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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1903.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-third day of May, 1903.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Vice-  
"to wit. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable  
"(L.S.) } Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its  
"HARRY H. RAWSON, } Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.  
"Governor.

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

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"JOHN SEE.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. **WRIT OF ELECTION** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—That during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 53rd section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Tamworth, in the room of Raymond Joseph Walsh, Esquire, bankrupt; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of John Garland, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. **MEMBER SWORN** :—John Garland, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tamworth.
4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that leave of absence for twelve months, from 1st February, 1903, had been granted, by the Governor and Executive Council, to Frederick William Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, preliminary to his retirement from the Public Service.
5. **THE ACTING CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Richard Aldous Arnold, Esquire, who had been appointed, by the Governor and Executive Council, Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly.  
Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Arnold the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, respectively.

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6. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor :—

## (1.) Appraisalment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands ; to provide for the appraisalment of conditional purchases and conditional leases and homestead selections, and for the payments to be made and conditions to be performed in respect thereof ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd December, 1902.

## (2.) Loan Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

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

State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd December, 1902.

## (3.) Advances to Settlers (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

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

State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd December, 1902.

## (4.) Adulteration of Wine Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

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

State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd December, 1902.

## (5.) Richmond Bridge Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1902.

## (6.) Municipal Loans Validating Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain municipal loans and securities, and to amend the Municipal Loans Further Validating Act of 1897,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1902.

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## (7.) Appropriation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1902, to the 30th day of June, 1903, inclusive of both dates, and to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1901-1902,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1902.

## (8.) Pastures Protection Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Rabbit Pest, and to the protection of pastures and live stock from the depredations of noxious animals, and to diseases in cattle and sheep, and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (9.) Jury Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Jury Act, 1901, and to validate certain jury lists.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (10.) North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Tramway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction and continuance of a tramway line from the North Sydney Brick and Tile Company's Works, in the borough of Willoughby, across Herbert-street in the said borough, and connecting with the Milson's Point to Hornsby Railway.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (11.) Burwood Municipal Loan Validation Bill (No. 2) :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate a certain loan to the Municipal Council of Burwood and all securities for such loan.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (12.) City of Sydney Streets Loan Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by debentures a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate One hundred thousand pounds, for the wood-blocking of public ways within the City of Sydney; and for other purposes.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 24th December, 1902.

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## (13.) Land Tax (Leases) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for assessing, levying, and collecting certain taxes in respect of certain leased lands ; for exempting such lands from land tax and contribution thereto ; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (14.) Municipalities Relief Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing, and guttering of streets, and asphaltting footpaths,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 24th December, 1902.

## (15.) Gold Dredging Leases Modification Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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

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

## (16.) Municipal District of Wrightville Naming Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 16.

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

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

## (17.) Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the removal of night-soil, and to amend the Police Offences Act, 1901,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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

## (18.) Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Act 30 Victoria, intituled 'An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church ; to authorise the substitution of the name Church of England for the name hitherto used of United Church of England and Ireland ; to give legal force and effect to the constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales contained in the Schedule to this Bill ; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the above objects,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (19.) Fisheries Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remodel the law relating to the Fisheries of New South Wales; to substitute for the Commissioners of Fisheries a board to be called the Board of Fisheries for New South Wales; to repeal the various Acts relating to the fisheries and fishing in tidal and inland waters and to fishing-nets and other instruments for the capture of fish, the promotion of oyster culture and the regulation of oyster fisheries, and to make better provision in relation thereto; to provide for the leasing in certain cases of Crown lands below high-water mark, and in inland waters for the establishment of fisheries; for the leasing for oyster-culture of Crown lands in or abutting on tidal waters; for regulating the weights or dimensions of marketable fishes, including oysters, crayfish, and prawns; for the improvement of the supply of fish to consumers; the promotion and development of the industry of fishing; and for other purposes connected with, or incidental to, the matters aforesaid,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th December, 1902.

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

"Mr. Speaker,

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir John See, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

## 8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (RESERVED BILL) :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights; for their voting at the polls; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the King's decision accordingly, and, in the meantime, the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await His Majesty's pleasure.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th January, 1903.

9. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting leave of absence granted to F. W. Webb, Esquire, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 10. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Tramway Terminal arrangements at Newcastle.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending Station Yard at Ringwood Siding.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply at Gunnedah.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply at Cooma.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Water Supply for the Great Northern Railway at Werris Creek.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply for Railway purposes at Wentworth Falls.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extension of Tramway Terminus at Newcastle.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Railway Siding at the Gap Platform, between Werris Creek and Narrabri.
- (9.) Report of the proceedings of the Pharmacy Board during the year 1902.
- (10.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways, for quarter ended 31st December, 1902.
- (11.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways, for quarter ended 31st March, 1903.
- (12.) Report of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1902.
- (13.) Statement of Trust Moneys Deposit Account from 1st April, 1902, to 31st March, 1903.
- (14.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1902.

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- (15.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1902.
  - (16.) By-laws of the Borough of Newtown under the Public Health Act, 1902.
  - (17.) By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne under the Public Health Act, 1902.
  - (18.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Narrabri under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
  - (19.) By-laws of the Borough of Murrumburrah under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
  - (20.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ulladulla under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
  - (21.) Amended Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902, for carrying into effect Parts 2, 3, and 6 of that Act.
  - (22.) Additional Regulation under the Public Health Act, 1902, for carrying into effect Part 9.
  - (23.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect-of the Sanitary Area of New Town, near Dubbo.
  - (24.) Additional Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902, for carrying into effect Part 9.
  - (25.) Amended Regulations under the Advances to Settlers Acts.
  - (26.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901, relating to the marking of Load lines.
  - (27.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901, relating to Steamer Traffic on Rivers crossed by Ferry Punts.
  - (28.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901, relative to Licensed Pilots.
  - (29.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901, determining the Qualifications required from persons applying to be licensed as Pilots, &c., under section 57 of that Act.
  - (30.) Order under the Navigation Act, 1901.
  - (31.) Regulations under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.
  - (32.) Regulation under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.
  - (33.) Amended Regulation under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.
  - (34.) Amended Regulation under the Savings Bank of New South Wales Act, 1902.
  - (35.) Return respecting Railway Passes.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Accounts of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1902.
  - (2.) Regulations under the Gold and Mineral Dredging (Amending) Act, 1902.
  - (3.) Regulations under the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
  - (4.) Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1902.
  - (5.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the fatal accident which took place at the Central Mine, Broken Hill, October, 1902, together with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, Exhibits, and Appendices.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11. LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Sir John See presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
12. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. After a recess of reasonable duration, I have called you together in order that you may crown the labours, which have already made this Parliament notable in the history of the State, by adding to the Statute Book more measures of a useful and progressive character.
2. The adjustment of the State Constitution to the new conditions established by Federation has been the subject of my Advisers' anxious consideration.
3. It will be remembered that, in their manifesto to the Country at the date of the last general election, my Advisers placed Constitutional Reform in the forefront of their programme. Owing, however, to the intrusion of fiscal and other issues which my Advisers were unable to foresee or prevent, no clear expression of opinion was obtained from the Electors on this subject. Nevertheless, the policy of Ministers remained unaltered; but, unfortunately, owing to the rejection by the Legislative Council of the Women's Franchise Bill, no opportunity offered for giving it effect. It would have been manifestly wrong to deny to nearly 300,000 newly-enfranchised voters the opportunity of expressing their opinions upon this important question of Constitutional Reform.
4. The Bill conferring the franchise upon women only passed through Parliament on the 19th December last, and cannot become law until the despatch announcing the Royal Assent, which was given on 20th May, is proclaimed in this State; and, although the machinery of the measure is in a forward state of preparation, some time must elapse before it can be brought into operation. Nevertheless, a measure was submitted during last Session for the reduction of the number of Members to ninety-three. My Advisers were aware that this Bill could not be passed in the then state of public business; but they felt that its introduction would secure a thorough discussion of the whole question during the recess.
5. Their purpose has been fulfilled, and it has now become apparent that this Parliament will not be able to deal decisively with this question; because not only is there a difference of opinion as to whether there should be any reduction in the number of Members of Parliament, but there is a wide divergence of view, even among those who favour some reduction, as to the circumstances under and the extent to which this should take place. Under these conditions, it might easily occur that the opinion of a majority of Members would not prevail; since the Rules of Procedure would allow those who are opposed to any reduction to combine with those who favoured some reduction, other than that which was proposed, to vote against each proposal in turn, and thus



a clear expression of opinion would be rendered impossible. My Advisers have always foreseen that this difficulty might occur, and on several occasions, both before and subsequently to the last general election, have indicated that it might be necessary to obtain a direct expression of popular opinion upon this question.

6. My Advisers have also always held that it is a matter of great importance to get this question of the reduction of Members settled before the next general election, so that the new Parliament may be elected upon whatever basis may be agreed, and may continue its labours to the end of its course without being distracted by questions of its own organic reform.

7. For these reasons they will at once introduce a measure which has been mentioned in a previous message from the Throne, and refer the whole question to a direct vote of both male and female voters in such a form as to allow the most definite, and, at the same time, most free, expression of popular opinion, both as to whether there should be any reduction and as to its extent.

8. Arrangements will be made for taking this vote during the Senatorial Elections in December next; and if the decision be in favour of a reduction of Members, a short Session of Parliament will be held immediately for the purpose of giving effect to the popular decision in a Legislative enactment. By this means the question will be finally dealt with and determined before the expiry of the present Parliament, and the inconveniences, uncertainties, and delays which would be a necessary consequence of leaving the question open at the next general election will be entirely avoided.

9. I rejoice that I am able to congratulate you upon the break-up of the most severe drought which has ever scourged this State. The courage, resourcefulness, and success with which this unexampled devastation has been met, furnishes a most convincing demonstration of the natural wealth of New South Wales, and of the elasticity of its resources.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. Some persons have used the occasion of our passing difficulties to speak in grossly exaggerated terms of the state of our Finances, and have thus (whether they intended this result or not) depreciated the credit of the State. It is, accordingly, with great pleasure that I find myself able to announce that the financial position of the State is thoroughly sound, and that every effort is being, and will continue to be made, to keep Expenditure within Revenue, and to use no more Loan moneys than are required for the reasonable and provident development of our natural resources. Estimates of Expenditure will be submitted to you, framed upon the lines of strictest economy.

11. My Advisers considered it to be their duty to make use of every means at their disposal to counteract the drought. They accordingly, with this end in view, have freely initiated reproductive works, in order that the Government might be able to provide that employment which private employers were, temporarily, unable to offer; and they have also deliberately sacrificed, for a time, a large portion of the Public Revenue, because they knew that its exaction would have ruined many settlers, and seriously prejudiced the best interests of the country. My Advisers feel confident that their action in these respects will meet with your approval.

12. In the execution of this policy, the Railway Commissioners, by direction of my Advisers, carried starving stock and fodder at greatly reduced rates. If these concessions had not been made, an additional amount would have been received into Revenue between July 1st, 1902, and May 31st, 1903, of £200,000. There has also been a falling off in general traffic, independently of these concessions, which represents a diminution of £357,000 in the Railway Receipts. The Commissioners further calculate that they have been compelled, in consequence of the drought, to increase their expenditure during the first eleven months of the current year by £100,000, of which no less a sum than £40,000 was for the haulage of water to places where the supply had failed.

13. There is also a sum of £215,509 now outstanding, and due to the Crown through the Department of Lands, in respect of various tenancies and holdings, most of which will be paid after the next season. There has also been a loss of Land Revenue, through reappraisements, of £87,950.

14. I feel it to be a matter for great congratulation that the Revenue should, under these adverse circumstances, have exceeded anticipations. I am happy also to be able to inform you that my Advisers will be able, by judicious economies, to meet all the obligations of Government without an increase of taxation.

15. The total loan expenditure since 1st September, 1899, has been £17,075,947. Of this sum, £2,784,812 was applied towards the repayment of old loans, and was therefore no addition to our indebtedness; while £2,956,017 was spent in the payment for land resumed about the Rocks and Darling Harbour. Of the balance employed in public works, £2,096,500 was spent in the carrying out of works entered upon by previous Administrations; and a further sum of £2,405,748 was expended by the Railway Commissioners, upon their assurance that this was required (in addition to the sum of £652,600, which has also been spent by them since 1st September, 1899, in respect of liabilities entered upon prior to the date named) in order to insure the profitable and safe working of our Railway System. My Advisers had no direct control over the expenditure for the repayment of old loans, or for the redemption of outstanding liabilities, or for the expenditure by the Railway Commissioners. These three items amount to £7,287,060. The balance, namely, £9,788,887, represents the loan moneys for the expenditure of which Ministers who have held office since 1st September, 1899, may be fairly held to be directly responsible. This has been spent for the most part upon reproductive works, and has been the means of carrying people of the State over a period of unexampled distress. My Advisers claim that these facts show that they have managed the expenditure from loans, under circumstances of exceptional difficulty, with caution and courage. The money market is not at present favourable to further borrowing, but my Advisers recognise that Railways already expressly sanctioned by Parliament ought to be carried out when the opportunity offers.

HONORABLE

16th June, 1903.

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

16. The necessity for a better and more systematic method of dealing with neglected children is becoming every year more apparent. A Bill dealing with this matter, which has already passed the Legislative Council, will, with certain minor amendments, be pressed forward into law.

17. While no reduction will be made in the weekly sum now allowed by the State as an Old-Age Pension, nor any increase in the age at which an applicant is entitled to receive the same, a measure will be brought forward, at the earliest possible date, to so amend the administration of the Act as to abolish the abuses which now hamper its operation, and thus effect very large economies.

18. An amending Land Bill, dealing with the Eastern and Central Divisions, will be immediately submitted for your consideration; and you will also be invited to pass into law a Bill dealing with the Travelling Stock Routes.

19. A Bill to amend the Water and Sewerage Act will be introduced at an early date.

20. Among the chief measures which will be submitted to you will be one for the amendment of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, one for making provision for the Compensation of Workmen for accidents in the course of their employment, one for more effectually protecting the funds of Industrial Unions from the legal consequences of the decision of the House of Lords in what is known as the Taff Vale Case, and one for the amendment and consolidation of the Liquor Laws.

21. Your earnest attention will be invited to a measure of Local Government, which should prove a powerful instrument of economy and political reform, by giving to the residents of country districts a direct control over the expenditure of public money without increasing the burden of their taxation. Legislation will be also introduced to extend the powers of the Sydney Municipal Council.

22. My Advisers will also ask for your approval of certain acts of administration during the recess:

- (i) The Commissioners who were sent to Europe and America to inquire into matters connected with Education have returned to the State, and have their report nearly completed. A copy of it will be laid upon the Table of each House at the earliest opportunity.
- (ii) An understanding has been arrived at with the neighbouring States of Victoria and South Australia upon the long-standing and much vexed question of the rival claims of irrigation and navigation to the use of the waters of the River Murray, and a provisional agreement has been come to upon this question which will be laid before you.
- (iii) Representations have been made for some time past with great urgency and pertinacity by the representatives of three Sydney daily newspapers, to revive, in one form or another, the arrangements by which newspapers were carried free upon the Railways, at the expense of the taxpayers of this State. My advisers, however, feeling that all subsidies of this sort ought to be abolished, did not see their way to recommend Parliament to make any appropriation for this purpose. They have also refused to grant to the proprietors of newspapers any special concessions in connection with the use of the Railways which other members of the public do not enjoy; and have determined that, in future, newspaper proprietors shall pay a fair commercial equivalent, as directed by the By-laws of the Railway Commissioners, viz., one-quarter of the ordinary parcels rate, for the carriage of the commodities which they desire to sell. It is expected that this alteration of policy will meet with general approbation.

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

Mr. Quinn then moved, and Mr. Fegan seconded, the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dight, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Richards, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Mr.

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16th June, 1903.

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

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Address in Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph and inserting instead thereof the following paragraph:—

"We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1903.

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

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

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

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

“ Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“ Frank Farnell, Esquire,

“ William John Ferguson, Esquire,

“ James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,

“ Hugh Macdonald, Esquire,

William Millard, Esquire,

Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire,

Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, and

Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire,—

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

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

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,  
“ Speaker.”

2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate factories, bake-houses, laundries, dye-works, shops, restaurants, and hotels, and the work carried on therein or in connection therewith; to regulate employment and wages in certain trades; to extend the liability of employers; and for purposes consequent upon, or incidental to, those objects.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 17th June, 1903.

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

3. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*) :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.  
Question put and passed.

17th June, 1903.

4. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order—Formal Motion*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.

Question put and passed.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

"We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE, 1903.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Deputy Auditor-General under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902,—

(a) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Public Works Revenue, Miscellaneous, Schedule, 1902-3," to supplement the Vote "Police Department, Contingencies, 1902-3."

(b) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Public Works Revenue Vote (Railway and Tramway Construction), Miscellaneous, Schedule, 1902-3," to supplement the Vote "Police Department, Contingencies, 1902-3."

(c) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Compensation for land resumed for Roads under Public Roads Act of 1897."

(d) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Mines, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "School of Mines and Assay Works."

(e) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Items "Newspapers, Books, &c." and "Burial of Destitute Persons, &c.," to supplement the Item "Freight, Insurance, &c."

(f) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands, Salaries," to supplement the Vote "Survey of Lands, Contingencies."

(g) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Government Printer," to supplement the Items "To pay Municipal Rates on Government Buildings"; "To pay interest on uninvested cash balances at the credit of various Trust and other accounts in the temporary possession of the Government"; "To meet unforeseen expenses to be hereafter accounted for."

(h) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Item "Refund of Fees paid for licenses issued under the Liquor Act, &c." (Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice), to supplement the Item "To pay Officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, who may be granted extended leave of absence prior to retirement, a lump sum in lieu of such leave."

(i) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Towards purchase of sites for and improvement of Public Parks, &c.," to supplement the Vote "Department of Lands, Contingencies."

(j) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Item "For expenses of inquiries under Commissions Act, 44 Vic. No. 1, and Inquiries under the Crimes Act, 1900, section 468" (Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice) to supplement the Item "District Court, Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

James Alexander Hogue, Esquire,  
Sydney James Law, Esquire,  
Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire,  
James Francis Smith, Esquire, and  
Philip Hurley Sullivan, Esquire,

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

3. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

(1.) By Mr. Burgess,—From James Rintoul, Chairman of a meeting of the "Star of Young" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Young.

(2.) By Mr. Broughton,—From Charles A. Cowcher, Chairman of a meeting of the "Prince Edward of Wales" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Bennett,—From E. Crowfoot, Chairman of a meeting of the "Excelsior Lodge" of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Clarence Town.

Petitions received.

18th June, 1903.

## 4. PAPERS:—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.
  - (2.) Regulations relating to Leases for tramways, building, machinery, and residence areas for mining purposes.
  - (3.) Further Report of the Inspector of Collieries on Maryland Colliery with reference to surface subsidence.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

## (1.) Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal-mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.*

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

## (2.) Stock Stealing Prevention Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent the stealing of stock, hides, and skins; to regulate the sales of the same; to regulate the slaughtering of stock; to amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.*

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

## (3.) Fruit Cases Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the size of cases used in the sale of fruit; and for other purposes connected therewith.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.*

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

## (4.) Fertilizers Adulteration Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the manufacture and sale and prevent the adulteration of fertilizers.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.*

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

## (5.) Dairy Industry Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the production, manufacture, storage, sale, export, import, and disposal of dairy produce, and of margarine, and other similar substances.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.*

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

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## (6.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th June, 1903.

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

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

"We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1903.

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

FRANCHISE FOR INMATES OF GOVERNMENT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from inmates of the Government Asylum for the Indigent, Aged, and Infirm, George-street, Parramatta, representing that they are disfranchised by being compelled, under force of circumstances, to seek shelter in a Government charitable institution, and praying that the full rights of citizenship may be extended to them.  
Petition received.

2. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC ABATTOIR FROM GLEBE ISLAND:—Mr. Law presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales, protesting against the proposed removal of the Abattoir from Glebe Island to Homebush, and praying the House to reject the proposal of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Petition received.

3. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—  
(1.) By Mr. E. M. Clark,—From Geo. W. Whalley, C.T., Chairman of a meeting of the "National Prohibition" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at North Sydney.  
(2.) By Mr. Nielsen,—From James H. Gillett, Chairman of a meeting of the "Excelsior" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Murrumburrah.  
(3.) By Mr. Mackenzie,—From V. G. Williams, Chairman, and Wm. H. Tomkins, Secretary of the Canterbury Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.  
Petitions received.

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

(1.) Reasons for granting extended leave of absence to Mr. T. L. Bates, Inspector of Collieries.  
(2.) Report of the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1902.  
(3.) Code of Signals under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.  
(4.) Proclamations and Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901.  
(5.) Proclamations and Regulations under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.  
(6.) Regulation under the Commons Regulation Act, 1898.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Perry, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON.

Message No. 28.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the attendance and efficient instruction of children at school, the certification of efficient schools, and the registration of children; to establish truant schools; for these purposes to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; and for purposes incidental to and consequent upon these objects.

State Government House,

Sydney, 20th June, 1903.

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

23rd June, 1903.

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

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

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

“ We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 5.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1903.

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

**LIQUOR BILL** :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing ; (2) extension of the local option law ; (3) liquor sold in clubs ; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons ; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By Mr. Thomson,—From certain residents of Camden Haven and surrounding districts.
  - (2.) By Mr. Thomson,—From William Wrigley, Chairman of a meeting of the "McLaughlan" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Taree.
  - (3.) By Mr. Edden,—From Jacob Brown, Chairman of a meeting of the "Rising Sun" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Adamstown.
  - (4.) By Mr. Edden,—From Jason Price, Chairman of a meeting of the New Lambton Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.
  - (5.) By Mr. Brunker,—From R. B. Bowes, Chairman of a meeting of the "Snowdrop" Lodge, No. 91, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and members of the Methodist Band of Hope at East Maitland.
  - (6.) By Mr. Hawthorne,—From J. A. Baus, Chairman of a meeting of the "Phoenix" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Leichhardt.
- Petitions received.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the completion of the Rushcutter's Bay Low-level Sewerage, Elizabeth Bay Sewer (branch thereto), Brown-street Branch, Evans-road Branch, Glenmore-road Branch, and Pymont Low-level Sewerage (east side, Second Division).
- (2.) Report of the completion of the Marrickville Valley Stormwater Channels :—Western Channel, Branch through Railway Grounds ; Central Channel, Belmore Railway Grounds Branch ; Branch from Channel to Pump-well ; Eastern Channel, First Division—Bridge-street Branch ; Eastern Channel, Second Division—Grove-street Branch ; Railway Parade Branch ; Edinburgh-road Branch.
- (3.) Report of the completion of the following Pipe Sewers, viz. :—Homebush-road, Albert-road, Homebush and Redmyre-road, Vernon-street, Carrington-avenue, The Boulevarde, and Albyn-road, situate in the Borough of Strathfield.
- (4.) Report of the completion of the Balmain, Annandale, and Leichhardt Low-level Drainage :—Looke-street to Stephen-street Sewer, Cooper-street Branch, First Division ; Second Division—Abattoir-road Branch, Mansfield-street Branch, Buchanan-street Branch, Gordon-street Branch, Denison-street Branch, Booth's Mill Branch, Adolphus-street Branch, Edward-street Branch, Waterview-street Branch, Duke-street Branch, Simmons-street Branch, Darling-street Branch.
- (5.) Report of the completion of the Domain, Woolloomooloo, and Circular Quay (west side) Stormwater Drainage ; Double Bay Stormwater Channel Extension, Outlet End ; Druiitt-street Stormwater Channel ; Washington-street Stormwater Channel ; White's Creek Stormwater Channel, Lower Section ; Easton Park Stormwater Channel Extension to Rozelle Bay Outlet, Gordon-street Branch ; Pipe-drain to White's Creek Stormwater Channel, near Piper-street ; Easton Park Stormwater Channel, Burt-street Branch Extension ; Randwick-road Stormwater Channel, Branch thereto ; North Botany Stormwater Channel ; Manly Sewerage, Fairy Bower Stormwater Channel ; Shell Cove Stormwater Channel ; Manly Sewerage, Raglan-street Stormwater Channel ; Norton-street Branch ; Johnstone's Creek Stormwater Channel, Outlet End Branch ; Lillie Bridge Branch.

(6.)

24th June, 1903.

(6.) Report of the completion of the Long Cove Creek Stormwater Drainage—Daniel-street Branch; and Extension from Battle Bridge to Marion-street; Long Cove Creek Stormwater Channel—Grove-street Branch; Iron Cove Creek Stormwater Channel, Park-road Extension; Stanmore-road Stormwater Channel—Frederick-street Overflow; Homebush Creek Stormwater Channel—Wonga-street Extension.

(7.) Report of the completion of the Marrickville Low-level Drainage.

(8.) Report of the completion of the Rockdale Sewage Farm.

(9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ballina, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887.

(10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Blayney under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(11.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Picton under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(12.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Bourke under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tumut, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887.

(14.) Regulations under the Water Rights Act, 1902.

(15.) Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1902,—“Sleepers for Railway Construction.”

(16.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

“We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE, 1903, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE, 1903.

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

## COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, 17th June, 1903, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was, therefore, open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Acting Clerk, in accordance with the 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—Henry Clarke, Esquire, Frank Farnell, Esquire, Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire, and William John Ferguson, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Acting Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the following Members,—

(1.) By Mr. Daley,—From John A. Hunter, Chairman of a meeting of the "Lifeboat" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at the Seaman's Institute, Sydney.

(2.) By Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,—From Jas. W. Adams, Chairman of a meeting of the "Hope of Narrandera" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Narrandera.

(3.) By Mr. Broughton,—From William H. Hewitt, Chairman of a meeting of the "Pioneer" Lodge, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney.

(4.) By Mr. Broughton,—From John Forsyth, Chairman of a meeting of Citizens of Sydney held in the School of Arts Lecture Hall.

(5.) By Mr. T. H. Griffith,—From A. Hicks, Chairman of a meeting of the "Never Despair" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Mullengandra.

Petitions received.

3. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from John Dwyer, Chairman of a public meeting of the Unemployed and others, setting forth that they represent a body of 5,000 men—tradesmen, mechanics, and labourers—unable to obtain employment, and on the verge of starvation; complaining of the character of the work offered to them by the Government; suggesting that other work should be provided, and that speedy remedies for their condition may be devised; and praying the House to take the facts stated into consideration, and provide some means whereby Petitioners may be relieved.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Diversion of Lavender Creek, Murwillumbah South.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its suburbs.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the supply of Water to the Town of Ballina.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the formation of Approaches to a Bridge over the Hunter River, at Luskintyre.

(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Approaches to Nelson's Plains Punt.

(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water at Grenfell, in connection with the Koorawatha to Grenfell Railway.

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- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Lowering of Grade in connection with the Broken Hill Tramway.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the erection of a Caretaker's Residence in connection with the Bridge over the Wilson River at Telegraph Point.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Water Supply at Lockhart, in connection with The Rock to Green's Gunyah Railway.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of an Artesian Well on R. A. Weber's Homestead Selection, parish of Ulumbie, county of Baradine.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of an Artesian Well at Come-by-Chance.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Dam across the Cataract River, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Conservation of Water in the Gwydir River District.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water at Coolbaggie, Gilgandra, and Coonamble, in connection with the Dubbo to Coonamble Railway.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of an Artesian Well near Collarendabri.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water at Gular, in connection with the Dubbo to Coonamble Railway.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for supply of Water to the Town of Ballina.
- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erection of Bridge over the Richmond River at Coraki.
- (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erection of Railway Station in the vicinity of the Tweed River.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

*" To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight  
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" We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

" We desire respectfully to inform your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Disorder :* During the progress of the Debate the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, crossed the Chamber, and committed a personal assault upon the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, Mr. Broughton.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker named Mr. Norton, as guilty of interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House.

Sir John See moved, That Mr. Norton, the Honorable Member for Northumberland, having been named by Mr. Speaker as guilty of interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House, is guilty of contempt.

Mr. Norton was heard in explanation, and withdrew.

Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John See then moved, That the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, having committed a great disorder by assaulting the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, Mr. Broughton, in the Chamber, and the Honorable Member having been named by Mr. Speaker, and been called upon for an explanation, and the Honorable Member thereupon having explained his conduct, this House is of opinion that his suspension from the service of the House for the remainder of this sitting will be sufficient for the offence committed; and that the Honorable Member, Mr. Norton, be suspended accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And



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And Mr. Norton having attended in his place, by direction of Mr. Speaker, the decision of the House was communicated to him by Mr. Speaker, when the Honorable Member thanked the House for the lenient way in which it had dealt with the matter, and withdrew.

Mr. Speaker then named the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, Mr. Broughton, for interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House by the use of language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

Sir John See moved, That Mr. Broughton, the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, having been named by Mr. Speaker as guilty of interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the House, is guilty of contempt.

Mr. Broughton was heard in explanation, and having apologised to the House for the words used, withdrew.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-King Division, Mr. Broughton, having apologised to the House for his contempt, the House is willing to accept his apology.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Price submitted that as the Honorable Member had been adjudged guilty of contempt, the only motion that could be entertained was one for the suspension of the Honorable Member.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he thought it to be within the province of the House to order what punishment it thought fit in matters of this kind; he therefore ruled the motion in order.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 58.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Sir John See,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Price,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kidd,		Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Holman.	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carruthers,		Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. David Storey,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Morton,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Richards,		Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Sleath,
Dr. Ross,		Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Daley,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,		Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Macdonell,		Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Moore,		Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Power,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Hogue,		Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Law,		Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Latimer,		Mr. Quinn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,		Mr. Young,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Howarth,		Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Scobie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Willis proceeding to move, That, for the contempt of which he has been adjudged guilty, Mr. Broughton be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the sitting,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Garland submitted that it would not be in order to move as proposed the question of the punishment following upon the House having adjudged the Honorable Member guilty of contempt was submitted by a definite motion to which any relevant amendment was possible, no amendment was moved and the House had pronounced judgment.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he had given a hasty opinion that a second motion could be moved, but, after hearing argument, he thought he was wrong—the original motion not having been amended and the House having negatived the original motion, that settled the question.

The Debate on the Question before the House was then resumed.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1903.

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

**LIQUOR BILL** :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing ; (2) extension of the local option law ; (3) liquor sold in clubs ; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons ; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By Mr. Haynes,—From Ada Hanton, Chairman of a meeting of the "Hope of Wellington" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Wellington.
  - (2.) By Mr. Coleman,—From W. T. Brewer, Chairman of a meeting of the "Hope of Bexhill" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Bexhill.
  - (3.) By Mr. Frank Farnell,—From L. R. Croaker, Chairman of a meeting of the "Happy Home" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Drummoyne.
  - (4.) By Mr. Meagher,—From Charles H. Hair, Chairman of a meeting of the "Pride of Mullumbimby" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Mullumbimby.
  - (5.) By Mr. Meagher,—From K. M. Lennan, Chairman of a meeting of the "Star of the East" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Byron Bay.
  - (6.) By Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Winchcombe,—From W. J. Green, Chairman of a meeting of the "Hope of Ashfield" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Ashfield.
  - (7.) By Mr. Price,—From A. A. McIntyre, Chairman of a meeting of the "Banner of Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Stroud.
- Petitions received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional By-law under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, respecting Low-level Sewerage Works.
  - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts.
  - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of works for Defence Purposes, near Colah Railway Station.
  - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Sewerage Works for Newcastle and Suburbs.
  - (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of an Artesian Well on C. D. Caton's conditional lease, parish of Esperance, county of Clyde.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901, respecting the Prevention of Lead Poisoning.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust for the year 1902.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 66, 129, 232, and 233, also Amended Forms Nos. 18 and 43, under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (3.) Amended Regulation No. 213 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (4.) Amended Regulation No. 215 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (5.) Amended Regulation No. 258 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (6.) Additional Regulation No. 210A, Amended Regulation No. 335, and Additional Form No. 94, under the Crown Lands Acts.

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- (7.) Additional Regulation No. 314A under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (8.) Amended Regulation No. 180 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (9.) Timber and Quarry Regulations under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (10.) Amended Form No. 40A under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (11.) Amended Forms Nos. 74 and 91 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (12.) Amended Form No. 43 under the Crown Lands Acts.
- (13.) Regulations and Forms under the Crown Lands Acts, and the Appraisement Act, 1902.
- (14.) Regulations and Forms under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (15.) Amended Regulation No. 20 under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (16.) Regulations and Forms under the Advances to Settlers Acts.
- (17.) Additional Regulation No. 29 under the Blockholders Act, 1901.
- (18.) Additional Form No. 5 under the Blockholders Act, 1901.
- (19.) Amended Regulation No. 40 under the Rabbit Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, and Patrick Edward Quinn, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Acting Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Quinn, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Acting Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

"We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY, 1903, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fegan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 8.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY, 1903.

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

## GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from the Very Reverend Michael Slattery, acting for the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, representing that the "Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill," which was introduced into this House last Session, and referred to a Select Committee, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave be given to proceed with the said Bill this Session,—

And the 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the said Petitioner being entertained,—

Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Ashton then moved,—

(1.) That the Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Dick, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

(1.) By Mr. McFarlane,—From A. McPhee, junior, Chairman of a meeting of the "Record Reign" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at King's Creek.

(2.) By Mr. Moxham,—From Ocic Hughes, Chairman of a meeting of the "Evening Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Parramatta.

(3.) By Mr. Perry,—From Charles J. Costello, Chairman of a meeting of the "Path of Safety" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at McLean's Ridges, Richmond River.

(4.) By Mr. Haynes,—From E. M. Broom, Chairman of a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Wellington.

(5.) By Mr. Haynes,—From C. Ward Harrison, President of the "Methodist Band of Hope" Society, at Wellington.

Petitions received.

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

(1.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1902.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1902.

(3.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1902.

(4.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year 1902.

(5.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1902.

(6.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for the year 1902.

(7.) Report of the Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for the year 1902.

(8.) Report of the Superintendent of the Carpenterian Reformatory for the year 1902.

(9.) Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1902.

(10.) Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon" for the year ended 30th April, 1903.

(11.) Regulation under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.

(12.) Amended Regulation under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.

(13.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(14.) Amended By-law of the University of Sydney.

(15.) Additional By-law under the Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899.

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(16.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School purposes at Pearson, Cullendore, Federal Park, Bald Nob, Gum Holes, Central Macdonald, Strathmore, McDonald's Creek, Baker's Creek, Belmore River (Upper), Waddi South, Calvert, Bunaloo, Mulla Creek, Bagawa, Mogong, Acacia Creek, Shaking Bog, Yarrandale, North Belmore, Swan Peak, Midway (Rock Vale), Thyra, Pelaw Main, Stanford Merthyr, and Connorgie.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Graving Dock at the Port of Newcastle.  
(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Breakwater at Bermagui.  
(3.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Hunter River Flood Prevention.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—James Alexander Hogue, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

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Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

Upon which Mr. Carruthers had moved, That the Address-in-Reply be amended by leaving out the second paragraph, and inserting instead thereof the following words,—

"We desire respectfully to inform Your Excellency that this House does not repose confidence in your present advisers, especially in view of their evasive and inconsistent attitude on the question of reduction of Members, and in view also of their general mismanagement of public affairs."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 JULY, 1903, A.M.

Mr. Kelly moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Aycs, 53.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Power,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Anderson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 51.

Mr. Rose,	Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Moxham,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Bruker,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Millard,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Cehen,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Dick,	

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Quinn,
Sir John See,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. McLaurin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. M'Farlane,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Rose,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Coleman,	
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Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
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Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Wood,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original Question continued.

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

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

7. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House will, on its next Sitting Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.
8. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House will, on its next Sitting Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Question put and passed.
9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Crick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Dight, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Holman, Mr. Moore, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. LIBRARY COMMITTEE :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wright, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Arthur Griffith, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
Question put and passed.
11. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Levien, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Archer, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
12. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Willis, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Millard, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Davis, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the

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duty of such Committee to report, from time to time, which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the name "Mr. Willis" and inserting the name "Mr. Phillips" instead thereof.

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

Question,—That the name proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question,—

(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Gormly, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Millard, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Davis, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure and Estimates of Ways and Means), which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report, from time to time, which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.

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

—put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising, this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Seven o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday* next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 JULY, 1903.

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

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Assembly proceeded to State Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session,—  
And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

State Government House, Sydney, 7 July, 1903.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—

I thank you for the loyal expressions contained in the Address you have now presented to me.

I am very pleased to know that I can rely with confidence on your earnest consideration of the several important measures to be submitted to you, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Nielsen*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any reciprocity arrangement in connection with the Old-age Pension Act been made with the State of Victoria, as promised by the Colonial Treasurer in answer to Question asked by *Mr. Nielsen* on 2nd July, 1902?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that a similar promise was given on 13th August, 1902, by the Colonial Treasurer of Victoria, in reply to a Question asked by *Mr. Tucker*, M.P., of that State?

(3.) In view of the fact that twelve months have now elapsed since these promises were made, will he see that no further delay occurs in making the necessary arrangement in connection with this matter?

(4.) Was the necessity for such an arrangement brought before the Premiers' Conference?

(5.) If so, what decision was arrived at?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—No reciprocity arrangement with Victoria has yet been entered into, but the terms of a proposed agreement have been submitted by the Central Board for Old-age Pensions and will be forwarded for the consideration of the Victorian Government without delay. The matter was not discussed at the Premiers' Conference.

(2.) Police Force:—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the number of cases of burglary, assaults, robbery with violence, and other crimes, will he take steps to increase the number of police in the city, suburbs, and country towns?

(2.) Is he aware that the police have to patrol large districts in the suburbs and country towns?

(3.) Will he consider the desirability of arranging for police patrols of two constables, instead of one man, in the suburbs and outlying places?

(4.) Will he be good enough to obtain a report from the Inspector-General of Police on this subject?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies:—

(1.) The strength of the police in the Metropolitan District is being constantly increased, and an addition will be proposed on the Estimates for the current year.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The duty is so arranged when deemed advisable.

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- (3.) Vendors of Duty Stamps :—*Mr. Price*, for *Mr. Macdonald*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that certain licensed vendors of revenue duty stamps are endeavouring to secure a monopoly of the sale of these stamps by giving to purchasers a bonus of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. on the face value of the stamps purchased, being half of the commission allowed by the Government for the sale thereof?
  - (2.) As this practice may be unfair to the honest vendors and distributors (who sell at the full face value of the stamp), and likely to seriously interfere with the revenue derived from this source, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter?
  - (3.) As not only the vendor and purchaser, but other persons, may be involved in transactions of this kind, will he endeavour to put a stop to the practice, either by cancellation of license or the enactment of a penalising regulation such as applies to the sale of postage stamps by licensed vendors?
  - (4.) As the bonus system above referred to is an inducement to purchasers not to purchase direct from the Government, will he say what amount of revenue would be involved at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. on the total amount received from the sale of these stamps?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) No.
  - (2.) No. There is no necessity for any such inquiry, as the revenue does not suffer any loss.
  - (3.) No.
  - (4.) As the value of the stamps sold under the arrangements said to exist is not known, this Question cannot be answered.
- (4.) Tank at Grogan :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a tank or dam has been made at Grogan?
  - (2.) Was it completed according to specification, and whether by contract or day labour?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that in the first instance tenders were called for to complete this tank or dam?
  - (4.) How many tenders were sent in; were any of them accepted; what was the amount of the lowest tender; and who was the tenderer?
  - (5.) What was the size of the tank specified to be tendered for; and what is the size of it, as executed by day labour?
  - (6.) If a tender was accepted, and afterwards cancelled, for this tank at Grogan, was the contractor paid or promised compensation, and how much?
  - (7.) Who superintended the work; was he an officer of the Department, or was he put on to superintend it, and how much did he receive for his supervision per day; and what was the total sum paid to him?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a tank.
- (2.) Yes. Work was carried out by day labour, and completed satisfactorily.
- (3.) Tenders were not called for this work.
- (4.) Tenders were not invited.
- (5.) Size of tank constructed was 10,248 cubic yards.
- (6.) No tender was accepted.
- (7.) Superintended by officer of Department (local Road Superintendent), who did this in conjunction with his other duties, with ganger in charge of the work, who was paid a wage of 9s. per day. Total sum paid ganger, £50 17s.

- (5.) Vendors of Duty Stamps :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that persons licensed to sell revenue stamps are allowed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. commission?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the smaller vendor is being compelled to relinquish the sale of stamps on account of large firms canvassing for the sale of stamps, and dividing the commission with the buyers?
  - (3.) Is this not a loss of revenue to the Department, as many of these large buyers of stamps would have to get them direct from the Revenue Office?
  - (4.) Will he see that licensed vendors are not allowed to canvass for the sale of stamps, or divide commission, and bring the sale of revenue stamps under the same conditions as apply to the sale of postage stamps?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No. If the stamps were purchased direct from the Department, the commission could be obtained under the regulations.
- (4.) No. There is no necessity to take such action.

- (6.) Land and Income Tax Returns :—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the clerical mistakes made by a large number of importers in their Customs entries, will he have their Land and Income Tax returns carefully examined to see if any clerical mistakes have been made in them?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—All land and income tax returns are, and always have been, carefully examined for any clerical or other mistakes that might be made in them.

- (7.) Influx of Criminals :—*Mr. Price* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of criminals, when liberated from prisons in the adjoining States, gravitate to New South Wales?
  - (2.) Has attention been directed to this subject by the Inspector-General of Police, or by the Judges; if so, is it the intention of the Government to take steps to prevent the influx of criminals from other States, the United Kingdom, and other countries?

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- (3.) Is there any statute in existence in New South Wales to prevent the influx of criminals; if not, will he take steps to pass into law an Act on the lines of that in operation in the other States?
- (4.) If he considers this an urgent matter, will he be good enough to expedite the passing of an Act dealing with the influx of criminals?

Sir John See answered,—There is no corresponding legislation to the Influx of Criminals Prevention Act in force in Victoria, which, no doubt, has some effect in influencing the criminal class in coming to this State. My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, informs me that a Bill to deal with this matter is now being prepared under his direction.

- (8.) Priority of Call of Ministers in the House :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a ruling given by Mr. Speaker and the Chairman of Committees, during the last Session of Parliament, to the effect that in the event of a Minister and private Member rising to speak that the Minister is entitled to be called first, although the private Member rose before the Minister?
- (2.) Is he aware that this practice is not that adopted in the British House of Commons?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to take steps for the passing of a new Standing Order, so as to bring the practice of this Parliament into conformity with the British House of Commons in such cases?
- (4.) Is he aware that the practice of giving priority of call is only adopted in the case of the leader of the House in the British Parliament?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) There is no record of any such ruling having been given during the last Session, but it is, and always has been, the practice to call a Minister when he rises to speak.
- (2, 3, and 4.) I have no means of ascertaining what the practice is in the House of Commons.

- (9.) Street Loiterers :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that considerable inconvenience is experienced by the public in consequence of idle and undesirable persons congregating at street corners in the city?
- (2.) Has any report been received, or representations made, on this subject by the Inspector-General of Police; if not, will he cause an inquiry and report to be made by that officer?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the present law does not confer sufficient power upon the police to deal with such cases; if so, will he take steps to expedite the passing of an Act to deal with such cases?

Sir John See answered,—The subject has been repeatedly under consideration for many years past, and a Bill dealing therewith (Disorderly Conduct Suppressor Bill, 1892) was submitted to Parliament. If found impracticable to abate the nuisance under the authority of municipal by-law, it would doubtless be desirable to deal with the difficulty by legislation.

- (10.) Gambling Houses :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the existence of a large number of Chinese and European gambling-places in this State?
- (2.) Is it possible to induce the police to take systematic action to close such places; what is the reason that only spasmodic action is taken and occasional raids made?
- (3.) Is the Statute law adequate to deal with such places; if not, will he be good enough to pass an Act dealing with gambling and betting places?
- (4.) Has his attention been directed to the reports of the Salvation Army and the records of the Police Court, in which it is stated that opium dens and gambling-places are very numerous in this State, and that a large number of children and young girls are ruined in consequence of the existence of such places?
- (5.) Will he call for a report from the Police Department on the subject, and arrange for special police officers being detailed for dealing with the question, the officers so detailed to be relieved from other duties, and instructions issued to them to devote the whole of their time and energies to this special work?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Proceedings are not taken spasmodically; evidence is collected to warrant proceedings from time to time.
- (3.) The law is adequate to meet the offence, but there are difficulties in its enforcement. The infliction of fines, however, is not thought to be a sufficient deterrent.
- (4.) Such statements have been made, and have been reported upon.
- (5.) Special officers are detailed, who devote a great portion of their time to such duties. The matter receives the careful attention of the Superintendent of Police and other officers which its importance demands.

- (11.) Police and Detective Departments :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that considerable rivalry exists between the Police and Detective branches of the Police Force?
- (2.) Have cases been reported to the police, and has such information been withheld from the Detective Force for some time; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter?
- (3.) Is he aware that the majority of the Detective Force are well known to the criminal classes; if so, is not this calculated to defeat the ends of justice?
- (4.) How many cases of crime have been reported to the Police or Detective Forces for the years 1891-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9, 1900, 1901, 2, and 3, and in how many cases have arrests been made; also, what number of reported crimes or offences have remained without any arrests being made during the years named?
- (5.) Will he take steps to bring the efficiency of the Detective Force up to the standard of other countries; and will he have a report prepared or appoint a Commission to inquire into this question?

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- Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies :—
- (1.) Beyond a healthy emulative rivalry, no such feeling is known to exist.
  - (2.) The Superintendent of Detectives has no knowledge of any such suppression of information.
  - (3.) Certainly, as they are known to criminals in all places where employed, which is by no means a disadvantage.
  - (4.) It would take a considerable time to prepare this information, which would, however, be misleading, as the arrest and conviction of one offender usually accounts for the perpetrator of many offences.
  - (5.) No effort is spared to promote the efficiency of the limited Detective Force in the Metropolis.
- (12.) Objections to Formal Motions :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that, during the last few Sessions of Parliament, the practice existed of Ministers of the Crown and the Government whip objecting to motions for leave to introduce bills being taken as formal motions ; if so, has the practice complained of caused congestion of the Business Paper and delayed Parliamentary work ?
  - (2.) Will he be good enough to take steps for the alteration of the practice so as to facilitate Parliamentary work ?
- Sir John See answered,—Standing Order No. 127 provides for the course to be taken in regard to "Formal Business," and it is open to any Member of the House to object to business which he thinks should not be taken formally.
- (13.) Tramway and Railway Employees :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the minimum rate of wages paid to tramway and railway employees ?
  - (2.) Have such employees to perform any preliminary duties without pay ?
  - (3.) What course is pursued in connection with promotions to such employees ?
  - (4.) What is the minimum rate paid to temporary employees in the Railway and Tramway Service ?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The minimum wage for adults on the Permanent Staff is 6s., 6s. 6d., and 7s. per day according to the nature of the duties. There are a few junior porters and shop boys, turned 21 years of age, who remain at the maximum of 5s. and 5s. 6d. per day until vacancies arise in higher grades.
  - (2.) Applicants for positions of tramway conductors are expected to make themselves conversant with their duties before employment. This usually takes about two days.
  - (3.) Promotions are made, having due regard to efficiency, good conduct, and service.
  - (4.) Adult temporary labourers are paid from 6s. to 7s. per day.
- (14.) Police Force :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the minimum rate of wages paid in the Police Force ?
  - (2.) Have police officers to perform any preliminary duties without pay ?
  - (3.) What course is pursued in connection with promotions of police officers ?
  - (4.) Have promotions recently been made over the heads of officers with greater length of service than those so promoted ?
- Sir John See answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector-General of Police :—
- (1.) Probationary constables, 6s. per diem for first year of service, with uniform and quarters, or 1s. per diem extra if not provided with the latter.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3.) The recommendations of Superintendents in charge of districts are considered by the Inspector-General, who authorises the promotion of such as have the strongest claims on account of service, conduct, and efficiency.
  - (4.) Yes, when the seniors from age or other reasons were not considered eligible for the position.
- (15.) Maintenance of "Orient" Sailors in Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the cost of maintaining the "Orient" sailors recently sent to Darlinghurst Gaol ?
  - (2.) Does the Orient Company contribute anything towards the revenue for the maintenance of those men ?
  - (3.) Is it customary to send sailors and firemen to gaol when they complain of the rations being unfit for consumption ?
  - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the depositions in this case ?
- Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies :—
- (1.) Cost of maintenance—Supervision per diem for twenty-seven men, £1 9s. 3d. ; clothing (washing) per diem, 2s. 3d. ; rations per diem, 6s. 7d. Total per diem, £1 18s. 1d.
  - (2.) The Orient Company contributes nothing towards the maintenance of these men.
  - (3.) Seamen and firemen from the mercantile navy have not been sent to Darlinghurst Gaol for complaining as to the quality of rations issued to them on board ship, but have been committed to gaol for refusing to obey lawful commands, or for deserting from the ship. The firemen of the "Orita" are detained at Darlinghurst for refusing to obey orders.
  - (4.) A copy will be laid upon the Table.
- (16.) Case of John Sexton and Sergeant Hogg :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers and depositions in connection with a case, tried at Newtown, between John Sexton and Sergeant Hogg ?
- Sir John See answered,—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, informs me that there are no papers in his Department in connection with this matter other than the depositions, which relate to a charge of using obscene language, and are not such as should be tabled in this House. There is, however, no objection to the Honorable Member seeing them at the Department.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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(17.) Steam Tram Motors :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) The number of steam motors that have been withdrawn from service since the establishment of the electric trams?

(2.) What does the Tramway Department intend to do with the steam motors that have been withdrawn from service?

(3.) Is it intended to place them on light lines in country districts?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) On 8th December, 1899, when the George and Harris Streets electric line was opened for traffic, there was a maximum of ninety-nine steam motors in traffic on special occasions. At the present time the maximum number used is thirty-five.

(2.) Although withdrawn from daily service, it is necessary to have motors available for holiday traffic on the city lines, while others have been sent to the tram lines at Newcastle, Broken Hill, Baukham Hills, Ashfield—Enfield—Mortlake, Sans Souci, and Manly. A number have also become worn out, and replaced by electric stock.

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(18.) Metropolitan Traffic Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount of revenue derived annually under the provisions of the Metropolitan Traffic Act of 1900?

(2.) For what purpose and in what manner is the revenue so collected appropriated or expended; or does it go into the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

(3.) The number of officers and officials employed under this Act, and the amount of salaries or wages expended annually in the working of the Traffic Department?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

(1.) Revenue for 1902, £2,412 2s.

(2.) Paid to Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(3.) Seventy-seven; £11,763.

(19.) Registration of Firms Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of firms that have been registered under the new Registration of Firms Act up to the 1st July?

(2.) The amount of fees received from the same?

(3.) How are the fees that have been collected under the Act to be disposed of, and for what purpose?

Sir John See answered,—The Registrar-General has furnished me with the following information :—

(1.) The number of registrations to 1st July, exclusive of a large number of statements received by post which have not yet been entered, is 6,912.

(2.) £1,800 16s.

(3.) All fees received are paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(20.) Electric and Steam Trams :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What, if any, is the difference in the cost of running electric trams compared with the motor or steam trams?

(2.) The number of men employed on electric trams compared with steam trams?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) It is impossible at the present time to make any reliable comparison between the cost of running electric trams and steam trams in the manner it appears to be desired by the Honorable Member. The service now rendered by the electric trams is far more extensive and convenient than was the steam tram service, and it is not anticipated that there will be any considerable economy in the total cost of working; but the benefit will be to the general public, who will have a better and cheaper service.

(2.) The number of men engaged when the trams were worked by steam and cable was 1,586, as compared with 4,016 at the end of the financial year 1902.

(21.) Coal-lumpers Baskets Act :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the Coal-lumpers Baskets Act is being evaded by the increase in the size of baskets used for carrying coal and metal?

(2.) Will he have inquiries instituted, with a view of prosecuting the owners of over-sized baskets?

(3.) Will he appoint a permanent inspector under this Act to prevent the evasion thereof?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The coal-lumper who "knowingly carries" as well as the person who causes the basket to be used is liable to a penalty. Complaints of non-observance of the Act may be made to the Water Police, and it is competent to any member of the public to lay an information.

(3.) The Act makes no provision for such an appointment.

(22.) Road Vote :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total unexpended balance of the Scheduled Road Vote for the present year in each road district respectively?

(2.) What is the value of the road contracts now in hand, in each road district respectively, that should have been paid for out of this year's Vote, but which will have to be charged for in next year's Vote?

Mr. Negan answered,—As this information will take some time to compile by reason of a reference having to be made to the various Road Superintendents of the State, it can be better furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

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(23.) Mr. R. R. P. Hickson :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. R. R. P. Hickson, President of the Harbour Trust, was engaged by the South Australian Government in 1875 for seven years as Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Jetties?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, owing to the erection of the Wallaroo Jetty in shallow water, the entire Department was dismissed in June, 1880?
- (3.) In consequence of that action being considered a mistake, was Mr. Hickson's claim for compensation refused by Treasurer Mann?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Hickson tried to put the blame on District-Engineer Mann; and did he, Mann, clear himself by producing Hickson's written instructions?
- (5.) If proofs of the foregoing are given, will he suspend Mr. Hickson pending an inquiry?

*Sir John See* answered,—Mr. Hickson has furnished the replies to Questions 1 to 4 :—

- (1.) I was engaged by the South Australian Government in 1875 as Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Jetties, but not for any fixed period, it being left to the Government or myself to terminate the engagement at any time.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No; on the contrary, Mr. Treasurer Mann recommended compensation on the abolition of my office, which, however, was not paid as I was not so entitled under my engagement.
- (4.) I have no recollection of any officer of that name working under me, nor have I ever endeavoured to pass on to others the responsibility attached to my actions in South Australia or elsewhere.
- (5.) No; the Sydney Harbour Trust Act provides how and for what offences a Commissioner may be suspended. Mr. Hickson has a record of twenty-two years' honorable service under the Government of New South Wales, and all the circumstances connected with his employment in South Australia were known to the Government of this State at the date of his appointment.

(24.) Divorce Court Building, Sydney :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the complaints made by His Honor Mr. Justice Walker, in open Court, sitting in Divorce jurisdiction, in his Court at the top of King-street, on Wednesday, 24th June, when His Honor said: "The Court is supposed to be a palace of justice. It is only a shed—wood and tin. It is a miserable place. It is only fit for a stable. It is like an ice-cellar in winter and a baker's oven in summer"; also similar complaints made by Counsel practising in the Court?
- (2.) If such complaints be valid, will the Government take such steps as will make the building habitable?

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

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter will be referred to the Public Works Department.

(25.) Appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to appoint more Stipendiary Magistrates in order to expedite public business in the lower Courts?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that a Bill authorising the appointment of an additional Stipendiary Magistrate is ready for introduction when the state of public business permits.

(26.) Tramcars :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When is it the intention of the Tramway Authorities to replace the present bogie combination, or Thow tramcar, with the Strathfield car?
- (2.) Has the manufacture of these Thow cars been discontinued as promised; if so, how long?
- (3.) In view of the few Strathfield cars in use, compared with the others, will the Railway Commissioners give this matter their early attention?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed it is not intended to discontinue the use of the bogie combination cars, which are rendering good service.
- (2 and 3.) All recent cars which have been built are of the side door type, and there are now 216 in traffic.

(27.) Parcels Post Department, Castlereagh-street :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to Question asked by Mr. Whiddon on 2nd July, 1902, has he received any communication from the Federal Postal Authorities, intimating when they intend to give proper accommodation in the Parcels Post Department at the Post Office, Castlereagh-street?
- (2.) If it be a fact that the public using this office are daily exposed to serious inconvenience, delay, and annoyance owing to want of proper facilities, will he make a further request, if necessary?

*Sir John See* answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the replies furnished by the Federal Government to the Questions asked by him on the 2nd July, 1902, and which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 30th of the same month.

(28.) Superintendents and Inspectors of Police :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of Superintendents and Inspectors of Police, with the respective ages, salaries, rent and equipment allowances, and dates upon which each was gazetted as a full Superintendent or Inspector respectively?
- (2.) The names of Superintendents and Inspectors entitled by age and service to retire under the provisions of the Police Regulation Act?

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- (3.) The names of Superintendents and Inspectors who have applied or are willing to retire?
- (4.) The names of Superintendents and Inspectors who have received promotion or increases in salaries during the past two years, and the amount of such increases?
- (5.) The names of Superintendents and Inspectors who were senior on their grade and were passed over, and thereby received less salary than those Superintendents or Inspectors who were previously junior to them?
- (6.) The reasons, if any, why these promotions or increases were not given to the senior officers in each grade in their turn?

Sir John See answered.—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (29.) Assistant Inspector-General of Police :—Mr. Holman asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is the official title of Mr. Garvin "Assistant Inspector-General of Police"?
  - (2.) Does the Police Act provide for the appointment of such an officer?
  - (3.) Will it be necessary for the Chief of the Force to personally inspect the country districts?
  - (4.) If so, does he intend, during the present Session, to amend the Act so as to provide a proper status for the present officer, and permanently for the appointment of an Assistant or Deputy Inspector-General of Police?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes; *vide* section 4, Police Regulation Act.
  - (3.) It is part of the duty of the Inspector-General.
  - (4.) Not necessary, the present arrangement not being a permanent one.
- (30.) Child Murder near Sandgate :—Mr. Estell asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Did Mr. G. C. Martin (District Coroner at Newcastle) hold a Magisterial inquiry, on the 15th instant, on a child about three months old, found on the railway line near Sandgate, wrapped as a parcel, with a stone fixed about the body?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the infant was alive when found, but subsequently died; and that, though the whole of the facts and evidence adduced pointed to wilful murder on the part of some person or persons, the Coroner simply found what was practically an open verdict?
  - (3.) Will he bring the matter under the notice of the Crown Law authorities with a view to ascertaining why the proper inquest was dispensed with, and whether, under the circumstances, the Coroner had power to dispose of this most serious case by a simple Magisterial investigation?
  - (4.) Will he, notwithstanding the Coroner's finding, at once cause the police to be specially instructed in the matter, and also, if needed, substantially increase the reward for the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the murder of the child?

Sir John See answered.—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, informs me that the papers in connection with this matter have come under his notice, and that he has taken action in regard to it. He considers that an inquest should have been held, in place of a magisterial inquiry; but the failure to do so will not prevent the police from instituting criminal proceedings, if further evidence justifying their doing so should be discovered.

- (31.) Street Loiterers :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been frequently called to the very great nuisance in our busy streets of loiterers on the pavements, especially at street corners; if so, is it his intention during the present Session to do something to minimise this increasing nuisance in the busy thoroughfares of the city?

Sir John See answered.—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to a somewhat similar Question (No. 9) asked by the Honorable Member for Gloucester.

- (32.) Crown-street Tram :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In view of the difference in the present 1d. section of the Crown-street tram from Cleveland-street to Oxford-street, compared with other 1d. sections, will he confer with the Tramway Authorities as to whether some concession cannot be made, either by reducing the fare to 1d. for the whole route, or giving the residents of Moore Park and Redfern the advantage they used to enjoy by having the Crown-street tram running to Dowling-street?
  - (2.) If, as represented, the present Cleveland-street tram does not serve the people who wish to visit Oxford-street, owing to the difference in route, will he ask the authorities to consider the fairness of making some provision to meet this difficulty in connection with the Crown street line?
  - (3.) As complaints have frequently been made by the Tram Authorities that the Crown-street tram does not pay, will he give the concession asked for by the residents of Dowling-street, Redfern, and other parts, so as to make the trams pay better, by reason of better accommodation to persons who have at present to use omnibuses?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I have referred the matter to the Railway Commissioners, who cannot see their way to make any alteration in the fares or sections.
  - (2.) The cross traffic referred to is limited, and it would be unprofitable to extend the Crown-street tram to provide for it.
  - (3.) It is not considered that the alteration proposed would financially benefit the trams.
- (33.) Expulsion of J. McGowan from Parramatta Asylum :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named J. McGowan has recently been expelled from the Parramatta Asylum by order of Mr. Hanson?
  - (2.) If so, what were the reasons for his expulsion?
  - (3.) Has this case come before the Police Court?
  - (4.) Will he have any objection to lay the whole of the papers upon the Table of this House?

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Sir John See answered,—The Director of the Government Asylums has furnished the following replies :—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Medical Officer certified that McGowan was able to perform light work in the Asylum ; he was called upon to assist ; he absolutely refused to do any work ; he defied my authority, and was accordingly discharged.
- (3 and 4.) No. I desire to add that this man has been an inmate of four asylums for the infirm, and, in the interests of discipline, and for the comfort of the respectable and law-abiding patients, I have been compelled to remove him from each owing to his violence, defiance of authority, and generally objectionable conduct. McGowan is 43 years of age.

(34.) School-house at Cataract Dam :—*Mr. Sullivan*, for *Mr. Burgess*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the reason of the delay in the erection of a school-house at Cataract Dam ?
- (2.) Is he aware that there are a large number of children there who are in need of education ?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have a school-house erected and a teacher provided without further delay ?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) The only delay has been the time necessary to erect a building.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Steps have already been taken and the building is on the point of completion. A teacher will be appointed to commence duty on Monday next.

(35.) Furnishings for the Governor-General's Establishment at Sydney :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the inquiry, by either the Public Service Board or his Department, into certain irregularities in connection with the purchase of furnishings, silver, &c., by the Colonial Secretary's Department for the Governor-General's establishment at Sydney ?

*Sir John See* answered,—An inquiry is now being held, but no report has been furnished yet.

(36.) Sale of Old Bricks from Site of new Railway Station :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the value received for bricks from the buildings demolished on the site of the new Sydney station ; who was the purchaser of same ; and was the sale conducted privately or by auction ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—This information has to be collected from several sources and can be more readily furnished in the shape of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(37.) Rebate on Income Tax Returns :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Whiddon*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of rebate claimed in connection with the income tax returns up to 9th June of this year, as against the returns furnished for 1902 ?
- (2.) What amount of rebate has been paid up to date ?
- (3.) What amount of rebate remains unpaid up to date ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—All taxpayers have two years within which to make their claims for refunds of income under section 53 of the Taxation Act, and consequently the information asked for by the Honorable Member would be of little use for purposes of comparison at this date. Generally speaking, while some taxpayers show less income for the year ended 31st December, 1902, than they did for the preceding year, others show a greater income, and the revenue has not fallen off ; on the contrary, the returns as a whole showed a better result than for the preceding year, and a much greater revenue has been collected.

(38.) Day Labour :—*Mr. Broughton*, for *Mr. Fallick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to allow the fate of the day-labour question to be decided on the result of the inquiry now being held by the Public Service Board ; or is it his intention to submit the whole matter to a Royal Commission ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—I am not aware that there is any intention to abolish the construction of works by day labour when they can be carried out under this system with benefit to the State.

(39.) Police Superannuation Fund :—*Mr. Cann*, for *Mr. Hollis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Police Superannuation Fund, as created by Act 25 Vic. No. 16, January, 1862, will he state,—

- (1.) At end of first year of its existence, what was the amount standing to credit of fund ?
- (2.) During the same period, what was the total amount of expenditure from the fund ?
- (3.) During the same period, what was respectively—(a) number of persons who received pensions ; (b) age of each ; (c) rank ; (d) length of service ; (e) amount of each pension ?
- (4.) During same period, what was respectively—(a) total amount of gratuities paid ; (b) number of persons who received gratuities ; (c) age of each ; (d) rank ; (e) length of service ; (f) amount of each gratuity ?
- (5.) Since establishment of fund, up to 1st January, 1903, (a) how many men died, or (b) were killed or became incapacitated from injuries received or sustained whilst in the execution of their duty ?
- (6.) Since establishment of fund up to 1st January, 1903, what has been the total amount paid as pensions ?
- (7.) To whom were these pensions or gratuities paid, showing (a) name ; (b) amount given to each ?
- (8.) For year ending 31st December, 1902, what was the total amount of income and expenditure from all sources ?

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(9.) How many pensioners are there now on the fund, showing also amount paid to each person yearly?

(10.) How many widows, children, or other relatives are now obtaining assistance from Police Superannuation Fund, showing also yearly amount paid to each person?

Sir John See answered,—As it will take some considerable time to obtain the information asked for, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way. I will expedite the production of the return. I may add that substantially the whole of the information has been laid before Parliament in the Annual Statement from the Treasury of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

(40.) Salaries and Wages of Railway Employees—Increments to Officials of Water and Sewerage Board :—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) During the current financial year, is it a fact that one branch of the Government Service, the Railway Department, has refused to grant to their employees the increases of wages as specified in *Government Gazette* to employees receiving under 5s. per day, and also to employees in the Wages Staff who receive over 7s. per day, and employees in the Clerical Branch receiving over £130 per annum?

(2.) During the same period, is it a fact that another branch of the Government Service, the Metropolitan Board for Water and Sewerage, has granted increments to highly-paid officials?

(3.) Was he advised by the Railway Commissioners that no provision for classification increases had been made in this current year's Estimates?

(4.) If the increments were granted to highly-paid officials of the Water and Sewerage Board, were they provided for in this current year's Estimates?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners deal with such matters as from the 1st January and July. All classification advances were granted by the Commissioners in July last; but in dealing with the question of advances in January last, a modified arrangement was adopted in regard to juniors. The Wages Staff in receipt of 7s. per day and over, and Salaried Staff in receipt of £120 per annum and over, were not granted advances in view of the serious effect of the drought on the financial position.

(2.) Certain increments were granted and paid up to the end of April last, but the Treasury officials contend that, pending a specific vote of the House, the amounts so paid should be refunded.

(3.) No.

(4.) A portion of a sum of money voted on the Additional Estimates, under the heading of Contingencies, was devoted by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage to payment of increments, but exception was taken by the Treasury officials to the course adopted, and payment of the increments has been stopped.

(41.) Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital :—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the scope of the inquiry now proceeding with respect to the new buildings at Prince Alfred Hospital?

(2.) Was the opinion of the Attorney-General sought before the Public Service Board proceeded in the inquiry?

(3.) If so, what were the questions submitted to him, and what were his answers?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) The inquiry is in regard to the alleged excessive cost of work carried out in connection with new buildings at the Prince Alfred Hospital.

(2 and 3.) The opinion of the Attorney-General was sought; but as the case is *sub judice* it is not desirable to place any papers upon the Table of this House in relation thereto until the inquiry is completed, after which all the papers will be laid upon the Table. I may add that a full and complete inquiry will be made in connection with the whole affair.

(42.) Expenditure on Roads, Bridges, &c. :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount expended in each electorate from the 1st July, 1902, to the 31st March 1903, on roads, bridges, and public watering-places?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—Approximately £491,642.

(43.) Late outbreak of Typhoid at Coonamble :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state, for the information of this House, the amount of public money which was expended during the late epidemic or outbreak of typhoid at Coonamble?

(2.) Did any of the medical officers of the Department of Public Health visit Coonamble to report on the typhoid epidemic; if so, has he received any report on the matter?

(3.) Is it a fact that *Dr. Ross*, some months since, applied to be furnished with a copy of the report; if so, for what reason was a copy of the report declined?

(4.) Will he cause a copy of the report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

(5.) Did any medical officer of the Department of Public Health visit other districts during the drought to inspect and report on an outbreak of typhoid; if so, will he furnish a list of the districts that were visited, and the nature of such reports?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) I will presently lay upon the Table the report on the epidemic of typhoid fever at Coonamble. It contains a statement of the amount of public money expended in connection with the outbreak.

(3.) The application was made before the facts had been ascertained, otherwise the request could have been complied with.

(5.) Reports on outbreaks at other places have been made, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as they have been completed.

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(44.) Mortality of Horses in Molong District :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that a number of valuable horses have lately died in the Molong District from some unknown disease; if so, has he received any report on the matter, and the nature of such report; if not, will he cause inquiries to be made in the matter?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The Inspector of Stock at Molong reports death of a few horses in his district from diseases of an Enzootic nature; not infectious or contagious.

(45.) Women's Franchise :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Whiddon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total number of women, so far as it can be ascertained, qualified to vote in this State under the new Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act?

(2.) How many of these have registered their votes?

(3.) When will arrangements be completed so that, in the event of necessity, women can exercise their franchise?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer has furnished the following information :—

(1.) About 315,000.

(2.) The lists collected by the police, which are unrevised, contain 286,032 names.

(3.) Within three months.

(46.) Contract for Water Tank near Peak Hill :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders were called for and accepted for the finishing of a tank for water near Peak Hill?

(2.) Is it a fact the contractor actually began the work; if so, what was the contractor's name, and what was the amount of his contract?

(3.) Is it a fact that after the acceptance of the tender it was cancelled and ultimately completed by day labour; and who superintended the work while it was being proceeded with, and what was his pay per diem?

(4.) What was the cost of the said tank when it was completed?

(5.) Was any compensation paid to the contractor for the cancellation of his contract?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Tenders were called and accepted for a tank near Binalong.

(2.) Yes. Charles Guy, at £92 11s. 3d.

(3.) Yes. G. Lesmond was appointed as foreman at 10s. per day.

(4.) £260; but it must not be forgotten that the tender accepted was for a tank of 1,900 yards, whereas that carried out by day labour measured 2,500 yards, and that whilst the contractor would have used scoops for excavating and only employed a few men, the Department, in execution of the work by day labour, utilised the services of horses, drays and carters, and thus afforded the local unemployed a chance of obtaining work. The tank was practically carried out for relief purposes.

(5.) Yes, £25.

(47.) Revenue from Weirs :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many of the weirs constructed across rivers or creeks, by the present Minister's authority, are paying anything towards the cost of the outlay in their construction?

(2.) Which are the weirs that are paying anything, and what is the charge made, if any?

(3.) If none are paying any fee or tax, is it his intention to impose a charge under the Water and Drainage Act passed last Session, and will the charge be made as starting from some time past or some future date; if the latter, when?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1 and 2.) No revenue is as yet being returned.

(3.) There is no power contained in the Water and Drainage Act to bring the weirs constructed under section 5 under the terms of the Trust provision of section 6 of that Act. Steps are being taken to bring some of the weirs constructed previous to the passing of that Act under the Trust provisions—the charges to start from formation of Trust.

(48.) Hotels in "The Rocks" Resumed Area :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many buildings were occupied as hotels or public-houses on what is known as the "Rocks" resumption when the said land and buildings were resumed?

(2.) How many hotels or public-houses are licensed at the present day on the said resumed property?

(3.) On what tenure are the licenses held at present for the properties on the said resumed area; and if the licenses are not now reduced to the number suggested by the Premier some time ago, when are they likely to be reduced to that number?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Thirty.

(2.) Thirty.

(3.) Some on weekly tenancies and others on leases varying from one to five years, according to their position. No reduction has been made in the number up to now, and in dealing with the question of reduction each case will be considered on its merits.

(49.) The Attorney-General's recent visit to England :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—During his recent visit to England, did the Honorable B. R. Wise, Attorney-General, appear on behalf of the Government in an appeal case before the Privy Council; did Mr. Wise go to England specially for this purpose; was his passage paid out of the Consolidated Revenue; and did he receive any special payment for having appeared before the Privy Council?

Sir John See answered,—Mr. Wise appeared before the Privy Council in the case of *Simpson v. Walker*, as the case involved the interpretation of the local Civil Service Act. He was retained by Messrs. Light and Galbraith, at the usual fee to a leader, in place of an English counsel less acquainted with local legislature. Mr. Wise paid his own expenses.

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(50.) Cartage of Metal around Sydney :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the fact, in connection with certain tenders for carting metal in and around the metropolis, that men who provide their own horse and dray are unable to earn 7s. per day, owing to the circumstance that the Public Works Department accepts tenders at ridiculously low rates after canvassing the several known contractors for such work?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—Carting, in most instances, is paid for at a daily rate of 10s. or 11s. These rates are regulated by the price of horse-feed, and admit of the carters earning 7s. a day for themselves. Occasionally, carting is done by picce-work, the price being based on the amount of work done by horses and carts employed at the daily rate. Tenders for this work are not invited.

(51.) Water Supply to Government Offices in Country Towns :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government has refused to pay water rates levied in several country towns on Government Offices, offering, instead, to pay ruling prices per 1,000 gallons for water used; and have the municipal councils in such towns been put to the task of cutting off supplies?

(2.) On what grounds does the Government claim exemption from payment of such water rates?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) The Government has refused to pay water rates levied in country towns on Government offices.

(2.) On legal opinion that the Government is exempt.

(52.) Export of Fruit to Victoria :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that though, under the Commonwealth tariff, border duties on fruit sent from New South Wales to Victoria have been abolished, the Victorian authorities still practically prohibit the entrance to their State of New South Wales citrus and other fruits by enforcing certain stringent regulations dealing with the introduction of infected products?

(2.) Does he know that, in consequence of the adoption of this policy, the Victorian market has been practically closed to the New South Wales grower of sound fruit who will not take the risk of sending his produce to the sister State?

(3.) Will he communicate with the Victorian authorities, and urge them to administer the law on this question with some sort of regard for the principle of inter-State free trade?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) There is an Act, in operation in Victoria, under which the sale of diseased fruits may be prohibited.

(2.) Fairly clean citrus fruits, if fumigated before shipment, are admitted into Victoria on certificate of fumigation from an inspector of the Department of Agriculture.

(3.) The matter is at present under my consideration.

(53.) Allowances to Honorary Ministers :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are any allowances made to Honorary Ministers for travelling and other expenses; and, if so, what is the amount paid from the time of the appointment of the gentlemen who now occupy those positions up to the present?

*Sir John See* answered,—No allowances are made from State funds to Honorary Ministers for travelling and other expenses.

(54.) Lighthouse near Catherine Hill Bay :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost of the new lighthouse now in course of construction in the vicinity of Catherine Hill Bay?

(2.) On whose recommendation is the lighthouse being erected?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

(1.) £18,400, including quarters, jetty, &c.

(2.) The sum of £18,000 was placed on the Loan Estimates, in 1899, by the Treasury, so presumably the work was suggested by the old Marine Board; my honorable colleague, the Treasurer, will, however, be able to state definitely if he is referred to.

(55.) Judges and Acting Judges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many permanently-appointed Judges does this State possess; their names, salaries, and allowances, giving the total?

(2.) How many Acting Judges did duty during the past financial year; their names, salaries, and allowances, giving the total?

*Sir John See* answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(56.) Auditing of Sydney Harbour Trust Books :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What payment was made to Mr. F. N. Yarwood for making the last audit of the books and accounts of the Harbour Trust; and was there not some difference of opinion between the Harbour Trust and Mr. Yarwood with regard to the validity of such charge?

(2.) Was the amount of remuneration demanded by Mr. Yarwood fully met; if not, what sum was paid?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am informed by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners that Mr. Yarwood's claim was for investigating and adjusting the accounts, and for re-writing the whole of the expenditure cash book and ledger, a sum of £825—a large portion of the work having to be done after the office hours, owing to the books being in daily use. £500 has been paid on account. There was no difference of opinion between the Commissioners and Mr. Yarwood with regard to the charge. I may add that the Auditor-General is now dealing with the matter. I have referred the matter to the Auditor-General for report, and later on I will give full particulars in connection with the case. This comes from one of the reform gentlemen. (57.)

