/-
Clarence River	1,479	...	...	29	Black Bream ,,	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 5/6	1/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 8/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 8/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 5/-	1/- ,, 6/-
Macleay River	658	...	...	10	Flathead	1/6 ,, 5/-	1/- ,, 18/-	2/- ,, 8/-	2/- ,, 13/-	1/6 ,, 24/-	2/- ,, 17/-	2/- ,, 12/-	2/- ,, 18/-	2/- ,, 19/-	2/- ,, 16/-	2/- ,, 10/-	2/- ,, 12/-
Cape Hawke	327	...	...	...	Whiting	2/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/6	1/- ,, 4/6	1/- ,, 5/-	1/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 7/6	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 6/6	2/- ,, 6/-	1/6 ,, 5/6
Port Stephens	642	81	12	40	Flounders ... ,,	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 7/-	2/- ,, 4/6	2/- ,, 6/-	1/6 ,, 4/-	1/6 ,, 5/6	3/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 5/-
Hunter River	9	...	...	...	Kingfish	6/- ,, 12/-	10/- ,, 15/-	10/- ,, 20/-	8/- ,, 12/-	10/- ,, 15/-	10/- ,, 22/-	.....	.....	.....	18/- ,, 49/-	8/- ,, 30/-	9/- ,, 23/-
Lake Macquarie	2,747	...	...	7	Jewfish	12/- ,, 30/-	6/- ,, 25/-	20/- ,, 40/-	15/- ,, 50/-	6/- ,, 55/-	8/- ,, 50/-	6/- to 60/-	2/- to 40/-	9/- to 60/-	10/- ,, 80/-	1/- ,, 60/-	12/- ,, 68/-
Tuggerah Lakes	1,445	...	...	...	Teraglin	4/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 12/-	3/- ,, 9/-	4/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 10/-	5/- ,, 9/-	3/- ,, 7/-	6/- ,, 9/-	.....	5/- ,, 8/-	1/- ,, 6/-	5/- ,, 9/-
Hawkesbury River	916	...	...	...	Salmon.....	1/3 ,, 2/6	1/6 ,, 2/3	1/6 ,, 2/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 4/-	.....
Botany Bay and George's River	4,944	...	235	...	Mullet	-/6 ,, 5/6	-/6 ,, 6/-	-/6 ,, 3/-	-/6 to 5/-	-/6 to 2/6	-/6 to 4/-	-/6 to 3/3	-/6 to 3/-	-/6 to 3/-	-/6 ,, 5/6	-/6 ,, 4/-	6/- ,, 3/6
Lake Illawarra	3,458	...	57	5	Eels	1/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 7/-	2/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 4/6	1/- ,, 2/-	1/- ,, 5/-	1/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 5/-
Shoalhaven River	2,015	...	4	23	Garfish .....bskt.	10/- ,, 20/-	10/- ,, 25/-	10/- ,, 12/-	15/- ,, 30/-	12/- ,, 15/-	10/- ,, 18/-	8/- ,, 12/-	10/- ,, 30/-	12/- ,, 16/-	8/- ,, 15/-	10/- ,, 25/-	15/- ,, 30/-
Ulladulla	1,945	...	...	...	Blackfish	6/- ,, 8/-	5/- ,, 7/-	4/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 10/-	4/- ,, 9/-	6/- ,, 10/-	4/- ,, 8/-	6/- ,, 9/-	4/- ,, 12/-	6/- ,, 13/-	6/- ,, 15/-	4/- ,, 12/-
Bateman's Bay	1,776	15	...	5	Silverbellies..	2/- ,, 4/-	3/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 4/-	4/- ,, 6/-	3/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 4/-	4/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 8/-	3/- ,, 5/-	4/- ,, 6/6	3/- ,, 10/-	2/- ,, 5/6
Tathra	47	...	...	...	Travally	4/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 10/-	3/- ,, 8/-	3/- ,, 10/-	4/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 10/-	3/- ,, 9/-	2/- ,, 7/-	3/- ,, 5/-	4/- ,, 8/-	5/- ,, 6/-	4/- ,, 8/-
Various places	...	...	...	84	Tailers	3/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 7/-	4/- ,, 10/-	5/- ,, 8/-	2/- ,, 7/-	6/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 6/-	5/- ,, 15/-	5/- ,, 9/-	4/- ,, 8/-	4/- ,, 8/-	3/- ,, 19/-
Totals	22,889	96	308	203	Crayfish doz.	6/- ,, 12/-	5/- ,, 12/-	8/- ,, 18/-	8/- ,, 10/-	6/- ,, 11/-	8/- ,, 10/-	8/- ,, 12/-	7/- ,, 12/-	7/- ,, 15/-	8/- ,, 16/-	6/- ,, 12/-	8/- ,, 11/-
					Prawns .....bskt.	10/- ,, 20/-	15/- ,, 45/-	20/- ,, 40/-	20/- ,, 60/-	30/- ,, 50/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10/- ,, 40/-	20/- ,, 65/-
					Crabs	-/3 ,, 1/-	-/3 ,, 2/-	-/3 ,, 1/3	1/3 ,, 2/-	-/3 ,, 1/6	-/9 to 2/-	-/9 to 1/9	1/- to 2/6	-/9 to 1/6	-/9 to 4/-	-/3 ,, 2/6	-/9 ,, 2/-
					Rock Cod ... ,,	1/- ,, 3/-	1/- ,, 4/-	2/- ,, 6/-	2/- ,, 5/-	2/- ,, 7/-	1/- ,, 4/-	1/- ,, 3/-	1/6 ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 2/6	2/6 ,, 7/-	2/- ,, 6/-	1/- ,, 4/-

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HUDSON'S FISH MARKET, Redfern.

Name of Water.	Baskets of Fish received.	Dozens of Crayfish received.	Baskets of Prawns received.	Baskets of Fish condemned as unfit for food.	Name of Fish.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Richmond River	1,335	...	...	...	Schnapper ...doz.	10/- to 30/-	15/- to 70/-	15/- to 40/-	20/- to 36/-	12/- to 45/-	18/- to 64/-	15/- to 60/-	18/- to 42/-	12/- to 40/-	12/- to 60/-	15/- to 40/-	14/- to 35/-
Clarence River	2,104	...	...	...	Black Bream.. ,,	3/- , 6/-	3/- , 5/6	1/6 , 3/-	2/- , 7/-	2/- , 6/-	2/- , 7/-	1/6 , 5/-	2/- , 7/-	2/- , 7/-	2/- , 9/-	1/- , 4/-	1/- , 6/-
Macleay River	730	...	...	...	Flathead	3/- , 6/-	3/- , 6/-	2/6 , 6/-	3/- , 8/-	4/- , 8/-	2/- , 20/-	2/- , 16/-	2/- , 21/-	2/- , 23/-	2/- , 19/-	3/- , 12/-	2/- , 12/-
Nambucca	45	...	...	...	Whiting	2/- , 3/-	1/6 , 3/3	1/9 , 3/6	1/9 , 5/-	1/6 , 3/-	1/6 , 4/-	1/6 , 6/-	1/6 , 6/-	2/- , 5/-	2/- , 6/6	2/- , 5/-	1/6 , 4/-
Port Macquarie.....	23	...	...	...	Flounders..... ,,	3/- , 4/-	4/- , 6/-	4/- , 6/-	3/- , 4/6	2/- , 5/-	2/- , 6/-	2/- , 5/-	1/6 , 6/6	4/- , 6/-	4/- , 7/-	3/- , 6/-	2/- , 5/-
Camden Haven	142	...	...	...	Kingfish	12/- , 18/-	12/- , 18/-	10/- , 15/-	8/- , 30/-	15/- , 20/-	15/- , 22/-	10/- , 20/-	11/- , 18/-	12/- , 30/-	18/- , 40/-	9/- , 40/-	8/- , 25/-
Cape Hawke	1,051	...	...	...	Jewfish	12/- , 36/-	6/- , 36/-	10/- , 30/-	20/- , 50/-	30/- , 36/-	9/- , 50/-	8/- , 37/-	8/- , 29/-	8/- , 35/-	14/- , 20/-	9/- , 58/-	9/- , 56/-
Port Stephens	2,032	873½	...	...	Teraglin	4/- , 6/-	5/- , 9/-	3/- , 6/-	2/- , 7/-	3/- , 5/-	2/6 , 4/-	6/- , 7/-	2/- , 4/-	4/6 , 9/-	3/- , 4/-	4/- , 5/6	4/- , 8/-
Hunter River.....	463	...	...	...	Nannegai .....	.....	2/- , 3/-	.....	2/- , 5/-	2/- , 6/-	2/6 , 7/-	2/- , 3/-	3/- , 4/-	2/- , 5/-	1/9 , 3/-	2/- , 6/-	2/- , 5/-
Lake Macquarie	4,008	...	...	...	Salmon	1/6 to 2/6	1/9 , 3/-	1/6 to 2/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2/- , 4/-	2/- , 4/-	2/- , 3/-
Tuggerah Lake	1,891	...	...	...	Mullet	-/6 , 3/-	-/6 , 3/6	-/6 , 2/6	-/6 to 5/-	-/6 to 5/-	-/6 to 4/-	-/6 to 3/3	-/6 to 2/9	-/6 to 3/-	-/6 , 5/6	-/3 , 3/6	6/- , 4/-
Hawkesbury River	466	...	6	...	Rock Cod..... ,,	2/- , 3/-	2/- , 5/-	2/6 , 4/-	1/6 , 7/-	2/- , 5/-	1/- , 3/-	1/- , 4/-	1/6 , 5/-	1/6 , 4/-	1/6 , 5/-	2/- , 4/-	2/- , 5/-
Port Jackson	117	...	241	156	Eels	2/- , 6/-	4/- , 6/-	2/- , 5/-	3/- , 6/-	1/- , 4/-	1/- , 3/-	2/- , 4/6	2/- , 6/-	2/- , 7/-	3/- , 6/-	2/- , 4/-	2/- , 6/-
Botany Bay and George's River ...	1,864	...	23	...	Garfish .....bskt.	15/- , 20/-	10/- , 20/-	10/- , 15/-	10/- , 30/-	12/- , 15/-	11/- , 20/-	10/- , 12/-	10/- , 20/-	12/- , 16/-	10/- , 13/-	10/- , 30/-	15/- , 35/-
Wollongong	69	...	...	...	Blackfish	5/- , 9/-	5/- , 10/-	4/- , 9/-	4/- , 7/-	4/- , 9/-	7/- , 12/-	4/6 , 8/-	4/- , 8/-	5/- , 6/6	4/6 , 18/-	6/- , 12/-	6/- , 16/-
Illawarra Lake	1,733	...	...	...	Silverbellies... ,,	3/- , 4/-	3/- , 6/-	4/- , 7/-	4/- , 5/-	3/- , 4/-	2/6 , 6/-	4/- , 5/6	4/- , 9/-	3/- , 8/-	4/- , 5/-	3/- , 6/-	3/- , 7/-
Shoalhaven River	836	...	1	...	Yellowtail ... ,,	3/- , 9/-	4/- , 9/-	4/- , 10/-	3/- , 12/-	4/- , 12/-	5/- , 18/-	5/- , 10/-	4/- , 18/-	5/- , 20/-	4/- , 9/-	3/- , 9/-	5/- , 11/-
St. George's Basin	349	...	...	...	Travally	5/- , 14/-	4/- , 6/-	5/- , 8/-	5/- , 9/-	4/- , 8/-	4/- , 8/-	3/- , 7/-	2/- , 6/-	4/- , 8/-	3/- , 6/-	6/- , 10/-	4/6 , 8/-
Ulladulla	756	...	...	...	Pilchard .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3/- , 5/-	2/6 , 4/6	.....	.....
Bateman's Bay	15	...	...	...	Crayfish .....doz.	8/- to 12/-	5/- to 12/-	10/- to 19/-	9/- to 10/-	8/- to 11/-	8/- to 12/-	8/- to 12/-	7/- to 12/-	7/- , 15/-	8/- , 16/-	6/- to 12/-	8/- to 11/-
Jarvis Bay	144	...	...	...	Prawns .....bskt.	15/- , 20/-	15/- , 40/-	30/- , 40/-	20/- , 60/-	30/- , 60/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	20/- , 70/-	20/- , 40/-	20/- , 60/-
Totals	20,173	873½	271	156	Crabs..doz.	-/6 , 1/-	-/6 , 1/6	-/6 , 1/-	-/6 , 1/9	-/6 , 1/-	-/6 to 7/6	-/6 to 1/3	1/- to 3/-	- to 2/-	20/- , 70/-	-/9 , 2/-	-/9 , 1/6

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E.

RETURN showing the Number of Bags of Oysters imported into New South Wales during the year 1899.

Imported from—	No. of Bags.	Value.
Victoria	16	£ 14
Queensland	877	1,183
South Australia	209	418
Tasmania	91	56
New Zealand	106	87
Totals.....	1,299	1,758

RETURN showing the Number of Bags of Oysters exported from New South Wales during the year 1899.

Exported to—	No. of Bags.	Value.
Victoria	5,650	£ 8,621
South Australia	23	36
Western Australia	476	640
Tasmania	158	213
Fiji	6	8
South Sea Islands	5	7
Totals.....	6,318	9,525

F.

RETURN showing the Number of Bags of Oysters taken from the Tidal Waters of the Colony during the year 1899.

Locality.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.
Tweed River.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Richmond River	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	46
Evans River	80	56	15	15	...	...	...	...	27	50	44	74	361
Clarence River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	34
Bellinger River	19	8	3	...	...	...	...	14	36	37	40	25	182
Nambucca River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Macleay River .....	...	...	6	61	29	14	...	...	7	4	12	5	138
Hastings River	164	112	162	91	28	...	24	9	20	87	93	113	903
Camden Haven	231	187	233	187	118	76	32	...	...	67	184	181	1,496
Manning River	372	263	426	233	159	109	80	110	108	145	155	212	2,372
Wallis Lake	186	165	269	232	152	146	223	75	182	125	151	167	2,073
Port Stephens	248	198½	210	162	261	171	258	283	364	338	294½	247½	3,035½
Hunter River.....	258	227	319	315	329	253	197	115	117	86	158	185	2,559
Tuggerah Lakes .....	...	...	2½	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	4½	18½
Brisbane Water.....	32	20	20	16	4	...	...	...	16	6	8	...	122
Hawkesbury River	94½	96	125½	154½	176½	179	159	143½	200½	184	200½	182½	1,896½
Pittwater	6	3	6	5	3	...	4	2	6	6	4	4	49
George's River and Botany... Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers	103	90	120	159	118	116½	150	86½	96½	91½	107½	127	1,365½
Currumbene Creek	116	113	120	85	84	58	62	8	28	36	45	59	814
Moona Moona Creek	9	9	9	10	11	11	14	...	...	...	...	...	73
Clyde River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	5	12
Tomago River	153	171	312	209	165	119	149	94	80	96	104	114	1,766
Moruya River	26	16	10	20	...	...	...	...	26	30	24	...	152
Tuross Lake	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wagonga River.....	...	30	80	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Bermagui River	15	14	58	40	14	6	11	19	19	15	18	15	244
Wapengo Lake	14	4	7	5	18	2	18	5	...	...	...	...	73
Nelson Lake .....	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	8
Panbula River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	31	5	7	10	66
Nullica River	3	9	20	23	10	15	12	3	8	2	...	...	105
Kiah River.....	14	8	10	6	2	3	...	3	4	8	...	...	58
Wonboyn River .....	...	...	...	6	12	3	...	...	...	...	3	4	28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Totals	2,177½	1,800½	2,543½	2,044½	1,694½	1,282½	1,394	983	1,377	1,426½	1,668½	1,790½	20,182½

G.

RETURN showing the quantity of Fresh Fish consigned by rail to Sydney from towns of the interior during the year 1899.

Month.	Hay.	Narrandera	Wagga.	Bourke	Nyngan	Dubbo	Forbes	Gunnedah.	Narrabri	Corowa.
	t. c. q. lb	c. q. lb.	c. q. lb.	t. c. q. lb.	q. lb.	lb.	q. lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
January	...	...	0 0 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
March	...	...	0 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May	0 2 2 8	...	0 0 6	0 2 0 18	0 16	...	...	...	...	...
June	0 17 2 27	...	0 2 11	2 1 2 1	...	...	...	...	...	...
July	0 15 2 12	...	0 1 14	1 14 0 17	...	...	...	...	...	...
August	0 1 2 12	0 0 13	...	2 11 2 24	0 13	...	...	...	...	...
September	0 1 2 8	...	...	2 18 3 2	...	3	1 0	24	...	...
October	0 8 1 0	...	...	0 11 2 14	...	2	0 26	...	12	...
November	0 2 2 14	1 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	2 9 3 25	1 2 13	1 1 17	9 19 3 20	1 1	5	1 26	24	19	10

H.

TABLE showing the average Maximum and Minimum Water Temperatures at the Prospect Hatchery monthly during 1899.

Month.	Average Maximum. F.	Average Minimum. F.
January	74.5	71.8
February	73.4	71.5
March	73.1	72.0
April	69.3	68.2
May	64.0	63.3
June	No water.	No water.
July	50.1	49.8
August	51.7	51.7
September	...	...
October	61.8	60.3
November	65.4	63.6
December	72.4	68.3

J.

PARTICULARS of Prosecutions for infringements of the "Fisheries Act of 1881," and the "Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884," during the year 1899.

Name	Nature of Offence.	Result of Prosecution.
Creamer, M.	Fishing in closed waters	Fined 40s.; costs } Net confiscated.
McKale, R.	do do	do 40s.; costs }
Parker, Charles, senr.	do with illegal net	do 40s.; 5s. 6d. costs } Net
Do junr.	do do	do 40s.; 5s. 6d. costs } confiscated.
Trip, William	do at Port Hacking	do £5; 5s. 6d. costs.
Guisepe, Cambria	Hauling with sunk net	do £3; costs }
Siaccio, Filippo	do do	do £3; do }
Guisepe, Russo	do do	do £3; do }
Anaudola, F.	do do	do £3; do } Net confiscated.
Coldana, G.	do do	do £3; do }
Tomaso, N.	do do	do £3; do }
Duncan, R.	do illegal net	do £2; 5s. 6d. costs.
Ross, E.	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	do £1.
Lloyd, J.	do do do	do £1.
Chifford, A.	Fishing in closed waters	do 40s.; 5s. 6d. costs; net confiscated.
Johnson, C.	Hauling an illegal net	do 40s.; costs.
Redden, A.	do do	do 40s.; costs.
Douglas, Wm.	Fishing at Port Hacking	do 40s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
Orange, G.	do do	do 40s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
Lawrence, G.	Prawning with an illegal net	do 40s.; 8s. 10d. costs.
Parker, George	Consigning underweight fish	do 20s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
Do	do do	do 20s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
McGrath, J.	do do	do 20s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
Farrell, J.	do do	do 40s.; 7s. 4d. costs.
Morante, J.	do do	do 20s.; 5s. 6d. costs.
Worley, J.	do do	do 20s.; 5s. 6d. costs.

Particulars of Prosecutions for Infringements, &c — *continued*

Name	Nature of Offence	Result of Prosecution
Maudsley, H, and others	Fishing in closed waters	Case dismissed
Pashley, George	Hauling an illegal net	Fined 40s, 5s 6d costs
Bird, R	do do	do 40s, 5s 6d costs
Cole, W	Fishing in closed waters	do £3
Rose, J	do do	do £1
Sutton, T	do do	do £1
Matthews, W	do do	Case dismissed
MacBride, Thos	Consigning underweight fish	Fined 20s, costs
Cucicola, G	Hauling with a sunk net	do 40s, 4s costs
Cabria, G	do do	do 40s, 4s costs
Sutton, A	Fishing in closed waters	do 40s; 4s costs
Hibbs, T	do do	do 40s; 4s costs
Baravido, N	do with an illegal net	do 20s, 5s 6d costs
Hooley, P	Consigning underweight fish	do 20s, 5s 6d costs
Davidson, John	Fishing for sale without a license	do 20s; 2s 6d costs
Gillen, —	do do do	do 20s, 2s 6d costs
Brown, Thos	do do do	do 20s; 2s 6d costs
Sutton, Albert	Fishing in closed waters	do 20s, costs
Johnson, Edward	do do	do 20s, costs } Net confiscated.
Green, Joseph	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	do £5, costs
Sutton, Thomas	do do do	do £5, costs
Kelly, Thomas	Fishing in closed waters	do 20s, 2s 6d costs } Net
Harrington, —	do do	do 20s, 2s 6d costs } confiscated
Morris, Wm	Consigning underweight fish	do 40s, costs.
Rowe, W J	Using explosives to destroy fish	Case dismissed
Dhu, Roderick		
Dowling Michael	Consigning underweight fish	Fined 20s, 7s 4d costs
Fury, Robert		
Cole, S	Fishing in closed waters	do 10s, costs } Net confiscated
Thompson, Fredk	do do	do 10s, costs } Net confiscated.
Tabor, Wm	do do	do £5, costs, net confiscated.
Dcuzglass, John	do do	do £3, 2s 6d costs
Rose, John	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	Case dismissed
Lloyd, Isaac	do do do	Fined £5, 5s 6d costs; net confiscated.
Couch, Fredk	Fishing in closed waters	do 20s, 5s 6d costs.
Dennis, Wm	Consigning underweight fish	do £5, 5s 6d costs
Johnson, Edward	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	do 20s, 5s 6d costs
Colbran, F	Not notifying a shipment of oysters	do 40s; costs
Newton, Fredk	Stalling	do 40s; do
Sheedy, Wm	do do	do 40s; do } Net confiscated.
Osbourn, Alfred	do do	do 40s, do }
Johnson or Dines, Alfred	do do	do 10s; do
Altomere, Sergio	Fishing in closed waters	do 10s, do
Bagnato, Antonio	do do	do 10s, do
Natole, Tomasso	do do	do 10s, do
De Servia, Savino	do do	do 10s, do
Fisher, George	do do	do 20s; 5s 6d costs } Net
Fisher, William	do do	do 20s, 2s 6d costs } confiscated.
Kelly, Thomas	do do	do 30s, 5s 6d costs
Kelly, George	do do	Case not proceeded with
Hawkins, Arthur . . .	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	Fined 5s, 5s 6d costs
Hawkins, Charles	do do do	do 5s, 5s 6d costs
Rush, W C, and Sons	do do do	Case dismissed
Green, Wm	do do do	Fined £5, 5s 6d costs
Green, Thomas	do do do	do £5 2s 6d costs
Newman, T	Consigning underweight fish	do £2; 5s 6d costs
Cole, W	Consigning undersized oysters	do £5, 5s 6d costs
Sutton, A	Illegally removing oysters from Crown lands	do £5 2s 6d costs
Bennett, J	do do do	do £5, 2s 6d costs.
Rose, Henry	do do do	do £5; 5s 6d costs.

J.

NETS confiscated during 1899 No prosecutions

- 1 A net seized in the closed waters of Parramatta River
- 2 An illegal net taken from H and J Sweetman, at Cook's River
- 3 A net seized in the closed waters of Tuggerah Lakes
- 4 A net seized in the closed waters of Brisbane Water
- 5 An illegal meshing net seized at Narrabeen Lagoon
- 6 An illegal garfish net seized at Middle Harbour
- 7 A net seized in the closed waters of Parramatta River
- 8 A net seized in the closed waters of Belmont Bay, Lake Macquarie
- 9 A net seized in the closed waters of Parramatta River
- 10 A net seized in the closed waters of Parramatta River

K.

RETURN showing the quantity of Fresh Fish exported to Victoria from Swanhill, Mulwala, Moama, and Koondrook during the year 1899.

Month.	Swanhill.	Mulwala.	Moama.	Koondrook.	Total.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
January	4,256	.....	1,320	.....	5,576
February	7,280	.....	160	.....	7,440
March	13,440	336	28	.....	13,804
April	10,976	.....	240	2,000	13,216
May	14,000	336	1,040	.....	15,376
June	15,008	112	.....	.....	15,120
July	224	.....	.....	.....	224
August .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	9,968	.....	180	.....	10,148
November	10,192	560	240	650	11,642
December	5,040	.....	.....	.....	5,040
Totals	90,384	1,344	3,208	2,650	97,586

The President, Fisheries Commission,—
Sir,

Sydney, 21 November, 1899.

I have the honor to report that I visited the Hastings River on the 16th instant, and inspected the oyster leases.

A number of the leased areas were not marked on the outer boundaries as directed by the Regulations, and I informed the lessees that the leases would all have to be marked properly.

The oysters growing in the deep waters are in excellent condition and open well, and there is a good supply of marketable oysters on the deep-water beds.