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- (57.) Immigration of Criminals :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that, owing to the non-existence of legislation which will prevent the influx of undesirable people, this State is overrun with desperate criminals from the adjoining States?
  - (2.) Have the police any records which will indicate the number of known criminals who have entered this State during the past year from other States of the Union?
  - (3.) Is it intended to pass legislation of the character of that in force in Victoria, which will prove protective against the immigration of criminals from other States and countries?
- Sir John See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to a somewhat similar Question (No. 7) asked by the Honorable Member for Gloucester.
- (58.) Case of Simpson v. Walker :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Privy Council decision in the appeal in the case of Simpson v. Walker, can he say how many officers are affected, and what the total costs in the case have been to the Crown?
- Sir John See answered,—(1) The Actuary to the Public Service Board is at present engaged in ascertaining what officers are affected by the decision referred to, and the amount involved, but some little time must yet elapse before the information is available. (2) The matter is not yet completed, but, approximately, the total amount of costs to be paid by the Crown will be £630.
- (59.) The Auburn Murder :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total cost incurred in effecting the capture, bringing to trial, &c., of the men charged with the Auburn murder?
  - (2.) For what reason was Mr. C. E. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Blacket engaged to prosecute, and why was not the task undertaken by either Mr. B. R. Wise, the Attorney-General, or Mr. Pollock, the Solicitor-General?
  - (3.) What fees were paid Messrs. C. E. Pilcher and Blacket for their services in connection with this case?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) I am not in a position to furnish this information at present.
  - (2.) After the unwarranted attack of personal unfairness made by the advocate of the accused upon the Solicitor-General, in the presence of the jurors who were to try the case, Mr. Pollock considered that it would be more compatible with the interests of justice if he retired from the active prosecution of the trial.
  - (3.) The amount is not yet adjusted.
- (60.) Carriage of Newspapers :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the freight now charged for the carriage of newspapers in New South Wales is greater than that in any other State of the Commonwealth?
- Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the rates in Queensland are higher than in New South Wales.
- (61.) Federal Capital Site :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence (if any) between the Federal Government and the New South Wales State Government, during the past six months, relating to the site of the Federal Capital?
- Sir John See answered,—There is no record in the Chief Secretary's Office of any correspondence having taken place during the last six months between this and the Federal Government relating to the site of the Federal Capital.
- (62.) Conveyance of Starving Stock :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are unable, in many districts, to meet the demand for trucks to convey starving stock to pasture lands?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the Commissioners are in a position to meet all orders for trucks for the carriage of sheep, but there is still a little difficulty in meeting all demands for cattle trucks; the exceptional traffic in cattle removed from their ordinary pasturages through drought conditions, and now returning thereto, has not altogether abated. For ordinary purposes the stock of cattle trucks is sufficient.
- (63.) Perjury Cases during past Twelve Months :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many persons have been tried for perjury in our Courts during the past twelve months?
  - (2.) In how many of these cases have convictions been secured?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) Seventeen.
  - (2.) Nine.
- (64.) Tramway Extension to Potts' Point :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the report, recently prepared, with reference to a proposal to extend the electric tramway system from the top of William-street, along Victoria-street, to Potts' Point, returning *via* Macleay-street?
- Mr. Fegan answered,—There is no objection, if moved for in the usual way.
- (65.) Cost of new Central Railway Station :—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total amount expended up to 31st May in connection with the construction of the new Central Railway Station, including compensation for resumptions, removal of human remains, and all other services in relation to the said work?
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- (2.) What is now the estimated total cost of the works connected with erecting the station when finally completed ?  
 (3.) What was the original estimated cost ?  
 (4.) When does he expect to see the completion of the work ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—As considerable information will have to be collated to supply answers to some of these Questions, the Honorable Member should move for the production of a return embodying the particulars required, which will be laid upon the Table in the usual way.

(66.) Ferry Employees in Public Works Department :—*Mr. Price* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that officials employed in the Ferry Service are working twelve and more hours per day ?  
 (2.) Is the eight-hour service a rule of the Works Department ; if so, why has he departed from the eight-hours system in the case of ferry employees ?  
 (3.) Is it his intention to make the eight-hour system in the Works Department ; if not, will he be good enough to state why not ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) On ferries which return a fair revenue, or on which work is heavy, all men work eight hours per day, but on ferries where the annual loss is great, and men have little to do, the twenty-four hours is divided between two men. In these cases, if the hours were reduced, there would be no justification for paying them such high wages, viz., from 70s. to 56s. per week.  
 (2.) The eight-hour system is the general rule throughout the Service, being only departed from in very exceptional cases, such as the above.  
 (3.) Answered by No. 2.

(67.) Holidays of Maintenance Men :—*Mr. Price* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What arrangements have been made with regards to holidays of maintenance men, and on whose recommendation were such alterations made ?  
 (2.) What were the arrangements previously in force, and the reasons for the change ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

1. (a) By a recent Cabinet decision, maintenance men, and other temporary workmen employed by this Department, are now allowed the following holidays :—New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Easter Monday, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Eight Hours' Day (local fixture).  
 (b) This recommendation was made by the Board of Reference of the Department of Public Works. They are also allowed one week's leave per annum after two years' continuous service.  
 (2.) Prior to Cabinet decision referred to, maintenance men were allowed the above holidays, with exception of Eight Hours' Day ; also Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Prince of Wales' Birthday, and 1st August, and one week's recreation leave per annum after twelve months' continuous service.

(68.) Country School Buildings :—*Mr. Price* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the condition of a large proportion of the country schools is insanitary, the buildings dilapidated, the water supply insufficient, and the accommodation inadequate ?  
 (2.) Will he have reports called for from the District Inspectors, particularly Gloucester, and take steps to remedy the evils complained of ?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that such a description is applicable to even a small proportion ; but more money than is now available could be devoted to school improvements in various parts of the State.  
 (2.) The School Inspectors can be depended upon to furnish reports where necessary.

3. LIQUOR BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing ; (2) extension of the local option law ; (3) liquor sold in clubs ; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons ; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

- (1.) By *Mr. Law*,—From *W. E. Ricketts*, Chairman of a meeting of "We Hope to Prosper" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Rozelle, Balmain.  
 (2.) By *Mr. John Hurley* for *Mr. Millard*,—From *R. J. Hapgood*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Star of Friendship" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Tilba Tilba.  
 (3.) By *Mr. John Hurley* for *Mr. Millard*,—From *W. W. Boxsell*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Star of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Narooma.  
 (4.) By *Mr. Pyers*,—From *John Budgett, C.T.*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Lily of the North" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Broadwater.  
 (5.) By *Mr. Latimer*,—From *Leslie A. Light*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Herald of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Woollahra.  
 (6.) By *Mr. Price*,—From *John Robson*, Chairman of a public meeting at Williamtown.  
 (7.) By *Mr. Frank Farnell*,—From *May Benson*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Light of Ryde" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Ryde.  
 (8.) By *Mr. Price*,—From *H. Crouch, C.T.*, Chairman of a meeting of the "Evening Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Williamtown.  
 Petitions received.

4. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL :—*Mr. Quirk* presented a Petition from certain Citizens of New South Wales, objecting to the passing of certain clauses of the State Children's Bill on the ground of their injustice and cruelty, and that they interfere with the liberty and freedom of the posterity of the citizens of New South Wales ; suggesting certain amendments ; and praying that the Bill may not pass as framed, and that the amendments suggested may receive the earnest consideration of the House.  
 Petition received.

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## 5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Grade Improvements on the Great Northern Railway at Quirindi.
- (2.) Minute of the Governor-in-Council respecting the exemption of the Revenue and Receipts Accounts (only) of the Railways and Tramways from detailed audit by the Auditor-General, under Section 54 of the Audit Act, 1902.
- (3.) Regulations in respect of the Sanitary Area of White Cliffs under the Public Health Act, 1902.
- (4.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal Council of Aberdeen under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (5.) Report of the Central Board for Old-Age Pensions for the year 1901-2.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Mount Kembla Colliery Disaster, together with Minutes of Evidence and Exhibits.
- (2.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working and administration of the Government Docks and Workshops at Cockatoo Island, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
- (3.) Dormant Commission appointing the Chief Justice, or the Senior Judge for the time being of the Supreme Court, to be Administrator of the Government of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the event of the death, incapacity, or absence of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.
- (4.) By-law of the Borough of Murrumburrah.
- (5.) By-law of the Borough of Granville.
- (6.) By-law of the Borough of Wollongong.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Drummoyne.
- (8.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill.
- (9.) By-law of the Municipal District of Parkes.
- (10.) By-law of the Municipal District of Canterbury.
- (11.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.
- (12.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Maclean.
- (13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Coonamble.
- (14.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Katoomba.
- (15.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.
- (16.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tumut.
- (17.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Wickham.
- (18.) Amended Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1900.
- (19.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (20.) Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
- (21.) Regulations under the Registration of Firms Act, 1902.
- (22.) Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.
- (23.) Regulations under the Public Works Act, 1900.
- (24.) Bulletins "E" and "F" under the Census Act, 1901.
- (25.) Reasons for granting leave of absence to Mr. R. Thornton, Clerk, Agent-General's Office.
- (26.) Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the half-year ended 30th June, 1902.
- (27.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1901.
- (28.) Report of the Police Department for the year 1902.
- (29.) Report of the Department of the Agent-General for New South Wales for the year 1902.
- (30.) Report of the Director of Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1902.
- (31.) Reports by Board of Health respecting Ptomaine Poisoning.
- (32.) Return showing amounts received by the Sydney Harbour Trust for dredging at private wharves for year ended 30th June, 1902.
- (33.) Return on an Order, made on 18th November, 1902,—“Inebriates Asylum.”
- (34.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1902.
- (35.) Synopsis of Voting at the General Election, 3rd July, 1901.
- (36.) Report by the Assistant Medical Officer of the Government on outbreak of Typhoid Fever at Coonamble.
- (37.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ended 5th April, 1903.
- (38.) Twentieth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- (39.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board for the year ended 31st March, 1903.
- (40.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Lunacy under the Inebriates Act, 1900.
- (41.) Rules under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
- (42.) Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, forwarding copy of Order-in-Council respecting Treaty between Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and the Emperor of Austria for the mutual surrender of Fugitive Criminals.
- (43.) Rule of the Supreme Court in Lunacy.
- (44.) General Rules of the Supreme Court of 22nd December, 1902.
- (45.) Return (in part) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
- (46.) Report on Prisons for the year 1902.
- (47.) Annual Returns under the District Courts Act, 1901.
- (48.) Additional Regulation under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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7th July, 1903.

6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, according to section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nomination of  
 John Thomson, Esquire,  
 a Member of this House, for election and appointment as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee constituted by the Act above mentioned, in the place and stead of the Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, who has ceased to be a Member of such Committee.  
 Mr. Speaker also stated that it would be his duty to submit the name proposed to the House, and he would do so after the Formal Business was disposed of on Thursday next.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Cape Hawke Harbour Works.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 11th August.
9. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
 HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 29.*  
*Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901 ; and for other purposes.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 4th July, 1903.*  
 Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
10. OLD AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
 HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 30.*  
*Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Old age Pensions Act, 1900 ; to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons maintained at the public expense or by charitable institutions ; and for other purposes connected with such matters.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 7th July, 1903.*  
 Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
11. WOMEN'S FRANCHISE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
 HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 31.*  
*Governor.*  
 In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales in 1902, intituled "*An Act to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women ; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object,*"—has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.  
 His Majesty's assent to this Act was duly notified by Proclamation in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette*, dated the 4th day of July instant, No. 345.  
 His Excellency has transmitted the Bill for enrolment in the manner required by law.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 6th July, 1903.*
12. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Reserved Bill*) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—  
 HARRY H. RAWSON, *Message No. 32.*  
*Governor.*  
 In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales in 1902, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the enrolment of women electors, and the issue to them of electors' rights ; for their voting at the polls ; and to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902,*"—has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.  
 His Majesty's assent to this Act was duly notified by Proclamation in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette*, dated the 4th day of July instant, No. 345.  
 His Excellency has transmitted the Bill for enrolment in the manner required by law.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 6th July, 1903.*

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13. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Henry Cann, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Cann made his acknowledgments to the House.
14. PREFERENTIAL TRADE :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the recent cable message despatched, at the instance of the Government, by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, to the Home Government, affirming endorsement by the people of New South Wales of the preferential trade proposals of Mr. Chamberlain, is a misrepresentation of the public opinion of this State on the subject.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 4th August.
15. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, 1903.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Deputy Auditor-General, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902,—

- (a) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Master in Equity" to supplement the Vote "Coroners."  
 (b) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Church and School Lands, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Advances to Settlers Board, Contingencies."  
 (c) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Alignment Posts for Towns," "Purchase, Acquisition, &c., of Sites for Parks, &c.," "Purchase of Recreation Reserves between Lismore and Casino," "Refunds of 75 per cent. of royalty paid on Timber, &c.," "Trigonometrical Survey, Contingencies," "Labour Settlements," to supplement the Vote "Survey of Lands, Contingencies."  
 (d) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice" to supplement the Vote "Prothonotary and Divorce Court."  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Federal Stores:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the income of the Federal Stores for the past year?  
 (2.) What was the expenditure for same period?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) £5,132 14s. 4d.  
 (2.) £3,136 19s. 5d.

- (2.) Printing for the Electoral Office:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. McCoy*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the actual cost for printing annually for the Electoral Office in connection with the Electoral Act?

*Sir John See* answered,—The cost of printing, &c., for the past three years averaged—labour and material—£6,923 per annum.

- (3.) Relief Works in Yass Electorate:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount of money promised, granted, and paid for relief works in the Yass Electorate from the 1st July, 1902, to the 30th June, 1903?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—This can only be obtained from the local officer, and, therefore, it would be advisable for the Honorable Member to move for the usual return.

- (4.) Relief Works in Boorowa Electorate:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) What was the amount promised and granted for relief works in the Boorowa Electorate from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903?

- (2.) How much of the said money was expended in that electorate up to the 30th June last?  
 (3.) What was the total cost of the weir constructed over the river in that electorate; and are the people of Boorowa paying anything in the shape of interest on the money expended?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) A reference is required to local officer for this information. I, therefore, would urge the Honorable Member to move for a return in the usual way.  
 (3.) The total expenditure to date has been £1,173 2s. 1d. No interest is being paid by the people on the cost of this weir.

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- (5.) Relief Works in Queanbeyan Electorate :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total amount of money granted and paid for relief works in the Queanbeyan Electorate from the 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903?
  - (2.) Was any of the money granted for the above purpose unexpended on the 30th June, 1903; if so, how much; and will it be expended or written off?
  - (3.) What was the total cost of the weir constructed over the Queanbeyan River; are the people of Queanbeyan paying anything as interest on the cost of construction of such weir?
  - (4.) What was the total cost of the foot suspension bridge constructed over the Queanbeyan River?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) A reference is required to local officer for reply to this Question; therefore, it would be better for the Honorable Member to move for a return in the usual manner.
  - (3.) Total cost, £1,240 17s. 1d.; but no interest is being paid by the people on cost of this weir.
  - (4.) £516 4s. 11d.
- (6.) Dress of Female School-teachers :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the statement lately made by the Chief Inspector of Public Schools respecting the peculiar kind of dresses and array of jewellery worn by some female school-teachers?
  - (2.) If so, is it his intention to frame any regulation or take any action with the view of adopting some system by which all female school-teachers attached to Public Schools shall wear some plain dress or uniform after the fashion of hospital nurses?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) No.
- (7.) Specifications for Railway Sleepers :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are there any specifications in existence for the guidance of those in the habit of cutting railway sleepers; if so, what are the dimensions and the terms of the specification?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the Inspector of Sleepers has lately declined to pass sleepers (delivered at Meranburn railway station by sleeper-cutters) which have been cut in accordance with the specification supplied—viz., round back sleepers, 9 in. x 4½ in. and 8 feet long—the Inspector declining to pass any that do not show 5 inches red wood on the back and 4½ inches thick?
  - (3.) Will the Minister see that the sleeper-cutters are not made to suffer through any misleading specification being issued to them?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; the minimum dimensions accepted are 8 feet long by 9 inches wide. The sleepers may be round on the top, and must show a minimum of 3½ inches in depth of redwood at the sides, and there must be sufficient redwood to give, when adzed, a minimum thickness of 4 inches under the rail, and with that thickness a bearing for the rail of not less than 5 inches in length. Sleepers have been obtained in the district for years, and the cutters are well aware of the Department's requirements.
  - (2.) I am not aware.
  - (3.) I am assured that no misleading specification has been issued.
- (8.) Raising of Loans :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have all the loans authorised by the following Acts been placed on the market, or have Trust funds been used instead of borrowing: Act No. 42, 1899; Act No. 10, 1900; Act No. 60, 1900; Act No. 63, 1901; Act No. 94, 1902; and Act No. 108, 1902?
  - (2.) If placed on the market, how much has been raised on each Act, and at what rate, and on what conditions; and what was the net sum realised for each respectively, after deducting all expenses?
  - (3.) If any of them have been raised from Trust funds, what amount under each of the above Acts?
  - (4.) Have any sums been raised from loans or Treasury bills or Trust funds since 1st September, 1899; if so, under which Act, how much under each separate Act, and what was the net amount received after deducting all expenses?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The information will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.
- (9.) Amendment of Public Service Act :—*Mr. Broughton*, for *Mr. Cohen*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amending Public Service Act this Session?
- Sir John See* answered,—A Bill has been prepared, and will be introduced when the state of public business permits.
- (10.) Purchase of Seed Wheat :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What quantity of seed-wheat was purchased by his Department for distribution amongst distressed farmers, and what was the average price paid per bushel?
  - (2.) What quantity was distributed, and what was the average charge per bushel to the recipients?
  - (3.) Through whose agency was the seed purchased by the Government; and what amount, if any, in the shape of commission was paid?
  - (4.) If purchased by the Government direct, will he inform this House as to the names of the firms or individuals from whom the seed was obtained?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) 262,000 bushels were purchased, at an average price of 6s. 2½d. per bushel.
  - (2.) About 240,000 bushels distributed up to the present, at a charge of 6s. 3½d. per bushel.
  - (3.) Through no agency; no commission paid.
  - (4.) Seed-wheat was obtained from Messrs. W. R. Cave & Co., Adelaide; W. and A. McArthur Limited, Sydney; Jas. Bell & Co., Sydney; Drummond & Co., Lockhart; and Barnes and Stinson, Coolamon.

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(11.) Collection of State and Federal Rolls :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it intended that the police of this State shall collect concurrently the State and Federal electoral rolls?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the period of residence necessary to qualify in the case of a Federal elector is different to that which will qualify a citizen to vote in connection with State elections, and will not this circumstance cause the work of collection to be very materially increased?
- (3.) Will the Federal Government pay its modicum of the total cost of collecting the rolls?
- (4.) Will the Government see that the police who collect the Federal rolls are specially remunerated for the increased work thus thrust upon them?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes; instructions have been issued to collect the additional separate list of persons who are qualified for the Commonwealth, but not for the State.
- (2.) Yes; the term of residence under the Federal Electoral Act is six months in Australia, and that for this State a continuous period of one year. The work will be very materially increased.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes.

(12.) Athletic Sports Ground, adjoining Sydney Cricket Ground :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area has been granted to the newly-established sports club, of land adjoining the Cricket Association's Ground; on what terms has it been granted; and what is its estimated value?
- (2.) What amount has been granted, either by way of loan or gift, to enable the promoters to improve the ground?
- (3.) What are the names of the trustees charged with the management of the ground in question, and with the expenditure of the money granted?
- (4.) In view of the fact that there are in the immediate vicinity several sporting resorts similar to that now being brought into existence, is not the expenditure incurred in connection with this new ground unnecessary?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) An area of 7 acres 3 roods 32½ perches has been dedicated for Athletic Sports Ground in the locality referred to. A Deed of Grant has not issued. The capital value of the land has not been reported upon.
- (2.) £2,100, of which £1,500 has, however, been granted by way of loan.
- (3.) The trustees appointed for the land are Messrs. A. Edward, J. W. Turner, F. Bridges, R. Coombes, G. P. Barbour, G. A. Fowle, and A. J. Kelly, M.L.A.
- (4.) The land was dedicated largely as a Sports Ground for Schools, and it would not appear expedient to revoke the dedication.

(13.) Claim of B. S. Levick :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has a claim of £61 5s. been made upon the Government by one B. S. Levick, late clerk in charge of the Metropolitan Land Board Office, as compensation in lieu of leave of absence to which he was entitled?
- (2.) If so, is it intended to meet the claim; and, if not, why?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that a considerable number of officers have received monetary grants in lieu of leave?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Levick made a claim, but he was not legally entitled to the amount.
- (2.) No; because Parliament refused to vote further sums to meet such cases.
- (3.) Yes; as shown by the return laid upon the Table on 21st August, 1901.

(14.) Disposal of Receipts from Land Sales, 1902-3 :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In connection with the receipts from sales of land by auction (£114,507) for the financial year ended 30th June, will he be good enough to inform this House as follows :—(a) The total area so sold; (b) what proportion of same was (1) city; (2) suburban; and (3) country land?
- (2.) Has the whole of the purchase-money above referred to been used as Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) Total area sold, 40,093 acres 2 roods 36½ perches, comprising—Town lots, 358 acres 19¼ perches; suburban lots, 1,232 acres 1 rood 38¼ perches; and country lots, 38,503 acres 19 perches. It may be mentioned that the year's receipts from auction sales is not derivable entirely from lands sold during the year, and that the areas specified do not include lands bought after auction.
- (2.) All receipts from auction sales are carried to revenue.

(15.) Allowances to Employees on N.S.S. "Sobraon" :—Mr. Law asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the storekeeper and the second assistant-boatswain (now third officer), N.S.S. "Sobraon," are charged nothing for quarters, and have not been charged for same since 1st January 1901?
- (2.) Is it true that the remainder of the staff are still charged for quarters?
- (3.) Has any provision been made on the Estimates for remainder of the staff receiving the same privilege?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the staff of the "Sobraon" are charged £30 per annum for provisions, while the staff of other institutions (as per Section 153, Public Service Act, 1895, and Regulations) are charged only £10 per annum for provisions and fuel?
- (5.) Has any provision been made on the Estimates for reducing the charge to the "Sobraon" officials?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Under regrading of Public Service Board, both the storekeeper and second assistant-boatswain were relieved of deductions for quarters. They share a cabin with other members of the staff.
- (2.) Yes, with the exception of engineers.
- (3.) The question will be considered.
- (4.) The Superintendent is charged £60, clerk £15, others £30, with the exception of engineers.
- (5.) Consideration will be given to the matter.

(16.) Officers of the N.S.S. "Sobraon":—Mr. Law asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Dermody, of the N.S.S. "Sobraon," has been promoted from the position of second assistant-boatswain over the heads of the boatswain and first assistant-boatswain?
- (2.) On whose recommendation was Mr. Dermody promoted over his senior officers?
- (3.) On what grounds was Mr. Dermody promoted?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Officers Dermody and Pickett, as a result of instructions from Captain Mason, went to a private school at Woolwich, with flags and screens, on the 25th ultimo?
- (5.) Has Captain Mason authority to use such flags and screens and N.S.S. "Sobraon" officials during Government hours for the benefit of private people?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) It is not a fact that he has been promoted over the head of the boatswain, but he will rank in seniority immediately after that officer.
- (2.) On the recommendation of the Superintendent.
- (3.) On the grounds of his greater fitness for the duties of the new position of Third and Emergency Officer.
- (4 and 5.) Yes. The Superintendent reports that:—"It has always been the custom to oblige local residents with use of a few flags when such can be spared without inconvenience to the Institution, and the school in question is at water frontage, and within sight of 'Sobraon,' so that little or no time was spent by those delivering." I may add that I will take steps to prevent the loan of flags or other Government property to private individuals.

(17.) Constables in No. 11 Division:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that constables doing twenty-four hours duty, and night duty, attached to No. 11 Division, have to fall in in uniform for their pay at 1 o'clock when off duty; if so, is this rule enforced in other divisions?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that, as a rule, police parade for their pay in uniform, but exceptions are allowed regarding men who perform station duty, to which no objection would be made as regards No. 11 Division.

(18.) Royalties on Timber:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended for foresters, assistant foresters, forest guards, and other officials in collecting royalties in the following district for the years ending 1900-1, 1901-2, and 1902-3—for the district of Narrabri?
- (2.) The like information for the South Coast District?
- (3.) Similar information in connection with the New England District?
- (4.) The amount of revenue received in payment as royalties for the years ending 1900-1, 1901-2, and 1902-3, for the following districts:—(a) Narrabri; (b) South Coast; (c) New England?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for this information in the shape of a return.

(19.) Buildings and Workshops on Goat Island:—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number and description of the buildings erected on Goat Island, and by whose instructions?
- (2.) The cost of such buildings?
- (3.) The character of the workshops and machinery placed on Goat Island?
- (4.) The cost of such workshops and machinery?
- (5.) Is it a fact that similar works and facilities exist at Fitzroy Dock?
- (6.) Can the necessary work be executed at Fitzroy Dock; if so, is it contemplated to remove the unnecessary workshops and machinery to Fitzroy Dock?
- (7.) Would it be more economical to concentrate the machinery shops at Fitzroy Dock; if so, will he take steps to have the work so concentrated?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The Harbour Trust has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) Four (4) dwellings were erected by the Harbour Trust Commissioners on Goat Island for the Harbour-master and the men connected with the floating fire engine.
- (2.) £3,127.
- (3.) The workshops and machinery are of such a character as to enable the general repairs to the dredging and other plant under the control of the Harbour Trust to be effected.
- (4.) Workshops, approximately, £325 11s. 10d.; machinery, approximately, £761 2s. 1d.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6 and 7.) These workshops were erected as it was found the work done at Fitzroy Dock was very costly. In view, however, of the new arrangements which have been made for the management of the latter place, it has been decided by the Harbour Trust Commissioners to close the Goat Island workshops, and, as far as practicable, to have their repairs carried out at Fitzroy Dock. It may be mentioned that the workshops will be required as a depôt for coal and other stores in connection with the dredging plant of the Trust. A considerable portion of the machinery was handed over to the Trust at the time of the Darling Harbour resumption, and it will be sold, or transferred to the Fitzroy Dock, if required.

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(20.) Pymont Bridge :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the original estimate of the cost of Pymont Bridge?
- (2.) What amount has been expended upon the work, including all costs up to the date of its completion?
- (3.) Is any further expenditure proposed for decking, paving, or any other purpose; if so, what will such extras cost?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) Competitive designs were invited throughout the world, the preiated (steel) design being estimated to cost £295,600, whilst the Departmental design, on which bridge was actually built, was estimated to cost, with 70-foot swing span, £88,500, exclusive of land.
- (2.) £112,500, including extension of Sydney approach to meet the requirement of the Harbour Trust, and all other charges, exclusive of land.
- (3.) It is proposed to wood-block the entire floor, at an estimated cost of £4,000.

(21.) Contracts tendered for by Government Departments :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to include in the cost of constructing works tendered for by Fitzroy Dock, the Colonial Architect, or other Government Departments, the cost of supervision, official salaries, and all expenses entailed in the carrying out of such Government contracts?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—10 per cent. will be added to the cost of all work done at Fitzroy Dock to cover use of tools, supervision, &c.; but no decision has been arrived at with regard to tenders submitted by other branches of the Department.

(22.) Weighing Plants at Newcastle Collieries :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures last year visit Newcastle to test the weighing plant of any of the collieries?
- (2.) Did he make a report to the effect that the plant in certain cases gave results of about 60 lb. underweight per skip?
- (3.) Is there any objection to the production of the report in question?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) The Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures visited Newcastle last year, and tested the weighing machines at the collieries.
- (2.) He found variations in a few of the machines, some of which would be in favour of the miners, and others in favour of the mine-owners. The machines referred to were either at once repaired or replaced by new ones.
- (3.) No doubt, therefore, the production of the report will be unnecessary; but should the Honorable Member still desire it, it can be produced if moved for in the usual way.

(23.) Amendment of Fire Brigades Act :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to proceed this Session with the Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Act?

*Sir John See* answered,—Yes, if the honorable gentleman and his liberal reform friends will assist the Government in expediting public business.

(24.) Australian Agricultural Company's Land :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Australian Agricultural Company's land was placed under offer to the Reid, Lyne, and See Governments at 10s. per acre?
- (2.) Were reports prepared on the proposal by Mr. Chief Surveyor Allworth and other officers?
- (3.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, petitions, and other papers relating to the proposed purchase?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Chief Surveyor did make a report on the land.
- (3.) Section 3 of the Closer Settlement Act, No. 7, 1902, contemplates an offer which shall be binding on the owner of the land, and shall not be capable of withdrawal, except with the Minister's consent. No offer of this character was made in connection with what is known as the Australian Agricultural Company's Grant or the Port Stephens Estate, but correspondence was received from the Superintendent of the Company indicating that he had authorised Mr. A. E. Creer to treat with the Government for the sale within a period of six months. The Company was to be at full liberty to continue their arrangements for dealing with or disposing of portions of the estate, or timber or materials on it, on such terms as they might think fit. In the event of a sale eventuating, the Company asked to be allowed ample time to remove their herd of cattle from the estate, and pending such removal the Company would require the use of the land free of rent. Mr. Gregson said that he was not empowered to sell for the Company without reference to the Court of Directors and shareholders in England, and it was stipulated that any sale under the offer made was to be subject to the approval of the Court of Directors and shareholders in England. This offer the Minister for Lands could not accept.

(25.) Parishes and Counties in New South Wales :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The name, approximate area, and number of counties in each of the three divisions, viz., Eastern, Central, and Western, respectively, in the State of New South Wales?
- (2.) The name and number of parishes in each county and division, respectively?
- (3.) If such information is not available, will he cause a return to be laid upon the Table of this House for the information of the general public and the use of our Public Schools?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—This information has been collected and will be forwarded to the Honorable Member by letter. The reply represents so many particulars that it would be inconvenient to supply it in reply to a Parliamentary Question. (26.)

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- (26.) Subsidies for Parks and Recreation Reserves :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) To whom, amongst the 125 Members of this House, have the usual litho. letters, signed H. Curry, Under Secretary, been sent, informing them that he has decided that no subsidies will be granted for parks and recreation reserves in their electorates for the current financial year?
  - (2.) Have the parks and recreation reserves in the electorates of the Members not included in the first Question been participators in the Vote for the present financial year?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—Letters were sent to those Members by or through whom application for subsidies had been forwarded, but the fact that a letter was sent to a particular Member did not indicate that a subsidy had or had not been granted to parks within his electorate.
- (27.) Stock Inspectors :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many successful candidates for posts as stock inspectors still remain unengaged by the Department?
  - (2.) Will he give instructions to the effect that, until they have found for them the posts to which they are entitled, no further examinations shall be held?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—Including candidates who are engaged on temporary service, there are fifteen (15) who have passed the examination but who have not received appointments, and the claims of these gentlemen will be considered when any new positions arise.
- (28.) Keepit-Euroka Land Exchange :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Keepit-Euroka exchange lands be made available for settlement?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—The Keepit-Euroka exchange has been delayed pending satisfactory information as regards title prior to Executive Council approval being obtained. These particulars have now been supplied, and the case will be submitted at once for such approval. The lands for surrender cannot be disposed of until vested in the Crown, but preparatory action is being taken so that, immediately on completion of the exchange, the land will be made available for adjoining settlers to establish such claims as they may have for extension of the areas of their holdings. The matter of making the residue of the land available for new settlement must await the disposal of these claims.
- (29.) Administration of Advances to Settlers Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—In regard to the administration of the Advances to Settlers Act, what is the total amount received in the shape of deposits by applicants for loans up to the present date; have any refunds been made; and, if so, what is the total of such refunds to date?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The sum received as deposits on applications for advances amounts to £4,614 7s., of which £399 10s. 6d. has been refunded to applicants.
3. LIQUOR BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) By Mr. Young,—From Ada Bur, President of a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Bathurst.
  - (2.) By Mr. Young,—From W. H. Waite, Chairman of a meeting of the "Phoenix" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Bathurst.
- Petitions received.
4. PAPERS :—
- Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Depositions in case of Seamen of s.s. "Orita," sent to Darlinghurst Gaol for disobeying orders.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Early Closing Acts, Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., &c., during the year 1902.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 2, and Additional Regulation No. 42, under the Western Lands Act, 1901.
  - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
  - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
  - (4.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
  - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861.
  - (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
  - (7.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
  - (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Cemetery at Hinton.
  - (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Drummoyne.
  - (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Illawarra Fig Tree.
  - (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Cemetery at Lostock.
  - (12.)

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(12.) Amended Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Park at Drummoyne.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulation under the Public Health Act, 1902. (Part IX.)  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. STAGE CARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Stage Carriages Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Hugh Macdonald, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

7. STOCK STEALING PREVENTION BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 33.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the prevention of the stealing of stock, hides, and skins; to regulate the receipt, holding, sale, and other disposal of the same; to regulate the slaughtering and skinning of stock; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.

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

8. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 8th day of July, 1903, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Henry Cann, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Acting Clerk, as follows:—

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

*“To all to whom these presents shall come,—*

*“Greeting:*

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

*“Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales  
“aforesaid, this eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
“and three, and in the third year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.*

*“HARRY H. RAWSON,*

*“Governor.*

*“By His Excellency's Command,*

*“JOHN SEE.”*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney-Phillip Division, Mr. Daniel O'Connor, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—  
“The recent proceedings in the Supreme Court of the Honorable W. P. Crick, Minister for Lands, against Daniel O'Connor, both Members of this Honorable House, and the statement made by Mr. Justice Pring in his summing up to the jury, that wilful perjury had been committed on one side or the other.”

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

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Levison submitted that the motion was out of order, on the ground that a decision of a Judge may not be discussed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker referred to a motion for adjournment on 15th May, 1889, to discuss the conduct of Mr. Justice Windeyer, when, on a Point of Order taken, Mr. Speaker Young had ruled that “it was not irregular to discuss the matter, but that the language must not be disrespectful to “that Judge”; he, therefore, ruled that this motion is not out of order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Dentists Act Amendment Bill :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,  
 The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 8th July, 1903.* F. B. SUTTOR,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Mr. Nielsen, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 8th September.
- (2.) Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,  
 The Legislative Council having passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 8th July, 1903.* F. B. SUTTOR,  
 President.  
 Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances, and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases; and for other purposes.  
 Question put and passed.
11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL :—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Factories and Shops Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
12. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
13. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes.  
 Question put and passed.
14. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the production, manufacture, storage, sale, export, import, and disposal of dairy produce, and of margarine, and other similar substances.  
 Question put and passed.
15. FRUIT CASES BILL :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the size of cases used in the sale of fruit; and for other purposes connected therewith.  
 Question put and passed.
16. FERTILIZERS ADULTERATION BILL :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the manufacture and sale, and prevent the adulteration of fertilizers.  
 Question put and passed.
17. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons maintained at the public expense or by charitable institutions; and for other purposes connected with such matters.  
 Question put and passed.
18. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Ashton, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dight, Mr. Edden, Mr. Fegan, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Law, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Scobie, Sir John See, Mr. Sleath, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Young,—  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at seven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditions of Engagement of Seamen:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it competent, in the opinion of the Navigation Department, for the master of a vessel to engage as able seamen, men who have not been at sea before?
- (2.) Has the Shipping Master the right to refuse a permit under such circumstances?
- (3.) Will he consider, in the interests of the travelling public, whether it is not advisable that only qualified men should be allowed to ship as able seamen?
- (4.) Is it a fact that incompetent men are allowed to take a turn at the wheel?
- (5.) Is it a fact that discharges as able seamen are being given by masters to men who have only been two weeks at sea?
- (6.) If the Secretary of the Seamen's Union can supply instances where men are going to sea without any experience, will he inquire into the matter?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No; as such persons would be unfit to perform the duties of an able seaman.
- (2.) No, not in granting a permit to go to sea; but he would be justified in refusing to allow any person to sign on as an able seaman under such circumstances.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Department of Navigation has no means of ascertaining by whom ships are steered when at sea; but an incompetent man would be of no use at the wheel.
- (5.) Upon inquiry, the Shipping Master states that this practice does not exist; but it has come under his notice that such a discharge was, on one occasion, given by the master of a coasting vessel to a person after one month and eight days' service at sea.
- (6.) Yes, on receipt of such information.

(2.) Public Service Board Examinations:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that clerical and commercial examinations held by the Public Service Board are fixed for ordinary office hours?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that the selection of such hours practically excludes many possible candidates, now in private employment, by making it impossible for them to present themselves?
- (3.) Will he, in the public interest, and with a view to enlarging the field of choice, arrange with the Chairman of the Public Service Board for the holding of such examinations in the evening in future?

Sir John See answered,—When any examination of a commercial character is to be held, such as that of typist, or shorthand-writer and typist, the Public Service Board, in order to meet the convenience of candidates, and to obtain as large a selection as possible, usually arrange for the examination to be held on a Saturday afternoon. In the case of the general annual examination for admission to the Clerical Division of the Public Service, which is held usually once a year, the same conditions do not apply, as the candidates are mainly youths attending school, the limits of age being 16 to 21 years. Moreover, the examination, owing to the number of subjects, extends over several days. The Board are fully alive to the desirableness of having as wide a selection as possible, and take every step to secure this.

(3.) Adamstown-Charlestown Road:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the work of gravelling the deviation on the Adamstown-Charlestown Road to be proceeded with?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The work will be put in hand to the extent of available funds when the current year's votes are at disposal.

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(4.) Works sanctioned under the Water and Drainage Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were any applications made on behalf of residents of the Rylstone Electorate for the construction of works, wells, &c., for water supply purposes, under the provisions of the Act passed last Session, which conferred upon the Minister power to expend £200,000 annually in this direction ; if so, how many such works were suggested ?

(2.) Were any, and, if so, how many, of these works sanctioned by him ?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) Yes, fifteen.

(2.) None of these works have so far been sanctioned ; two or three are still under consideration, but most of them have been unfavourably reported upon. They are all situated in hilly country, with good average rainfall, and only in an almost unprecedented season like the last would there be any serious necessity for water supply.

(5.) The Chief Justice :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What salary does the Chief Justice of New South Wales receive, and how long has Sir Frederick Darley occupied the position ?

(2.) What leave of absence did Sir Frederick Darley receive, and is he drawing full salary during same ?

(3.) Is Sir Frederick Darley to retire at the expiration of his period of leave ; and, if he does retire, what will be the amount of his pension ?

(4.) Is the Acting Chief Justice drawing the full salary attached to the office of Chief Justice during Sir Frederick Darley's absence ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £3,500 per annum : since 29th November, 1886.

(2.) Eighteen months leave in all, on full salary.

(3.) Sir Frederick Darley is entitled to retire, but has intimated that he intends to resume his duties on the expiration of his leave.

(4.) Yes. I may add that the British Government desired that Sir Frederick Darley should have a seat on the Commission appointed to inquire into the South African war. I think everyone will admit that it was a compliment paid to the State that so eminent a man should be invited to act on that Commission. And largely in view of that, I took upon myself the responsibility of extending his leave.

(6.) Revenue from the Commonwealth, the "Rocks" Resumed Area, and the Harbour Trust :—

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount per annum has been returned to this State by the Federal Treasurer since the inauguration of federation ?

(2.) What amount per annum in the shape of rents has been received (a) from the Rocks properties, and (b) from the wharfs and other properties now under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Trust, since such properties were resumed ?

(3.) Have these several sums been expended as other ordinary revenue is, or have they been paid into trust funds ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) From 1st January to 30th June, 1901, £883,272 15s. 11d. ; during financial year ended 30th June, 1902, £2,385,904 10s. 9d. ; during financial year ended 30th June, 1903, £3,053,133 4s. 4d.

(2.) (a) £123,020 9s. 6d. for "Rocks" Resumptions from 29th December, 1900, to 30th June, 1903 ; (b) Approximate amount received by the Harbour Trust Commissioners during the period 11th February, 1901, to 30th June, 1902, £53,554 18s. 3d. ; 1st January, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, £64,320 10s. 9d.

(3.) These receipts have been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund in accordance with the law.

(7.) Duties paid by the State to the Federal Government :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it been decided by the Supreme Court that the State is not liable for or entitled to pay duties to the Federal Government upon supplies for its special use imported from abroad ?

(2.) What has been the amount paid in the shape of such duties per annum since the inauguration of federation ?

(3.) In the event of an appeal against this decision being determined upon by the Federal Government, will the State Government take such steps as will ensure its representation thereat, so that the interests of the tax-paying public may be properly conserved ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) From 13th March to 30th June, 1902, £25,907 3s. 7d. ; from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, £82,530 14s. 3d. ; total payments to 30th June, 1903, £108,437 17s. 10d. The decision of the Federal Government to tax State imports took effect 13th March, 1902.

(3.) Yes.

(8.) Contract for Water Tank near Peak Hill :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders were called and accepted for the finishing of a tank for water near Peak Hill ?

(2.) Is it a fact the contractor actually began the work ; if so, what was the contractor's name, and what was the amount of his contract ?

(3.) Is it a fact that after the acceptance of the tender it was cancelled and ultimately completed by day labour ; and who superintended the work while it was being proceeded with, and what was his pay per diem ?

(4.) What was the cost of the said tank when it was completed ?

(5.) Was any compensation paid to the contractor for the cancellation of his contract ?

Mr. Fegan answered,—These Questions were answered on the 7th instant.

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- (9.) Establishment of Small Country Schools :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that at Edinboro, near Cargo, Galwary Creek, and Trajere, near Eugowra, in the Molong Electorate, there are about thirty children growing up without the slightest education ?
  - (2.) Is there no possible way by which the Department can establish small schools, to enable honest, industrious families living in remote parts of the interior to get their children educated ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) I am not aware. The facts are these. There is a half-time school in existence at Edinboro attended by fourteen children, worked in conjunction with a similar school at Canangles which has nine children. This is the best arrangement at present, inasmuch as at neither place could the attendance for a full-time school be maintained. At Trajere there is a public school under a classified teacher with an enrolment of twenty-one pupils, though the average attendance is only 14.8. Galwary Creek, the other place mentioned, had formerly a public school, but the enrolment diminished to five and the attendance to three pupils, and it had, therefore, to be closed.

(2.) I acquainted the Honorable Member by letter on the 27th May last with the terms of a new Regulation by which these people could be assisted to educate their children, but they have made no application. I may say that increased provision has been made by me to bring the means of education within the reach of all families residing in thinly-populated localities, by granting a subsidy at the rate of £5 per annum for each pupil up to a maximum of £25 a year, provided that two or more families will combine to engage a teacher. Moreover, it requires only an average attendance of sixteen pupils collected in three or more groups to cause a house-to-house teacher to be regularly appointed and paid by the Department. These provisions are liberal, if parents will take advantage of them and apply to the Department for particulars ; but I cannot undertake to subsidise a separate teacher for each family.

- (10.) Expenditure on Roads, Bridges, &c. :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- What is the total amount expended in each electorate, separately, from the 1st July, 1902, to the 31st March, 1903, on roads, bridges, and public watering-places ?

Mr. Fegan answered,—This information can be more readily answered if moved for in the form of a return, because it would require a page of the Business Paper to give the totals for each separate electorate.

- (11.) The Old-age Pensions Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number and nationality of persons at present drawing pensions under the Old-age Pensions Act, distinguishing
- (a) number of males ;
  - (b) number of females ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Out of 26,013 pensions granted from 1901 to 31st December, 1902 14,359 were to males, 11,654 to females. There are at present 21,797 pensions current. Under the Old-age Pensions Act, pensions are granted to British subjects only. To give the birthplace of all pensioners would involve the preparation of an expensive return, the information for which is not readily available.

- (12.) Increments of Salary due to Pilots and Pilot Boatmen :—Mr. Cohen, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the reason that the increments of salary due to pilots and pilot-boatmen of Newcastle, Sydney, and other ports were paid for the first three quarters of last financial year and withheld for the last quarter ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The balances of increments due to officers of the Department of Navigation for the last quarter of the last financial year were paid on 29th ultimo.

- (13.) Keepit-Euroka Land Exchange :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When was the Keepit-Euroka exchange proposal submitted to the Department ?
  - (2.) When will it be completed ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) 13th October, 1897, since which date it had to go before the Land Board and the Land Appeal Court, and delay arose through the parties not proving their title to the land.

(2.) When the parties sign the surrender, which they will be called upon to do directly the Governor-in-Council approve. The case will be before the Governor-in-Council at the next meeting.

- (14.) Australian Agricultural Company's Land :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the papers, including Mr. Chief Surveyor Allworth's report, together with all petitions and other documents, in connection with the offer of the Australian Agricultural Company's Estate to the Reid, Lyne, and See Governments ?

Mr. Bennett answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to move for copies of the papers in the usual way.

- (15.) Mr. Charles Lovelock, Harbour Trust Department :—Mr. McNeill, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the special circumstances that led to a Mr. Charles Lovelock, for nineteen years an out-door officer in connection with the Wharfs Department, and subsequently transferred to the Harbour Trust, and duly gazetted as Wharfinger, being deprived of his permanent employment ?

(2.) Will he inquire from the Public Service Board whether a permanent officer, with an unblemished record and such length of service, summarily retrenched, thereby forfeits his claim and his right to fill any suitable vacancy in the Service ?

(3.) Will he consider whether some redress is due to one of the State's officers who considers that he has been unfairly treated ?

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Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 3.) Mr. Lovelock was transferred from the Public Wharfs Department by Executive authority to the staff of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners as a Wharfinger, at a salary of £156 per annum, as from the 1st May, 1901, and was employed in that capacity until the 31st October, 1901, when his services were dispensed with in consequence of the operation of the new regulations governing the collection of wharfages. Notice of such retirement was published in the *Government Gazette* of 1st November, 1901.

(2.) Although Mr. Lovelock was not retired by the Public Service Board, the Board recognise that he has claims to consideration, and he has been given employment of a temporary nature as opportunity offered.

(16.) Savings Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, owing to the passing of a regulation providing for the closing of the head office and branches of the Savings Bank of New South Wales on Saturday evenings, considerable inconvenience has been caused depositors, particularly those of the working-class?

(2.) What was the reason urged for the adoption of this regulation?

(3.) Will he cause the matter to be reconsidered by those in authority?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No inconvenience has been experienced, nor has any complaint been made.

(2.) The business operations for some time past have been on the decrease and the attendance of the officials had no corresponding advantage.

(3.) The Trustees will no doubt reconsider the matter should any representations be made.

2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

(1.) By Mr. Reymond,—From Harry Bowditch, Chairman of a meeting of the "Rescue" Lodge of the Independent order of Good Templars at Parkes.

(2.) By Mr. Estell,—From Amram Lewis, Chairman of a meeting of "The Lost and Found" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at West Wallsend.

(3.) By Mr. Estell,—From James Hodson, Chairman of a meeting of the "Lily of the Valley" Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites at West Wallsend.

(4.) By Mr. Estell,—From Thomas J. Pallister, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Methodist Church at West Wallsend.

(5.) By Mr. Estell,—From Captain O. M. Hansen, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Salvation Army at West Wallsend.

(6.) By Mr. Estell,—From David Howie, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Presbyterian Church, at West Wallsend.

(7.) By Mr. Fegan,—From James Sharp, junior, C.T., Chairman of a meeting of the "Bethel" Lodge, No. 14, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Newcastle.

(8.) By Mr. Fegan,—From G. D. Clark, Chairman of a Conference of the members of the Political Council and Electoral Representatives of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Sydney.

(9.) By Mr. Fegan,—From certain Residents of Boolaroo and neighbourhood.

Petitions received.

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

4. PAPERS:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing names, salaries, allowances, &c., of Judges and Acting Judges.

(2.) Rule of the Supreme Court, dated 30th June, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PROPERTY DETENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Property Detention Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday next.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—

(1.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.

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Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

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

(2.)

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## (2.) Liquor Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate, amend, and extend the law relating to publicans and other persons engaged in the sale of liquor ; to regulate the sale of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies ; to regulate the places in which liquor is sold, and persons frequenting such places ; and to restrict, modify, and, in some cases, render null and void, bonds and contracts in reference to what is known as Tied Houses—and to more equitably regulate the powers of mortgages or other securities existing between brewer and licensee ; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

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

## (2.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Bennett, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

## (1.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders ; permitting a present holder to sell to another ; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances, and the issue of certificates in certain cases ; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands ; to alter the present system of balloting ; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children ; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases ; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd July, 1903.

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

## (2.) Forestry Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the conservation and management of forest lands ; the collection of royalties on timber ; the issue of licenses to fell and obtain timber ; and for all other purposes consequent upon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 26th June, 1903.

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

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

## (1.) State Children's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of neglected or uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders ; to constitute children's courts ; and to provide for the licensing of children offering things for sale,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (2.) District Courts and Small Debts Recovery Acts Amending Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, and the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899, with respect to the attachment of debts due from garnishees,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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## (3.) Sheriff (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to secure the payment of Sheriffs' fees*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (4.) Justices (Fees) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to fees in respect of proceedings before Justices; to enable the Governor to fix such fees; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (5.) Law of Property Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the administration of the estates of deceased persons*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (6.) Assignment of Debts and Choses in Action Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the assignment of debts and choses in action, and to confer certain rights on the assignees thereof*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (7.) Issue of Process at Country Towns Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the issue of process at country towns*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

## (8.) Statute of Limitations Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law with regard to the limitation of actions and suits*,"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. Affleck, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The reply given on behalf of the Minister for Public Works to Question No. 9 on the Business Paper."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Affleck moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Question proposed,—That John Thomson, Esquire, a Member of this House, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee in the place and stead of The Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, who has ceased to be a Member of such Committee.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. Carruthers submitted that this question could not be entertained, no resignation from the Public Accounts Committee having been handed to the Speaker, nor had a vacancy occurred in consequence of Mr. Fegan having been appointed an Honorary Minister—such position not entitling him to rank as a Minister of the Crown as contemplated by subsection 7 of section 16 of the Audit Act; he drew attention to the definition of a Minister of the Crown as laid down in the Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor and in the Constitution Act, and contended that under these circumstances there was no vacancy in the Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Speaker said the point raised is a very important one. I am asked to rule whether the Honorable J. L. Fegan is a Minister of the Crown within the meaning of subsection 7 of section 16 of the Audit Act. In my opinion he is not. It is, therefore, my duty to rule that this question cannot be entertained, the House not having been informed in the prescribed manner that a vacancy exists in the Public Accounts Committee.
11. **COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. **LIQUOR BILL**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Liquor Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. **LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Old age Pensions Act, 1900; to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons maintained at the public expense or by charitable institutions; and for other purposes connected with such matters.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.  
The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Old age Pensions Act, 1900; to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons maintained at the public expense or by charitable institutions; and for other purposes connected with such matters.  
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances, and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases; and for other purposes.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders ; permitting a present holder to sell to another ; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances, and the issue of certificates in certain cases ; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling, exchanging, and leasing lands ; to alter the present system of balloting ; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children ; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases ; and for other purposes.

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

16. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from the Honorable J. L. Fegan a letter resigning his position on the Public Accounts Committee.

(2.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nomination of

John Thomson, Esquire,

a Member of this House, for election and appointment as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee constituted by the Act above mentioned, in the place and stead of the Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, who had resigned his position as a Member of such Committee.

Mr. Speaker also stated that it would be his duty to submit the name proposed to the House, and he would do so after the Formal Business was disposed of on Wednesday next.

17. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof ; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof ; and for other purposes.

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

18. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

19. ABATTOIR, GLEBE ISLAND :—Mr. Nielsen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the inspection of meat at Glebe Island, and the general conduct and management of the affairs of the Abattoir.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Briner, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Archer, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Law, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 JULY, 1903, A.M.

Question put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Briner, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Fegan, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Jessop, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Scobie, Sir John See, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Winchcombe,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



Act of South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking :—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is net-fishing prohibited by statute in Port Hacking ?
- (2.) Are the Fisheries Commissioners' officers hauling nets therein ?
- (3.) If for experimental purposes, why catch forty or fifty baskets at a time ?
- (4.) What experiment is being tried in sending baskets of the same fish to residents in Darlington ?
- (5.) Are the Commissioners sending them to their friends ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3, 4, and 5.) Investigations are being carried out for scientific purposes, and fish that are not required for record are distributed to the various hospitals.

(2.) Middle Head Torpedo Disaster :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What decision, if any, has been arrived at in connection with the case of the victims of the Middle Head torpedo disaster, Messrs. Wailes, Borland, and Bolin, brought under his notice by letters of the Honorable Member for Rylstone several months since ?
- (2.) If no decision has yet been arrived at, when is it likely that one will be ?

Sir John See answered,—These men, with others, have been transferred from the Defence Works to the Public Works Department with the object of obtaining employment.

(3.) Issue of Permits for South Africa—Deposits in Savings Banks :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many permits were issued in New South Wales, for the six months ended 30th June, to persons leaving here to settle in South Africa ?
- (2.) What was the number of persons who departed from the State for the same period ?
- (3.) Is he aware of the fact that there is a steady emigration from New South Wales of some of its best colonists, who propose to settle in South Africa and Canada, owing to their inability to secure employment in New South Wales ?
- (4.) Is it not a fact, in this connection, that owing to the departure of many provident former citizens the cash deposits in the Savings Bank of New South Wales and the Post Office Savings Bank are very appreciably shrinking ?
- (5.) What has been the shrinkage for the six months ended 30th June, as compared with the corresponding six months of 1902 ?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No permits have been issued since the 21st October last.

(2 and 3.) The information required to answer these Questions has not yet been collected, and it will probably be three weeks before it can be made available.

(4.) The banks report that it would be improper to ascribe the falling-off solely to the cause stated, there being other considerations that would weigh in the matter.

(5.) It would be inadvisable to publish this information.

(4.) "Orient" Sailors in Darlinghurst Gaol :—*Mr. Daley*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Orient Company made provision to send that portion of their crew now in prison (for refusing duty on account of bad food) back to England ?
- (2.) If not, will they on their discharge from gaol be thrown penniless on to our overloaded labour market ?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that no provision has been made by the Company to send the men back to England, and that other men have been shipped in their places.
- (2.) On their discharge from gaol, the crew will receive the balance of wages due to them.

- (5.) **Aboriginals at La Perouse** :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a regulation has lately been issued by the Railway Commissioners, prohibiting the aboriginal natives at La Perouse from travelling free on the tram lines; if so, for what reason has this regulation been brought into existence?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that such a regulation has been introduced at the request of the Board for Protection of Aborigines.

- (6.) **Adulterated Agricultural Fertilizers** :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Can he inform this House in what shape or form the sale of adulterated agricultural fertilizers consists of, and in what percentage such adulterations are carried on, and by whom?

Mr. Feysan answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return.

- (7.) **Regulation of Metropolitan Street Traffic** :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that about eighty men are employed in regulating the traffic in the streets in Sydney; if so, the amount expended monthly or yearly in wages or salaries?
- (2.) Is it not possible to adopt the same system of regulating street traffic in Sydney that exists in London and other large cities and centres of population, viz., by regulating the traffic not from one centre, as at present, but from each police station in Sydney?
- (3.) In the system of regulating street traffic, is it not a fact that, out of the large number of men at present employed, the time of many of them is not fully utilised in the interest of the public or taxpayers, especially as the daily or weekly crimes reports are not shown to them at the Central Office?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that, owing to the present system of management, the men doing duty in this capacity are frequently quite as ignorant of one of their principal functions as ordinary citizens?
- (5.) Is it furthermore not a fact that from 7 p.m. till 11.30 at night, and on Sundays, there is little or no traffic, and why are the services of these men not removed to do duty and work elsewhere in the interest and for the protection of the public?
- (6.) Are these traffic constables stationed at the various crossings in the city, &c., expected to do "eight hours" in this capacity and in the one place, or are they expected to do part of their duty elsewhere than at these crossings?
- (7.) Is it not a fact that in London, &c., where there is little or no traffic to regulate during certain days and hours, that the police work a "beat" elsewhere, thereby helping to keep down crime?
- (8.) Why is the same system not adopted in Sydney?
- (9.) Is it not a fact that about 1,200 men are employed regulating the traffic in London from different centres and divisions, and the system is a signal success; if so, will he adopt a similar system in Sydney, and thus abolish entirely our expensive Central Traffic Office by making the issue of all licenses from the Inspector-General's Office?
- (10.) Will he adopt the system that exists in London by changing the beat and crossing men every two hours in place of keeping them on duty for eight hours, so that the time of these men might be better utilised in the interest of the public and the suppression of crime?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

- (1.) Seventy-seven police are so engaged. Cost, £11,703 per annum.
- (2.) The traffic is controlled from the Superintendent's Office, and within a small and convenient area; the police in all divisions assist. It is not expedient to alter the present system.
- (3.) No. The *Police Gazette* is read by all police at the different stations.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The whole staff is not engaged for the periods specified.
- (6.) The duty is arranged in reliefs.
- (7.) I am not aware.
- (8.) It is, so far as adapted to Sydney.
- (9.) It may be necessary in London, but the system in Sydney is both economical and convenient. The cost would be the same.
- (10.) Not advisable.

- (8.) **Customs Revenue on Railway Rolling Stock and Rails** :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount in the shape of Customs duties has been paid upon (a) rolling stock and (b) rails imported by this State since the inauguration of the Federal tariff?
- (2.) Of this amount, what proportion has been returned to this State by the Federal Treasurer; and has the Railway Service been credited with the amount refunded, or has it been classed as Consolidated Revenue and expended in the ordinary way?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) By the Railway Commissioners, on (a) Rolling stock, railways, £49,176 16s. 1d.; tramways, £7,559 6s. 4d. (b) Rails and fastenings, railways, £7,305 14s. 9d.; tramways, £920. By Department of Public Works, on rails, fish-plates, and crossings, £25,527 16s. 10d.

- (2.) At least three-fourths of this amount must be returned to the State in terms of section 87 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. Pending the appeal of the Federal Government against the decision of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, that imports for the use of the State Government are not liable to duty, no adjustment transfer can be made. The amount so returned to the State is included in the "Balance of revenue collected within the State by the Commonwealth" and returned by the Federal Government credited to the Consolidated Revenue Fund monthly.

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- (9.) Camden Bridge :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In connection with the construction of the Camden bridge, (a) was not a tender lodged by George Fife, to do the work for £8,238 ; and did not it cost the Government, under the day-labour system, £10,300 ?
  - (2.) Was not the acceptance of Mr. Fife's tender objected to on the ground that his price (£3,002) for the ironwork was declared to be too high : and did not this ironwork subsequently cost the Government £3,500 ?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1.) A tender was received from George Fife at £8,238 18s. 6d. for the manufacture and erection of a bridge 452 feet long, with earthwork approaches ; this was not accepted, but tenders were invited for the supply of the ironwork, timber, and other materials required, and the erection of the bridge was carried out by day labour. Owing to the effect of repeated floods which occurred during the construction of the bridge, it was found necessary to add a timber viaduct 128 feet long at the Campbelltown end, and the cost of this addition, combined with other detailed extras, for which a contractor would have had to be paid, together with supervision, is included in the £10,284 which was the actual cost of the work.
  - (2.) Yes, the amount allowed in Mr. Fife's tender for the supply of ironwork was considered too high ; a tender was subsequently let for this portion of the work to Messrs. Pope, Maher and Company for £2,893 2s. 8d. The supply of the ironwork in the bridge, as completed, cost £3,050, including that for the timber viaduct.
- (10.) New Public Library :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Has he yet taken any steps in the direction of making arrangements for the erection of a new Public Library building ?
  - (2.) Has a site been selected or suggested ; and, if so, what site ?
  - (3.) Have plans been prepared for the proposed building ; and, if so, what is the anticipated cost of same ?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—This and other reasonable works are being considered with due regard to the question of the sufficiency of public funds to bear the cost of such undertakings. I hope to be in a position, without promising definitely, to have the matter referred to the Public Works Committee during this Session.
- (11.) Spawls used at Stone-breaking Depôts :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What price is being paid per ton for spawls for use at the several stone-breaking depôts, and does this price include the cost of carting to the respective depôts ; if not, what extra cost is thus incurred ?
  - (2.) What quantity of broken stone is obtained from a ton of spawls, and what is the cost per yard for breaking to a 2½-inch gauge at the depôts ?
  - (3.) What has been the cost per yard or ton in the past for metal broken at the quarry mouth, and supplied to the Government ?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1.) Averages 8s. 3d., delivered at stone-breaking depôts.
  - (2.) 25 cubic feet. Breaking costs 2s. 6d. per cubic yard for South Coast and Dundas ; 3s. for Prospect stone ; 1s. 9d. for white metal.
  - (3.) Metal is not purchased at quarry mouth, but for delivery at the points where it is required to be used—rates varying from 8s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. for machine-broken 2½ in. gauge, which, however, is much inferior to hand-broken metal.
- (12.) Dredge "Glaucus" :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Law, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the dredge "Glaucus" ?
  - (2.) On what date was the "Glaucus" completed ?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the "Glaucus" has not been used since ?
  - (4.) What is the cost to the State, at 4 per cent. interest on the capital invested, in consequence of the "Glaucus" not being in use ?
- Mr. Fegan* answered,—
- (1.) £26,594, exclusive of value of engines and boiler taken from "Thetis."
  - (2.) 7th January, 1903.
  - (3.) She will not be put into commission until funds are voted for her maintenance.
  - (4.) £531 to 30th June, 1903.
- (13.) Government Statistician's Office :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the total cost of the Government Statistician's Office, including printing, for the years 1900-1, 1901-2 and 1902-3 ?
  - (2.) Is he aware that it was stated both by the Colonial Treasurer and other members of the present Administration, when advocating federation, that upon the consummation of Australian union the office of State Statistician would be abolished ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to give effect to the promise ; if so, when ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—The expenditure of the Government Statistician's Office (exclusive of Friendly Societies) during the years mentioned was—1900-1901, £5,654 ; 1901-1902, £5,486 ; 1902-1903, £5,486. This does not include the Census, which is taken once in ten years, or the cost of printing. This information will be made up and afforded later.
- (14.) Election of a State Member to the Federal Parliament :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Webster, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he appealed to the Commonwealth Government, during its present sitting, urging the elimination of the provision in the Federal Electoral Act which debars State Members becoming candidates for Federal honors unless they resign their State seats fourteen days prior to date of nomination for Federal elections ?
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- (2.) If not, will he urge the removal of the embargo referred to?  
 (3.) Should such not be conceded, will the Premier so arrange the State law that any State Member so resigning shall be eligible for re-election to the State Parliament for the State seat he has; thus been forced to resign?

Sir John See answered,—This question was discussed at the Conference of Premiers which was held in Sydney in April last, when the following resolution was adopted, viz. :—“In the opinion of this Conference, it is to the best interest of the public that disqualifications upon Members of either the Federal or State Parliaments, as such, from becoming candidates for the State or Federal Parliaments respectively, should be removed; and it is agreed that steps should be taken in the various States to remove, where it exists, the disqualification of Federal Members, as such, from becoming candidates for the State Parliaments.” A copy of this resolution, amongst others, was forwarded for the consideration of the Federal Government on the 28th April, 1903.

- (15.) Redistribution of Seats Bill :—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed this Session with a Redistribution of Seats Bill, so that in the event of the proposed referendum being rejected, the present inconsistencies in the number of voters in the different electorates may be remedied before next election?

Sir John See answered,—It is the intention of the Government to proceed with this Bill at the stage it reached last Session.

- (16.) Steam Launch “Victoria” :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) What price was paid for the steam launch “Victoria”; what amount has the vessel cost in the shape of repairs, alterations, &c., since she has been in the possession of this State; and what is the amount annually spent in maintaining her and in paying salaries of captain, officers, and crew?  
 (2.) For what period has she been engaged in the State service during the past twelve months; and for what purposes has she been used?  
 (3.) Is the vessel insured; if so, for what amount, and what premium is paid?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House at an early date.

- (17.) Commission paid to John Sands & Co. on Duty Stamps :—Mr. Anderson, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of commission allowed to Messrs. John Sands & Co. on the purchases made by that firm from the Government of revenue duty stamps for the year ended 31st March, 1903?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount of commission allowed to John Sands, as a licensed vendor, during the period mentioned, was £486 12s. 11d. I may add that the question of supplying duty stamps through Post Offices only is now engaging the attention of the Government.

2. LIQUOR BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—  
 (1.) By Mr. Clara,—From J. S. Press, Chairman of a meeting of the “Hopeful” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Condobolin.  
 (2.) By Mr. O’Conor,—From T. Burne, Chairman of a meeting of the “Linwood” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Guildford.  
 (3.) By Mr. Clara,—From Frederick T. Westcott, Chairman of a meeting of the “Commonwealth” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Alectown.  
 (4.) By Mr. Affleck,—From Lindsay Paterson, Chairman of a meeting of the “Jubilee Union” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Lade Vale.  
 (5.) By Mr. Briner,—From W. R. H. Johnston, Chairman of a meeting of the “Hope of Bielsdown” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Dorrigo.  
 Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fegan laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the Weighbridge at Wallarah Mine, Catherine Hill Bay.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulation No. 6A under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.  
 (2.) Proclamation notifying the boundaries of the Coast Scab District, under section 120 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.  
 (3.) Proclamation notifying suspension of subsection 3 of section 116 and subsection 5 of section 121 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, for twelve months, *re* Dressing Coast District Sheep.  
 (4.) Proclamation under section 107 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, suspending the provisions of sections 103, 104, and 106 of that Act for six months as regards the introduction of sheep from Victoria and South Australia.  
 (5.) Proclamation under section 96 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, declaring that the provisions of subsections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of section 96 shall apply.  
 (6.) Proclamation under section 103 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, appointing crossing-places at which sheep may cross from Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia into this State.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Parliamentary Elections (Distribution) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1902.

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

(2.) Reduction of Members Referendum Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1903.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The present "unsatisfactory administration and control of Metropolitan Street Traffic."

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

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

Debate ensued.

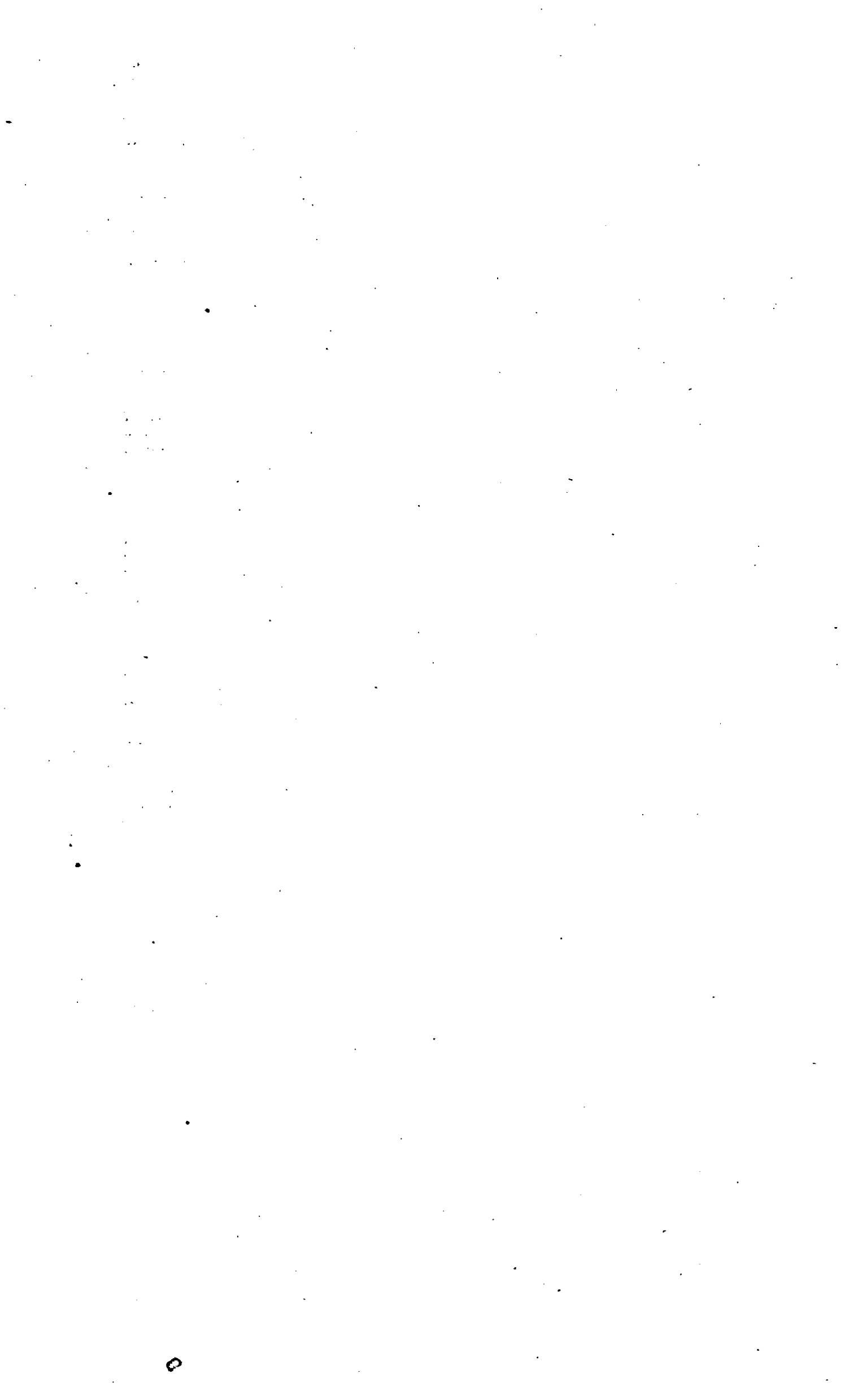
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Edden, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Quirk, Dr. Ross, Mr. Scobie, Sir John See, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Coast Hospital, Little Bay:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of medical officers employed at the Coast Hospital, Little Bay; and the amount of salary each receives annually?
  - (2.) The number of nurses employed in the institution?
  - (3.) The total number of cases under treatment in each week or month?
  - (4.) The total number of cases attended during the year 1902?
  - (5.) The number of wards in the Hospital, and number of beds in each ward?
  - (6.) The amount of money expended in the erection of the buildings?
  - (7.) The amount subscribed annually, if any, by the public for the support of the institution?
  - (8.) The annual cost per bed, including maintenance and treatment?
  - (9.) Is the institution subsidised by the State for the support of the sick or the poor?
  - (10.) The annual cost incurred for the ambulance van and service that runs between Sydney and the Coast Hospital?
  - (11.) The total expenditure for the year 1902?
  - (12.) Will the Government consider the equity and necessity of providing out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an ambulance van and service similar to that which exists at the Coast Hospital in the management of hospitals in all large inland towns and country districts?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 to 5, 8, 10 and 11.) These particulars are contained in the Annual Report, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 7th instant.

(6.) Erection and additions—Hospital, £64,579 16s.; leper hospital, £6,876 9s. 11d. Total, £71,456 5s. 11d.

(7 and 9.) The hospital is entirely supported by public moneys, and no subscriptions are received from the general public.

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(2.) Darling Harbour and the "Rocks" Resumptions:—Mr. Newman, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money, representing payments for properties resumed at Darling Harbour and in the "Rocks" area, which has been left on deposit with the Government?

(2.) Is this money deposited for a fixed term or at call?

(3.) What rate of interest is being paid?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £334,131 5s.

(2.) For fixed terms of three and five years.

(3.) 4 per cent. per annum.

(3.) Fees paid to Counsel during the Lyne-See Administration:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the return moved for by Mr. Daley last Session, in reference to fees paid to counsel during the Lyne-See Administration, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that this return will be ready to be laid upon the Table shortly.

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- (4.) Applications for Stone Breaking :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the daily average number of men applying at the Labour Bureau for work at stone breaking?
  - (2.) How many are successful in obtaining such employment per day?
  - (3.) Is it possible to increase the tonnage of metal so that a greater number of men may be employed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 361, during twelve working days this month.
- (2.) Sixty-eight, daily average for July.
- (3.) Everything possible in this direction is being done.

- (5.) Protection for Flagman on Tram-line at Hunter-street :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Have the Railway Commissioners yet had under consideration the advisability or necessity of erecting some kind of shelter or protection from the weather for the flagman stationed on the tram-line at the corner of Elizabeth-street and Hunter-street; if so, when?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed flagmen are placed at certain street intersections and crossings for the purpose of protecting vehicular and other traffic. They could not properly perform their duties from shelter-boxes. They are no more exposed than many other public employees, and are supplied with waterproof clothing.

- (6.) Proposed Railway from Cowra to Gregra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Has the survey of the proposed railway extension from Cowra to Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, been completed; if so, when are the plans, &c., likely to be submitted for the report of the Railway Commissioners and inquiry and report by the Parliamentary Public Works Committee?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The field work has been completed; but nothing further can be done until more funds have been provided for trial surveys.

- (7.) Proposed Railway from Molong to Peak Hill :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Is it his intention to reappoint a surveyor in order to continue and complete the survey of the proposed railway extension from Molong to Peak Hill, *via* Cumnock and Baldry; if so, when?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I cannot undertake this survey until Parliament provides further funds for trial survey purposes.

- (8.) Fitzroy Dock :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the amount of material used at all workshops at the Fitzroy Dock during the years from 1896 to 1899; also the number of men in each workshop during that period?
  - (2.) The amount of material used from 1899 to 1903, and the number of men employed?
  - (3.) In which of the shops have the leakages occurred during those periods?
  - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the items of material used in the different shops during those years?
  - (5.) What were the rates of wages paid in all shops during the years from 1896 to 1899, also from 1899 to 1903?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way, to which motion I shall offer no objection.

- (9.) Payment of Wages to Maintenance Men :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has there been any delay in the payment of wages to the maintenance men in the Inverell District; if so, what has occasioned that delay?
  - (2.) Is there any amount due and unpaid to date in the Inverell District?
  - (3.) Are the maintenance men of all other districts also in arrears of wages?
  - (4.) Were two days' wages deducted from the money paid on 1st May; if so, why was that deduction made?
  - (5.) Will he, in view of the hardship occasioned by irregularity of payment of wages, arrange that men receiving higher rates of pay in other branches of the Department should stand out of their money turn and turn about with the maintenance men if such waiting for wages is unavoidable?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes; some time ago a little delay occurred owing to regulations made under the new Audit Act with regard to payments, but this difficulty has now been overcome.
- (2.) A report from the Local Officer must be obtained before a reply can be furnished.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It will be necessary to ask the Road Superintendent. This will be done, and I will inform the Honorable Member when an answer is received.
- (5.) It is not considered that any such arrangement is necessary or advisable, especially as the delay in this particular instance was quite unavoidable.

- (10.) Transfer of Conditional Purchase and other Holdings :—Mr. Macdonald asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the number and total area of conditional purchase holdings transferred subsequently to appraisement being granted for same?
- (2.) What is the number and total area of conditional leases embraced in the above transfers?
- (3.) What is the number and total area of homestead selections which have been transferred since the issue of deeds of grant?
- (4.) What is the number and total area of settlement leases transferred?

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Mr. Crick answered,—

(1 and 2.) It is pointed out to the Honorable Member that the capital value of 8,295 conditional purchases, representing an area of 1,266,951 acres, and 2,519 conditional leases, representing an area of 1,736,759 acres, has been appraised; and to supply the required answers will entail an inspection of each entry in the registers of this Department in respect of these conditional purchases and leases, which will necessarily take some time. The work will, however, be at once initiated, and, when the figures have been compiled, the information will be forwarded to the Honorable Member.

(3.) The Registrar-General has intimated to this Department the registration of seventy-five transfers, representing an area of 30,802 acres.

(4.) Absolute transfers, 217; area 583,659 acres. Transfers by way of mortgage, 241; area 711,347 acres. Total transfers, 458; total area, 1,259,006 acres.

(11.) West Sydney Working Men's Institute:—Mr. Lonsdale asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he noticed that the report of the West Sydney Working Men's Institute discloses that the revenue for the half-year was £421 4s. 1d; the main items being Government subsidy, £299 19s.; billiards, £67 9s. 6d.; members' subscriptions, £24 13s.?

(2.) Will he inform this House on what part of the income subsidy was paid, and the proportion of subsidy to income?

(3.) How was the amount of subsidy, £299 19s., made up?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The report referred to has not yet been furnished to the Department.

(2.) The particular subsidy referred to was not paid in proportion to income.

(3.) The Working Men's Institutes established at Leichhardt and West Sydney received special grants from the Government of £500 and £300 respectively, which were placed on the Estimates separately and voted by Parliament. In the case of Leichhardt, it was a distinct condition that the money was for the purpose of enabling the trustees to purchase a property for the uses of the Institute; and in the case of West Sydney, it was a grant in aid of the erection of a suitable building on a piece of land represented to be well situated and which the promoters could secure. The grants will be charged against future building subsidies, and inquiries are being made by the Department respecting the fulfilment of the stated conditions. I desire to add that it is not my intention to approve of any future special grants to Schools of Arts and Mechanics' Institutes, as I consider that they are very liberally dealt with in receiving £1 for £1 subsidy towards the erection of buildings, and 10s. to the £1 on members' subscriptions and donations in support of their maintenance.

(12.) Prosecution against John Dickson, Newsvendor:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) At whose instance was a prosecution instituted last week against John Dickson, newsvendor, on a charge of delivering handbills which had not the printer's name and place of abode printed thereon; and what penalty was imposed upon the defendant?

(2.) How many similar charges have been dealt with in the courts of New South Wales during the past four years?

(3.) Is he aware of the fact that handbills and other printed matter are daily put into circulation in the city which bear no imprint?

(4.) Was there anything particularly libellous or offensive in the handbill above alluded to?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

(1.) Acting Superintendent Barry. A fine of 5s. was imposed.

(2.) It would take a considerable time to procure this information.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Breach of Consolidated Act, 1899, No. 16, section 5.

(13.) River Murray:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to afford this House an opportunity for discussing the agreement entered into at the Premiers' Conference re the disposition of the waters of the Murray?

Sir John See answered,—I will lay the report of the Conference upon the Table of this House in a few days for the information of Honorable Members, and afterwards afford an opportunity to discuss the whole matter.

(14.) Newport Cycling Track:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What cost was incurred in the construction of the Newport cycling track, and was it borne *in toto* by the State?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the track is now practically untrafficable and useless?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £1,145, towards which the Cyclist Union contributed £125.

(2.) No; except for a few lengths where the ordinary road is extremely good, and is preferred by cyclists. It is the longest cycling track in the world.

(15.) Case of Claude Solomon:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a writ issued in 1901 by one Claude Solomon against the Government to recover salary and allowances from the date of expiration of his leave (1st July, 1900) to date on which he was removed from his service as military paymaster (14th June, 1901), and did this cause ever reach the hearing stage?

(2.) Was any settlement of the claim made by the Government; and, if so, what amount was paid to Solomon?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes. The case did not go to trial.

(2.) The case was settled, when ready for trial, by the payment to Mr. Solomon of £50 compensation and £35 for costs.

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- (16.) Expenditure in each Electorate :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the return he says he has of the total expenditure in each electorate for the nine months ending the 31st March last?

Sir John See answered,—A return is now being prepared for twelve months ending 30th June last, which, when completed, will be laid upon the Table. I will expedite the matter in every way I possibly can.

- (17.) State Properties transferred to the Commonwealth :—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the valuation of State properties taken over by the Commonwealth been completed; if so, what is the amount?
  - (2.) What is the amount of interest payable annually for the construction of buildings built out of Loan funds?
  - (3.) What proposal, if any, has been suggested by the Federal Treasurer for payment of the subject-matter referred to in Question 1 for payment?
  - (4.) Was there any proposal made at the recent Conference of Premiers as to the method of payment?
  - (5.) Is it intended to charge the Commonwealth the interest, referred to in Question 2, from the date of the taking over of such buildings?
  - (6.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence relative to the subject-matter of above Questions?

Sir John See answered,—This will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

- (18.) Sydney Harbour Trust :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the amount of the revenue paid last year by the Harbour Trust?
  - (2.) What amount was allowed by the Government to the Trust for all purposes—administration, improvements, &c.?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust has furnished the following information :—

- (1.) The total amount of revenue collected by the Trust and paid into Consolidated Revenue was £257,965.
- (2.) (a) Salaries of staff, inspectors, collectors, storemen, &c., £19,440; Dredge Service, wages, &c., £18,800; working expenses, wages, maintenance of bonded warehouses, wharfs, and other properties, rates, fire insurance premiums, plague cleansing operations, &c., £48,000—£86,240.
- (b) Parliamentary Vote, 1902–3, for capital expenditure, the erection of new wharfs, new jetties, and generally for the improvement of the wharfs, &c., £50,000. Votes taken in previous years were drawn upon to the extent of £77,000.

- (19.) Municipal Government in the Greater Sydney Area :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Bill to hold a Statutory Convention for the whole of the Greater Sydney area, to determine the problems of municipal government within that area?

Sir John See answered,—This is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (20.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount was paid to the Bank of New South Wales for the year 1902, for services rendered in connection with the payment of the Old-age Pensions?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount paid to the Bank of New South Wales during the financial year ended 30th June, 1902, was £6,975.

- (21.) Benefit, Building, and Investment Societies :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount stood to the credit of the capital and reserve funds of Benefit, Building, and Investment Societies registered under the Friendly Societies Act of 1873, on the 31st December, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Of the thirty-seven societies which were in existence in 1902, only twelve have, up to date, supplied returns for the year 1902. The societies in default have been communicated with, and the full information will be supplied as soon as returns are available.

- (22.) Franchise of Old-age Pensioners :—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have the Electoral authorities been advised to omit from the State electoral rolls the names of persons securing pensions under the Old-age Pensions Act?
  - (2.) Are the police omitting those names?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer has furnished the following replies :—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The police have not been instructed to omit the names of old-age pensioners from the lists now being collected.

- (23.) Registration of Firms Act :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to a Question asked by Mr. Levy on 7th July *re* the Registration of Firms Act, has he yet obtained the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the correctness of the Registrar-General's interpretation of section 4 of that Act?

Sir John See answered,—I have not yet received the opinion asked for.

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- (24.) Resumption of the "Flagstaff" Hotel:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Treasury has refused to pay the interest claims due on compensation money in connection with the resumption of the "Flagstaff" Hotel, "Rocks" resumption area?
  - (2.) Is he aware that transfer was signed by the claimant on the express condition that interest was to be paid with compensation money; and in view of this, does he not think that payment should be made at once?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Payment of the claim was made to-day.

- (25.) Devonshire-street Cemetery:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total cost for disinfectants in connection with the work at the Devonshire-street Cemetery?
  - (2.) Who were the contractors?
  - (3.) Were all disinfectants used; if not, where is the balance?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £28 9s. 6d.

(2.) No contractor, but purchased as follows:—Elliott Brothers, six bottles formalin; W. A. Shoobert, 51 gallons cresylol; E. Dearman, 5 gallons carbolic acid.

(3.) The disinfectants purchased were all used.

- (26.) The Agent-General:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement in a cablegram from London to the effect that the Agent-General had written to the Press supporting the proposal for preferential trade, and supporting a tax on Australian wheat?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to remonstrate with the Agent-General and to remind him of the duties of his office?

Sir John See answered,—The Agent-General will be in Sydney in a few weeks, when I will confer with him upon the subject.

- (27.) Subdivision of Land at Lilyville:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What was the total cost incurred in subdividing and otherwise preparing for occupation, under the provisions of the Blockholders Act, the land known as Lilyville; and how many blocks were measured out?
  - (2.) How many settlers are there on the land at present?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) £558.

(2.) Sixteen.

- (28.) Expenditure on Parks and Recreation Grounds:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How much of the £19,000 voted by Parliament last Session, for parks and recreation grounds, was expended?
  - (2.) Which were the favoured electorates which received the money, and how much each?

Mr. Crick answered,—This information is being prepared in the shape of a return, and will probably be ready to-morrow. As soon as it is ready I will lay it upon the Table.

2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) By Mr. Hogue,—From Oscar A. Piggott, Chairman of a meeting of the "Dawn of Freedom" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Glebe.
  - (2.) By Mr. Jessop,—From W. R. Thomson, Chairman of a meeting of the "Pacific" Lodge, No. 715, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Waverley.
- Petitions received.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Swine from Victoria for a period of twelve months.

(2.) Return respecting the Sale of adulterated Agricultural Fertilizers.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Rockdale.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.

(3.) Amendments in Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland, under the West Maitland Cattle Sale-yards Act, 1888, and the Municipalities Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH (LEPROSY) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect to the isolation of persons suspected to be suffering from leprosy.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 71.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Evans,
Sir John See,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Newman,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Norton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Clara.
Mr. Reymond,	
Mr. Coleman,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Kelly.

*Tellers,*  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Daley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Affleck then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect to the isolation of persons suspected to be suffering from leprosy,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 28th July.

5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Property Detention Bill [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] postponed until Tuesday, 28th July.
6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—William Millard, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Acting Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
7. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND CROWN SUITS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Claims against the Government and Crown Suits Act, 1897,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 15th July, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. Norton, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"Report of Royal Commission (1903) on the working and administration of Government Docks and Workshops at Cockatoo Island."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Carruthers submitted that this motion was out of order as anticipating a Notice of Motion, given this evening, and, therefore, already on the Notice Paper.

Mr. Speaker said he had on several previous occasions stated the practice to be as submitted, and he must therefore rule the motion out of order.

(2.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (a) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Cchen,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McCoy.
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Newman,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Sleath,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Broughton,	

Noes, 49.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Kidd,
Sir John See,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Archer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## 9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Question proposed,—That John Thomson, Esquire, a Member of this House, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, in the place and stead of the Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, who has resigned his position as a Member of such Committee.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Lee reminded Mr. Speaker that, on the occasion of the election of the Members of the first Public Accounts Committee, he had ruled that the names should be submitted to the House without Debate, and submitted that the present election should be carried out under the same rule.

Mr. Speaker, referring to the remarks made by him last Session, upheld his decision then given, and therefore ruled that this motion must be submitted to the House without Debate.

Question put,—That John Thomson, Esquire, a Member of this House, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, in the place and stead of the Honorable John Lionel Fegan, Esquire, who has resigned his position as a Member of such Committee—and voices given.

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. O'Connor.

## 10. FORESTRY BILL:—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Forestry Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, 23rd July.

## 11. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

## 12. FRUIT CASES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the size of cases used in the sale of fruit; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

Ordered

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the size of cases used in the sale of fruit; and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

- (2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the size of cases used in the sale of fruit; and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. FERTILIZERS ADULTERATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the manufacture and sale, and prevent the adulteration of fertilizers.

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

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

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

- (2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the manufacture and sale, and prevent the adulteration of fertilizers*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kidd moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 1903, A.M.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Briner, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Dight, Mr. Edden, Mr. Estell, Mr. Evans, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kidd, Mr. McGowen, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Millard, Mr. Morton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, and Mr. Sleath,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Car Sheds at Fort Macquarie :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) How many bricks were laid when the new car-sheds at Fort Macquarie were being erected?  
 (2.) What was the total amount of wages paid to bricklayers on the job?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 461,413.  
 (2.) £841 9s. 11d.

- (2.) Payment of Duties by this State to the Federal Government :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the decision of the Court, to the effect that the Federal Customs Department has no claim upon the Government for the payment of duties on stores, supplies, &c., imported for State purposes and use, does the Government still continue to pay these duties?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes, pending the result of the appeal to the Privy Council by the Federal Government.

- (3.) Female Servants' Registry :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 (1.) What is the annual cost of maintaining the Female Servants' Registry—(a) rent; (b) supervision; (c) printing and other incidentals?  
 (2.) How many employees are connected with the establishment, and what salaries do they respectively receive?  
 (3.) How many applications for employment were dealt with last financial year; and how many of the applicants obtained situations?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) (a) Rent, £130, paid to State Treasury, being a Government building; (b) supervision by Labour Commissioners, cost, nil; (c) printing and other incidentals, £10.  
 (2.) Lady superintendent, £100 per annum; female assistant, £50 per annum; cleaner, £32 per annum.  
 (3.) 1,685 applications. 1,357 poor girls obtained situations.

- (4.) Tram Buildings at Fort Macquarie :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders called for the erection of tram buildings at Fort Macquarie, or was the work done by day labour?  
 (2.) If tenders were called, what was the amount of the lowest?  
 (3.) What did the buildings cost to complete—(a) removal of old buildings and preparation of site; (b) cost of new structures?  
 (4.) In how many instances were the original plans altered by the architect; and to what extent was the total estimated cost thereby increased?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The work was done by day labour.  
 (3.) (a) Demolition of Fort Macquarie and levelling of site, £4,419 15s.; (b) Cost of Car-shed, £20,168 15s. 8d.; Offices, £9,874 3s. 6d.; Additions, consisting of retaining wall, approaches to new wharf on east side, &c., £4,500 5s. 4d. Total, £38,962 19s. 6d.  
 (4.) Once as regards embellishment; increased cost, £1,319 14s. 5d.

(5.)

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(5.) Contributors to the Civil Service and Police Superannuation Funds:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Do all or any of the persons entering the Civil Service at the present time contribute to the Superannuation Fund; if not all, what proportion do so contribute?
- (2.) In view of the unfinancial condition of the fund, will he consider whether the adoption of a compulsory system of insurance with reputable offices would be preferable to the methods of the past?
- (3.) Do all men entering the Police Force from time to time contribute towards the unfinancial Police Superannuation Fund; and, if so, will he consider whether the insurance system would meet their case?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No officers entering the Public Service since the passing of the Public Service Act of 1895 are allowed to become contributors to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.
- (2.) All officers now entering the Service are required to insure their lives, and this course has been followed since 23rd December, 1895. In cases where Insurance Companies will not accept the risk, a quarterly deduction, in lieu of life assurance, is made from the salaries of the officers concerned.
- (3.) Yes; police being subject to exceptional risks of injury, a system of insurance would not meet all claims.

(6.) Coal used at the Power House, Ultimo:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many tons of coal have been burnt at the Power-house, Ultimo, between the 1st January and the 30th June, inclusive, of the year 1903?
- (2.) What was the cost per ton to the Railway Commissioners, and where was delivery taken?
- (3.) What would have been the cost per ton at Ultimo if ordinary freight charges were included?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) 39,871 tons.
- (2.) Small coal from Metropolitan Colliery, 4s. 6d. per ton, delivered at colliery siding. Small coal from Lithgow Coal Association, 3s. 6d. per ton, delivered at Eskbank.
- (3.) Metropolitan small coal (freight at 3s. per ton), 7s. 6d. per ton. Lithgow Coal Association small coal (freight at 6s. per ton), 9s. 6d. per ton.

(7.) Vote for Prospecting for Gold and other Minerals:—Mr. Newman asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How much of the £20,000 voted last year has been expended for prospecting for gold and other minerals, and encouraging the opening up of new fields?
- (2.) In which electorates was the money spent?
- (3.) Is the balance, if any, still available for the purpose for which it was voted?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The whole of the £20,000 has been expended.
- (2.) Albury, Alma, Argyle, Armidale, Ashburnham, Bega, Bingara, Boorowa, Bourke, Braidwood, Cobar, Condoulin, Cowra, Dubbo, Durham, Eden-Bombala, Glen Innes, Gloucester, Grenfell, Gundagai, Hume, Inverell, Lachlan, Macquarie, Macquarie West, Manning, Molong, Monaro, Moruya, Mudgee, Murrumbidgee, Orange, Queanbeyan, Quirindi, Raleigh, Richmond, Robertson, Rylstone, Shoalhaven, Sturt, Tamworth, Tenterfield, Tumut, Tweed, Uralla-Walcha, Wellington, Wilcannia, Yass, Wentworth, and Young.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.

(8.) Dr. Millard's Report on the outbreak of Typhoid at Tamworth:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In the interest of science and for the information of the public and protection of public health, will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of Dr. Millard's report on the outbreak of typhoid at Tamworth?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Tamworth Hospital Committee and the medical officers attached to the institution have protested against the correctness of Dr. Millard's report; if so, will he cause copies of the correspondence that has passed between the Hospital Committee and the Board of Health on the outbreak of fever at Tamworth to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) The report asked for, together with similar reports on some other towns, was promised to the Honorable Member a few nights ago; they will be laid upon the Table shortly.
- (2.) There is no record of any correspondence having been received from the committee of Tamworth Hospital on the subject.

(9.) Importation of Wheat and Flour:—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The amount of wheat and flour imported from all parts to New South Wales during the last twelve months?
- (2.) The amount of duty paid on the same?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The amount of wheat imported from outside the Commonwealth during the year ended 30th June, 1903, was 1,921,830 centals, of which 1,854,613 centals were cleared for home consumption. The amount of duty received was £139,096. The quantity of flour imported from external sources was 651,185 centals, of which 569,912 centals were cleared for home consumption. The duty received was £71,239. Inter-State transfers of Australian produce are not at present available.

(10.) Land available for Selection in the Central Division:—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area, approximately, of leasehold land, held under annual lease, is there available in the Central Division of the State?
- (2.) What steps does he propose taking to render this land open for selection?
- (3.) Has his attention been drawn to the fact of there being over 170 applications for three blocks of land at Dubbo last week?

Mr.



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Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) The area held under annual lease is about 1,336,306 acres.
- (2.) Land under annual lease, unless the lease includes a reserve from sale, is open to Conditional Purchase or Conditional Lease.
- (3.) No.

(11.) Demolition of the "Star" Hotel:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the terms of lease, if any, of the "Star" Hotel, corner of Hunter and Phillip Streets?
- (2.) When is it proposed the work will be proceeded with in the pulling down of such hotel, and thus permitting of the erection of the police buildings according to the plans proposed and approved?
- (3.) What are the rentals of the temporary offices of the Inspector-General pending the erection of the new offices?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) No lease appears to have been entered into in respect to these premises. The occupant's tenancy expires on the 25th October next.
- (2.) So soon as the building is vacated.
- (3.) £400, including rates and taxes.

(12.) Inmates of the Bunnerong Road Labour Farm:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the inmates of the Bunnerong-road Labour Farm are now being fed on prison diet, to wit, hominy?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No. This is only a fair specimen of the audacious lies published by the critics of the present Government.

2. WOLLONGONG WATER SUPPLY WORKS:—Mr. Archibald Campbell presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Wollongong, showing that, under their recommendation, the Government had carried out the Wollongong Water Supply Works, and that the usual contract to be responsible for the moneys expended had been signed by the Petitioners; that on the completion of the work, Petitioners expected it would be handed over and vested in them, but, instead, it is proposed to legislate so as to place the control under the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; strongly objecting and protesting against such a course, and insisting that the spirit of the direct contract with the Government be carried out; averring that they are well able to pay the annual instalments in liquidation of the cost of the works; that they are more competent to manage and control a local work than a body resident in Sydney, and agreeing that when the adjacent municipalities desire to participate in the water supply, all parties interested should have representation on a District Board; and praying that their claim to have the control of the Wollongong Water Supply Works vested in them should receive careful consideration and be justly dealt with.

Petition received.

3. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by Mr. Alexander Campbell,—

- (1.) From John Cook, Chairman of a meeting of the "Rock Lilley" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Upper Brogers Creek.
- (2.) From Robt. S. Willis, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Jamberoo Temperance Union at Jamberoo.

Petitions received.

4. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—Mr. Kidd, pursuant to leave granted on 9th July, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

6. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 9th July, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances, and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling, exchanging, and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*), postponed until Tuesday, 23th July.
- (2.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 18, postponed until a later hour of the Day.

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## 8. GOVERNMENT DOCKS AND WORKSHOPS AT COCKATOO ISLAND—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the Report of the Royal Commission on the Government Docks and Workshops at Cockatoo Island, desires to record its disapproval of the Ministerial and political interference which has been so detrimental to the efficient and proper management of these great State works.

"(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by respectful Address to His Excellency the "Governor."

Debate ensued.

Mr. McGowen moved, That the motion be amended by leaving out the second paragraph and inserting instead thereof the following words,—“but wishes to record its appreciation of the action “of the Minister for Works in instituting the inquiry into these matters, and so promptly giving “effect to the recommendations of the Royal Commission.”

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 JULY, 1903, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

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Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Latimer,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ferguson,
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Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Mahony,
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Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Howarth,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Moxham,	

Noes, 59.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Young,
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Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGowen,
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Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macdonald.
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Mr. Miller,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Estell,	

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Debate continued.

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Mr. Mackenzie,		Mr. Levien,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Levy,		Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Rose,		Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Howarth,		Mr. Davis,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McCoy,		Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. John Hurley,		Mr. Norton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Brunker,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Morton,		Mr. Raymond,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. O'Connor,		Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGowen,
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Mr. Fleming,		Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macdonald.
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Mr. Ashton,		Mr. Miller,	
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New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Duties of Police :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the duty of the police, that once a person is charged with a crime, to do all in their power to sheet home the charge at all hazards, and suppress all evidence of an unincriminating character ?
- (2.) In how many instances this year have the police given evidence to prove the innocence of an accused person in the Quarter Sessions or Criminal Court ?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

- (1.) No ; the regulations enjoin police as follows :—“ In cross examination, answers should be given with the same readiness and respect as in the examination-in-chief, that the whole truth may be elicited, whether against or in favour of the accused.”
- (2.) There is no data upon which this information could be afforded.

(2.) Tenders for Timber for Newcastle :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that tenders were called for the supply of timber to be delivered at Newcastle ?
- (2.) Were Messrs. Pike and Company the lowest tenderers ?
- (3.) Were the tenders subsequently amended, and a contract given to the Clarence Town Timber-Cutters' Association for delivery at Clarence Town ; if so, what was the difference in the prices of the tenders ?
- (4.) What was the extra cost entailed in the carriage of the timber from Clarence Town to Newcastle ?
- (5.) Why was the higher-priced tender accepted ?
- (6.) What amount of loss was entailed by the Government in connection with the transaction ?
- (7.) Were other timber-cutters' associations, viz., Cape Hawke, Bullahdelah, Manning, and North Coast Districts, given an opportunity of competing ; if not, why was preference given to one locality ?
- (8.) Who were the members of the Clarence Town Association, and was it a *bona fide* association ?
- (9.) Is he aware that a number of the members of the association left it to work for Pike and Company ?
- (10.) Did the officers of the Timber Branch of the Works Department report against the acceptance of the tender ; if so, upon whose representations was the contract entered into at a loss to the State ?
- (11.) Will he be good enough to lay the whole of the papers upon the Table of this House in this case, including all tenders and other documents ?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) (a) No ; but, owing to the distress in the district, I accepted the third highest tender, which was a local one ; (b) £49 7s. 10d.
- (4.) No extra cost was entailed.
- (5.) See No. 3.
- (6.) The difference between the lowest and the local tender was £35 18s. 8d.
- (7.) See No. 3.
- (8.) The Department dealt with the Association through its authorised President and Secretary.
- (9.) No.
- (10.) See No. 3.
- (11.) If moved for in the usual way.

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- (3.) King's Plains Land Exchange:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What has been the cause of the delay in completing the King's Plains exchange?
  - (2.) Is there any probability of the land being made available for settlement in the near future?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—
- (1.) A condition of this exchange was, that applicant should first purchase isolated fragments of land at auction. He purchased such as were offered, but delay has been caused by his maintaining that certain lands made available for selection were included in the arrangements for auction sale.
  - (2.) The auction sale question having been disposed of, the exchange will be completed and the surrender lands made available without unnecessary delay.
- (4.) Myall Creek Land Exchange:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large amount of land is locked up against settlement in connection with Myall Creek exchange?
  - (2.) In view of the number of *bonâ fide* settlers desirous of getting homes on this land, will he take the necessary steps to expedite the exchange, or have the present Crown lands made available for settlement?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The exchange, which is in an advanced stage, will be carried to completion, and the surrender lands made available for settlement as early as practicable.
- (5.) Government Asylums:—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the hours worked by attendants and nurses per week at Liverpool, George-street, Macquarie-street, Newington, and Rookwood Asylums respectively, and salaries paid for the services rendered in each case?
  - (2.) What is the number of hospital patients in asylums under the control of the Director of Institutions for the Infirm and Destitute?
  - (3.) Will he state in which the same are controlled by medical or lay superintendents, and the number of patients in each case?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that pigs are fed and reared from the refuse at Liverpool Asylum?
  - (5.) Is he aware that numerous incurable consumptive and cancerous patients are daily treated at Liverpool Asylum?
  - (6.) Are these pigs offered for sale to the public; if so, will he state, from the records of the institution, at what place or places they are sold?
  - (7.) Is it a fact that a shelter-shed at Rookwood Asylum was demolished?
  - (8.) How long has the shelter-shed been demolished?
  - (9.) Will he state whether any shelter-shed has been erected in lieu of the one demolished; if not, why not?
  - (10.) Is he aware that, during the week ending 12th July, the temperature at Rookwood Asylum at 6 a.m. has reached as low as 28° Fahrenheit?
  - (11.) Is it a fact that about twelve sheets of iron in the form of a triangle, with a few open fires, is the only shelter supplied to the inmates?
  - (12.) What number of paid officers on night duty are available in the event of fire occurring at any of the institutions under the control of the Director of Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute?
  - (13.) Will he state the number at each asylum?
- Sir John See* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return in answer to this Question.
- (6.) Acting Gaolers and Police Gaols:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Dacey*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- With reference to the Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Hay, *Mr. Byrne*, on 27th November, 1902, about Acting Gaolers and police gaols, will he cause the information contained in his reply to *Mr. Byrne* to be posted up at all police gaols?
- Sir John See* answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that this is unnecessary; as the Police and Prisons Regulations are supplied to Police who are Acting Gaolers.
- (7.) Payment of men on Relief Works:—*Mr. Eden George*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that when the Government decided to give relief work in the form of stone breaking he promised that each man performing such work should be paid at the end of each day the money earned by him during that day, if he so desired?
  - (2.) Is it not a fact that, on the 12th and 13th instant, men engaged at the Lyne Park Dépôt who had broken all, or the greater portion of, the stone allotted to them, were unable to obtain any payment therefor from the officer in charge of this dépôt, and that many of the men were unable to provide themselves with food and shelter in consequence?
  - (3.) If so, why were they so refused?
- Sir John See* answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2 and 3.) 12th instant was Sunday, and no payments were made on that day. On 13th all heaps ready were measured and paid for, advances being made where justified by the work done. No cases were known to the Officer-in-charge of men being unable to obtain food and shelter owing to non-payment for stone breaking.
- (8.) Road from Werris Creek to Tamworth:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) On what date was application made to have the road, Werris Creek to Tamworth, proclaimed a public road?
  - (2.) What action, if any, has been taken to carry out such request?
  - (3.) What is the delay in carrying out this important work?
  - (4.) When will the proclamation be gazetted?
- Mr.*

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*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) Application was received on 3rd March, 1903.
- (2 and 3.) Inquiry has been made to ascertain who the persons are responsible for blocking the road against the public use of it.
- (4.) The District Surveyor has been instructed to prepare a description of the land embraced by the road, in order that it may be notified as a public road. Gazettal will take place on receipt of such description.

(9.) Moree-Inverell Railway :—*Mr. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What were, respectively, the earnings and expenditure of the Moree-Inverell railway for the first year's operations?
- (2.) What is the estimated loss, if any, on the first year's working of the Inverell-Moree railway?
- (3.) Is there any early probability of the local rate now charged on this line being dispensed with?

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

- (1 and 2.) The result of working for the year ended 31st December, 1902, was as under :—Earnings, £23,659; working expenses and interest, £24,816; loss, £1,157.
- (3.) This matter is before the Commissioners, and will be favourably considered as soon as the financial conditions permit.

(10.) Inmates of Asylums :—*Mr. Kelly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the number of inmates in all asylums who have come from the other States?
- (2.) Is it a fact that 56 per cent. of the inmates come from Victoria and Queensland?
- (3.) Is he aware that only the other day a man landed at 9 a.m. in Sydney from Brisbane, and a few hours afterwards was received at Macquarie street Asylum, Parramatta, and then transferred to Rookwood?
- (4.) Is it a fact that an inmate in the George-street Asylum, Parramatta, committed suicide on Wednesday, 7th July, 1903?
- (5.) If so, what was the inmate's name?
- (6.) Has his body been recovered from the river?
- (7.) If so, has an inquest been held, and the result of the inquest?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Director of Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute has furnished the following replies :—

- (1 and 2.) This information will be supplied in the form of a return.
- (3.) Three men arrived at Macquarie-street Asylum lately, one from Brisbane, one from Melbourne, and one from Tasmania. They were returned to the places from where they came by authority of Chief Secretary.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Patrick Hayes.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Yes; "Found drowned."

(11.) Cost of Parliament :—*Mr. Archer* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform this House the amount of expenses incurred in conducting the business of Parliament since the 16th of June, 1903, to the 16th of July, 1903, including Members' salaries, printing, &c.?*Sir John See* answered,—I will endeavour to obtain this information and lay it upon the Table in the form of a return as speedily as possible.(12.) Trial Bay Breakwater :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to abandon work at Trial Bay breakwater?
- (2.) If such be the case, will he state the reasons for such a course?
- (3.) What is the value of the plant in use in connection with the breakwater?
- (4.) Before deciding to abandon the work, will he ask for a report by his own officers, with a view to carrying on the work if such report be favourable to continuing the work?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, so far as prison labour is concerned.
- (2.) It is not intended to carry on this work by prison labour any longer, as it interferes with the modern system of treatment of criminals.
- (3.) Plant, £7,080; stores, £610.
- (4.) I propose to submit the question of the necessity for further extension of the breakwater by free labour to the Cabinet, with a view to submission to the Public Works Committee. In the meantime, only sufficient men will be employed to effect repairs and maintain the work already done.

(13.) Trial Bay Prison :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that prisoners have been withdrawn from Trial Bay Prison; and is it intended to close the prison at the end of the present month?
- (2.) If the prison is to be closed, will he state the reasons?
- (3.) In the event of the prison being closed, is it proposed to put the costly buildings at Trial Bay to any use; and, if so, will he say what is proposed?
- (4.) What saving of cost is expected from the closing of the prison?

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

- (1.) Yes. After that date, the works at Trial Bay will pass to the Works Department.
- (2.) The system of this prison does not fit in with the more modern ideas of penology, which have been proved to be sound by the experience of their working in this State, in that it ignores the principles of classification and isolation of prisoners. The prison is also very costly, and the  
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breakwater can be much more rapidly and efficiently constructed by free labour. For some time past the Comptroller-General has called attention in reports to the desirability of closing this gaol.

- (3.) This question is now under the consideration of the Works Department.  
 (4.) At least £5,000 per annum will be saved in the Prisons Department.

(14.) Wirrah-Caidmurra Land Exchange:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Gillies*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Wirrah-Caidmurra exchange is at a standstill on account of the non-payment of certain fees to the Crown by the applicants?  
 (2.) Will he permit land to be locked up in this manner?  
 (3.) Will he refuse this exchange, in view of such delay and the attitude of the applicants?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) No.  
 (2.) If Departmental requisitions are not promptly complied with, the question of refusing an exchange will be considered.  
 (3.) As, up to the present, applicant has complied with such requisitions, a legitimate ground for refusal does not at present exist.

(15.) Strathfield Railway Station:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are waiting-rooms provided for the convenience of passengers at railway stations, particularly on suburban station platforms?  
 (2.) Are passengers connecting with suburban stations on the one hand, with Northern line stations and long-distance trains on the other, often compelled to wait nearly half an hour on the Strathfield platforms?  
 (3.) Are the Strathfield station platforms exposed to the full force of the westerly winds?  
 (4.) Is it intended to provide any shelter on these platforms for passengers exposed to the bitterly cold winds of winter?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Waiting-rooms are provided at railway stations on the principal platforms.  
 (2.) Every consideration is given to the question of providing suitable suburban connections with through trains; but as Northern suburban trains are run at the most suitable times to meet the requirements of local travellers, it is inevitable that through passengers are sometimes subjected to a little delay at Strathfield.  
 (3 and 4.) The Strathfield platforms are exposed to west winds, but they are under cover.

(16.) Subsidy for the Tuition of Children:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) In connection with his system of granting a subsidy of £5 per child, up to an annual amount of £25, for the tuition of children in parts of the State where it is not possible to establish schools, is same restricted to the children of two or more families?  
 (2.) In view of the hardship which this restriction inflicts in some cases, will he, in the interests of children who need education in remote places, alter the conditions so that the system may apply to one family?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) The regulation being a new one, and an advance upon anything yet done by any of the States to bring education within reach of isolated families in remote districts, it will have a fair trial, and its results noted before making an alteration. One of my reasons for introducing it was that it was known that in some cases a governess or a tutor was employed by the settler for his own family, and it was thought that by offering a subsidy of £5 a head, up to a maximum grant of £25 per annum, the children of other families in the locality could be taught by the same instructor.

(17.) State Reformatories:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many reformatories for boys and girls are maintained by the State; where are they situate; and what is the name of the principal of each?  
 (2.) Are not reports respecting the work done at these institutions annually presented to his Department by the principals?  
 (3.) Are not such reports, with the exception of that relating to the Shaftesbury Reformatory, printed and published?  
 (4.) What is the reason for making this exception; and is it part of a policy which has for its ultimate object the closing of this institution?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) Two. The Carpenterian Reformatory for Boys, situated at Brush Farm, Eastwood; superintendent, *Mr. F. Stayner*; and the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, situated at Vacluse; superintendent, *Mrs. S. Cunninghame*.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) No exception is made. The report on Shaftesbury Reformatory, South Head, is embodied in the report of the President of the State Children Relief Board. The Questions are not taken to apply to the Industrial Schools—"Sobraon" (boys) and Parramatta (girls)—which are not reformatories.

(18.) Grants for Repairing Country Streets:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it usual for large grants of public money to be made, as was done in the case of Temora and other incorporated areas recently, for repairs, &c., to streets within the borough?  
 (2.) Has not his Department repeatedly refused grants for streets in unincorporated towns which have no fund from which to draw upon for street maintenance purposes?

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*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

(1.) It has been the practice to give grants in aid of roads within municipalities if they are part of main roads or lead to railway stations, or where urgent relief work was required.

(2.) Requests for grants for streets in unincorporated towns or villages have been refused in cases where traffic did not warrant public expenditure; but, on the other hand, where traffic requirements are sufficient to justify it, grants are frequently made for such streets which are generally portions of through roads, such as municipalities are subsidised for.

(19.) *Byalla Estate Land Exchange*:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the *Byalla Estate* exchange be open for settlement by the public?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—Investigation of title has caused delay in the completion of this case; the title question has, however, now been disposed of; the surrender documents are being sent to the exchange applicant for execution; the surrender lands have been subdivided, and the plans are expected daily from the District Surveyor. On receipt of these, and his report, every effort will be made to make the lands available for settlement at an early date.

2. **LIQUOR BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—

(1.) By *Mr. Nielsen*,—From *John Douglas, C.T.*, Chairman of a meeting of the “*Aqua Pura*” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at *Rye Park*.

(2.) By *Mr. Perry*,—From *W. N. Gillics*, Chairman of a meeting of the “*Lily of the Valley*” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at *Tintenbar*.

(3.) By *Mr. Fallick*,—From *A. J. Hollebone, C.T.*, Chairman of a meeting of the “*Pride of St. Peters*” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at *St. Peters*.

(4.) By *Mr. Nielsen*,—From Residents of *Rye Park*.

(5.) By *Mr. Jones*,—From *D. E. Roberts*, Chairman of a meeting of the “*Undaunted*” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at *Graman*.

Petitions received.

3. **PAPERS**:—

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Loans raised for Public Works from 1st September, 1899, to 30th June, 1903.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending Railway Station Yard at *Bathurst*.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Fegan* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the erection of a Police Station at *Bowning*.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the *Coonamble* Railway Station.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Water Supply for *Luddenham*.

(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Railway Platform at *Armatree*.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Sir John See* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.

(2.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Acts.

(3.) By-law of the Borough of *Granville*.

(4.) Papers respecting the appointment of *Mr. Arnold Walker* as Shorthand-writer to the Industrial Arbitration Court.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **GUN LICENSE BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Sir John See*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

**HARRY H. RAWSON,**

*Message No. 40.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases.

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*Sydney, 20th July, 1903.*

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

5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for *The Tweed*, *Mr. Meagher*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The necessity of establishing State Batteries on low-grade gold-fields, thus in some measure alleviating the unemployed and developing mineral resources.”

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

*Mr. Meagher* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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6. ACCIDENT, CENTRAL MINE, BROKEN HILL :—Mr. Kidd (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the fatal accident which took place at the Central Mine, Broken Hill, October, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on the 16th June, 1903, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on the 9th July, 1903, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.  
Question put and passed.
7. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL :—Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Servants Registry Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.
8. NEWINGTON AND ROOKWOOD ASYLUMS :—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Daley, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.  
Mr. Crick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 4th August.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Electric Train Drivers :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he consult the Railway Commissioners with a view to providing some protection from wind, dust, and rain to the drivers on the electric trams?
- (2.) Is he aware of the fact that many of the drivers are frequently suffering from face, lung, or eye affections, owing to the constant exposure to which they are subjected?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that the steam trams of the past had, as those now in use have, glass doors provided for the protection of drivers, and that no accident so far has occurred from this cause?
- (4.) Have the Railway Commissioners or the Tram Superintendent offered any objection to the drivers of electric trams using goggles as a protection for their eyes from dust?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Drivers are provided with warm clothing and rain-proof coats, which are considered to reasonably meet requirements.
- (2.) No, the records do not support this.
- (3.) Steam motors are provided with glass doors, but the fireman or look out man rides in front outside such doors.
- (4.) The Commissioners are prepared to favourably consider this proposal, and a request was made by the Tramway Superintendent to representatives of the men for sample goggles to be submitted. The Commissioners will deal with the matter further on receipt of the samples.

(2.) Distribution of Seed Wheat :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Fleming, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the total number of bushels of seed-wheat asked for by distressed farmers for this season's sowing?
- (2.) What is the total number distributed?
- (3.) What is the total value of same?
- (4.) For what amount does the Government hold receipts?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual manner.

(3.) Assurance against Accidents of State Employees :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What number of assurances against accidents to State employees have been effected by his Department or any branch thereof; and with what offices?

Sir John See answered,—Three policies have been taken with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation of London, Limited, but the whole question is now under the consideration of a Board of Reference of the Works Department to report as to the best means of carrying out a general system of assurance for workmen.

(4.) Weighing Appliances in the Northern Coal-mines :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to the return purporting to be the report of the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures on the weighing appliances in the Northern coal mines, will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the report, without any exception?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The report will be laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual way.

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- (5.) Applications for Land Exchanges:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many applications for land exchanges with the Crown have been lodged with his Department since he became Secretary for Lands; what is the total area involved; how many have been dealt with, how many sanctioned, how many refused, and how many are undetermined at the present time?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—The applications number 130, of which thirty-eight have been refused, two withdrawn, and nine finally approved. The balance are in various stages of action. The total area involved is about 305,000 acres.

- (6.) Auburn Murderers:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) What was the total cost to the Crown of bringing the Auburn murderers to justice?  
 (2.) What reward was offered for their conviction, and has it been paid over; if so, how was it apportioned, and to whom?  
 (3.) What has been done with the man Woolford?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) Expenses paid by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, approximately, £870.  
 (2.) £400. In process of appropriation. It would be undesirable to publish particulars.  
 (3.) The Government has no concern regarding his movements.

- (7.) Deposits in the Savings Banks:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Reverting to Question asked on 14th July by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, anent the shrinkage in amount of deposits in the Savings Bank of New South Wales and Post Office Savings Bank for six months ended 30th June, 1903, is it not a fact that such shrinkage, in the case of the first-mentioned institution, was over £90,000, as compared with the corresponding six months of 1902; and, in the case of the latter, of even a larger sum?

*Sir John See* answered,—It is not considered advisable to give this information, as already stated in reply to a somewhat similar Question.

- (8.) Material for the construction of Lismore to Casino Railway:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) By what means was material used in connection with the construction of the Lismore to Casino railway line transported from Sydney to Lismore; were tenders called; and, if so, whose tender was accepted, and what was the cost per ton?  
 (2.) If tenders were not called, what arrangements were made regarding freightage charges; and with whom?  
 (3.) What was the total weight carried of rails, fastenings, &c.?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) By the North Coast Steam Navigation Company's boats. Quotations were asked for by advertisement in the Press, but the only one received was from the Company mentioned, at 10s. per ton, and this was accepted.  
 (3.) About 1,900 tons.

- (9.) Commercial Agent in the East:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have applications been called in *re* the vacant post of Commercial Agent in the East; if so, how many applicants are there for same, and has any examination of their credentials yet been made?  
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay in making an appointment, and by whom will such appointment be made?  
 (3.) Has it been found that the appointment of these agents has been productive of any tangible result as far as increasing our trade and commerce with other countries is concerned?  
 (4.) What are the respective amounts which these agencies have cost from the period of their establishment to 30th June, 1903?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) About 150 applications have been received, and they are at present under consideration.  
 (2.) The appointment will be made shortly.  
 (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) I will lay this information upon the Table of this House as soon as it is prepared.

- (10.) Workshops of the Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What expenditure has been incurred by the Harbour Trust in erecting workshops and fitting out same with machinery capable of doing such work as comes within its functions?  
 (2.) Could not the Harbour Trust have had its work done at Fitzroy Dock?  
 (3.) Did the Harbour Trust give, as its reason for not using Fitzroy Dock for the purpose, that "it was found that the work done there was very costly"?  
 (4.) Will the Harbour Trust's work be done at Fitzroy Dock once that institution is brought under some sort of business-like management?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust has furnished the following replies:—

- (1.) £1,087.  
 (2.) Yes; but urgent and general repairs were carried out more economically and expeditiously at the small shop fitted up specially for that purpose.  
 (3 and 4.) Yes.

- (11.) Railway Crossing at St. Leonards:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the attention of the Railway Commissioners been directed by letters and petitions to the danger of crossing at St. Leonards station, and will they take steps to have a bridge or subway erected there for the convenience and safety of pedestrians?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed the Commissioners' attention has been directed to this matter, and the locality was personally inspected by them. They decided that the existing circumstances did not warrant the expenditure that would be involved.

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- (12.) Willoughby Tramway :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is approximately the revenue and expenditure for that portion of the tramway running to Willoughby only for the last half-year ending 30th June, 1903?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the section referred to is worked in conjunction with the North Shore system generally, and detail results are not, therefore, separately kept. The results, however, of the working of the North Shore trams will shortly be published in the Annual Report of the Commissioners.

- (13.) Claim of Charles Lovelock for position in Public Service :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Whether he will further inquire into the claims of a Charles Lovelock for a permanent position in the Public Service, the right to which the Board has acknowledged on a previous occasion?

(2.) Will the Board consider whether reasonable justice and fair treatment has been done to this long-standing public servant since his summary retrenchment?

(3.) Whether, though nominally out of the Service, the Board will consider his claim to fill any suitable vacancy as strong as any other officer who may happen to be in the Service?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Board to rest satisfied by what they have already done for him in giving him intermittently some temporary work?

Sir John See answered,—As stated in answer to a previous Question, the Public Service Board are not responsible for the retirement of Mr. Lovelock. When, however, any vacancy occurs for which Mr. Lovelock may be suited, his claims to reappointment will be considered, having due regard to the claims of other persons employed in the Public Service.

- (14.) Messrs. Weldon, Explosives Department :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the respective positions of W. Weldon, junior, and W. Weldon, senior, in connection with the Explosives Department?

(2.) Have complaints been made, personally and by letter, to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, and to the Superintendent, Explosives Department, by the men employed at the Powder Magazine, Middle Harbour, of the undue interference of Weldon, junior, with the duties directly belonging to Weldon, senior, and that orders issued by the latter are countermanded and reversed by the former?

(3.) Is it a fact that correspondence officially sent to Weldon, senior, as Officer-in-charge, is repeatedly opened and acted upon by Weldon, junior?

(4.) Is it a fact that the result of the interference of Weldon, junior, as an irresponsible officer, is the cause of considerable dissatisfaction, and that the majority of the men employed protest against it, and that, in the absence of Weldon, junior, no friction occurs?

(5.) How long has Weldon, junior, been master of the "Kate"; and is it a fact that his predecessor exercised no control or authority over men employed at the magazine?

(6.) Do any regulations of the Public Service Board prohibit the employment of father and son in positions of responsibility where a condition such as the present may exist; and, if not, will he bring the matter directly under the notice of the Board, with a view to such prohibition; and will he further recommend an inquiry with a view to the removal, if necessary, of Weldon, junior, to some other portion of the Explosives Department Service?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) W. Weldon, senior, is the Officer-in-charge, Public Magazines, Middle Harbour; W. J. Weldon, junior, his son, is the master of the steamship "Kate," tender to the magazines.

(2.) Yes—by certain of the men; but such complaints are without foundation.

(3.) No.

(4.) W. J. Weldon, junior, is not an irresponsible officer; he has, as a matter of fact, next to the Officer-in-charge, more responsibility than any other person at the magazines. He has, in so far as the Superintendent is aware, never interfered when he had not a perfect right to interfere. The Superintendent believes that Weldon's, junior, zeal and careful attention to the interests of the Department has caused dissatisfaction to certain of the employees, and is the reason of the friction alluded to.

(5.) Since the 22nd September, 1901. His predecessor exercised whatever control and authority was committed to him by his superior officers.

(6.) There are no such regulations that I am aware of, neither is it considered necessary to make any representation to the Public Service Board in the matter. It might be added that there is no other position in the Explosives Department to which Weldon, junior, could be appointed, and moreover, this officer is doing his work in his present position to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent. Also, the Board are about to inquire into certain complaints made by a warder at the Public Magazines, which, amongst other things, involve consideration of the matters referred to in the latter part of the Question.

- (15.) Resumption of the "Half-way House" Hotel between Barmedman and Wyalong :—Mr. Jones for Mr. Holman, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Construction Branch intend resuming the land now occupied by the "Half-way House" Hotel, between Barmedman and Wyalong?

(2.) Did the Constructing Engineer, Mr. Wade, at the last sitting of the Licensing Court at Wyalong, oppose the renewal of the license of the present licensee, Mr. O. Roberts, on that ground?

(3.) Has the customary resumption notice been served on the present licensee?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Bench granted the license in spite of the representations of the Engineer-in-charge?

(5.) Will he promise that, in any settlement come to with the present licensee, the fact of his lengthy holding of a license shall be equitably considered?

(6.) Will he inform this House whether he has authorised or endorsed the opposition to the renewal of Mr. Roberts' license, and whether such steps are likely to be taken elsewhere?

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*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) No ; the necessary legal formalities have not been completed yet.
  - (4.) Yes ; the Bench stated that there was no choice in the matter.
  - (5.) All circumstances are taken into account in making valuations.
  - (6.) Any action taken was with the advice of the Crown Solicitor ; I do not know what further steps are referred to.
- (16.) Fruit Pests :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that thousands of pounds are lost annually through the devastation caused in the horticultural areas by the codlin moth, the fruit fly, the black scale, and other such pests ?
  - (2.) What steps does he intend to take with a view to checking the spread of these pests ?
  - (3.) Is he aware of the fact that recent investigation has been the means of discovering the parasites of the codlin moth ?
  - (4.) Is he aware that the efficacy of the principle of fighting these insect pests with their natural enemies has been exemplified in California, where the gardens have been completely cleared, and the people adopt no other method than that of Nature itself ?
  - (5.) Is he aware of the fact that the codlin moth is practically unknown in Spain, owing to the existence of its parasites ?
  - (6.) Will he not now admit that it would have been much better to have arranged for the discovery of the natural enemies of the moth and other pests, instead of acting wholly upon the advice of his entomologists ?
  - (7.) Is he aware of the fact that most entomologists all over the world are adopting the principle of bringing Nature to their aid in combating the spread of garden pests ?
  - (8.) Is he aware of the fact that had he (as he personally favoured) joined and shared in the responsibility and expense in connection with *Mr. George Compere's* tour, on behalf of the Western Australian Government, the State of New South Wales would have had the benefit of the discovery of the natural enemies of the moth, as well as other species of insects, that would have been worth thousands of pounds to the State ?
  - (9.) As it is intended by the Western Australian Government to continue their investigations through *Mr. Compere*, will he now try and arrange with that Government to allow their entomologist to act on behalf of New South Wales in trying to discover natural parasites for some of our most virulent garden pests ?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; both here and in other parts of the world.
  - (2.) By legislation.
  - (3.) I am not aware that this is a fact.
  - (4.) No.
  - (5.) No.
  - (6.) I cannot admit this.
  - (7.) I am aware most entomologists, including the Departmental Entomologist, so far as is practicable, are engaged in experimenting in such work.
  - (8.) I am not aware that this is a fact.
  - (9.) I consider the Departmental Entomologist to be well qualified to advise me on this matter, for he is in communication with all recognised entomologists in various parts of the world.
- (17.) Clergymen visiting Country Gaols :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to retain on the Estimates for the present year all the sums given in the past for clergymen visiting the various country gaols ?

*Sir John See* answered,—Yes, excepting those provided for Chaplains at Trial Bay Prison, which has been disestablished.

(18.) Commercial Agents :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Since the Government appointed three Commercial Agents in England, South Africa and China and Japan, can he inform this House (approximately or otherwise) the additional openings, markets, or increase of business in the shape of colonial produce these Agents have secured and obtained for the State of New South Wales ?
- (2.) What the produce and value of the same consists of ?
- (3.) The amount of salary each of the Commercial Agents receive respectively ?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) Reports from the late *Mr. Whiteley* show that in Japan and the East there is an increasing demand for flour, tinned meats, tallow, wool, timbers, &c., all of which could be supplied by New South Wales. Our hardwoods are coming more into notice in Great Britain for street-blocking and railway purposes ; and in South Africa, New South Wales timber is now accepted for public works, while there is also a growing demand in South Africa for our coal.
  - (2.) As business firms do not disclose the nature of their contracts to the Government, the amount of business resulting either directly or indirectly from a Commercial Agent cannot be stated.
  - (3.) The salaries of the Commercial Agents are as follow :—In London, £1,500 per annum ; in South Africa, £750 per annum ; in the East, £750 per annum.
- (19.) Selections in the Central and Eastern Divisions :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of acres of Crown lands in the Eastern and Central Divisions respectively that have been thrown open for settlement or selection since the breaking up of the drought, and the number of acres that have been selected or alienated ?
  - (2.) The number of acres in the Eastern and Central Divisions respectively that were alienated or withdrawn from settlement by virtue of improvement purchases during the period of the late drought ?

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*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) I will be glad if the Honorable Member will state a particular date from which he desires the information collected.

(2.) No land was withdrawn for improvement purchases.

(20.) The Agent-General :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When *Mr. Copeland* was appointed Agent-General, were any instructions as to his duties issued to him by the Government?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary lay same upon the Table of this House?

*Sir John See* answered,—There is no official record of any instructions having been given to *Mr. Copeland*.

(21.) Stormwater Channel, *Sir John Young's Crescent*:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the present condition of the stormwater channel at *Sir John Young's Crescent, Woolloomooloo*?

(2.) Why has this work been discontinued?

(3.) When is it intended to complete the work?

(4.) What has the channel cost up to date?

(5.) What is the estimated cost of the work when completed?

(6.) Was the work done by contract or day labour?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) It is completed between the Police Station, Woolloomooloo-street, and Palmer-street.

(2.) Owing to the Vote to which this work was charged being exhausted.

(3.) As soon as additional funds are available.

(4.) £1,544 17s. 8d.

(5.) £3,300.

(6.) Day labour.

(22.) Watering of the Newcastle Tramways :—*Mr. Daniel O'Connor*, for *Mr. Gilbert*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the nature of the dispute between the Railway Commissioners and the Hunter River Water and Sewerage Board which has led to the cessation of the watering of the Newcastle tram-lines?

(2.) Are the Railway Commissioners aware of the great inconvenience and discomfort caused to the travelling public owing to the stoppage of watering; if so, will they take immediate steps with a view of making temporary arrangements with the Board for the supply of water pending a settlement of the dispute?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the stoppage of watering the street tramways at Newcastle was due to the fact that the Commissioners considered, as the street watering was a local municipal obligation, the local authorities should supply the water required for the service.

(2.) The Commissioners will be quite prepared to continue the service if water is provided for the purpose as is done in Sydney. It may be added that the cost of water would be considerably less than the operating expenses.

(23.) Insurance Companies :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount of paid-up capital in connection with insurance companies doing business in New South Wales on the 30th June, 1902?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—Statements are being prepared showing the transactions of the life assurance companies doing business in this State. These returns will be ready shortly, and will be laid before Parliament, and they will contain the information required by the Honorable Member. At present, any information supplied would be of a misleading character.

(24.) Government Savings Bank :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank, invested in New South Wales Funded Stock, 36 Vic. No. 21, on the 30th June, 1902?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—£403,248 13s. 2d.

(25.) Weighing Machines in Coal-mines :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Are the weighing machines, attached to the coal mines in the Newcastle and other coal-mining districts in the State, under the control of any Inspector of Weights and Measures; if so, the name of the said inspector; and how often he examines or inspects these weighing machines as to their accuracy and correctness?

(2.) Is it not a fact that these machines, from constant and frequent use, are liable to become very unreliable, defective, and out of order?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) Yes. The Inspector for the Northern or Newcastle District is *Mr. W. Lindus*, under the direction of the Treasury; whilst the Inspector for the Southern, Western, and South-Western Districts is *Mr. J. W. Evans*, the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures.

(2.) The machines in use are no more liable to become unreliable, defective, and out of order than any other class of weighing machine.

2. LIQUOR BILL :—*Mr. Affleck* presented a Petition from *W. J. Sleeman*, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the "Neal Dow" Lodge, No. 782, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at *Mundoonan*, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids.

Petition received.



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## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Deputy Auditor-General, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902,—

(a) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Garden Palace Grounds," to supplement the Vote "State Nursery, Campbelltown."

(b) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Exchange on remittances within and beyond the Colony," and "Federal Celebrations—to cover outstanding accounts," to supplement the Votes "To pay municipal rates on Government buildings" and "Police."

(c) Authorising the transfer of amounts from the Votes "Government Printer," "Glebe Island Abattoir," "Interest on Advances by Banks in London," and "For the purposes of Pastures and Stock Protection Act," to supplement the Votes "Aborigines Protection Board," "Coast Hospital," "Gratuities to Officers on retirement," "To pay interest on uninvested Cash Balances," "Petty Sessions," "Medical Adviser to the Government," "Maintenance of the Destitute Sick," "Commission on payments in England," "Transmission of Telegraphic Messages," "Public Service Tender Board," "Arbitration Court," and "Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice."

(d) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Garden Palace Grounds, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "State Nursery, Campbelltown, Contingencies."

(e) Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Botanic Gardens, Contingencies," to supplement the Vote "Centennial Park, Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 4. MASTER IN EQUITY (DEPUTY) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the appointment of a Deputy Master in Equity, and to prescribe his powers and duties,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 22nd July, 1903.*

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Lachlan, Mr. Carroll, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The unprecedented distress at Hillston caused by the drought, and the refusal of the Government to provide work for the settlers and others at a time when large sums of money are being granted to Broken Hill."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Water Supply for town of Broken Hill—Dam and tramway at Umberumberka Creek*):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a dam "and tramway" at Umberumberka Creek in connection with the Water Supply for the town of Broken Hill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Meagher moved, That the question be amended by leaving out the words "and tramway" and inserting the words "and all necessary pipes and reticulation works of a water supply"—instead thereof.

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Hogue submitted that the amendment could not be accepted, as there was no provision in the plan and estimate submitted by the Minister, in compliance with the Public Works Act, for the additional works proposed.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order, inasmuch as it would involve an extension of the cost of the works proposed under the plan and estimate furnished by the Minister in accord with the 28th section of the Public Works Act of 1900.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,  
*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sub-inspector Trenchard :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How long has Sub-Inspector Trenchard been in the Force?
- (2.) What position did he occupy before being appointed to the traffic?
- (3.) Is he on leave; if so, at what pay?
- (4.) Who is filling his position, and at what rate of pay?
- (5.) Are there not numbers of deserving officers in the police unable to obtain such a lengthened leave?
- (6.) Is he paying his own expenses, or will he receive any allowance for travelling, &c.?

Sir John See answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Inspector-General of Police :—

- (1.) Nineteen years.
- (2.) Drill Instructor.
- (3.) Six months' leave on full pay—no previous leave.
- (4.) Senior-Sergeant Broderick, 11s. 6d. per diem and uniform.
- (5.) No applications under similar circumstances.
- (6.) Paying his own expenses. He is to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the system of management of the traffic in London.

- (2.) Motor Cars :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that motor cars are now employed in the city plying for hire; and, if so, will the Metropolitan Traffic Department, under the provisions of the Metropolitan Traffic Act, take steps to license and otherwise control such vehicles by the regulations controlling other street traffic?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that he has no knowledge of any motor car plying for hire. There is no law to prohibit the hiring out of any carriage.

- (3.) Arbitrators in Dispute between Sydney Harbour Trust and Illawarra Steamship Company :—

*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are the members of the Land Court at present acting as arbitrators in a dispute between the Harbour Trust and the Illawarra Steamship Company; and, if so, by what, and whose, authority?
- (2.) How long has such Court been sitting; what is the estimated anticipated duration of such arbitration, as well as the daily cost of same?
- (3.) Is it proposed that either or both parties are to pay the cost of such arbitration; or have they any special right, legislative or otherwise, to control the Lands Department for purposes of this kind?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that the Land Appeal Court acted as arbitrators in the dispute mentioned, in accordance with the temporary agreement prepared by the Darling Harbour Resumption Advisory Board, and made between the Secretary for Public Works and the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company.

(2.) The sittings of the Court terminated on the 20th instant, having lasted eight days. I am not aware that there will be any expense so far as the Land Appeal Court is concerned, except, perhaps, the cost of taking evidence.

(3.) It was mutually agreed that each side should pay its own costs.

(4.)

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(4.) Hawkesbury Railway Station :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the present railway platform and station at Hawkesbury River in an unfinished condition so far as the late proposed alterations are concerned ; and, if so, when will the work be completed ?

(2.) Have the Railway Commissioners considered the danger attendant on crossing and re-crossing from one platform to another, so far as the very large down and up traffic is concerned at this station ; and will they, in the interest of public safety, erect a bridge for the use of passengers and the transfer of goods to the Brooklyn side of the railway line ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the new building and platform are completed.

(2.) The Commissioners are aware of the local conditions, but there are no special circumstances which render an over-bridge imperative. When the existing platforms are being renewed, however, it is in contemplation that an island platform and footbridge will be provided.

(5.) Police Quarters at Quambone :—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Police Quarters at Quambone consist of a four-roomed house, with detached kitchen, in which the Senior-Constable, his wife and five children, together with an extra police officer, have to reside ?

(2.) Does he know that the Court-room and Office-room have to be provided out of this limited building space ?

(3.) Is he aware that the foundations of these premises are rotting away ; and will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter and, if possible, get the £300 voted for repairs to this station, about two years ago, expended thereon ?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the accommodation is altogether inadequate. Plans have been prepared for additions, which will be proceeded with when funds are available.

(6.) Registration of Firms Act :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring again to the Question asked by Mr. Levy on 7th instant, respecting the Registration of Firms Act, has he yet obtained the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the correctness of the Registrar-General's interpretation of section 4 of that Act ?

Sir John See answered,—Not yet, but I expect to receive it from the Attorney-General shortly.

(7.) Analyses or Assays by Experts in the Mines Department :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Winchcombe, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Agricultural and Mines Departments' experts to make analyses or assays for trading firms free of charge ?

(2.) Is it the custom for analysts or assayers on the Government staff to do work for private persons in their own time, but using the Government apparatus, and to accept payment for same ?

(3.) Will he take steps to put a stop to such practices if they exist ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The regulations of the Department provide that no analyses will be undertaken for commercial purposes. An exception is, however, made in the case of manure manufacturers or their agents who wish to have analyses made for the purpose of insertion in the annual list of fertilizers published by the Department. In a few special cases analyses are made for persons other than farmers, and a fee is charged varying from £8 8s. to £2 2s. The fees are paid into Consolidated Revenue.

(2 and 3.) No ; it is not the custom.

(8.) Analyses of Milk :—*Mr. Winchcombe* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it part of the duty of the Government Analyst to analyse all samples of milk brought in by the city and suburban municipal inspectors ?

(2.) Is it a fact that, owing to the large number of such samples brought in, the Department is unable to cope with the work, and many of the samples are never analysed ?

(3.) How many milk samples have been received since 1st June, 1903 ; how many of these have been analysed ; and in what proportion of cases was the milk found to be impure or adulterated ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes ; the Board of Health permits such analyses to be made in its laboratories for the present, as an assistance to Local Authorities under the Public Health Act ; but, strictly speaking, it is the duty of such authorities to watch over food supplies, and to cause analyses to be made by analysts employed by them.

(2.) No.

(3.) 115 samples of milk have been received since 1st June, 1903 ; 97 have been analysed to date ; 18 analyses are incomplete ; 31 per cent. of the 97 samples were found to be adulterated.

(9.) Fruit Inspectors :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many inspectors of fruit are employed in the Department ?

(2.) What are their duties ?

(3.) What is their pay ?

(4.) Where are they stationed ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Four regularly employed, and four occasionally engaged.

(2.) To inspect all fruits, vegetables, and plants imported into the State, to prevent the introduction of plant diseases proclaimed under the Vegetation Diseases Act, 1897.

(3.) The salaries of the permanent inspectors range from £156 to £225 per annum. The inspectors occasionally employed are paid from £24 to £30 per annum.

(4.) Sydney, Newcastle, Wallangarra, Albury, and Broken Hill.

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(10.) Diseases in Stock :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is there any scheme or system of registration in existence in the Stock Department for ascertaining the number and class of stock that die annually from disease, and the nature of such diseases or epidemics?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that disease among stock, especially swine fever, has become very prevalent and fatal of late, and what is the cause of the same?
- (3.) Can he furnish any information of the number of horses, cattle, and swine that have died of late from infectious diseases?
- (4.) What steps, if any, is the Department taking to deal with the increasing prevalence of fatal diseases among stock of late years?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that an epidemic of enteric fever has become very prevalent and fatal among horses, cattle, and pigs of late; and what steps, if any, is the Government taking to suppress the evil?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) No; as no law is in existence compelling owners to notify losses from diseases, the Inspectors of Stock report outbreaks of disease and losses of stock coming under their notice.
- (2.) Diseases of stock are not more than usually prevalent, other than swine fever, which recently appeared, and its origin has not yet been traced.
- (3.) The information is not available at present.
- (4.) Swine fever is the only disease existing, at the present time, of an epizootic nature, and is being dealt with under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901, by quarantining, disinfection of premises, and destruction of the animals where necessary.
- (5.) No cases of animals affected with enteric fever have been reported.

(11.) Chart of Port Jackson :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large chart of Port Jackson, issued with the last report of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, is in many respects misleading, being founded upon soundings and maps of 1888 and previous years?
- (2.) Is the said chart the best one of Port Jackson that is available?
- (3.) If not, are any steps being taken towards the compilation of another of modern character?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

(12.) Police Protection at Private Residences :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that since the Auburn murder trial a special police guard has been stationed at the residence of Mr. C. E. Pilcher, K.C., who conducted the case for the Crown at the trial?
- (2.) If so, what is the object of such a proceeding?
- (3.) How many private houses in Sydney are afforded special police protection?
- (4.) Whose houses are they?
- (5.) Does he still enjoy the benefits of special police protection at his residence in Randwick?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies :—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3 and 4.) None. Citizens occasionally, during enforced absences, &c., ask that their premises may receive special police observation, which is afforded as far as practicable.
- (5.) Occasionally the police on duty keep the premises under special observation, when unprotected.

(13.) Stock Traffic at Goulburn Railway Station :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Ashton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of (a) cattle and (b) sheep were detained at Goulburn Railway Station during the year ended 31st December, 1902, and during the half-year ended 30th June, 1903, respectively?
- (2.) What was the amount of revenue obtained from each class of traffic for each of the periods mentioned?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed the numbers of cattle and sheep for the periods in question were—

- (1.) Year ending 31st December, 1902—Cattle, 2,548; sheep, 80,034. Half-year ended 30th June, 1903—Cattle, 1,663; sheep, 30,997.
- (2.) For the former period the freight was £512 on the cattle and £2,181 on the sheep. For the second period, the freight was £310 on the cattle and £660 on the sheep.

(14.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank invested in New South Wales Funded Stock, 56 Vic. No. 1, on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member will find the information asked for on page 151 of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October last.

(15.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank invested in New South Wales Funded Stock, 59 Vic. No. 6, on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member will find the information asked for on page 151 of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October last.

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- (16.) Old-age Pensions Amendment Bill :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it intended, in the proposed Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, to provide that a British-born woman who has married an alien shall not be disentitled on that ground to an old-age pension during her husband's life-time?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Provision has been made in the Amendment Bill to meet the case of a British-born woman who has married an alien.

- (17.) Old-age Pensions Amendment Bill :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) In the proposed Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, is it intended to correct the obvious error in drafting which occurs in the Principal Act in regard to the definition of the word "income," to which error the Attorney-General has called attention in a Minute forwarded to the Colonial Treasurer?  
 (2.) Who is responsible for the drafting of the Principal Act, seeing that the Attorney-General has disclaimed all responsibility in the matter?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Provision has been made to amend the definition of income, but the circumstances under which it received in the Principal Act the definition it there bears cannot be stated at this date.

- (18.) State Children's Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a printed petition by Mrs. Hamilton-Grey, who desires to be heard at the Bar of this House on the second reading of the State Children's Bill?  
 (2.) Is he aware that Mrs. Hamilton-Grey represents a great number of electors who are opposed to the Bill in its present form, but who would accept it with the amendments outlined in the petition?  
 (3.) Will he promise to give a few days' notice of the date upon which the Government will deal with the Bill, so that those interested may take such action as they deem necessary?  
 (4.) Will he state if he is prepared to support a petition from Mrs. Hamilton-Grey, praying for leave to appear at the Bar of this House and to address this House during the second reading of the Bill?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) I am not aware.  
 (3.) Yes. Full notice will be given.  
 (4.) No.

- (19.) North Shore Bridge :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) The total cost to date of all descriptions in connection with the proposal to build the North Shore Bridge?  
 (2.) Does he intend to carry out this work?  
 (3.) Before any further expenditure is undertaken, will he explain to Parliament his intentions, and give this House an opportunity of indorsing, or otherwise, this costly work, and any further expenditure in connection with it at present?  
 (4.) What is the total estimated cost of the work now going on, by which a cylinder is being put down for the purpose of testing the rock?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) This information would be most difficult to obtain prior to the 1st July, 1900. Since that date the total expenditure has been, approximately, £3,000.  
 (2 and 3.) It depends, to a great extent, upon the state of the English money market, as well as the consent of the Cabinet. Moreover, the work could not be carried out without Parliamentary sanction, as it must cost over £20,000.  
 (4.) The total estimated cost of the work now going on in connection with the trial cylinder is £650, but that work is absolutely necessary to ascertain if the conditions are satisfactory.

- (20.) Public Buildings at Trial Bay :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works :—  
 (1.) What was the total cost of the buildings at Trial Bay, including the prison, warders' quarters, Governor's quarters, and all other buildings in connection with both prison and breakwater?  
 (2.) Is it true that these buildings are to be leased to a private syndicate for business purposes; or is it intended to let them remain unused and to fall into disrepair?  
 (3.) Will he give this House the fullest available information on the subject?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) £96,845.  
 (2.) No, not that I am aware of.  
 (3.) Yes, when the motion to refer the work to the Parliamentary Standing Committee is before the House.

2. LIQUOR BILL :—Mr. Davidson presented a Petition from Norman E. Savage, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the "Harbour of Safety" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Kempsey, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids.  
 Petition received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

4. WEIGHING APPLIANCES AT NORTHERN COLLIERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the report of the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures on the weighing appliances in use in certain of the Northern Collieries.

Question put and passed.

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5. PAPER :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1902.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. John Hurley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The question of the urgent necessity of introducing a Validation Bill for the Borough of Lithgow to validate certain loans.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Hurley moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Second Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Eden to Bega.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. STOCK STEALING PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of the stealing of stock, hides, and skins; to regulate the receipt, holding, sale, and other disposal of the same; to regulate the slaughtering and skinning of stock; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.  
Question put and passed.
9. REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.  
Question put and passed.
10. GUN LICENSE BILL :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases.  
Question put and passed.
11. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 JULY, 1903, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.  
Ordered, That the report be adopted on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Six o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Gambling Dens around Sydney :—*Mr. Hollis*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there is a great increase in the number of gambling dens in and around Sydney called "two-up schools," and that the proprietors carry on their business in a very barefaced manner?
  - (2.) Why the police do not take action and prosecute those notorious "schools" in Castlereagh-street and Engine-street?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) The Metropolitan Superintendent of Police reports that there is no such increase.
- (2.) Prosecutions are instituted whenever it is practicable to procure the requisite evidence.

- (2.) Government Savings Bank :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank invested in New South Wales Funded Stock, 58 Vic. No. 14, on the 30th June, 1902?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Honorable Member will find the information asked for on page 151 of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October last.

- (3.) Prosecution against John Dickson, Newsvendor :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In regard to his reply to a Question as to the prosecution and conviction of a man named Dickson for distributing an unimprinted handbill, is he aware of the fact that his statement that a fine of 5s. was imposed was incorrect, and that the fine really amounted to £5, as provided for by section 10 of the Printing Act of 1899?
- (2.) In view of the trivial nature of the offence, will he grant remission of the whole or of a substantial portion of the penalty?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, a mistake was made. The amount of the fine amounted to £5.
- (2.) As the offence was not a serious one, it is intended to remit the fine.

- (4.) Salisbury Experimental Farm :—*Mr. MacMahon* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he approve of the appointment of Trustees to control and manage that portion of land known as the Salisbury Experimental Farm Site; giving them power to let the whole or portion of the said land: the proceeds to be devoted to improvements, viz., water conservation, fencing boundaries, &c., pending its establishment, as intended, as an Experimental Farm?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—As the land is Crown lands within the meaning of the Land Act, being a reserve only and not dedicated for the purpose, the disposal of it in the manner suggested is not feasible.

- (5.) Clergymen Visiting Public Schools :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of clergymen of each religious denomination who have visited the Public Schools for the year to 30th June last, in the cities of Sydney, Newcastle, Goulburn and Bathurst, and the number of visits by each clergyman?
- (2.) The same information respecting the schools in the suburbs of Sydney?
- (3.) The same information respecting the schools in the country parts?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—Yes, with some modifications, if moved for in the usual way.



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- (6.) Constable S. Gallagher, Burwood :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government intended to pay Constable S. Gallagher, of Burwood, a sum of money as a gratuity for efficiency ; if so, how much ?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the sum first proposed, and that now paid, or to be paid, is smaller than originally intended ; if so, what was the reason for the alteration ?
  - (3.) What was the sum actually paid, or to be paid, if any ?
- Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies :—
- (1 and 2.) No.
  - (3.) Legal costs, as taxed, amounting to £67 8s. 3d., were paid in connection with his defence on a charge for which he was acquitted.
- (7.) Federal Capital :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a speech by Mr. Palmer, President of the Citizens' League, who, in addressing a meeting at Coleraine, in the State of Victoria, said that, in regard to the Federal Capital, nothing should be done until a national plebiscite had been taken to decide whether Melbourne or Sydney should be the capital ?
  - (2.) In view of the fact that it was part of the Federal contract that the capital should be within the State of New South Wales, will he take immediate steps to expedite the settlement of this vital question ?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) No.
  - (2.) This matter is receiving the fullest consideration by the Government.
- (8.) Destruction of Rabbits on Land held by Corporations :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the decision been brought under his notice, in the case of the Wagga Wagga Rabbit Board against the Union Bank, for failing to destroy rabbits on their unoccupied property, when the Police Magistrate declared that a corporation was not suable ; and has he decided to introduce legislation which will effect such alteration in the law as may be rendered necessary ?
- Mr. Bennett* answered,—The case in question was one in which proceedings were instituted for the imposition of the penalty prescribed under section 40 of the Rabbit Act, 1901. Ample power is conferred on the local boards under sections 52 to 54 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, for ensuring the destruction of rabbits on land held by corporations.
- (9.) Road from Appin to Cataract Dam :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he recently granted his colleague, the Secretary for Mines, the sum of £500 for expenditure on the road, Appin to Cataract Dam, "The work to be confined to local tenderers and "local workmen" ?
  - (2.) Has the condition referring to "Local Contractors" been attached to any other grants made to districts represented by Members of the Ministry ?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is no record of a grant having been made for this road.
- (10.) Contracts for Supply of Ironwork :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many tenders were received for the ironwork required at Long Bay Female Prison ; what was the highest and what the lowest price ?
  - (2.) Did the Fitzroy (Government) Dock Superintendent submit a price ; if so, what was it ?
  - (3.) How many tenders were received for ironwork for the George-street Electric Light Station ; what was the highest and what the lowest price ?
  - (4.) Did the Fitzroy (Government) Dock Superintendent submit a price ; if so, what was it ?
  - (5.) Were the contracts for these supplies given to the Government Dock ?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Five tenders were received. £3,215 highest ; £2,456 lowest.
  - (2.) Yes, £3,105.
  - (3.) Four tenders were received. Highest, £3,696 ; lowest, £1,391.
  - (4.) Yes, £3,696.
  - (5.) No.
- (11.) Wharf Dues at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that, outside of Port Jackson, the only wharfs or jetties that pay dues are those at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga ?
  - (2.) Is he aware that at these two jetties the dues are a direct tax on the farmers and timber-getters, and does he consider it fair that the producers in the district named should be singled out for such special taxation, seeing that the only annual cost is the salary of a wharfinger, a steam crane, and some light maintenance, while at all other ports on the coast where heavy subsidies are paid for tugs, pilot crews, harbour works, dredging, &c., no charge at all is made for shipping ?
  - (3.) What is the total sum expended to date at (a) Woolgoolga ; (b) Coff's Harbour ; and what is the annual cost of each jetty ?
  - (4.) When Mr. Briner asked some time ago by letter that the jetty charges be abolished or reduced to a nominal rate, did not one of the officers (Captain Jackson) report against it on the ground that £800 was required to repair storm damages at the jetties ?
  - (5.) Is not storm damage a frequent occurrence at other ports, and are shippers penalised therefor, as those at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga ?
  - (6.) What personal knowledge has Captain Jackson of the districts and jetties named, and on what grounds outside of the storm damages did he urge the retention of the dues ?
  - (7.) Will he again consider the question of abolishing the dues at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga ?
- Mr.

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Outside Port Jackson, wharfage dues are levied at Bourke, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga. Tonnage dues are collected at Newcastle, and numerous wharfs in other localities are leased at various rentals.
  - (2.) In view of the answer to No. 1, it can scarcely be said that the producers in the district in and around Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga have been singled out for special taxation.
  - (3.) (a) £13,600 9s. 7d.; (b) £14,584 6s. 10d. An annual cost of £200, approximately, is incurred in maintaining each wharf; this is exclusive of interest on the capital cost and the cost of repairs.
  - (4.) Captain Jackson did report against the abolition of the wharfage dues.
  - (5.) See answer to No. 2.
  - (6.) Captain Jackson has had considerable experience in working the jetties. The retention of the dues was urged by him on account of the heavy maintenance expense, which the dues, as a matter of fact, are not sufficient to meet.
  - (7.) It is regretted that dues cannot be abolished.
- (12.) Stormwater Channel at Sir John Young's Crescent :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Question asked by Mr. Levy on 22nd instant, *re* the Stormwater Channel at Sir John Young's Crescent, Woolloomooloo,—
- (1.) What is the particular Vote to which this work was charged?
  - (2.) When is it expected that additional funds will be available so as to complete the work?
  - (3.) In its present condition, is the work of any use whatever?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally.
  - (2.) When Parliament votes the amount required.
  - (3.) When the work is finished it will be a useful one, and serve the purpose for which it was intended.
- (13.) Supply of Metal for Repairing Roads :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact, as reported in the *Daily Telegraph* of Thursday, 23rd July, that the Public Works Department, at the suggestion of Mr. Dacey, M.L.A., has agreed to place 100 tons of metal on O'Riordan-street, Alexandria; if so, will the Government act with equity, justice, and liberality in granting a fair share of public money for the repair of roads in the Molong Electorate that are at present in many places not only in a dangerous but all but impassable condition?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes; this metal was granted, because the road is an important one, leading to many valuable industries. Each case is dealt with on its merits, and if Dr. Ross will state definitely the roads or portions of them to which he refers, reports will be obtained with a view to necessary or advisable action.

- (14.) Subsidy to Kennel Clubs :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does the Government contribute any subsidy to the Kennel or Dog Club, the ninth annual show of which, a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* informs us, was opened for judging purposes in the Exhibition Building on the 22nd July, and officially opened by the State Governor on the 23rd July; if so, how much?
  - (2.) Will he consider if it would not be more charitable and humane to distribute public money for the relief of the distressed and starving poor in place of keeping up these dog shows while the State is being overrun and ruined with the rabbit and other noxious animal pests?
  - (3.) If a Kennel or Dog Show is necessary for the progress of the State, will he see that some steps are taken to have an annual show of cats that may be of some use in helping citizens to destroy and keep down the alleged mice and rat plague pest that has cost the State some millions to suppress, but which the Government have failed to exterminate?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed that the Department of Mines and Agriculture does not contribute any subsidy to the Kennel or Dog Club. Nor do the Government propose to subsidise Cat Shows.

- (15.) Shorthand reporting for Industrial Arbitration Court :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers and correspondence relative to the contract for which tenders were made by two reporters at the request of Mr. Addison, Registrar of the Industrial Arbitration Court, for the shorthand reporting of the proceedings before that Court; and also the papers and correspondence relating to the recommended appointment of Mr. A. F. Rutter?