Messrs. Dick and Marshall and Duncan have laid down a considerable quantity of ballast stones and oak poles, and have secured a good growth of young stuff, which gives every promise of growing into fine marketable oysters.

There is no sign of disease in the river, but the lessees have a good deal of work in coping with the shifting sandbanks, caused by the freshes and strong tides.

The oysters from this river realise at the present time 35s. per three-bushel bag.

There are plenty of suitable grounds for oyster culture not yet leased, and from inquiries made by several local people I anticipate that more leases will shortly be applied for.

The supply of fish in the river during the last few months has been very limited, and the three fishing-boat crews find it very difficult to obtain more than two or three baskets in a haul.

There are two sawmills, one at the mouth (Hayward's) and the other about 4 miles up the river, and complaints are made that sawdust and green timber are deposited in the waters to such an extent as to discolour them, and possibly to affect the fish and oyster life.

The proprietors of these sawmills should be called upon to dispose of the green timber, bark, and sawdust in some other manner, and their attention drawn to Regulation 33 of the Oyster Fisheries Act, which provides a penalty of £50 for committing such offence.

Inquiry was made into the objections raised by the Municipal Council against the issue of an oyster lease to Messrs. Marshall and Duncan on the north shore, and I was informed by some of the aldermen, in the absence of the mayor, that no objection would be made if the applicants would agree to provision being made in the lease for the public to be allowed to land for fishing and picnicing purposes, and that a communication would be made by the Council to this effect to the Department.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BRODIE,
Chief Inspector.

The President, Fisheries Commission,—
Sir,

Sydney, 20 March, 1899.

When visiting the Richmond and Tweed Rivers I inspected the whole of the leases on these waters, and found matters in Terranora Creek, Tweed River, in a very bad condition on account of the prevalence of the worm disease.

No. 1,295; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—This is an area of 100 yards on the southern bank, and is a spatting lease from which a number of oysters have been taken yearly to stock the leases used for fattening purposes. The Harbours and Rivers Department have taken possession of the greater portion of this lease, on which they are erecting a dock and wharf. This will completely spoil the lease as an oyster-growing area.

No. 1,297; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—An area of 100 yards on the east bank, on which are bankers and deep-water oysters. It is mostly used for cultivating purposes, very few being sent to market from this area. It is slightly touched with the disease.

No. 1,299; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—An area of 100 yards, with a sandy bottom; there are no oysters on this lease, and it is not at all suitable for growing them.

No. 1,298; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—This 100-yard lease is on the same bank as No. 1,297, and the remarks made in connection with that lease apply to this area.

No. 1,300; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—One hundred yards. This is a deep-water dredge-bed, which is well supplied with oysters, which are badly affected with the worm disease.

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No. 1,302 ; Lessee, J. H. Hunt.—A deep-water lease of 100 yards, nearly adjoining No. 1,300. The oysters on this lease are full of disease.

No. 1,652 ; Lessee, George Wells.—A lease of 100 yards, with a mangrove foreshore. A great quantity of oysters have been laid down on this bed ; dead shells are in profusion, but very few live oysters, probably due to the worm disease. Those oysters that are alive on this bed are badly affected with the disease.

No. 2,038 ; Lessee, A. Langley.—A 300-yard lease with a mangrove foreshore. The water is shallow over this area, and the most of the oysters are dead ; those alive are badly diseased. There are no oysters on the mangrove roots or the cobbler pegs.

No. 2,141 ; Lessee, A. Langley.—This is a deep-water lease of 200 yards on the north bank of the creek, on which there are very few oysters. There is a road running round the foreshore, and complaints have been made that the gravel from same has affected the oysters, but I am not inclined to think it has any injurious effect.

Mr. Wells complains that the dredging a narrow channel interferes with this lease, but if it does the injury is very slight. An incorrect number was posted on one of the boards, which the agent was instructed to change.

No. 2,219 ; Lessee, G. Wells.—An area of 100 yards, on which there is a great quantity of dead shells. Any oysters that are alive are badly affected with disease. The foreshore is of mangrove, and the bottom composed of sand and mud, and should be suitable to the oyster growth. The lessee informed me that he laid down 2,000 bags on this area.

No. 2,227 ; Lessee, A. Langley.—A 5-acre lease, with a depth of water about 2 feet. It is covered with dead shells and diseased oysters. The boundary stakes were incorrectly placed, and their removal to the proper places was arranged.

No. 2,293 ; Lessee, H. Wells.—A lease of 500 yards, having a rocky foreshore, on which there was a fair show of oysters, most of which were diseased.

No. 2,709 ; Lessee, J. Vassalo.—This lease, of 300 yards, is the only one on the Tweed River, and is free from disease. It has a rocky foreshore, and grows very palatable oysters, but they are rather small.

The worm is very generally distributed over the Terranora Creek, and is mostly to be found below low-water mark, although evidences of it were found above this mark.

There is a good deal of mud to be found in most of these beds, and where this abounds it is the exception to find an oyster free from disease.

Healthy oysters have been taken from spatting areas and laid down on the beds up the creek in large quantities, and quantities of dead shells can be easily picked up, the worm having killed the mollusc.

The natural beds are not so bad as the artificial ones, and this is no doubt due to the absence of mud in quantity in the former, and the plentiful supply of it in the latter.

I pointed out to the lessee and agent for the other lessees that the most effective way to eradicate the disease would be to dredge and collect all the infected oysters, and wash the mud off them and place them under a cover on land to protect them from the sun's rays, and after turning them over occasionally to ensure a thorough drying, to place them in the water after an absence of about seven days.

This method would, in all probability, destroy the worm, and not seriously affect the oyster, but the lessees are so disheartened that they are not inclined to adopt this rather laborious manner of cleaning the beds of the disease.

This disease is becoming so prevalent in the oyster fisheries of the Colony that it may be necessary for the Government to take some steps to endeavour to clean the disease out, otherwise the oyster industry will be very seriously affected.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BRODIE,
Chief Inspector.

The President, Fisheries Commission,—
Sir,

Department of Fisheries,
Sydney, 30 April, 1900.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Commissioners, a report as to the state of the Fisheries for 1899:—

Port Jackson.

In the early part of the year the supply of fish in the harbour became exhausted, owing to the excessive netting and the continuous work that has for years been carried out in these waters.

A portion of the waters to the east, and north-east of a line drawn from Grotto Point, Middle Harbour, to Middle Head, and from thence to Shark Point, were in consequence closed in July, for a period of two years.

Since the closure it is satisfactory to record that great quantities of fish have made their appearance in the harbour, and have, to a great extent, stocked the upper parts of the harbour, such as Iron Cove, Parramatta River, and Lane Cove River.

Owing to the protection afforded, schools of fish are frequently observed making an entrance on the southern shore, and no doubt great quantities of spawn are deposited in the upper reaches. Garfish and prawn nets have been freely worked by many fishermen, and had a very injurious effect on the immature fish.

In the closed waters of Parramatta River scoop nets have been used at night-time. Their use should be stopped in closed waters, but as they are not classed as fishing nets under the Act, there is no power to prevent their use.

Ninety-six men were engaged in this fishery, and 4,623 baskets of fish and 1,178 baskets of prawns were the total catch for the year.

Hawkesbury River.

In the main river fish were not as plentiful as formerly, but in the tributaries there were great quantities.

In June the closure of the tributaries expired, and was extended for a further twelve months.

During the thirty days' grace allowed by the Act large hauls were made by the local fishermen.

The garfish net is the cause of destruction of immense numbers of small fish in these waters.

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This fishery provided a livelihood for eighty-eight fishermen, and the output for the year was 8,582 baskets.

Forty-three leases for oyster culture, aggregating 18,500 yards of foreshore, were taken up, and 1,927 bags of oysters were consigned to market.

Several people obtain a living by the retail of bottled oysters at the railway station.

Oyster stealing off Crown lands is still carried on, and owing to the rough and precipitous land abutting on the waters, the local inspector has very great difficulty in dealing with the offenders.

The disease known as *polydora ciliata* exists among some of the oysters below low-water mark.

Brisbane Water.

These waters were closed during the whole of the year, and are recovering their supply.

There are plenty of fish there, but of a very small run in size.

Line men to the number of some thousands visited these waters during the summer season, and caught great quantities, the greater portion of which were of a very small size.

While these waters are protected against the use of nets, a great many people obtain a living by letting out fishing boats and providing accommodation for visitors, and the railway derives a good revenue for the conveyance of persons visiting the waters. There is more money circulated in this manner, and more benefit is derived than is the case where the waters are thrown open to net fishing, and it would probably be a good thing if waters of this character could be permanently closed against nets.

Tuggerah Lakes.

These waters were very prolific in former years for the various kinds of fish, and were considered as amongst the very best grounds; but during the last two years the supply of fish has been steadily decreasing.

This is no doubt due in a great measure to the heavy and continuous netting that is carried on.

The output for the year did not exceed 4,494 baskets, a marked contrast to the 10,372 baskets in 1897.

There is one oyster lease in the channel entrance, where the oysters attach themselves principally to whelks, and grow to a very large size.

Lake Macquarie.

Although 11,609 baskets of fish were taken from these waters last year the catch was less than the previous years.

Formerly, fish were more plentiful during the winter months, but last year greater quantities were netted in the warm weather.

The tributaries are well stocked with fish, large and small, and these act as feeders to the lake.

The proclamation closing the channel entrance expired on the 20th November, after a three years closure.

The number of men fishing in these waters was estimated at sixty-five, and twenty-five boats were engaged in the fishery.

Port Stephens.

Fish have been scarce, with the exception of mullet, trumpeter whiting, and salmon; and prawns are very plentiful, but no efforts are made to take them on account of the distance of the waters from the Sydney markets.

Crayfish have been gradually becoming fewer in numbers, and there are fewer in the adjacent waters than on any former occasion.

It is essential that legislation should be introduced to protect them during their spawning season to prevent their extermination.

The method of catching them is so complete, and the traps so numerous, that it is only a question of time when this valuable food fish will be completely extinct in these waters unless protected.

The oysters in these waters are not equal to those grown on some of the rivers further north, and they are affected more or less with the disease *polydora ciliata*.

Very little effort is made at proper cultivation, and when a fall of spat occurs a great deal of it is lost for the want of proper material for it to attach to.

Cape Hawke.

A good supply of fish has been maintained in Wallis Lake, and satisfactory hauls have been made, but the means of transit is far from satisfactory. Freights of fish are often put on the steamer in fresh condition, and, owing to delays in crossing out over the bar, they are unfit for sale when the boat arrives in Sydney, and the fishermen suffer the total loss.

Crayfish have, in times past, been caught in good quantities here, but they are now diminishing as quickly as at Port Stephens.

The output of oysters has not been so great as formerly, and the future prospect is not so bright, on account of the excessive growth of weeds and the absence of any fall of spat.

It was expected that the freshes during the year would reduce the growth of weeds, but this has not happened.

The oysters in these waters are perfectly healthy, and no disease exists.

At the Manning River, which is about 30 miles north, the mud disease, *polydora ciliata*, has increased considerably during the last twelve months, and is bad in the upper leases.

There is very little fishing carried on in the warm weather, but some of the Sydney fishermen visit this river in the winter time, when they can get their catches to the Sydney market in good order.

Lake Illawarra.

Immense quantities of young fish are to be found in the tributaries and on the shallow flats of the lake, notably bream, mullet, blackfish, flathead, and garfish, and promise to provide a large supply when they mature.

Large quantities of young schnapper (red-bream), from 4 to 6 inches in length, were observed in the lake and along the coast from Wollongong to Kiama in the latter part of the year.

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This species of young fish has not been seen in such large numbers for many years, and special efforts were made by the local fishermen to prevent their destruction when hauling their nets.

The total catch for the year was 10,451 baskets, which was an increase on the catch for 1898 by 4,515 baskets.

George's River and Botany.

Portion of George's River and the whole of Woronora River were closed for part of the year, and were very well supplied with fish.

The blubber was in great quantity during the summer months and prevented the fishermen from obtaining large hauls. Many young fish were killed by coming in contact with the blubber in the nets. There were seventy-five men obtaining a living by fishing and forty by catching prawns on Cook's River and at Lady Robinson's Beach.

The oyster leases are well stocked with oysters, but the disease exists in parts of the river, mostly at Wooloware Bay, where the soil is very muddy and soft.