Sir John See answered,—The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to the copy of papers with regard to the appointment of Mr. Arnold Walker as shorthand-writer to the Court, which were laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday last. I understand that Mr. Rutter considers that he has a legal claim against the Government, and I do not see my way to lay any further papers on this subject upon the Table.

- (16.) Crown Lands :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Millard, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What area of land has been leased under improvement lease during the period from the 1st December, 1902, to the present date; also what area has been offered?
  - (2.) What area of land has been made available for (a) homestead selection; (b) settlement lease; (c) conditional purchase, during the same period?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) 706,256 acres leased; 1,072,832 acres offered.
- (2.) As already announced, my honorable colleague has, in consequence of the drought, from time to time deferred making different classified areas open for settlement; but since the early part of May last, 30,317 acres have been made available for homestead selection and 163,730 acres for settlement lease. An area of 313,032 acres was specifically set apart for conditional purchase, the land being such as would not be available for conditional purchase without being so set apart; but it has to be pointed out that all lands within the Eastern and Central Divisions not included in reserves, &c., are always open to conditional purchase. This area represents some millions of acres. (17.)

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- (17.) Election of Retired Public Servants to Parliament:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Will he ascertain if it is a fact that any retired public servant elected as a Parliamentary representative, and in receipt of a pension, forfeits his right to the latter for the time being, and while in receipt of £300 a year as a Member of Parliament?  
 (2.) If so, by what authority?  
 Sir John See answered,—The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to the provisions of section 29 of the Constitution Act, 1902.
2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by the Members named,—  
 (1.) By Mr. Frank Farnell,—From Granvill White, Chairman of a meeting of members of the various Temperance Societies at Ryde.  
 (2.) By Mr. Fallick,—From Albert Tipper, Chairman of a meeting of members of the Salvation Army at St. Peters.  
 (3.) By Mr. Perry,—From Members of the "Star of Newrybar" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Newrybar.  
 (4.) By Mr. McGowen,—From Elizabeth Fisher, C.T., Chairman of a meeting of members of the "Unity" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, No. 12, at Redfern.  
 Petitions received.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Tank at Milbrulong.  
 (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Stormwater Channel at Marrickville.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
 HARRY H. RAWSON, Message No. 41.  
*Governor.*  
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of July and August, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1904; for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.  
*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 28th July, 1903.*  
 Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Denison Division, Mr. Kelly, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The state of the unemployed at present, owing to the Government not proceeding with Public Works authorised by Parliament."  
 And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
 Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
6. PUBLIC HEALTH (LEPROSY) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Affleck, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Affleck, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. PAPER:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th June, 1903.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Perry moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY, 1903, A.M.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## No. 19.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Government Savings Bank :—*Mr. Moxham*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank invested in New South Wales Treasury Bills, 53 Vic. No. 9, on the 30th June, 1902?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Honorable Member will find the information asked for on page 151 of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October last.

- (2.) Spread of Swine Fever :—*Mr. Dight* asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
(1.) Has any inquiry been made into the origin and spread of swine fever throughout various country districts?  
(2.) Is it a fact that the disease was conveyed by pigs sold by auction in or near the city of Sydney?  
(3.) If so, will he cause a more stringent system of inspection to be exercised in future, in order to prevent the sale of diseased animals?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) Yes; and the Inspectors of Stock have been instructed to report the existence of swine fever in their respective districts.  
(2.) It is probable that the disease was so conveyed.  
(3.) Restrictions for preventing the sale of diseased pigs are in force, and swine fever has been proclaimed under the Stock Diseases Act, 1901, with a view to preventing the spread of the disease.
- (3.) Lighting of Hyde Park and the Domain :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Is it not a fact that Parliament, last Session, voted the sum of £1,200 for the lighting of Hyde Park and portion of the Domain?  
(2.) Is it a fact that a tender from the Australian Gaslight Company for the sum of £1,200 has been received by the Government; and, if so, what is the cause of the delay in the acceptance of same?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) A sum of £1,200 was voted on Loans for electric light installation, but as it is not applicable to gas lighting, another vote will require to be taken in lieu thereof on the forthcoming Estimates.  
(2.) No tender will be accepted until funds are voted for the purpose as explained in Question No. 1. I may add that if I can use the money voted for an electric lighting plant upon an incandescent plant which has been recommended to me as much preferable, I shall be very happy to do so and to expedite the matter.
- (4.) Appointment of Ewart Williams, Fitzroy Dock :—*Mr. Law* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that engineers' apprentices at Fitzroy Dock have to be five years in the service before they are classed as improvers?  
(2.) Is it true that Ewart Williams, a son of a Member of this House, has been promoted from the position of labourer to that of engineer's improver, at 6s. 8d. per day?  
(3.) Is it a fact that apprentices and improvers are appointed by the Public Service Board?  
(4.) Is it true that Ewart Williams was not appointed by the Public Service Board?  
(5.) Is it a fact that all candidates for the position of apprentice have to submit to an examination by the Public Service Board?

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- (6.) Is it a fact that Ewart Williams never passed a Public Service Board examination?
- (7.) Has Ewart Williams ever been apprenticed to the engineering profession?
- (8.) Is it true that apprentices who have served three years receive 20s. per week?
- (9.) Is it a fact that there are a number of apprentices at Fitzroy Dock who are receiving 20s. per week who are more competent than Williams, who receives 40s. per week?
- (10.) Is it a fact that a deputation from the Amalgamated Society of Engineers waited upon him to ask him to either put Williams back to the position of labourer, or let him start as an apprentice?
- (11.) If so, what was his reply?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The control of the men at the Cockatoo Docks has now passed to a non-political board, yet I think I may safely give the following replies:—

- (1.) Yes; and after that time they can be classed either as journeymen or improvers.
- (2.) E. Williams was originally employed as a labourer at 7s., but the experience he had gained prior to being so employed undoubtedly entitled him to be classed as an improver at 6s. 6d.
- (3.) Apprentices only.
- (4.) Yes, he being an improver, it was not necessary.
- (5.) Regulation reads as follows:—"Candidates must pass a satisfactory medical examination by the Government Medical Officer; must produce two references as to character from reputable persons, and satisfy the Public Service Board that they have had an ordinary school education, &c., &c."
- (6.) Yes, examination not required as an improver.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) No.
- (10 and 11.) Certain representations were made to me some months ago by the Society in question, but I did not deem it necessary to interfere in the matter, as both Messrs. Broad and Keele reported that the credentials and experience gained elsewhere by young Williams were considered satisfactory, and sufficient to entitle him to retain the position he was then filling, viz., that of improver. Mr. Cutler, the General Superintendent at the Docks, has a high opinion of Mr. Williams, and so has the overseer. Under these circumstances, I cannot see my way to acquiesce in the Engineers' Society's request to retire Mr. Williams to the position of labourer or that of an apprentice. This will be the reply to the Society referred to.

(5.) Proposed Railway from Eden to Bega:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many times has the proposed Eden-Bega railway been before the Public Works Committee and what has been that body's decision on each occasion?
- (2.) What was the voting for and against the proposal on each occasion?
- (3.) Why was the matter referred a second time to the Committee?
- (4.) What was the total cost of the inquiry, surveys, &c., on the first occasion; and what on the second?
- (5.) Is it customary for all proposals of this character to be similarly treated when the first decision is against them?
- (6.) Does he propose, in view of the Committee's latest decision, to again send the matter back to its Members?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Twice.
- (2.) On the first occasion (in 1892) the Committee considered that the resources of the district did not warrant the construction of such an expensive line as that proposed, but they were of opinion that a cheaply constructed line of railway might be favourably considered, and a resolution to that effect was passed by 9 votes to 3. On the second occasion the proposal was also negatived.
- (3.) In response to a numerously signed petition from residents of the district, the proposal was again, in December last, submitted to Parliament.
- (4.) First occasion, surveys only, £6,194 16s. 10d. Second occasion, surveys only, £2,209 16s. 3d. This does not include the cost of inquiry by the Committee, which will have to be moved for in the usual way.
- (5.) Not necessarily.
- (6.) If further evidence should come to hand in justification of such a proceeding, I would submit the proposal again after the lapse of the legal interval.

(6.) Trial Bay Prison:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How long has the prison at Trial Bay been in use; what was its cost to date; and for what reason has it been closed?
- (2.) How many prisoners, on an average, has the prison accommodated since it was opened, and what has been the total annual cost for maintenance?
- (3.) What has been done with the prisoners who were incarcerated at Trial Bay, and how does he propose now to put to use the prison buildings?

Sir John See answered,—The prison was established in 1886. For the reasons for closing the prison, and for information as to the future use of the buildings, the Honorable Member is referred to the answer given by me to the Honorable Member for Raleigh on the 21st instant. The other particulars asked for will be obtained and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(7.) Mr. Laurence Foley:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What length of service has Mr. Laurence Foley served, and is he still employed; what are his duties, and what salary does he receive or has he received?
- (2.) Has Mr. Laurence Foley clerical assistance in shape of secretary or timekeeper; and what payments does such person receive, and what is his name?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Mr. Laurence Foley, who receives payment at the rate of £6 per week (though he is worth four times the amount), has been engaged as Expert Demolisher for the following periods at intervals :— 3rd June, 1901, to 17th July, 1902; 14th September, 1902, to 4th October, 1902; 4th November, 1902, to 7th December, 1902; 5th February, 1903, to 16th February, 1903; 11th April, 1903, to 8th May, 1903; 11th May, 1903, to 1st June, 1903; 5th June, 1903, to 7th July, 1903. He is not employed at present, and is, therefore, not being paid.

(2.) While Mr. Foley is engaged on demolition works, Mr. Hunt, of the Public Works Department, is in charge of the accounts and clerical work. He does not receive any payments; they are all made direct to the Treasury by the auctioneers.

(8.) Expenditure recommended by Public Works Committee :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the sum total that has been recommended by the Public Works Committee for works not yet entered upon, and for which provision will have to be made?

Sir John See answered,—This information can be more readily furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Parks Vote for 1902-3 :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he intend to lay upon the Table of this House the return promised a fortnight ago *re* the Parks Vote for last year?

Mr. Perry answered,—The return will be laid upon the Table this evening.

(10.) Clergymen visiting Gaols :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) How many prisoners have been serving a sentence over seven days in each of the following gaols—Albury, Armidale, Broken Hill, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Forbes, Grafton, Hay, Maitland, Mudgee, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wilcannia, Wollongong, Young—for twelve months ending 30th June, 1903?

(2.) How many visits each of the clergymen have made to the abovenamed gaols, during the same period, to whom money has been voted for such service by Parliament?

(3.) The number of clergymen paid for attendance at the above gaols who have attended more than one; how many have so attended, and who they are; and whether they receive only one payment, or the sum voted for each gaol they visit?

Sir John See answered,—The preparation of this return will involve some expense, but I will not object to its production if moved for in the usual way.

(11.) Monthly Supply Bills :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce any monthly Supply Bills during this Session?

(2.) If so, will he give timely notice of same, and not ask for the suspension of the Standing Orders for the purpose, so as to save the time of the House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—It is intended to introduce a Supply Bill to-night, to which effect Notice of Motion was given last evening.

(12.) Tenant-right in Improvements :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he endeavour, during the present Session, to introduce and pass a Bill providing for tenant-right in improvements?

Mr. Perry answered,—The present law provides for tenant-right, as defined by section 51 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, in certain cases. The Honorable Member's attention is invited to sections 4, 6, 7, 21, 25, 26, 35, 50 and 52 of the Crown Lands Act of 1895. Any suggestion in connection with the matter which the Honorable Member may submit would receive careful consideration.

(13.) District Model Schools :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it his intention to establish the system of having at least one Model School in each electorate, or school district, as promised by him last Session?

(2.) When is it probable that this system will be carried out?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am awaiting the report of the Education Commissioners before finally dealing with this and other matters.

(14.) Sunday Attendances at Public Institutions :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Jones, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the estimated increase in the attendances at the Free Public Library, Sydney Museum, and the National Art Gallery respectively since the opening of those institutions on Sundays?

Mr. Perry answered,—Public Library: The annual increase for the various Branches has been as follows :—Reference Library, 91,908; Lending Branch, 104,046; Newspaper Room, 221,360. Australian Museum: The Museum was first opened to the public on Sundays in May, 1878. The attendances before and since have been—

		1877.	1878.	1902.
Week-days	...	75,275	60,759	106,704
Sundays	...	.....	36,071 (8 months)	40,596
	Totals	75,275	96,830	147,300

National Art Gallery: In 1881, figures not available; in 1882, 209,468 visits (including 38,533 on Sundays); in 1902, 247,488 visits; increase, 38,020.

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- (15.) Questions answered in the Legislative Assembly :—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
What amount of money has it cost the Government, approximately, to collect information for the purpose of answering Questions on the Business Paper of this House from the 1st January to date?  
Sir John See answered,—I will endeavour to obtain this information and lay it upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.
- (16.) Custom House, Sydney :—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Have the State Government control of the Customs Buildings, Circular Quay ; if so, will he say when the improvements which have been in hand for years are likely to be finished?  
(2.) If the State Government have not control, will he bring under the notice of the Federal Government the unsatisfactory condition of the building at present?  
Sir John See answered,—  
(1.) Yes. The Federal Government is tenant only of portion of the building. The completion of the improvements will be carried out when funds are available.  
(2.) The State Government have full control of the buildings.
- (17.) Inspector of the Glebe Island Abattoirs :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 24th July, that Mr. Ryan, Inspector of the Glebe Island Abattoirs, on 26th March allowed a bullock with tuberculosis, which he had condemned, to go into consumption ; if so, does the Government intend taking any steps to have the person dismissed for allowing the carcass of a diseased bullock to go into consumption?  
Mr. Kidd answered,—In view of the recent appointment of a Select Committee to conduct an inquiry into this alleged transaction, as well as other matters, perhaps the Honorable Member will postpone this Question.
- (18.) Fruit Inspectors :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—How many Fruit Inspectors are stationed at Sydney, Newcastle, Wallangarra, Albury, and Broken Hill respectively?  
Mr. Kidd answered,—Three inspectors are employed in Sydney, two regularly and one occasionally. One at Newcastle, one at Wallangarra, one at Albury (occasionally), and two at Broken Hill (occasionally).
- (19.) Public School at Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
(1.) Is it his intention to see that the Public School building at Cudal is improved and enlarged to meet the increasing attendance ; if so, when?  
(2.) Is anything likely to be done to enlarge the residence of the Public School teacher ; if so, when is this long pending work likely to be proceeded with?  
(3.) Will he see that steps are taken for the erection of a suitable residence for the teacher and a new school building at Manildra?  
Mr. Perry answered,—  
(1 and 2.) Yes. The architect has been instructed to prepare plans and, when ready, tenders will be invited for the carrying out of the work.  
(3.) I have approved of the school-room being enlarged and the residence improved. The architect has been instructed to prepare plans.
- (20.) Dogs and Destruction of Rats, Sydney :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) The number of dogs that were registered in Sydney during the last twelve months, and the amount of fees derived from the same?  
(2.) The number of dogs that have died during the same period, or been destroyed in consequence of disease or the want of ownership?  
(3.) The number, or approximate number, of dogs suffering from disease that have been found straying about the streets in Sydney to the danger and menace of public health?  
(4.) Is there any law in existence to compel the owners of dogs to see that each dog wears a collar, with the name and address of the owner of the dog attached to the same?  
(5.) Will the Department of Public Health state if it is not a fact that many of the diseases that are at present so prevalent in and around Sydney are attributable to the existence of mongrel dogs?  
(6.) Will he further obtain from the Board of Health a statement or report if it is not a fact that much of the sickness that at present exists in and around Sydney arises from the habit of attempting to destroy rats with poison?  
(7.) Will he see that steps are taken to put a stop to this practice and nuisance of killing rats with poison, and allowing them to decompose and pollute the atmosphere with a sickening, dangerous smell and risk to the health of innocent citizens?  
Sir John See answered,—  
(1.) This information will be obtained and laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.  
(2.) No record of deaths beyond the fact that 1,063 dogs were seized and destroyed during the year ended 30th June last, and 2,491 dead dogs were collected from the waters of the port by the scavenging boats employed by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners.  
(3.) There is no record.  
(4.) Section 12 (2) of the Dog and Goat Act, No. 44, 1898, provides that every dog, whether registered or not, found at large in any part of any city, &c., without being under the control of some competent person, may, unless such dog has a collar round its neck, with the name and address of the owner legibly engraven thereon, be immediately killed or destroyed.  
(5 and 6.) The Department of Public Health has no information which would support a supposition that the diseases commonly affecting the people originate with mongrel dogs, or with the habit of attempting to destroy rats with poison.  
(7.) Nothing is known of the existence of any such nuisance as that described ; large numbers of rats are entirely destroyed daily in a furnace which has been provided for the purpose. In view of the danger of a plague epidemic to which infestation of wharfs, stores, and other premises by rats exposes the people, rat destruction by every available means should be persistently encouraged.

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- (21.) **Aborigines travelling on Tramways** :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the privilege accorded to the aborigines of travelling free on the metropolitan tramways has recently been withdrawn?
  - (2.) If so, why?
- Sir John See answered,—The right of aborigines to travel free on trams was never recognised. It has been restricted lately, however, in consequence of numbers of aborigines coming to La Perouse from country stations, their constant visits to the city leading to disorder and intemperance.
- (22.) **Report of the Education Commissioners** :—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- When does he expect to be able to lay upon the Table of this House the report of the Education Commissioners, Messrs. Knibbs and Turner?
- Mr. Perry answered,—Immediately the report is ready, it will be laid upon the Table.
- (23.) **Improvement Leases** :—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it usual to insert in improvement leases a condition ensuring to the Crown a right of resumption at the end of seven or ten years?
  - (2.) Are there any cases in which this condition has been eliminated after the lease had been finally granted?
  - (3.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of this House a list of such cases, showing the grounds for the elimination of the resumption condition?
  - (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, for its guidance during the debate on the Land Bill, particulars of all improvement leases granted in the Central Division, showing the locality, area, tenure, and rentals of same?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes, one case.
  - (3.) The right of withdrawal was eliminated on condition that an artesian bore was to be sunk.
  - (4.) This return should be moved for in the usual way.
- (24.) **Weather Maps** :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the very great advantage that will accrue to the pastoralists in this State, will he authorise the Government Astronomer to issue weather maps, at a small annual subscription, to all applicants wishing to obtain same?
- Mr. Perry answered,—I shall obtain a report on this matter as soon as possible.
- (25.) **Blue Metal Spawls** :—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cost, per cubic yard, of blue metal spawls, delivered into trucks at the quarries?
  - (2.) What is the railway freight from quarries to the railway station nearest the breaking depôt?
  - (3.) What is the cost, per cubic yard, for carting spawls from railway station to breaking depôt?
  - (4.) What is the cost per cubic yard for breaking?
  - (5.) What is the cost per cubic yard for carting from breaking depôt on to the several roads where required?
  - (6.) What has been the total cost per yard for stone broken by the unemployed?
  - (7.) What is the total number of yards broken by the unemployed to date?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1, 2, and 3.) Except in the case of one quarry, viz., Port Kembla, all spawls have been delivered under contract at the depôts where to be broken. For Port Kembla stone 1s. per ton is charged; for quarrying, &c., 5s. 6d.; railways (two) charges, cartage to depôt, 1s. 9d.
  - (4.) 3s. for Prospect spawls; 2s. 6d., South Coast and Dundas; 1s. 9d. for white stone.
  - (5.) Varies from 9d. to 2s., according to distance.
  - (6.) At the depôts; varies from 7s. 4d. to 14s. 1d. per cubic yard.
  - (7.) 35,749.
- (26.) **Government Dredge, Brisbane Water** :—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is there a Government dredge at work at Brisbane Water; how long has it been employed there; and what has been the expense of same during that period?
  - (2.) When will the dredge be available for other duty?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) There are two dredges now employed near Brisbane Water, doing very urgent and important work in connection with channels leading to famous pleasure resorts. The "Titan" has been employed there since 13th May, 1902, at a cost of £2,140, and the "Kappa" since 2nd January, 1902, at a cost of £1,610. The "Titan" has a tug attending and employs more men, doing more work than the "Kappa."
  - (2.) The "Titan" will complete present work in about four months, and the "Kappa" within a fortnight.
- (27.) **Cables on the Ocean-street Tram Line** :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the average life of the cables on the Ocean-street tram?
  - (2.) What is their cost?
  - (3.) Within the past two years how many cables have been used, including that now in use?
  - (4.) Is the delay in the installation of the electric system on this line due to want of power?
  - (5.) When is it proposed to obtain the necessary additional power?
  - (6.) Is the type of generating engine in use at Ultimo, at present, satisfactory?
  - (7.) How many stoppages have occurred within the past two years through the breaking or stranding of the cables?
  - (8.) What has been the cost of 'buses engaged during such stoppages for the convenience of the public?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—There will be no objection to supply the information if moved for in the usual way.



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(28.) Expenses connected with Mr. Barling's visit to England :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the total sum drawn by Mr. Barling, of the Public Service Board, in consequence of his recent visit to England?
- (2.) Under what headings were the charges made?
- (3.) Did he also receive his full statutory salary?
- (4.) How much did Mr. Bridges receive for services in connection with the Public Service Board, owing to the absence of Mr. Barling?

Sir John See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Mr. Barling neither asked for nor received any payment during his leave beyond the amount of his salary as a member of the Public Service Board. At the time Mr. Barling went on leave of absence, viz., in April, 1901, he had been in the Public Service for nearly thirty-nine years, during which time he had had scarcely any leave for recreation purposes. The Public Service Regulations provide that any public officer of forty years' service may receive extended leave of absence, on full pay, for twelve months, and, in addition, may be allowed any accumulated recreation leave standing to his credit. Mr. Barling was absent for eight months only.

(4.) Mr. Bridges received the difference between his ordinary salary and the salary of a member of the Public Service Board.

(29.) Resumption of Wharf Properties :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the persons and companies from whom wharf properties were resumed when the Act was passed providing for such resumptions?
- (2.) What amounts respectively were paid or are about to be paid to these persons or companies?
- (3.) What is the total amount set down as the value of these properties?
- (4.) How much of the said total has been by consent retained by the Government, and at what rate of interest?

Sir John See answered,—Many of the wharf resumption cases are still *sub judice*, and, therefore, the information asked for in these Questions cannot be supplied pending settlement. I am sure that my honorable friend will fall in with that view.

(30.) Commercial Agent for the East :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the abolition of the Board for Exports, is it contemplated to abolish the position of Commercial Agent for the East; if not, can he inform this House when such appointment will be made?

Sir John See answered,—No. Applications are now being dealt with with the view to an appointment being made. I may add that there has been some delay, occasioned by the fact that we have not yet received the samples and other things to be returned to us in consequence of the unfortunate death of Mr. Whiteley; but in a few days I hope to be able to announce the name of his successor.

(31.) Public School at Warner's Bay :—Mr. Edden asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will the erection of a Public School at Warner's Bay be commenced?

Mr. Perry answered,—Action has been taken to resume a site at this place, and when the resumption has been completed, for which I am awaiting a plan and description from the Lands Department, the erection of a school building will be commenced.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing expenditure on Parks and Recreation Grounds.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing cost of conducting the Business of Parliament, 16th June to 16th July, 1903.
  - (2.) Reports by the Assistant Medical Officer of the Government on epidemics of Typhoid Fever at Boggabri, Cobar, Tamworth, Forbes, and Warren.
  - (3.) Regulations and Forms under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (4.) Return showing Population of the State, 30th June, 1903.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE :—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to the Library Committee to sit during the sittings of the House.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Health (Leprosy) Bill postponed until To-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—  
“The necessity of an early amendment of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, with a view to the adoption of the ‘Hare System’ of voting.”

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

Mr. Eden George moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*.—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that this question could not be discussed on a motion for the adjournment of the House, as a full opportunity would be afforded later in the evening, on the motion of the Colonial Treasurer to bring in a temporary Supply Bill. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said, following the rulings given on previous occasions, he must rule this motion out of order; Supply being set down for consideration this evening, the Honorable Member will have ample opportunity to discuss the question.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**.—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
7. **SUPPLY**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,917,634: being £1,100,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of July and August, or following month, of the financial year ending 30th June, 1904, to be expended at the rates which were sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1903, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1903-4; and

£817,634 for the following Services:—Legislative Assembly—Salaries: Arrears of Salaries—consequent upon promotions—from 1st February to 30th June, 1903 (Re-vote), £290; Fisheries Department—Towards completion of Fish Pond and Hatchery Buildings at Port Hacking, £1,300; Railways and Tramways—To meet Advances for Wages, £150,000; Public Works and Services—Roads and Bridges, and Maintenance of Public Watering Places, £275,000; Harbours and Rivers and Dredge Service, £65,000; Government Architect—Maintenance and Repairs of Public Buildings and Services generally, £20,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Contingencies—Survey of the Catchment Area of the Sydney Water Supply—Moiety of Cost, £300; Department of Lands—Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1902—Salaries and Expenses of Stock Branch pending rearrangement, £4,000; Treasurer's Advance Account—To enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1905, £50,000.

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

Colonial Secretary—Sydney Harbour Trust—Double-decked Grain Shed, west side of Darling Island, £10,000; Additions to Sheds and Jetties, Flood's Wharf, Circular Quay, £7,000. Public Works—Railway Construction—Temora to Wyalong—further sum, £7,818; Gundagai to Tumut—further sum (Re-vote), £36,876; Narrabri to Walgett and Collarendabri—further sum, £35,000. Government Architect—Electric Light Station, Erection—further sum, £1,800; University—Fisher Library, Erection—further sum, £3,000; Crown Law Office, Erection, Electric-Lighting, and Lift—further sum, £1,800. Roads and Bridges—Bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond, £5,000. Harbours and Rivers—Dockyard Extension—Appliances, &c., £2,800; Richmond River Improvements—further sum, £4,350; Nambucca River Improvements—further sum, £1,000; Bellinger River Improvements—further sum, £1,000; Macleay River Improvements—further sum, £3,000; Manning River Improvements—further sum, £6,000; Extra Mooring Accommodation, Newcastle—further sum, £5,000. Water Supply—Sydney Water Supply and Cataract Dam and Improvements—further sum, £45,000; Broken Hill Water Supply—Towards, £10,000; Country Towns Water Supply generally—further sum, £8,000. Sewerage—Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally—£2,000; Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally, £3,000; Lismore Sewerage, £1,500; Randwick and Kensington Sewerage, £6,000; Hay Sewerage, £6,000; City Low-level Sewerage, £3,000; Mosman Sewerage, £3,000. Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—General Reticulation, £20,000; Re-lining sections Upper and Lower Canal, and additional works necessary between Potts' Hill and Cataract, £7,500; Water Supply Works, Manly, £1,800; Water Supply Works, Wollongong, £500. Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Improvements to Water Supply, Newcastle and Suburbs, £3,000.

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

29th July, 1903.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1903–1904, the sum of £1,917,634 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Waddell moved that the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 30th July, 1903, a.m.*

10. JUSTICES (INFORMATIONS) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Judges of the Supreme Court to frame informations for offences punishable upon summary conviction*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 29th July, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,

President.

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 JULY, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount to the credit of the Government Savings Bank invested in New South Wales Treasury Bills, 59 Vic. No. 22, on the 30th June, 1902?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Honorable Member will find the information asked for on page 151 of the Public Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1902, laid upon the Table of this House on 29th October last.

- (2.) Vote for Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) What has become of the £15,000 voted by Parliament in 1901 to the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board?  
 (2.) Has this vote now lapsed under the Audit Act which provides that appropriations, unless dealt with within two years, lapse?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Of the Vote of £15,000 under Loan Act No. 62 of 1901, for "Sites for erection of Branch and "Suburban Stations," there is a balance of £14,634 9s. 3d. remaining unexpended and available for expenditure.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

- (3.) Tramway to Northern Suburbs Cemetery :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended that the Cemetery for the Northern Suburbs shall be connected with the Milson's Point line by tramway, and thus be available for burials?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This line must stand over until funds are available for further tramway extensions.

- (4.) Artesian Bores :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the recent prolonged drought, and the necessity for encouraging irrigation in the arid portions of the North-Western District, will he consider the advisableness of at once sending an experienced officer to confer with the settlers in the different artesian bore schemes, with the object of affording them all the information possible in respect to irrigation by means of artesian water?

(2.) If he favourably considers this proposal, will he instruct such officer to explain the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act to the settlers in each Trust District, so as to enable them to thoroughly understand their position in connection with the working of same?

(3.) In consequence of the varying qualities of the water from the different artesian bores, will he make arrangements to get the water and the soil from each bore analysed, with the view of discovering the suitability of same for agricultural purposes, and affording information to the settlers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) An officer is available, and will be detailed to give information on application from the occupants of any artesian bore schemes.

(2.) Such officer will give information on all points asked for.

(3.) Any samples of soil or water will be forwarded to the Agricultural Branch of the Mines Department for information.

(5.)

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- (5.) Amounts owing by Government on Resumed Properties :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total amount due and unpaid, on all properties resumed by the Government in and around Sydney, on the 30th of June last?  
Mr. Waddell answered,—Approximately, £1,750,000.
- (6.) Appointment of Foresters :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
(1.) Has the position of Assistant Forester, for which applications were invited some time ago, and in connection with which several applicants were recently examined, been filled; if so, what is the name of the person appointed?  
(2.) Is it proposed to appoint any more foresters, assistants or guards, and how many?  
Mr. Bennett answered,—  
(1.) No.  
(2.) Not unless necessity arises.
- (7.) Appointment of Ewart Williams, Fitzroy Dock :—Mr. Law asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is he prepared to test the question as to whether the engineering apprentices at Fitzroy Dock, who are receiving only 20s. per week, are more competent than Ewart Williams, improver, who is receiving 40s. per week, by submitting the same to a competent engineer, who is not connected with the Fitzroy Dock, for decision?  
(2.) If so, when?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will submit the Questions of the Honorable Member to the Managing Committee of the Dock for their views. It must be understood that the Dock is entirely under the management of a non-political board, who put on men and regulate wages.
- (8.) Manly to Curl-Curl Tramway :—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state what has been the cost of the Manly to Curl-Curl tramway?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£10,538 18s. 6d., or, exclusive of land, £10,428 18s. 6d., and including a large shed and fittings for all tramways at or near Manly.
- (9.) Tram-shed at Curl-Curl :—Mr. Fallick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state what was the cost of the tram-shed at Curl-Curl; also cost of land for same?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Cost of tram-shed, including sidings, &c., £2,821 5s. 5d. The land matter has not yet been altogether settled. This shed will serve for present and future tramways near Manly, including the extension to the Spit.
- (10.) Nationality of Old-Age Pensioners :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—For the information of this House and the general public, will he have a return prepared and laid upon the Table of this House, showing the nationality of the persons now in receipt of pensions under the Old-age Pensions Act?  
Mr. Waddell answered,—As the information asked for will entail the preparation of an expensive return, I should be glad if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way.
2. LIQUOR BILL :—Mr. Affleck presented a Petition from N. T. Collins, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the "Eureka" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Gunning, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids.  
Petition received.
3. PAPERS :—  
Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Return showing Improvement Leases offered for Sale and Tender.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Wyalong, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH (LEPROSY) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Affleck, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Affleck then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect to the isolation of persons suspected to be suffering from leprosy.*"  
Question put and *passed*.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect to the isolation of persons suspected to be suffering from leprosy,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th July, 1903.*
6. BREAD ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901.  
Question put and *passed*.

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7. LITHGOW MUNICIPAL LOAN VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans to the Borough of Lithgow.  
Question put and passed.
8. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday, 13th August.
11. GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Ashton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st July, 1903, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Apportionment Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better apportionment of rents and other periodical payments,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th July, 1903.*  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
- F. B. SUTTON,  
President.
- (2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers for the investment of the funds of the Australian Mutual Provident Society by authorising the expenditure and investment of such funds as to the Board of Directors may seem fit, subject, however, to the By-laws for the time being of the said Society, in any one or more of the modes thereafter specified,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th July, 1903.*  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Ashton, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
- F. B. SUTTON,  
President.
- (3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th July, 1903.*  
F. B. SUTTON,  
President.
13. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

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14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The remaining Government Business and Orders of Day of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Crick, until Tuesday next.
15. HEALTH REGULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH FOOD PRODUCTS :—*Mr. Meagher*, on behalf of Mr. Levien, proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the recent regulations framed by the Board of Health in connection with food products, and their relation to public health and trade.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Richards, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
- Mr. Speaker said, That under the rule laid down in "May," 10th Edition, p. 250, the Honorable Member is not entitled to move this motion on behalf of another Honorable Member.
16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 21.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1903.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON.  
Governor.

Message No. 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 31st July, 1903.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) New Fire Station :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates during the present Session to provide for the erection of a new fire station, and to carry out other works requested by the Board of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade?

Sir John See answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

(2.) Roads in the Warialda District :—*Mr. McNeill*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money was allotted for the roads in the Warialda District last year?

(2.) What amount of that sum was expended on the Warialda-Yetman road, particularly at the Yetman end?

(3.) What was the amount expended on the Wallangra-Yetman portion of the district?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £5,664 18s.

(2.) Amount expended on Warialda-Yetman Road, £220. At Yetman end, £73.

(3.) £247.

(3.) Inspector of the Glebe Island Abattoir :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 24th July, that Mr. Ryan, Inspector of the Glebe Island Abattoirs, on 26th March allowed a bullock with tuberculosis, which he had condemned, to go into consumption; if so, does the Government intend taking any steps to have the person dismissed for allowing the carcase of a diseased bullock to go into consumption?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—A Select Committee of this House is at present conducting an inquiry into this alleged transaction, and other matters.

(4.) Accommodation for Insane Patients :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of the Insane states that, as a result of the present inadequate accommodation, the insane patients have not a fair chance of getting cured; if so, what steps, if any, do the Government intend to take to provide or make better provision for the relief of the insane?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of the Insane has called attention to the pressing need for more accommodation in the Hospitals for Insane, and the subject is now under consideration.

(5.)



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(5.) Buildings at corner of Market and Elizabeth Streets :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have a number of buildings, the property of the State, been demolished in Market and Elizabeth Streets; and, if so, with what buildings is it intended to replace same?
- (2.) What expenditure is to be incurred, and from what source are the necessary funds being obtained?
- (3.) What revenue per annum as rent was derived from the old buildings?
- (4.) To whom was the material in the old buildings sold, and for what amount?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) A number of buildings condemned by the City Council were demolished. There is no present intention of erecting other buildings on the site vacated.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) £407 per annum approximately.
- (4.) The building material was sold by public auction to fifty-three different purchasers, and realised £184 11s. This property was not resumed by the present Government.

(6.) Registrar-General's Offices :—Mr. Mahony asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many rooms are there in the building used as the Registrar-General's Office, Elizabeth-street?
- (2.) In respect of each room (a) what are the gross cubic measurements; (b) what is the net available air space; (c) how many employees are there; (d) what are the means adopted for lighting and ventilating; (e) are these considered sufficient; and, if so, by whom?
- (3.) What percentage of the present employees under the age of 40 wear eye-glasses daily in the performance of their duties?
- (4.) During the past five years (a) what has been the average number of employees per annum; (b) how many employees have been absent from duty for periods of more than three days on account of illness, and what has been the nature of such illness; (c) how many deaths have occurred, and from what causes?
- (5.) Will he call for a report from the City Health Officer as to whether the present hygienic conditions of this building are likely to shorten the lives, or in any way injure the health of those employed therein?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(7.) Railway and Tramway Derailments :—Mr. Broughton, for Mr. Fallick, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What has been the total number of railway and tramway derailments since 1st January, 1901, to date, giving place of occurrence and date of same; also the cost, loss, and damage of each in detail, including interest, loss by traffic, damage to permanent-way and rolling stock?
- (2.) What is the percentage of difference on permanent-ways in wear and tear of rails and wheels as between rails laid to inclinations of 1 in 20 and 1 in 40; also the lives of same; also what are the chances of derailment as between those inclinations with trains travelling at the rate of 40 miles an hour?
- (3.) Is he aware that the slightest inaccuracy in inclination of rails of permanent-ways causes greater wear and tear of rails and wheels, and makes the permanent-way dangerous?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that an answer could not be given within the scope of any ordinary reply to a Question, and the information should therefore be moved for as a return.
- (2.) The practice varies. In some countries rails are laid to an inclination of 1 in 20, in others level. No information is available as to comparative wear and tear.
- (3.) No.

(8.) Cables on the Ocean-street Tram-line :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the average life of the cables on the Ocean-street tram?
- (2.) What is their cost?
- (3.) Within the past two years how many cables have been used, including that now in use?
- (4.) Is the delay in the installation of the electric system on this line due to want of power?
- (5.) When is it proposed to obtain the necessary additional power?
- (6.) Is the type of generating engine in use at Ultimo, at present, satisfactory?
- (7.) How many stoppages have occurred within the past two years through the breaking or stranding of the cables?
- (8.) What has been the cost of 'buses engaged during such stoppages for the convenience of the public?

Mr. Waddell answered,—As I informed the Honorable Member previously, the information required should be furnished in the form of a return, and there will be no objection to supply it if moved for in the usual way.

(9.) Transfer of Land to Department of Education for Public School :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Metropolitan Land, Building, and Investment Company transferred to the Education Department  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres to build a Public School?
- (2.) Did the above Company purchase a portion of Mr. Hollier's farm for a road to the above proposed school?
- (3.) Did the Company fence each side of the above public road at a very considerable cost?
- (4.) Is it his intention to carry out the promise he made to the deputation that waited upon him, and have the school erected; if so, when?

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Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The Company offered a school site at York Estate, and I accepted their offer. The exact area is 2 acres 31 perches, as recently surveyed by the Lands Department.
- (2.) It is understood that such a road will be provided, though I am not aware how the Company have acquired it.
- (3.) I am not aware.
- (4.) The school requirements of the district will receive full attention.

(10.) Blue-metal Spawls :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost per ton, including quarrying, carting, gangers, and every other charge, for spawls delivered in trucks at Rooty Hill Railway Station from Minchinbury Quarries?
- (2.) The railway charges, per ton, from Rooty Hill to Toongabbie?
- (3.) Is the metal equal in quality to the Prospect metal?
- (4.) The total cost per ton, including freight, of Minchinbury metal delivered in trucks at Toongabbie?
- (5.) Is it a fact that Prospect metal is superior to Minchinbury metal?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Emu Gravel and Prospect Company offered to deliver blue metal spawls in trucks at Toongabbie at 4s. 3d. per ton?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 4s. 4d. per ton, when quarry is opened out.
- (2.) 1s. 3d. per ton; but spawls are not needed at Toongabbie.
- (3.) For general road repairs, as far as tried, yes.
- (4.) 5s. 7d.
- (5.) See No. 3.
- (6.) No.

(11.) Boat-drill on Coastal Vessels :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the boat-drill conditions carried out on the vessels trading on our coast?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Navigation Acts in this State do not make boat-drill compulsory on vessels trading on the coast, but it is proposed to deal with the matter in the amending Bill which it is in contemplation to introduce.

(12.) Examination of Masters of Harbour Ferry Boats :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in view of the increasing number of collisions amongst ferry boats in our harbour, take steps to compel all masters to come up for re-examination as to sight, nerves, &c., every three years?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Navigation Acts of this State contain no power to enforce periodical tests as to sight, &c., but the Superintendent of Navigation is of opinion that a clause giving the necessary power should be embodied in the proposed amending Bill.

(13.) Buildings on Resumed Area, near new Central Railway Station :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to demolish the buildings that have been resumed adjoining the new Railway Station at Belmore, between Pitt and George Streets; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?
- (2.) Is it a fact that some of the buildings have already been demolished; if so, was any compensation paid to the tenants or occupiers for the resumption of such property; to whom, and the amount paid to each respectively?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Buildings on the resumed area are being demolished as the necessity with regard to improvement of approach to the new station arises, but due caution is exercised not to destroy present rentals unnecessarily.
- (2.) Yes, some buildings have been demolished, but cash compensation has not been paid as the tenants' leases were allowed to expire, and in some cases extensions were granted.

(14.) The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G. :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that Sir John Lackey (prior to his resignation of the office of President of the Legislative Council and the appointment by the Government of their late colleague, Mr. F. B. Suttor, to the position) was requested to resign?

Sir John See answered—If the Honorable Member desires any information as to communications from His Excellency the Governor, he must adopt the usual constitutional practice of moving an Address to the Crown.

(15.) Temporary Officers in the Public Works Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What number of temporary hands are at present employed in the Public Works Department whose employment has exceeded the period of nine months provided in the Public Service Act as the maximum period of such employment?
- (2.) What are their names, offices, and salaries?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information must be moved for in the form of a return.

(16.) Federal Capital :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that politicians in Victoria and other States, outside New South Wales, are agitating at the present time for such amendment of the Federal Constitution as will enable the Federal Capital to be established in Sydney or Melbourne?
- (2.) Has he himself not publicly declared that at either Sydney or Melbourne the Capital should be established; and is he not aware that the enunciation of hastily formed views of this character, coming from the Premier of the State which, under the Federal Constitution, is entitled to have the

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Capital established within its area, is being taken advantage of by politicians and people in Victoria for the purpose of delaying the accomplishment of a bargain made in Conference and ratified by the vote of the people of the several States of the union?

(3.) Will he take steps in the direction of inducing the Federal Government to expedite the matter of choosing a site for the Capital, under the terms provided for in the Constitution Act?

Sir John See answered,—At the present juncture, I decline to answer this Question.

(17.) Mount Kembla Miners' General Accident and Martinique Relief Funds:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was not the sum of £4,949 raised by New South Wales Public Schools, by contributions on the part of teachers and pupils and by proceeds of entertainments, for the Mount Kembla Miners' General Accident and Martinique Relief Funds; and, if so, do the trustees of this fund propose to keep it locked up, or to disburse it?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that of the total sum above mentioned, £3,000 stand at fixed deposit and £509 is to credit at the bank, so that, deducting £540 (the expenses entailed in obtaining the fund), all that has been granted in the shape of relief is £900?

(3.) Are there not in existence a number of other relief funds, such as the Bulli and Patriotic, still being separately maintained and administered; and does he propose to have all brought under one system of management, as suggested by his honorable colleague, the Member for Wickham, some time since?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The sum mentioned was raised as stated. The trustees intend to disburse it judiciously, as necessity arises.

(2.) The amounts stated are correct.

(3.) It is a fact that separate relief funds exist and are separately administered. I have no power to amalgamate with these funds, and would not do so if I had. The Public School Miners' General Accident Relief Fund was inaugurated with a dual object of relieving distress at the same time of inculcating in the minds of the school children the lesson of charity. It will assist in cases outside the scope of other funds.

(18.) Train Accommodation on the Narrabri to Wee Waa Railway:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the railway from Narrabri to Wee Waa has been opened for passenger and goods traffic for some months?

(2.) Is he also aware that the existing time-table arrangements give very great dissatisfaction to the residents of Wee Waa and district?

(3.) Will he consult with his officers with the view of having a time-table arranged suitable to the requirements of the people and the importance of the district?

(4.) If another engine is required for the more satisfactory running of this service, will he make arrangements with the Commissioners to supply same until the line is handed over to them, in order that a time-table might be arranged to fit in with the present mail-train arrangements at Narrabri?

(5.) Are passengers permitted to travel on the line from Wee Waa to Burren Junction; if not, when will such arrangements be made?

(6.) When will the line to Wee Waa or Burren Junction be handed over to the Commissioners, and will he expedite such action?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) I am not aware, but the time-table was arranged to suit the construction work, which would otherwise have been greatly delayed and increased in cost. Already the traffic has caused heavy expense for maintenance.

(4.) This cannot be done for reasons stated in Answers 2 and 3.

(5.) As soon as the construction works justify doing so, arrangements will be made for general passenger traffic.

(6.) A date cannot be given, but when the line is sufficiently advanced it will be handed over. The work is being pushed on as fast as financial arrangements allow.

(19.) Plague in Brisbane:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the complaint made by the Government of Queensland, to the effect that unnecessary delay has been occasioned by the action of the New South Wales Government in refusing to declare Brisbane free of plague; and that the said New South Wales Government had thus placed an embargo on the free introduction into this State of produce from Queensland in direct contravention of Clause 22 of the Constitution Act?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that the Queensland Government charge the New South Wales authorities with "stepping into politics and using the health laws to protect the New South Wales "markets"?

(3.) When will Brisbane be declared a clean port by this Government?

Sir John See answered,—Brisbane will be declared a clean port by this Government on 8th August; but all restrictions on importations of grain were removed on 30th July.

3. FISHERIES ACT:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain residents of the shores of Lake Macquarie, and other persons using the lake for fishing, representing that the Regulations passed by the Fisheries Board regarding the kinds of nets to be used in the capture of fish are calculated to materially injure the fisheries of the State, and that they fear, on reasonable, scientific, and natural grounds, that the great fish nursery of Lake Macquarie will be ruined if such nets be allowed; and praying that the House will, in its wisdom, urge the immediate rescission of the injurious Regulations above referred to, and the publication of amended Regulations.

Petition received.

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## 4. PAPERS:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the proceedings of the Conference between the Premiers of the States of the Commonwealth of Australia, held at Sydney, April, 1903.

(2.) Papers relating to the inter-State agreement as to the disposal of the Murray River waters. Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return showing the number of dogs registered in Sydney during the year ended 30th June, 1903, and the amount of fees derived therefrom.

(4.) Returns, under the several Acts administered by the Registrar-General, for the year 1902. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Preferential Trade; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes;—until Tuesday next.

(2.) Newington and Rookwood Asylums; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly;—until Tuesday, 22nd September.

(3.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [Mr. E. M. Clark];—until Tuesday next.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Boorowa, Mr. Nielsen, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"Grave defects in the administration of the old-age pensions laws."

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

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

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that, as a notice of motion on this subject had been given this evening, this matter could not now be discussed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the objection taken, and ruled the motion out of order.

(2.) Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in sub-section (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Crick,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. E. M. Clark.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Clara,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Eden George,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Nelson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## 7. STATE BANK:—Mr. Rose moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is urgently necessary to develop the Government Savings Bank and Advances to Settlers' Board into a State bank.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Clara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Sullivan,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brunner,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir John See,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Alexander Campbell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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## 8. PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice :—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prevalence of the gambling evil in regard to public "betting-houses," totalisator shops, pak-a-pu shops, and "two-up" "schools," and the best means of eradicating or minimising such evils.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Millard, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Clara, Mr. Edden, Mr. Davis, Mr. Dight, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahony moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "betting-houses," the words "betting in public places."

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

Amended Question proposed,—

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be further amended by inserting after the word "schools" the words "and other gambling institutions and clubs."

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

Question, as further amended, proposed,—

Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be further amended by inserting after the words last inserted the words "and institutions, to which admission or membership is obtained by payment of a fee or "periodical subscriptions, where games of chance are played."

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

Debate continued.

And Mr. Norton requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot.

Question, as amended,—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prevalence of the gambling evil in regard to public betting-houses, betting in public places, totalisator shops, pak-a-pu shops, and "two-up" schools, and other gambling institutions and clubs, and institutions to which admission or membership is obtained by payment of a fee or periodical subscriptions, where games of chance are played, and the best means of eradicating or minimising such evils,—put,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Law,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Power,	
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Burgess,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Norton,
Mr. Macdonell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the ballot.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Clara, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Edden, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Law, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Norton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Power, Mr. Price, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Webster,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Furnishing of Government House :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was *Mr. Cook*, Assistant Architect, the officer in charge of the work of furnishing Government House?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—If the Federal Government House is meant, portions of the furnishing were done by *Mr. Cook*, under the direction of the Government Architect. If the State Government House is meant—No.

(2.) The Mitchell Library :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken in the direction of providing accommodation for the Mitchell Library?

(2.) What is the estimated value of this collection?

(3.) Was this library offered to the Government by *Mr. D. S. Mitchell*, together with an endowment to provide for its future growth, on the sole condition that the Government should provide a home for it and make it accessible to students?

(4.) Was the gift accepted on these terms; and, if so, when?

(5.) Where have the books been housed since being accepted by the Government?

(6.) Are the books at present accessible to the general public or any portion thereof?

(7.) Have the Trustees of the Public Library made any recommendations in reference to the accommodation of these books?

(8.) If so, how have these recommendations been dealt with?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Yes. A portion has been placed in premises adjoining the Public Library, the property of the Government.

(2.) Its cost is believed to have been, approximately, £30,000. An estimate of its present value would probably largely exceed that amount.

(3.) No endowment was promised. *Mr. Mitchell's* expressed wish was that suitable accommodation should be provided in a National Library for his gift and any future increments to it. Meanwhile, he transferred a portion of the library on the Government offering to house it.

(4.) Yes, on the above terms; in February, 1899.

(5.) See answer to No. 1.

(6.) Yes, to persons qualified to make a proper use of the books, upon a written application to the Principal Librarian.

(7.) Yes, ever since the making of the gift.

(8.) This important matter has been necessarily deferred owing to more urgent works. My intentions were stated in reply to a Question on the 14th July.

(3.) Grant to the Orange Hospital :—*Mr. Newman* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the promise made by him at Orange to the hospital authorities, on the 31st ultimo, of a grant of £2,000, will he kindly say if the amount is now available?

*Sir John Sec* answered,—The money will be available when the plans and specifications have been approved of by the Government Architect.

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- (4.) Federal High Court and Patent Office:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that there is considerable dissatisfaction amongst commercial men in the city at the delay in the establishment of the Federal High Court and Federal Patent Office; and, if so, will he make such representations to the Commonwealth Government as will expedite the creation of same?

Sir John See answered,—I will communicate with the Federal Premier upon the subject.

- (5.) Protection of Native Birds and Animals:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the draft Bill for the protection of native birds and animals presented by the Animals Protection Society on the 25th of November, 1902?

Sir John See answered,—A Bill is now in course of preparation.

- (6.) The Auburn Murder:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount has been paid the man Woolford out of the reward of £400 offered by the Government for the arrest and conviction of the Auburn murderers?

(2.) Has any grant been made to the relatives of the late Constable Long; if so, what was the amount?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) £100 will be paid.

(2.) No relatives entitled to grant.

- (7.) Forest Ranger at Randwick:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has an appointment recently been made to the position of Forest Ranger at Randwick; if so, who is the person so appointed, what is the salary, and what are the duties?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—Mr. James Grumbly took over the duties of Ranger at Randwick on the 21st October, 1901. He is paid £3 per week, with 10s. per week forage allowance. His duties are to patrol and keep Crown lands free from trespass and damage.

- (8.) Prosecutions under Factories and Shops Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many prosecutions under the Factories and Shops Act were instituted during the year 1902?

(2.) In how many of these cases were convictions secured?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Thirty.

(2.) Convictions were obtained in thirteen cases. Sixteen were withdrawn, the necessary instructions from the Department having been complied with and costs paid. One case was dismissed.

- (9.) Shelter for Destitute Men in Lower Fort Street:—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as reported, that the shelter for destitute men in Lower Fort street is to be closed?

(2.) If so, what are the reasons?

(3.) Is the City Mission to have the building?

(4.) If so, what are the terms on which it was granted?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes; on the 1st of next month.

(2.) It is not thought that during the warm weather a shelter-house is necessary, and as well as that the work of the City Mission (which is entirely non-sectarian) will be in the interests of destitute people such as those who now get relief. By letting the Mission have the premises and do this work, a saving of several hundred pounds per annum will be effected; further, it is thought well that the City Mission should be encouraged in their noble work.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Leased for twelve months from 1st September next, at a nominal rental of £10 per annum.

- (10.) Increases to Railway and Tramway Staff:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the Railway Commissioners did not pay the usual increases to the Railway and Tramway staff in January last, which are provided for by Regulation?

(2.) Is he also aware that no increases have yet been paid which have become due during the half-year ending 30th June?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow the Railway Commissioners to break faith with their employees by withholding increases that are provided for by their own Regulations?

(4.) If not, will he enforce the payment thereof at once?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that increases were approved to the Railway and Tramway Wages Staff up to 7s. per day, and the Salaried Staff up to £120 per annum. In the cases of mechanics who have served their apprenticeship with the Department, advances up to 8s., 9s. 4d., and 10s. per day have been approved. The Regulations empower the Railway Commissioners to exercise discretion in these matters, and I may point out that, in replying to similar Questions on the 7th ultimo, I remarked that—"All classification advances were granted by the Commissioners in July, 1902, but in dealing with the question of advances in January last, a modified arrangement was adopted in regard to juniors. The Wages Staff in receipt of 7s. per day and over, and Salaried Staff in receipt of £120 per annum and over, were not granted advances in view of the serious effect of the drought on the financial position." The same difficulty still applies.

- (11.) Condition of Devonshire-street:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is that portion of Devonshire-street fronting Redfern Railway Station under the control of the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) Is it a fact that this portion of the street is in a dangerous state of repair, and what steps will the Commissioners take to have it repaired?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed the street is under the control of the City Council; but the portion occupied by the tram-lines is maintained by the Railway Commissioners, and is in good order.

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(12.) Subsidence in Sussex-street :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any claims been made to the Sewerage Construction Department for damages owing to a subsidence in Sussex-street, between Margaret and Erskine Streets, and has this Department repudiated any responsibility?

(2.) Is it a fact there is a subsidence in the street; was certain work carried out there by the Department; and, if so, why are claims refused recognition?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) A claim was made, which the Department repudiated.

(2.) There was a subsidence in the street, but it was not caused by work carried out by this Department. Probably it was due to the defective construction of old sewers.

(13.) Subsidence in Sussex-street :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have claims been made to the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners as the result of vehicular accidents in Sussex-street, between Margaret and Erskine Streets, owing to a subsidence in the street, resulting from work carried out by the Sewerage Construction Department?

(2.) Have the Commissioners paid any claims, and has the matter at any time been referred to the Crown Solicitor's Department for an opinion as to the Commissioners' responsibility; and, if so, with what result?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished the following replies :—

(1.) One claim only has been received.

(2.) The Commissioners have not made any payment. The claim was referred to the Crown Solicitor, and, in view of the judgment of the District Court in "*Phillips v. Harbour Trust Commissioners*" in a somewhat similar case in another locality, the Commissioners declined to accept any liability.

(14.) Federal Capital :—*Mr. Newman* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 3rd instant, in which *Sir William Lyne* intimates that the Federal Parliament will be asked to arrive at a decision on the Federal Capital Site question as soon as the Commissioners' report respecting the Dalgety site is received, and without waiting for *Mr. Oliver's* supplementary report if not available then?

(2.) Has *Mr. Oliver* been instructed to furnish a supplementary or additional report on the Federal Capital Sites?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to have the report in question expedited so as to be available when the question is being considered by the Federal Parliament?

*Sir John See* answered,—Yes.

(15.) Alleged Objectionable Behaviour at Fernmount :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the report in a local paper of certain reports of alleged objectionable behaviour at Fernmount, Bellinger River, and the emphatic denial given to the existence of any such conduct?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the full particulars of the report alluded to, and the result of the police investigations?

*Sir John See* answered,—*Mr. George Kennedy*, of Fernmount, made a complaint regarding the conduct of teamsters at Fernmount. From reports obtained from the police in the matter, there would appear to be but little, if any, grounds for the statements made by *Mr. Kennedy*. He was absent when the senior-constable detailed to investigate the complaint visited Fernmount, but a number of respectable residents were interviewed, none of whom has seen or heard of any disgraceful conduct or bad language on the part of the teamsters. No previous complaints have been made to the police, and the Sub-Inspector in charge of the sub-district states that the teamsters are generally well conducted.

(16.) Chief Inspector of Mines :—*Mr. W. F. Hurley* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at the end of the present month *Mr. W. H. J. Slec* will vacate his present position as Chief Inspector of Mines?

(2.) If so, what inspector is next in seniority to *Mr. Slec*, and most entitled to the position of Chief Inspector of Mines?

(3.) Will he urge and recommend that a practical man be appointed to the position of Chief Inspector of Mines, and that such practical man be taken from the present Inspectors of Mines?

(4.) Will he see that a theoretical man is not appointed to the position of Chief Inspector of Mines?

(5.) Will he consider whether it would not be taking away all chance of promotion from the present inspectors if a theoretical man were appointed to the position of Chief Inspector of Mines?

(6.) Is he aware that all mining communities favour practical men in preference to theoretical men?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) Leave of absence for ten months has been granted to *Mr. Slec* from the 31st instant, and he will retire from the Service on the 30th June, 1904.

(2 to 6.) The question of the appointment of a successor to *Mr. Slec* is under consideration. The principles laid down by the Honorable Member are recognised as sound, and will not be lost sight of.

(17.) Holidays for Roads Maintenance Men :—*Mr. Burgess* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Why were the roads maintenance men not notified that certain holidays, which they had been in the habit of receiving pay for, were stopped?

(2.) Is he aware that, through not being so notified, they went off on those days as usual, thinking they would be paid, whereas, had they known, they would have remained at work?

(3.) Is he aware that in some cases the local Roads Superintendents had no knowledge that 1st August had been knocked out as a holiday for which pay was previously allowed?

(4.) Will he see that copies of the revised Regulations are furnished to each maintenance man, so that no mistakes will be made in the future?

*Mr.*



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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) I understand that all District Officers were informed, and they have, presumably, notified the men.
- (2.) No, I am not so aware.
- (3.) I am informed that this is not so.
- (4.) This, I believe, has been done, but I will make certain that each man is notified. I would remind the Honorable Member that, in addition to being paid for seven holidays in the year, the maintenance men who have been more than two years in the employ of the Department receive a week's holiday per annum on full pay.

(18.) Holidays for Roads Maintenance Men :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What were the dates upon which the regulation depriving maintenance men of payment for Good Friday and Easter Saturday received Executive authority and came into operation ; also the date when the men were informed of the new regulation ?
- (2.) Are maintenance men compelled to cease work upon those two days ?
- (3.) Are all the officers of the Roads Department treated in the same manner as the maintenance men in respect of holidays ; if not, why is there any difference made ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The Regulation was approved by the Cabinet on 8th January last. Officers were instructed on 3rd February last, and, presumably, the men were then informed.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Roads Officers of the Department are permanent, and are governed by Public Service Board, whereas maintenance men are only casual employees, and liable to be discharged when not required. I may add that I have approved of maintenance men of two years' service being granted one week's annual leave of absence for recreation.

(19.) Vacancy in the Colonial Secretary's Department :—Mr. Arthur Griffith, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any person been appointed by the Public Service Board from outside his Department to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. J. M. Gibson to the position of Under Secretary ?
- (2.) Are there any officers in his Department capable of undertaking the duties of the position vacated by Mr. Gibson ; and, if so, will he consider whether it is not unjust to promote outsiders over their heads, and subversive of good order and satisfaction in the Department ?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) This is a matter for the Public Service Board to deal with, but I concur in the suggestion that promotion from the Department should be made when practicable.

(20.) Death in Armidale Gaol :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the case of an old man, aged 84 years, who died recently in Armidale Gaol, and to the remarks of the Coroner and of Dr. Wegan at the inquiry, to the effect that the man should have been sent to the hospital instead of to gaol ?
- (2.) Will he make full inquiries into the matter, and lay the papers upon the Table of this House ?
- (3.) Will he see that steps are taken to punish those who are responsible for sending the old man to gaol ?
- (4.) Will he take steps to carry out the recommendation of the jury, which sat in the case referred to, with a view to amending the law relating to vagrancy cases concerning old and infirm people ?

Sir John See answered,—Attention has been called to this case, and inquiries are being made in connection with it.

2. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Eden George moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Wednesday, 29th July last, to the effect "That the motion for adjournment of the House, moved by the Honorable Member for Sydney-Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, for the purpose of discussing the "necessity of an amendment of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act adopting the "Hare" system of voting, was not in order, as the matter could be debated during the discussion "on the Supply Bill, which was upon the Business Paper."

Mr. Crick moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Macdonald,
Sir John See,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Cann,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Newman,	Mr. Millard,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Phillips,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Chen,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Haynes,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the Motion,—  
Question passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

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3. POSTPONEMENT:—Mr. Waddell moved, That the Order of the Day, No. 1 of Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Young,
Sir John See,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Sleath,	

Noes, 22.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Morton.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Fleming.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 5, 7, 9, "and 33, and the consideration of a new clause,"—instead thereof.

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

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

Mr. Garland moved, That the Question be further amended by adding to the words inserted the words "and Clauses 17 and 34."

Question put and passed.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be further amended by adding to the words inserted the words "and clause 13."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30 :

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 45.

Mr. Davis,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Steath,	Mr. McLaurin,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Quinn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Winchcombe.
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Hollis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 5, 7, 9, 17, 33 and 34, and the consideration of a new clause,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the report be now adopted,

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Sir John See,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Levien,  
Mr. Barnes,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Evans,

Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Gillics,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Pycers,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Nielsen,

Mr. Sleath,  
Mr. Alexander Campbell,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Davis.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Webster.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. David Storey,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Broughton.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Mahony.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

5. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sewerage Works at Kensington and Lower Randwick :—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When were the main works for the sewerage of Kensington and Lower Randwick commenced ?
- (2.) When should they have been completed ?
- (3.) What is the cause of the delay ?
- (4.) Were they originally let by contract ; if so, to whom, and at what price ?
- (5.) Are they now being carried out by contract or day labour ; if the latter, why were they taken out of the contractor's hands ?
- (6.) Was any compensation paid to the contractor ?
- (7.) Has the original design been departed from ; if so, in what respect, and for what reason ?
- (8.) What was the original estimated cost ?
- (9.) How much has been paid to date (a) to contractor ; (b) for day labour ?
- (10.) What is the estimated additional amount required to complete ?
- (11.) When are the works likely to be completed, so that residents in the suburb of Kensington may have the advantage of a proper sewerage system ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) July, 1899.
- (2.) July, 1901.
- (3.) Difficulty in overcoming the large quantity of water.
- (4.) Yes ; to Thos. Walker, at 7·5 per cent. above Schedule rates.
- (5.) By day labour, because the contractor was not making sufficient progress.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) The line of sewer was deviated to keep clear of Bunnerong-road.
- (8.) £31,700.
- (9.) (a) £14,371 0s. 8d. ; (b) £17,813 7s. 11d.
- (10.) £9,000.
- (11.) About nine months.

- (2.) Cartage of Cement for the Public Works Department :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all tenders received by his Department for the cartage and conveyance of cement for the use of the Department for the period 1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904 ?
- (2.) Who was the successful tenderer, and what price was accepted ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.
- (2.) Andrew Rogers' tender was accepted, at prices varying from 4d. to 1s. per cask and from 2s. to 7s. 6d. per load.

- (3.) Removal of Furniture of Public Servants in the Public Works Department :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copies of all tenders received from 1st January, 1903, to June, 1903, for the removal of Civil Servants' furniture and effects in his Department ?
- (2.) The names of the officers ?
- (3.) Where removed from and where to ?
- (4.) Names of successful tenderers and prices accepted ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—No objection, if moved for in the usual manner.

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(4.) Leases, Selections, and Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. D. R. Hall, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many settlement leases were forfeited from 30th June, 1902, to 30th June, 1903?
- (2.) How many homestead selections were forfeited during the same period?
- (3.) How many conditional purchases were forfeited during the same period?
- (4.) Referring to the above, in how many cases was forfeiture subsequently reversed?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) Five—four on account of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the lease, and one on account of non-payment of instalments due in respect of an advance under the provisions of the Advances to Settlers Act.
- (2.) One hundred and sixteen—ninety-two on account of non-fulfilment of condition of residence; nineteen on account of non-payment of rent and value of Crown improvements; and five for non-payment of instalments due in respect of advances under the provisions of the Advances to Settlers Act.
- (3.) Seventy-one—Forty-three on account of non-fulfilment of the condition of residence and improvement; twenty-two on account of the non-payment of the value of Crown improvements; and six for non-payment of instalments due in respect of advances under the provisions of the Advances to Settlers Act. Forfeiture, however, was not declared in any case unless it appeared that the lessee or selector had abandoned his holding, and failed to pay any regard to notices sent by the Department, either by asking for consideration or otherwise. Some of the selectors subsequently admitted abandonment, but asked that they might be given an opportunity of reoccupying their selections now that the drought had broken, and in these and other cases where similar requests were made the forfeiture was reversed.
- (4.) Five homestead selections and three conditional purchases.

(5.) Importation of Fruit :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Have the State Fruit Inspectors been authorised to admit fruit infected with insect and fungus disease into New South Wales when it is to be used for jam or conserve making?
- (2.) If so, to what extent has this privilege been availed of?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) No; but the inspectors have been authorised to admit only sound fruit for manufacturing purposes, which may be slightly affected, and this only under the most stringent conditions.
- (2.) To the extent of about 250 cases of fruit altogether up to the present time.

(6.) Pension Payable to Mr. F. J. Ironside :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government made provision for and Parliament voted payment of abatement on pensions to the following retired public officers, namely, Messrs. S. H. Lambton, J. Dwyer, W. McIntyre, D. M. Ferguson, Lillie, and Whiting?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, in the case of Mr. Dwyer, and in reply to a Question put by Mr. Affleck on the 11th October, 1900, when the Estimates were under consideration, the Minister of Public Instruction, Mr. Perry, answered as follows :—"That the grant had been placed on the Estimates on the ground of Mr. Dwyer's long and efficient service of more than forty-four years, and of the fact that similar concessions had been made in the case of other officers"?
- (3.) If the like reason, as in Mr. Dwyer's case, existed for payment of the abatement in the case of the other gentlemen named, is it a fact that Mr. F. J. Ironside, whose first entry to the Civil Service dates as far back as August, 1847 (starting at a wage of 1s. per diem), and who was retired at the latter end of the year 1896, has written several communications to the Government with the view to receiving like consideration?
- (4.) Is it a fact that, in answer to one of the communications from Mr. Ironside referred to, and from the Treasury, dated 16th August, 1901, the following passage occurs :—"That it was decided by the late Premier that all abatements must be paid by the officers concerned"?
- (5.) Is it a fact that, after the sending of this answer to Mr. Ironside, the following item appeared in the Estimates-in-Chief, and met with the approval of Parliament :—"109. Abatement on Pensions, Officers of Colonial Secretary's Department retired, £203"?
- (6.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the consideration awarded to the gentlemen named in Question 1, similar consideration has been absolutely refused Mr. Ironside?
- (7.) In view of the facts set forth, as has been done in the case of the several officers named, will like consideration be extended to Mr. Ironside?
- (8.) If not; why not?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1, 2, 3, and 5.) Yes.
- (4.) The following passage occurs in the letter referred to :—"That it was decided by the late Premier that, as in the case of Mr. H. R. Carleton, all abatements must be paid by the officers concerned." (6 and 7.) The concession cannot be extended to Mr. Ironside.
- (8.) Because the principle is considered a bad one, and although the Government has made provision for payment of the abatement in some instances, that cannot for a moment be accepted as a satisfactory reason why similar provision should be made in other cases of a like nature. Mr. Ironside's case is not an isolated one.

(7.) Crown Lands cleared for Settlement :—*Mr. Archer* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What amount of money was spent by the Reid Government in scrubbing land for settlement?
- (2.) What area of land so improved has been leased?
- (3.) What is the rental per acre, and the total area?
- (4.) What interest has been obtained on the loan money so expended?
- (5.) Has any payment been made towards a sinking fund?

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Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The amount of money expended by the Reid Government in scrubbing land on West Bogan and travelling stock reserves in Wagga Wagga District was £90,751 18s. 3d. A further amount of £14,977 6s. 1d. was subsequently expended by the Lyne Government in the same localities, and to arrive at the return from this expenditure, the two amounts cannot well be separated.

(2.) The total area scrubbed was 794,509 acres. This area, together with adjoining lands, in all 970,794 acres, was, on the 31st December last, held under different tenures, as follows:—Improvement leases, 579,076 acres; occupation licenses, 126,372 acres; homestead selection and conditional purchase, 2,346 acres. Total area occupied, 907,794 acres.

(3.) The average rental per acre for the land occupied is about 1½d. per acre per annum on 907,794 acres.

(4.) The total amount received, including the rent paid for the land, represents about 5½ per cent. on the money expended.

(5.) Yes. I would point out that of the 907,000 acres, there are 779,000 acres let upon improvement leases; otherwise, we would be without any return on the large capital expended.

(8.) Purchase of Live Stock for Departmental Farms:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of loan money was absorbed or expended in the purchase of live stock for the departmental farms?

(2.) What revenue has been received from them, if any?

(3.) Has the loan been repaid, or has a sinking fund been formed for the liquidation of the debt?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return.

(9.) Issue of Exemption Certificate to Captain Hill, s.s. "Argus":—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Did Captain Hill clear the steamer "Argus" prior to her sailing last Friday, 31st July?

(2.) When was his pilotage exemption certificate issued to him?

(3.) If his exemption certificate were granted to him since the Consolidated Navigation Act was passed, is he aware that Captain Hill was not qualified to clear the steamer without paying pilotage to the State?

(4.) Is he aware that a master whose exemption certificate has been issued since the passage of the Consolidated Navigation Act can only pilot a vessel out of the port by violating Clause 68 of that Act, unless he is engaged in the Intercolonial trade?

(5.) Will he take steps to put a stop to this violation of Clause 68 of the Navigation Act, and thereby protect the revenue?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) It has been ascertained from the Customs Department that Captain Hill cleared the steamship "Argus" prior to her sailing last Friday, the 31st July.

(2 and 3.) Captain Hill's exemption certificate was issued to him subsequently to the passing of the Navigation Act, 1901.

(4 and 5.) The matter of the breach of the Act is already under consideration, and has been referred to the Crown Solicitor for advice.

(10.) Cost of the Rabbit Act:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the total cost to the State of the Rabbit Act, passed last Session and repealed before being put into operation, including printing and election expenses?

(2.) Has any part of that cost been charged to the debt of £51,000 which the Stock Boards are called upon to make good under the Pastures Protection Act?

(3.) If so, how much has been so charged?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) £1,486. Of this sum £935 should be repaid by the Boards.

(2 and 3.) No. I would point out to the Honorable Member that he has framed his Question wrongly. The Act was put into operation, and the foundation of the Act is the Pastures Protection Act. The money would have to be spent in bringing that Act into operation irrespective of the Rabbit Act.

(11.) Sydney Water Supply Canal:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the statements reported to have been made by Mr. Jacob Garrard, President of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, to the effect that upwards of £40,000 has been expended in repairing defective construction and re-lining leaking sections of the Sydney Water Supply canal; that leaks have repeatedly developed; that stone of a poor class had been used in the canal; that the Boothtown Viaduct had to be replaced, the whole line of the viaduct being described as a permanent shower bath; and that a further expenditure of £30,000 will be necessary to remedy the damaged sections?

(2.) Was that portion of the work referred to by Mr. Garrard done by contract or day labour?

(3.) How long is it since the work was taken over by the Department?

(4.) What was the total cost of the canal?

(5.) What has been the cost of its maintenance since being handed over?

(6.) Does the cost of maintenance exceed what might be regarded as a normal amount?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) My attention has not been specially called to the statements alleged to have been made by the President of the Water and Sewerage Board, but I glanced through the newspapers wherein certain views were said to have been put forward by Mr. Garrard. Probably what is referred to is the expenditure of £58,275 19s. 4d. by the Water and Sewerage Board in re-lining and strengthening the upper canal, which at the time of its construction was lined with local stone at a very low cost. This has answered its purpose satisfactorily up to the present, and the lining is now being renewed with concrete. The Royal Commission on the Sydney Water Supply recommended that £25,000 be

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spent during the next five years on this work. The Boothtown aqueduct is doing all that is required, but as the carrying capacity of the lower canal is being increased, the aqueduct will have to be enlarged to the capacity of the canal.

- (2.) The original work was done by contract.
- (3.) The contracts for the construction of the upper canal were taken over in 1885.
- (4.) The cost of the canal cannot be separated from the total cost of the scheme at this distant date.
- (5.) About £6,000 per annum.
- (6.) No.

(12.) Sale of Timber from Conditional Leaseholds :—Mr. Pyers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are holders of land under conditional lease prevented from selling timber from such lands?
- (2.) If so, will he make provision in promised legislation to allow of such?
- (3.) Pending such provision, will he withhold prosecution in such cases?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) Yes, conditional leaseholders are not legally entitled to sell the timber on their leased lands, though there is reason to believe that land is sometimes taken up merely so that the lessee may have an opportunity of controlling the timber on it.
- (2 and 3.) I will consider the matters.

(13.) Old Coolah and Binnia Land Exchange :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the Old Coolah and Binnia land exchange been agreed to and gazetted; if not, when will it so be?
- (2.) When will the land acquired by the State be made available to the public?
- (3.) What is the area involved?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) Surrender has been registered, and gazettal will shortly take place.
- (2.) As soon as possible after the land has been subdivided.
- (3.) 2,247 acres 3 roods 18 perches.

(14.) Restrictions on Importations of Queensland Grain :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In connection with the matter of the admission to New South Wales ports of Queensland grain, is it a fact that the New South Wales authorities agreed to such admission only on receipt of an intimation from the Queensland Premier to the effect that unless the embargo was removed he would cause New South Wales to be declared infected?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with this matter?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) No; the Board of Health decided that all restrictions might prudently be removed, and Brisbane regarded as a clean port on 8th August, and that decision is adhered to. But special representations having been made to it by merchants, the question of immediately removing all restrictions on the importation of grain only was resolved in the affirmative by the Board on 30th July.
- (2.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(15.) The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was any promise or suggestion made by or on behalf of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates as compensation to Sir John Lackey on his resigning the Presidency of the Legislative Council?

Sir John See answered,—I am not aware of any such promise having been made.

2. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL :—Mr. Bruncker presented a Petition from miners and underground workmen employed in the Pelaw Main Colliery, showing that they are paid at a daily wage rate for producing coal, giving their reasons for objecting to that method of payment, and praying that the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill may be passed into law.  
Petition received.
3. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from R. D. Allams and Jas. Inglis, Directors, and P. W. Blackstone, Secretary, of the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public streets and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island.  
And Mr. Garland having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Balmain Observer*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS :—Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—
  - (1.) Cancellation of Regulation No. 254 under the Crown Lands Acts.
  - (2.) Regulation No. 1 under the Closer Settlement Act, 1901.
  - (3.) *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. SEED WHEAT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Nobbs, on behalf of Mr. Fleming, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
  - (1.) The total number of bushels of seed-wheat asked for by distressed farmers for this season's sowing.
  - (2.) The total number distributed.
  - (3.) The total value of same.
  - (4.) The amount for which the Government hold receipts.
 Question put and passed.

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7. GRANTING OF IMPROVEMENT LEASES—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Wood moved, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, That it is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that the House should forthwith consider the following motion:—"That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and documents relating to the granting of improvement leases during the last twelve months within the leasehold or resumed area of the following holdings:—Burrawang, Merkadool, Quambone, Wongrawally, Warren Downs and Quabatho and Bunarbra and Midkin.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Wood,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Ferguson.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Fleming,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Kolly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Byrne,
Sir John See,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Archer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Nielsen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 62.

Sir John See,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Young,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Pycers,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Millard,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Sleath.
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Macdonald,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Winchcombe,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Dick,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Eden George.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Broughton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first mentioned Act or any Act amending it.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Waddell moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.



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9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1903, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Deputy Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it. Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Deputy Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Williams, Mr. Young, and Mr. Brinsley Hall.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Unclaimed Moneys in Banks :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Government any information or statistics regarding the amount of unclaimed moneys held by banks and other financial institutions transacting business in the State of New South Wales?
- (2.) Is he aware that in South Australia there is legislation whereby, after the lapse of seven years, unclaimed moneys are paid into the Treasury?
- (3.) Will he submit to the Cabinet a proposal for the enactment of legislation similar to that in force in South Australia?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) This matter will receive consideration when the state of business will permit.

- (2.) Mount Kembla Art Union :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any complaints been made to the Government of this State in reference to the recent Mount Kembla Art Union?
- (2.) If so, have the Government made any inquiry in connection therewith, and with what result?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A balance-sheet has been sent by the promoter to the Department, which the Colonial Treasurer has been asked to submit for the audit of an Inspector of Public Accounts.