Thirteen hundred and twenty-seven bags of oysters were shipped to market, and 16,700 yards of foreshore are under lease.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BRODIE,

Chief Inspector.

Sir,

Sydney, 1 March, 1900.

The Parramatta River has been closed against the use of fishing nets up to October, and reclosed again. About the time of reopening, the mullet were very plentiful, and the fishermen anticipated large hauls, but their hopes were not realised, as bad weather set in and the fish shifted, and when fine weather did appear the blubber came in very thick, so materially interfered with the landing of their nets.

The mullet have shown better during the year, more particularly the latter part, than I have observed them for some time past, and during the last two months of the year the fish could be seen in boatloads during the daytime, almost disappeared after sunset, and showing again at daylight.

I cannot report a large increase in the quantity of bream and whiting. I attribute this to the constant use of the prawns and garfish nets immediately outside the closed waters. Flathead became very plentiful towards the close of the year.

Large quantities of mullet have been caught by means of scoop nets within the closed waters. I have counted over a dozen boats out at it all night. I can but draw attention to the scoopers at work, as they constantly chase each school of mullet with their bright light affixed to the bow of the boat, and with the constant splash of the scoop the fish are being chased from place to place.

I cannot account for the diminished supply of river garfish; the weeds have grown well in most of the bays, and there is no more pollution, nor do the steamers run more frequently than hitherto.

The nets used about the open waters are chiefly the prawn, garfish, hauling, and meshing, and when the river above Abbotsford was opened, hauling and garfish nets were used.

The line fishermen made some very fair catches of flathead and bream throughout the year.

The prawn-fishers were more fortunate during the past year than the previous year. Large school prawns were plentifully caught, but the catchers found it difficult to keep the run of the prawns for more than two days at the time, so frequently did they move about.

The oysters are appearing well, but unfortunately the public will not let them mature.

The law has been fairly well kept in the closed waters. I have taken seven nets in the waters referred to.

I have, &c.,

FRED. W. SMITHERS,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Sydney, 15 January, 1900.

In compliance with your request I beg to submit my report on the Fisheries of Sydney Harbour for the year 1899.

During the first quarter there were large shoals of mullet in all parts of the harbour (and a few fair hauls of bream were caught at the same time in the lower part of the harbour); these mullet were not from outside, but all came down from the river; there were but very few sea-mullet came in the harbour during the season. I consider it the worst season for sea-mullet for a great many years past.

In April hardgut mullet were still plentiful in the upper harbour, and a few small shoals of sea-mullet in Manly Bight, since then all kinds of fish have been very scarce.

Prawns have also been very scarce in the market, but that is through the blubber being so very thick all over the harbour that it greatly interferes with both prawners and other netters in their work.

Unlike the previous year there have been no shoals of cowan-young or pilchards come in the harbour, and only small lots of kingfish and salmon. The only fish I have seen in any quantity are mullet, and in greatest quantity, January to April; and I am of opinion that these fish spawn whenever they are ready, independently of whether they are inside or outside on the coast.

Mackerel have been fairly plentiful during November and December, but fishermen do not care about catching them now on account of the low prices they fetch.

Shoals of small kingfish were travelling along the coast during December, but very few of them came into the harbour.

The quantity of fish from the harbour brought to Woolloomooloo Market for 1899 was 4,096 baskets, and 823 baskets of prawns, 17 dozen crayfish, and about 50 dozen salmon; the average number of men employed—96, and 46 boats.

I have not seen any undersized fish left on the beaches during the year. The destructive garfish and prawn nets are the nets that are mostly used in the harbour with the exception of the four months the harbour is closed against prawning, when the Italians as a rule use short $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. and 3 in. mesh-nets.

There are no oyster leases or artificial cultivation, nor do I see any improvement in the oysters on the foreshores; in fact, there is scarcely a marketable sized oyster to be seen in the harbour. There used to be a good few fair sized oysters about Vaucluse, but that is now almost as bad as the rest of the foreshores. I know of no disease existing, nor have I noticed any fall of spat.

The Closures.—Narrabeen, Deewhy, Curl Curl, and Manly Lagoons closed on the 8th May, 1897 for two years, and on the 8th May, 1899, the closure was extended for one year. Parramatta River and Lane Cove extended from 14th October, 1899, for one year. Middle Harbour—Pearl Bay Wharf to Spit Point, and the flats in Main Arm from a point below Orange Grove to the opposite shore, closed 6th April, 1899, for two years. Port Jackson—Grotto Point to Shark Point, closed 12th July, 1899, for two years. The whole of Port Jackson is closed against prawning from 1st June to 30th September in each year. The whole of the foreshore of Port Jackson and tributaries, closed against the unlawful taking of oysters on the 14th October, 1897, for three years.

Approximately, number of baskets brought to Woolloomooloo Market, 44,585; 1,113 baskets prawns; and 1,819 dozen crayfish.

I have, &c.,

RICHARD HELLINGS,
Inspector of Fisheries.

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 February, 1900.

I have the honor to report on the working of the trout hatchery at Prospect during the year 1899.

On the 2nd July two cases of ova arrived from Auckland. These were placed in the hatching-boxes and hatched out at a temperature of 48 to 50 degrees.

On the 15th July I received two more cases of ova. These were hatched out at a temperature of 48 to 50 degrees.

On the 21st of July I received two cases of ova. These were hatched out at a temperature of 50 degrees.

On the 29th July I received one box of ova. These were hatched out at a temperature of 51 and 52 degrees.

On the 19th August I received one box of ova. These were hatched out at a temperature of 51 and 52 degrees.

On the 10th September the distribution of trout fry commenced. Consignments of fry were sent to Glen Innes, Walcha, Macdonald River, Maitland, Fish River, Bell, Carcoar, Jew's Creek, Bathurst, Taralga, Wollondilly River, Delegate, Bredbo, Singleton, Wyong, Blandford, Murrurundi, Collaroy, Albury, Kangaroo Valley, Sofala, Oberon, Rylstone, Armidale, Dungog, Gloucester, Copeland, Berry, Mount Kembla, Burrowa, Queanbeyan, Cooma, Jenolan, Tuggeranong, Hazelbrook, Hazelgrove, Katoomba, Lithgow, Glanmire, Mount Victoria, Bellinger River, Penrith, Paterson River, Scone, Wingen, Coff's Harbour, Eucumbene, Braidwood, Heathcote, Tarago, Capertee, Picton, Campbelltown, Murwillumbah, Tarana, Nerriga, and the Cataract River.

In the Bloxsome Ponds 13,200 fry were liberated, and 3,200 were kept in the hatching-house ponds, and will be distributed when the cool weather returns.

I beg to inform you that the hatching-house requires painting outside. The hatching-boxes and fish-cans require a coat of asphaltum paint. This is all that is required to put the hatching-house in good order for the coming season.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE GLADING,
Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Forster, 5 February, 1900.

I have the honor to submit report of the oyster fisheries of the Manning River for the year 1899.

During the year I have paid ten visits to this district for the purpose of measuring and reporting on oyster leases, the number of applications dealt with being nineteen, representing 4,900 yards of foreshore, or a total of 25,550 yards under lease and applied for.

A considerable portion of these were taken up for spat collection. Others are old oyster deposits which have not been worked for years, and have gradually improved, with the result that fairly good returns have been obtained.

These latter areas are mostly in the main river, and have hitherto been free from disease.

Of the quantity of oysters removed for market I have no reliable information; but, as far as I can judge from the present condition of the beds, the output for the ensuing year will be moderate.

Considerable quantities of foreshore oysters have been laid down on suitable areas, notably on Nos. 424, 202, 2,290 in the main river, and Nos. 489 and 29 in south passage.

There has been no perceptible increase of spat since last report.

The number of men employed in the industry is about twenty-five, the majority of whom work their own areas.

As a result of my recent examination I regret to report that disease in oysters has increased considerably during the last twelve months, the result from dredging operations being as follows, commencing the upper area in the South Passage, thence down:—

No. 2,162.—Hard bottom; depth, 30 feet; poorly stocked; badly diseased.

No. 67.—Hard bottom; depth, 20 feet; poorly stocked; badly diseased.

No. 2,432.—Muddy bottom; depth, 30 feet; no oysters.

No. 2,164.—Good bottom; depth, 4 feet; badly diseased; foreshore well supplied with laid-down oysters.

No. 2,431.—Fairly good bottom; depth, 15 feet; poorly stocked; badly diseased.

No. 2,183.—Patches of hard and soft bottom; depth, 15 feet; poorly stocked; badly diseased.

No. 17.—Hard bottom; depth, 17 feet; poorly stocked; badly diseased.

No. 29.—Hard bottom, depth from 5 to 15 feet, well stocked, badly diseased on middle and upper portions; on the lower end it does not appear so bad.

No. 489.—No disease in deep water; oysters in good condition. On the foreshore where oysters have been laid down there is evidence of disease.

No.

No. 2,186.—Moderately good bottom; depth 5 feet; fairly well stocked; no disease.

No. 2,259.—Good bottom; depth 8 feet; moderately stocked; no disease.

From this lease to the lower end of the oyster-bearing areas very few oysters are to be found. The disease appears to be worse on the upper leases in this channel.

At Luthrie Bay disease has not abated; Scott's Creek is also in a similar condition, but fairly well stocked with oysters.

Of the main river leases, results are a trifle more satisfactory. I find disease in evidence in a milder form on Nos. 202, 424, and 2,692. The oysters on these areas have been hitherto free from disease, and of good size and quality. Mr. J. Southwell informs me that disease has set in on No. 2,290 lease.

This being the lowest lease on the river, and No. 2,162 the highest, it would appear that disease is in evidence more or less throughout the whole of these waters.

Samples of diseased oysters were forwarded to you to-day from the following areas:—Nos. 548, 2,162, 2,164, 489, 2,431, 17, and 29.

I have, &c.,

J. MASSINGHAM,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Forster, 22 January, 1900.

I have the honor to submit report of the fisheries of Wallis Lake for the year 1899.

Net-fishing.

This industry has been highly satisfactory, the supply of fish throughout the year being very good. During the schooling seasons of the different varieties exceptionally good hauls were made, which in connection with the more regular running of the steamer to Sydney, the output has increased considerably.

The number of baskets of mixed fish sent to the metropolis being 4,496, or an increase on the output of the preceding year of 1,249 baskets. There were also 328 baskets sent to Newcastle, making the total output 4,824.

As the port was without steamer communication for three months during the early part of the year, the record may be regarded as highly satisfactory; much higher figures would have been reached had the steam traffic been continuous.

The number of fishermen employed (exclusive of half-castes, of whom numbers are irregularly employed) was 27, and boats, 10.

Large schools of tailer and whiting were in during the early part of January, the latter being in roe.

Early in December I secured specimens of live whiting, with a view of testing the possibilities of forwarding live fish to Sydney. The experiment was a failure, the fish, though the water was frequently aerated and replenished, did not live three hours.

Of the movements of fish along the coast, little reliable information can be obtained, as they usually keep wide out, with the exception of sharks, which at times during the summer months are too numerous.

Referring to the fishing-nets and method of using them, I consider the garfish-net, without doubt, the most destructive implement for fishing which could possibly be used.

It is very satisfactory to know that there are in this district men who will not use small mesh nets, nor take undersized fish. These men complain of the unjust use of the garfish-nets, as it operates against them in their endeavours to keep within the law in the use of the hauling net, which is strictly limited to length and mesh, whilst the garfish-net, so long as the size of mesh and length of buntis legal, the wings may be any length. Every fisherman who considers his own interest will be glad to see an amendment in the Fisheries Act, in this direction, in the near future.

In order to minimise the abuse of the garfish-net, I would recommend the increase to 8 ounces as the legal weight of whiting and sand-mullet. Fishermen would then have no object in using small mesh nets, except for their legitimate purposes—that is, for the capture of garfish and prawns.

It is not the usual custom in these waters to absolutely draw any nets ashore, but it makes very little difference, the landing being in such shallow water that very few fish survive after being hauled in.

Some good might possibly be done in this direction if the depth of water for landing were specified.

The amended Fisheries Act, allowing nets of 300 fathoms to be used, has been further extended for a period of one year.

Prawn-fishing has been tried latterly, but with poor results, consequently it has been abandoned.

Cray-fishing, which is usually carried on by the Italian fisherman, has not proved remunerative this season, owing to the very small catches taken, the total being 394 fish, for which four men and one boat were employed.

There have been no prosecutions under the Fisheries Act.