- (3.) Minchinbury and Prospect Quarries :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What arrangements have been made with the proprietor of the Minchinbury Quarry as regards metal?
- (2.) What price is paid per ton royalty?
- (3.) What will be the cost of opening out the Minchinbury Quarry, including every charge?
- (4.) Is the light-grey metal from Minchinbury equal to Prospect metal for heavy traffic?
- (5.) What proportion of light-grey metal is there in Minchinbury Quarry which is now being quarried by day labour?
- (6.) What is the cost of metal spawls delivered on trucks at Toongabbie from Minchinbury?
- (7.) What is the cost of Prospect metal spawls delivered on trucks at Toongabbie?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the freight on Minchinbury metal must be calculated in the cost of all metal sent east of Toongabbie?
- (9.) Is it a fact that the Emu Gravel Company offered to deliver metal spawls on trucks at Toongabbie at 4s. 3d. per ton?
- (10.) Will he call for an expert report as to quality and cost of metal and spawls supplied to the Department?
- (11.) The Minchinbury Quarry not being opened out, in what way was the cost, 4s. 4d. per ton, as stated by him in answer to Mr. T. R. Smith's Question on 4th August, arrived at?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Use of quarry for twelve months, if needed.
- (2.) 1s. per ton.
- (3.) £86.
- (4.) Has not yet been proved, but on Western Road, so far, the result is not inferior.
- (5.) Cannot be stated, as it varies.

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- (6.) 5s. 7d., but metal is not required at Toongabbie, and comparison is, therefore, misleading.
- (7.) 4s. 3d., by the offer made on the 5th instant; only by the Emu Gravel Company.
- (8.) Yes.
- (9.) See No. 7.
- (10.) I am not aware that any expert report is required, as the opening of Minchinbury and Port Kembla quarries for use of supplying spawls for relief stone-breaking has had the effect of distinctly reducing spawl contractors' prices.
- (11.) By adding the items for quarrying, carting, freight, and supervision charges.
- (4.) Commercial Court for Trade Disputes :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the delay and inconvenience to the commercial community through not having a tribunal specially constituted to try issues arising out of trade and commerce, will the Government consider the advisableness of constituting a Commercial Court which will provide such tribunal ?
- Sir John See answered,—A measure to establish a Commercial Court was introduced by the Attorney-General and passed through the Legislative Council in 1900, but met with so much opposition in this Chamber that it failed to pass before the Session ended.
- (5.) Kogarah to Sans Souci Tramway :—Mr. Quirk asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The date of the construction of the tram from Kogarah to Sans Souci ?
  - (2.) The total cost, including equipment ?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that there is a loss of over £2,000 a year on this line ?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that the line was opened on 10th September, 1887.
  - (2.) The cost, including equipment, for the last published year, viz., ending 30th June, 1902, was £23,604 11s. 11d., but of this amount £6,018 11s. 11d. was contributed by persons interested.
  - (3.) The loss on the branch, including working expenses and interest for the year referred to, was £2,134.
- (6.) Food and Liquor Adulteration :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a series of articles that have lately appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* in reference to the question of food and liquor adulteration ?
  - (2.) What steps, if any, is the Board of Health, the City Corporation, or other authorised authorities in charge of public health, taking to put a stop to this practice ?
  - (3.) If the Public Health Act is not of a sufficiently comprehensive character to put down the existence of this public evil, will he see that steps are taken to have an amended Public Health Bill introduced without delay ?
  - (4.) The number of prosecutions and convictions that have taken place under the Food and Liquor Adulteration Act during the last six or twelve months, and the amount of fines that have been received from the same ?
  - (5.) The number of first, second, or third offences or convictions that have taken place under this Act ?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1 to 3.) It is not the case that the adulteration law is incomplete in any important respect ; and its execution rests with the local authorities under the Public Health Act throughout the State.
- (4 and 5.) The desired information could not be furnished without reference being first made to all the Courts of Petty Sessions in the State.
- (7.) Land Tax paid by Religious Denominations :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid in the shape of land tax by the different religious denominations on residences, teaching establishments, &c. ?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—Under section 8 of the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act of 1900 the sites of ministers' residences and of schools attached to churches were exempted from land tax, and refunds have been made of taxes paid on account of such lands.
- (8.) Assent to the Women's Franchise Bill and the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers relating to the reservation for the Royal Assent of the Women's Suffrage Bills passed last Session ?
- Sir John See answered,—I have no objection to these papers being laid on the Table ; but they should be moved for in the usual constitutional way—by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- (9.) Pennant Hills (Dundas) Quarry :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What lease is there in existence in connection with the Pennant Hills (Dundas) Quarry, and who are the lessees ?
  - (2.) How long has the lease to run ?
  - (3.) Has application been lately made by any person or company to have the lease issued to them after present term expires ?
  - (4.) Has he any objection to give the names of the applicants, if any ?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) A special lease of 6 acres at £85 per annum ; No. of lease, 2,355 ; to Borough of Dundas.
  - (2.) Lease will terminate 31st December, 1906.
  - (3.) On 7th May last a suggestion was made by a Member of the Legislative Assembly that any subsequent lease should be offered by auction or tender. In February last Mr. R. Trevathan made an offer to purchase the quarry.
- (10.)

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- (10.) Stores for Government Departments :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Has he yet received the report of the proceedings of the Public Service Board in respect of the supply of stores to the Government Departments?  
 (2.) If not, is he aware that the proceedings have closed, and disclose very serious matters which require Ministerial action?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) No.  
 (2.) I am not aware.

- (11.) Mining on Private Lands Acts:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—In regard to the Mining on Private Lands Act, 1894, and the amended Act assented to 17th December, 1902, will he ascertain whether there are any exemptions in the term "Private Property" in respect to Crown or other grants?

Mr. Kidd answered,—In cases where the minerals are not reserved to the Crown in the deed of grant, the provisions of the Act of 1894 only apply to mining for gold, and such lands are exempt from the provisions of the amended Act of 17th December, 1902, so far as mining for other minerals is concerned.

2. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public streets and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island. Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Garland having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public streets and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island,*"—read a first time.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—

- (1.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Defamation (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 43.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law of defamation.

*State Government House,  
 Sydney, 8th August, 1903.*

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

- (2.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 44.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
 Sydney, 23rd July, 1903.*

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

- (2.) The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Kidd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Vine and Vegetation Diseases Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 45.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.

*State Government House,  
 Sydney, 8th August, 1903.*

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

(2.)

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## (2.) Miners' Accident Relief (Officers) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.**Message No. 46.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to validate the appointment of certain officers of the Miners' Accident Relief Board.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 8th August, 1903.*

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

## 4. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Ross moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

On motion of Dr. Ross, the report was adopted.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gin-Gin Weir:—Mr. Phillips asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The total amount of expenditure to date on the Gin-Gin Weir?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£17,288 13s. 4d.

(2.) Lighthouse at Crookhaven Heads:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any report been received from the Navigation Department as to the state of the lighthouse at Crookhaven Heads?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the report; and is it contemplated to proceed with the erection of a new building?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) A report has been received from an officer of the Public Works Department.

(2.) This report shows that the building is beyond repair and liable to be demolished by any strong gale of wind. The erection of a new building will be at once proceeded with.

(3.) Expenditure under Rabbit Acts of 1883 and 1902:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount of money has been expended from the Consolidated Revenue under the Rabbit Nuisance Acts of 1883 and 1902, if any?

Mr. Crick answered,—Expenditure under the Rabbit Nuisance Acts of 1883, 1890, and 1902 by the Department of Lands since January, 1888, the date of their transfer of their administration from the Department of Mines and Agriculture, is as follows:—1888, £37,309; 1889, £11,425; 1890, £5,035 16s. 6d.; 1891, £1,700 10s. 7d.; 1892, £17,551 7s. 4d.; 1893, £9,642 13s. 6d.; 1894, £836 8s. 4d.; 1895, £959 17s. 5d.; 1896, £4,318 1s. 9d.; 1897, £631 10s.; 1898, £103 17s. 11d.; 1899, £441 3s. 7d.; 1900, £211 4s. 8d.; 1901, £156 12s. 1d.; 1902 and 1903, £8,210 13s. 5d. Total, £98,533 17s. 1d.

(4.) Pensions to Public Servants:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the decision of the Privy Council in the appeal case *Simpson v. Walker*, will the Government expedite the adjustment and satisfaction of the claims for increased pensions or retiring allowances that come within the scope of this decision, and thus afford relief to claimants who are suffering through an interpretation of the retiring clauses of the Civil Service Act, now decided to have been erroneous?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—The whole matter is now before the Public Service Board, but the investigations are unavoidably complicated.

(5.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he amend section 10 of the new Land Bill now before Parliament, so as to enable a man, who has already had confirmed to him an original conditional purchase, to perform the residence conditions in connection with that holding by residing on his adjoining or adjacent conditional purchase, where he has already an established home?

Mr. Crick answered,—Clause 10 supposes a case where the holder of one conditional purchase, possibly requiring residence, may acquire another conditional purchase also requiring residence. In such a case the transferee could reside on either of the purchases. This is a liberal provision. I will consider the Honorable Member's proposal, which, I understand, is to allow a selector to take up different original conditional purchases without changing his place of residence.

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- (6.) National Monument in connection with the South African War :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has anything further been done by the Government in connection with the National Monument to perpetuate the memory of our brave fellow-countrymen who fell in the African War?
  - (2.) In view of the large number of monuments that have been completed and unveiled in different parts of the State, as the result of local effort, since the close of the war, when is it likely that the National Monument representing the whole State will be completed?
- Sir John See answered,—This matter must stand over for the present, as money is more urgently required for other purposes. But I still hold the opinion that a monument of this description is necessary.
- (7.) New Bridge at Dubbo :—Mr. Phillips asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the contract for the construction of the new bridge at Dubbo has been annulled?
  - (2.) If so, for what reason?
  - (3.) Having in view the dangerous condition of the present bridge, the large amount of traffic passing over it, and its importance to the producers of the district, what course does he propose to take to secure the immediate construction of the new bridge?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Because the successful tenderer declined the contract.
  - (3.) Instructions have been given to invite fresh tenders at short notice.
- (8.) Public Service Act :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) On what date will the Public Service Bill be introduced?
  - (2.) Is it true this Bill has been drafted some time, and what is the cause of the delay?
- Sir John See answered,—The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to the answer given by me on the 8th ultimo to a Question on this subject.
- (9.) Government Printing Office Employees :—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many men are employed in the Government Printing Office receiving 25s. per week?
  - (2.) What are their ages, and length of service?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Twenty-seven.
  - (2.) 19 to 25 years of age; three to ten years' service.
- (10.) Land open for Conditional Purchase in the Eastern Division :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Do the 40,000,000 acres of land open for conditional purchase in the Eastern Division include the area known as the Blue Mountains, and the sandstone spurs running down to the coast?
  - (2.) If so, what, approximately, is the area of sand country so available?
- Mr. Crick answered,—The Honorable Member is mistaken in supposing that 40,000,000 acres of land are open to conditional purchase in the Eastern Division. The area is considerably less than this, and includes the unalienated part of the Blue Mountains and the sandstone spurs running down the coast and situated outside reserves.
- (11.) Pastures Protection Boards :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,—Whence arises the debt of £51,000 which the Pastures Protection Boards are called upon to pay?
- Mr. Crick answered,—This sum represents the balance at debit of the Sheep Account at the Treasury, which has arisen owing to the assessments levied in recent years under the Diseases in Sheep Act, 1866, and the Stock Act, 1901, having been insufficient to meet the expenditure under those Acts, owing to the great diminution through drought in the number of sheep on which assessment was levied. The amount was advanced by the Government out of Consolidated Revenue. It was open to the Government to have increased the rate of assessment, but this action was postponed out of consideration and as a means of relief to stock-owners for the time being. As a matter of fact, it is idle for the stock-owners to say they do not know how this amount accumulated. Had we increased the rate per 1,000 as the stock diminished, the fund would have been in credit; but on account of the drought we have made the stock-owners a present of this £51,000, and they now say they do not know how it accumulated.
- (12.) Foreigners employed in the Public Service :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Price, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many persons, other than British-born subjects, are employed permanently in the Government offices of New South Wales?
  - (2.) How many persons, other than British-born subjects, are filling temporary positions?
  - (3.) Are they all naturalized British subjects?
- Sir John See answered,—As it will take some time to prepare this information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way. I will expedite the matter.
- (13.) Police Magistrates :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many Police Magistrates were appointed during the year 1902?
  - (2.) How many were retired?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) Two gentlemen received commissions as Police Magistrates in connection with appointments to country districts, and three as incidental to the positions held by them in Sydney.
  - (2.) Two retired; and two more entered upon leave prior to retirement.

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- (14.) Homestead Selections on Baan Baa :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many homestead selectors are there at present on Baan Baa holding in the Narrabri District?
  - (2.) What are the areas of these selections?
  - (3.) Is he aware that there are now fourteen blocks being made available on the same holding in areas ranging from 1,000 to 1,280 acres?
  - (4.) If it is a fact that the original selectors have been totally unable to make a living off the areas allotted to them, will he, in anticipation of the new Land Bill becoming law, take steps to make provision for these selectors to increase their holdings to a living area?
  - (5.) Will he allow those selectors, who have land adjoining that which is now being made available, or is only separated by the railway line, to make up their areas out of such lands?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) Forty-four.
- (2.) From 96 acres to 694½ acres.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4 and 5.) I doubt whether it would be expedient to withdraw the lands already advertised, but the provisions of clause 3 of the Land Bill will meet the cases of men who have insufficient land.

- (15.) Water Conservation on the Murrumbidgee :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has an offer been made by a syndicate to expend the sum of £500,000 in the construction of a reservoir on the Murrumbidgee River, so that the impounded water may be used for irrigation purposes; and has the Cabinet refused to entertain it, and at the same time has it declined to do anything in this direction on behalf of the State?
- (2.) If this is so, what reason can he offer for the refusal above alluded to?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A draft Bill was submitted to me by Mr. Gibson, but Cabinet considered that as the Bill was purely a private one, the Government should take no responsibility in regard to it. The Government are already preparing plans for part of this work—the Barren Jack reservoir.

- (16.) "Barren Jack" Scheme of Water Conservation on the Murrumbidgee :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact the Executive have decided not to carry out the "Barren Jack" scheme of water conservation on the Murrumbidgee?
- (2.) Is it a fact the Executive have decided not to encourage the carrying out of the said work by private enterprise, and that it is not favourable to Mr. Gibson's proposal?
- (3.) Will he say why the Executive decline to take up and carry out such a proposal, if it will when complete, as alleged, make millions of acres reproductive?

Sir John See answered,—The question of constructing a reservoir at Barren Jack has not yet been finally dealt with. This is a matter of great State importance, and the question to be decided is in what manner the general interests of the people will be affected if private individuals are permitted to use the State waters.

2. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL :—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from William Brown, Colliery Proprietor, carrying on business in conjunction with John Brown in the District of Maitland and elsewhere in the State of New South Wales, representing that the compulsory payment of wages by weight for coal gotten would be inexpedient and productive of hardship; that payment by daily wage has always prevailed in mines in the Maitland District; that Petitioner has introduced coal-cutting machines into his colliery at Pelaw Main, near Maitland; that a system of payment by weight is impracticable in a mine wherein such machines are worked; that a submission to the Court of Arbitration, as by law provided, is now open to all employees dissatisfied with the terms and conditions or system of payment of wages; and praying that the House will not pass the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill into law, and that the Petitioner may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of the Petition.

At the request of Mr. Edden, the Petition was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Petition received.

3. LIQUOR BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by Mr. Davidson,—

(1.) From P. E. Cortis, M.D., Chairman of a meeting of members of the Young Men's Christian Association at Kempsey.

(2.) From George E. Thompson, J.P., Mayor, Chairman of a meeting held at Kempsey.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table;—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a new Railway Terminus at the north side of Devonshire-street.
  - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Service Reservoir in connection with the Vacluse Water Supply.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Borough of West Maitland.
  - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Willoughby.
  - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
  - (4.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Dr. Ross, read a third time, and *passed*.

Dr. Ross then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 12th August, 1903.*

6. COAL MINES REGULATION (CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND INSPECTION OF MINES) AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 6th October.

7. PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the proceedings on Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick's motion in reference to the "Prevalence of the Gambling Evil," which were interrupted by the House being counted out on 4th August, 1903, be restored to the Business Paper at the point at which such interruption took place, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

8. VISITS OF CLERGYMEN TO GAOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) How many prisoners have been serving a sentence of over seven days in each of the following gaols—Albury, Armidale, Broken Hill, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Forbes, Grafton, Hay, Maitland, Mudgee, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wilcannia, Wollongong, Young—for twelve months ending 30th June, 1903.

(2.) How many visits each of the clergymen, to whom money has been voted for such service by Parliament, have made to the abovenamed gaols during the same period.

(3.) The number of clergymen paid for attendance at the above gaols who have attended more than one; how many have so attended, and who they are; and whether they receive only one payment, or the sum voted for each gaol they visit.

Question put and passed.

9. LITHGOW MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hurley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th August.

10. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

*Message No. 47.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; to vest in the Borough of Paddington certain land of the Board; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 11th August, 1903.*

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

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12th August, 1903.

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate compromises and arrangements between certain companies, societies, and associations and their creditors; and to amend the Companies Act, 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th August, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain South, Mr. Law, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The irregular appointment of Ewart Williams from the position of labourer to that of engineer's improver at "Fitzroy Dock at £2 per week."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Law moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
13. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1903, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Fees for Public Service Examinations :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Service Board advertised for two typists for the Arbitration Court?  
 (2.) Were such applicants compelled to pay a fee of 10s. to have their qualifications tested?  
 (3.) Is it also stipulated that if, after examination, it is found that a person permanently employed in the Public Service is qualified he will be preferred even if he obtains less marks?  
 (4.) If so, will he give instructions that the fee be not imposed in future?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) Examination fees are required from candidates mainly with the object of ensuring that only *bonâ fide* applicants shall present themselves at examinations, which necessarily entail some cost upon the State. The Public Service Act requires that, for any vacancy which occurs, any qualified person already in the Service shall have prior consideration, and to prevent misunderstanding an intimation to this effect is inserted in the notices inviting persons to apply for vacant positions. Therefore, any person who applies, and pays his examination fee, does so with a full knowledge of the conditions under which the examination is held.

- (2.) Employment of Unqualified Seamen :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he insert a clause in the new Navigation Bill, providing against unqualified seamen being employed on our coast?

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

- (3.) Public Service Retrenchment :—*Mr. Anderson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the recent deputations to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, requesting amendments in the Public Service Act, and the correspondence on the same matter, in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, will he favourably consider the suggestions given in the pamphlet on Public Service Retrenchment in the State, published in 1896, a copy of which has been placed in the hands of the Honorable Members of this House?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice states :—"I have not been able to obtain a copy of the pamphlet to which Mr. Anderson refers." I will endeavour to obtain one.

- (4.) Aboriginal Station at Roseby Park, Greenwell Point :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a building has been erected at the Aboriginal Station at Roseby Park Greenwell Point, by the Aborigines Board for school purposes?  
 (2.) Has he any intention of appointing a teacher to the station?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes. It has been reported that the building is ready.  
 (2.) Yes. I have directed that a teacher be appointed.

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(5.) Removal of Civil Servants from one District to another :—Mr. Kelly asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A list of the names of all Civil Servants in his Department who have removed from one district to another from 1st January, 1903, to 31st July, 1903?

(2.) A copy of all tenders received for the removal of the furniture and effects belonging to such Civil Servants?

(3.) A list of the names and addresses of such tenderers, with price submitted?

(4.) The name of successful tenderer, and price paid by the Department?

(2.) Will he in future call for quotations for the removal of Civil Servants' furniture and effects, and appoint a responsible officer to open such tenders in the presence of the tenderers on a certain date?

Mr. Perry answered,—The Honorable Member is in error in supposing that the Department enters into contracts for the removal of furniture. When a teacher or officer is about to be removed he is required to furnish information concerning his furniture, and to submit, if possible, more than one estimate of the cost of its removal. It by no means follows that the amount mentioned in the estimate will be granted. The cost is calculated in the Department, and a suitable sum is arrived at to cover the cost of removal of necessary furniture. This, together with fares, is paid in a lump sum to the teacher or officer concerned, and he has to make his own arrangements with carriers. The Department does not deal with carriers in any way.

(6.) Postponement of Sittings of Local Land Board at Collarendabri :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the late sittings of the Local Land Board at Collarendabri were postponed at the last moment?

(2.) Is he aware that such postponement caused serious inconvenience and much expense to a large number of residents, who have been sufficiently harassed of late by the seasons without being cited to appear at a township on a fruitless errand?

(3.) Will he call upon the Chairman for an explanation, and see that no such thing occurs again?

Mr. Crick answered,—In view of the Honorable Member's Question, a telegram was forwarded to the Chairman of the Land Board, who has replied to the effect that—"On 6th May a Board meeting was gazetted for Collarendabri for the 6th and 7th August, instant. Collarendabri is in the Western Division, which was taken over by the Western Land Board, 1st July last. No summonses to attend meeting were issued from Moree Office. Board Members and Police informed "no meeting would be held, and it was generally known through the district." The Chairman expressed the opinion that as he had publicly announced that the Walgett North Board would be extinguished by the appointment of the Western Land Board he cannot understand how any persons could have attended and been disappointed unless the Western Land Board issued summonses. I understand that the Western Land Board did not issue any summonses.

(7.) Narrabri-Collarendabri Railway :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Willis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any reason why the portion of the Narrabri-Collarendabri Railway, now completed to Burren, should not be opened to passengers who are willing and desirous of paying their fares?

(2.) Is he aware that the trains are now run with goods, and carry endless officials several times a week?

(3.) Will he give instructions to open this portion of the railway line for passenger traffic if it is found that it will confer a great boon upon the residents out back, and enable the revenue of the Commissioners for Railways to be augmented?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) To run rigidly to a time-table would seriously hamper the construction of the railway.

(2.) I am informed that goods are being carried, and that persons engaged on the work are taken about when their duties render it necessary to do so.

(3.) I am endeavouring to arrange with the Railway Commissioners to book passengers to Burren without a time-table, and passengers have been carried in this way for about a week.

(8.) Milbrulong Tank :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Milbrulong Tank has not yet been completed, and that though the work has been urged upon the Department repeatedly as very necessary, there have been delays from time to time in carrying it out?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have the work completed at once, and insist upon his instructions being observed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am aware that that tank has not been completed.

(2.) Definite instructions have been given to finish the work as far as the amount set apart will allow.

(9.) Weighbridge at Morven Siding :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have refused to accede to a request by fifty *bona fide* farmers for a weighbridge at Morven Siding, on the railway line between Culcairn and Germanton?

(2.) If so, will he make inquiries with a view to having the request granted, if the weighbridge is necessary and would be of great convenience to a large number of farmers?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that a petition was presented to the Railway Commissioners asking for a weighbridge at the station in question. Inquiry was made, and it was reported that many of the petitioners would not use the siding, and in any case the probable business would not justify the expenditure that would be incurred. It may be added that the Germanton Branch has so far been unprofitable.

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- (10.) Grain Elevator at Darling Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) What was the cost of the grain elevator on Darling Island; and has it worked satisfactorily?  
 (2.) What extra cost, if any, has been incurred in putting it into working order?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the cost of the grain elevators and conveyors was £20,762 12s. 2d., and the whole plant, which has a capacity of 400 tons per hour, worked satisfactorily.  
 (2.) Practical experience showed that some improvements and additions were found desirable, and these were carried out at a cost of £2,128 5s.

- (11.) Salaries of Readers' Assistants in the Government Printing Office:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that some boys who have been employed in the Government Printing Office as readers' assistants for over three years have never received an increase in their salaries?  
 (2.) Is he aware that after such long service they are only receiving 10s. per week?  
 (3.) Is he aware that the night reader's assistant receives £1 per week, whereas in outside offices for doing similar work an assistant receives from 30s. to £2 per week?  
 (4.) Is he aware that the boys do not receive their rises when due to them, and sometimes have to wait from six to nine months before they receive them?  
 (5.) Will he see that these boys receive more considerate treatment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1 and 2.) There are no lads employed as readers' assistants, with three years' service, only receiving 10s. per week.  
 (3.) The lad employed temporarily as night reader's assistant is being paid in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, and an additional 5s. per week whilst so acting.  
 (4.) A schedule of increments under Regulations is forwarded to the Public Service Board each year for approval, and the boys are paid in regular course.  
 (5.) Answered by previous replies.

- (12.) Tenders for Lighthouse between Tuggerah Lakes and Newcastle:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders called for the erection of a lighthouse between Tuggerah Lakes and Newcastle; if so, what was the amount of the lowest tender; and what was the amount of the tender, if any, accepted?  
 (2.) What was the actual cost of the work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Tenders were called for the erection of lighthouse buildings at Norah Head, and the lowest tender, amounting to £9,902 10s. 11d., was accepted.  
 (2.) The actual cost of the work cannot be given as the buildings are still incomplete.

- (13.) Clergymen visiting Public Schools:—Mr. Brunker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
 The number and location of schools visited by clergymen of the several religious denominations; the number of visits paid during the past five years; and the particulars of the denominations availing themselves of the privileges conceded under the 17th section of the Public Instruction Act?

Mr. Perry answered,—It has not been the practice to collate these particulars regularly; the last returns were for the years 1899 and 1901. I am taking steps to obtain full information during the present year on this subject.

2. LIQUOR BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by Mr. McLaurin:—

(1.) From Jas. S. Stewart, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the "Hume" Lodge, No. 769, of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Germanton.

(2.) From G. H. Parker, Chairman of a meeting of the "Loyal Woomargama United" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Woomargama.

Petitions received.

3. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—Mr. John Hurley presented a Petition from certain colliery proprietors, showing that the existing law was the result of careful consideration and recommendation by a Royal Commission; that under that law colliery proprietors were forced to erect expensive weighing and other machinery, and to alter their systems of dealing with and of payment of wages for getting the coal; that the various systems prevailing have proved fair and equitable, both to proprietors and employees, and that to enforce any one system of payment of wages in all mines, however different their circumstances, would greatly hamper and prejudice and be manifestly unfair to the coal-mining industry; that the introduction of coal-cutting machinery will render a change necessary, as payment by weight will be impracticable; that should the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill be made law, much machinery will be rendered useless, and great expense will have to be incurred for new machinery and the alteration of various systems of weighing; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.

At the request of Mr. Edden, the Petition was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.  
 Petition received.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

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## 5. PAPERS :—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the appointment of Ewart Williams at Fitzroy Dock.  
 (2.) Letter from the Managing Committee at Fitzroy Dock, respecting the classification and appointment of Ewart Williams at Fitzroy Dock.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—All papers relating to the appointment of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the working and administration of the Government Docks and Workshops at Cockatoo Island.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. RESERVATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE ACTS FOR ROYAL ASSENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and documents relating to the reservation of the Women's Suffrage Acts for the Royal Assent.  
 Question put and passed.

7. HENRY WAITE BEQUEST BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Director of Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite.

*State Government House,  
 Sydney, 13th August, 1903.*

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

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"To consider the appointment of the Royal Commission on the diminution of the birth-rate in New South Wales."

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

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

Mr. Norton moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. John Storey,
Sir John See,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Gornly.
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Clara.
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. MacMahon,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Richards,	

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Mr. Mahony,
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Mr. Moore,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Lee,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Ferguson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Phillips.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Richards.
Mr. Anderson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. MacMahon,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Coleman.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Lee,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Brunner,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. O'Connor,	

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

And Mr. Fitzpatrick claiming, under Standing Order No. 175, the right to speak in reply,—

Mr. Speaker said he was bound by the most recent decision of the House, which was "That the Honorable Member be not further heard," he therefore ruled that the Honorable Member had no right to speak further on this question.

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Ashton.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Affleck.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Richards,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gormly,
Sir John See,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Sullivan.
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Dight,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Raleigh, Mr. Briner, be not further heard.

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

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Dick and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*





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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Labour Bureau:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the total amount of revenue and expenditure of the Labour Bureau from its inception in 1892 to the period when Mr. Joseph Creer ceased to be manager thereof?
- (2.) (a) What is the present constitution of the Labour Bureau; (b) how many members does it comprise; (c) what is the amount paid monthly to the members thereof in the shape of salaries, fees, and remuneration of whatever kind?
- (3.) How many clerks are employed by the Labour Bureau, and the total amount paid to them monthly in the way of salaries?
- (4.) What has been the total revenue and expenditure of the Labour Board for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903?
- (5.) How many men have been found work during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1903; and what was the total amount advanced to them in the shape of fares and travelling expenses to reach their destinations?
- (6.) What amount has been received in the way of refunds from men during the period the Labour Bureau was under the management of Mr. Joseph Creer?
- (7.) What amount has been received in the shape of refunds since Mr. Creer ceased to be sole manager?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be more readily furnished in the form of a return, which must be moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) The Coupon System:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, in September, 1901, in reply to a deputation on that date, he promised to bring in a Bill "to give relief to honest traders, and remove the pernicious incubus of the "coupon system," within a few weeks?
- (2.) What is the reason that promise has not been carried out?
- (3.) Is it his intention to fulfil that promise made two years ago; if so, will he say when he will introduce the Bill, and attempt to carry it through?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No definite promise was given beyond promising that he would bring the matter before the Cabinet, which was done.
- (3.) The matter will again be submitted to the Cabinet at an early date.

- (3.) Railway Rolling Stock and Permanent Ways:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is no country, outside of New South Wales, where the rails are laid level with rails of the same shape, form, and contour as the rails of this State?
- (2.) Is he aware that withwheels of rolling stock only running on the inner edges of rails the shape, form, and contour of rail is destroyed, the same with the wheels, the tires being worn in grooves, and the flange cut away?

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- (3.) Is he aware that with rails laid in the manner described the rails and wheels prematurely destroy each other?
- (4.) Is he aware that with wheels only running on the inner edges of rails of permanent ways, it is because the sleepers have not been checked sufficiently deep to give the proper inclination, and the rail is therefore canted?
- (5.) Is he aware that such permanent ways, with rails laid as described, are absolutely dangerous, and with only average rates of speed trains are subject to derailment?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the practice in this State is not as indicated.
- (2.) See reply to No. 4.
- (3.) The rails are not laid in the manner described.
- (4.) The wheels do not run on the inner edge of the rails.
- (5.) No.

- (4.) Sale of Electric Lighting Lamps :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are electric lighting lamps (which cost the Government £10 each and which have not been used) being sold by public auction and fetching 2s. each; if not 2s., what did they bring at auction?
- (2.) Who bought them for the Government, and from whom?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No, none are being sold; but the lamps presumably referred to were sold by public auction on 15th October, 1902, for £4 7s. each, and purchased by another Government Department.
- (2.) The Government Architect's Branch, on Mr. Raw's recommendation, for Commonwealth illuminations. The two lamps were purchased from Mr. R. Thompson, at £10 10s. each. These lamps were in full use during the Commonwealth and Royal Visit Demonstrations, and were consequently much exposed to the weather.

- (5.) Electric Lighting Materials purchased by Mr. Raw (Public Works Department):—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Raw (Works Department) authorised to spend £20,000 in erecting a lighting station?
- (2.) Has Government House electric light installation been approved by the insurance companies?
- (3.) Is it a fact they would not insure until the work was properly done?
- (4.) Is the Works Department now selling engines and other lighting effects purchased by Mr. Raw, and never used, for the price of old iron?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes, and the rate of insurance fixed.
- (3.) There was hesitation, but the Company is now satisfied.
- (4.) No.

- (6.) Minchinbury and Prospect Quarries :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the highest price ever paid for blue metal spawls from Prospect Quarries, delivered on trucks at Toongabbie, was 4s. 9d. per ton, less 6d. royalty paid to the Government, which would be equal to 4s. 3d. per ton?
- (2.) Is it a fact that inferior grey metal from Minchinbury Quarries costs 5s. 7d. per ton, and that the Emu and Prospect Metal Company's price is 4s. 3d., less royalty of 6d. per ton, or 3s. 9d. per ton delivered on trucks at Toongabbie?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Minchinbury metal costs 1s. 10d. per ton over the Emu and Prospect Metal Company's metal from their Prospect Quarries?
- (4.) Is the £66, as stated in his reply to Mr. Smith's Question, No. 3, 11th August, included in the cost of 5s. 7d. per ton, or is a *pro rata* share charged?
- (5.) With reference to his reply to paragraph 6 of Mr. Smith's Question of 11th August, how is such comparison misleading, when the Minister is compelled to pay freight from Rooty Hill to Toongabbie, the starting point of both Prospect and Minchinbury metals?
- (6.) Is it a fact that spawls supplied by the Emu and Prospect Metal Company include royalty 6d. per ton, railway freight, and cartage to where required by his Department?
- (7.) Will he have the work stopped at Minchinbury Quarries until the above Questions are answered, and an independent report received as to the quality and the difference in prices dealt with?
- (8.) Will he give the names of the officers of the Department who recommended the opening of the Minchinbury Quarries, and who led him to suppose the metal would cost 1s. 10d. per ton over the prices at which it could be purchased from Prospect Quarries?
- (9.) Is it usual for the Department to recommend the purchase of metal and other materials at 40 per cent. over the market price, which has been done in the purchase of Minchinbury metal?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No; contract prices have been as high as 8s. per ton for spawls at Toongabbie.
- (2.) For the road on which Minchinbury stone is used, it is not considered inferior, but is dearer by possibly the amount stated at Toongabbie, where, however, no spawls are required or are being delivered.
- (3.) See No. 2. At Rookwood, where spawls are required, the difference is but 1s. 2d. per ton, but compared with the rates of contracts before the opening of Minchinbury, the latter would be considerably cheaper.
- (4.) £66 was the amount spent on opening quarry and making road for same.
- (5.) For the reason that comparison should be made with Rookwood or Darling Harbour where spawls are needed, and not at Toongabbie, where the maximum rate for freight from Rooty Hill is charged.
- (6.) No; offer is for delivery of spawls in trucks at Toongabbie.

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(7.) So long as fair terms are obtained from the Emu and Prospect Metal Company, say, not above 4s. 3d., we are prepared to close work at Minchinbury.

(8.) The Road Superintendent at Parramatta, and the Relief Board, whose recommendation was based on the contract prices then in force, and not on the greatly lowered rate now offered by the Emu Gravel Company.

(9.) Is answered by No. 8. Had Emu Gravel Company's price been 4s. 3d. as now offered, Minchinbury Quarry would not have been opened.

(7.) Franchise of Inmates of Charitable Institutions :—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to have all the names of the inmates in our Charitable Institutions placed on the Federal Rolls, so that they may record their votes at the ensuing Federal Elections?

*Sir John See* answered,—The police collected lists of names of persons qualified under the Federal franchise, during last month, for the Commonwealth Government, with my approval.

(8.) Redistribution of Federal Electorates :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—(1.) Is he aware that *Mr. Houston* recently completed the task of effecting a redistribution of the Federal electorates of this State; and will not the cost of this work have to be borne by this State?

(2.) What is the total estimated cost?

(3.) Is he aware of the fact that in the Federal House of Representatives a motion has been given notice of by the Prime Minister, disapproving of the divisions as determined upon by *Mr. Houston*?

(4.) If this is carried, will not the whole of the cost incurred in their preparation be wasted?

*Sir John See* answered,—The cost of the work referred to by the Honorable Member will be borne by the Commonwealth Government. What this may amount to I am unaware; nor am I aware, in the event of the scheme of distribution not being adopted, whether the expenditure incurred by the Commonwealth Government will be wholly wasted.

(9.) Land Exchanges :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the granting of recent exchanges, will he state :—(a) In how many out of the applications granted has the Crown been indemnified by the London Bank of Australia, Limited, Sydney; (b) the names of any other banks that have indemnified the Government, and the names of the conditional purchasers indemnified by the London Bank of Australia, Limited, Sydney; (c) the reason the Government required an indemnity (if such is a fact) from the London Bank of Australia or any other bank?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—(a) One. (b) No other banks. The conditional purchases in respect of which the indemnity by the bank was given were originally selected by *James W. Evans*, *Norman E. Evans*, and *William Evans*. (c) Owing to the refusal of the mortgagors to give their consents to the surrender.

(10.) Cost of Destruction of Rabbits :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What amount, if any, was expended from the Consolidated Revenue for the destruction of rabbits, before the Rabbit Nuisance Acts of 1883, 1890, and 1902 were transferred to the Lands Department?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—The expenditure by the Department of Mines under the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883 is £452,094 13s. 4d.

(11.) Land open for Conditional Purchase near the Coast :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What, approximately, is the area of land open to conditional purchase on the sandstone ranges of the Coast and the Blue Mountains?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—The land embraced by the sandstone ranges of the coast is not defined on the office maps, and it is consequently impossible to give an estimate of the area thereof which is open to conditional purchase. In many cases, feature surveys have been made defining positions of the leading ranges; but these surveys do not indicate the extent of the country embraced by the ranges. If the Honorable Member would like to take up a selection on the sandstone ranges, I shall be glad to furnish him with any further information I can obtain.

(12.) Imprisonment of a Chinaman for Gambling :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the case of a Chinaman in Sydney being sent to gaol, without the option of a fine, for selling a "pak-a-pu" ticket, and while two well-known gambling dens, conducted on an extensive scale by Europeans, in Hay and Castlereagh Streets, in the divisions of Inspectors Hinds and Sherwood, are being left unmolested?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Superintendent of the Metropolitan District reports that *Sun Leo* was sentenced to seven days' gaol on Wednesday last, for selling a "pak-ah-pu" lottery ticket. Proceedings were taken under 4 George IV, sec. 41, which does not provide for a fine. That Act would not apply to "totes," betting-shops, or gaming-houses. Sufficient evidence cannot be obtained to prosecute keepers of the betting-houses referred to at present.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Mr. McFarlane*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Southern Breakwater, entrance to the Clarence River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Crick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 49.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds ; and for other purposes.

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Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. ASIATIC LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL COLONY—QUESTION OF URGENCY :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider the Notice of Motion on this day's Business Paper, in the name of Mr. Arthur Griffith, respecting the importation of Asiatic labour into the Transvaal Colony.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Clara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Young,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Davidson,	Sir John See,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Affleck,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Collins.

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The neglect to place the Police Superannuation Fund on a solvent basis is a serious menace to the efficiency of the force and the protection of the public."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PREFERENTIAL TRADE :—Mr. Willis proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House approves of the principle of preferential trade between Great Britain and the self-governing portions of the Empire, and regards the closer and more extensive trading and commercial relations which will thereby be secured as a means of further consolidating the Empire.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Edden submitted that this motion could not be proceeded with, inasmuch as it was in substance practically the same as the resolution which had already been moved this Session, and the further consideration of which stood on the Business Paper for To-day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker supported the objection taken, and ruled that it would not be in order to anticipate the discussion of the Order of the Day by proceeding with this motion.

7. SUGGESTED PROVISIONS FOR NEW LAND BILL :—Mr. Webster proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made in the new Land Bill, or otherwise, by special legislation,—

(1.) To regulate and control all persons acting as land agents dealing with the public estate.

(2.) To provide for registration and examination of all persons acting, or who may be desirous of acting, as land agents dealing with the public estate.

(3.) To establish a court of review, to regulate charges, and adjudicate between agent and client on bills of costs and statements of claims.

(4.) For the better protection of the interests of the people settled and intending to settle on the land.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick submitted that as this motion anticipated the Debate on the second reading of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, it was out of order.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that having looked through the Bill referred to, it was evident that certain paragraphs of the motion would anticipate the discussion on that Bill, he therefore ruled the motion out of order.

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8. BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED ON SITE OF NEW CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the value received for bricks from the buildings demolished on the site of the new Sydney station ; who was the purchaser of same ; and whether the sale was conducted privately or by auction. Question put and passed.

9. TOTALIZATOR LEGALISING BILL :—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to more effectually cope with the practice of Gaming, and legalise an instrument known as the Totalizator, on racecourses, subject to certain restrictions and regulations. Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Affleck, Mr. Brunner, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Crick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Latimer, Mr. MacDonell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, Sir John See, Mr. Sleath, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wood,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Police Force:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Will the Government provide for the compulsory retirement of all police officers over 60 years of age out of the Consolidated Revenue?  
 (2.) Will the Government make provision for the more liberal payment of out-of-pocket expenses to detectives and plain-clothes police in obtaining information in the interests of the Service, namely, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., and 5s. 6d. per day?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information:—

- (1.) Provision has been made by vote to augment the Police Superannuation Fund to cover the pensions of all officers it has been considered advisable to retire, but it is not desirable in the public interest to compulsorily retire all members of the force on attaining the age of 60.  
 (2.) All expenditure out of pocket incurred on the public service by detectives and plain-clothes police is reimbursed to them.

- (2.) Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. Hollis, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) What work is the firm of Bevan and Cook doing at Prince Alfred Hospital?  
 (2.) Who has the contract for that particular work?  
 (3.) Did the specification state that the contractor should not assign or sublet?  
 (4.) What relation is Cook to Mr. Cook, the Supervising Architect?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that this firm is not doing any work for my Department.  
 (2.) I am not aware what particular work is referred to.  
 (3.) All contracts entered into by the Department of Works contain the condition quoted.  
 (4.) I understand that Mr. Cook, of the firm of Bevan and Cook, is a son of Mr. Cook, an architect in my Department.

- (3.) Collection of Federal Electoral Rolls:—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that some of our local Police Force are employed in connection with the Federal Electoral Lists of this State?  
 (2.) If so, are these men receiving any additional pay for these services?  
 (3.) Does this amount come out of the State expenditure, or is it being defrayed by the Federal Government?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) The usual allowance will be made to collectors.  
 (3.) The additional expense will be defrayed by the Federal Government.

- (4.) Messrs. Gillespie's Flour Mills:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) For what reason is the Harbour Trust selling the compound engine in Gillespie's flour mill?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to put in another engine?  
 (3.) If so, what firm has the contract to supply the same?  
 (4.) Was any exception taken to this engine when the valuation was made; if not, why this course of action?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) In terms of an agreement, made in the Supreme Court, between Messrs. Gillespie Brothers and Company and the Minister for Public Works, with regard to the whole of the machinery on the premises at the date of resumption.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by No. 2.

(4.) No exception could be taken, as the engine formed part of the resumed property.

(5.) Dairy Industry :—Mr. Thomson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he confer with the Minister for Agriculture, with a view of considering the best means of imparting, by course of lectures or other method, such information as will assist children attending Public Schools in districts where dairy industry is carried on, to better understand the nature of such products?

Mr. Perry answered,—I have already conferred with my honorable colleague respecting this subject and agricultural teaching in the schools under my Department.

(6.) Supply of Tea for Charitable Institutions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the price paid by the Government for tea to be used in State hospitals, asylums, and charitable institutions during the current year is 6½d. per lb.?

(2.) Who are the successful tenderers?

(3.) Is tea at this price allowed entry at Australian ports under the Customs regulations of the Commonwealth?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The tenders were opened by the Public Service Tender Board on Friday last, and will be considered next Friday in conjunction with the report of the expert on the samples of tea submitted with the tenders, which is now available.

(3.) All teas imported are examined by the landing waiters, and in the event of there being any suspicion as to the tea being unfit for human consumption, it is analysed by the Government Analyst. The price quoted above would not necessarily indicate that the tea was unwholesome, as it frequently happens that perfectly wholesome teas are imported at lower prices than that mentioned. I have placed samples of the tea upon the Table for the inspection of Honorable Members. I propose, to-morrow, to lay upon the Table of this House a report and further samples of tea, so that Honorable Members may be able to take some home and test it for themselves.

(7.) Under Secretary, Public Instruction Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it true, as stated in the Press, that there is a likelihood of Mr. F. Bridges, Chief Inspector of Schools, being appointed to fill the vacancy to be occasioned shortly by the retirement of Mr. J. C. Maynard, Under Secretary?

Mr. Perry answered,—There will be no vacancy for some considerable time. It is likely that Mr. Bridges will be acting as Under Secretary while Mr. Maynard is absent on leave.

(8.) Judges and Acting Judges :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) As it is probable that Chief Justice Darley will shortly retire, and in view of the fact that the salary of the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth has been fixed at £3,500 per annum, without pension rights, will he consider the advisability of reducing the salary (£3,500, with pension) attached to the office of Chief Justice of the State?

(2.) What was the total amount in the shape of salaries and allowances paid to the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, and also to Acting Judges, last year?

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

(1.) The Chief Justice will resume his duties on the 16th December next, and I am not aware that there is any probability of his retiring shortly.

(2.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to a return tabled on the 9th ultimo in response to Questions asked by him on the 17th June last.

(9.) Duty on Women's Intestate Estates :—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Stamp Commissioner has ruled, under Act No. 45, 1899, section 1, subsection 2 (b), that when a woman dies intestate, leaving children the only persons entitled in distribution to her estate, the duty shall not be calculated at one-half of the percentage mentioned in the Schedule to the Act, thereby depriving the children of the advantages of the Act?

(2.) If so, will he take the opinion of the Crown law officers on the matter, so that, if necessary, an amending Act may be passed to rectify the anomaly?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) On the advising of the Honorable the Attorney-General, the practice indicated was followed until the 25th November, 1901. Upon that date the previous opinion was reconsidered, and since then the Act has been interpreted to apply to the estates of females.

(2.) There is no necessity for any alteration or amendment of the Act.

(10.) Reservoir near Canowindra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to take any steps with the view of having the dam, or water reservoir near Canowindra, on the travelling stock route to Goolagong, Eugowra, and the Lachlan, reconstructed; if so, when is the work likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There has been no decision as yet, but a report will be obtained.

(11.) Proposed Railway from Cowra to Gregra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the *Herald* of last Friday, that he told a deputation that waited on him from Grenfell on the previous day, that there was no chance of any new railway proposals being carried out?

(2.)

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(2.) If the above statement is correct, does he include the proposed railway extension from Cowra to Gregra, *via* Canowindra and Cudal, the survey and plans of which are completed, and ready to be submitted to Parliament?

(3.) Does he mean to imply by the above statement that the Cowra to Gregra extension is to be shelved for an indefinite period, or does he mean to proceed with the construction of this line, as promised to residents in the district through which the line passes; if the latter, when are the plans to be submitted for the approval of Parliament?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Not at present.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) This line will be submitted to Parliament when opportunity offers.

(12.) Municipal Bill :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce and restore to the Business Paper, at the stage it was left last Session, the Municipality Bill, and endeavour to carry it into law this Session; if so, when will he introduce and proceed with it?

Sir John See answered,—If the Honorable Member and his colleagues will restrain their loquacity, and not move the adjournment of the House every night, it is my intention to introduce this Bill during the present Session.

(13.) Cemetery at Kangaloon, on Sydney Watershed :—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it proposed that a cemetery on the Sydney Watershed, at Kangaloon, should be closed, and that another cemetery be substituted on the adjacent Macquarie Rivulet Watershed?

(2.) What is the approximate distance between Kangaloon and Sydney, along the route of the Metropolitan Water Supply?

(3.) The like distance between the site of the proposed new cemetery and the town of Albion Park, along the route of the Macquarie Rivulet?

(4.) Does a populous farming settlement exist along the said rivulet, between the proposed cemetery and Albion Park?

(5.) How near does the settlement referred to extend toward the proposed new cemetery, in the vicinity of the Macquarie Pass?

(6.) Will he ascertain in which of those cases, having regard to distances, ill effects from water contamination would be most likely to occur?

(7.) Has the Municipal Council of Shellharbour, within which borough Albion Park and the said settlement is situated, protested against the proposed new cemetery?

(8.) Will he give very serious consideration to these important particulars in connection with any proposals made to him in the directions indicated?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) In view of the risk of pollution of the Sydney water supply, the church authorities have been requested, at the instance of the Water and Sewerage Board, to discontinue interments in the land at East Kangaloon, dedicated for Church of England Church, School, and Parsonage sites, but used as a Church of England Burial Ground. It has been decided to dedicate a site for general cemetery near Macquarie Pass, for use in lieu.

(2.) About 81 miles.

(3.) About 8 miles.

(4.) Fairly so on the lower part of the rivulet.

(5.) The proposed cemetery is situate half a mile from escarpment of the table-land, and is at an elevation of several hundred feet above the valley of the Macquarie Rivulet, from which it is distant nearly 2 miles.

(6.) Inquiry will be made.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) Yes.

(14.) Fort Macquarie Tramway :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a large volume of traffic on Sundays and holidays to Fort Macquarie?

(2.) With the view of meeting the convenience of the travelling public, will the Railway Commissioners consider the advisableness of making Fort Macquarie the terminus on Sundays and holidays in lieu of Circular Quay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) That the business is principally confined to excursion traffic to and from the steamers plying from Fort Macquarie jetties, and trams run at reasonable intervals.

(2.) The traffic would not warrant the extension of all trams as suggested.

(15.) Naval Prison on Garden Island :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Naval Authorities are erecting a naval prison on Garden Island; and, if so, is the cost thereof being defrayed by the State Government?

Sir John See answered,—The Naval Authorities propose to erect a naval prison on Garden Island. The work will be carried out by the Public Works Department of this State at the cost of the Imperial Government.

(16.) The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G. :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do not the papers, in connection with the retirement of Sir John Lackey, show that, in order to secure his retirement, the Government promised to place a sum of money on the next Estimates?

(2.)

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(2.) If not, has any Minister or other person, on behalf of the Government, made any promise to Sir John Lackey, or his attorney, that such a sum would be placed on the Estimates provided Sir John retired without the question of his retirement having to be forced on by the matter being referred to a Committee?

Sir John See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply which I gave to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member for Rylstone on the 6th instant.

(17.) Pension payable to Mr. F. J. Ironside :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to an answer given in the case of Mr. F. J. Ironside to the effect "that provision had been made for payment of abatement in some instances," and in reply to a Question asked by Mr. Haynes on the 6th August, would he state what are the instances referred to?

(2.) In doing so, would he also state the date of first entry and relative lengths of service of the gentlemen who have had their abatements paid, including in these particulars the name of Mr. F. J. Ironside?

(3.) Will he state whether prior application was not made by Mr. Ironside, and the reason of subsequent applications being entertained, to the exclusion of the gentleman named?

(4.) Will the Government deal with Mr. Ironside's case upon its merits as a matter of equity, and consistently with what has been already done in the cases of the other gentlemen above referred to?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The instances referred to were—S. H. Lambton, J. Dwyer, W. McIntyre, D. M. Ferguson, Messrs. Lillie and Whitling.

(2.) This information cannot be given, as there has not been sufficient time to obtain it from the respective Departments with which the officers named were connected.

(3 and 4.) Although abatements on pensions have been voted in some instances, there are a number of cases where the concession has been refused. As previously stated, Mr. Ironside's case is not an isolated one.

(18.) Phillip Park :—Mr. Hogue asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the trustees of Phillip Park have let that public recreation reserve to a travelling circus company, whose performances will be given in proximity to three schools and a place of public worship?

(2.) For what length of time has the park in question been so let, and what does the circus company pay for the use of the park?

(3.) Was this concession granted with the approval of the Secretary for Lands?

(4.) Will he consider the propriety of prohibiting the trustees in future from depriving the people, even temporarily, of the use of their parks?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Four weeks, with a possibility of another four weeks.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) It has not been made apparent in the present instance that any public inconvenience will be caused.

(19.) Navigation Bill :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to again introduce the amending Navigation Bill which passed its first reading last Session?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes, with some small amendments.

(20.) Bingara-Piedmont Land Exchange :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, for Mr. Moore, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When was the Bingara-Piedmont exchange proposal received by the Department?

(2.) How does the matter now stand?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) 3rd September, 1900.

(2.) Survey of the land to be granted in exchange has been effected, and the case will very shortly be submitted to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

(21.) Ocean-street Cable Tramway :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to frequent breakdowns in the William-street cable tramway during the past few days?

(2.) When is it expected that the electric service will be ready?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) There has been only one interruption, of ten minutes' duration, within the last two weeks.

(2.) At present, power is not available for working the cable line electrically; but tenders have been invited for additional power, and are receivable on the 26th proximo, after which it will be possible to give a better idea as to when the service can be given.

(22.) Dredge-repairing Workshop at Newcastle :—*Mr. Brunker*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the recent dismissal of thirty men from the dredge-repairing shop at Newcastle part of a plan to reduce materially the efficiency of the harbour improvement plant; and, if so, will he, in view of the urgency of the works now going on and of the large amount of shipping in port and to arrive, keep the plant up to at least its usual efficiency?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is not a fact that any men have been dismissed from the Newcastle workshop, but some of the dredge employees at Newcastle are being displaced by others having longer service, owing to the necessity for reducing the Dredge Service. The plant at Newcastle will be kept up to its usual state of efficiency.

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2. **REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL** :—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from certain colliery proprietors, showing that the existing law was the result of careful consideration and recommendation by a Royal Commission; that under that law colliery proprietors were forced to erect expensive weighing and other machinery, and to alter their systems of dealing with and of payment of wages for getting the coal; that the various systems prevailing have proved fair and equitable, both to proprietors and employees, and that to enforce any one system of payment of wages in all mines, however different their circumstances, would greatly hamper and prejudice and be manifestly unfair to the coal-mining industry; that should the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill be made law, much machinery will be rendered useless, and great expense will have to be incurred for new machinery and the alteration of various systems of weighing; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.  
Petition received.
3. **LIQUOR BILL** :—Mr. MacMahon presented a Petition from James Steel, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the "Hope of Walcha" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Walcha, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill, brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments :—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids.  
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS** :—  
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return to an Order made on 18th August, 1903,—“Buildings demolished on Site of New “Central Railway Station.”  
(2.) Proclamation annulling Regulations contained in Schedule II of the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902, and making Regulations in place thereof.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Cables on the Ocean-street Tram-line.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Regulations and Standards of Proficiency under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Particulars respecting Trial Bay Prison.  
(2.) Statement of accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust from 11th February, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.  
(3.) Memorandum by the President of the Board of Health respecting Small-pox and Vaccination.  
(4.) By-law of the Borough of Bexley.  
(5.) By-laws of the Borough of Vaucluse.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **DISTRICT COURTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the District Courts Act of 1901.  
Question put and passed.
6. **SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Wood, Mr. Law, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Fleming, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Haynes, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“The extraordinary “action of the Federal Government with respect to the electors of New South Wales.”  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Haynes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Haynes, be not further heard.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Quinn,
Sir John See,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Clara,	
Mr. Thomson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Macdonell.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Williams.
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Broughton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, "That the Question be now put."  
Question put,—That the Question be now put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 39.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Clara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Pyers,	

## Noes, 31.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Cchen,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Millard,	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the motion,—  
Question passed in the negative.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Perry moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 50.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Davis,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Power.
Mr. Pyers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Quinn,	

## Noes, 36.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Lee,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Latimer,	

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

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 34.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Broughton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Lee,	

## Noes, 53.

Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Richards,
Sir John See,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Clara,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Perry.
Mr. Thomson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Davis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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8. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1903, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Riot at Wyalong :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the names of the three Justices of the Peace who are known to have been associated in the riots at Wyalong in March last?

(2.) Were two arrests made, in the persons of Patrick Dooney and Patrick Brady, for stone-throwing and profane language, for which the Court inflicted fines of £2 in each case?

(3.) Is it a fact that owing to the Police Magistrate doing what he conceived to be his duty, a letter, dated 31st March, signed by W. T. Coonan, was received by the Department of Justice, wherein it was asked that the Police Magistrate be speedily and promptly removed?

(4.) Was a letter received at the Department of Justice from Mr. Holman, Member for Grenfell, in which he defends and excuses the rioters; and in such letter has he asserted that the Police Magistrate was in the hall and on the platform with the Rev. Dr. Dill Macky; and has it not been since proved that he, the Police Magistrate, was not there as asserted by Mr. Holman?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Department to suspend, censure, or remove the Police Magistrate of Wyalong for suppressing the riot, and performing his magisterial duties?

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

(1.) I understand that Messrs. J. P. Mcagher, W. T. Coonan, and James J. Crowley, Justices of the Peace, were present at the time, but took no part in the riots.

(2.) I believe such was the case.

(3.) A letter bearing that date was received from Mr. Coonan, as Chairman of a public meeting, asking for the removal of Mr. Stevenson.

(4.) Mr. Holman stated that it appeared that Mr. Stevenson was inside the hall, and apparently on the platform, but it was shown that Mr. Stevenson was not in the hall at all.

(5.) No.

(2.) Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a mistake made in the estimates for Prince Alfred Hospital additions of over £10,000?

(2.) Who is the officer in charge of the work?

(3.) Is he responsible for the mistake?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) An approximate estimate of £22,500 per pavilion in connection with Prince Alfred Hospital was submitted to the Public Works Committee with the original scheme. This scheme, when bill of quantities was prepared, was priced at £29,150 per pavilion.

(2.) Mr. A. S. Cook.

(3.) Mr. Cook is not responsible for the original estimate.

(3.) Extension of Calder-road, Dundas :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the matter of the proposed approach road to Dundas Railway Station, known as Calder-road extension, be completed, so as to enable fruit-growers and others to avail themselves of the convenience?

Mr. Crick answered,—Negotiation is now going on between the Lands Department and the agents of the landowner affected, with respect to compensation to be paid, with a view to early resumption of the required land.

(4.)



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- (4.) Tramway to Field of Mars Common:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the date of the minute authorising the auctioneers to state that a tramway would be constructed to the district when the Field of Mars Common was offered for sale; and would he mind quoting the minute, and stating by whom it was authorised?
  - (2.) Was not the approximate value of the common at the date of the said minute over £250,000?
  - (3.) Were not areas offered for sale, and sold, the amount realised exceeding £100,000?
  - (4.) Did not some of the land realise as much as £6 a foot, on account of the promise of tramway communication by the Government?
  - (5.) Will he consider whether it was right that inducements, such as were mentioned, should have been held out to purchasers by the Government, when any private individuals doing the same thing would have been liable to prosecution and imprisonment?
  - (6.) How many times have promises been made that the obligation to construct the tramway would be carried out?
  - (7.) Did he not promise two years ago, at the turning of the sod at Gladesville Heights, that the line would be constructed at an early date?
  - (8.) Will he consider whether the Government is legally and morally bound to carry out the work or return the thousands of pounds paid by purchasers, with interest added?
  - (9.) Can he now say definitely if the line will be constructed, and when?
  - (10.) Will he consider whether this work is not in a different category to other public works inasmuch as the Government had the Field of Mars Common ceded to it on condition that public works, including a bridge over the Parramatta River, should be constructed?
  - (11.) In the event of the Government declining to carry out its obligation in this matter, will he say whether he will be prepared to refund all purchase money with-interest added?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 18th April, 1887; "The Cabinet authorise the Minister for Lands to announce in connection with the sale of the Field of Mars Common that the Government intend to construct a tramway to that locality." Signed, H.P.
  - (2.) I am not aware; probably the Lands Department would know.
  - (3.) I cannot say; there is no such record in my Department.
  - (4.) Please see my answer in Question No. 2.
  - (5.) To local residents and others it seems to be so.
  - (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.) As I have explained on more than one occasion lately, the Government cannot carry out this and other equally urgent lines at present.
- (5.) Insect Pests:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has he ever corresponded with the officers of the California State Board of Horticulture, or the Director of Agriculture, or Governor of the Hawaiian Islands, to ascertain what has been accomplished in those countries by the introduction of beneficial insects?
  - (2.) What entomologist is his Departmental Entomologist in communication with who knows anything about parasites; and if he does know, can he state where they have ever introduced the true parasite of any insect pest which failed to do its work?
  - (3.) What pest which occurs in New South Wales has his Departmental Entomologist ever tried to secure the true parasite of; and is it not a fact that he has never liberated a single parasite in the State, except those that Professor Koebele sent addressed to him at the request of Mr. Campbell, and which he never took the trouble to call for when they arrived?
  - (4.) Is he aware that the searching for the native homes of these insect pests, the breeding of their parasites, separating the primary ones from the secondary forms, the packing of them, and sending them from one part of the world to another, alive, is a special branch of entomology which only three men have taken up and made a success of, namely, Koebele, Craw and Compere?
  - (5.) Is he aware that if he should adopt the method of introducing parasites of the various pests of the State, he would then have to employ some other entomologist than his Departmental Entomologist?
  - (6.) Is he aware that some years ago the Government of India sent one of their entomologists to Australia to collect beneficial insects, and that through his ignorance of the subject, introduced, by mistake, a destructive ladybird into that country?
  - (7.) Is he aware that it was California that first originated the system of fighting insects by the introduction of parasites; and that the Department of Entomology, at Washington, for various reasons, is not disposed to give prominence to the results of California's success?
  - (8.) Is he aware that the United States Department of Agriculture, at Washington, has never sent an agent to foreign countries to search for parasites?
  - (9.) Is he aware that C. L. Marlatt, the Entomologist from the Washington Department, when visiting Japan and China, about two-and-a-half years ago, was on a pleasure trip, and was not commissioned by that Government to search for parasites, and that the ladybirds (*Chilocorus similis*), which his Departmental Entomologist stated had cost the United States Government £400 each, had been years before introduced into California by Professor Koebele?
  - (10.) Is it not a fact that Compere stated to him, in the presence of his Departmental Entomologist, that the fly parasite (*Aphelinus fuscipennis*) which was keeping the San José scale in subjection in California, was also found by Mr. Marlatt in Japan and China; and that Mr. Marlatt found that the San José scale is held in complete subjection in Japan and China by parasites, just as Compere had stated it was; and also that he (Marlatt) reported that Asia was the home of the San José scale, just as Compere had stated, and which his Departmental Entomologist said was not correct?
  - (11.) Is he aware that there is not, and never has been, a true parasite of the codlin moth existing in Australia, and that Australia is not the native home of the codlin moth, and that it is only in the native home where its true parasite is to be found?
  - (12.) Is he aware that the State of California has again secured the service of Compere by joining in with Western Australia and sharing half the expense in connection with searching for parasites, and that they will at once introduce the codlin moth parasite into California?

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(13.) Has he made any inquiries about the discovery of the codlin moth parasite with anyone except from his Departmental Entomologist?

(14.) Is it not a fact that the well-known ladybird (*Vedalia* or *Novius cardinalis*) in Mr. Froggatt's illustration of Australian ladybirds, published in a recent number of the *Agricultural Gazette* of New South Wales (Fig. 15), which he calls *Novius cardinalis*, is another beetle?

Mr. Fegan answered,—The information will be furnished in the form of a return.

(6.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the Government come to any decision as to how they will deal with the Civil Service Superannuation Act; if so, will he state if it is intended to introduce a Bill for the purpose, or in what other way?

(2.) On what lines do the Government propose to keep faith with the public servants entitled to superannuation; will it be on the lines proposed by the deputations that waited on him last month, or in what way?

Mr. Waddell answered,—A Bill will be introduced in a few days.

(7.) Liquor Bill:—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the annual amount received by the Treasury from hotel and all other licenses directly connected with the liquor trade?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of inserting a clause in his Liquor Bill providing that all or part of such sums received annually from the above source be set aside, and be known as the Liquor Trade Compensation Fund?

(3.) Will he provide that such fund be equitably distributed as between owner and lessee of all public-houses that may be closed by his amended liquor legislation?

(4.) Will he place full local option in the hands of the adult population, on the above basis, to the extent annually provided for by such fund?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The amount received by the Treasury from hotel and all other licenses directly connected with the liquor trade during last financial year was as follows, viz.:—Wholesale spirit dealers, £6,261; retail fermented and spirituous liquors (including wine, cider and perry), £95,661 2s.; billiard and bagatelle licenses, £6,771. Total, £108,693 2s.

(2, 3, and 4.) No.

(8.) Road from Tamas to Brindabella and Diamond Hill:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many residents live on the road Tamas to Brindabella and Diamond Hill?

(2.) How many reports have been called for to see if it is necessary to construct this road?

(3.) How many times, in accordance with these reports, has he declined to expend money on this road?

(4.) Has he at last, against all such reports, ordered that a sum of money shall be expended annually; if so, what amount per annum, and for how long?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—These Questions cannot be replied to until a report, which has been called for, is received from the local officer.

(9.) Unregistered Horses and Cattle:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Can he furnish this House with any information, approximate or otherwise, of the number of horses and cattle that are to be found unregistered in Sydney and suburbs respectively?

(2.) The same information with regard to the county of Cumberland?

Mr. Fegan answered,—

(1.) It is not considered that there are many, if any, and they would represent, probably, ownership of only a few single animals.

(2.) The above answer would also apply to this Question.

(10.) Steam Yacht "Victoria":—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is the steam yacht "Victoria" insured; and, if so, in what office, and for what amount?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes; for £25,000, with the North Queensland Insurance Company.

(11.) Insurance on Government Buildings in Sydney:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any Government buildings in Sydney insured; and, if so, in what offices, giving numbers insured in each, if in more than one?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A large number of the buildings in the resumed areas at the "Rocks" and elsewhere are insured in various offices; but the further information required by the Honorable Member must be moved for in the form of a return.

(12.) Lighthouse between Tuggerah Lakes and Lake Macquarie:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the departmental estimate for the construction of the lighthouse on the coast between Tuggerah Lakes and Lake Macquarie?

(2.) Was a tender for £9,000 accepted, and who was the tenderer?

(3.) Is it a fact that the first lot of stone brought to the ground by the contractor was condemned, that a second lot was similarly treated, and that the contractor eventually abandoned the contract?

(4.) Did the Department then proceed, under the day-labour system, with the contract, and use in the work the stone which was condemned as unfit?

(5.) Is it a fact that the work has already cost £22,000, and that it is still uncompleted?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The Departmental estimate for this work, including lighthouse-keeper's quarters, roads, telephone, lantern, and optical apparatus, was £18,000.

(2.) The tender of P. and W. E. Graham for £9,902 10s. 11d. was accepted for the erection of lighthouse and keeper's quarters only. (3.)

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- (3.) Some of the stone supplied by contractor was condemned for use in foundation work. The work was not abandoned by the contractor, but his contract was cancelled by the Department.
- (4.) The work has been carried out by day labour, but blue metal was used for concrete foundations, not the condemned stone referred to.
- (5.) The estimated amount of £18,000 has not yet been expended, and the works are nearly completed.

(13.) Grain Elevators:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the gross earnings of the grain elevators to date?
- (2.) What has been the working expenditure?
- (3.) What is the weekly interest at 4 per cent. on cost?
- (4.) Who is responsible for their construction?
- (5.) Does he know that vessels can be loaded more expeditiously and cheaply by manual labour?
- (6.) Will he have grain elevators valued by an independent person?
- (7.) Who received the money they cost?

Sir John See answered,— I am informed :—

- (1.) No charge is made. The grain conveyers at Darling Island are up-to-date appliances intended to facilitate the export of wheat, and so convenience and encourage traffic.
- (2.) The cost is not kept separately, but with all elevators working, it is estimated the working cost would be about one-sixtieth of a penny per ton handled.
- (3.) £16.
- (4.) The Railway Commissioners.
- (5.) No. Vessels can be loaded much more expeditiously and cheaply by the use of the conveyers.
- (6.) It cannot be seen that anything is to be gained by this course.
- (7.) The conveyers were not supplied by any one particular firm, the arrangements being carried out departmentally, and in connection with the work a number of smaller contracts were let, while a considerable portion of the work was done by railway workmen. The cost was distributed, therefore, amongst contractors, and for materials, and amongst the railway workmen.

(14.) Expenditure by Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware of the expenditure that is being carried on by the Harbour Trust in putting on costly roofs, spires, towers, and dove-cots on ordinary goods sheds?

Sir John See answered,—The Harbour Trust Commissioners report that the roofs are covered with ordinary tiles, and are the cheapest permanent roofs that can be built; that no spires have been erected; that clock and outlook towers have been erected on two wharfs at the request of the lessees (the lessees supplying the clocks themselves); and that no dove-cots have been erected. Office and other necessary accommodations have been built in the roofs to save valuable wharf space.

(15.) Improvement Leases in Bingara District:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to proposed sale of improvement lease of blocks Nos. 353, 354, 355, and 356, county Murchison, parish Bingara,—

- (1.) Why are not the usual conditions attached, providing for the withdrawal of any land required for mining purposes or for any public purpose, or for purposes of settlement?
- (2.) Will he see that such conditions are attached to all improvement leases?

Mr. Crick answered,—Four blocks are advertised—the areas of which are small, being respectively 1,920, 1,250, 2,542, and 2,750 acres. In such cases it is not usually thought necessary to reserve a right of withdrawal, especially where the land is, as in these instances, of a rough character. Lands held for pastoral purposes are open to the provisions of the Mining Acts, and one of the gazetted provisions reads as follows:—“The lease shall be deemed to be a lease for pastoral purposes within the meaning of the Mining Act of 1874, and all Acts amending or extending the same, and as such shall be subject to the operations of those Acts.” The lands contain prickly pear and are not producing any revenue. They were offered as improvement leases during 1898 and during 1899 without success.

(16.) Unemployed Compositors in Sydney:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that there are a large number of unemployed compositors in Sydney, whilst at the same time overtime work is being done at the Government Printing Office?
- (2.) Will he make inquiries of the Government Printer with the view of discovering whether it is not possible for employment being given, if only temporary, to unemployed men who have passed the requisite tests?

Sir John See answered,—The Government Printer has furnished the following information:—Except for the publication of Revenue statements, closed up on the evening of the last day of the month, overtime is only availed of when the House sits after 2 a.m. For other purposes a distinct night staff is maintained.

2. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—Mr. Winchcombe presented a Petition from certain northern colliery proprietors, showing that the existing law was the result of careful consideration and recommendation by a Royal Commission; that under that law colliery proprietors were forced to erect expensive weighing and other machinery, and to alter their systems of dealing with and of payment of wages for getting the coal; that the various systems prevailing have proved fair and equitable, both to proprietors and employeés, and that to enforce any one system of payment of wages in all mines, however different their circumstances, would greatly hamper and prejudice and be manifestly unfair to the coal-mining industry; that the introduction of coal-cutting machinery will render a change necessary, as payment by weight will be impracticable; that should the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill be made law, much machinery will be rendered useless, and great expense will have to be incurred for new machinery and the alteration of various systems of weighing; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.
- Petition received.

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3. PAPERS :—
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting persons recommended for employment by the Hon. J. H. Carruthers, M.P.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Additional Regulation under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
  - (2.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases Nos. 96 to 138, issued under the Western Lands Act, 1901.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of Inspector-General of Police on recent Parliamentary Debate respecting Police Superannuation Fund.
  - (2.) Letter from the Hon. J. M. Creed, M.L.C., with regard to the Memorandum furnished by the President of the Board of Health respecting Small-pox and Vaccination.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (3.) A short review by Mr. Alexander Oliver of the contents of the Report of the Commonwealth Commissioners on Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth (with Annexures).
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1903.
  - (2.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1903.
  - (3.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1903.
  - (4.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1903.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. ABATTOIR, GLEBE ISLAND :—Mr. Nielsen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Abattoir, Glebe Island," have leave to make visits of inspection in connection with the inquiry.  
Question put and passed.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gillies brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.
6. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect native animals.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to protect native animals,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. MOORE STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Moore-street Improvement Act in certain respects.  
Question put and passed.
8. WILLIAM STAFFORD, EX-SERGEANT OF MOUNTED POLICE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) The Honorable the Premier should name a date on which Counsel may be heard at the Bar of the House as prayed for in Sergeant Stafford's Petition, presented to this Honorable House on December 4th, 1902.
  - (2.) The contents of the said Petition are fully borne out by the evidence.
  - (3.) The reports and decisions entered in the Petitioner's Defaulter's Sheet, and submitted to the Committee for inquiry, were unfounded and untrue.
  - (4.) The reports made behind the back of the Select Committee are not valid reasons for withholding payments justly due to Petitioner.
  - (5.) The Petitioner is within his rights in designating himself a police sergeant until he is superannuated or legally discharged, as provided for by the Police Regulation Act of 1862.
- Question put and passed.
9. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL—COUNSEL AT THE BAR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That that portion of the prayer of the Petition of William Brown, which was presented on the 12th August instant, to the effect that he be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the passing of the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill, be granted.  
Question put and passed.
10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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11. MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL:—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. HENRY WAITE BEQUEST BILL:—Mr. Perry (*on behalf of Sir John See*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Director of the Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite.  
Question put and passed.
13. HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL:—  
(1.) Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
14. INFANT PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further and better provision for the protection, maintenance, education, and care of infants; and to provide for the inspection, supervision, and control of places established or used for their reception and care,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 20th August, 1903.*  
F. B. SUTTON,  
President.  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Perry, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
15. VINE AND VEGETATION DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Perry (*on behalf of Mr. Kidd*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901.  
Question put and passed.
16. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Southern Breakwater, Entrance to Clarence River*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the work of constructing a Breakwater on the southern side of the entrance to the Clarence River, as recommended by Sir John Coode and referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out with the modification recommended by the said Committee.  
Mr. Levien moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
17. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Defamation (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, 2nd September.
18. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, 2nd September.
19. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage; to vest in the Borough of Paddington certain land of the Board; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
20. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Crick, until Wednesday next.

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21. **PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having ordered the Bells to be rung,—  
The House continued the unfinished Ballot, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Sir John See, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Millard, Mr. Edden, Mr. Dight, Mr. Davis, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Clara, and Mr. McNeill.
22. **GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Meagher, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Ashton, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
23. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The remaining Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Crick, until Tuesday next.
24. **USE OF PRESERVATIVE AND COLOURING MATTERS IN FOOD** :—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the use of the preservative and colouring matters in the preservation and colouring of food, and whether the use of such materials, or any of them, for the preservation and colouring of food in certain quantities is injurious to health ; and, if so, in what proportions does their use become injurious ; and to what extent and in what amounts are they used at the present time.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Richards, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Nobbs, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir John See,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Young,	Mr. Millard,	

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Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Webster,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Phillips.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Williams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

25. **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. McGowen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## BANKRUPTCY OF MEMBER FOR WILLOUGHBY—VACANT SEAT:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Under Secretary Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, transmitting a certified copy of the sequestration order, dated 21st August, 1903, made against Mr. George Howarth, of Devonshire-street, Chatswood, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales.
- (2.) Sir John See moved, That George Howarth, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby, having become bankrupt within the meaning of the law relating to bankruptcy, his Seat as such Member has thereby become, and is hereby declared to be, vacant.  
Question put and passed.

## 2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tramway Waiting Shed opposite Railway Station:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Whitford*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the very great number of people who are compelled to wait at the tramway section right opposite the Railway Station, exposed in all weathers, will he be good enough to confer with the Tram authorities as to whether it would not be possible to construct a light, ornamental, and convenient shelter pavilion for the thousands who have to stand at different periods of the day, waiting for the trams for all western districts?

(2.) As the construction of such a pavilion would minimise the danger to passengers from vehicular traffic, will he urge the need for such consideration?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—My honorable colleague is informed the matter has received consideration. A structure as suggested would be costly, and a serious street obstruction. It is not necessary for persons to wait in this vicinity for trams, the sections being so arranged that they can do so without extra cost at Regent-street, where there is ample covering. Probably when the new Railway Station is opened, the circumstances will be entirely altered.

(2.) Sydney Telephone Bureau:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Commonwealth Government have decided not to proceed with the reconstruction of the Telephone Bureau in Sydney?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am not aware, but I will cause inquiries to be made.

(3.) Maintenance of Prisoners in Gaols:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the average cost per head of maintaining prisoners in Yass, Glen Innes, Hay, and Trial Bay Prisons last year?

(2.) Is it not found to be very much more expensive to travel prisoners from the metropolis and maintain them in remote country gaols than to keep them in prisons in centres like Darlinghurst, Bathurst, Goulburn, Wollongong, and Parramatta?

(3.) In view of the fact that a large number of well-equipped and costly gaols in the country are at present unoccupied, will he consider whether the present is a time when so large a sum as £10,000 should be expended in the erection of a gaol at an out-of-the-way village like Bega?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information, supplied by the Deputy-Comptroller of Prisons:—

(1.) Yass, £101 10s.; Glen Innes, £80 14s.; Hay, £218; Trial Bay, £86 4s. In connection with the apparent high cost per head for the maintenance of prisoners at Yass and Hay Gaols, I may say

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it is attributed to the small number of prisoners who have been confined. It is a matter for congratulation that there is a marked decrease in the prison population. If a greater number were imprisoned, the cost per head would accordingly decrease. At these places Quarter Sessions and Circuit Courts are held, and there has been employed the smallest possible staff necessary for the supervision and security of the gaols.

(2.) It is not the rule of the Department to remove prisoners to remote country gaols to serve their sentences. Prisoners undergoing sentences of over three months are transferred from the small to the established gaols.