Oyster Fisheries.

In the output of oysters there has been a slight decrease; 2,069 bags being shipped to the metropolis, and twelve locally consumed, the total for the year being 2,081, or forty-five bags less than the previous year.

The prospects for the ensuing year are by no means encouraging; the excessive growth of weeds on the oyster-bearing areas has necessitated the removal of all oysters to more suitable situations, and unfortunately, in several instances, the weeds, or the seeds, have been transplanted with them, and have been the means of increasing the pest. It being impossible for spat to catch on shores so surrounded by weeds, the stock for future use must necessarily be on the decline.

Hopes were entertained that the weeds would disappear with the freshes, but the constant freshes which occur during July and August dispelled that idea. Attention was also turned to the effects likely to be produced by dry weather and low tides, but since both have alternately occurred, disappointment has followed this expectation also.

The areas from whence the greatest supply is obtained, viz., those situated on the Wollamba River, Twin and Kangaroo Islands, are fairly well stocked, but are chiefly immature oysters, and being constantly worked, have not the chance to make that growth which they would if left absolutely alone for certain periods, say, twelve months alternately.

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Good work has been done in laying out cobbler peg oysters from the spat-catching areas, all of which are now fairly well cleaned up. This work has always to be carried out, in order to keep up the supply, but the bulk of the spat settles on the pegs or other obstacles between high and low water mark, or, in other words, all the spawn floats, the salinity of the water being too great to allow it to sink. Herein, then, lies the necessity for oyster cultivation in these waters: the spawn is deposited so high that it requires, as soon as it has grown sufficiently large, to be removed to situations where it will be just covered at low tides. The quantity thus laid down requires to be at least one-third of that removed for market annually. This being done, a regular supply will be obtainable.

Up to the present no sign of a recent fall of spat is noticeable, which is to be regretted, seeing that the catchment areas are denuded. The next fall, which may be expected any day now, will require to remain at least one year before removing, then another year or eighteen months to mature for market, so that the present crop will have to suffice until that time, about two and a half years.

The fall of spat last year was very limited, but the year previous a heavy fall occurred, and this I think it safe to assume is the bulk of the present crop on the ground.

The working of the oyster deposits in these waters differs materially from that followed out in deep water, or what are termed dredge-beds. In the former case the whole area can be seen and the oysters picked up by hand. This being so, it is only natural to infer that the same oysters are picked up, day after day, culled and thrown down again, so that they really get no rest, and without which oysters will not flourish, absolute rest being the one thing needful. If the lessees would adopt a plan of reserving certain areas for periods of twelve months, or even more, and allow no person on them, except for the purpose of laying down young stock, and strictly adhere to it, I feel confident it would give every satisfaction.

In the case of dredge-beds, oysters are not, and cannot be disturbed in the same way, for dredging may be done on the same area, day after day for weeks, and still there are places where the dredge did not touch.

The limit for working these areas at a profit for the lessee can be, and doubtless is, exceeded in many instances.

The general condition of oysters is good, and no disease exists.

The leased areas are in the hands of nine persons, the average number employed in the industry being twelve.

The oysters laid down for experimental purposes are in a healthy condition. I purpose forwarding them to you as soon as they attain the age of two years. A detailed report will accompany them.

During the year nine applications for oyster leases have been received, and reported on, comprising 1,300 yards of foreshore, one area of 300 yards surrendered, making a total of 25,250 yards under lease and applied for.

Police Court proceedings were taken against one person for the illegal removal of oysters from the public oyster reserve at Forster.

The following figures will show the quantity of oysters taken from this district during the period of my supervision :—

From July to December, 1896	...	...	960 bags
For the year 1897	...	...	2,241 "
" 1898	...	...	2,126 "
" 1899	...	...	2,081 "
Total	...	...	7,408 bags

Valued at rough calculation, £8,000.

Appended herewith is a table showing the quantity of oysters taken from the different leases during the year. But the fact must not be lost sight of, "the areas enumerated did not directly produce that quantity, the major portion being laid down from other areas."

No. of Lease.	No. of Bags.	No. of Lease.	No. of Bags.
2,767	2	1,431	156
2,462	127	417	95
2,055	207	181	279
908	217	2,408	22
2,057	5	1,971	136
2,592	1	2,401	24
2,395	7	2,067	70
2,394	6½	2,411	44
907	51	2,413	68
1,432	393	2,340	15
2,406	58	2,672	30
711	59	2,398	8½

I have, &c.,

J. MASSINGHAM,
Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Nelson's Bay, Port Stephens, 9 January, 1900.

In compliance with the instructions contained in your circular letter of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to submit the following report on the fisheries of Port Stephens for the year 1899, or more correctly, for that portion of the year—the last three months—during which I exercised inspectorial supervision over the waters. For the period covering the first nine months of the year I have no data to guide me.

With the exception of trumpeter-whiting and salmon, large quantities of which were captured during November, the usual varieties of fish have been exceedingly scarce until within the last few weeks.

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Of course, salmon are not much sought after by the fishermen for market purposes, the fish being too coarse and tasteless, but a good deal has been captured and utilised as crayfish bait along the coast, the fishermen receiving about 3s. a basket for them.

Trumpeter-whiting might still be caught in quantity, but the restriction placed upon the use of the garfish-net when garfish are not in season acts as a preventive, any net of larger mesh being unsuitable, as the whiting escape through the meshes.

At the present time prawns are abundant in the upper waters, and to this fact may be attributed the increase of black bream in those waters—they feed upon the prawn.

Some good hauls of bream have been made in Telligerry Creek, and also at North Head.

Mullet are beginning to appear in shoals in the upper waters.

Blackfish, flathead, trevally, tailer, jewfish, kingfish, garfish, and sand-whiting (some splendid samples of the latter have recently been captured) are all on the increase. Of the species enumerated, tailer are generally the least sought after, as they play havoc with the fishing-nets.

May, June, July, and August are the months during which the majority of fish are in shoals, and it is during those months that they cast their spawn.

Crayfish cast their spawn during the months of July and August, and for this purpose they frequent the shelves and crevices of the rocks, and may frequently be caught by hand in shallow places when the tides are low. During the spawning period the crayfish "take off"—to use a term employed by the fishermen, and can never be caught in quantity by the ordinary methods employed, so that the fishermen resort to the practice of using scoop-nets, *i.e.*, a hoop with net attached, and fastened to the end of a long pole, for the purpose of scooping the fish from under the shelves of the rocks. This practice was probably first introduced by the Chinamen, numbers of whom (some ninety odd) made Port Stephens their headquarters. The Chinamen built large underground tanks or pits on the foreshore in Nelson's Bay, wherein they salted and cured sea-mullet, garfish, mutton-fish, &c., and consigned them by sailing vessels to Chinese merchants in Sydney. Crayfish were found to be less in evidence this season on the old well-known grounds off Port Stephens than has ever been known to have been the case before, so that some of the more enterprising of the fishermen sought and found new fishing-grounds off Newcastle. The supply of fish from these new grounds has, from all accounts, proved almost equal to what the old Port Stephens grounds produced years ago.

In former years hoop-nets were employed in capturing the crayfish. The hoops had a long line (regulated by the depth of the water) attached, with one end fastened to the boat. From six to a dozen such would be used by each boat. The operation needed all the fisherman's celerity and attention, otherwise the fish would escape. This method of capture compelled the fishermen to remain all night at sea, but now a new and improved method has been introduced, which has quite revolutionised the means of capture.

It consists of a circular trap constructed of stout wire and cane, flat on bottom, with a hole on top, so that, when once the fish enter, they cannot escape. Schnapper and other fish are frequently caught in these traps.

Some of the fishermen, I have been informed, have over one hundred of these traps in use. The fishermen sail on to these grounds with a boatload of these traps, drop one overboard, and drag it along the bottom until it catches in a ledge of rock, and then drop the line with buoy attached, repeating the operation until every trap is cast in the haunts of the crayfish. They then go ashore, and on the morrow, or when weather permits, lift the various traps and take out the crayfish. Hundreds of these traps are in use; indeed, now it is the only means employed to capture the crayfish, excepting scoops during the spawning season. It will thus be seen that unless legislation is brought to bear in the direction of regulating the number of traps to be used by each person, and to otherwise deal with this important branch of the fishing industry, it is only a matter of time when this valuable addition to our food supplies will only be found upon the tables of the wealthy classes. I pointed out in my report for November that the output for each season is eclipsed by that of the previous season's take, and that something in the nature of a prohibition is necessary to allow time for the fish to recuperate. By the methods employed in the capture of the fish, one more season's fishing will have worked out the new grounds off Newcastle.

Now, in regard to the prawns, which I have stated are abundant at the present time in the upper tributaries, no attempt has yet been made to capture them, and I do think the fishermen were unaware of their presence until I made the fact known to them.

As I am living some 6 miles from the Heads, I have had no opportunity of observing the movements of shoals of fish travelling along the coast, but that they do travel along the outside beaches and enter out-harbours in the "schooling" season there can be no manner of doubt. During the months of April and May the fishermen can always depend upon securing large hauls of mullet and other fish, but principally mullet, along the North Beach, which come down from the Myall Lake on the approach of the first of the westerly winds, making seawards. These fish then travel in a northerly direction, entering other harbours and rivers *en route*, having meanwhile (*i.e.*, whilst at sea) developed large roes; but whether the fish deposit their spawn at sea, or in our harbours and rivers, I am unable to state definitely, but I am inclined to the belief that the former is the case, and that the young fry drift in with the tides, and as they gradually develop, make for the upper waters of our harbours.

The output of fish during the three months ended the 31st December has been 823 baskets. The average number of men and boats employed during that period being fifteen men and seven boats. Some few months previous to this period a large number of men and boats were employed, and if I had data to guide me, it would be seen that the output of fish for the whole of the year would be very considerable, and that the average of men and boats employed would be far in excess of that given for the last three months of the year.

Taken all through, the average net-fisherman has no care for the future of the fishing industry. He looks only at the present conditions of things. If he makes a haul, and gets a couple of bream, three or four blackfish, and half a basket of mullet, together with dozens of small bream and sand-whiting from 2 to 5 inches long, in nine cases out of ten he will leave the small fish on the beach to die; he is in a hurry to get his net on, and to haul again further along the beach before another fishing-boat arrives. Unless an inspector is near fishermen will always land the bunt of their net high and dry. They rarely take thought for the welfare of the small fish left stranded on the beach.

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With regard to the general condition of the oyster leases, I have to report that, with few exceptions, they are as nature made them. As a rule, the majority of the lessees, particularly those who hold small areas, make no attempt to improve their holdings by artificial cultivation, or by cleaning off weeds or mussels, their main object being to stock their areas with as many oysters as they can get off Crown land. Of course there are exceptions, but even in these exceptional cases the lessees have not done all they might have done in the way of introducing material for catching the spawn; draining their areas where drains are needed to make the flats firm and hard, and as a means of ridding the areas of the worms, commonly known as the "worm disease."

Mr. W. Eagleton, lessee of lease 2,797 at Telligerry Creek, has fixed a large quantity of black mangrove roots and limbs over the area with the object of catching spawn, and with very satisfactory results; and Mr. H. Holbert has improved his area No. 2,354 by digging shallow drains on either end of the lease to carry off the water which the tides left. These drains not only served the purpose for which they were intended; they had the immediate effect of hardening the flat whereon the oysters lay, and thus prevented them burying; and further, by the percolation of the moisture towards and into the drains when the tide had left the flats, they had a tendency to cause the worms (if any in the immediate neighbourhood) to follow in its course.

Mr. Henry Thompson has spent some weeks in partially cleaning his lease 449 of bubble weeds; but, with the exception of the three cases I have cited, no instances have come under my notice where lessees have done anything by way of improving their areas.

The worm disease is present, more or less, on all the leases in Port Stephens; but is less in evidence in Salamander Bay than in any other part of the harbour. This fact is due to the quantity of fresh water that finds an outlet by filtration and otherwise from the large area of swampy country at the back.

The oysters have been in a good fat condition throughout the year, the majority of lessees shipping to market all the time.