(3.) The lock-up gaol at Bega is unfit for occupation. A tender for £1,653 has been accepted for additions, alterations, and repairs thereto.

(4.) Plant and Tools used for Public Works:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state what has been the total amount of money expended in purchase and making of plant and tools for carrying out works by day labour?

(2.) How much has been lost and stolen?

(3.) When stock was last taken and valuation made of said plant and tools, what was the value?

(4.) When works are measured for the purpose of ascertaining cost, &c., is any independent person employed to remeasure and check the same?

(5.) Is any official employed for testing the quality, power, and strength of explosives, steel, iron, &c.?

(6.) What means are adopted for checking bogus time and bogus names on pay-sheets, and for preventing collusion between gangers, time-keepers, paymasters, &c.?

(7.) Who instructs and directs the managers and overseers as to the system, mode, manner, and latest appliances and plant to be used in carrying out and conducting the works?

(8.) Will he appoint a competent and independent person to measure and value the works at the Central Railway Station?

(9.) Will he appoint some able and competent person to measure and value all work that has been carried out by day labour?

(10.) What was the cost of plant and tools used in construction of the Post Office, Newcastle?

(11.) When the work was completed, was stock taken and valuation made of plant and tools; if so, what was the loss and present value?

(12.) Where is the plant at the present time, and what is being done with it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As No. 2 of these Questions embodies an implication that working men—including those in King Division—are dishonest, I decline to answer it. With regard to the other matters, the Honorable Member must move for a return in the usual way.

(5.) Railway and Tramway Permanent Ways:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Where, and by whom, the points and crossings of permanent ways have been made during the past ten years, and their cost; and who is making them at the present time?

(2.) Who is it that declares and certifies that the permanent ways are in a proper and safe condition for the conveyance of passenger traffic?

(3.) What has been the total number of tramway derailments since 1st January, 1901?

(4.) What has been the total number of railway derailments since 1st January, 1901?

(5.) What is the average annual percentage of wear and tear and depreciation of rails of permanent ways of tramways?

(6.) What is the annual average percentage of wear and tear and depreciation of wheels of tram-cars?

(7.) Did he, with certain other gentlemen, make an inspection of permanent ways on the 1st December, 1902?

Mr. Perry answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return.

(6.) Readers' Assistants, Government Printing Office:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have not three lads, at present readers' assistants, been employed in the Government Printing Office continuously since 1900 at 10s. per week; and is it not a fact that they have received no increase in salary during that period?

(2.) Is not another lad, who entered the office same year, at the same wage, and doing the same class of work, receiving 15s. per week?

(3.) What is the reason for this, and will he see that all these boys receive like treatment?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The lads referred to will receive 12s. 6d. per week from December next, in accordance with the regulations for permanent service.

(2.) This lad was receiving higher wages as a temporary employee, but will be subsequently brought into line with the others.

(3.) Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.

(7.) Mr. George Lewis, Federal Electoral Officer:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is Mr. George Lewis, Electoral Officer in the Federal Service, in receipt of a pension from the New South Wales Treasury; if so, what pension does he receive?

Sir John See answered,—Yes; £365 4s. per annum.

(8.) Field of Mars Common:—Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was not the approximate value of the Field of Mars Common in 1888 over £250,000?

(2.) Have not over £100,000 been received from the sale of certain portions of the common?

(3.) At the time of the sale did not some of the land realise as much as £6 per foot on account of the promise of tramway communication being established to the district?

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Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Apparently not, as, based on a valuation obtained in 1890, the value, including sold land, was £185,699.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No. Apparently the highest price realised was £5 7s. per foot for two lots in the vicinity of Ryde, at the sale on 26th September, 1885.

- (9.) The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—As the Government object to the motion for an Address to the Governor praying for the production of all correspondence in reference to the resignation of Sir John Lackey, as President of the Legislative Council, standing in the name of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, being taken as a formal motion, will he agree to a special time for the discussion of the motion, so that the papers referring to the alleged resignation of a State official may be made available for the information of Parliament?

Sir John See answered,—The usual Parliamentary course of procedure must be taken in this case, inasmuch as it refers to the action of the Executive Council.

3. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that payment by weight is the only fair, just, and equitable system of payment as between employers and employees, and praying the House to pass the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill as speedily as possible:—
- (1.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From certain residents of New South Wales employed at the following mines, viz.:—Oakey Park, Lithgow Ironworks Tunnel, and Irondale.  
At the request of Mr. Estell, the Petition was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
- (2.) By Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,—From certain residents of New South Wales employed at the Zig zag Coal Mine, Lithgow.
- (3.) By Mr. Young,—From certain residents of New South Wales employed in the Vale of Clwydd Coal Mine.  
Petitions received.
4. PAPER:—Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return showing amounts noted and expended on Roads in the Merriwa-Cassilis and Rylstone portions respectively of the Rylstone Electorate during the financial year ended 30th June, 1903.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lee, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.  
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Sydney, 25th August, 1903.*
6. PUBLIC PLACES ADVERTISEMENTS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.  
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Rylstone, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The abolition of the Pension System as applied to all future appointments to the Judicial Bench of this State."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. STAGE CARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nielsen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Nielsen, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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9. **SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL** —The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Anderson moved, "That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Haynes moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report. (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Perry, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Willis, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, "Mr. Scobie, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mahony, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. John Storey, and Mr. Haynes,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briener,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Gilbert
Sir John See,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Law,	Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGowen.	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. E. M. Clark.	
Mr. Young,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

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Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Dick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir John See,	Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Briener,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. John Hurley.	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Power,	Mr. Young,	Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Collins.	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. McLaurin,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1903, A.M.

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Perry moved; That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Affleck, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Estell, Mr. Fallick, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Hollis, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Morton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Power, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wood,—

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Wollongong Waterworks :—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were the Wollongong Waterworks constructed by Government at the request of the Borough Council of Wollongong?

(2.) Did that Council undertake to guarantee repayment of the cost of these works, so far as required, to supply the Borough of Wollongong with water?

(3.) After the recent completion of the works, was control of them given to the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board instead of to the Wollongong Council?

(4.) Is he aware that the said Board refused applications from the Wollongong Council and Chamber of Commerce last month to water the main streets of that town, while at the same time the reservoir at Cordeaux River was overflowing, with 160,000,000 gallons of water stored therein?

(5.) What was the average consumption of water in Wollongong throughout that month?

(6.) At the rate of that average, how many days' supply for Wollongong was contained in the 160,000,000 gallons available in the overflowing reservoir?

(7.) In refusing those applications for street watering, did the Board reply to the effect that the reservoir being full was not to be taken into account, as the water-level in the Prospect Dam was still undesirably low?

(8.) If the Board so replied to those requests, is it to be understood that the actual water requirements of Wollongong are to be subordinate, regarding the said works, to the imaginary contingencies of the Sydney water supply?

(9.) In that event, will he reconsider his decision concerning the control of these works, with a view to the Wollongong Council being given authority regarding all water required for every purpose within that borough?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has control of the works. The Board has furnished me with the following replies to Questions 4 to 8 inclusive :—

(4.) Yes.

(5.) About 36,000 gallons per day.

(6.) About 4,400.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) Yes. This catchment area was originally proclaimed in connection with the water supply to the City of Sydney and suburbs, and, at the request of the Department of Public Works, consent was given by the Board to the construction upon the Cordeaux River, within such area, of a storage dam for the supply of the town and district of Wollongong. For many months, practically, no rain fell upon the area, in consequence of which the storage reservoir upon which the metropolitan district entirely depends became alarmingly depleted, and extraordinary steps were imperative in every direction in order to conserve the supply. One of the principal precautions was the withdrawal from municipal bodies of the privilege of using fresh water for street watering, and this was made to apply to every borough (including Wollongong) depending upon the metropolitan catchment area for its supply. The fact of the Wollongong reservoir being full and overflowing was not by any means overlooked; on the contrary, it was distinctly recognised that, were permission granted

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granted to Wollongong to use water for street watering, thus causing the level of the local reservoir to fall, any water flowing in the river, instead of finding its way to Prospect, would be intercepted, and to this extent would the supply to Sydney be interfered with. In the opinion of the Board, the difference which has arisen in this instance would seem only to demonstrate the absolute necessity for the control of all water supplies from this area being in the hands of one body.

(9.) As I have previously informed the Honorable Member, the arrangement now existing was necessary under the peculiar circumstances already fully explained to the Wollongong people, and I see no reason to make any departure therefrom.

- (2.) Construction of Railways and Tramways :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total mileage of railways constructed since he took office?
  - (2.) What is the total mileage of permanent ways of tramways constructed since he took office?
  - (3.) What class of men were employed in laying down these permanent ways, and the rate of wages paid?
  - (4.) What was the average cost per lineal yard of plate-laying of tramways and railways?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Mileage of railways completed and handed over to the Railway Commissioners, 326 miles; under construction, 313 miles; authorised, on which some payments for material have been made, 330 miles; total, 969 miles. Proposed by the Lyne and See Administrations.
- (2.) Total mileage of tramways completed and handed over to the Railway Commissioners, 64 miles 6 chains; total mileage under construction, 3 miles 18 chains.
- (3.) The men employed laying down the permanent-way are chiefly those who have been employed for years past by contractors at similar work, and others who have since been trained as platelayers. 7s. to 9s. per day, according to the nature of the work, on railways; 7s. to 8s. per day on tramways.
- (4.) The average cost of plate-laying, *i.e.*, linking in and fastening per 1 inch yard, on railways is 4½d. The average cost of plate-laying, *i.e.*, linking in and fastening per 1 inch yard, on tramways is 7½d.

- (3.) Issue of Electors' Rights :—Mr. John Storey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that electors, especially the working class, complain that it is impossible to obtain transferred or new rights after 5 p.m.?
- (2.) As these men would have to forfeit half a day's pay to attend at the Registrar's Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., to have these rights issued to them, will he arrange for the Registrar's Office to be kept open for one or two nights a week or month?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer has furnished the following information :—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The police have just completed the annual collection of names of persons entitled to be enrolled to whom Elector's Rights will issue after names are passed by Revision Courts; all rights requiring transfer were also collected and forms of application supplied and witnessed by collectors. Rights are now being prepared for delivery. As Electors' Rights may be applied for by post on the prescribed forms obtainable at all post and police offices, and may be taken delivery of at Police Offices which are open at night, I do not see any great necessity for the retention of Registrars after the ordinary office hours.
- (4.) Concessions to Pupils of Private Schools travelling on the Tramways :—Mr. Quinn asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the conditions under which certificates are granted to pupils attending private seminaries or schools to enable them to travel at reduced fares on the Government trams?
  - (2.) Under what conditions do the Railway Commissioners refuse this concession to such pupils?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—The rule is that reduced rates are allowed to pupils under 18 years of age attending ordinary schools, or the University, or Technical Colleges. This is extended to cover private schools where the Department considers the extension justified; one condition also being that there shall be at least an attendance of thirty *bonâ fide* pupils.

- (5.) Road Votes in Raleigh Electorate and Bellingen District :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The total amount of Scheduled Road Votes in Raleigh Electorate and in Bellingen District, separately, and the actual amounts expended during the years ending in 1896, 1900, 1902, and 1903?
- (2.) The amounts expended in Special Votes for the same periods in Raleigh Electorate and for Bellingen District portion separately?
- (3.) Was not the amount voted by Parliament last year afterwards reduced by administration?
- (4.) What was the total amount of last year's Votes, which went over to this year's expenditure or lapsed altogether, in the district named?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be more readily furnished in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way. I will offer no objection.

- (6.) Harbour Works at the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to further curtail the expenditure—which has already been curtailed—on the entrance works at Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers?
- (2.) If so, will he state particulars of such proposal?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men at the new entrance works, Macleay River, have not received their wages for more than a month past?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The reply which I am about to give will apply to many other loan works :—

- (1 and 2.) Harbour works are carried out with loan money. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the London Money Market, through causes altogether apart from New South Wales, or even Australia,

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Australia, it is not possible at present to borrow more money at a fair rate of interest. Therefore it is necessary to go slow with expenditure upon all loan works, not only for harbours, but for railways, tramways, sewerage works, &c. For that reason, expenditure has been reduced upon most of our public works. The harbour works at Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger and other rivers will be kept going as far as funds will allow, and as soon as the money market is better, the expenditure will be increased.

(3.) I am not aware of any delay in payment of wages. Inquiry is being made by wire as to whether delay has taken place.

(7.) Dredges on the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What dredges have been laid up as a result of the very recent efforts to economise public expenditure?

(2.) Is he aware that the laying up of dredges on the Bellinger, Nambucca, and Macleay Rivers is a very serious matter, seeing that since the late floods the river channels, which are the only highways for getting produce to market, have been difficult of navigation, and, in the case of the Bellinger, absolutely blocked?

(3.) How many men have been retrenched on the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger, and what does he propose to do with them?

(4.) Is it true that, in addition to dismissing numbers of men, the wages and salaries of those remaining are being reduced?

(5.) Will he take steps to provide at once for replacing all the dredges at work, so that the best producing districts of the State may not be further handicapped in getting produce to market?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Dredges "Sigma" and "Alpha," Tweed River; "Lambda" and No. 52, Richmond River; "Omega," Clarence River; "Beta," Bellinger River; "Fitzroy," Macleay River; "Eta," Port Macquarie; "Pluto," Manning River; "Rho," Myall River; "Archimedes," Hawkesbury; "Titan" and "Kappa," Brisbane Water; "Neptune," Shoalhaven; "Gamma," Lake Macquarie; "Ulysses," Cape Hawke, will be laid up.

(2.) There is still a dredge in commission on the Macleay River, and another on the Nambucca River; and, until navigation is opened at the Bellinger, two dredges, one of which is working three shifts, will continue dredging there. One dredge ("Beta") will be disestablished.

(3.) Nine. The Public Service Board proposes to reappoint these men in turn, as vacancies occur.

(4.) The rates of pay have not been reduced, but where men have been transferred to lower grades they will receive the pay attached to such position.

(5.) When sufficient funds are available, the plant referred to will be recommissioned.

(8.) Tenders for Joinery Work, New Central Railway Station:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did his Department call for tenders for the joinery work for the new Central Railway Station, Sydney?

(2.) If so, who was the lowest tenderer?

(3.) Has this tender been accepted?

(4.) If not, why not?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) That submitted by the Government Architect's Branch of the Public Works Department.

(3 and 4.) Arrangements have not yet been made to commence the work.

(9.) Congested Traffic at Redfern Railway Square:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been directed to a letter appearing in last Saturday's *Herald*, signed by W. G. Johnson, drawing attention to the increasing danger to life and limb owing to the congested traffic at Redfern Railway Square, especially between 9 and 10 in the morning and 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening, and will he see that some stringent steps are taken to prevent the occurrence of serious accidents occurring in that locality?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that every possible attention is given to the regulation of vehicular traffic in the vicinity, and at the busy hours mentioned additional police assistance is provided. I am sure my honorable friend will realise the congested state of the traffic at the Redfern Railway Station at this particular juncture. When the new station is opened, we hope to relieve that traffic to a large extent, to the advantage of the whole community.

(10.) Construction of Water Conservation Works:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been expended to date out of the £200,000 voted by Parliament in December last for the construction of water conservation works and the sinking of artesian wells?

(2.) Is it a fact that it is the intention of the Government to place all the bores, tanks, &c., constructed by the Lyne Government under the Water Rights Act, and charge their cost to the Water and Drainage Act or this £200,000 Vote; if so, will he consider whether it will not have the effect of robbing country districts from participation in the construction of new water conservation works under the Vote that was passed last December?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Yes. By law, all districts which ask for water conservation works will have to pay interest on the money so expended, otherwise we could not carry out these improvements.

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(11.) Road from Queanbeyan to Yarrangobilly Caves :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a report made upon the tourist road from Queanbeyan, *via* Naas and Gudgenby, to the Yarrangobilly Caves; and was it acted on, and what sum has such road cost?

(2.) Was an alternative route adopted at any time, *via* Brindabella to Yarrangobilly, and what sum has been expended on it?

(3.) Has a report been sent in by Engineer Scott to the effect that he could provide a good tourist road from Queanbeyan to Yarrangobilly Caves for £900; if not that sum, what sum did he name; and are the officers of the Department of opinion that a suitable road can be made for that sum; if not, what sum do they deem necessary, and has any money been expended on it; and, if so, what sum?

(4.) Have any bridge or bridges been constructed on any of the routes; if so, the cost of same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I find that it will be necessary to obtain a report from the Local Officer before replies can be given to these Questions.

(12.) Riot at Wyalong :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all telegrams and letters that have passed between the Government and Mr. W. A. Holman, M.L.A., Mr. Fred. Hancox, the Police Magistrate at Wyalong, and the Under Secretary for Justice, in relation to the recent Wyalong riot; also, copy of Petition forwarded in connection with the recent prosecutions in connection with the aforesaid riot at Wyalong?

Sir John See answered,—There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way, and I will expedite the matter.

(13.) Iron Pipes for Water Supply from the Nepean to Sydney :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the iron pipes now stacked on the railway land at Strathfield and other places, which were proposed to be used in the additional water supply from the Nepean to Sydney?

(2.) What was the cost per ton?

(3.) Who were the contractors?

(4.) Has payment been made in full?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) £86,279 13s. 4d.

(2.) Riveted pipes, £19 18s. per ton; locking-bar pipes, £18 5s. per ton.

(3.) Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins.

(4.) Yes.

(14.) Oranges condemned by the Victorian Government Entomologist :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he received any report with reference to the condemnation of a consignment of 4,000 cases of New South Wales oranges by the Victorian Government Entomologist last week?

(2.) Are not all shipments of fruit from this State subjected to inspection before being sent away; and, if not, why not?

(3.) Is he aware that an impression is abroad to the effect that the border duties having been abolished under federation, the Victorian Entomological Department is, in a roundabout way, protecting the markets of the sister State against the competition of New South Wales fruit by enforcing regulations of an unnecessarily drastic character; and in view of this circumstance, will he communicate with the Victorian Government on the question?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) No report has been received.

(2.) No inspection is made of fruit for export, there being no provision under the Vegetation Diseases Act to require inspection.

(3.) I am not aware; but the Victorian Government admits clean and sound fruit, also fruit slightly affected by scale insects, provided it has been properly fumigated.

(15.) Wharf Dues at Harbours, North Coast :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that he still refuses to abolish or reduce the heavy dues charged at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga, will he state why dues are not charged at Byron Bay and other jetties on the coast affecting districts alleged to be richer than those of Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Byron Bay jetty is vested in trustees, who collect wharfages and pay the expense of working the cranes.

(16.) Trial Bay Prison :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the fact that Trial Bay Prison has been closed, and in a number of other country gaols the cost of supervision is heavy, will he consider the advisability of abandoning further work in constructing a costly prison at Little Bay, and use Trial Bay Prison, or some other country prison, as a penitentiary?

(2.) Will he consider whether it is fair to the taxpayers to close Trial Bay Prison, which cost £100,000, and to leave it a dead asset, and to go on with the construction of a costly penitentiary near Sydney?

(3.) Is it not a fact that Trial Bay Prison was closed because the warders and officials were almost as numerous as the prisoners; and is it not intended to close other country gaols for a similar reason?

(4.) Is it proposed to put Trial Bay Prison to any use; if so, what is proposed?

Sir

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

- (1 and 2.) The penitentiary is intended for women and short-sentence prisoners. Trial Bay Prison, apart from its distance from Sydney, is unsuited for prisoners of these classes.
- (3.) No. The reasons for closing the prison were given in my answer to the Question asked by the Honorable Member on the 21st ultimo.
- (4.) This matter is now under the consideration of the Works Department.

(17.) Swimming Bath at the new Central Railway Station :—Mr. Oakes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the matter of the granting of the site at the new Railway Station for a central swimming bath been decided yet?
- (2.) Will he vest the control of the same in the City Council?
- (3.) When will a decision be arrived at in this matter?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The matter is only in the suggestion stage.

(18.) Municipal Bill :—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce the Municipal Bill this Session?
- (2.) If not, will he afford relief to the various municipalities by passing a short measure giving them power to increase their rates, to facilitate the recovery of outstanding rates, and to tax the unimproved value of the land?

Sir John See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to a somewhat similar Question asked by the Honorable Member for Yass on the 19th instant. If it is possible for me to introduce a short Enabling Bill to give the various municipalities the relief they desire, I shall be very happy to do so.

(19.) Boys sent to Sea from the "Sobraon" :—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. John Storey, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he furnish a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of boys sent to sea from the training ship "Sobraon" since he has been in office?
- (2.) How many of these boys have been shipped in colonial-owned vessels?
- (3.) How many in British-owned vessels?
- (4.) How many in foreign-owned vessels?
- (5.) How many of these boys have been shipped through the agency or with the assistance of a person named O'Sullivan, at Newcastle?
- (6.) Whether this person is identical with the "Shanghai" O'Sullivan, crimp and boarding-house keeper?
- (7.) How many of these boys, at any time, received advance notes?
- (8.) What became of the said advance notes; by whom cashed, and in whose interest?
- (9.) What becomes of boys shipped in British-owned vessels on reaching their final port of discharge in the United Kingdom?
- (10.) Whether it is a fact that all, or nearly all, labour on sailing vessels is filled by apprentices whose relations pay a premium for the privilege?
- (11.) Whether it is a fact that a number of these boys go to sea in order to obtain their discharge from the "Sobraon," and desert on the first opportunity?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Ninety-two.
- (2.) Two.
- (3.) Eighty-five.
- (4.) Five. These shipped in American-owned vessels.
- (5.) Forty.
- (6.) Having obtained certain information, I made inquiries, and put a stop in May, 1901, to boys being sent to sea on this person's application.
- (7 and 8.) I am not aware as to this. Upon obtaining the parents' permission in writing to their going to sea, the boys are discharged from the Institution and placed on board the vessels at Newcastle.
- (9.) They may obtain situations in the same or another vessel and return, if they wish, to their relatives. They are by that time mostly at an age which places them beyond the control of the State.
- (10.) This is understood to be the case.
- (11.) I do not think that is a fact. The correspondence received at the "Sobraon" from these lads is generally satisfactory, and affords reason to believe the contrary is the case.

(20.) Technical Workshops in connection with the "Sobraon" :—Mr. John Storey asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a departmental inquiry was recently held into the working of the Technical Workshops established by the Minister in connection with the "Sobraon"?
- (2.) At whose instigation was the inquiry, if any, made?
- (3.) What was the result, if any, of such inquiry?
- (4.) Is it a fact that, since the establishment of such workshops, the attitude of the Superintendent of the "Sobraon" has been one of passive resistance?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) By direction from me, as Minister.
- (3.) The result has been to secure smooth working of this branch of employment for "Sobraon" lads.
- (4.) I was of that opinion, which was my reason for instituting the inquiry.



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2. **REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL**:—Mr. Jessep presented a Petition from C. J. Byrnes, Chairman of the Southern Colliery Proprietors Association Industrial Union of Employers, representing certain colliery proprietors, showing that the existing law was the result of careful consideration and recommendation by a Royal Commission; that under that law colliery proprietors were forced to erect expensive weighing and other machinery, and to alter their systems of dealing with and of payment of wages for getting the coal; that the various systems prevailing have proved fair and equitable, both to proprietors and employees, and that to enforce any one system of payment of wages in all mines, however different their circumstances, would greatly hamper and prejudice and be manifestly unfair to the coal-mining industry; that the introduction of coal-cutting machinery will render a change necessary, as payment by weight will be impracticable; that should the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill be made law, much machinery will be rendered useless, and great expense will have to be incurred for new machinery and the alteration of various systems of weighing; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.  
Petition received.
3. **LIQUOR BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass into law the amending Liquor Bill brought in by the State Treasurer, with the following amendments:—(1) Earlier hours of closing; (2) extension of the local option law; (3) liquor sold in clubs; (4) elimination of the clause which proposes to license oyster saloons; (5) non-employment of barmaids,—were presented by Mr. Fegan:—  
(1.) From W. A. Southwell, pastor of the Baptist Church at Burwood.  
(2.) From George Campbell, minister, and President of a meeting of the members of the Congregational Church at Burwood.  
(3.) From W. H. H. Yarrington, rector, Chairman of a meeting of the members of St. Luke's Church of England Temperance Society at Burwood.  
(4.) From R. Scott-West, Moderator, Chairman of a meeting of the members of the Session of St. James' Church, Burwood.  
Petitions received.
4. **PAPERS**:—  
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Letter from The Honorable B. R. Wise, K.C., M.L.C., Attorney-General, with regard to an insulting letter he was charged, by Mr. Carruthers, M.P., with having written to Mr. Newman, M.P., in reply to a request for remission of portion of a fine under the Stage Carriages Act.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Scone.  
(3.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1902.  
(4.) Particulars respecting the building used as the Registrar-General's Office.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
(5.) *Gazette Notices*, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act 1897.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **STAGE CARRIAGES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nielsen, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Nielsen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Stage Carriages Act of 1899.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Stage Carriages Act of 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th August, 1903.*
6. **TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
(1.) The number of temporary hands at present employed in the Public Works Department whose employment has exceeded the period of nine months provided in the Public Service Act as the maximum period of such employment.  
(2.) Their names, offices, and salaries.  
Question put and passed.
7. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to extend to girls of and above the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, and under the age of seventeen years, the protection given to girls under the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively by certain provisions of the criminal law relating to offences against the person; and to amend the Crimes Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th August, 1903.*  
F. B. SUTTON,  
President.  
Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

(1.) Public Service Superannuation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 50.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that, on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to amend section 44 of the Public Service Act, 1902, as to the employment of temporary officers.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 26th August, 1903.

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

(2.) Government Savings Bank (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th August, 1903.

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

9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bridges and Weirs over the Queanbeyan River :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) What has been the cost of the Queanbeyan Weir, and when was it erected?  
(2.) What are the number of bridges and weirs over the Queanbeyan River at Queanbeyan within 2 miles of the town?  
(3.) What was the cost of the Suspension Bridge at Queanbeyan?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information will be supplied in the shape of a return later on.

- (2.) Mr. Raw, Government Architect's Department :—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Was Mr. Raw, of the Architect's Department, granted three months' leave of absence on full pay?  
(2.) Did he use a free railway pass during that period to his farm at Mittagong or other place in the country?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) Mr. Raw has an annual season ticket, not a free pass, issued to him by the Department, which he uses whenever he travels by rail. The Commissioners do not require payment for service already paid for, as in the case of a season ticket. Mr. Raw informs me he used his ticket three or four times during his leave of absence for coming to and returning from Sydney on office business, as he had arranged not to go out of reach of the Head Office more than a day's journey whilst enjoying his leave.  
(3.) Andrew Wales, Employed at National Park :—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
(1.) Is a man named Andrew Wales in the employ of the National Park Trust?  
(2.) What are his duties?  
(3.) What salary does he receive?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) General work, including the feeding and attending to the birds and animals in the park.  
(3.) £1 18s. per week.  
(4.) Resumption of Land at Ultimo :—Mr. Young, for Mr. Briner, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—  
(1.) Is it proposed to resume land near the Technological School, Harris-street, Ultimo?  
(2.) For what purposes is the resumption being made, and what area is being resumed?  
(3.) Who owns the land, and what price is proposed to be paid?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been engaging attention and is still under consideration.  
(2.) If it be decided to acquire the land, it will be used as a site for the erection of additional buildings in connection with the Sydney Technical College.  
(3.) The representatives of the late John Harris. Neither price nor area has been determined.

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(5.) Violation of the Indecent Publications and the Indecent Advertisements Acts:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has it been brought under the notice of the Crown Law Authorities that certain persons are directly infringing the provisions of the Indecent Publications Act and the Indecent Advertisements Act by sending through the Postal Department printed matter relative to the diseases of men and women, which is distinctly forbidden by the provisions of such Acts?

(2.) Have any special names been mentioned as violators; if so, whose; and what action, if any, has been taken or is proposed to be taken?

(3.) If no action has or can be taken by the Crown Law Authorities, will they take immediate steps to bring the information furnished them under the notice of the Federal Postmaster-General?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—As this is a matter coming entirely within the powers and functions of the Commonwealth Government, I regret that I am unable to give the Honorable Member any information with regard to it. If my honorable friend will see me, I shall be glad to do what I can in the matter.

(6.) Landing and Swearing in Pavilions used at Commonwealth Inauguration:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Landing Pavilion at Farm Cove was given to the trustees of Ashfield Park, and erected at the expense of the residents of that suburb by public subscription?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Swearing-in Pavilion from Centennial Park was presented to the trustees of Cabarita Park, and that the sum of £100 is to be given by the Government for its erection?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) (a) Yes. (b) No. I have since ascertained that £100 was granted by the Secretary for Lands towards the improvement of Cabarita Park.

(7.) Fire Brigades:—Mr. Coleman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of fire brigades in the State?

(2.) How said brigades are maintained, stating amounts paid by Government, Board, or Local Municipal Council, with names of brigades?

(3.) What amounts were distributed from the Fire Brigades Votes for the years 1900-1, 1901-2, 1902-3, with names of brigades and the amounts granted to each?

Sir John See answered,—As it will take some time to obtain this information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for it in the usual way. I may say that, since giving notice of this Question, the Honorable Member has applied for a grant of £500, the application being received only this morning: so that he has made a sort of double-barrelled shot.

(8.) Bridge over River at Caramba:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did his Department agree to erect a footbridge over the river at Caramba; were tenders invited; if so, what date, and was any tender accepted; what was the sum of the lowest tender, and has the work been started; if so, is it by contract or day labour?

(2.) Was a telegram received by him from the residents of Caramba that the work be stopped or converted into a traffic bridge; if so, what reply was sent?

(3.) Will he obtain a report as to whether the road from Darriga, *via* Caramba, to Coff's Harbour is not the best, and in the interest of the majority of settlers on the soil?

(4.) Has he any objection to lay all the correspondence upon the Table of this House in respect to all routes to Coff's Harbour?

(5.) Has a survey been made, or will he have one made, through Bushman's Range, and is it his intention to construct that road?

(6.) Is he aware that there are 300,000 acres on the Darriga capable of carrying a large number on the principle of closer settlement?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes. Tenders were twice invited, but being unreasonably high it was decided to carry out the work by day labour. The bridge is approaching completion.

(2.) Yes. A reply was sent to the effect that there were no grounds for any alteration in the project, and the work would therefore proceed.

(3 and 5.) A grader is now engaged in exploring and grading, with a view to selecting the most suitable route. When his report is to hand, the question of expenditure upon construction will be considered.

(4.) None whatever, if moved for in the usual way.

(6.) I believe there is a large area suitable for settlement.

(9.) Revenue from Broken Hill:—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of revenue has been derived since 1890 by the State Government from Broken Hill—(a) from the sale of Crown Lands; (b) from the Land Tax; (c) from the Income Tax; (d) from Customs duties?

Mr. Waddell answered,—An endeavour will be made to obtain the information and have it prepared in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(10.) Revenue from Agricultural Colleges and Farms:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the amount received last year from the sale of produce at each of the Agricultural Colleges and Farms?

(2.) How have these sums been applied?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(2.) The amount received is paid into the Consolidated Revenue.

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(11.) Students' Fees at Agricultural Colleges and Farms :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 (1.) What was the amount of fees paid last year at each of the Agricultural Colleges and Farms by students?

(2.) How have these fees been appropriated?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) Hawkesbury Agricultural College, £2,044 4s. 10d.; Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm, £147 14s. 4d.; Bathurst Experimental Farm, £174; Wollongbar Experimental Farm, £56 5s. Total, £2,422 4s. 2d.

(2.) Paid into Consolidated Revenue.

(12.) Inspection of Bath-heaters :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that several deaths have occurred through the escape of carbonic oxide gas from machines used for heating bath water; and, if so, will the Government consider the advisableness of appointing an inspector to see that such machines are fixed in sufficiently ventilated rooms, and kept in workable order?

(2.) Would it be possible for the Inspector of Boilers to undertake the inspection of bath-heaters in addition to his present duties?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No. These deaths have occurred in private dwellings, and the Government has no power to enter or inspect.

(2.) There is no inspector of land boilers.

(13.) Conservation of Forests :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation that will give special attention to the conservation of our existing timber and the replanting of our forest districts?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

(14.) Duration of Current Session :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention to finish the present Session of Parliament in October next because of the hot weather?

(2.) Is it his intention to call another Session of Parliament in February or March next?

(3.) In view of the fact that the weather is usually as hot in February or March as in November or December, will he withdraw his Notice of Motion for a new Sessional Order, and allow the Session to go on as usual?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) This depends upon the progress of public business.

(2.) It is intended to have another Session before Parliament is dissolved.

(3.) I cannot see my way clear to do so.

2. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from Mary Gilroy, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900. And Mr. Clark having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *North Shore and Manly Times*, and the *Australian Star*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. GARBAGE TIP AT WAVERLEY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all communications that have passed between the Health Board and the Crown Solicitor, and *vice versa*, relating to the garbage tip at Waverley.

(2.) Copies of all communications that have passed between the Health Board and the Municipal Council of Waverley, and *vice versa*, relating to the garbage tip at Waverley.

(3.) Copies of all communications that have passed between the Health Board and the Medical Officer of Health, Metropolitan Combined Districts, and *vice versa*, relating to the garbage tip at Waverley.

(4.) Copies of all communications that have passed between the Health Board and other persons, as well as their letters to the Health Board; also a report of an interview with deputationists *re* the garbage tip at Waverley.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Property Detention Bill postponed until Tuesday, 8th September.

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS—ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, the following Sessional Order :—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business only shall be dealt with after "7" o'clock, p.m., on each Tuesday.

(2.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet at Four o'clock, p.m., on Friday in each week, and Government Business "only shall be dealt "with."

(3.) The above resolutions shall take effect from Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Affleck moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out from paragraph (1) the figure "7" and inserting the figure "8"—instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Young moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and passed.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Estell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Davis.
Mr. Evans,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Donaldson.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Law.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out from paragraph (2) the words "only shall be dealt with" and inserting the words "shall take precedence of General Business,"—instead thereof.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Evans,
Sir John See,	Mr. Young,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Dight,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McFarlane.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Mahony,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Rose,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Original Question,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business only shall be dealt with after 7 o'clock, p.m., on each Tuesday.

(2.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet at Four o'clock, p.m., on Friday in each week; and Government Business only shall be dealt with.

(3.) The above resolutions shall take effect from Tuesday next.

—put and passed.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*27th August, 1903.*

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7. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

*FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1903, A.M.*

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

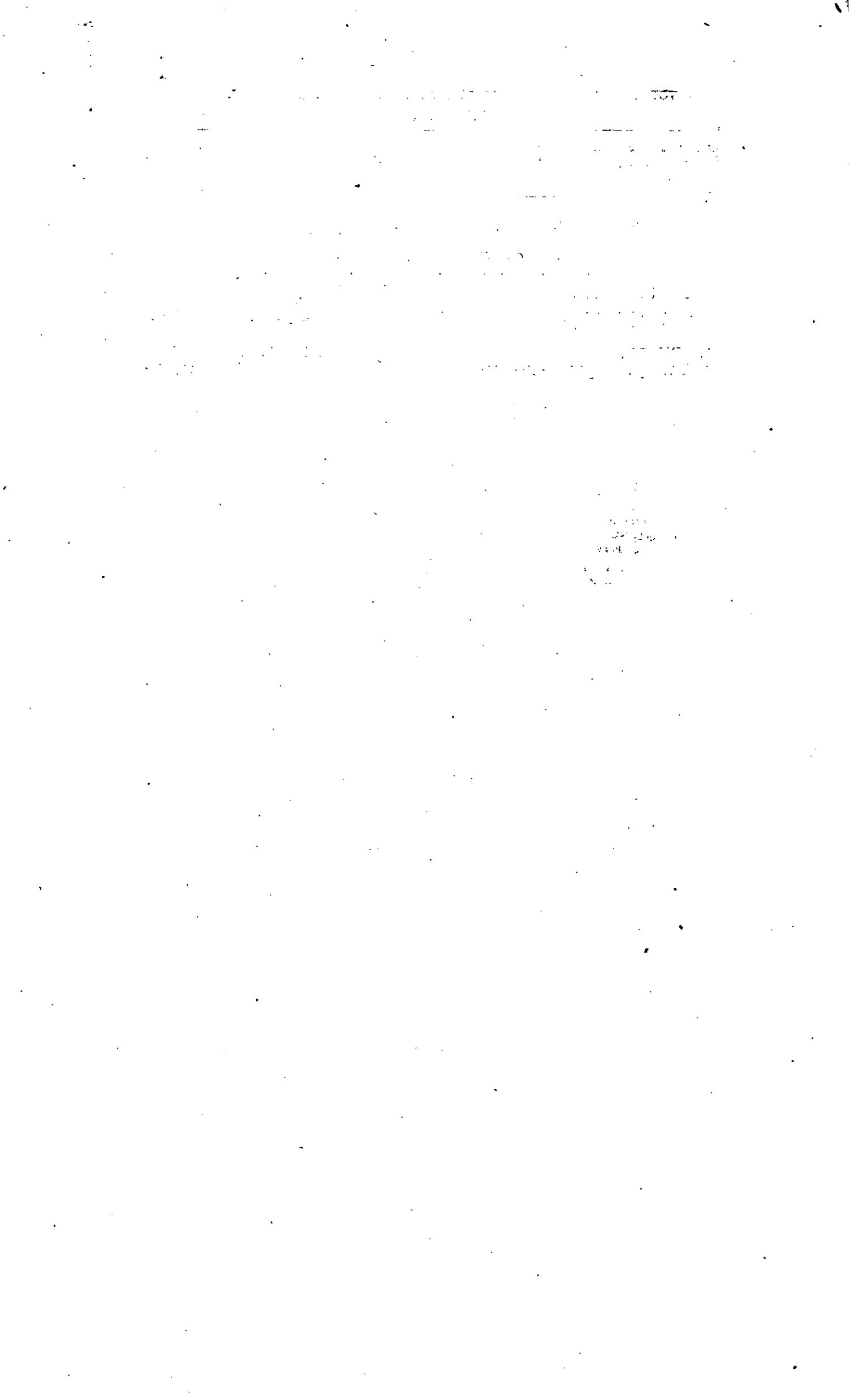
The House adjourned, at five minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Department of Public Trust:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to create a Department of Public Trust on the same lines as that existing in New Zealand?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. T. W. Garrett, the Curator of Intestate Estates, visited New Zealand recently, and made inquiries regarding the operation of the Public Trustee Act in that State?  
 (3.) Is the report available for the perusal of Honorable Members?

Sir Jolin See answered,—

- (1.) Not this Session.  
 (2.) Yes.  
 (3.) Mr. Garrett's report was tabled on the 18th December last.

- (2.) Electric Installation in Public Buildings:—Mr. McNeill, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of installing the electric light, fans, radiators, and motors in the following buildings:—(a) Government House and stables; (b) Treasury; (c) Public Works; (d) Colonial Secretary's Office; (e) Government Printing Office; (f) Registrar-General's Office; (g) Parliament House?  
 (2.) What has been expended in the generating plants for supplying the electrical power to the above buildings during the last six years?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return of expenditure on electric installations to 30th June, 1903, in which is included the buildings referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (3.) Bellingen, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, and Taree Roads Districts:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of ordinary Scheduled Votes annually allotted to the following roads districts:—Bellingen, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Taree?  
 (2.) The number of officers at each place, and the salaries of each?  
 (3.) Seeing that Bellingen Roads District is a large one, and includes an extensive area of newly-settled country, does he not consider an efficient assistant necessary at Bellingen?  
 (4.) Is it not a fact that, until very recently, a competent officer and a competent assistant were stationed at Bellingen, and that though the work has grown heavier and more extensive, there is now only one efficient officer there, who has no assistant but a mere youth?  
 (5.) Is he aware that no officer, however capable, can do justice to such a district; and will he see that a competent assistant is reinstated at Bellingen, the present officer who is capable and energetic being overworked?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) For 1902-1903:—Bellingen, £8,230; Kempsey, £6,460; Port Macquarie, £5,360; Taree, £7,670.  
 (2.) Bellingen—Road Superintendent, £225; office boy, £26; total, per annum, £251. Kempsey—Road Superintendent, £275; overseer, £160; total, per annum, £435. Port Macquarie—Road Superintendent, £235; office boy, £26; total, per annum, £261. Taree—Road Superintendent, £300; Assistant Road Superintendent, £150; total, per annum, £450.

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- (3.) Road construction being well advanced, less constructive work, and consequent supervision, is necessary. A senior officer who recently inspected the district reports that office assistance is all that is required for the proper management of the district, and this is provided.
- (4.) A Road Superintendent and a Field Assistant were recently stationed at Bellingen. The former was, however, disgraced owing to neglect of duty, and a report received from a senior inspecting officer is to the effect that one capable officer, with clerical assistance, should be well able to manage the district.
- (5.) Answered by replies to Questions 3 and 4.
- (4.) Tenders for Road Works :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has it not been, until recently, a general practice to allow local Roads Superintendents to accept tenders for road works when such tenders were under £200?
  - (2.) Is it not a fact that the practice has been adopted—in some districts, at any rate—of submitting contracts of less than £200 to the Tender Board in Sydney, thus causing delay?
  - (3.) Will he see that the system is reverted to of allowing local officers to deal with all tenders under £200?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) During the closing months of last financial year all local officers were instructed to forward contracts to Head Office for approval to accept tenders.
  - (3.) Local officers are now authorised to accept tenders up to £200.
- (5.) Crown Lands Office at Bellingen :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Does his Department not recognise the necessity for an assistant in the Crown Lands Office at Bellingen, where the Crown Land Agent is also Clerk of Petty Sessions, Registrar of various courts, and holds several minor offices?
  - (2.) Is he aware that the Public Service Board has decided that the appointment is not required?
  - (3.) Will he state upon what grounds such a decision was arrived at?
- Mr. Crick answered,—The Department proposed that an assistant should be appointed, and the matter was referred to the Public Service Board, but the Board came to the conclusion that the appointment should for the present be deferred.
- (6.) Salaries of Forest Guards :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that forest guards, who have to provide horses, forage, and travelling expenses, receive only £75 per annum to cover salary and all expenses?
  - (2.) Is he aware that some of these men travel long distances; and will he provide that they shall be paid at least a "living wage"?
- Mr. Crick answered,—One forest guard receives £75 per annum, but he receives a forage allowance of 10s. per week, and has, comparatively speaking, less travelling than other forest guards. The usual rate of pay is £156 per annum, with 10s. or 12s. 6d. per week forage allowance, according to district in which the officer is employed.
- (7.) Expenditure on Public Works :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The total amount of money expended on day labour since he took office?
  - (2.) The total amount of money expended on public works since the 1st January, 1890?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member will take some time to prepare, and it can also be more readily supplied in the form of a return. The Honorable Member must therefore move for a return in the usual way.
- (8.) Water and Drainage Act :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was the sum of £200,000 made available, as proposed, under the Water and Drainage Act of 1902?
  - (2.) What amount was spent during the year ending 30th June, 1903, in (a) water conservation; (b) drainage?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) No. The Colonial Treasurer arranged for an expenditure of £90,000 for financial year 1902–3.
  - (2.) (a) £92,076 17s. 10d. loans, £10,803 revenue; (b) £2,668 18s. 5d. loans.
- (9.) Minchinbury and Prospect Quarries :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cost, per ton, of blue metal spawls from Minchinbury Quarry, delivered at Rookwood?
  - (2.) What is the cost, per ton, of blue metal spawls from the Emu and Prospect Gravel Company, delivered at Rookwood?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that the Emu and Prospect Company supply blue metal spawls at Toongabbie at 4s. 3d. per ton, with freight 1s. 3d., making in all 5s. 6d. per ton, delivered at Rookwood?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that the Emu and Prospect Gravel Company pay the Government or the Water and Sewerage Board 6d. per ton royalty on all metal taken out of the Prospect Quarry?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that the Government pay 1s. per ton royalty on all the metal they take out of the Minchinbury Quarry?
  - (6.) On what day did the Government start work at the Minchinbury Quarry?
  - (7.) On what date did the Emu and Prospect Metal Company offer spawls to the Government at 4s. 6d. per ton, delivered on trucks at Toongabbie?
  - (8.) On what date did the Emu and Prospect Company offer spawls at 4s. 3d. per ton?
  - (9.) What is the total cost of all work carried out at the Minchinbury Quarry, including stripping, making roads to quarry, wages, material, tools, cartage, freight, and every other charge upon metal spawls, including royalty?
  - (10.) What quantity of spawls has been sent from the Minchinbury Quarry, and to what station consigned?
  - (11.) What is the cost per ton for spawls, when all the above charges are taken into account, for all metal spawls from Minchinbury Quarry?
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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 6s. 8d.
- (2.) 5s. 6d. since Minchinbury Quarry was opened, but previous to June last, 8s. 4d. per ton.
- (3.) Yes; but prior to that, the average price, based on four contracts, was 7s. 1½d.
- (4.) A royalty of 6d. per ton is paid by the Company to the Water and Sewerage Board for all metal removed in excess of 12,000 tons per annum.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) 20th July.
- (7.) 9th June.
- (8.) 29th July.
- (9.) £296 3s. 9d.
- (10.) 562 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr. to Rookwood Station. 92 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. to Burwood Station.
- (11.) 9s. 7d., inclusive of cost of opening quarry, but 6s. 8d. exclusive of such cost.

(10.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The names, length of service, annual salary, and the respective departments to which they were attached, of all those public servants who decided to cease contributing to the Superannuation Fund in the year 1896?
- (2.) The names of all who so acted, with the same particulars, and who were retired by the Public Service Board in the year 1896?
- (3.) The names of all who were called "Temporary" officers, with the same particulars, who were retired in the year 1896, and non-contributors to the fund?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return, which it will take some considerable time to compile.

(11.) Willoughby Tram-line:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was a separate account of the Willoughby tram-line kept during its first year by the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) Has any separate account been since kept?
- (3.) Has this section of the line been charged with any portion of the expenditure in connection with the cable portion of the North Sydney line?
- (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the first report of the Willoughby portion of the tram-line?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) A separate account was kept.
- (2 and 3.) After the first year, the North Shore lines were treated as a whole.
- (4.) The following was the result of the working for the year ended 30th June, 1899:—Capital cost, £46,507; interest on capital at 3½ per cent., £1,628; working expenses £3,548. Total, £5,176. Earnings, £3,069. Loss on the year's working, £2,107.

(12.) Judges and Acting Judges:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Which Judges of the Supreme Court are entitled to retire from judicial duties?
- (2.) What pension is each entitled to?
- (3.) What will be the gross annual pensions payable to such Judges?
- (4.) Is the Honorable William John Foster, who was a Judge of the Supreme Court, alive?
- (5.) What was the date of his appointment to the Supreme Court; what Government appointed him?
- (6.) How many months or years did he fulfil the duties of a Judge, and had he any leave of absence during that period?
- (7.) Did he receive any and what amount of pay, whilst on leave of absence?
- (8.) What was the total paid to him?
- (9.) What amount of travelling expenses and allowances did he receive whilst he was a Judge?
- (10.) Was any person appointed as Acting Judge during his absence from his judicial duties?
- (11.) What was the name of the person who so acted during Judge Foster's absence?
- (12.) What amount was paid to such Acting Judge for salary and travelling expenses?
- (13.) What date did Mr. Justice Foster retire from the Bench; what were his reasons for so retiring; who certified to such reasons?
- (14.) What is the annual amount of pension money he retired upon?
- (15.) What was the total amount of salary as Judge paid to Mr. Justice Foster whilst a Judge?
- (16.) What is the total amount of pension money paid him to date?
- (17.) Are there any other Judges, either in the Supreme Court or District Court, receiving pensions what are the names of the latter?

Sir John See answered,—The desired information will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a return.

(13.) Wood-blocking of Streets:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of wood-blocking the streets per chain compared with macadamised road formation?
- (2.) How long wood-blocks are supposed to last?
- (3.) The cost per chain of preparing the street with concrete cement preparatory to laying the wood-blocks?
- (4.) The number of wood-blocks required per chain, and cost of the same?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Wood-blocking, £250; macadam, £65.
- (2.) About twenty-one years.
- (3.) £108.
- (4.) 14,784. £118 7s. 5d.

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- (14.) Tramway Waiting-shed, Market and Elizabeth Streets:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—A number of buildings having been demolished at the corner of Market and Elizabeth Streets, and the shelter which persons waiting for trams had having been thus removed, will he cause some substitute to be provided for the benefit of patrons of the trams?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The provision of waiting-sheds for tram passengers is a matter for the Railway Commissioners to determine.
- (15.) Florida Artesian Bore:—Mr. Webster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that the Florida Artesian Bore has been completed and handed over to the Department?  
(2.) If so, on what date?  
(3.) Is he aware that twenty-three settlers are depending on this bore for their summer supply of stock water?  
(4.) Does he intend to construct the drains to serve the interested parties?  
(5.) If so, will he kindly state when tenders will be called?  
(6.) Is he aware that two settlers threaten action against the Government for damage caused their holdings by water from bore flowing over their land?  
Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—  
(1.) Yes.  
(2.) 17th June, 1903.  
(3.) Presumably upon the supply provided by themselves prior to their application for a bore under the Artesian Wells Act.  
(4.) Yes.  
(5.) Tenders will close on the 14th September.  
(6.) I am not aware.
2. INFANT PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Hollis presented a Petition from Mrs. J. Dickie, President, and Miss Belle Golding, Honorary Secretary, of the Woman's Progressive Association of Newtown, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavour to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation.  
Petition received.
3. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Briner presented a Petition from Robert Gibson, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable Robert Gibson to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in the district which lies between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers; to construct a storage reservoir by means of a dam near the Barren Jack Mountain, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively; to construct a weir across the Murrumbidgee River; to construct a canal and subsidiary works for the purpose of diverting and utilising water from the said river; to acquire lands for and in connection with such several purposes; to sell, let, and supply the water thereby diverted for irrigation and other purposes; and to do all other things connected with or incidental to the carrying out of the proposed works, or to the beneficial use of the water to be supplied by means of the same.  
And Mr. Briner having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Yass Evening Tribune*, the *Hillston Spectator*, the *Riverine Grazier*, and the *Narandera Ensign*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—  
Petition received.
4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act, so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) By Mr. Cohen,—From James A. Nolan, President, Wm. Allen and H. Stewart Anderson, Honorary Secretaries, of the Western Suburbs Ministerial Association.  
(2.) By Mr. Hollis,—From Mrs. J. Dickie, President, and Miss Belle Golding, Honorary Secretary, of the Women's Progressive Association of Newtown.  
Petitions received.
5. PAPERS:—  
Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations Nos. 57A and 215, under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return relating to the expenditure in connection with the Installation, &c., of Electric Light, &c., in various Public Buildings in the Metropolitan District.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Return to an Order made on 12th August, 1903—"Visits of Clergymen to Gaols."  
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool.  
(3.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for the year 1902.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Fruit Pests and their Parasites.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report from the Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the Capital Account of the Railways and Tramways.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900.  
Question put and passed.

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7. **AUDIT OF SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST ACCOUNTS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, correspondence, and other documents, printed and otherwise (including the Auditor-General's first report on the books, 1901), in connection with the audit of accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust by Mr. F. N. Yarwood. Question put and passed.
8. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS** (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of each sex and nationality of the persons now in receipt of pensions under the Old-age Pensions Act. Question put and passed.
9. **HOUSING AND TREATMENT OF CONSUMPTIVES**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the provision at present made for housing and treating the consumptives of this State is most unsatisfactory, and, in the interests of the citizens' health, it is eminently desirable that a suitable site be at once chosen, and new and appropriate buildings be erected for the accommodation of patients of both sexes affected by this disease. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

10. **GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Sir John See, *on behalf of* Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902. Question put and passed.
11. **PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL**:—Sir John See, *on behalf of* Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that, on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances; and to amend section 44 of the Public Service Act, 1902, as to the employment of temporary officers. Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—On motion of Sir John See, Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Government Business postponed (after Debate) until after Order of the Day No. 5.
13. **COAL AND SHALE MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL** *changed from MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL*:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments and an amended Title. On motion of Mr. Fegan, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
14. **HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments. On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. **NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

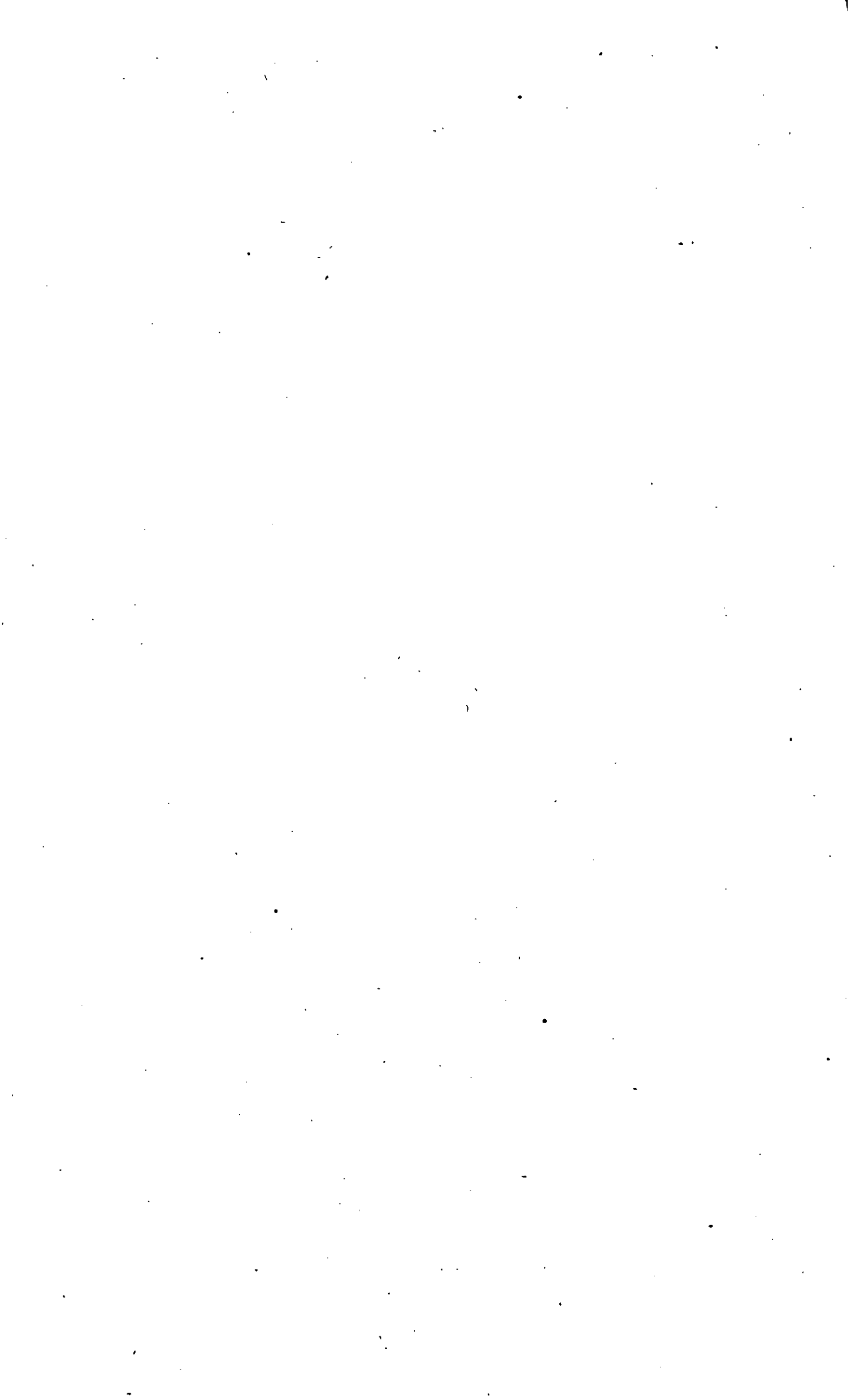
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments. On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wollongong Waterworks :—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that when, in July last, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board refused the Borough Council of Wollongong and Chamber of Commerce there to water the main streets of that town from the Wollongong works, there was upwards of twelve years' supply of water in the reservoir at Cordeaux River, based upon the average daily consumption in Wollongong during the month referred to?
- (2.) Seeing that those works were constructed by Government at the request of the Borough Council of Wollongong, and on their assurance to repay the cost of them, so far as the requirements of that borough might be concerned, will he request the Board (under whose control he has placed the works, instead of under the Council) not to refuse any reasonable applications for street-watering or other purposes from Wollongong while the available quantity in the reservoir may not be under one year's supply for the said town?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Board has furnished me with the following replies :—
- (1.) This information has already been supplied in reply to a Question by the Honorable Member on 26th ultimo.
- (2.) Now that the supply of water in the storage reservoir at Prospect has been considerably augmented, the advisability of permitting the use of water for street-watering purposes is under the consideration of the Board, and whatever concessions in this respect are allowed to other municipalities will also be extended to the Borough of Wollongong.
- (2.) Railway and Tramway Permanent-ways :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer;—Will he state the name of the officer, under the Railway Commissioners, who certifies that the permanent ways are in a proper and safe condition for the conveyance of passengers?
- Mr. Perry answered,—For the railways, the Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines; and for tramways, the Tramway Engineer.
- (3.) Day-labour on Stone-breaking Works :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the fact that no plant, tools, or supervision is required in connection with the various stone-breaking works now under the control of the Government, will he be prepared to make a temporary trial of the day-labour system, instead of the measurement system now in vogue?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have made inquiries, and find that a trial was made by the Department of the system urged by the Honorable Member in 1900, with disastrous results. I consider breaking by day labour is quite impracticable. I may point out that the honorable gentleman has been generally opposed to day labour.
- (4.) Concessions to School Children Travelling on Trams :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Why do the Railway Commissioners restrict concessions to students travelling on the trams to such as attend a school numbering at least thirty pupils?
- (2.) If the concession is intended as an enlightened aid to students, will he consider whether it should not be granted to every *bona fide* pupil or student, irrespective of the size of the educational establishment attended?
- (3.) Will he endeavour to induce the Railway Commissioners to have the concession broadened, in order to benefit the pupil of the small as well as the large school?

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*Mr. Perry* answered,—I am informed that, although the condition referred to is usually adopted, every case is considered on its merits, and the number referred to is not insisted upon where the system is similar to that in the primary schools, or where it is considered the concession might reasonably be extended.

- (5.) Harbour Works at Crookhaven Heads:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. Morton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the reply given by him to *Mr. Briner* on 26th August, viz., "That harbour works at Macleay, Bellinger, and other rivers will be kept going as far as funds will allow,"—

(1.) Will he state whether it is his intention to divide the funds available amongst all the various harbour works on the coast?

(2.) When does he propose to restart the harbour works at Crookhaven Heads?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) This has been done, except in cases where there is no authority for further expenditure.

(2.) Nothing can be done until a further vote is taken.

- (6.) Treasury Bills:—*Mr. Nobbs* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of Treasury Bills issued by the Government from the beginning of the present year to date, and what is the amount of such Bills applied in payment of debts by the Government within such period?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—The amount of Treasury Bills sold since the beginning of the year is £3,500,000. The proceeds of these Bills have been expended in paying for public works and services, as shown by the statements issued monthly from the Treasury.

- (7.) Wollongong Waterworks:—*Mr. Archibald Campbell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the approximate distance between the main reservoir of the Wollongong Waterworks, at the Cordeaux River, and the Prospect Dam along the route of the water supply?

(2.) The distance between the reservoir and Wollongong, along the pipe line?

(3.) What quantity of water was estimated to be overflowing, every day of twenty-four hours, from the said reservoir in July last, when the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board refused to water a few main streets in Wollongong?

(4.) How much water would be likely to be required for such street-watering on any days in which it might be done?

(5.) Would the so using of such quantity, occasionally, seriously effect the overflow of the reservoir, or the upwards of twelve year's supply stored therein for the said town?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The Board has furnished me with the answers as follow:—

(1.) About 60 miles.

(2.) About 8 miles.

(3.) There is no information at present at the Board's command to enable an estimate to be prepared.

(4.) The actual distribution of water on the street surface is a municipal duty, and the quantity consumed would depend upon the number of streets watered.

(5.) This would depend upon the quantity consumed.

- (8.) Inspectors under the Pastures Protection Act:—*Mr. Archibald Campbell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are inspectors under the Pastures Protection Act of 1902 appointed by the Minister and under his control?

(2.) Have those inspectors to be paid such salaries as the Minister may determine?

(3.) Have the Stock Boards, within whose districts the said inspectors are acting, to pay the salaries so fixed by the Minister?

(4.) Are any other Government Inspectors so paid from local funds, or otherwise than direct from the Public Treasury?

(5.) If so, will he mention such appointments, and the statutes under which they exist?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) The inspectors are appointed by the Governor and the Executive Council, and are under the control of the Minister.

(2.) Yes; but not without reference to the Pastures Protection Boards.

(3.) Yes.

(4 and 5.) I am not aware.

- (9.) Postage on Newspapers:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that metropolitan daily and weekly papers are delivered in Sydney and suburbs at cost price, whereas residents in country districts are charged postage on all papers that pass through the Post Office; if so, will he consider whether it is not desirable, on behalf of residents in the interior, that the Government should take some steps to approach the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth in order to bring about a more equitable uniform system of the delivery of newspapers in place of compelling residents in the interior to pay postage on papers that are delivered free in Sydney?

(2.) Will he, as the head of the State Government, consider whether it is a fair or reasonable thing that one section of the community should be taxed while another section is allowed to go free?

(3.) Can he inform this House the amount of revenue that is derived annually from postage on newspapers that are circulated throughout the interior of the State of New South Wales, and the number of copies that pass through the various post offices during the same period?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—As this is a matter which relates to the Federal Government, the Prime Minister regrets that he is unable to give the Honorable Member any information with regard to it. He will, however, communicate with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth on the subject.

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(10.) Vote for Roads in the Hastings and Macleay Electorate :—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount voted for roads in the Hastings and Macleay Electorate during 1901-2 and 1902-3?
- (2.) The amount spent in the same electorate during 1901-2 and 1902-3?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—These Questions cannot be answered until inquiries are made from local officers.

2. INFANT PROTECTION BILL :—The following Petitions, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavours to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor, in consequence of the inadequate laws upon the subject; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Winchcombe,—From Jenny M. Marks, Honorary Treasurer, and F. J. Dickson, Honorary Secretary, of the Infants' Home, Ashfield.
- (2.) By Mr. J. F. Smith,—From Blanche A. Sharp, President, Kate Dwyer, Honorary Secretary, and E. Thompson, Honorary Treasurer, of the Woman's Progressive Association of Camperdown.
- (3.) By Mr. Williams,—From Gertrude C. Penfold, President, and Evelynne Strang, Secretary, of the Willard Women's Christian Temperance Union, comprising the District from Gordon to Hornsby. Petitions received.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Brunner, for Mr. Cohen,—From James Buchan, Chairman, and G. E. Ardill, Honorary Secretary, of the Standing Committee on Public Morals.
- (2.) By Mr. Winchcombe,—From Jenny M. Marks, Honorary Treasurer, and F. J. Dickson, Honorary Secretary, of the Infants' Home, Ashfield.
- (3.) By Mr. J. F. Smith,—From Blanche A. Sharp, President, Kate Dwyer, Honorary Secretary, and E. Thompson, Honorary Treasurer, of the Woman's Progressive Association of Camperdown.
- (4.) By Mr. Williams,—From Gertrude C. Penfold, President, Evelynne Strang, Secretary, and Minnie C. Dickson, Treasurer, of the Willard Women's Christian Temperance Union, comprising the District from Gordon to Hornsby. Petitions received.

4. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. John Storey presented a Petition from Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) Bill, and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses. Petition received.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Water Supply for Town of Broken Hill—Dam and Tramway at Umberumberka Creek. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—Particulars of Leases Nos. 139 to 167, issued under the Western Lands Act, 1901. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on the 1st September, 1903, having presented a Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900,"—read a first time.

8. BOROUGH OF WOLLONGONG LOAN VALIDATING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry, on behalf of Sir John See, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate certain loans made to the Council of the Borough of Wollongong, and to enable it to borrow £8,000 to repay a prior loan. Question put and passed.

9. COAL AND SHALE MINES (EIGHT HOURS) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in coal and shale mines, and for other purposes connected therewith."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to limit the hours of employment and working below ground in coal and shale mines, and for other purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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10. HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to protect native animals.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect native animals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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12. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable Robert Gibson to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in the district which lies between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers; to construct a storage reservoir by means of a dam near the Barren Jack Mountain, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively; to construct a weir across the Murrumbidgee River; to construct a canal and subsidiary works for the purpose of diverting and utilising water from the said river; to acquire lands for and in connection with such several purposes; to sell, let, and supply the water thereby diverted for irrigation and other purposes; and to do all other things connected with or incidental to the carrying out of the proposed works, or to the beneficial use of the water to be supplied by means of the same.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Briner having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise and enable Robert Gibson to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in the district which lies between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers; to construct a storage reservoir by means of a dam near the Barren Jack Mountain, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively; to construct a weir across the Murrumbidgee River; to construct a canal and subsidiary works for the purpose of diverting and utilising water from the said river; to acquire lands for and in connection with such several purposes; to sell, let, and supply the water thereby diverted for irrigation and other purposes; and to do all other things connected with or incidental to the carrying out of the proposed works, or to the beneficial use of the water to be supplied by means of the same,*"—read a first time.

13. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Brodie's Enabling Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Briner, Mr. Davis, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

14. TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES, CAMPING AND WATER RESERVES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in the interests of carriers, drovers, and all persons concerned in the use of travelling stock routes, camping and water reserves, it is expedient,—

(1.) That a map be prepared showing, in parti colours, all stock routes, camping and water reserves granted and gazetted within the State of New South Wales, distinguishing such as are (1) under lease or any other form of tenure on 30th June, 1903; (2) not leased; (3) cancelled; or (4) revoked.

(2.) That county maps, giving the above particulars, be exhibited at all post and land offices in the districts concerned, and be purchasable by the public on application.

Question put and passed.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption"—postponed until Wednesday, 9th September.

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16. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the influx of criminals into New South Wales, and to prevent certain criminals from remaining in or returning to the said State,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Crick, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

17. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Expenditure in connection with Public Works:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the percentage of cost of litigation on the total amount of money expended on public works since the 1st January, 1890?
- (2.) What has been the percentage paid for extras on the total amount of money expended on public works since the 1st January, 1890?
- (3.) Is he aware that if proper plans, specifications, and contracts were made there could be no litigation or extras?
- (4.) How often stock has been taken, and valuation made of plant and tools, since day labour was introduced by him?
- (5.) Is he aware that some works carried out by day labour have cost 300 and 400 per cent. more than if they had been let by competition and carried out by contract?
- (6.) Is he aware that some works carried out by day labour have been done three times over in succession?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) This information will have to be moved for in the form of a return.
- (3.) This depends upon circumstances.
- (4.) Answers cannot be given until I am aware what stock and what particular work the plant referred to is used for.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) No.

- (2.) Income Tax paid by the Clergy:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many clergymen, other than Bishops, of each denomination pay income tax?
- (2.) How many Bishops of each denomination pay income tax?
- (3.) Has the Cardinal, and other heads of the different denominations, paid income tax?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1 and 2.) For the purpose of the income tax it is not necessary to classify the occupations or denominations of taxpayers. In view of this fact, and the cost of preparing such classification, no record is kept.
- (3.) All clergymen, no matter what their rank and creed, are assessed to income tax, provided their incomes exceed £200 per annum.

- (3.) Mudgee to Cobbora Railway:—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Pending the gradual recovery of the country after the prolonged and disastrous drought, and with a view to meeting the demands of thousands of men who will be out of employment at the close of the short shearing period, will the Government consider the advisability of immediately asking Parliament to make provision for the carrying out of public works, such as extension of the proposed Mudgee to Cobbora Railway, and lines of a kindred character?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I believe that I can assure the Honorable Member that the Government will carefully consider urgent and necessary public works so soon as there is an improvement in the money market.

- (4.) H. A. Jones, Tramway Conductor:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a man named H. A. Jones was employed for seven months as a temporary tramway conductor?
- (2.) Has he been refused permanent employment?
- (3.) Has there been any dereliction of duty on his part?
- (4.) If not, why has he been refused permanent employment?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) That a man named H. A. Jones was employed as a probationary conductor for slightly less than six months.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3 and 4.) He was not considered a suitable man for permanent employment.
- (5.) Pension of Private T. C. Bellamy :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What has been done in respect to the application to the Imperial Government for pension of Private T. C. Bellamy, No. 118, 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles?
- (2.) What compensation has, up to the present, been paid by the New South Wales Government to Private Bellamy?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Imperial Government will pay Private Bellamy his pension, but the New South Wales authorities have not, so far, recommended it?
- (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with this case?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) The Medical Board, after investigation, could not recommend Bellamy for an Imperial pension.
- (2.) He has been paid in full up to the date of his discharge.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.
- (4.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way.
- (6.) Men employed at the Cataract Dam :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact, as reported in the daily papers, that he intends reducing the number of men employed upon the Cataract Dam by one-half?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—As I explained yesterday, the facts are that on the work of the excavations for the main dam no men have been discharged, but hands have been gradually shortened on the clearing work over the area that will be covered by the stored water, this portion of the work being nearly completed. At the present time as many men are being employed on the dam itself as the nature of the operations will allow, the area in the bottom of the river being very restricted.
- (7.) Claims of Retired Public Servants :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the decisions given in the several cases against the Crown, viz., *Josephson v. Young*, *Deering v. Reid*, and *Simpson v. Walker*, will he appoint a Royal Commission or Public Arbitrator to inquire into and adjudicate upon the claims of all public servants who were retired by the Public Service Board in 1896, and who are now pressing the Government for payment?
- Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following information :—The claims arising out of the case of *Simpson v. Walker* are now before the Public Service Board. Those arising out of the other cases are adjusted. There is no need for a Royal Commission.
- (8.) Sanitary Fittings for Queen Victoria Memorial Pavilion at Prince Alfred Hospital :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many tenders were received for the supply of sanitary fittings for the Queen Victoria Memorial Pavilion, at Prince Alfred Hospital; who were the tenderers; what were their respective prices; and whose tender, and at what price, was accepted?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the required information.
- (9.) Allowances to Detectives and Plain-clothes Police :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that, since the beginning of June, 1903, allowances for meals to detectives and plain-clothes police, engaged on duty outside their districts, have been discontinued?
- Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of Police that such is not the fact.
- (10.) Fees, Allowances, &c., to the Labour Commission :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount paid in fees, allowances, &c., to each member of the Labour Commission during the first three months of the present financial year?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Mr. W. F. Schey, £81 18s.; Mr. Frank Brennan, £54 12s.; Mr. Joseph Creer, £35 14s. Total, £172 4s.
- (11.) Subsidies under the Pastures Protection Act :—*Mr. Davidson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he inform this House on what basis will subsidy be paid under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, in respect of public land in each district, so that local boards may have an idea as to how they shall regulate their expenditure for the year now current?
- (2.) When will the subsidy be paid?
- Mr. Crick answered,—The matter is under consideration in connection with the Estimates; but it is highly probable that no subsidies will be paid this year.
- (12.) Salaries of Water and Sewerage Board Officials :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that despite the circumstance that this House, when the last Estimates were dealt with, refused to sanction the following amongst other increases in salaries—Engineer-in-Chief, from £1,000 to £1,100; Secretary, from £550 to £600; Solicitor, from £400 to £525; Assessor, from £400 to £450,—the Water and Sewerage Board have been paying such increases?
- (2.) Does he concur in the action of the Board in the matter of their overriding the decision arrived at by this House?
- (3.) If not, what action does he propose to take in the matter?
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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) These officers were granted increases by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage on the assumption by the Board that the amount to cover the increased salaries had been voted on the additional Estimates passed last financial year, which was not the case.
  - (2.) No. The Board had no right to do so, as the Act under which they hold office clearly states that the Board's officers shall be paid by annual salaries to be voted by Parliament.
  - (3.) This matter is still under consideration.
2. **INFANT PROTECTION BILL**:—The following Petitions, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavours to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor, in consequence of the inadequate laws upon the subject; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Mahony,—From J. A. Wynn, President, Lillie M. Bell, Treasurer, and Edith M. Wynn, Secretary, of the Woman's Progressive Association of Annandale.
  - (2.) By Mr. Broughton,—From Lucy Hartshome, President, Emma Spencer, Secretary, and Elsie Vaughan, Treasurer, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Burwood.
- Petitions received.
3. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Mahony,—From J. A. Wynn, President, Lillie M. Bell, Treasurer, and Edith M. Wynn, Secretary, of the Council of the Woman's Progressive Association of New South Wales.
  - (2.) By Mr. Archer,—From Margaret Blair, President, Lucy Hartshome, Secretary, and A. Mary Hoy, Treasurer, of the Woman's Electoral League, Burwood.
- Petitions received.
4. **USE OF PRESERVATIVE AND COLOURING MATTERS IN FOOD**:—Mr. Barnes presented a Petition from Reginald Purbrick, Attorney for the Bacchus Marsh Concentrated Milk Company, Limited, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the use of the preservative and colouring matters in the preservation and colouring of food, and praying to be represented by Mr. T. E. Roseby, Barrister-at-Law, or other counsel or attorney, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
- Petition received.
- Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
5. **REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL**:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Colliery Proprietors, Companies, and Association of Proprietors carrying on business in the District of Maitland and State of New South Wales, showing that the legislation at present in force in New South Wales is similar to that in Great Britain; that the existing law was the result of careful consideration and recommendation by a Royal Commission; that great hardship will be occasioned both to employers and employees if the Bill is passed into law; that every contract for payment of wages to men employed getting coal in mines in the State other than payment by weight of coal gotten will be rendered illegal, and that freedom of contract between employer and employees in coal mines in this State will be rendered impossible; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.
- Petition received.
6. **PAPERS**:—
- Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return showing tenders received for the supply of Sanitary Fittings required for Prince Alfred Hospital.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for year ended 30th June, 1903.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Rule under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
  - (2.) Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.
  - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke.
  - (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Carrington.
  - (5.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day, for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the "Public Places Advertisement Bill"—postponed until Tuesday, 22nd September.
9. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of Minute of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Deputy Auditor-General, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902,—Authorising the transfer of an amount from the Vote "Department of Lands," to supplement the Vote "Land Appeal Court—Contingencies."
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.



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10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—On motion of Mr. Crick, the following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) The remaining Government Business ;—until Tuesday next.  
(2.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of General Business ;—until Tuesday next.

13. UNCLAIMED MONEYS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for giving publicity and information relating to unclaimed funds; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 9 and 10 of General Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Crick, until Tuesday next.

15. ROADS VOTE, ELECTORATE OF RALEIGH :—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The total Scheduled Roads Vote sanctioned by Parliament for (a) the Electorate of Raleigh; (b) the Bellingen Roads District portion, separately; the information to be given for the years 1896, 1900, 1902, 1903.

- (2.) The amount of such Votes actually expended.

- (3.) The amount of the Vote for 1902-3, which was reduced by Ministerial or Departmental instructions, and the amounts of contracts let which went over as a charge upon the current year's Vote.  
Question put and passed.

16. ALLEGED EVASION OF THE ARBITRATION ACT :—Mr. Macdonell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the alleged evasion of the purpose of the Arbitration Act, on the part of certain industrial unions and other residents of this State.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Dick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Quinn, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Lonsdale requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—

Question,—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the alleged evasion of the purpose of the Arbitration Act, on the part of certain industrial unions and other residents of this State—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Donaldson.
Mr. Barnes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Fallick,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lonsdale having withdrawn his demand, That the Committee be appointed by ballot,—

Question,—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Crick, Mr. Dick, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Quinn, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Thomson, and the Mover,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday* next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Consolidated Mining Bill:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill for consolidating and amending the laws relating to mining?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The Bill is now being drafted, and will be introduced as soon as practicable.

- (2.) Expenditure on Roads in County of Cumberland:—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount has been expended from 30th June, 1901, to June, 1903, on the roads in County of Cumberland, exclusive of roads in the metropolitan division?

(2.) What amount has been expended during same period in works of all kind under the direction and supervision of officers connected with the office of Mr. W. A. Smith, Metropolitan Roads Superintendent?

(3.) What amount has been expended during same period per day labour in work supervised by officers connected with the Water and Sewerage Board?