The fall of spat has been abundant throughout Port Stephens, and although the lessees have made no provision for catching it, nature to a certain extent has stepped into the breach by producing on most of the areas large quantities of whelks, upon which the spat catches, and the oysters found upon the whelks are generally known as "whelkers" or "whelk-oysters." Up to a certain stage of their growth the whelk-oysters are always free of the worm disease, as the whelks keep moving about the flats carrying their load with them; but when the oyster grows so large that the whelk can no longer carry the heavy burden it generally sinks into the flat. The worm takes advantage of the opportunity, and makes a home inside the shell of the oyster. The friction thus engendered and the hard fight entailed by the oyster to protect itself by depositing a thin film of shell over the worm causes the oyster to lose its condition; and the subsequent invasion by more worms so cramps the oyster that in the course of time it dies. The total output of oysters from Port Stephens for the three months ended 31st December has been 844 bags.

There are 41,541 yards of foreshore under lease, and some hundreds of yards applied for, but not yet granted.

I estimate that the oyster industry gives direct employment to about fifty men throughout the year. More employment could be given and greater would be the output were lessees to practise cultivation on their areas instead of leaving to nature the task of replenishing the, in many cases, overworked areas.

I have, &c.,

H. LAMAN,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Swansea, 10 January, 1900.

I have the honor to submit my Annual Report on the Fisheries at Lake Macquarie for the year 1899.

In the first place, I have to inform you that there is a falling-off in the fish supply as compared with previous years—in fact, each year the supply is becoming smaller, and the total number of baskets taken is the smallest since I have been stationed here, there only being 11,609½ baskets sent to market. The greatest numbers taken were in the months of March, October, and November, during which months the weather is warm, and until the last two or three years the fish were always more plentiful during the winter months, when fishermen would rely upon some good hauls of bream to make up for the slack and warm season. During the year the channel entrance and portion of the lake were closed to net-fishing, and a great many bream, whiting, and tailers were caught by line-fishermen. This closure expired on the 20th November, when fishermen made some good hauls, which accounts mostly for the good supply of the last two months of the year. In Belmont Bay, which was included in the closure, weeds had grown up to such an extent during its rest that fishermen found it impossible to haul at some places with any hope of success.

The most fish were caught in the arms of the south end of the lake. I expected a better result at the end of the year than I am forced to report, as during the months of May, June, and July enormous shoals of bream, whiting, and jewfish were travelling up-channel to the lake, and it is strange that more of these have not been caught, although they must be somewhere in the waters, and perhaps, by not being caught, the lake will derive a benefit from their spawn.

During the months of October and November some good catches of schnapper were made by amateur line-fishermen along the coast south from the lake entrance. I notice fish travelling in the greatest numbers during the following months:—Tailers, February and March; bream, whiting, jewfish, and schnapper, May, June, and July; garfish, also winter months; and mullet between December and April.

Fishermen at Lake Macquarie are careful with undersized fish, and do not destroy them by leaving them on beaches to die. I have seen undersized fish killed by coming in contact with blubber in the bunt of a net or through being meshed. The average number of fishermen employed during the year is sixty-five and the number of boats twenty-five.

I have, &c.,

F. C. ALDRICH,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission

Wyong,

Sir,

Wyong, 7 February, 1900.

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report for 1899.

There has been a great decrease in the take of fish this year compared with the last and previous years. The take for this year has been 4,494 baskets, for 1898 it was 6,259 baskets, and for 1897 it was 10,372 baskets, thus showing a large decrease every year.

I can only account for the decrease by the use of the diver nets which are shot with a great length of line at either end of net, which, coming along the bottom, disturbs the feed and kills it.

I also consider the weight at which the men are allowed to catch the fish at is too small, as they are not near in a spawning condition.

If the weight was increased the men would get a better price per basket, and the number of fish to fill a basket would be less, thereby gaining both ways.

I have observed large quantities of bream, whiting, and flathead in the lake entrance from December to March, and a large percentage of those varieties were in roe. The mullet travel in March and April, and I think most fish drop their spawn while travelling in sheltered bays and estuaries.

The average number of men has been thirty-six with twenty-three boats. Some of the men having left here for the Richmond River, others for Lake Illawarra.

There is no destruction of small fish in the landing of nets in these lakes, as the men land their fish against another piece of net, called a landing-net. This is stretched in the middle of the haul sometimes $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the shore, and in from 18 inches to 2 feet of water.

I think the length of the meshing net might be increased to the same length as the hauling-net. It is the least destructive net used. Most of the men here use 600 yards of 4-inch mesh for what they call bullringing—that is, they shoot the net round a shoal of fish in the middle of the lake, then haul the net into the boat again, the fish being mostly meshed. I consider this is only another name for meshing.

There has been two casualties amongst the men here—one R. McHale capsized, and was fourteen hours before being taken off the bottom of the boat in a very exhausted condition. The other terminated more fatally. George Hutton, while going home from Tuggerah races, fell overboard and was drowned.

There is only one oyster lease here; it is in fair condition, there being a good many marketable oysters as well as a great many unmarketable.

The lessee has laid some oak logs and branches on his area to catch the spat, but the cobra has eaten them all away. There are a few oysters to be seen on pieces of the bark which has not been eaten with cobra. The oysters are in fair condition. There are occasional oysters to be found with the disease traceable in them, but I think they are recovering.

The affected part is about the middle of the area, and is close in shore.

I noticed the first spat settling on the rocks here on the 28th October, it was then scarcely $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in diameter, and spat of that size I have noticed at different times up till the end of the year.

There is only one man engaged on this area; he has sent $15\frac{1}{2}$ bags away during the year.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES GORDON,
Inspector of Fisheries.

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Brisbane Water, 13 January, 1900.

I have the honor to again submit a brief report on the Fisheries of Brisbane Water for the year 1899.

It is with the greatest amount of satisfaction I can state that the fish have increased materially in all parts, from the mouth upwards, the fine kinds of fish especially showing a more prominent increase. The mullet have also been more than plentiful. The great increase for the year referred to over that of the previous year must be attributed to the closure of these waters, thus excluding the use of fishing-nets. The value of the closure must be patent to anyone, as even a casual observer could see the fish in all parts, especially on the flats. Whereas during the time and for some lengthened period after the previous proclamation expired, the supply of fish appeared very poor, so great was the havoc caused through the indiscriminate use of all kinds of nets during the time it was open, three months, namely, April to June, 1898. Although my previous report showed that fish were working on the ground again, I can safely assert that it was not till well into the year 1899 before the supply was really good again. The immature fish have been plentiful, thus denoting splendid prospects of an increase for the year 1900.

Whilst expressing pleasure at the result of the closure, I must say I look forward with fear to the expiration of the same in August, as all the good done will and must be undone unless something intervenes to stop the use of the small mesh-net which the fishermen use, blind to their own interests. There are no licensed persons in this district.

The line-fishermen from the metroplis and other parts have had, taken all through, a good year; but it is impossible to even attempt to estimate the total catch of all boats, as there are no less than 200 boats used for this purpose. It is estimated that considerably over 5,000 persons visited Woy Woy, Cockle Creek, and Point Clair, and most of whom did an amount of line-fishing. With regard to the line-fishermen, I noticed that amongst the catches the run of fish was not as large as hitherto.

Oyster Report.

I have not seen or heard of diseases here amongst the oysters, and taken all through they have kept up their condition during the year. The Crown lands are still bare of oysters, and must necessarily be so when taking into consideration the number of persons who visit these waters.

The leases show a marked difference to the lands alluded to, as they are in some instances well stocked and cared for, and the lessees take a lively interest in their respective holdings.

Prawns.

Prawns, although there are a few here, are not sought after, the boat-owners preferring to purchase from the Hawkesbury River.

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The law has been fairly well respected; I only detected one person hauling a net, and found another set in prohibited waters.

Four hundred and fifty-nine baskets of fish have been sent from Gosford, which were caught at Terrigal, the different catches consisting chiefly of bream, whiting, and garfish.

Oysters sent for the year ending 1899, 122 bags.

I have, &c.,

J. CAIN,

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Hawkesbury River, 6 January, 1900.

I have the honor to report on the condition of the net, line, and oyster fisheries of the Hawkesbury River and tributaries for the year 1899.

The net and line fisheries have given employment to eighty-eight licensed fisherman, using forty-four licensed fishing-boats, and the quantity of fish sent to market during the past year was 8,582 baskets of fish and prawns.

The kinds of fishing-nets used on this river is the garfish-net—a most destructive net among small fish—the common hauling-net, the prawn-net, and the meshing-net.

I beg to state that there is a considerable area of waters closed against net-fishing, including the following:—Cowan Creek, Mullet Creek, Mooney Creek, Berowra Creek, Marra Marra Creek, and Mangrove Creek. In some of these closed waters, fish are fairly plentiful, and in other closed waters fish are scarce—notably in Cowan Creek and Berowra Creek.

Fish of all kinds have now been for some time very scarce—it is generally believed that the garfish-nets are responsible—for years past these nets have destroyed thousands of small fish, and the day of reckoning has come. This is acknowledged to be the fact by a number of fishermen, and admits of no argument.

I beg further to state that during the past year several convictions have taken place under the Fisheries Act.

Of the different kinds of fish which go in shoals, the mullet and bream are on this river the most prominent.

For your information I may state that the different varieties of mullet gather in large shoals, coming down the river in large shoals towards the ocean in March and April, which is also their spawning time, when they are in full roe.

Bream will travel near the bottom in shoals, whereas mullet, garfish, and whiting will travel on the surface.

I may also state that in years past, shoals of schnapper have also been observed in the summer months; it is generally believed that they come there for the purpose of spawning. I may here state that schnapper when in shoals will not bite, and are confined to Cowan Creek, where the water is much saltier than the main river.

I have also observed that after spawning, and during May, mullet, bream, and jewfish will go up the river and stay there during the winter months, unless driven down by floods; they will stay in the deep holes of the upper Hawkesbury River.

Of prawns, I may state that of the many different species, their habits, &c., little is known. It is known that on the approach of winter, the prawns will go to the upper Hawkesbury River, and burrow in the ground during winter months, where they may be dug out to satisfy the unbelievers.

Some species of prawns—the brown prawn, will keep alive much longer than others. Some prawns will shed their coat, when they are known as soft prawns, and are then unsaleable. Prawns will also eat one another.

Of the observation of the shoals of fish on the coast, and their habits, I may say that I have no opportunity, as I am stationed up river, some miles from the coast.

I may further state that young fish are often destroyed in great quantities, particularly with the garfish-net, and also when a net has a lot of rubbish in it, such as weeds, blubber, kelp, &c., the little fish, which cannot get through will be all dead long before the net reaches the shore, hence the necessity of using nets of more liberal dimensions, so that little fish could go through, and escape at any time. The banishment of these destructive garfish-nets out of these waters I have recommended for a number of years, but no notice has ever been taken of my recommendation.

I have, &c.,

P. SMITH,

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

George's River, 15 January, 1900.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the fisheries under my supervision during the year ending 31st December, 1899:—

Woronora River.

This river was well stocked with fish, especially whiting and mullet, up to the end of May, when the heavy rains caused a fresh which drove all the fish out. However, as soon as the fresh abated they returned and have been fairly good since.

The river was closed against net-fishing up to the 29th September, and in that night ten net-boats and crews commenced fishing, but owing to the big spring tides and the blubber only a few were caught, certainly not more than five baskets per boat. It is a most unusual thing for blubber to be in this river.

George's River.

From the 1st January to end of May many thousands of trumpeter-whiting were caught by line, a remarkable thing being that many were caught by line as far up as Johnson's Hall, over 20 miles up.

This is remarkable because fishermen have never caught them above Saltpan Creek. During the time of the fresh line-fishermen were getting plenty of whiting and black bream, and the net-men were getting great hauls of mullet, whiting, and other fish in the lower parts of river and bay. Like the Woronora this river is fairly alive with blubber; in fact, it is so bad about Como that the net-boats work it very little. Their principal work is about and below Dover Point.

From

From September, in every change of weather, lots of mullet, sand-whiting, and black bream leave and travel down the river to the bay and along the coast.

There were great quantities of sea-mullet in the bay, but they kept too wide from the shores for the nets to reach them. Not more than twenty boat-loads were caught.

A fair supply of large prawns all the year, more especially for the last three months. The principal parts where they are caught are in Kogarah, Oyster, and Oatley Bays, and other inlets in George's River. Cook's River had a fair supply, but they are much smaller. They have been scarce at Lady Robinson's Beach, not more than 100 baskets caught during the year.

Sand-whiting are to be found in large lots in June and July, on or about the flats in the upper parts of this river (except in a fresh). They leave in numbers about the end of November and have roes in them. They are very often caught travelling with black bream, blackfish, and hardgut-mullet along the shores of the bay.

Generally trumpeter-whiting come into the bay and mouth of river in large schools in April. This year they have never left it except in the fresh. Sea-garfish come into the bay in large lots in March; this fish is never found much above Dover Point.

Sea-mullet travel in large shoals from January to May, but it depends a great deal on the weather. In the time of any floods in the early part of the year it drives them out of the lakes and rivers, but if dry weather they do not travel till March.

In June and July jewfish were to be seen in thousands under and about Como Bridge, more especially on full-moon tides.

Large shoals of trevally come into the bay in November. The fishermen get good hauls of them at Towra Point.

Salmon, herring, maray, and pilchard travel along the coast and to the bay in September. Fishermen do not care to catch them, as they do not fetch enough money at the market to pay freight.

604 baskets of fish were sent to Sydney markets by train from Como.

There is on an average about twenty-five net-fish boats and seventy-five fishermen, and twenty boats and about forty men are prawn-fishing.

The only time small fish are left on the beaches to die is when the net is full of blubber. Blubber will kill small fish whether the net is landed or not.

At the present time there is an area of 16,700 yards under lease, besides 2,400 yards applied for, showing an increased leased of 2,000 yards.

1,327½ bags have been sent to market during the year, being an increase of 476 bags over the previous year. All oysters artificially laid down take the disease, especially those put down in Wooloware Bay. The disease is also very bad about low water in the upper parts of river.

The leases are fairly well stocked with marketable oysters, and small oysters are plentiful.

About twenty practical oystermen are at present employed in connection with the leases.

I have, &c.,

J. D. GRANT,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Port Hacking, 8 January, 1900.

I have the honor to furnish the following report on the fisheries under my supervision for the year ending 31st December, 1899:—

During the year, particularly in the early and latter parts, I observed large shoals of sea-garfish, blackfish, black bream, salmon, kingfish, tailer, pilchards, tarwhine, tallegalane, hardgut-mullet, and sea-mullet coming in and going out with the tides and changes of winds.

The average number of men and boats is one-line fisherman.

The output of fish for the year is about thirty baskets, principally schnapper, teraglin, and crayfish.

The general condition of oyster leases.—No. 2,673 lease is in good condition, and artificial cultivation is carried on, the oysters are in good condition, and no disease existing.

The last fall of spat was in October. The quantity of oysters taken from lease No. 2,673 was six bags for the year.

The oysters round the foreshores are very small but in good condition.

Whiting and all other kinds of line-fish are very scarce in this river owing to the line-fishers destroying so many small fish daily.

I have, &c.,

W. H. NEWTON,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Sir,

Police Station, Bungendore, 8 January, 1900.

I beg to report, for the information of the Fisheries Inspector, that there has been no fishing in Lake George during the past two years, nor are there any fish in the lake, as they have all been destroyed during the drought, owing to the great fall in the lake waters. I would propose that as soon as the lake rises again to its usual level, that a fresh supply of fish be sent up from the Department, but not at present, as the lake is very low, in fact almost extinct.

I have, &c.,

M. O. MAUDE,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Police Station, Eden, 20 January, 1900.

I have the honor to report—

- 1st. The species of fish here are schnapper, tarwhine, and trevally.
- 2nd. The output of fish about 2 tons; one man and one boat working. No undersized fish are left on beaches.
- 3rd. The condition of oysters is good. The owners of leases place stones in water for increase of oysters.
- 4th. I have no record of the quantity of oysters taken from the leases, neither have I any record of the quantity of foreshore under lease.

I have, &c.,

J. M. SCOTT,

Senior-constable.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Wollongong, 20 January, 1900.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the Fisheries of Lake Illawarra for the year 1899.

The principal varieties noticed during the year have been bream, mullet, blackfish, garfish, whiting, flathead, and tarwhine.

During January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August, mullet were the principal fish caught, with a fair quantity of bream, whiting, flathead, garfish, flounder, and sole.

Bream, blackfish, tarwhine, whiting, flathead, and garfish were netted in large quantities during September, October, November, and December.

The supply of young fry during, and especially towards the latter end of, the year has been remarkable. The tributaries of the lake, and the numerous shallow flats in which this lake abounds, with the channel entrance, were literally swarming with young bream, mullet, blackfish, flathead, garfish, and other varieties.

During September and October I noticed large numbers of young schnapper, from 4 to 6 inches in length, in the lake waters, and along the coast from Wollongong to Kiama. During these two months large numbers of these small fish were enclosed in the hauling-nets used in the lake. On every occasion I noticed these fish in a net I requested the fishermen to allow them to escape at the earliest opportunity, to prevent as much as possible, if not altogether, their destruction, which they invariably did, and as many as five baskets have been turned alive from the bunt or centre of nets.

Those young fish were being freely caught by amateur line fishermen along the coast between Wollongong and Kiama.

It is several years since this species have been noticed in such large numbers on this portion of the coast, and also in the waters of Lake Illawarra, and there is no doubt that their presence in the water is owing to the deep and wide channel through sand bar at the sea entrance, combined with the closure of this water from netting, thus allowing of free ingress and egress.

During the months of January, February, and March, large shoals of mullet, bream, yellow-tail, and mackerel were observed along the coast travelling north; also an immense shoal of some miles in extent of small fish, presumably maray or pilchard, were reported to me on the 14th February as having been seen off Bulli.

Several shoals of whales were reported off the coast during February.

No shoal fish were noticed or reported during April, May, June, and July.

During August, blackfish in large numbers worked into the lake through the sea entrance.

In October, a large shoal of sea-garfish, also several shoals of mackerel, were reported off the coast, travelling north.

On the 16th November, a large shoal of bream was reported off the Wollongong harbour, working in a northerly direction.

During December, large shoals of salmon made their appearance along the coast, working along the sea beaches, in a northerly direction.

10,451 baskets of mixed fish represents the total catch of Lake Illawarra for the year 1899, showing an increase of 4,515 baskets on the output of the previous year. There were forwarded to the metropolis 8,941 baskets, the balance, 1,510, being consumed locally.

The average number working on the lake during the year has been forty men and twenty-two boats.

Under the conditions that hauling operations are carried on in this fishery, no nets are hauled to a strand, in consequence of the shallow flats which surround this lake. Nets are worked to a back net in depths of water ranging from 1 foot to 2 ft. 6 in. Very few small or undersized fish are killed, because the centre or bunt of net is never out of the water.

The bunt is first emptied of its marketable fish, and then turned inside out to allow the young fry to escape.

During December, 1898, the channel through Sandbar, closed up owing to dry weather, and continued closed until the 9th August, 1899.

The local fishermen started to cut through Sandbar on the 4th August, but were not successful in opening it until the date mentioned—the 9th August, 1899.

During the dry weather experienced in the early part of the year, the lake fell some few feet below its normal level, leaving a dry bar at the mouth of all the tributaries of this water.

The mouth of Mullet Creek was completely sanded up. The Government, at a considerable expense, cut a channel some 150 yards in length, 20 feet wide, and 3 feet deep, to allow of free access to the waters of the lake. Some old residents state that it is sixty years since the lake has been so low.

Amateur line-fishermen have good sport during the year at Mullet Creek and the lake entrance, bream, whiting, tarwhine, and flathead being caught freely.

Oysters.

Oysters.

The oyster deposits in the lake entrance were destroyed during the dry weather, owing to the waters receding from the shallow flats.

Tom Thumb Lagoon.

This water is well stocked with young mullet, bream, whiting, and flathead, and is also well stocked with matured fish. The oysters in this water are in good condition; no disease exists, but the supply has been worked low by the general public.

I have, &c.,

D. W. BENSON,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission.

Sir,

Forster, 15 February, 1900.

In reference to the sample of oysters noticed as mere specks on the 4th February, 1898, and which I now forward to you, I have the honor to submit the following report concerning them and oyster-life generally.

The experiment, as far as this district is concerned, has proved satisfactory. They were laid down in the latter end of February, 1898, on fairly good fattening ground.

On the 4th April they had increased in size to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter.

The next month, May, a rapid growth was shown, some having reached the diameter of 1 inch, whilst others had not advanced beyond their former size, viz., $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

During the next month (June) little or no progress in growth was made. Heavy rain occurred, causing a strong fresh, and, fearing their destruction, I removed them further down the river.

The record for July was an increase in the larger ones to $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch, the smaller ones still remaining at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, though all appeared healthy. This shows how little the size denotes the age of the oyster.

September showed a substantial increase in appearance, the size being $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, rounder and more uniform, the smaller ones rapidly catching up to the larger.

From September to December no increase in diameter was made, but a deeper and better shape was apparent. A few of the smaller ones died—I think from the depredations of small crabs.

From December to February, 1899, they showed a still deeper shell, but no increase in diameter. Being now one year old, and considering the number of freshes during that period, I think they did remarkably well, because I do not think the size of the oyster increases so much during excessive wet periods, although they improve in condition.

From February to July the largest oysters measured $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Though this is considered marketable size, no lessee having due regard for the oyster fisheries, or his own interests, would think of sending such oysters to market. What may be considered as the body of the oyster, the diameter of the shell, only measures $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, the rest being thin shell.

As was anticipated, a much more rapid growth was made during the first eight months. From that time the increase appeared to be in depth and general appearance.

My chief object in conducting this experiment was to arrive at some definite conclusion as to the age at which oysters are considered marketable; but I confess that that object has not been attained, only in so far as it affects these waters. To lay down any hard-and-fast rule is out of the question, because the whole subject depends upon certain and several conditions,—such as whether they be shallow or deep beds, the salinity of the water, soft or hard bottom, or in the vicinity of sand or mud.

I have, however, endeavoured to do my best, and believe to have succeeded in proving beyond a doubt that oysters do not mature in less time than two or three years in these waters; and from past experience I believe in the Richmond, Clarence, Evans, and Manning Rivers the growth is similar.

I was, until my visit to the Clyde River, very doubtful that oysters would mature in any of our inlets under that time, but from what I saw, and was informed by Mr. J. Barclay, my opinion is somewhat shaken. This lessee showed me some stones which he had quarried in December, and placed on end on a muddy foreshore, and on these stones were attached oysters as large as those now before you, which are two years old. My visit to the Clyde extended from the 13th to the 26th April, so that those oysters at farthest could not have been more than five months old. This extraordinary growth seems almost incredible.

That oysters do grow much more rapidly there than here, I have no doubt, on account of the very different conditions. A much greater quantity of fresh water finds its way into the river, from the hilly nature of the country surrounding, bringing down a constant abundance of sediment to mingle with the saltwater upon which the oyster feeds.

The whole of the oyster grounds, both on the foreshores and in deep water, are situated on mud and rocks, the water being of that consistency to allow of the spawn sinking, and in this way the deep beds are replenished.

The same conditions as to spawn applies to all rivers where there is sufficient fresh water.

The conditions of oyster-life at Wallis Lake are entirely different. There is a very limited watershed. What little fresh water comes down is not sufficient to mingle with the salt but floats on top. This accounts for the growth of oysters being in shallow water. The deep water is too salt to allow the spawn to sink; consequently all the spawn is deposited between high and low water mark. There is plenty of good bottom in deep water, where a few scattered oysters may sometimes be found, but they do not mature. They appear similar to oysters growing at the entrances, where the water is salt and clear and does not carry sufficient sediment.

I am inclined to think that oysters can be grown to profit in any inlet on the eastern coast of Australia. That they do not grow on the opposite coast is owing to the insufficient rainfall.

In most other countries, oysters are found to grow in the open bays, simply because the rainfall is heavy, and the rivers too fresh for them to grow inside. For instance, in the sister colony of New Zealand, and all European and American fisheries, the same conditions exist. In short, the oyster flourishes where the conditions are favourable, be it in the inlets or outside.

The season at which oysters are in their best condition in Australia is exactly opposite to that of all other countries (that I know of). In New Zealand, for instance, the season is in winter, and similarly north of the equator. Why this is so has always appeared to me as unaccountable, but I think it is owing to a certain

certain amount of rainfall at that particular season, which renders the water in which they are situated just suitable for their growth. I have frequently noticed that during moderately wet winters in our own deep beds that oysters are in good condition during that period. I do not think the climate can have any effect on their condition; else why are they in their best condition in winter in other countries, and quite the reverse here? I notice at Wallis Lake, where the water often barely covers the oyster, and is consequently quite hot from the effects of the sun, they are in splendid condition, and in dredge beds, where the sun can have little or no effect, their condition is the same. Trusting the sample will reach you intact,

I have, &c.,

J. MASSINGHAM,

Inspector of Fisheries.