(4.) How many electorates are represented in the expenditure involved in these Questions?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—This information can be supplied in the shape of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

- (3.) Police Superintendents and Inspectors:—Mr. Dacey, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the return, in reference to Police Superintendents and Inspectors, which he stated, on 7th July, was being prepared, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table the return referred to.

- (4.) Expenditure on Roads outside County of Cumberland:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total amount voted on last year's Estimates for roads outside the County of Cumberland?

(2.) The total amount expended on such roads for the year ending 30th June, 1903?

(3.) What amount is proposed to be placed on the Estimates this year for the roads mentioned?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Answers cannot be given to these Questions until replies are received from the local officers.

- (5.) Moree-Inverell Railway:—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any truth in the reported subsidences or washaways on the Moree-Inverell railway line?

(2.) If so, what is the extent of the damage done to the line?

(3.) In view of the very large harvest now almost assured in the Inverell District, will the necessary arrangements be made by the Railway Commissioners to have the line in a sufficiently safe condition to meet the anticipated heavy traffic, by providing against a repetition of the subsidences?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the permanent-way has subsided in places through continued rain softening the black soil formation. The extension is one of the "Pioneer" class, built cheaply as a light line.

(2.) The damage is not of a serious character, and is having special attention.

(3.) The Commissioners are providing against a repetition of the subsidences by lifting and ballasting the line where ballast was not originally provided. Within the next few months the line will be in a better condition than at any previous time.

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- (6.) Revenue from Queen's Wharf, Newcastle:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Dick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of revenue received from the Queen's Wharf, Newcastle, from (a) 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903; (b) 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902; (c) 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a return.

- (7.) Money Expended on Broken Hill:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much money has the Government of New South-Wales expended on Broken Hill for all services and purposes since the year 1890?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—This information will take some time to prepare. The Honorable Member must, therefore, move for its production in the form of a return.

- (8.) Proposed Tramway from Booth-street, Annandale, to Leichhardt:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the trial survey of the proposed tramway, *via* Booth-street, Annandale, on to Leichhardt Hill, *via* Moore-street and Catherine-street, been completed?

(2.) If so, which of the two routes suggested has been recommended?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—A trial survey has been made of this tramway *via* Booth-street, Annandale, to the Balmain-road, Leichhardt. There is nothing to show that a proposal was made *via* Moore-street and Catherine-street. The suggested route is *via* Booth-street, continuing same through private property, to the Parramatta-road.

- (9.) Accident Insurances in Public Works Department:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of premiums has been paid for accident insurance by his Department since the beginning of the year?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—£660; £360 for Cataract Dam, and £300 for architect's work.

- (10.) Train Service between Narrandera and Hay:—*Mr. Byrne* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What saving has been effected by the Railway Department, by the reduction of the train service between Narrandera and Hay from a daily service to a tri-weekly service?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed the saving has been, approximately, £2,000, exclusive of the cost of wear and tear of permanent way.

- (11.) *Mr. W. M. M. Arnold*:—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. William Montagu Arnold*, Chairman of Directors of the Stockton Coal Company, is now, and has been for many years past, in receipt of a Government pension?

(2.) What is the aggregate sum that has been paid to *Mr. Arnold* in the form of pension, gratuities, &c., since his retirement from the Public Service of this State?

(3.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Arnold* was pensioned on the plea of ill-health?

(4.) Is it also a fact that, since his retirement, *Mr. Arnold* has taken a leading part in the commercial life of Sydney, and that he has held, and still holds, responsible, onerous, and lucrative mercantile positions?

(5.) Will he, under the circumstances, call on *Mr. Arnold* to either surrender his pension or re-enter the Public Service?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To 31st August last, pension aggregating £2,474 18s. 2d. had been paid.

(3.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to the returns ordered by this House to be printed on 31st January, 1893, and 18th October, 1893, which contain a copy of the papers in connection with *Mr. Arnold's* retirement, and subsequent proposal that he should return to duty. *Mr. Arnold* applied for permission to retire voluntarily. This request was not acceded to, but a Medical Board was appointed to examine him, and on their report his retirement was approved.

(4.) I understand that *Mr. Arnold* is engaged in commercial pursuits.

(5.) Under the terms of section 47 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, if *Mr. Arnold* be required by the Governor-in-Council to return to the Service, it would be at the same salary as that which he was receiving when he was retired, *viz.*, £490. The matter is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (12.) Subsidies under the Pastures Protection Act:—*Mr. Davidson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the answer given by him to *Mr. Davidson's* Question, No. 11, on 3rd September, 1903, will he promise that the 20 per cent. of debit balance under the Scab Act will not be charged to the Pastures Protection Board?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—No part of this amount will be asked for this year. I propose to amend the Act.

- (13.) Postage on Official Matter:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Can he inform this House the amount, approximately or otherwise, of money that was expended for postage on official correspondence and public documents by the various Departments of the State of New South Wales the year previous to the advent of Federation or the Commonwealth Government?

(2.) The same information with regard to the expenditure of money for postage on official correspondence and public documents during the first and second years since the Postal Department was taken over by the Commonwealth?

(3.) Will he cause a return to be laid upon the Table of this House giving the information asked for?

*Sir John See* answered,—The expenditure could only be obtained by reference to the Federal Government and also the various Departments of this State, and as it would take some considerable time and labour to prepare the information, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will kindly move for a return in the usual way. I will expedite the matter.

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2. **STATE CHILDREN'S BILL**:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain Citizens of New South Wales, objecting to the passing of certain clauses of the State Children's Bill on the ground of their injustice and cruelty, and that they interfere with the liberty and freedom of the posterity of the citizens of New South Wales; suggesting certain amendments; and praying that the Bill may not pass as framed, and that the amendments suggested may receive the earnest consideration of the House.  
Petition received.
3. **INFANT PROTECTION BILL**:—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from Annie Golding, Honorary General Secretary of the Council of the Woman's Progressive Association of New South Wales, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavours to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor, in consequence of the inadequate laws upon the subject; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation.  
Petition received.
4. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) By Mr. Fegan,—From A. N. Farrell, President, and Annie Golding, Honorary General Secretary, and members of the Committee of the Woman's Progressive Association of New South Wales.  
(2.) By Mr. Eden George,—From Robert Anderson, Vice-President, and Henry W. Hammond, Honorary Treasurer, of the Committee of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales.  
(3.) By Mr. Thomson,—From David Bell and G. A. Andrews, members of the Presbyterian congregation assembled in Woodside Church, Upper Manning.  
(4.) By Mr. Thomson,—From Archibald Gibson, William Gibson, and Robert Broomfield, members of the Presbyterian congregation assembled in Ashlea Church, Upper Manning.  
Petitions received.
5. **ALLEGED EVASION OF THE ARBITRATION ACT**:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from John Leahy, Secretary of the Machine Shearers and Shed Employees' Union, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the alleged evasion of the purpose of the Arbitration Act, on the part of certain industrial unions and other residents of this State, and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.  
Petition received.  
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
6. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts.  
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Triangle at Casino, for railway purposes.  
(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Tank at the junction of the road from Temora to Young with the road from Temora to Morangarell.  
(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Reservoir in connection with the Gundagai to Tumut Railway.  
(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for way of Approach to Bowra Wharf, Nambucca River.  
(6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Dry Dock at Ashby.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1902, and for the half-year ended 30th June, 1903.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Sir John See laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Particulars respecting Superintendents and Inspectors of Police.  
(2.) By-law of the Borough of Cowra.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to the trial of the late Mr. Neilly's appliance for the purpose of transferring vehicles from one railway gauge to another.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the offer by owners (Robertson Brothers) to surrender to His Majesty, under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, the Estate known as "Mimosa."  
Ordered to be printed.
7. **MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—  
**HARRY H. RAWSON,**  
*Governor.* *Message No. 52.*
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Moore-street Improvement Act in certain respects.
- State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 7th September, 1903.*
- Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill. 8.

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8. DENTISTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hollis moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Garland pointed out that this Bill, which had originated in the Legislative Council, was one which by Clause 13 imposed an impost, and therefore, under section 5 of the Constitution Act, should have originated in the Assembly; he further pointed out that the section quoted does not require that all imposts should be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and submitted that the Bill was therefore improperly before the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the point raised was a very arguable one, and confessed to having some doubt in regard to it. So far as he had read the Bill, however, the money was not paid into or out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and under the circumstances he was not inclined to uphold the point of order.

Debate ensued.

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

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Edden, Mr. Law, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Richards, and the Mover."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sesssional Order adopted 27th August, 1903.*

9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 37.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys for the year ended 30th June, 1903, together with the Deputy Auditor-General's report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Negotiations by Federal Government for taking over State Railways:—*Mr. Dacey*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Federal Government has opened negotiations with the State Government for the purpose of taking over this State's railways?  
(2.) If so, what has been the nature of these negotiations; and what stand does he intend to take in reference to this matter?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am not aware of any negotiations on the subject. I may add that I will not entertain any proposal to take over the railways of this State.

(2.) Punishment for breach of Betting Houses Suppression Act:—*Mr. Richards* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any instructions been issued to Stipendiary Magistrates as to what punishment is to be inflicted upon persons guilty of a breach of the Betting Houses Suppression Act?  
(2.) When were such instructions issued, if any?  
(3.) Is it not an unprecedented thing to interfere with the judicial discretion of occupants of the Stipendiary Bench?  
(4.) Is it intended to take advice of the Crown Law authorities as to liability to prosecution of people making cash wagers at Randwick?

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

- (1, 2 and 3.) There is no record of any such instructions having been issued to Stipendiary Magistrates.  
(4.) The Question will be considered.

(3.) Coroner O'Brien, of Goulburn:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Coroner O'Brien, of Goulburn, had to go to Queanbeyan to hold an inquest on a murder case?  
(2.) Is he aware that, by Mr. O'Brien's action, he has been deprived of a case before the Court, in defending the accused, this having been decided by him after correspondence with the Justice Department?  
(3.) Does the Government think the sum of £2 3s., over and above his railway expenses, a fair remuneration for such services, seeing that Mr. O'Brien lost the chance of clients at the Court on the Monday, and, further, the case of being attorney for the defence at the Circuit Court?  
(4.) Will he again consider if the sum of £2 3s. is sufficient under all the circumstances?

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

- (1.) Mr. O'Brien held an inquest at Queanbeyan on the 24th ultimo, within the district of the Coroner for Queanbeyan.

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- (2.) I am not aware; but I informed Mr. O'Brien that, having as Coroner committed the accused for trial, he should not appear for him on such trial.
- (3.) The Coroner was absent from home for twenty-four hours. He received £2 3s. above his expenses, and I caused Mr. O'Brien to be informed, on the 2nd instant, that I did not see my way to approve of further payment.
- (4.) A letter was received on the 4th instant, asking me to reconsider my decision. I have declined to grant any further sum. Mr. O'Brien represented that he would lose some £20 by not appearing for the defence in the trial in question; but it was not necessary for him to retain his office of Coroner, unless he so desired. The usual fee for holding an inquest is £1, exclusive of travelling expenses. Mr. O'Brien received £1 3s. in excess of that fee.
- (4.) Work Enforced in Endowed Institutions:—Mr. Edden asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the following statement made at a meeting of St. Andrew's branch of the Protestant Defence Association, at Newcastle, on the 1st instant:—Rev. W. M. Bowles urged the appointment of a Commission to inquire into public and private institutions where labour was employed, and said—"Some of these institutions were misconducted under the cloak of charity and religion, many of the workers being mere children, who were compelled to work from twelve to sixteen hours daily, making articles that were sent into the open market to compete with those manufactured by outside labour. . . . These institutions were endowed by the Government. . . . These sweating shops should be open to frequent inspection, and the reports on their condition be recorded"?
- (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into any "public or private" institutions that are endowed by Government, to ascertain if the above statement is correct?
- (3.) If so, will he at once cause the Government endowment to be withdrawn from any institution imposing such conditions of labour on mere children?
- Sir John See answered,—If the gentleman referred to (the Rev. Mr. Bowles) will submit his representations in writing, and, at the same time, indicate the institutions to which his remarks are intended to refer, the necessity for the action he suggests will be given the fullest consideration.
- (5.) Manufacture of Locomotives:—Mr. Scobie, for Mr. Hollis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the Press, that the Government has decided to call for tenders for the manufacture of locomotives required by the Government Railways in the State of New South Wales?
- (2.) If so, in view of the number of unemployed, will he state the probable date of calling for such tenders, and give instructions to expedite this as much as possible?
- (3.) Will he take care that the tenders shall contain a provision that the trade-union wage rates, and the minimum wage rate, shall be paid in the establishment of the works and upon the contract?
- Sir John See answered,—This matter is receiving the fullest consideration at the hands of the Government, and at the earliest possible date, consistent with obtaining the necessary plans and specifications, tenders will be called for, and the safeguarding of the interests of our own people will be considered.
- (6.) Fees collected in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the total amount collected as fees in the Public Schools during the last school year?
- Mr. Perry answered,—The amount of school fees collected and paid into the Consolidated Revenue during the year 1902 was £85,229 11s., viz., £81,710 16s. 3d. from Primary Schools, and £3,518 14s. 9d. from High Schools.
- (7.) Alleged Deaths from Consumption of Sprayed Fruit:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has his attention been directed to several deaths that have recently occurred at Parkes and the Bogan Gate, &c., from, it is alleged, the consumption of oranges that were sent from Sydney where the fruit or trees had previously been sprayed with Paris Green or other insecticide; if so, will he see that immediate steps are taken to inquire into the matter with the view of putting a stop to the practice of placing fruit on the market for consumption that has been sprayed with Paris Green or other insecticide?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—No. I will have inquiries made.
- (8.) Alleged Deaths from Consumption of Sprayed Fruit:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact, as reported in a late issue of the *Parkes Champion*, that much alarm has recently occurred in the town of Parkes and at Bogan Gate by the appearance of a disease which has been sudden in its attack, and in several cases terminated fatally after a brief but exceedingly painful illness, especially the sudden death of a son of Mr. W. A. Loring, that it is alleged took place from some sporadic or epidemic disease called cerebro-spinal meningitis or cerebro spinal fever?
- (2.) Is it true that the Government Medical Officer at Parkes, Dr. Johnson, reported the occurrence of these sudden deaths to the Public Health Board in Sydney, and that Dr. Millard, in consequence, was sent to Parkes to inquire into and report on the matter; if so, will he cause a copy of Dr. Millard's report to be laid upon the Table of this House for the information of the public?
- (3.) Is it a fact that these sudden deaths occurred, not, as alleged, from some sporadic or epidemic disease, but, on the contrary, from the consumption of oranges or fruit, partaken of by the deceased, that had been sent from Sydney to Parkes, Bogan Gate, &c., and which had previously been sprayed with Paris Green or other insecticide?
- (4.) Under these circumstances, and for the better protection and safeguarding of public health, will he see that immediate steps are taken to appoint a Royal Commission, in order that the matter may be thoroughly investigated, and to discover, if possible, by the analysis of the contents of the stomach or otherwise, &c., the real cause or origin of these painfully sudden deaths and the outbreak of this alleged alarming so-called sporadic disease, and whether such deaths did really take place from disease, from poison, or from the consumption of oranges that had previously been sprayed with Paris Green or other insecticide?

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Sir John See answered,—The President of the Board of Health has furnished the following reply :—The illnesses referred to were considered by the Government Medical Officer at Parkes (Dr. Oswin Johnson) to be cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis; in this opinion the Assistant Medical Officer of the Government (Mr. Millard), who was dispatched to inquire into the cause in consultation with Dr. Johnson, entirely agreed. A rumour that death had been caused in the way mentioned in the Question was heard, inquired into, and dismissed as without reasonable foundation. I do not think that particulars concerning the illnesses of private persons should be made public unless clearly necessary for general public safety which, in this instance, is not the case.

(9.) Inquiry into the Supply of Stores, Colonial Secretary's Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has not the report of that portion of the Public Service Board's inquiry into the supply of stores which relates to the Colonial Secretary's Department been presented to him; and, if so, will he acquaint this House as to the decision at which the Board has arrived, and the recommendations it contains?

(2.) How many officers of the Department have been suspended in consequence, and what are their names?

(3.) Is it proposed to take further action?

Sir John See answered,—The matter is still *sub judice*; therefore, I am unable to furnish any information on the subject. A complete inquiry has not yet been made. Though it may take a long time, it is necessary that justice be done to all the people concerned. Half a statement is not satisfactory. It might prejudice some of those concerned, and I think my honorable friend will agree with me that it will be better to wait until the inquiry is completed, as there are a great many things to be considered which it is not advisable should be discussed at this stage. I have said before that I have no wish to prevent Parliament from having the fullest information. But I think Honorable Members will agree with me that while an inquiry is going on, which may involve other persons, it would be unfair to prejudice the interests of those persons by giving information before the inquiry is completed.

(10.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet determined whether or not to introduce, this Session, legislation to amend the Public Service Act in the direction of readmitting, to the Superannuation Fund, officers who, under a distinct misapprehension, retired therefrom?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—A full investigation of the cases proves that the case put forward in favour of legislation in this direction was not made out.

(11.) Employment in the Tramway Service:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that, whilst applications for employment in the Tramway Service are being received, there are at least 100 men employed as temporary guards, &c., who are only working some five or six days per fortnight?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that applications for employment as conductor have not been called for lately, but those sent in voluntarily are received and registered. There are a number of men employed as temporary conductors, who are not receiving full time.

(12.) Naval Prison, Garden Island:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he propose to offer any protest against the erection on Garden Island, in Sydney Harbour, by the Imperial Government, of a Naval prison, as announced in the morning Press?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter in which this Government cannot interfere, Garden Island having been handed over to the Imperial Government. Garden Island is the property of the Imperial Government by an arrangement entered into some years ago. My honorable friend, the Member for Phillip Division, will remember that certain Imperial properties were transferred to the State in exchange for certain properties belonging to the State, which were handed over to the Imperial Government. Garden Island was one of these properties, and the Victoria Barracks and Dawes Point were acquired in exchange.

(13.) Bore Drains on Oreel Station:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When did Mr. Boulton furnish his report in connection with the Oreel, Nos. 1 and 2, Bore drains?

(2.) What was the nature of such report?

(3.) Why has effect not been given to his recommendations?

(4.) In view of the fact that during last summer very heavy losses of stock were occasioned through the drains in question being defective, and of the extreme seriousness of the position, will he give instructions for tenders to be at once called for the work, in order to avoid a repetition of the losses during the approaching summer?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 17th November, 1902.

(2.) Generally to the effect that the drains required attention and alteration.

(3.) Steps are being taken for the formation of a Trust District under the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act.

(4.) The necessary action will be taken to put the work in proper order immediately the Trust has been formed, provided that funds are available.

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(14.) Narrabri-Walgett-Collareendabri Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Is there any truth in the report that the work in connection with the Narrabri-Walgett-Collareendabri railway has been stopped, and that the sleeper-cutters, numbering about 300, have been notified to cease cutting sleepers forthwith?

(2.) Will he state what instructions have been issued by the Department in regard to this matter, and whether, in view of the large number of sleeper-cutters it will throw out of employment, he will consider the advisableness of allowing them to continue cutting until sufficient sleepers are cut to complete the lines in question?

(3.) How many sleepers are required to complete these lines after making due allowance for those already cut in the bush?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; I regret instructions had to be issued to stop all further orders for sleepers. This step was imperative, owing to the necessity of curtailing expenditure.

(3.) About 80,000.

(15.) Readjustment of Pensions to Retired Public Servants :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give the names of the public servants who were retired in 1896, now referred to the Public Service Board for readjustment of pensions?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply :—The Actuary to the Public Service Board is investigating the cases of all pensioners with a view of ascertaining which of them would be affected by the decision in the case of Simpson v. Walker.

(16.) Contributions by Federal Public Servants to the Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much per month is now contributed by Federal servants to the Superannuation Fund of this State?

(2.) Is it a fact that such Federal servants' prospective pension is still increasing by one-sixteenth of their annual salaries, and finally to be paid by this State?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No contributions are made by Federal servants to the Superannuation Fund of this State.

(2.) The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, section 84, provides, *inter alia*, as follows, viz :—“ . . . . Any such officer who is retained in the service of the Commonwealth shall “ preserve all his existing and accruing rights, and shall be entitled to retire from office at the time, “ and on the pension or retiring allowance, which would be permitted by the law of the State if his “ service with the Commonwealth were a continuation of his service with the State. Such pension “ or retiring allowance shall be paid to him by the Commonwealth; but the State shall pay to the “ Commonwealth a part thereof, to be calculated on the proportion which his term of service with “ the State bears to his whole term of service, and for the purpose of the calculation his salary shall “ be taken to be that paid to him by the State at the time of the transfer. . . . .”

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Levy,—From Hilma Parkes, President, Eva Swift, Vice-President, and members of the Committee of the Women's Liberal League.

(2.) By Mr. Young,—From Ada Bur, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Bathurst.

(3.) By Mr. Garland,—From John D. Landols, Moderator, and David Smith, M.A., Clerk, of the Presbytery of Wagga Wagga.

Petitions received.

4. INFANT PROTECTION BILL :—The following Petitions, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavours to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor, in consequence of the inadequate laws upon the subject; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Levy,—From Robert Anderson, Vice-President, and Henry W. Hammond, Honorary Treasurer, of the Committee of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales.

(2.) By Mr. McCoy,—From Richard Arthur, Chairman of the Committee of the Sydney Rescue Work Society.

Petitions received.

5. PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on “Prevalence of the Gambling Evil” have leave to make visits of inspection in connection with the inquiry.  
Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS :—Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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7. RELIEF WORKS IN THE YASS, BOOROWA, AND QUEANBEYAN ELECTORATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Affleck moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of money promised, granted, and paid for relief works in the Yass Electorate from the 1st July, 1902, to the 30th June, 1903.
  - (2.) The amount promised and granted for relief works in the Boorowa Electorate from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903.
  - (3.) How much of the said money was expended in that electorate up to the 30th June last.
  - (4.) The total amount of money granted and paid for relief works in the Queanbeyan Electorate from the 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903.
  - (5.) The amount of money granted for the above purpose unexpended on the 30th June, 1903, and the amount written off.
- Question put and passed.

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

## (1.) Real Property (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, and to facilitate the transfer of land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (2.) Bills of Sale (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act of 1898,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

*Point of Order* :—The Chairman stated that on the Honorable Member for Argyle proposing a new clause, that every holder of a settlement lease shall be entitled to convert such settlement lease into a conditional purchase, the Minister for Lands took a Point of Order that the proposed amendment was outside the scope of the Bill—he upheld the Point of Order, and ruled that the proposed new clause was beyond the scope of the Bill as committed for consideration.

Mr. Speaker sustained the ruling of the Chairman, as he considered the proposed new clause would materially interfere with the system of leasing Crown lands established by the Act of 1895, which the Bill did not seek to alter.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Crick (after Debate), the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

## 10. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the production, manufacture, storage, sale, export, import, and disposal of dairy produce, and of margarine, and other similar substances.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the production, manufacture, storage, sale, export, import, and disposal of dairy produce, and of margarine, and other similar substances.

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

- (2.) Mr. Kidd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the production, manufacture, storage, sale, export, import, and disposal of dairy produce, and of margarine, and other similar substances,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

**ELECTORATE OF WILLOUGHBY:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 25th August, 1903, declaring the seat of George Howarth, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Howarth; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Charles Gregory Wade, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Distribution of Blankets to Aborigines on the South Coast:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many blankets were issued to aborigines at Wollongong, Kiama, and Ulladulla, respectively, during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903?

(2.) Do such recipients of blankets annually fairly represent the numbers of aborigines residing mainly within the centres mentioned?

(3.) Of the numbers, in each year and place referred to, how many were full-bloods and half-castes?

Mr. Egan answered,—(1 and 3.)

	1901.			1902.			1903.		
	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.	Full-bloods.	Half-castes.	Total.
Wollongong ...	2	70	72	2	69	71	...	37	37
Kiama ...	3	58	61	3	43	46	3	42	45
Ulladulla ...	4	66	70	2	38	40	1	30	31

(2.) Yes.

- 2.) Stone Breaking for the Unemployed:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that large quantities of stone from the Port Kembla Harbour Works Quarry are taken to Sydney almost daily to afford the city unemployed an opportunity to earn a livelihood by breaking such stone into road-metal?

(2.) If so, will he give a similar opportunity to earn a living at Port Kembla to the men discharged from the harbour works there?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Fifty tons of small stone are forwarded daily to Sydney, to be broken into road metal. This quantity is not required for breakwater work.

(2.) I will obtain a report on the suggestion of the Honorable Member.

- (3.) Subsidy granted to the Nowra Council for Roads:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the usual annual subsidy granted to the Nowra Council for the maintenance and repair of (a) the Main South Coast Road; (b) the Braidwood and Yalwal Roads?

(2.) What was the amount allowed the Council for 1902-3 for the Braidwood and Yalwal Roads?

(3.) What are the total amounts to be allowed for the above roads for the current year?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The annual subsidies vary according to the total Vote for Roads and Bridges for each year. The following is a statement of the amounts granted to the Nowra Municipal Council for a few years past, exclusive of special grants :—

Year.	Main South Coast Road.	Extension, Minor Roads.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1900-1	167 10 9	153 1 6	320 12 3
1901-2	167 0 0	152 5 11	319 5 11
1902-3	145 0 0	84 5 7	229 5 7
1903-4	58 0 0	33 0 0	91 0 0*

\* Amount granted as part Subsidy, 1903-4.

(2.) The amount cannot be given for the Braidwood to Yalwal Roads, as the sum for that road is included in the totals granted for all minor roads within the municipality, as shown above.

(3.) The total amounts for the current year cannot be given, pending the passing of the Estimates of 1903-4.

(4.) Raising of Loans :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any loans been raised by Treasury Bills, Debentures, or in other ways, from the 30th June last to the present date ; if so, how much ?

(2.) Has any amount been paid off our Public Debt between the 30th June last and the present date ; if so, how much ?

(3.) What is the amount due at the present date for the resumption of properties in and around Sydney ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The fullest information will be given when the Financial Statement is being delivered.

(5.) Ex-Conductor H. A. Jones :—Mr. Brimer, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with the case of ex-Conductor H. A. Jones ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Yes ; I will lay the papers upon the Table next week.

(6.) Hours of Employment in Wool Stores :—Mr. Levy asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that in many wool stores of this city men are employed on arduous labour for fifty-eight hours a week for about seven months in the year ?

(2.) Will he consider whether these men should not be accorded the benefit of the liberal provisions of the Early Closing Act in regard to hours of employment ?

(3.) Will he, in any Bill that he may introduce to amend the Early Closing Act, insert a provision which will meet the case of the men referred to ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No doubt, for several months in the year, the hours of employment in wool stores are about what is stated.

(2.) The Early Closing Act limits the hours of employment only for persons employed in scheduled shops. As a wool store is not a scheduled shop, the Act does not apply.

(3.) This is a matter that could be dealt with by the Industrial Arbitration Court.

(7.) Grants to Municipalities for Purchase of Road Metal :—Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any money been granted or promised as a grant to any municipality for the purchase of metal for roads ; and, if so, to what municipality ?

(2.) Will the same consideration be extended to other municipalities ?

Mr. Fegan answered,—No money was granted for the purchase of metal, but Leichhardt Council received some blue metal in lieu of a grant for a main road previously promised, and the other municipalities—Camperdown and Alexandria—received small donations of metal for main roads, in order to repair damages urgently needing attention. No more metal can be spared for any municipality.

(8.) Leave of Absence to State Employees for Military Staff Ride :—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Fallick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many State employees applied for leave in connection with the recent Military Staff ride, giving (a) Departments ; (b) names of officers ?

(2.) How many of these were granted the necessary leave, and how many were refused permission ?

(3.) The names of officers, specifying Departments, to whom leave of absence was refused ?

(4.) Why were these officers refused such permission ?

(5.) Is it a fact that in any Department leave was refused because the officers affected applied through the State Commandant, and not to the Minister direct ?

(6.) Is it a fact that teachers and officials in the Education Department, holding military commissions, were refused leave on the plea that it would disorganise school work ?

(7.) Is it a fact that all applications for leave of absence for military purposes from State employees holding commissions are to be refused in future ; and, if so, on what grounds ?

(8.) In view of the fact that the Commonwealth will be largely dependent on citizen soldiery, will he give the question of leave for promoting military efficiency his favourable consideration ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1 to 5.) As this information can only be obtained by reference to the various Departments, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way.

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(6.) Applications from three officers of the Public Instruction Department, viz., Mr. J. Chaseling, Assistant Teacher, Parramatta South Public School; Mr. R. S. Pearce, Teacher, Tempe Public School; and Mr. J. G. Tedder, Temporary Clerk, were refused because they were required to attend to their school and departmental work. The importance of a teacher's duties requires that he should devote to them the whole of the prescribed time, and not allow the interests of his pupils and the school routine to suffer, as they must necessarily do, if he absent himself for extra departmental purposes. These duties cannot be set aside even for military purposes, although the giving of some of his private time to the latter would be laudable.

(7.) No.

(8.) Applications for leave will at all times be dealt with on their merits. It has been stated that I gave as a reason for refusing leave to these teachers that they would be going on a picnic. I desire to say that I never said anything of the sort, knowing full well that anybody under General Hutton would have to work, and not picnic.

3. **INFANT PROTECTION BILL**:—The following Petitions, pointing out the great difficulties under which single young women labour in their endeavours to establish paternity for their offspring and secure maintenance therefor, in consequence of the inadequate laws upon the subject; and praying the House to pass the clauses of the Infant Protection Bill relating to affiliation, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Hogue,—From Louise Sweet, President, Minnie Lane, Honorary Secretary, and Mary M. McDonald, Honorary Treasurer, of the Committee of the Women's Liberal League of Orange.
- (2.) By Mr. Ashton,—From Hilma Parkes, President, Eva Swift, Vice-President, and members of the Committee of the Women's Liberal League of New South Wales.
- (3.) By Mr. Phillips,—From members of the Committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Dubbo.
- (4.) By Mr. Quirk,—From M. A. Moseley, President, Alice C. Wilson, Vice-President, and members of the Committee of the Women's Political Association of Warringah.
- Petitions received.
4. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL**:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Hogue,—From members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and others, at Glen Innes.
- (2.) By Mr. Moxham,—From Jean M. McPhett, President, Belle Metcalfe, Secretary, and M. Morgan, Treasurer, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Parramatta.
- (3.) By Mr. Thomson,—From Henry Scrivener, and J. B. Richardson, members of the Presbyterian Congregation assembled in Wingham Church, Upper Manning.
- (4.) By Mr. Morton,—From certain Women residents of Nowra.
- (5.) By Mr. Morton,—From Jessie Wotton, President, and Sophie R. Hewlett, Vice-President, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Nowra.
- Petitions received.
5. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on 9th July, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to enforce contributions from relatives of pensioners or of persons maintained at the public expense or by charitable institutions; and for other purposes connected with such matters,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Jerra Jerra, Mitchell's Flat, Harley Hill, and Rhondda. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. **AMENDED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the provision in the Amended Friendly Societies Act in reference to separate accounts being kept of old and new members' contributions from the date of the registration be suspended, so as to allow the said provision to become operative from the 1st January, 1903.
- Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Quirk,	
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McGowen,	

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Mr. Morton,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Mcagher,
Mr. Nelson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLaurin
Mr. Briner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption";—until Wednesday next.
  - (2.) Property Detention Bill ; second reading. [Mr. E. M. Clark];—until Tuesday, 22nd September.
  - (3.) Bread Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [Mr. E. M. Clark];—until To-morrow.
  - (4.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [Mr. Ashton];—until Wednesday next.
  - (5.) Unclaimed Moneys Bill ; second reading. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick];—until Wednesday next.
10. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to give the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners extended powers of leasing*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th September, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

- (2.) Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital ; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands ; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals ; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th September, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th September, 1903.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "s" from "Acts"

Page 1, Title. Omit "23 Vic. No. 20," insert "an Act passed in the twenty-third year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and intituled 'An Act to amend the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's Act of Incorporation.'"

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. Omit "s" from "Acts"

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. After "and" omit remainder of clause, insert "with an Act passed in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria."

Page 2, clause 2, line 4. Omit "Act" second occurring, insert "above-mentioned Act of"

Page 2, clause 2, line 5. Omit "number twenty"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

11. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that, on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to amend section 44 of the Public Service Act, 1902, as to the employment of temporary officers.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide that, on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884.

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

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

10th September, 1903.

12. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. J. F. Smith, *on behalf of* Mr. Henry Clarke, moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That Walter Edmunds, Esquire, Counsel learned in the law, be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of the Petition presented by William Brown against certain clauses of the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill.

Question put and passed.

The learned Counsel (Walter Edmunds, Esquire) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the House under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the Bill under consideration,—and then withdrew.

Mr. Fegan proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order* :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, referring to a decision given by Mr. Speaker on the 9th July, 1903, in reference to the position of the Honorable Member for Wickham as an Honorary Minister, submitted that Mr. Fegan had no status entitling him to move the second reading of this Bill on behalf of the Secretary for Mines (Mr. Kidd), who introduced the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker did not consider this case on all-fours with the one referred to, which was under a special Act and that influenced his decision then given. He ruled that the Honorable Member, Mr. Fegan, was in order in moving the second reading of this Bill.

Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

13. METROPOLITAN WATER AND SEWERAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894 ; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage ; to vest in the Borough of Paddington certain land of the Board ; and for other purposes.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894 ; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage ; to vest in the Borough of Paddington certain land of the Board ; and for other purposes.

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

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894 ; to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage, and drainage ; to vest in the Borough of Paddington certain land of the Board ; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL :—Mr. Waddell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that, on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

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

15. POSTPONEMENTS :—On motion of Mr. Crick (after debate), the following Orders of the Day were postponed :—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business ;—until To-morrow.

(2.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 3, and 5 of General Business ;—until after Order of the Day No. 6 of General Business.

16. LITHGOW MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. John Hurley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with an amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Hurley, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.



10th September, 1903.

17. PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Prevalence of the "Gambling Evil," and the Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable William Charles Hill, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

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Sydney, 11th September, 1903, a.m.*

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

18. POSTPONEMENTS :—On motion of Mr. Crick, the remaining Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 of General Business postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 18 of General Business.

19. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL :—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Rose, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Macdonald, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Perry moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Mr. E. M. Clark, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Pyers.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Scobic,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Cohen.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 39.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Fees charged to Friendly Societies by Land Titles Department:—*Mr. Thomson*, for *Mr. Quinn*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) By what authority is a charge of 10s. levied by the Land Titles Department on every change of Friendly Societies trustees when the discharge of each mortgage held by such trustees is being registered?

(2.) Is it not a fact that, if a Society changes the whole of its trustees, this charge of 10s. is exacted for each change of trustee on every mortgage discharged, making, where there are five trustees, a charge of £2 10s. on each and every discharge?

(3.) If it is considered that such a system must be harassing to the 800 Friendly Societies or lodges of Societies in existence in the State—every one of which has three or more trustees who must necessarily be frequently changed, and that Parliament has recognised, in the Friendly Societies Act and in the Stamp Duties Act, that such beneficent institutions as the Friendly Benefit Societies should not be needlessly hampered with official fees—will he consider the propriety of having this grievance remedied?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Registrar-General has furnished me with the following information:—

(1 and 2.) The Questions are misleading. It is not the change of trustees that requires registration, but the fact that certain persons, other than the original trustees, are the trustees at the time of the presentation of a dealing, the charge for which is 10s. On every discharge after the first effected by the same trustees, an extra indorsement fee of 2s. is charged. Intermediate changes of trustees are not noticed.

(3.) It is not considered that the charge is harassing.

- (2.) Additional Electrical Power for Tramways:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In view of the fact that additional electrical power is needed before any further tramway conversions or extensions can be effected, will he have official consideration accorded the scheme reported upon by *Mr. T. Raw*, of the Public Works Department, at the instigation of *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, whereby the waters of the Grose River might be used as motive power for the generation of electricity?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that *Mr. Raw* reported in favour of the scheme, estimating the total cost at £1,450,000; the annual expenditure, including interest, at £158,000; the annual income at £639,000; and the profit at £481,000?

(3.) Will he consider whether this project, if carried into effect, would not prove far more profitable to the State than is his recently-inaugurated stone-breaking industry?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I will look into the matter at the first convenient opportunity. Though the scheme proposed is a good one, and ought to be carried out, like many others of a similar character, it must stand over till there is a more favourable money market. Such a state of things would be accelerated if certain critics of the Government and their policy were to refrain from making wild, reckless, and unwarranted statements concerning the finances of the country.

2. PAPERS:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report respecting road Taemas to Brindabella and Diamond Hill.

(2.) Report of the completion of the Erskineville Stormwater Sewer Main Line, Albert-street Branch.

(3.) Report of the completion of the City Low-level Drainage, eastern side of Darling Harbour—Wharf-street Sewer, Kersey-lane Sewer, New-street Branch, Liverpool-street Branch, Harbour-place sub-Branch, King-street Sewer, Erskine-street Branch, Slip-street Branch, Gas-lane Sewer.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

11th September, 1903.

3. PREVALENCE OF THE GAMBLING EVIL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Prevalence of the "Gambling Evil," and the Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable William Charles Hill, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 11th September, 1903.*

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Camden Haven Improvement Works.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. FORESTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett was proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Eden George submitted that clause 16, granting the Minister power to grant licenses to mine, exceeded the Order of Leave, and asked that the Bill be ruled out of order on that ground.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers further pointed out that the Bill amended, in important particulars, some and repealed other provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, without any mention of such amendments or repeal in the Title.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker said this Bill, without doubt, proposes to amend, in several respects, the Crown Lands Acts, even if it does not amend other Acts, and no mention is made in the Order of Leave of the intention to alter or amend such Acts. Where it is proposed in a Bill to amend an Act, the Order of Leave should indicate such intention. This has not been done, and as the Bill proposes to amend the Land Acts in several material respects, he must uphold the Point of Order that the Bill is beyond the Order of Leave.

On motion of Sir John See, the Order of the Day was discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

6. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 40.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Technical Education—Bursaries :—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce legislation dealing with technical education, and to establish a chain of bursaries which will enable children to pass from the bush schools to the University?

Mr. Perry answered,—There is no necessity for fresh legislation. The subject of technical education is already carefully attended to, and it will receive further special consideration in connection with the report of the Education Commissioners. The number of State Bursaries has been increased under the new Regulations of the Department as follows :—For Metropolitan and Sub-Metropolitan children to attend Sydney High Schools, Sydney Grammar School, or any Superior Public School in City or Suburbs—increased from 20 to 24 per annum; for country children to attend the same schools, *i.e.*, the Sydney High, the Sydney Grammar, or any Superior Public School, in City or Suburbs—increased from 10 to 12; and to attend the Maitland High Schools—increased from 10 to 12 per annum. The State Bursaries at the University, tenable for three years, have also been increased in number from 10 to 12 per annum. Pupils of small Public Schools may, and do, gain these bursaries.

- (2.) Warran Downs Pastoral Holding :—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) How many conditional purchases and conditional leases have, under the law, been taken up upon Warran Downs Pastoral Holding?  
 (2.) How many of the above have already been, or are in process of being, transferred to the holders of Warran Downs Pastoral Holding?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) Nine conditional purchases and eleven conditional leases.  
 (2.) Eight conditional purchases and ten conditional leases.

- (3.) Improvement Leases on Warran Downs Holding :—Mr. Richards asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) How many improvement leases have been granted to the holders of the late leasehold area of Warran Downs Holding?  
 (2.) What is the area?  
 (3.) What is the rent?  
 (4.) Are the conditions as to improvements being carried out; if not, why not?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

- (1.) One.  
 (2.) 18,360 acres.  
 (3.) £76 10s. per annum.  
 (4.) Instructions for the inspection of the holding have issued, but a report has not yet been received. If, however, an unfavourable report comes to hand, steps will be taken to enforce the fulfilment of the conditions.

- (4.) Road between Currabubula and Tamworth :—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
 (1.) What is the delay in opening the road applied for between Currabubula and Tamworth?  
 (2.) What is the date of Mr. Levien's application for the road?  
 (3.) Will he have the road proclaimed and opened without any further delay?

Mr.

15th September, 1903.

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

(1.) As the Peel River Land and Mineral Company fenced off, within this property, a road for public use, mostly 3 chains wide, along the railway line between Duri Platform and Tamworth, which is used principally by travelling stock, and permitted vehicular traffic to pass over the estate along a track, resumption did not appear necessary.

(2.) 23rd October, 1899.

(3.) There does not seem to be any necessity for proclamation and opening. The Works Department may improve the road if they choose, and resumption could follow improvement. To resume alone would cost £800, which expenditure is not warranted by the importance of the road.

(5.) Appointment of Assistant Foresters :—*Mr. Broughton*, for *Mr. Millard*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it intended to make any appointments as assistant foresters, as recommended by the Public Service Board?

(2.) Of the appointments recommended, are any of the applicants at present employed in the Forestry Department?

(3.) Should any of the applicants have passed with higher results than those already employed in the Service, will he give their cases special attention?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—The matter is receiving careful consideration, and when a decision has been arrived at, the Honorable Member will be informed.

(6.) Marine Store Dealers :—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it his intention this Session to legislate with regard to marine store dealers?

(2.) When will the necessary Bill be introduced?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that it is not intended to introduce a Bill this Session.

(7.) Construction of Ambulance Van for Adelong :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Board of Health having an ambulance van built for Adelong; if so, what Sydney firm is building it, and what is the price to be paid?

(2.) Did any party make any representations to the Government on behalf of the Adelong Labour League as to the cost at which the van could be built in Adelong?

(3.) Is the Government aware that the Adelong coachbuilders tendered prices for the van, the lowest being £62 and the highest £72?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has furnished the following information :—

(1.) Residents at Adelong subscribed £50 towards purchase of an ambulance for that town, and application for a grant to complete the purchase money was received from them through *Mr. Donaldson*, M.P. A grant of £42, being the balance required, was recommended by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government, on condition that the ambulance should be built under his supervision, so as to ensure suitable construction and economical expenditure. Messrs. Oldham and Parker; £92.

(2.) No. Representations were made by *Mr. Donaldson*, M.P., on behalf of tradesmen at Adelong.

(3.) No. Neither could an ambulance be built at the prices mentioned, nor could an ambulance fully suited to safe conveyance of the sick and injured be built by tradesmen without special experience and competent advice.

(8.) Expenditure on Water Conservation and Irrigation Works :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How much has been expended for the year ending 30th June, 1903, by the present Government on water conservation and irrigation works?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The sum of £123,293 12s. 10d. was expended on water conservation during the year ended 30th June, 1903.

(9.) Hoarding in front of Buildings for Inspector-General of Police :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the great inconvenience to pedestrians passing under the hoarding erected in front of the buildings being built for the Inspector-General of Police, will the Government expedite the completion of same?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—I will take into consideration the suggestion of the Honorable Member.

## 2. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—Amended By-law of the Borough of Bathurst under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Kidd* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting revenue received from Agricultural Colleges and Farms for Sale of Produce for year ended 30th June, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—*Mr. McFarlane*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Tenterfield to Casino.

(2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Northern Breakwater, entrance to the Clarence River.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee

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15th September, 1903.

4. SCALE OF ALLOWANCES TO WITNESSES AT CRIMINAL TRIALS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of minutes, reports, and other correspondence relating to the recent alteration of the scale of allowances to witnesses attending at criminal trials.  
Question put and passed.
5. LITHGOW MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. John Hurley, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. John Hurley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th September, 1903.*
6. TOLLS ON PUNTS:—Mr. Price moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—  
(1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free access over bridges.  
(2.) The promise of the Honorable the Minister for Works to abolish tolls on punts should be given effect to at once.  
Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

7. HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had amended one and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments including the amendments in the Title.  
On motion of Mr. Perry, the report was adopted.
8. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick directed attention to several clauses of this Bill necessitating public expenditure, and submitted that, as the Bill had been initiated in the Legislative Council, it thereby infringed the privileges of the Assembly.  
Mr. Speaker upheld the objection taken, and ruled the Bill improperly before the House, as it had not been introduced in the Assembly and preceded by a Message from the Crown.  
On the motion of Sir John See, the Order of the Day was discharged.  
Ordered (after Debate), That the Bill be withdrawn.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—On the motion of Sir John See after debate, the intervening Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed to follow Order of the Day No. 10 (Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading).
10. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

11. HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Perry, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 10th September, 1903, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's (Amendment) Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments made by the Council in the Bill, including the amendments in the Title, but proposes to amend the amendment in clause 1, line 7, by adding, after the word "Victoria," the words "and intituled 'An Act to amend the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's Act of 'Incorporation,'"—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th September, 1903, a.m.*

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

15th September, 1903.

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12. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. E. M. Clark, Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 2nd September, 1903, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd September.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Loan Redemption Fund :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount is the Railway Loan Redemption Fund in credit ; has this fund been appropriated by the Colonial Treasurer ; and, if so, for what purpose or purposes has it been used ?
- (2.) Does he propose to make the fund good again ; and, if so, when ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The desired information will be furnished when the Financial Statement is being delivered.

(2.) Water granted to Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery for Agisted Sheep at Sibraas Bore :— Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that during the month of June, 1902, and to the 7th November same year, free water was granted to Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery for agisted sheep at Sibraas Bore, Wanaaring-road, near Bourke ?
- (2.) Does he know that 6,000 sheep were thus watered daily, whilst at times the daily number was 9,000 ; and is he aware of the fact that for these sheep the firm named are alleged to have received agistment payment to the amount of £12 per 1,000 per month ?
- (3.) On whose representations was this concession granted ?
- (4.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence relating to a complaint lodged by one J. Cousins against the lessee of Sibraas Bore ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Free water was granted during several months of last year throughout the whole of the drought-stricken districts, and hundreds of thousands of sheep were thus saved, and I believe the concession was the means of saving large numbers of other valuable stock. Among others, Sibraas Bore was made free during the period mentioned.

(2.) Doubtless this was the case. I would never think of charging owners of sheep for water in the midst of a severe drought like that through which we have passed.

(3.) The concession was made on the written application of Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery.

(4.) There can be no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(3.) Lease of Harbour Frontage, Careening Cove, to the North Shore Rowing Club :—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a lease been granted by the Harbour Trust to the North Shore Rowing Club of a portion of land fronting Kirribilli Park, Careening Cove, North Sydney ; and, if so, for what purpose, and upon what terms and conditions ?

(2.) Does the land in question front a reserve under the control of the North Sydney Municipal Council ; and, if so, was that body consulted, or was any notification given for public objections ?

(3.) Will the Harbour Trust Commissioners take steps to inquire if there are any objections to the lease before completing same ?

Sir John See answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished the following information :—

(1.) A lease of 22½ perches has been granted by the Harbour Trust Commissioners to the North Shore Rowing Club for a period of three years, as a site for a rowing club shed, under the usual conditions applying to leases to rowing clubs. The rental is £10 per annum.

(2.) The land leased does not front a reserve under the control of the North Sydney Municipal Council. It forms part of a reserve for wharfage vested in the Commissioners, which is not at present required for that purpose. It was not necessary to notify the said Council.

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- (3.) An inspection and survey were made before granting the lease, and the Commissioners assured themselves that no reasonable objection could be raised against the concession. They are of the opinion that a great service in the cause of physical development is rendered to the community by rowing clubs.
- (4.) Harbour Works at the Macleay, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The amount of money authorised by Parliament in the last Act dealing with Bellinger River entrance works?
  - (2.) The total amount expended to 30th June, 1903, in (a) cost of supervision; (b) to the contractors for work carried out?
  - (3.) The same information for the Nambucca River harbour works?
  - (4.) The total Vote for Macleay entrance works, and the amounts respectively expended to date in (a) supervision; (b) works?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Public Works Act, £36,000 + 10 per cent. = £39,600.
  - (2.) (a) £5,183 16s. 6d; (b) £49,964 1s. 9d.
  - (3.) Public Works Act, £48,500 + 10 per cent. = £53,350.
  - (4.) £66,000; (a, b) £69,035 7s. 1d. The expenditure includes £3,947 17s. 1d. provided from Treasurer's Advance Account, to be voted hereafter. These works, having been carried out by day labour, the cost of supervision and works cannot readily be separated.
- (5.) Public Holiday on St. Patrick's Day:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to adhere to the decision that St. Patrick's Day shall not be proclaimed a public holiday in any part of the State?
  - (2.) Will he not reconsider the question as to whether the 17th of March, having been a fixed holiday in certain localities such as Boorowa, Albury, and Bowraville, for very many years, might be proclaimed a public holiday in any district so desiring it, irrespective of the fact of its being St. Patrick's Day?
- Sir John See answered,—This matter will receive full consideration in due course.
- (6.) Camping and Water Reserves in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Under whose charge or supervision are camping and water reserves in the Molong District placed; by whom is the person in charge paid any fees or salary for the same; and what amount?
  - (2.) Is he aware that some of these camping and water reserves are occupied by persons who pay no rent for the same?
  - (3.) Has any person been appointed to the position of Crown Lands Bailiff in the Molong District; if so, what official duties has he to perform, and what is the amount of fees or salary he receives for the same?
- Mr. Bennett answered,—
- (1.) Water reserves are not under any special supervision, but camping reserves are under the supervision of the Stock Inspector. He is not paid any special fees nor salary for this work, it being part of his general duties.
  - (2.) No.
  - (3.) Police-Sergeant James Cusack has been appointed Crown Lands Bailiff for the district. His duties are to report illegal use or occupation of Crown lands, and to take such action in connection therewith as may be directed by the Secretary for Lands. He receives no fee nor salary for the work, it being performed in connection with his other duties.
- (7.) Travelling Stock Routes in the Molong District:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Are travelling stock routes in the Molong District under the control and supervision of any person; if so, whom; and what official duties has he to perform in connection with the supervision and management of the same?
  - (2.) Is the person in charge in receipt of any fees or salary; if so, what amount?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) Yes—Mr. E. G. Finch, Inspector of Stock at Molong, whose duty it is to prosecute for trespass, or to impound stock found trespassing on the reserves.
  - (2.) Yes. Salary, £300 per annum as inspector.
- (8.) Compulsory Vaccination:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In view of the recent outbreak of small-pox in Tasmania, will the Government consider the advisableness of introducing a measure during the present Session, which will render vaccination and revaccination compulsory?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Board of Health have advised the establishment within this State of a station at which calf lymph could be regularly prepared with all those safeguards, against the introduction of other diseases, which are now so well-known and which are thoroughly effectual?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to such recommendation?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1 and 3.) The matter will receive consideration
  - (2.) Yes.
- (9.) Brassmoulders at Eveleigh Workshops:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the brassmoulders at Eveleigh workshops are now compelled to take a week off every three weeks?
  - (2.) Is there any brass work for the Railway Department being done by private firms or companies; if so, will the Railway Commissioners have all such work done in their own workshops, so that the men may have constant employment?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that brassmoulders are on short time on account of slackness of work, this arrangement being adopted in preference to reducing hands.
- (2.) There is no brass work being done by private firms for the Locomotive Department, which has hitherto been done in these workshops. A contract for new brass injectors, hitherto imported from England, has lately been let to a Colonial firm.

(10.) Iron Pipes for Water Supply to Ryde:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In regard to water pipes for the proposed supply from Nepean, is it the intention to utilise such pipes to Ryde, from chief main from Prospect?
- (2.) If so, what is the distance to be connected, and when are the works to be proceeded with?
- (3.) Who is to be placed in charge of the above work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Some of them from Pipe Head Basin to Ryde.
- (2.) Nine miles. Work is now in hand.
- (3.) Mr. A. Peake, Assistant Engineer, is in charge of the work, acting under the Principal Engineer for Water Supply and Sewerage.

(11.) Special Compositors in the Government Printing Office:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the matter of seniority amongst the Special Compositors in the Government Printing Office is now before the Public Service Board?
- (2.) If so, will he state when a decision will be arrived at?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The papers were forwarded for the consideration of the Public Service Board on 7th instant. Doubtless a decision will shortly be arrived at.

(12.) Retrenched Temporary Officers of the Public Works Department:—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the paragraph appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*, of the 14th instant, respecting the temporary officers of the Public Works Department being dispensed with and their places being filled with permanent officers; if so, is the statement therein a fact?
- (2.) Are the permanent staff officers, when doing temporary officers' work, to receive the same rate of pay as that received by the officer being retrenched?
- (3.) Will he give the dates when the temporary officers retrenched first joined the Public Works Department?
- (4.) Will he give the dates when the last ninety permanent officers were appointed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that a number of temporary hands have received notice that their services will be no longer required, and where necessary their places will be filled by permanent officers.
- (2.) I regret it was indispensable, owing to reduction of expenditure and consequent stoppage of certain works, to dispense with the temporary employees referred to; but when, as in a few cases, the services of permanent officers are required in lieu of temporaries, the Department will exercise due care to see that economy is observed, and that there is no increase in cost of supervision or administration.
- (3 and 4.) I shall be glad to furnish this information, which can be more readily supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way, which motion will not be opposed.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. David Storey,—From M. A. Moseley, President, Alice C. Wilson, Vice-President, and members of the Committee of the Women's Political Association of Waringah.
  - (2.) By Mr. Brunner,—From His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, Metropolitan, and President of the Provincial Synod of New South Wales.
  - (3.) By Mr. Mackenzie,—From the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Campsie and District.
  - (4.) By Mr. Haynes,—From E. Broom, President, and E. Sharpe, Secretary, of the Committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Wellington.
- Petitions received.

3. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales employed in the Lithgow and Hermitage Coal Mines, representing that payment by weight is the only fair, just, and equitable system of payment as between employers and employees, and praying the House to pass the Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines Bill as speedily as possible.

Petition received.

4. WATER SUPPLY FOR BROKEN HILL AND DISTRICT:—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain electors of Broken Hill and District, representing that in consequence of the prolonged drought in the Broken Hill District, all local supplies of water are exhausted; that the town and mines are dependent on water conveyed by train from South Australia, which is totally inadequate for the mines, and can only be maintained for a short period; that when the existing temporary supply fails, the mines must close down and great hardship to the people follows; that the average rainfall does not provide sufficient water to impound for all requirements; that much suffering is being experienced by the inhabitants of the town and district; that a permanent water supply is an imperative necessity, and that money spent on such work should serve for all time; that the quantity

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of water supplied by the Broken Hill Water Supply, Limited, is not sufficient for the good health of the residents; that cheaper water would promote industrial expansion, and that at the Darling River and Lakes there exists an unlimited supply of pure water for all purposes; and praying the House to make speedy provision and take the necessary Legislative action to supply Broken Hill with water from the River Darling.  
Petition received.

5. **INFANT PROTECTION BILL**:—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from James Barker, Chairman, and G. E. Ardill, Secretary, of the Standing Committee on Public Morals, representing that the affiliation laws are totally inadequate to enable young women to secure maintenance and support for their offspring, and that certain alterations in the law are needed; and praying the House to pass the Infant Protection Bill.  
Petition received.
6. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1902.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipality of Tenterfield, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **COUPON SYSTEM ABOLITION BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Sleath moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the system known as the "Coupon System," and to regulate fraudulent devices in regard to trade.  
Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—On motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption,"—postponed until Wednesday next.
9. **FORESTRY BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the dedication, reservation, and management of Crown lands as state forests and timber reserves, and for the granting of grazing and other leases, and of mining licenses in respect of lands so dedicated; for regulating and licensing the obtaining and removing from Crown lands of timber, bark, and other products, and of stone, earth, and other material, and the sawing of timber; for regulating the shipping of timber; for imposing fees and royalties; to provide for the issue to licensees of grazing and occupation permits; to regulate ringbarking on Crown lands; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in these and in other respects; and for purposes consequent on and incidental to the carrying out of those objects.  
Question put and passed.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—Sir John See moved, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of Government Business be postponed to follow Order of the Day No. 4 of Government Business.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Edden moved, "That the Question be now put."  
Question put,—That the Question be now put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Miller,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McFarlane,
Sir John See,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. McNeill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Reymond,	Mr. Edden.
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Hogue,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Haynes.

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

And Sir John See having replied,—  
Question put and passed.

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11. MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Gregory Wade, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Willoughby.
12. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fegan, "That this Bill be now read "a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ayes, 44.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Elden,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burgess,	Sir John See,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dick.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Cohen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Fegan, the report was adopted.

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

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

## (1.) Goulburn Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes, within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

## (2.) Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 16th September, 1903, a.m., in reference to the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's (Amendment) Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

## (3.) Prevalence of the Gambling Evil:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 11th September, requesting leave for the Honorable William Charles Hill, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the "Prevalence of the "Gambling Evil,"—the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

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14. **POSTPONEMENT** :—On motion of Mr. Perry, the remaining Government Business was postponed until To-morrow.
15. **AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Ashton, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Accident Assurance Policies for the Public Works Department :—*Mr. Morton*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With what office has his Department taken up accident assurance policies since the beginning of the present year?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The information can best be given in the shape of a return, which should be moved for in the usual way.

- (2.) Release from Prison of Ethel Herring :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that a female prisoner, named Ethel Herring, an inmate of one of His Majesty's prisons, has just given birth to twins?  
 (2.) Owing to the very sad circumstances surrounding the case, and in view of the fact that over 5,000 people in this State, including many Members of both the State and Commonwealth Parliaments, have signed the petition for the prisoner's release, will the Government again, in view of the foregoing, reconsider their decision not to release the prisoner?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am informed by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice as follows :—

- (1.) I am aware that the prisoner gave birth to twins on the 22nd July last.  
 (2.) The Minister of Justice has given the most careful consideration to this case in all its aspects, and cannot recommend the prisoner's release.

- (3.) Superannuation for Officers transferred to Federal Government :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the amount already paid by this State to the Federal Government on account of retiring allowances to those who were contributors to the Superannuation Fund?  
 (2.) What is the estimated amount to be paid on account of those transferred from this State?  
 (3.) In any scheme of retrenchment like that in this State in 1896, which may be proposed by the Federal Government, will he see that provision is made to meet the several claims of our old servants who were transferred from this State?  
 (4.) What is the total amount of principal and interest to 30th June, 1903, owing by this State to those who called off the Superannuation Fund in 1896 and are still in the State service?  
 (5.) Will he give the names of those who called off and were dismissed the same year by the Public Service Board?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—As the information sought will have to be obtained from the Federal Government, and also from State Departments, it should be moved for in the form of a return.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—*Mr. Archibald Campbell* presented a Petition from the members of the Committee of the Wollongong Women's Liberal League of Wollongong, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present, and in certain other respects.  
 Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

*Sir John See* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly.  
 (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manilla.  
 (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.  
 (4.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for the year 1902.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Manilla, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(2.) Papers in connection with the case of ex-Tramway Conductor H. A. Jones.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gillies brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.
5. REGULATION OF WAGES IN COAL MINES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1903.*

6. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 53.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of State children, and of children who are subject to neglect or ill-usage, or are otherwise in want of proper control, sustenance, or care, and of juvenile offenders; to provide for the guardianship of certain children and for the maintenance by relatives of State children; to constitute children's courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction; to provide for the licensing and control of children selling or offering things for sale, or engaging in or carrying on any occupation or business in public places; to amend in these and in other respects the State Children's Relief Act, 1901, the Industrial Schools Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, and the Crimes Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, the carrying out of those objects.

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

7. FORESTRY BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Bennett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 54.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the dedication, reservation, and management of Crown Lands as State forests and timber reserves, and for the granting of grazing and other leases, and of mining licenses in respect of lands so dedicated; for regulating and licensing the obtaining and removing from Crown Lands of timber, bark, and other products and of stone, earth and other material, and the sawing of timber; for regulating the shipping of timber; for imposing fees and royalties; to provide for the issue to licensees of grazing and occupation permits; to regulate ringbarking on Crown lands; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in these and in other respects; and for purposes consequent on and incidental to the carrying out of those objects.

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

8. DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND INSTITUTION VESTING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land now belonging to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage in trustees upon the trusts declared in a certain Crown grant of a site for an institution for the deaf and dumb and blind; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 17th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

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9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Sir John See moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL (No. 2):—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of State children, and of children who are subject to neglect or ill-usage, or are otherwise in want of proper control, sustenance, or care, and of juvenile offenders ; to provide for the guardianship of certain children, and for the maintenance by relatives of State children ; to constitute children's courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction ; to provide for the licensing and control of children selling or offering things for sale, or engaging in or carrying on any occupation or business in public places ; to amend in these and in other respects the State Children's Relief Act, 1901, the Industrial Schools Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, the carrying out of those objects.  
Question put and passed.
11. PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration" and report.  
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Wood, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Holman, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Garland, Mr. Mahony, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

12. FORESTRY BILL (No. 2) :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the dedication, reservation, and management of Crown lands as state forests and timber reserves, and for the granting of grazing and other leases, and of mining licenses in respect of lands so dedicated ; for regulating and licensing the obtaining and removing from Crown lands of timber, bark, and other products, and of stone, earth, and other material, and the sawing of timber ; for regulating the shipping of timber ; for imposing fees and royalties ; to provide for the issue to licensees of grazing and occupation permits ; to regulate ringbarking on Crown lands ; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in these and in other respects ; and for purposes consequent on and incidental to the carrying out of those objects.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the dedication, reservation, and management of Crown lands as state forests and timber reserves, and for the granting of grazing and other leases, and of mining licenses in respect of lands so dedicated ; for regulating and licensing the obtaining and removing from Crown lands of timber, bark, and other products, and of stone, earth, and other material, and the sawing of timber ; for regulating the shipping of timber ; for imposing fees and royalties ; to provide for the issue to licensees of grazing and occupation permits ; to regulate ringbarking on Crown lands ; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in these and in other respects ; and for purposes consequent on and incidental to the carrying out of those objects.
- On motion of Mr. Bennett, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Bennett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the dedication, reservation, and management of Crown lands as state forests and timber reserves, and for the granting of grazing and other leases, and of mining licenses in respect of lands so dedicated ; for regulating and licensing the obtaining and removing from Crown lands of timber, bark, and other products, and of stone, earth, and other material, and the sawing of timber ; for regulating the shipping of timber ; for imposing fees and royalties ; to provide for the issue to licensees of grazing and occupation permits ; to regulate ringbarking on Crown lands ; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in these and in other respects ; and for purposes consequent on and incidental to the carrying out of those objects*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.



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13. POSTPONEMENTS :—On motion of Mr. Perry, after Debate, the remaining Government Business was postponed until To-morrow.

14. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the powers for the investment of the funds of the Australian Mutual Provident Society by authorising the expenditure and investment of such funds as to the board of directors may seem fit, subject, however, to the by-laws for the time being of the said society, in any one or more of the modes thereafter specified.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers for the investment of the funds of the Australian Mutual Provident Society by authorising the expenditure and investment of such funds as to the board of directors may seem fit, subject, however, to the by-laws for the time being of the said society, in any one or more of the modes thereafter specified,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 18th September, 1903, a.m.*

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Perry (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at three minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Collection of the Betterment Tax :—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement made before the Works Committee, that although the betterment tax has been applied to several lines of railway, it has never been collected ?  
 (2.) Who is responsible for the collection of this tax, and why has it not been collected ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No betterment tax has yet been collected ; but steps are being taken with a view to its enforcement, as soon as practicable, in respect of three lines which are open for traffic and to which the principle was applied. The provision attaches, in addition, to three lines not yet open for traffic, and the tax will also be collected in these cases in due course. The responsibility of collecting the tax rests with the Department of Lands and the Railway Commissioners.

- (2.) Government Inspection of Private Hospitals :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation during the present Session to provide for the inspection of private hospitals by Government officials ?  
 (2.) Is he aware that the proprietors of the better class of private hospitals would welcome such legislation ?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) The Board of Health recently recommended the introduction of a measure dealing with this subject, and the papers are in the hands of the Parliamentary Draftsman for the preparation of the necessary Bill.  
 (2.) Yes.

- (3.) Life Assurance Societies :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce legislation dealing with Life Assurance Societies in the direction of compelling such institutions to publish annually in pamphlet form a list of all their securities and investments ?  
 (2.) Is it not a fact that in America such legislation is in existence, and such returns are submitted to Congress annually, whereby the investing public are better able to judge as to the solvency of institutions in which their savings are invested ?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) No ; it is not the intention of the Government to introduce such legislation this Session.  
 (2.) The question of legislation in regard to Life Companies has not been fully considered by the Government, but it will be when the complete returns now being obtained by the Government Statistician's Office have been collated.

- (4.) Retrenched Temporary Officers :—Mr. J. C. J. Fitzpatrick, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that many temporary officials are being dismissed from the Government employ ?  
 (2.) Will he consider whether it is fair, under the circumstances, that the permanent officials should do the electoral rolls work after the usual office hours at overtime rates ?  
 (3.) What is the overtime paid per hour to these permanent officials in connection therewith, and will he alter this system and give the retrenched men a show ?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that, owing to slackness of work, the services of a number of temporary officers, in the Public Works Department particularly, are being dispensed with.

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- (2.) The employment of permanent officers on overtime in checking preparation of electors' rights by temporary clerks was strongly recommended by the Chief Electoral Officer in order to ensure the work should be correctly and properly done. In any case, the work will only last a very short time.
- (3.) The officers are paid overtime at regulation rates, ranging from 1s. to 2s. per hour, 2s. being the maximum.
- (5.) Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many trustees were appointed to the Savings Bank of New South Wales by the present Government?
  - (2.) The names of same?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Four.
  - (2.) The Honorable J. F. Burns, the Honorable John L. Fegan, M.L.A., Arthur Hill Griffith, Esquire, M.L.A., and James Inglis, Esquire.
- (6.) Naval Prison, Garden Island:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there is a strong feeling prevalent against the erection by the Naval Authorities of a prison on Garden Island?
  - (2.) Will he receive a deputation of citizens to protest against same?
  - (3.) Will he ascertain whether there is not ample accommodation in Darlinghurst Gaol for the incarceration of naval offenders?
- Sir John See answered,—I refer the honorable gentleman to an answer given to the Honorable Member for Rylstone on the 9th September upon the same subject. I will confer with the Admiral through His Excellency the State Governor, and ascertain whether another site cannot be chosen for the purpose.
- (7.) Advances to Settlers Board:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total amount advanced by the Advances to Settlers' Board for the financial year ending 30th June, 1903?
  - (2.) How many mortgagors are in arrears with their interest, and amount of same on the 30th June, 1903?
  - (3.) Upon what system are the securities and mortgages audited and checked?
  - (4.) When was the last investigation made, and what was the result?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) £163,504 10s.
  - (2.) 1,291 mortgagors are in arrears to the extent of £18,946 7s. 5d.
  - (3.) The securities are the subject of a personal inspection by experts before any advance is made thereon, and the accounts are audited and checked by an Inspector of Public Accounts in the usual manner.
  - (4.) The last investigation of the accounts was made on the 20th May, 1903, when they were reported on by the inspector as being satisfactory.
- (8.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage requisitioned the Government to place at their disposal a sum of £106,381 to carry out urgent works in connection with that Department?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Government have only placed £50,500 at the disposal of the Board?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that in consequence thereof the extension of water mains and reticulation sewers to new estates and districts under the jurisdiction of the Board must be stopped?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Cabinet decided that the monthly expenditure for Loans for the financial year 1903-4 should be reduced to the lowest possible limit, and, as a sequence, the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage was informed that their Loan expenditure for the financial year 1903-4, on the reduced scale, would total £84,393. The Board subsequently invited a reconsideration of this decision, but owing to the absolute necessity for economising expenditure in every direction, I doubt very much whether the Treasurer will be able to comply with the request of the Board.
- (9.) Railways from Cobar to The Peak and Gravesend to Inverell:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the capital cost of the railway from Cobar to The Peak?
  - (2.) What were the total earnings on the same from the 26th November, 1901, to the 30th June last?
  - (3.) What was the cost of working the same, also the amount of interest on this line, from its opening to the 30th of June last?
  - (4.) What were the total earnings of the railway, Gravesend to Inverell, from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903?
  - (5.) What was the cost of working, also interest on cost, for the twelve months from the 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—
- (1.) The total cost of constructing the 3 miles from Cobar to The Peak was £13,117.
  - (2 and 3.) Details are not kept separate of the traffic and working of this portion of the line, as it is treated as part of the section Nyngan to Cobar and The Peak. The result of working the complete section for the year ended 31st December, 1902, was as follows:—Earnings, £21,066; working expenses, £16,665; and interest, £12,581.
  - (4 and 5.) Information in regard to this extension is forwarded in reply to Question No. 10 to-day.

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(10.) Narrabri-Moree-Gravesend Railway :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When was the railway from Narrabri to Moree completed ; also from Gravesend ?
- (2.) What was the capital cost of each of the above ?
- (3.) What were the total earnings of each for the past twelve months to the 30th of June last ?
- (4.) What was the cost of working, also interest on cost of each of these lines, for the same twelve months ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Information has been supplied to me as under :—

- (1.) Narrabri to Moree, opened 1st April, 1897 ; Moree to Gravesend, opened 1st February, 1900 ; Gravesend to Reedy Creek, opened 25th November, 1901 ; Reedy Creek to Inverell, opened 10th March, 1902.
- (2.) The sections are Narrabri to Moree and Moree to Inverell. The capital cost of the former was £189,458, and of the latter £329,386, both including equipment.
- (3 and 4.) The results for the twelve months ending 31st December last were :—Narrabri to Moree—Earnings, £24,116 ; cost of working, £12,880 ; interest, £6,631. Moree to Inverell—Earnings, £20,129 ; cost of working, £12,434 ; interest, £11,529. The detail returns for the twelve months ending 30th June have not been compiled.

(11.) Service and Salary of Mr. Laurence Foley :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Laurence Foley still in the employment of the Government : if so, what position does he hold, and what is his pay ?
- (2.) What position did Mr. Foley hold when he accompanied the Minister to Broken Hill, and what was he paid per day by the Government ; were his railway and other expenses paid over and above his daily pay ?
- (3.) Have Mr. Foley's services been executed with the consent of the Public Service Board ?
- (4.) What is his age ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Foley is not now in the employ of the Public Works Department. Upon all the demolition works that he undertook he returned a clear profit, while other managers of such work have incurred losses.
- (2.) Mr. Foley never went to Broken Hill with me, but he did accompany me to Western Australia, at his own expense, and where he was invited by the State Officials to be present at the principal functions.
- (3.) There was no necessity for such sanction in my opinion, as Mr. Foley was not a civil servant, but merely an expert occasionally employed for a few weeks at a time.
- (4.) I do not know, but judging by his muscular and mental activity to-day, he is not much more than 45.

(12.) Ministerial Interference with the Public Service Board :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that the Public Service Board in their latest report complain of the Ministerial interference, particularly by the Attorney-General, to which they have been subjected during the past year, alleging that the matter of making appointments to the Service and of promoting officers already in such Service had been practically taken out of their hands ?
- (2.) If such interference has been indulged in to the extent indicated, will he consider whether the time has arrived when the Board shall be abolished, and the old system of political patronage be openly reverted to ?

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

- (1.) The report of the Public Service Board does not contain any complaint of Ministerial interference by the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, and Crown Solicitor agreed in a carefully-considered opinion that the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates is vested in the Governor under the Act 45 Vic. No. 17, and not in the Commissioners ; and the Attorney-General so advised the Board. The report contains all the arguments *pro* and *con* upon this point. It is not a fact that the making of appointments to the Service and the promotion of officers have been practically taken out of the hands of the Board, nor has the Board made a complaint to this effect.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.

(13.) Subletting of Contract by Mr. Thos. Williams :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In connection with the contract for blue-metal spawls to be supplied between Ryde and Gladesville Bridge, has he granted permission to Contractor Williams to sublet ?
- (2.) If he has not, will he make inquiries as to whether any of the contracts have been sublet ?
- (3.) What are the penalties provided to meet the case of contractors who sublet without obtaining his authority ; and if there has been default in this case, will same be enforced ?
- (4.) Will he see that all claims for work done under such sublet contracts are paid in full by Mr. Contractor Williams before any further payments are made him in respect of such contracts ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have this day been shown a memorandum from Mr. Thos. Williams to this effect :—“ As one F. A. Jeffreys has begun a process of law against me in connection with my Ryde quarry, I would respectfully ask that the answers to Questions by Mr. Fitzpatrick be held over pending a settlement of my case, which is now *sub judice*.” As this matter has only just been reported to me, I am sure the Honorable Member will not press for replies at the present stage, but I will have the matter fully inquired into.

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(14.) Temporary Employés in the Electoral Department:—*Mr. McGowen*, for *Mr. Hollis*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that some time back the Electoral Department, in response, received about 2,000 applications for temporary employment, and that out of that number but 100 were employed?

(2.) Is it a fact that some, about forty, clerks who are employed in the various State Departments are engaged working overtime some hours each night, at from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per hour?

(3.) Will he put a stop to this practice in the interests of the large number of unemployed clerks?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that about 100 temporary clerks are employed in preparing electors' rights in connection with the female franchise. They have been selected from the register of applicants for temporary employment kept by the Public Service Board.

(2 and 3.) It is also a fact that about forty permanent clerks are employed on overtime, at regulation rates, but not exceeding 2s. an hour, in checking the work done by the temporary clerks. The employment of permanent officers for this work was strongly recommended by the Chief Electoral Officer in order to ensure that the work was done correctly and properly. The work will only last a very short time—I think about a month at the most.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. Dacey*,—From members of the congregation of St. Matthew's, Parish Church, Botany.

(2.) By *Mr. McGowen*,—From the Minister and adherents of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Redfern.

(3.) By *Mr. Garland*,—From the Women adherents of the Methodist Church of Manilla.

(4.) By *Mr. Garland*,—From *Marianne Boyer*, President, and *Daisy Smith*, Secretary, of the Committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Bowral.

(5.) By *Mr. Wade*,—From certain residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(6.) By *Mr. Williams*,—From *F. Demford*, Elder, *J. F. Ashwood*, Treasurer, and *Charles J. Lea*, Secretary, of the Church of Christ, Petersham.

(7.) By *Mr. Williams*,—From *George S. Waldin*, President, and *Thomas Morton*, Secretary, of the Temperance and Morals Committee of the Associated Churches of Christ in New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Sir John See*, read a third time, and passed.

*Mr. Waddell* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 22nd September, 1903.*

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Unclaimed Moneys Bill; second reading. [*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*]

(2.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

(3.) Preferential Trade; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Haynes*, "That the recent cable message, despatched, at the instance of the Government, by His Excellency the Governor, *Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson*, to the Home Government, affirming endorsement by the people of New South Wales of the preferential trade proposals of *Mr. Chamberlain*, is a misrepresentation of the public opinion of this State on the subject."

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Waddell*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

*Message No. 55.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of September, October, and November, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1904, and for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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6. NEWINGTON AND ROOKWOOD ASYLUMS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly,—  
 “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.  
 “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Daley, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.”  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
 Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. PUBLIC PLACES ADVERTISEMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.  
 The Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places.  
 On motion of Mr. Clark, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Property Detention Bill postponed until Tuesday, 6th October.
9. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Clark, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Clark, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
11. DENTISTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hollis, “ ‘That’ this Bill be now read a second time.”  
 Upon which Mr. Eden George had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Edden, Mr. Law, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Richards, and the Mover,”—instead thereof.  
 And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
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- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*
12. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.  
 On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
13. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Crick, “ ‘That’ this Bill be now read a third time.”  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 Mr. Scobie moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses “1 and 3,”—instead thereof.  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
 Question proposed,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 1 and 3.  
 Mr. Moore moved, That the Question be amended by adding the words “and Clause 23,”—  
 Dr. Ross moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words “and Clause 19,”—

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Mr. Price moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and Clause 21,"—  
Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words "and Clause 23" proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Hogue,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	

Noes, 42.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Power,	Mr. MacMahon,
Sir John See,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Thomson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. McLaurin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words "and clause 19" proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words "and clause 21" proposed to be added be so added,—put, and voices given,—

Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fleming, and Mr. Price.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clauses 1 and 3,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup>, with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

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

#### 14. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of State children, and of children who are subject to neglect or ill-usage, or are otherwise in want of proper control, sustenance, or care, and of juvenile offenders; to provide for the guardianship of certain children, and for the maintenance by relatives of State children; to constitute children's courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction; to provide for the licensing and control of children selling or offering things for sale, or engaging in or carrying on any occupation or business in public places; to amend in these and in other respects the State Children's Relief Act, 1901, the Industrial Schools Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, and the Crimes Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, the carrying out of those objects.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of State children, and of children who are subject to neglect or ill-usage, or are otherwise in want of proper control, sustenance, or care, and of juvenile offenders; to provide for the guardianship of certain children, and for the maintenance by relatives of State children; to constitute children's courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction; to provide for the licensing and control of children selling or offering things for sale, or engaging in or carrying on any occupation or business in public places; to amend in these and in other respects the State Children's Relief Act, 1901, the Industrial Schools Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, and the Crimes Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, the carrying out of those objects.