The Secretary, Department of Fisheries.

Sir,

Sydney, 26 May, 1899.

In accordance with the request of the Fisheries Commission, I proceeded to Tuggeranong, and thence to inspect the Murrumbidgee and two of its tributaries, with a view to the establishment of a hatchery in that district.

I first visited the Naas River at a distance of 16 miles from Tuggeranong Siding. The road thereto is by no means bad, and there is, I am informed, 50 acres of Government land available, with an old shearers' hut situated thereon, and a building lately a station house within 300 yards of same, and now occupied by one of the overseers of the property. The river at this part has a rocky bed, with pools and ripples and sandy stretches, most appropriate for the purpose of trout acclimatisation. It is not subject to excessive floods, and the banks at this point are sufficiently high to enable buildings to be placed well above flood level, and in such a position that a flow of water could be maintained from the hatchery to the ponds, which could be built in terraces below, and protected from floods by a very small embankment, which might be raised on the bank of the river, to make the ponds absolutely secure from any flood. Some hundred yards or so above the old shearers' hut there is an excellent site for a small dam, which could be made at very small expense, and the water could either be pumped into it from the river or it could be fed by pipes from a second dam to be made some distance up in the hills; but my time was too limited to enable me to even roughly estimate the necessary levels. This dam, close to the old hut, could also have a small catchment area for surface water, but not sufficient to at any time subject it to overflow from heavy rains; and, further, a by-wash could be easily arranged for back into the river, clear of the hatchery and ponds. The river below this point is very sandy and shallow, and, as far as I could ascertain, has no deep pools. It is joined by another small stream some mile or so further down, and enters the Murrumbidgee about a quarter of a mile above Cuppacumbalong head station. The lower part of this stream does not afford suitable protection for fish—at least not in its present condition; but I am informed that it usually has from 12 to 18 inches of water flowing, even in its shallowest portion.

The climate is certainly most suitable, and exactly similar to that of Monaro, where trout are to be found doing well and of large size,

I next proceeded to inspect the Cotter, which falls into the Murrumbidgee some miles further down its course. This stream is, in my opinion, far better suited as a trout nursery than the Naas, owing to its deep holes and rocky bed with runs and pools alternating. It also has a greater fall and more water in it, thus affording greater protection to the young fish. It is distant from Queanbeyan about 22 miles, the road being very good, with the exception of the last mile or two, which, however, could easily be improved. The buildings, &c., would, however, have to be on the far side of the Murrumbidgee, and as there is no bridge, they would be difficult of access in flood time. This river rises, I am informed, in a swamp near Kiandra, and is only liable to floods after very heavy storms, and which are of very short duration, the water clearing very quickly. From the cursory examination I was able to make, I am of opinion that the necessary water supply could easily be obtained, as there is a good fall in the bed of the stream, and little or no damming would be required.

I am informed that some trout fry were liberated here some years ago, but they do not appear to have lived, as there are no signs whatever of them, and no reliable information of any ever having been seen since can be obtained.

The climate, of course, is similar to the Monaro, and the water of a cold temperature throughout the year, owing to its rising in the mountains near Kiandra.

I was unable to procure samples of the water, but as I saw small fish alive in it, I cannot imagine it would be unsuitable for trout, and, as far as I could learn, there are no mines in the district from whence mineralised water would enter the stream.

This stream, even in this exceptionally dry season, flows into the Murrumbidgee in a strong stream, and fish would have an easy ingress and egress to and from it. The Murrumbidgee at this point is in itself a magnificent stream, and capable of holding and sustaining trout of a large size should they be once fairly started therein.

In conclusion, I consider that both streams are suitable for the acclimatisation of trout; but am of opinion that the Cotter is the more suitable, owing to the greater protection it offers. Besides its deep pools, runs, and falls, its banks are well timbered, and it is sheltered between high hills; whereas the Naas runs through open country for the greater part of its lower portion at least.

Yours, &c.,

C. R. BURNSIDE.

The Secretary, Fisheries Commission, Sydney.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

OYSTER FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.
PETITION FROM CERTAIN OYSTER LESSEES IN FAVOUR OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 27 November, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales
in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Oyster Lessees,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

1. That your Petitioners are lessees from the Crown of oyster-beds in various rivers and estuaries of the Colony, and have expended considerable money and labour in stocking and improving their leases.

2. That a Bill is now before Parliament providing a right of resumption by the Crown of such oyster leases for certain public purposes, and such Bill, by its second clause, provides that the compensation on such resumption shall be a sum equal to five times the annual rent reserved to the Crown on such lease.

3. That your Petitioners deem such a provision to be most unjust and inequitable, as it means that a lessee who has spent hundreds of pounds in improving a lease will only receive as compensation a paltry few pounds, making him an actual loser, in hard cash, of the greater portion of his expenditure.

4. Your Petitioners also are of opinion that this provision will render the lessee's title so subject to invasion with serious loss that no improvements dare be undertaken in future by oyster lessees, and the consequence will be a permanent injury to a large industry which gives much employment directly and indirectly, and at the same time provides a cheap supply of a wholesome food to the people.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will so amend the said Bill as to provide that fair and reasonable compensation according to value will be given to lessees on the resumption of their leases.

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

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1900.

H. WOODWARD & Co.
JOHN COMINO.

A similar Petition was received on 27th November, 1900, from Fredk. J. Gibbins and G. Marshall.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITION FROM RESIDENTS AND FISHERMEN OF WOY WOY AND BRISBANE WATER, AGAINST
THE PASSING OF A BILL WHICH WOULD CLOSE THE SAID WATERS AGAINST NET-FISHING.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 22 November, 1900.

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

WE, the undersigned, being residents and fishermen of Woy Woy, Brisbane Water, in the Colony
of New South Wales, present our humble Petition praying that the waters in and around Woy Woy be
kept open for net-fishing, and we hereby respectfully protest against the passing of a Bill through
Parliament closing the said waters against net-fishing, as there are abundance of fish in the said waters,
and the closing thereof would mean ruin to many of your Petitioners.

[*Here follow 46 signatures.*]

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN LICENSED FISHERMEN AND OYSTERMEN IN FAVOUR OF AN AMENDMENT.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 11 July, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

1. That we are licensed fishermen and oystermen.
 2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioners labour under in following their arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioners have to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioners pursue their calling as fishermen and oystermen.
 3. That your Honorable House will, at the earliest opportunity, introduce and pass into law an amended Fisheries Bill on the same lines as a Bill which has already been read a second time and known as the Hon. J. N. Bruncker's Fisheries Bill.
 4. That the present Fisheries Act is obsolete, also contradictory and inequitable, especially in regard to the forfeiture of the fishermen's implements of trade, tools, and means of livelihood in cases where breaches of the law have occurred. The Act is also most unsatisfactory regarding both oyster leases and culture.
 5. That the present Commissioners of Fisheries are unqualified and irresponsible, and are, besides, unable to afford the time to devote to this important industry, consequently this Department is more or less neglected.
 6. That the present Secretary and Chief Inspector does not possess the necessary qualifications for the important duties of those positions, he being without practical or scientific knowledge before he was recently appointed to overlook this industry, which provides employment for a large number of men. Besides the positions named, this officer is also the Magistrate of Lord Howe Island, consequently it will be apparent to your Honorable House that he has more work to attend to than he can satisfactorily perform in connection with the large interests involved. Furthermore, a trio of offices vested in one person is opposed to the spirit of the Civil Service Act and militates against the effective discharge of the duties of the officer concerned.
 7. That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.
- And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 22 signatures.]

Similar Petitions were received—

On 12 July, 1900, from certain fishermen and oystermen of	Terrigal and Pittwater ; 7 signatures.
" " " "	Toronto and Belmont and Dora Creek ; 47 signatures.
" " " "	Manly ; 16 signatures.
" " " "	Dora Creek ; 17 signatures.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN LICENSED FISHERMEN AND OYSTERMEN OF NORTH SYDNEY,
IN FAVOUR OF AN AMENDMENT OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 17 July, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That we are licensed fishermen and oystermen.
2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioners labour under in following their arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioners have to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioners pursue their calling as fishermen and oystermen.
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7. That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.

Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 11 signatures.]

Similar Petitions were received—

On 17 July, 1900—From certain Fishermen of Watson's Bay; 39 signatures.

" " " Ulladulla; 3 signatures.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITIONS FROM CERTAIN LICENSED FISHERMEN AND OYSTERMEN OF THE HAWKESBURY RIVER, DOUBLE BAY, AND SYDNEY IN FAVOUR OF AMENDMENT OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 24 July, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That we are licensed fishermen and oystermen.
2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioners labour under in following their arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioners have to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioners pursue their calling as fishermen and oystermen.
3. That your Honorable House will, at the earliest opportunity, introduce and pass into law an amended Fisheries Bill on the same lines as a Bill which has already been read a second time, and known as the Hon. J. N. Bruncker's Fisheries Bill.
4. That the present Fisheries Act is obsolete, also contradictory and inequitable, especially in regard to the forfeiture of the fishermen's implements of trade, tools, and means of livelihood in cases where breaches of the law have occurred. The Act is also most unsatisfactory regarding both oyster leases and culture.
5. That the present Commissioners of Fisheries are unqualified and irresponsible, and are, besides, unable to afford the time to devote to this important industry, consequently this Department is more or less neglected.
6. That the present Secretary and Chief Inspector does not possess the necessary qualifications for the important duties of those positions, he being without practical or scientific knowledge before he was recently appointed to overlook this industry, which provides employment for a large number of men. Besides the positions named, this officer is also the Magistrate of Lord Howe Island; consequently it will be apparent to your Honorable House that he has more work to attend to than he can satisfactorily perform in connection with the large interests involved. Furthermore, a trio of offices vested in one person is opposed to the spirit of the Civil Service Act, and militates against the effective discharge of the duties of the offices concerned.
7. That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.

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

[Here follow 37 signatures.]

Similar Petitions were received—

On 24 July, 1900—	From certain Fishermen and Oystermen of Sydney ;	21 signatures.
25	”	”
	”	”
	”	”
	Coogee, Waverley, Rushcutters Bay, and Randwick ;	10 signatures.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN LICENSED FISHERMEN AND OYSTERMEN OF RICHMOND RIVER,
IN FAVOUR OF AMENDMENT OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 31 July, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

1. That we are licensed fishermen and oystermen.
 2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioners labour under in following their arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioners have to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioners pursue their calling as fishermen and oystermen.
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 7. That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.
- And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 12 signatures.]

A similar Petition was received—

On 31 July, 1900, from certain Fishermen and Oystermen of Shoalhaven River; 1 signature.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN LICENSED FISHERMEN AND OYSTERMEN OF STOCKTON
IN FAVOUR OF AN AMENDMENT.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 8 August, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That we are licensed fishermen and oystermen.
2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioners labour under in following their arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioners have to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioners pursue their calling as fishermen and oystermen.
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7. That your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.

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

[Here follow 20 signatures.]

Similar Petitions were received—

On 8 August, 1900—From certain Fishermen and Oystermen of Grafton; 4 signatures.
" " " " " Wiseman's Ferry; 2 signatures.

1900.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

FISHERIES ACT,

PETITION FROM WALTER ROTTON, OF BALRANALD, IN FAVOUR OF AN AMENDMENT OF.)

Received by the Legislative Assembly, 28 August, 1900.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That I am a licensed fisherman and oysterman.
 2. That your Honorable House will take into consideration the difficulties and uncertainties your Petitioner labours under in following his arduous and poorly-paid calling, and the high license fees your Petitioner has to pay in prosecuting the industry, and the general unsatisfactory condition of the law under which at present your Petitioner pursues his calling as fisherman and oysterman.
 3. That your Honorable House will, at the earliest opportunity, introduce and pass into law an amended Fisheries Bill on the same lines as a Bill which has already been read a second time, and known as the Hon. J. N. Brunker's Fisheries Bill.
 4. That the present Fisheries Act is obsolete, also contradictory and inequitable, especially in regard to the forfeiture of the fishermen's implements of trade, tools, and means of livelihood in cases where breaches of the law have occurred. The Act is also most unsatisfactory regarding both oyster leases and culture.
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 7. That your Petitioner prays your Honorable House to make provision for a fishermen's representative on the Fisheries Board.
- And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

WALTER ROTTON.