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

- (2.) Mr. Fegan then presented a Bill, intitled "A Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, and reformation of State children, and of children who are subject to neglect or ill-usage, or are otherwise in want of proper control, sustenance, or care, and of juvenile offenders; to provide for the guardianship of certain children, and for the maintenance by relatives of State children;

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*children ; to constitute children's courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction ; to provide for the licensing and control of children selling or offering things for sale, or engaging in or carrying on any occupation or business in public places ; to amend in these and in other respects the State Children's Relief Act, 1901, the Industrial Schools Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ;—and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, the carrying out of those objects,*—which was read a first time.

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

15. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*





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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Darling Harbour and "Rocks" Resumptions :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total amount already paid in connection with the Darling Harbour and "Rocks" resumptions?
- (2.) What is the estimated amount of the outstanding claims?
- (3.) What is the capitalised amount of the properties controlled by the Harbour Trust?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The fullest information will be given respecting this matter when the Financial Statement is being made.
- (3.) The amount has not yet been determined.

- (2.) Supply of Water to the Northern Suburbs :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Wade, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What were the number of houses and premises in the Northern Suburbs supplied with water from Ryde mains in November, 1901?
- (2.) What was the daily consumption of water at the above date?
- (3.) What was the daily capacity of the supply service at that date?
- (4.) How many houses and premises are now supplied from the same source in the Northern Suburbs?
- (5.) What steps have been taken to increase the water supply since December, 1901?
- (6.) Have any pipes been laid for that purpose?
- (7.) Are pipes now being laid?
- (8.) Will the water supply be increased before the end of this year?
- (9.) If not, what measures are being taken to prevent another water famine?
- (10.) Has representation been made by the Water and Sewerage Board as to the urgency of increasing the water supply to the Northern Suburbs?
- (11.) If so, when was such representation made?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following answers to Questions 1 to 5 :—

- (1.) 7,767.
- (2.) The maximum daily consumption was nearly 3,000,000 gallons.
- (3.) 2,128,000 gallons.
- (4.) 8,292.
- (5.) The work of laying a 32-inch main to Ryde from Pipe Head Basin has been commenced by Public Works Department.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) My officers anticipate that the new main will be ready to carry water in January.
- (9.) In addition to laying the new main, the weak portion of the service from Ryde to Chatswood has been strengthened by the construction and completion of the new pipe bridge over the Lane Cover River.
- (10.) Yes.
- (11.) In October, 1901.

(3.)

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(3.) Permanent and Temporary Officers in the Public Service:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total number of persons in the Public Service on the 30th June last, employed permanently?

(2.) The same regarding the number employed temporarily?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The number of persons permanently employed in the Departments of the Public Service coming under the provisions of the Public Service Act, on the 30th June last, was approximately 12,408.

(2.) The number temporarily employed on the 30th June cannot be given without reference to the Departments, which would take some little time. The number temporarily employed under sections 44 and 45 of the Public Service Act on the 31st December last was 422 and 593 respectively. These figures do not include road maintenance men or other workmen employed at daily wages at the Docking Establishment and on public works.

(4.) Alignment Posts for Country Towns:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the rule that the Government supply money for the purchase of alignment posts for country towns which are incorporated; if not, why was an exception made of the Wyalong Municipality?

Mr. Crick answered,—No; but in the exceptional case referred to, the Department paid the account rendered in good faith of an alleged promise made by the Honorable the Chief Secretary, but which promise the Honorable the Chief Secretary has no recollection of making.

(5.) Steam Yacht "Victoria":—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total expenditure last financial year on the steam yacht "Victoria"?

(2.) Is it a fact that the sum of £878 2s. 6d. was expended in insuring the yacht; and, if so, in what office was it insured?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The total expenditure in connection with the yacht "Victoria" during the financial year ended 30th June, 1903, including wages, maintenance, and repairs, was £1,226 0s. 10d.

(2.) Yes. The yacht is insured with the North Queensland Insurance Company.

(6.) Unexpended Balances, 1902-1903:—Mr. Dick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the unexpended balances of Votes of last year?

(2.) Will he lay a return of same upon the Table prior to delivering his Financial Statement?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) The unexpended balances of Votes and Appropriations, annual and statutory, of last year amounted to £99,314 17s. 6d.

(2.) Yes.

(7.) Duty on State Imports:—Mr. Affleck, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of duty on State imports which is involved by the decision of the Supreme Court?

(2.) How much was paid from revenue, and how much from loan?

(3.) Have these amounts been included in the Federal revenue returned to the State?

(4.) Has the Treasurer yet adjusted the accounts in view of the decision of the Supreme Court; and, if so, how and when?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information is being compiled in compliance with an Order of the Legislative Council, and, when prepared, will be also laid upon the Table of this House.

(8.) Hotel on road between Orange and Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that one of the oldest wayside inns or hotels on the Orange-Forbes road—the only hotel between Orange and Cudal, a distance of 25 miles—has lately been closed owing to the licensing fee having been raised from £15 to £30 annually?

(2.) Is he further aware that, since the closing of this hotel, the travelling public are put to hardship and inconvenience for the want of suitable accommodation?

(3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have the licensing fee reduced to £15 as formerly, so that the hotel may be reopened for the convenience of the travelling public?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am unable to reply to the Honorable Member's Questions, as he has not furnished me with sufficient information to identify the hotel he refers to. To enable me to do so, I should require to have the name of the licensee, the sign of the hotel, and in what Police District it is situated.

(9.) Military Pension to W. M. Hughes, Cumnock:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that one W. M. Hughes, of Cumnock, *via* Molong, one of the New South Wales Contingent that went to South Africa, but returned disabled owing to the amputation of a leg, was promised a pension over thirteen months since, but that the pension has not yet been paid?

(2.) Will he state the reason why the pension that Hughes is entitled to is delayed or being withheld from Mr. Hughes, and when it is likely to be paid, seeing that he is unable to do any hard work to obtain a living?

Sir John See answered,—Trooper Hughes is in receipt of a pension at the rate of 1s. 6d. per diem. I am causing inquiry to be made, and I will give my honorable friend full information in a day or two.

(10.) Proposed Railways, Mudgee to Cobbora and Cowra to Gregra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the *Herald* of the 18th instant, in reply to a deputation that waited upon him respecting the extension of the railway from Mudgee to Cobbora, that he hoped to have the proposed extension submitted to the Public Works Committee?

(2.) In view of the answer to the above deputation, will he state when he is likely to have the proposed railway extension, Gregra to Cowra, submitted to the Cabinet, the Railway Commissioners, and the Public Works Committee, so that the works may be proceeded with?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I stated on the 17th instant to the deputation that I would take all the preliminary steps necessary and complete the survey work, and when the full cost had been prepared, I would submit the matter to Cabinet; and I hoped at no distant date to submit it to Parliament, so that a report could be obtained from the Public Works Committee, and thus be ready for action when the money market was available. I am prepared to do the same for the Gregra-Cowra line when it is brought to the same advanced stage.

- (11.) Revenue under the Stamp Duties Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of revenue derived annually under the Stamp Duty Act?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Stamp Duties have been collected since the year 1865. The revenue derived since the year 1893 is as follows, viz. :—1893, £311,723; 1894, £297,062; January to June, 1895, half-year, £147,581; 1895-6, £318,304; 1896-7, £332,345; 1897-8, £348,560; 1898-9, £361,887; 1899-1900, £311,757; 1900-1901, £426,957; 1901-1902, £505,857; 1902-1903, £477,327.

- (12.) Application for Sale of Lands at Cargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in dealing with Mr. Collins' application to have certain lands in the town of Cargo, county of Ashburnham, offered for sale?

(2.) When is the sale likely to take place?

Mr. Crick answered,—It was necessary to ascertain from the Department of Mines whether there was any objection to the disposal by auction sale of the land in question. A report has been received, and as there appears to be no objection to its alienation, the necessary notifications will be published in the *Gazette*, and the sale held on a date to be fixed in accordance with the law at the time prevailing.

- (13.) Costs in Cases of Public Servants v. The Crown :—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—What were the costs incurred by the Government in the suits *Barrett v. Crown*, *Adams v. Crown*, *Stuart v. Crown*, *Josephson v. Crown*, *Simpson v. Crown*, in reference to the Superannuation Fund?

Sir John See answered,—My honorable colleague, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, has furnished me with the following reply :—In the case of *Adams v. the Crown*, £373 11s. 3d.; *Stuart v. the Crown*, £633 6s. 1d.; *Josephson v. the Crown*, £278 0s. 4d.; *Simpson v. the Crown*, £445 11s. There is no record in the Crown Solicitor's office of the case *Barrett v. the Crown*.

- (14.) Water Supply for Broken Hill :—Mr. Williams asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the report of the Public Works Committee, respecting the provision of a water supply for Broken Hill, be available to the Members of this House?

(2.) Will he afford this House an early opportunity of discussing the same?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) On Friday, the 25th instant.

(2.) Yes.

- (15.) Leave to Employees in Harbour Improvement Department :—Mr. Dick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that he has decided to annul the concession of one week's leave per annum recently granted to employees in the Harbour Improvement Department; and, if so, does the Government propose to treat all other State employees similarly?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The regulation establishing the week's holiday has not been rescinded, nor is it likely to be.

2. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL** :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Phillips,—From members of the Committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Dubbo Branch.

(2.) By Mr. Jessep,—From Sara S. Nolan, President, and Alice A. Masterman, Secretary, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. **MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL** :—Mr. Affleck presented a Petition from Jas. Alex. Brown, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill, and praying to be represented by Counsel or Attorney before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

4. **ALLEGED EVASION OF THE ARBITRATION ACT** :—

(1.) Mr. Macdonell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Alleged Evasion of the Arbitration Act" have leave to make a Special Report.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Macdonell, as Chairman, brought up a Special Report from the Committee which was read by the Acting Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

## SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed on the 4th September, 1903, a.m., "to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the alleged evasion of the purpose of "the Arbitration Act on the part of certain industrial unions, and other residents of this State," have the honor to report the following resolution :—

"That the Chairman report to the House that a witness, having been duly summoned under "the Parliamentary Evidence Act, 1901, appeared before the said Committee and refused to have

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"the oath administered to him or to make a declaration, and the Committee having received the opinion of the Attorney-General that a Select Committee has no power to deal with a witness refusing to be sworn, recommend an immediate amendment of the Parliamentary Evidence Act to confer upon Select Committees the necessary power to deal with such cases."

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D. MACDONELL, Chairman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PAPERS :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Balmain.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Granville.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. PUBLIC PLACES ADVERTISEMENTS BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark, pursuant to leave granted on 22nd September, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for and regulate the method of advertising in or near public places,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October.

7. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clark then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 23rd September, 1903.*

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, "That, in the opinion of this House,—

"(1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free access over bridges.

"(2.) The promise of the Honorable the Minister for Works to abolish tolls on punts should be "given effect to at once,"—postponed until Tuesday, 20th October.

9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling, exchanging, and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders; permitting a present holder to sell to another; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling, exchanging, and leasing lands; to alter the present system of balloting; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 23rd September, 1903.*

10. INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to prevent the influx of criminals into New South Wales, and to prevent certain criminals from remaining in or returning to the said State.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prevent the influx of criminals into New South Wales, and to prevent certain criminals from remaining in or returning to the said State,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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## INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd September, 1903.*

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

Page 2, clause 3, lines 8 to 10. *Omit* "notwithstanding subsection (n) of the said section, which shall not be held to limit the operation of this section of this Act"

Page 3, clause 8, line 3. *Omit* "six" *insert* "twelve"

Page 3, clause 8, line 6. *Omit* "convicting justices" *insert* "Minister"

Examined,—

J. H. CANN,  
Chairman of Committees.

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

- (1.) Stage Carriages Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Stage Carriages Act of 1899,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

- (2.) Lithgow Municipal Loans (Validation) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

12. FORESTRY BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Points of Order* :—Mr. Moore pointed out that Clause 16 was beyond the order of leave, in that it provided for the issue of mining licenses.

Mr. Carruthers also submitted that the order of leave was exceeded by the Bill proposing to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1895, and further contended that the Bill was in conflict with provisions already passed this Session in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker thought the provision in Clause 16 was fully covered by the words of the Title. He was not clear that the Bill proposed to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1895, nor did he consider there was any conflict with the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill sufficiently definite for this Bill to be ruled out of order on that ground. He therefore ruled the Bill in order.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

13. REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum ; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1903, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Meagher, Temporary Chairman, reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Meagher stated that during the consideration in Committee of the Whole "of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to submit the question of the reduction of Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum ; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object," an amendment was moved by the Honorable Member for St. George to leave out the words "to submit the question of" with a view to the insertion of the word "for," upon which a Point of Order was taken by the Honorable the Minister for Lands that the amendment was out of order, inasmuch as it was subversive of the motion, which point of order he, the Temporary Chairman, had upheld. Objection was taken to his decision, and the matter referred for Mr. Speaker's decision.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said in his opinion the leading principle of the resolution before the Committee was that the people should in the first instance be asked to fix the number of Members by which the House should be reduced ; as the amendment would practically reverse that principle, it would not be relevant. He, therefore, upheld the decision of the Temporary Chairman.

Whereupon

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Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.

On motion of Sir John See, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir John See then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 45.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Compensation for Resumption of the old A. S. N. Company's Buildings:—*Mr. McNeill*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the amount paid in compensation to the proprietors of the old A. S. N. Buildings, Circular Quay?  
 (2.) To what use are these premises now being put, and what is the amount of revenue derived therefrom?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) The A. S. N. Company's property (including buildings), at Circular Quay, was purchased in October, 1887, for the sum of £275,000.

- (2.) Stores and offices. The gross rental amounts to £1,481 per annum.

- (2.) Authority to Mine through the Mount Kembla Company's mine:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. R. D. Barry* has been granted a permit to mine for coal, under recent Authority No. 1,254, through the Mount Kembla Company's mine?

- (2.) If such permit has not been granted, will he ascertain if *Mr. Barry*, or any other person or persons is, or are, driving from the Mount Kembla Company's mine to reach such coal?

- (3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances which led up to, and influenced, or caused the cancellation of Authority No. 1,254 to *Mr. Wm. Hurt*?

- (4.) What course does he propose to take in order to have a full and fair investigation with regard to the alleged unfair cancellation of Authority No. 1,254?

- (5.) Did he or the Under Secretary, or any other person in authority, request or induce certain Members of the State Parliament of New South Wales, or *Mr. Barry*, to accompany Inspector *Watson* to the Port Kembla Mine; if so, for what reason?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) No.

- (2.) This matter is already being inquired into.

- (3.) The authority was cancelled on the report of the inspector that the labour conditions were not being complied with.

- (4.) Further inquiries are now being made.

- (5.) Neither I nor the Under Secretary, nor any other person in authority, requested or induced any Member of Parliament, or *Mr. Barry*, to accompany Inspector *Watson* to the Port Kembla Mine.

- (3.) Sale of Land at Kurri Kurri:—*Mr. Burgess* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were the sales by auction of township allotments at Kurri Kurri recently conducted by *Mr. J. H. Brunker*, Maitland?

- (2.) What was the rate of commission paid to him, and the total amount he received in connection with the sale of these lands?

- (3.) Is *Mr. J. H. Brunker* the junior partner in the auctioneering firm of *J. N. Brunker and Son*, of Maitland?

- (4.) Is the Honorable *J. N. Brunker*, Member for East Maitland, the senior partner in the firm of *Brunker and Son*?

- (5.) If so, will he have the matter referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to ascertain if the Honorable *J. N. Brunker* is guilty of a breach of the 13th section of the Constitution Act?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

- (2.) (a) 1 per cent.; (b) £226 5s. 7d.

- (3, 4, and 5.) I am not aware. I wish to say, further, that I believe my honorable friend, the Member for East Maitland has not participated in the least degree in this transaction.

(4.)



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- (4.) Steam Yacht "Victoria":—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—For what amount is the steam yacht "Victoria" insured; in what office; and what is the premium paid?

Sir John See answered,—£25,000, in the North Queensland Insurance Company; annual premium £878 2s. 6d. This premium is only paid when the boat is running. When she is laid up, she is under the ordinary fire insurance premium.

- (5.) Consolidation of the Statutes:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What has been the cost of Statute Consolidation to date; and what further expenditure is anticipated to be incurred in the completion of the work?

(2.) Is he aware of the fact that, since the close of last Session, very many complaints have been made in the Law Courts by Judges and Counsel respecting the manner in which the work of consolidation has been effected?

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

(1.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to a return tabled on the 30th July, 1902, since which date an additional sum of £100 was paid to Mr. Blacket, barrister-at-law. No further expenditure is anticipated.

(2.) No.

- (6.) New Public Library:—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Have any definite steps yet been taken by him in the matter of selecting a site for the proposed new Public Library; if not, when does he intend to take such steps; and is he aware of the fact that, owing to lack of proper accommodation, thousands of valuable books and papers are stored away in odd corners and upon the floors of the old building in Macquarie street?

Mr. Perry answered,—This matter is still under consideration. I desire to refer the Honorable Member to my answer to a Question asked on 14th July last.

- (7.) Living Allowances to Junior Public Servants:—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many juniors in the Public Service are entitled to living allowance, and how many receive such allowance?

(2.) Are not many juniors in the various Departments on a salary of £50 per annum still awaiting a decision as to the amount of the living allowance granted in cases similar to their own?

(3.) Is it a fact that, though some juniors have received the allowance, others have been waiting for months, and in some cases for more than a year?

(4.) Will he urge the Public Service Board to have such cases decided and the juniors paid their back allowances at once?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—It would take some time to collect all the information asked for in the first three Questions, but I may state that the Public Service Board has now decided to allow all juniors the full allowance for which they would be eligible under the Public Service Regulations. Where funds are available, payment will be made without delay.

- (8.) Steam Launch "Mabel":—*Mr. Law* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the steam launch "Mabel" was sent to Newcastle for the use of the Shipping Inspectors?

(2.) If so, will he state when the inspectors are to have use of the same?

Sir John See answered,—The launch "Mabel" was sent to Newcastle for the general use of Departmental officers, including inspectors, pilots, and others, as the exigencies of the Service may require, or the Deputy Superintendent of Navigation may direct. She was not sent there for the exclusive use of the inspectors.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—*Mr. Hawthorne* presented a Petition from M. G. Wragge, President, Maggie Stewart, Secretary, and S. E. Gray, Treasurer, of the Committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Leichhardt, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects.

Petition received.

3. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL:—*Mr. Wade* presented a Petition from H. F. Chilcott, Sub-Manager of the Scottish Australian Mining Company, Limited, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill, and praying to be represented by Solicitor or Counsel before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

4. BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—*Mr. Affleck* moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 121, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bills of Sale (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*), which dropped on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1903, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—*Mr. Bennett* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation No. 157A, under the Crown Lands Acts.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Report of the Forestry Branch of the Department of Lands for the year 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unclaimed Moneys Bill postponed until To-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed, Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The outrageous action of a Stipendiary Magistrate in sending a respectable lad to prison for a month, without the option of a fine, for playing 'two-up,' while pernicious forms of gambling are openly tolerated, connived at, and encouraged."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Meagher moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

8. **INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the influx of criminals into New South Wales, and to prevent certain criminals from remaining in or returning to the said State.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 24th September, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

9. **FORESTRY BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Moore submitted that the Bill was beyond the Order of Leave, as it infringed some of the most important provisions of the Mining Laws; under the power proposed to be taken, any Crown lands may be dedicated as a State forest, even including a whole mining field, which would seriously clash with the rights conferred upon the holders of miners' rights, mineral licenses, &c.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he had looked at the various Acts and clauses referred to, and was of opinion that this Bill did not go further than the Crown Lands Act of 1884, to which it refers and proposes to amend. He therefore ruled that the Bill was not out of order.

Debate continued.

Mr. MacMahon moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Pyers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. MacMahon,	
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nicholson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Law,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Edon George,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Jessop,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Price,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Webster,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Brunker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

10. **CLAIM OF MR. JOHN LEONARD AGAINST THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. John Leonard against the Public Works Department," brought up on 19th December, 1902, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned (after Debate), at eleven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

GOULBURN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend John Gallagher, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, the trustee of certain allotments or parcels of land situate in the town of Goulburn, held upon certain trusts connected with the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic School and charitable purposes within the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th September, 1903.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Alleged Deaths from Consumption of Sprayed Fruit :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the answer to a Question by Dr. Ross on 9th September last, respecting the outbreak of a sporadic and fatal disease called cerebro-spinal fever in the district of Parkes and Bogan Gate, will he state when he is likely to lay upon the Table of this House, for the information of the public and in the interest of science, a copy of the report on these cases by Dr. Millard, Assistant Medical Officer of Health?

Sir John See answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the reply given to the Question on the same subject asked by him on the 9th September.

(2.) Residential Properties handed over to the Harbour Trust :—Mr. McNeill, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many residential properties were handed over to the Harbour Trust, and how many were demolished?

(2.) What is the total amount of income derived therefrom, from the inauguration of the Trust until the 30th June last?

(3.) How much has been written off as bad debts in connection therewith?

(4.) In how many instances has the Trust distrained for rent?

(5.) What has been the total amount expended on repairs and maintenance of the residential properties?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House in the course of a few days.

(3.) Labour Commissioners :—Mr. McNeill, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the Labour Commissioners appointed for any definite term; if so, how long?

(2.) Will he consider whether it would not be a great saving to the State if the Commissioners were abolished and the Department administered by the present Secretary, under the control of the Public Service Board?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners were not appointed for any definite period.

(2.) I see no reason for making such a change as the Honorable Member suggests.

(4.)

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- (4.) Proposed Railway, Cowra to Gregra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) With reference to the answer to Dr. Ross' Question, No. 10 of the 23rd September, will he state how long it has taken to complete the survey of the proposed railway extension, Gregra to Cowra; when he inspected the line; the distance of the proposed extension; the cost of the survey; and when the plans are likely to be ready to be submitted to the Railway Commissioners and Public Works Committee?
  - (2.) Will he state how far the survey and the preparation of the plans are advanced?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Cowra to Canowindra—three and three-quarter months, in 1899–1900. Canowindra to Gregra—sixteen and a quarter months, in 1901–1903, including alternative line. Length, 56½ miles. Cost (including alternative lines), £1,672 10s. 8d. I have already stated that this line will have to be submitted to Cabinet with others when opportunity offers.
  - (2.) The survey is completed, but the preliminary plans only are ready.
- (5.) Post Office Hotel, Cheeseman's Creek, on Orange and Cudal Road :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With reference to the answer to Dr. Ross' Question, No. 8 of the 23rd September, will he state the reason why the license fee of the "Cheeseman's Creek" Hotel, formerly occupied by Mr. Hughes, and lately by Mr. J. Lyster, on the Orange, Cudal, and Forbes Road, in the Police District of Molong, has been increased from £15 to £30 annually?
  - (2.) Is he aware that since the hotel was closed, owing to the licensing fee having been increased, that the travelling public are put to much hardship and inconvenience for want of suitable accommodation, it being the only hotel on the Orange and Cudal Road, a distance of 25 miles?
  - (3.) Will he see that some steps are taken to have the licensing fee reduced as formerly, so that the hotel may be reopened for the convenience of the travelling public?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The hotel referred to was that known by the sign of the "Post Office Hotel," situated at Cheeseman's Creek. The fee was increased from £15 to £30, in the year 1900, on account of the hotel being within 10 miles of the next nearest hotel, as, under the Liquor Act of 1898, only hotels outside that limit are allowed licenses at the reduced fee of £15.
  - (2.) No. I may say, however, that I understand that there was, two or three years ago, though I am not aware whether it is there now, an accommodation house at Borenore, about 8 miles from Orange and 17 from Cudal, where the travelling public could procure accommodation.
  - (3.) The question of reducing the fee for this hotel was considered by the Minister of Justice in the year 1900, and he decided that it could not be reduced. Under the existing law no reduction of fee is possible; but in the Licensing Bill now before Parliament, provision is made for reduced fees, which would meet such cases as this.
- (6.) Crown Prosecutors for Country Circuits :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) On what principle are Crown Prosecutors for country circuits appointed?
  - (2.) How many of the gentlemen just appointed have had any practical experience in criminal cases?
  - (3.) Is it not a fact that in several instances the gentlemen recently appointed have only lately been admitted to the Bar?
  - (4.) Will he consider whether the Crown should not be represented at Criminal Courts by professional men of experience, and not by newly-fledged barristers?
- Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following replies :—
- (1.) The appointment of barristers to represent the Crown at Courts of Assize is an illustration of the great principle of the adaptation of means to an end.
  - (2.) All have had the requisite experience.
  - (3.) This, I believe, is a correct statement.
  - (4.) I will consider it.
- (7.) Mountain Residence for the Governor-General :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it proposed, on behalf of the State, to secure a residence on the Mountains for the Governor-General; and, if so, is it considered one of the duties of the taxpayers of New South Wales to pay the cost of same?
  - (2.) Is it intended that a residence owned by Chief Justice Darley shall be selected?
  - (3.) Before anything definite is done in connection with this matter, will he afford this House an opportunity of expressing its opinion?
- Sir John See answered,—Nothing definite has been done in this matter. Chief Justice Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, G.C.M.G., is not desirous to let his mountain home unless it is particularly required. The suggestion was brought under my notice that it would be desirable to offer a summer residence to the Governor-General, and in view of that fact, I consulted with some of the leaders of the House, and they were in full agreement with myself. I know, from information received, that it is the desire of some of the other States that the Governor-General should have a mountain home offered to him as a summer residence, and I thought—and I think the House will agree with me—that, for the prestige of the State of New South Wales, if a summer home could be offered to the Governor-General, it would be of great advantage to us. I have not done anything definite in the matter.
- (8.) Supply of Water, Northern Suburbs :—Mr. Wade asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have any additional water pipes been laid between Ryde and Chatswood since December, 1901?
  - (2.) Can the water supply to the northern suburbs on the Milson's Point railway be increased unless additional pipes are laid between Ryde and Chatswood?
  - (3.) Will such additional pipes be laid before the end of this year?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has furnished me with the following reply :—Yes, pipes have been laid across the new bridge over Lane Cove River, and connection of same to existing main will be made within a few days, which will enable both engines, if necessary, to pump simultaneously from Ryde to Chatswood.

## 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Board of Health on a second outbreak of Plague at Sydney, 1902.
  - (2.) Report of the Public Service Board on the Inquiry held into the Suspension of Mr. Robert Steel, Assistant Engineer Surveyor, Department of Navigation, in the matter of the s.s. "Balmain."
  - (3.) Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the year 1902-3, written off as Savings on 30th June, 1903.
  - (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erecting an Electric Sub-station at Botany, for Tramway purposes.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulations Nos. 38A and 70A, also Additional Forms Nos. 63 and 64, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
  - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act, 1884.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Newington and Rookwood Asylums; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly,—
  - "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.
  - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Daley, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover ;"—until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Bills of Sale (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Affleck*];—until Tuesday, 3rd November.

## 5. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904, STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1902-3, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1902-3, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE," FOR URGENT CLAIMS, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1902-3 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 57.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1903-1904, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1902-3," on account of Services of the year 1902-3, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote, and a Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1903, for Urgent Claims, on account of Services of the year 1902-3.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1903.*

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

## 6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Darlington, Mr. Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The conduct of the Captain of the 'Elginshire,' in leaving sailors penniless in our State, and his treatment of "same."

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

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

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Jessep contended that this subject could be discussed in Committee of Supply, this evening, on the resolution preliminary to the introduction of the Supply Bill, and was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that it was his duty to prevent a double discussion, but as he was in doubt whether the Honorable Member would have free opportunity to discuss this matter in Supply, he would allow the debate to go on.

Debate, on the motion for adjournment, ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

## 7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £985, for Executive Council, for the year 1903–1904.

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

8. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1903–1904.

Ordered to be printed.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904,” through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,665,000, being £1,640,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of September, October, and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1904, to be expended at the rates which are shown on Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1904, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1903–1904; and £25,000 for Treasurer's Advance Account, to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 30th June, 1905.

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

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1903–1904, the sum of £1,665,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903–1904,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

4.) Bill read a third time.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Sir John See moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th September, 1903, a.m.*

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Milk from the Illawarra District:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the approximate number of gallons of milk brought daily to Sydney by rail from the Illawarra District?
  - (2.) What is the wholesale value of those daily supplies, as nearly as can be readily ascertained?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) 7,215 gallons.
- (2.) £210 8s. 9d., calculated at 7d. per gallon, the rate paid to dairy farmers.

- (2.) Duplication of Railway between Waterfall and Dapto:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What are the distances, along the Illawarra railway line, between Waterfall and Bulli and Bulli and Dapto, respectively?
- (2.) How many trains of all kinds passed over the whole, or parts, of each of those sections during the half-year ending 30th June last?
- (3.) Is it intended that either, or both, of those sections shall be duplicated in the near future?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Waterfall to Bulli is 17½ miles; Bulli to Dapto, 14¼ miles.
- (2.) Between Waterfall and Bulli, 7,687; Bulli and Wollongong, 3,969; the number of trains traversing the whole section, Bulli-Dapto, was 2,361.
- (3.) There is at present no intention of duplicating any portion of the line referred to.

- (3.) Darling Harbour and "Rocks" Resumptions:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the unpaid amount of claims for the Darling Harbour and "Rocks" resumptions?
- (2.) What is the amount of interest due thereon, calculated from the date of resumption to the 30th June, 1903?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I would refer the Honorable Member to the information I gave last night in my speech regarding this matter.
- (2.) The interest outstanding on 30th June is estimated at £175,000.

- (4.) Commercial Agent in the East:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many applications were received for the post of Commercial Agent in the East; who was appointed; and at what salary?
- (2.) What special qualifications does the successful applicant possess?
- (3.) Has he ever had any commercial experience?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) About 150. Mr. John B. Suttor, at £750 per annum.
- (2.) He is eminently qualified for the position.
- (3.) He has had considerable commercial experience.

- (5.) Buildings for Police Department:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has it been found, by late measurements, that the building now being erected for the Inspector-General of Police in Hunter and Phillip Streets is not in accordance with the plans, or as originally designed?
- (2.) If so, in what manner has it been deviated from, and what is intended to be done in regard to it?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—A small discrepancy apparently does exist, but nothing can be stated definitely until the result is known of an investigation which is now being made by a surveyor.

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(6.) Parks and Reserves, North Sydney :—*Mr. A ffleck*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names and areas of parks and reserves under the control of the North Sydney Council ?
- (2.) Has the sum of £250 been annually granted for the improvement of such parks ?
- (3.) Have several applications been made for last year's grant ; if so, by whom, and when ; and what special reasons are there for the refusal of same ?
- (4.) If he contends there is any special reason for the refusal of the vote for this year, will he say whether or not he has granted sums for other parks and reserves in other electorates where the circumstances are similar to those of North Sydney ?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—

- (1.) Camaray Park (St. Leonards), area 48 acres 3 roods 21 perches ; St. Leonards Park, area 40 acres 2 roods 11 perches ; Warringa Park (Neutral Bay and Careening Cove), area 5 acres 3 roods 10 perches ; Kirribilli Park (Neutral Bay), area 2 acres 1 rood 37 perches ; Baths and Public Recreation (Neutral Bay), area 1 acre 32 perches ; Recreation Reserve (Bellevue and Ernest Streets, North Sydney), area 1 rood 32 perches.
- (2.) Yes, with the exception of the past financial year.
- (3.) Yes, an application by the Honorable Member on the 27th November last, a personal interview with the Under Secretary on the 3rd April last, and upon the 12th May last he forwarded a request from the Council for a deputation to wait upon the Minister respecting a grant.
- (4.) Immediately the Estimates have been passed, the whole Park question will be considered.

(7.) Distress for Rent Act :—*Mr. Pyers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to bring in a Bill this Session to amend the present Distraint for Rent Act ?

*Sir John See* answered,—The matter is receiving attention.

(8.) Destruction of Rabbits on Land held by Corporations :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that corporations cannot be prosecuted for failure to destroy and suppress rabbits on land held by them ?
- (2.) If so, does he intend to amend the law, so that they will be liable to the same extent as private individuals ?

*Mr. Bennett* answered,—Ample power is conferred on the Pastures Protection Boards under sections 52 to 54 of the Pastures Protection Act, 1902, for ensuring the destruction of rabbits on such lands.

(9.) Rent for City and Suburban Hoardings :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What annual total amount is received by the Government as rent for city and suburban hoardings, and are the hoardings' rights disposed of by tender in open competition ?
- (2.) Who are the holders of hoardings' rights from the Government ?
- (3.) What rent is received from, and who are the lessees of, the hoardings at the new Sydney Railway Station ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) The annual total amount received is £1,334. The hoardings are disposed of by tender in the open market.
- (2.) Messrs. Hollander and Govett and Messrs. J. Roff & Co.
- (3.) £900 per annum. The lessees are Messrs. Hollander and Govett.

(10.) Case of Thomas Foster, Convicted of Bigamy :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a man named Thomas Foster convicted before Judge Simpson in June last on a charge of bigamy ; if so, to what term of imprisonment was he sentenced ?
- (2.) Have any representations been since made to his Department with reference to this man's case ; and, if so, does he propose to take any action regarding same ?
- (3.) Is he aware of the fact that Foster, according to the evidence and to circumstances which have transpired since his conviction, appears to have been the dupe of a designing woman, who herself had a husband when she married Foster ?
- (4.) Will he, in view of all the circumstances of the case, request the Attorney-General to make some inquiry with the effect of learning whether some remission of the sentence inflicted upon Foster cannot fairly be effected ?
- (5.) Will he be good enough to cause all papers in connection with this case to be laid upon the Table of this House ?

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

- (1.) Thomas Foster was convicted at the Sydney Gaol Delivery on 29th September, 1902, before *Mr. Acting Justice Rogers*, on a charge of bigamy, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.
- (2, 3, and 4.) Application has been made to the Department for the release of the prisoner, but his solicitor was informed, in June last, that, before such application could be dealt with, legal evidence must be produced by him to show that one John Paterson, to whom *Mrs. Foster* had been married in England, was alive at the date of her marriage with the prisoner.
- (5.) There will be no objection, if moved for in the usual way.

(11.) Riley's Hill Dock and Quarry :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the estimated cost of the Riley's Hill Dock, and what was the actual cost ?
- (2.) Who was foreman in charge, and where did he gain his experience in quarry work ?
- (3.) What has the stone at the Riley's Hill Quarry cost per ton for the last twelve months ?

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- (4.) What was the cost for the year ending June, 1900, when Wappett was in charge?  
 (5.) What did it cost from June, 1900, to June, 1902, when Mr. T. Toohey was assistant foreman?  
 (6.) Is it a fact that the present foreman has had no previous experience in quarrying, and is a bridge-builder by trade?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) (a) £8,241 8s. 2d ; (b) £11,620 13s. 6d. Extra cost was caused through the size of the dock being enlarged both in length and width and additional concrete, which was unforeseen.  
 (2.) Mr. H. Dening was inspector-in-charge, and his experience was gained (as a contractor) on various public works. He is considered to be a very competent inspector.  
 (3.) 3s. 1d. per ton, owing to new quarry being opened up and the size of the stone being limited to 4 tons in the breakwaters.  
 (4.) 2s. 7½d. per ton ; all material quarried was used.  
 (5.) 2s. 4¾d. per ton. Ballast and quarry refuse also included.  
 (6.) The present foreman, Mr. H. Dening, was a contractor, and has had a good general experience on all classes of work.

- (12.) North Sydney Tramways :—Mr. Wade asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the capital cost of constructing the cable-tram system on the North Sydney lines?  
 (2.) What was the annual working cost for each of the years 1898 to 1902, inclusive?  
 (3.) What was the cost charged to capital account for the initiation of the electric system?  
 (4.) What is the working cost of the electric system annually?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) The capital cost was £110,245.  
 (2.) The cable system ceased to exist in 1900. For 1899 and the previous year the cost of working was £10,311 and £9,745 respectively, exclusive of interest on capital. The working of the electrical system, in which the old cable section was included, for 1900 was £20,341 ; for 1901, £30,121 ; and 1902, £35,835, exclusive of interest on capital.  
 (3.) £165,415.  
 (4.) See latter portion of answer to Question 2.

- (13.) Bridge over Lane Cove River at Chatswood :—Mr. Wade asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Departmental officers approved of the construction of a bridge across Lane Cove River at Fuller's Road, Chatswood?  
 (2.) What is the estimated cost?  
 (3.) Has he approved of this work?  
 (4.) Has he promised to place a sum on the Estimates for this purpose?  
 (5.) If so, what was the sum so promised?  
 (6.) Has this sum been placed upon the Estimates?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The matter is under consideration.  
 (2.) It will be necessary to take borings at the site of the proposed bridge. These will be put in hand very shortly, and an estimate will then be prepared.  
 (3.) Not yet.  
 (4.) A sum was noted for consideration on the Estimates in connection with a bridge at another site. The site now chosen is more suitable for tramway connection in the future with the new cemetery at the Field of Mars.  
 (5.) £4,920 was noted for consideration.  
 (6.) No. Pending revised estimate at the new site, no provision has been made.

- (14.) Overtime Employment in the Electoral Department :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that several Civil Servants at present drawing large salaries are, between the hours of 5.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., employed by the Government in the Electoral Department, at an extra payment of 10s.?  
 (2.) If so, are the Government aware that these appointments have been the cause of having applications from deserving non-Civil Servants rejected?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that a number of permanent officers are employed on overtime checking the work done by the temporary officers engaged on writing of electors' rights. There are, however, only three officers employed who are in receipt of a salary of over £250 per annum, and the maximum amount paid to any officer is 2s. per hour. The payment from 5.30 to 9.30 at that rate would, therefore, be 8s., and not 10s.  
 (2.) 100 temporary clerks were selected from outside the Service to perform the main portion of the work, but it was necessary to utilise the services of trained and permanent officers to do the checking. This work will, however, be completed in a few days.

- (15.) Franchise for Widows of Naturalized Foreigners :—Mr. J. F. Smith, for Mr. Richards, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In compiling the electoral rolls, are widows of foreigners who had been naturalized being allowed the right to the franchise?

Sir John See answered,—Yes, if their husbands had been naturalized in New South Wales.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Hogue presented a Petition from the members of the Women's Temperance Christian Union, Glebe, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects. Petition received.

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## 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statements and Diagrams in connection with the Financial Speech, 29th September, 1903.
  - (2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1903-4.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Memorandum by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government respecting the Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902, with regard to the Nursing Staff at the Coast Hospital.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- (2.) Accounts, &c., in connection with the Purchase of Seed Wheat, 1903.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. MOORE-STREET IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Haynes, pursuant to leave granted on 20th August, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Moore-street Improvement Act in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TENTERFIELD REDUCED AREA BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
- Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the area of the Municipal District of Tenterfield*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. CONDUCT OF MR. ROGERS AS MANAGER, MOUNT KEMBLA COLLIERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, depositions, and documents in connection with the inquiry held under Section 10 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act into the conduct of Mr. William Rogers, as Manager of Mount Kembla Colliery.
- Question put and passed.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT :—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sydney—Denison Division, Mr. Kelly, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The necessity for completing the Central Railway Station as soon as possible."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

Mr. Speaker said this was clearly a matter which could be discussed on the Debate on the Financial Statement, which is to be resumed To-morrow, and, therefore, could not be entertained under cover of a motion for adjournment.

- (2.) Mr. Meagher moved, That, in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Williams,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Meagher,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Gormly.

Tellers,

Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Webster.

Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Jessep,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Ashton,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Lonsdale,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,

Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Richards,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Sir John See,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Crick.

Tellers,

Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Dight.

And so it passed in the negative.

## 8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Reduction of Members Referendum Bill; second reading. [*Sir John See*];—until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell*];—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Waddell*];—until To-morrow.

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9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE :—Mr. Ashton, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. STATE CHILDREN'S BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan moved: That this Bill be "now" read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. John Storey moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now," with a view to adding the words "this day six months."  
Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williams,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Miller,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Quirk,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Briner.

*Tellers,*

Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Macdonald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

(2.) Juvenile Smoking Suppression Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1903.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. *After "cigars" insert "or"*  
Page 1, clause 1, line 6. *Before "under" insert "actually or apparently"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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## (3.) Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate the Acts regulating the temporal affairs of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales, and to amend the same,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th September, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

DEATH OF FRANCIS AUGUSTUS WRIGHT, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR GLEN INNES :—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House hereby places on record the expression of its deep sense of the loss which this State and Parliament have sustained by the death of the late Member for Glen Innes, Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, whose long and valuable services to the people have endeared his memory to all sides of this House.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Carruthers, and spoken to by Mr. McGowen,—  
Question put and passed.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 58.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1903-1904,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 1st October, 1903.*

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Newcastle Post Office :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders called for the fittings for Newcastle Post Office?
- (2.) Who were the lowest tenderers?
- (3.) Who obtained the contract?
- (4.) Did he tender with the others?
- (5.) Why was he accepted?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) *Mr. King* (Government Architect's yard).
- (3.) Messrs. Lassetter and Company.
- (4.) Yes.

(5.) Because the Commonwealth Government has decided that works, the estimated cost of which is over £20, shall be carried out by contract.

(2.) Grants to Citizens' Committee at Lambton :—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What sum, or sums, have been paid to a so-called Citizens' Committee at Lambton?
- (2.) For what purposes was it paid?
- (3.) What works have been carried out?
- (4.) Have vouchers of expenditure been sent in?
- (5.) Have requests made from Hamilton Municipality for similar grants for health and sanitary purposes, as previously paid to Wallsend, Plattsburgh, and Lambton, been refused?

Sir



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Sir John See answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Nil.

(4.) No.

(5.) I am endeavouring to obtain this information, and shall be glad if the Honorable Member will renew the Question next week.

(3.) Manufacture of Butter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The quantity of butter, if any, manufactured annually at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College?

(2.) The quantity of milk required to make 1 lb. of butter?

(3.) What ingredients, if any, are used for the preservation of butter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, and the quantity used per lb.?

(4.) Is there any difference in the method adopted in the preparation of butter at Model Farms under the control of the Government to what exists at Hawkesbury College?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be furnished in the form of a return.

(4.) Use of Fertilizers on Farms :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Can he furnish this House with any information as to the quantity of manures or fertilizers that are annually used per acre on the respective farms throughout the State of New South Wales, also at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and Model Farms under the control of the State?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The information will be furnished in the form of a return.

(5.) Supply of Sleepers for South Africa :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he received any word from South Africa as to the name of the successful tenderer for the supply of 120,000 New South Wales sleepers?

Mr. Kidd answered,—No New South Wales tender appears to have been accepted. Press cables report that an order has been placed with Tasmania for 120,000 Tasmanian stringybark sleepers.

(6.) Supply of Water, Northern Suburbs :—Mr. Wade asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of an answer to a Question by Mr. Wade on 29th September, respecting the supply of water to Northern Suburbs,—

(1.) What is the total length of additional pipes that have been laid across the Lane Cove River bridge?

(2.) What is the distance between Ryde and Chatswood reservoirs?

(3.) Can these additional pipes increase the supply to Chatswood reservoir when the existing pipes are working at full pressure?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) 664 lineal feet.

(2.)  $6\frac{1}{8}$  miles from Ryde Suction Tank to Chatswood Tanks.

(3.) Yes, because they take the place of a weak portion of the line which formerly prevented the Ryde pumps being worked to their full capacity.

(7.) Land owned by Mr. Stewart, of Mount Pleasant, Bathurst :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How much land does Mr. Stewart of Mount Pleasant, near Bathurst, own?

(2.) What price per acre was paid direct to the Crown; and how much was acquired by free gift?

Mr. Crick answered,—This is hardly a question which should be addressed to a Minister.

(8.) Additional Machinery for the Ultimo Power-house :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Railway Commissioners inviting tenders for additional machinery at the Ultimo Power-house in duplication of the vertical engine plant already at work?

(2.) How many tenders were received for the present vertical engines and generators, and who were the officials that adjudicated on them and recommended the acceptance of the Allis Chalmers engines?

(3.) How many pounds of coal per kilowatt hour do the present engines require, and what is the consumption in the best British power-houses?

(4.) Is the Government aware that the specifications for the new machinery are so drawn as to practically throw the new contracts into the hands of American firms?

(5.) Will the Government cause an inquiry to be made into the whole question of the power-house machinery and the tenders therefor?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed :—

(1.) Tenders were opened on Monday for the service in question.

(2.) Two; they were dealt with by the Railway Commissioners.

(3.) 4.69 lbs. The consumption in British power-houses is not known.

(4.) The conditions were made so open that tenders have been received from Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, and America.

(5.) The Commissioners assure me that the question will have that inquiry and consideration which its importance demands.

(9.) Disinfectants supplied to Parramatta Gaol :—*Mr. Willis*, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who was the contractor that had the contract for supplying disinfectants to Parramatta Gaol?

(2.) Did the contract require 13 per cent. of carbolic in the carbolic disinfectant powder?

(3.) Upon analysis was this disinfectant proved to be devoid of this chemical, and was only coloured sand?

(4.)

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- (4.) Will he see that all disinfectant requisites for Government Departments be obtained through the Stores Department?  
 (5.) Will he lay the papers on the above matter upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Elliott Brothers, Limited.  
 (2.) No. 10 per cent. phenols.  
 (3.) The Government Analyst reported that the first supply contained no phenols. It was at once rejected, and a fresh supply made by the contractors. The second supply contained only 6 per cent. of phenols, and was also rejected.  
 (4.) Yes; instructions will be given.  
 (5.) The whole question is now under consideration by the Stores Supply and Tender Board. No objection to laying the papers upon the Table of this House; I purpose doing so.

- (10.) Closer Settlement Bill:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Does he intend to carry out the promise he some time past made, in answer to a Question asked by Mr. Gormly, that he would bring forward a Closer Settlement Bill, and would ask all Members of the House to assist him to have it passed into law before the Session closed?  
 (2.) Did he hear the Treasurer, when making his Financial Statement on 29th September, state that he was favourable to such a Bill?  
 (3.) When will the proposed Bill be placed before Parliament, and will the Government endeavour to have it passed before the Session closes?

Mr. Crick answered,—Yes, I did hear the Treasurer state that he was favourable to such a Bill, and the statement was in accord with my intentions. I have the Bill ready, and will introduce it, probably, next week.

- (11.) The Public Debt:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the amount of the Public Debt on the 30th September, 1903, including the overdraft on the Loan Account and the Deficiency Account?  
 (2.) What was the amount, inclusive of the similar items, on 30th September, 1899?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

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(1.) The Public Debt proper on 30th September, 1903, was ... ..	78,262,062
The overdraft on the—	
General Loan Account on 30th September, 1903, was ... ..	2,356,315
Consolidated Revenue Fund on 30th September, 1903 ... ..	1,094,297
(2.) The Public Debt proper on 30th September, 1899, was ... ..	63,864,609
The following were the overdrafts on 30th September, 1899, viz. :—	
General Loan Account ... ..	254,575
Advances to General Loan Account ... ..	1,500,000
Consolidated Revenue Fund ... ..	252,432
General Post Office New Street Resumption Account, Suspense Account ... ..	467,936
Centennial Park Account Suspense Account ... ..	228,417

The balance of the Deficiency Account on both dates, excluding the cash deficiency on revenue, is represented by Treasury Bills, and so included in the Public Debt proper. The overdraft on the General Post Office and Centennial Park Suspense Accounts have, since September, 1899, been covered by Treasury Bills, and are now included in the Public Debt proper. Also, the advances to the General Loan Account in 1899 have since been repaid. It must be distinctly understood that the overdraft on the Consolidated Revenue forms no part of the Public Debt proper; a large portion of the overdraft is recoverable. The remainder will be paid from revenue in due course. £33,000, it is estimated, will be available this year for that purpose. It is hoped that the state of the revenue next year will enable me to finally extinguish the balance.

- (12.) Steam Yacht "Victoria":—Mr. Kelly asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In what local office was the steam yacht "Victoria" insured after expiration of the overseas policy which covered her on the voyage to New South Wales, and what was the amount of the policy taken out?  
 (2.) Will he state the names of the offices in which the vessel was reinsured, and the amounts respectively held by each company?  
 (3.) Who was the broker through whom the reinsurance was effected; and what amount of commission, if any, did he receive from the Government or from the insurance offices concerned?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) The North Queensland Insurance Company (Limited)—amount of policy, £25,000.  
 (2.) United Insurance Company of Sydney, £1,000; Colonial Mutual Insurance Company of Melbourne, £1,000; Australian Alliance Insurance Company, £1,000; Derwent and Tamar Insurance Company, £1,000; Standard Insurance Company of New Zealand, £500; New Zealand Insurance Company, £1,000; National Insurance Company of New Zealand, £1,000; South British Insurance Company of New Zealand, £2,000; Reliance Insurance Company, £500; World Insurance Company, £500; British and Foreign Insurance Company, £1,000; Union Marine Insurance Company, £1,000; Thames and Mersey Insurance Company, £1,000; Canton Insurance Company, £1,500; Alliance Marine Insurance Company, £2,000; Maritime Insurance Company, £2,500; China Traders Insurance Company, £2,500; Yangtze Insurance Company, £500; Imperial Insurance Company, £1,500. Total, £23,000.  
 (3.) The broker received 5 per cent. commission, amounting to £43 15s., but nothing from the Government.

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4. **CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL** :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named :—  
 (1.) By Mr. Hollis,—From the members of the Committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Erskineville.  
 (2.) By Mr. Willis,—From the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Angledool.  
 (3.) By Mr. Fegan,—From the congregation of the Congregational Church, Waverley.  
 Petitions received.
5. **MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL** :—Sir John See presented a Petition from Joseph Davis, Under Secretary of the Department of Public Works, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill, and praying to be represented by Solicitor or Counsel before such Committee, with the right to adduce evidence and send for persons and papers, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.  
 Petition received.
6. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Gornly, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** :—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Third Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. **PAPERS** :—  
 Sir John See laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Borough of Bexley.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
 Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Richmond.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—  
 (1.) Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Haynes*];—until Tuesday next.  
 (2.) Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Garland*];—until To-morrow.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir John See informed the House that he had received a cablegram from the Acting Agent-General for the State, calling attention to the publication in *The Times* of a statement by the Sydney correspondent of that paper in respect to the Financial Statement, and read to the House the reply he intended to send through Reuter's Agency.  
 Mr. Carruthers also addressed the House.
11. **PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide that on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 1st October, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
 President.

## PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st October, 1903.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 7. Omit "officers" insert "persons"  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 10. Omit "officers" insert "persons"  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 11. Omit "officers" insert "persons"  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 14. Omit "officers" insert "persons"  
 Page 2, clause 2, line 27. Omit "an" insert "such"  
 Page 3, clause 4, line 6. After "subsection" omit "one" insert "(a)"  
 Page 3, clause 5, line 24. Omit "the said Treasurer" insert "a District Court Judge appointed by the Governor in that behalf"  
 Page 4, clause 6, line 13. Omit "officer" insert "person"  
 Page 4, clause 6, line 15. Omit "Principal Act" insert "Public Service Act, 1902"  
 Page 4, clause 7, line 24. Omit "of 1895" insert "1902."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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12. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1897, the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, and the Land Tax (Assessment Books) Act, 1900; and to provide for the remission and refunding of fines under the first-mentioned Act or any Act amending it.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 1st October, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

## LAND AND INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st October, 1903.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 3. *Omit "be compellable to"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 3. *After "return" insert "relating to income"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 4. *After "document" insert "relating thereto"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 6. *After "whatsoever" insert "except in proceedings under section sixty of the Principal Act"*
- Page 2, clause 3, line 9. *After "of" insert "the"*
- Page 2, clause 3. *At end of clause add "or require the production of the originals."*
- Page 2, clause 4, line 18. *After "proportion" omit remainder of clause insert "Where the whole area in the original assessment has not been resumed the Commissioners may cause such valuations to be made as may be necessary for the purpose of apportioning the amount of the land tax which was payable in respect of the area resumed"*
- Page 2, clause 5. *Omit clause 5.*
- Page 3, clause 7, line 12. *After "cover" omit remainder of clause insert "the cost of any improvements effected on the land and any bonus paid in respect of the lease by him or by any person under whom he claims by virtue of a grant of probate or letters of administration"*
- Page 3, clause 8, line 18. *Omit "twenty-one days" insert "three months"*
- Page 3, clause 8. *At end of clause add "or instead of so refusing may impose a fine not exceeding ten per cent. of the amount of such deduction"*
- Pages 3 and 4, clauses 9, 10, and 11. *Omit clauses 9, 10, and 11 insert the following new clause:—*
- (1) Income tax shall be deemed to have been and shall be payable under the Principal Act and in accordance with this section on any interest becoming due and paid after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to a mortgagee in respect of the mortgage or covenant in the mortgage of any land in New South Wales, whether the interest was payable or paid, or the mortgagee was resident, or the mortgage-deed was located within or without New South Wales.
- (2) Except where an adjustment of liabilities with regard to land and income tax has already been made between the mortgagor and mortgagee, the amount of such income tax shall be paid by the mortgagee, and deduction in respect of any such payment may be made in pursuance of section ten of the Principal Act from the amount of the land tax payable by the mortgagor: Provided that if the mortgagee is resident out of New South Wales the mortgagor shall on demand by the Commissioners pay such amount on behalf of the mortgagee out of any moneys due by him to the mortgagee in respect of interest on the mortgage.
- (3) Where, after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and before the commencement of this Act, a mortgagor has paid land tax without any deduction in respect of the income tax on the interest on the mortgage, and the mortgagee has paid such income tax as aforesaid, the Commissioners may refund to the mortgagor land tax to the amount of the income tax so paid, notwithstanding the proviso to section twelve of this Act.
- Page 5, clause 13, line 5. *Omit "five" insert "two and a half"*
- Page 5, clause 13, line 6. *After "agent" insert "in respect of a contract entered into within the said State"*
- Page 5, clause 14. *Omit clause 14.*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 13. *Omit "subsection one" insert "Direction and provision one"*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 15. *Omit "three" insert "four"*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 17. *Omit "three" insert "four"*
- Page 5, clause 15, line 19. *Omit "this section" insert "section twenty-seven of the Principal Act"*
- Page 5, clause 16, lines 23 and 24. *Omit "it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 30. *Omit "two" insert "three"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 32. *Omit "The last preceding subsection" insert "This section"*
- Page 5, clause 16, line 33. *Omit "three" insert "four"*
- Page 5, clause 18, line 41. *Omit "twelve" insert "ten"*
- Page 5, clause 19, lines 43 and 44. *Omit "to have meant and"*
- Page 5, clause 19, lines 44 and 45. *Omit "by the person receiving the income"*
- Page 6, clause 20. *Omit clause 20.*
- Page 6, clause 23. *Omit clause 23.*

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Page 7, clause 26. *Omit* clause 26.  
 Page 7, clause 27, line 23. *After* "time" *insert* "or at the request of the taxpayer shall"  
 Page 7, clause 28, line 28. *Omit* "three" *insert* "two"  
 Page 8, clause 31, line 5. *Omit* "six" *insert* "ten"  
 Page 8, clause 31, line 8. *Omit* "six" *insert* "ten"  
 Page 8, clause 33, line 37. *Omit* "amendment" *insert* "assessment"  
 Page 9, clause 35, lines 8 and 9. *Omit* "or of a seminary or college for the education or training of  
 "ministers of religion"  
 Page 9, clause 35, line 10. *Omit* "carried on as" *insert* "being"  
 Page 9. *After* clause 35 *insert* the following new clauses:—

Exemption in  
 respect of  
 manufactured  
 goods exported  
 to States of  
 Commonwealth.

Where any person manufactures goods within New South Wales and sells certain of such goods in New South Wales, and exports certain other of such goods to and sells them in other States of the Commonwealth, such person shall not be liable to pay income tax upon the profits of such sale of the goods so exported if he has paid or is liable to pay income tax upon such profits in the State in which such sale was made.

In such case the Commissioners may, in respect of such sales, charge such person with income tax upon a sum which bears the same proportion to the total profit of such person from such sales as the gross proceeds of such sales within New South Wales bear to the gross proceeds of such sales in all the States of the Commonwealth, or the Commissioners may assess the tax on the actual profits earned or income received by such person from such sales made within New South Wales.

Section one of the Land and Income Tax (Declaratory) Act, 1898, shall not apply to goods so manufactured and exported.

Declaration in  
 respect of  
 losses.

Where any person in any year incurs losses in any transaction outside his ordinary profession, trade, or occupation in respect of which he would, if he had made any profit, have been liable to pay income tax, he may deduct such losses when they are ascertained from the taxable amount of his income for that year.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker directed attention to the character of the amendments made by the Council in this Bill, which, however, he had not had time to closely look into, but when the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Council's amendments was called on, he would be prepared to make a statement with regard to them.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTION :—

- (1.) "Prince of Wales" Hotel, Haymarket :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Have the Government bought land and built a public-house opposite Anthony Hordern's?  
 (2.) If so, how much has it cost?  
 (3.) If leased, what rent is paid?  
 (4.) If conducted on the Gothenburg or other principle, what concessions are granted, and what conditions imposed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This information will be supplied in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects, were presented by the Members named :—  
 (1.) By Mr. Cohen,—From the members of the Committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Winton Branch.  
 (2.) By Mr. Alexander Campbell,—From the congregations of the Church of England, Jamberoo and Shellharbour.  
 Petitions received.
3. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL :—Mr. Coleman presented a Petition from certain registered dairymen of New South Wales, representing that a Bill has been introduced into Parliament providing for the compulsory grading of butter intended for export; that the resolutions passed at the Dairy Farmers' Conference, and also by the Dairy Factory Managers, do not convey the sentiments or wishes of the majority of those engaged in the dairy industry; that the practical dairymen were virtually unrepresented at the Dairy Farmers' Conference; that legislation is unnecessary, and will prove vexatious to the producers; and praying the House not to sanction any legislation that provides for the grading of butter for export as proposed in the Bill.  
 Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Wednesday next.
5. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as Member for the Electoral District of Glen Innes, died on the 1st day of October, 1903.

“ We give you this notice, to the intent that you may issue a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District, in the room of the said Francis Augustus Wright.

“ Given under our hands, at Sydney, this 6th day of October, 1903.

“ To the Honorable

“ the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

“ J. G. CARROLL,

“ ROBERT PYERS.”

Mr. Crick then moved, That the seat of Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Glen Innes, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Francis Augustus Wright, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House, in the notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker. Question put and passed.

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

- (1.) Lithgow Municipal Loans (Validation) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to validate certain loans made to the Borough of Lithgow, and to enable the said borough to borrow and repay such loans,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1903.

- (2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Acts Amendment Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to extend the powers for the investment of the funds of the Australian Mutual Provident Society by authorising the expenditure and investment of such funds as to the board of directors may seem fit, subject, however, to the by-laws for the time being of the said society, in any one or more of the modes thereafter specified,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 3rd October, 1903.

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6th October, 1903.

## (3.) Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the influx of criminals into New South Wales, and to prevent certain criminals from remaining in or returning to the said State,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1903.

## (4.) Stage Carriages Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

Message No. 62.

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

State Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1903.

## (5.) Sydney Harbour (Reclamation Grants) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

Message No. 63.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for vesting in certain persons certain reclaimed lands in the Port of Sydney now held by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; and for other purposes.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th October, 1903.

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

## 3. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

Message No. 64.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of New South Wales in the said Senate.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th October, 1903.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Senate, Melbourne, 30 September, 1903.

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Harry H. Rawson, K.C.B., &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that Senator O'Connor, one of the Senators for the State of New South Wales, by letter addressed to me dated 27th September, 1903, resigned his place as a Senator for that State, and that such place therefore becomes vacant.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) R. BAKER,

President.

Sir John See, (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Council Chamber on Thursday next for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C.

Question put and passed.

## 4. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Electric Light, Sub-Station Building, Lang Park :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to an advertisement by the Town Clerk of Sydney, calling for tenders for the erection and completion of Sub-Station Building (No. 2) for electric lighting purposes, in Lang Park, Grosvenor and Lang Streets?

(2.) Will he take action to prevent this portion of the park being used for this purpose, in view of the fact that there is land available on each side of this reserve?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Yes; by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Inquiry will be made, and such action taken as the circumstances are found to warrant.

(2.)

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- (2.) Electric Installation in Public Buildings:—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the cost of installing the electric light, fans, radiators, and motors in the following buildings:—(a) Government House and stables; (b) Treasury; (c) Public Works and Colonial Secretary's buildings; (d) Government Printing Office; (e) Registrar-General's Office; (f) Parliament House?
  - (2.) What amount has been expended on the generating plants for supplying the electric power to the above buildings during the last five years?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return showing the expenditure in question.
- (3.) Butterine Factories:—*Mr. Scobie* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Are there any butterine factories in or around Sydney; if so, how many?
  - (2.) Are such factories licensed, or is any State control or supervision exercised over the fats and oils used in manufacturing the product?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) There are two butterine factories—D. and J. Hannam, Leichhardt; Thos. Doody, Alexandria. Another firm (Abel & Co.) make it for their own use from imported material.
  - (2.) Only licensed by the Board of Health, as fat extractors, under the Noxious Trades Act.
- (4.) Proposed Railway from Balranald to Windomal:—*Mr. Scobie* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he be prepared to carry out his promise, made to the people of Balranald, re survey of proposed line of railway Balranald to Windomal, on the River Murray?
- Mr. Perry* answered,—So soon as further funds are voted by Parliament. At present there is no vote available to which the cost of the survey could be charged.
- (5.) Coppymurrumbil Holding:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that lands already granted under the tenure of improvement leases on Coppymurrumbil Holding have recently been put up by tender as improvement leases, to commence on the expiry of the existing leases?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that such existing improvement leases will not expire for about fourteen years?
  - (3.) As such leases are subject to conditions of improvement, is it not a fact that at the expiry of the existing leases the lands embraced by them will not come within the statutory definition of lands that may be granted as improvement leases?
  - (4.) How did he ascertain the prospective rental value and prospective value of improvements on such lands?
  - (5.) Having regard to the fact that this House has affirmed the principle of submitting all improvement lease applications to the Local Land Boards, will he refer all pending applications to such tribunals?
- Mr. Crick* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, two—viz., Blocks 342 and 648.
  - (2.) In one case the existing lease will expire in 1918, and in the other it will expire in 1910.
  - (3 and 4.) The following notice, gazetted in each case, fully explains the action:—"The lease shall be held for the hereinbefore specified period from 12th February, 1918, to 11th February, 1926, and 31st January, 1910, to the 30th January, 1928, respectively, under all the conditions of the lease now current, which are here repeated. Improvements in good order existing at date of the expiry of the current lease of the block will be held to be in satisfaction of the conditions of the new lease. They are to be maintained through the term for which the lease is now offered. Any improvements necessary to be made or remade under the conditions of the current lease are so to be made or remade, and they are to be maintained through the currency of the lease now offered."
  - (5.) I consider my duty to be to administer the law as I find it.
- (6.) Public Works Committee:—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he, in view of the present financial condition of the State, take steps to suspend the Public Works Committee for a period of twelve months; and if he is not prepared to take such steps, will he see that no further proposals are placed before them?
- Sir John See* answered,—No.
- (7.) Grants to Citizens' Committee at Lambton:—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What sum, or sums, have been paid to a so-called Citizen's Committee at Lambton?
  - (2.) For what purposes was it paid?
  - (3.) What works have been carried out?
  - (4.) Have vouchers of expenditure been sent in?
  - (5.) Have requests made from Hamilton Municipality for similar grants for health and sanitary purposes, as previously paid to Wallsend, Plattsburg, and Lambton, been refused?
- Sir John See* answered,—
- (1 and 2.) £100, paid 25th October, 1901, for cleaning gutters and completing the sanitary system. £31 2s. 11d., paid 30th May, 1903—grant in lieu of amount the Council would have received under Municipalities Relief Act had it been in existence. £50, paid 20th August, 1903—grant to enable the Committee to provide a night-soil depôt.
  - (3 and 4.) No vouchers for expenditure have so far been received.
  - (5.) A request from Hamilton for a grant of £200 was refused in 1901. No further applications can be traced in the Treasury Department. A special grant of £100 was made to Wallsend and Plattsburg jointly in 1900. The cases of Hamilton and Lambton are not analogous, however. Lambton is a defunct municipality, and only has a Citizens' Committee to carry out the sanitary arrangements, and receives no subsidy under the Municipalities Relief Act.

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- (8.) Purchase of Seed Wheat :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In connection with the purchase by the Government of seed wheat, was a tender, dated 3rd January, received by his Department from Messrs. Cave & Co., of Adelaide, offering to supply 30,000 bushels of milling wheat at 3s. 7d. per bushel, c.i.f., or dressed wheat specially for seed at 5s. 9d. per bushel, c.i.f.?
  - (2.) What were the respective prices paid for the several parcels of wheat subsequently purchased?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—
- (1.) No tender was received.
  - (2.) A return was recently laid upon the Table of this House by the Premier.
5. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Latimer, for Mr. Oakes, presented a Petition from the parishioners of St. Matthias' Church of England, Paddington, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects.  
Petition received.
6. COAL MINES REGULATION (CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND INSPECTION OF MINES) AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Wade presented a Petition from certain certificated managers and under-managers of coal mines in the Newcastle District, representing that a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896, relative to service certificates and the inspection of mines by the workers, is now before the House; that the legislation in force dealing with this subject is almost identical with the British Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1887, which was passed after the most careful consideration and inquiry; that the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1896 was passed after the report of a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the questions arising under that Bill, and contains provisions regarding inquiries as to the incompetency or negligence of any under-manager or manager, and submitting that such inquiries are best calculated to safeguard the interests of the workers; that experience and not theory is the main essential for safe coal-mining work, and that the Bill, if passed, would deprive of their occupation men who, through long years of experience and service, have proved their fitness to safely and efficiently manage and conduct the work of a coal-mine, and would compel proprietors to supersede servants in whose skill and practical knowledge they place confidence; and praying the House not to pass the Bill.  
Petition received.
7. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th September, 1903,—“Conduct of Mr. Rogers as Manager, Mount Kembla Colliery.”  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Return relating to the expenditure in connection with the Installation of Electric Light, &c., in various public buildings in Sydney.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Ross, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
10. PROPERTY DETENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill; second reading. [Mr. Estell];—until Tuesday, 3rd November.
  - (2.) Newington and Rookwood Asylums; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly,—
    - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.
    - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Daley, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover”;—until Tuesday, 3rd November.
  - (3.) Municipal District of Tenterfield Reduced Area Bill; second reading. [Mr. Lee];—until To-morrow.
  - (4.) Unclaimed Moneys Bill; second reading. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick];—until Tuesday next.
12. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, “That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.”  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

13. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

14. **PAPER** :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Certain Papers handed to him by the Honorable Member for Morce, Mr. Webster, in connection with charges against the administration of the Lands Department.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Supplies to the Government :—*Mr. Kelly*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any investigation going on into the alleged relations between *Mr. Cook* and the contractors for supplies to the Government ?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—None that I am aware of ; but if the Honorable Member will supply me with particulars of that to which he refers, I shall be glad to have full inquiries made.

(2.) Lease of the Newcastle Railway Refreshment Room :—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the highest tender for the lease of the Newcastle Railway Refreshment Room was not accepted by the Railway Commissioners ?

(2.) If so, why ?

(3.) Did not the specifications state that no tenders for more than three stations would be accepted from the same tenderer ?

(4.) Were not tenders for more than three stations accepted from one tenderer, and leases granted accordingly ?

(5.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all the papers and correspondence in connection with this matter ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the second tender for the room in question was accepted.

(2.) The present lessee (whose tender was accepted) has given great satisfaction in the conduct of the rooms, and it was thought the convenience of the public would be best secured by continuing his lease.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes. The circumstances necessitated such action.

(5.) No advantage would be gained by doing so ; but the Commissioners would be very pleased to allow the Honorable Member to see all papers and afford him any further information.

(3.) Federal Capital :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount paid to *Mr. Oliver* for his services in reporting on the Federal Territory Sites on the first occasion ?

(2.) The same information for the last report a short time ago ?

(3.) From what fund were the expenses of these inquiries paid ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Treasury records show no direct payment to *Mr. Oliver* other than travelling expenses which were paid from Treasurer's Advance Account, and subsequently voted.

(4.) The Governor's Establishments :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid for services rendered to the Governor's establishment by the State, over and above the amounts authorised by the Governor's Salary Bill, and rent of "Cranbrook" for the year ending the 30th of June last ?

(2.) The names of those paid, and how much each for the said services rendered ; and the nature of the services rendered by each ?

(3.) By what authority were such services paid for, and from what fund ?

(4.) Who has the use of the Governor's summer residence at Moss Vale—the State or the Governor General ?

*Sir John See* answered,—As the information asked for will have to be obtained from several Departments, I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will move for a return in the usual way.

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(5.) Allowances to Employees in the Railway Permanent-Way Department :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that employees in the Permanent-Way Department of the Railway are not to be allowed 1s. per night expenses in future?
- (2.) Will this apply to others who are receiving expenses on the higher scale; if not, why not?
- (3.) Is it a fact that employees in the same Department when sent away from their homes, or the headquarters of their division, are to be allowed travelling time for the outward journey, but no travelling time for the return journey; if so, will he see that all those in the Department are placed on an equal footing in regard to travelling time?
- (4.) Will he also see that the Railway Act is complied with, so that no alteration is made in the matter of work or wages until approved by the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette* one week?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that no alteration has been made in the scale of night expenses to permanent-way employees as indicated.

(6.) Accommodation for the Bankruptcy Court :—Mr. Levy, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Where does the Bankruptcy Court sit?
- (2.) What rental per annum is paid for the premises, and how long have they been so used?
- (3.) What person or Company owns the premises?
- (4.) Is it not competent for accommodation for this Court to be provided at the Supreme Court buildings or at Darlinghurst?
- (5.) If it is not, how does the Government propose to keep its promise to the effect that accommodation will be found for the Judges of the Federal High Court?

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

- (1.) In Citizens Chambers, Castlereagh and Moore Streets.
- (2.) £547 per annum; from 21st July, 1899.
- (3.) The Citizens Life Assurance Company, Limited.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) The Judges of the Federal High Court will be allowed the use of the rooms at Darlinghurst which have been used by the Land Appeal Court.

(7.) Pensioners under Schedule B of the Constitution Act :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of participants under Schedule B?
- (2.) The names of such participants; date of appointments; date of retirements?
- (3.) On what basis has the fund been distributed?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Eleven.
- (2.)

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Retirement.
Hannah Pope	.....*	9 May, 1867.
J. S. Adam	23 October, 1848	13 March, 1876.
James H. Palmer	1 January, 1844	31 July, 1884.
John B. Martin	1 September, 1852	31 December, 1886.
Robert Blake	1 February, 1840	31 August, 1890.
Wm. Newcombe	1 February, 1849	31 October, 1893.
Wm. Brennan	.....*	30 April, 1895.
John James Lee	15 February, 1845	8 May, 1895.
Chas. Moore	7 May, 1847	31 May, 1896.
Wm. W. Stephen	1 July, 1852	30 June, 1896.
Wm. R. Logan	1 February, 1847	30 June, 1896.

\* Cannot be ascertained from Treasury Records.

(3.) According to the scale and rates fixed by the Superannuation Act of the Imperial Parliament, 4 and 5 Gul. IV, cap. 24.

(8.) Improvement Leases :—Mr. Rose asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did he take the opinion of the Crown Solicitor on the legality of granting improvement leases on improvement leases?
- (2.) If yes, will he lay such opinion upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.

(9.) Purchase of Seed Wheat :—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Sleath, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of Saturday, 3rd October, headed "The Seed-Wheat Government"?
- (2.) Is it a fact, as stated, that the Government gave a higher price for Adelaide wheat than that for which they could have procured wheat grown in New South Wales?
- (3.) Is it a fact, as stated, that the wheat procured from Adelaide was of an inferior quality, and that it contained the seed of splendidly vigorous weeds?
- (4.) Has any complaint been made to the Government by any farmer receiving same, that the seed was of an inferior quality?

Sir

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Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.

(4.) Only six complaints have been made altogether. These were inquired into, and three were found to be quite groundless, while the remaining three were of a trivial character. On the other hand, large numbers of communications have been received, thanking the Government for the excellent quality of the seed supplied, and of their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the distribution was carried out.

- (10.) Extension of the Mildura-Yelta Railway to Wentworth :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in the *Daily Telegraph*, of the 6th instant, wherein it is stated the Melbourne Press alleges that the Government of New South Wales has failed to ratify an agreement arrived at for crossing the Mildura-Yelta railway into Wentworth; and, if so, will he make a definite statement on the subject?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—The railway has not yet reached Yelta, but the Victorian and New South Wales Governments have agreed to take the railway into Wentworth. That agreement was signed by the Honorable Thomas Bent, on behalf of Victoria, and by the Honorable James Hayes, on behalf of New South Wales, and it will be honored in due course.

- (11.) Mount Kembla Art Union :—Mr. Haynes asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any information with respect to the alleged frauds in connection with the Mount Kembla Art Union?

Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice informs me that the matter is before the Solicitor-General.

- (12.) Byalla Estate Land Exchange :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the Byalla exchanged lands be open for sale to the public, and in which way will they be offered?

(2.) Seeing the exchange has been completed for some time now, and that Mr. McCaughey has been occupying the same ever since, is he paying any rent for the land?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—

(1.) The Byalla surrender lands have been subdivided for disposal by way of homestead selection, settlement lease, and addition to residential holdings. The land will be made available as expeditiously as possible; but a date cannot be definitely fixed until the District Surveyor's report, expected in about two weeks' time, is received.

(2.) The Honorable Samuel McCaughey's rent account has not yet been adjusted, and, he, therefore, still pays rent for the land he has acquired in exchange, which is equivalent to paying for the surrendered lands.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum respecting Seed Wheat supplied by the Government to Distressed Farmers. Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return respecting Residential Properties in the area vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust.

(3.) Amended Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SYDNEY HARBOUR (RECLAMATION GRANTS) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir John See moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for vesting in certain persons certain reclaimed lands in the Port of Sydney now held by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption,"—postponed until Wednesday next.

5. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA :—Sir John See moved, That the following Message be forwarded to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having resolved to meet the Legislative Council for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C., requests the Legislative Council to name the place and hour for such meeting.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 7th October, 1903.*

Question put and passed.



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## 6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the Standing Orders be suspended to permit of a motion being discussed, without Notice, in reference to the selection of a site for the Federal Capital.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then moved, without Notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to permit of a motion being discussed, without Notice, in reference to the selection of a site for the Federal Capital.

Question put and passed.

## 7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1903–1904, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £985, for Executive Council, for the year 1903–1904.

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

## 8. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 7th October, 1903,—agrees to meet the Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C., in this Chamber to-morrow, at half-past Seven o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th October, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 52.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electric Lighting of the Attorney-General's Department:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much cable has been used in the electric lighting of the Attorney-General's Department?  
 (2.) Where is the current obtained from?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) Approximately 2,900 yards of cable and single wire.  
 (2.) Chancery Square for the present.

- (2.) Redfern and Eveleigh Railway Property:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the area of the present Redfern Railway Station and approaches?  
 (2.) What is the area occupied by railway workshops, and for other such purposes, at Eveleigh?  
 (3.) What will be the total acreage of those two sites, and that of the new Central Station now in course of erection?  
 (4.) What is the estimated value of the said total area?  
 (5.) Is it intended to utilise the Redfern Station and approaches in connection with the new station; and, if so, for what purposes?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the area is 27 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres.  
 (2.) 88 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.  
 (3.) 138 acres.  
 (4.) The whole area has not been valued.  
 (5.) Yes; for lines of access to the new station, and for siding and shed accommodation for carriages.

- (3.) Indebtedness of the Penrith Municipal Council to the Treasury:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it intended that any legal steps be taken, as suggested by the Deputy Auditor-General on page 158 of his Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1903, to recover the amount of £13,000 principal due to the Treasury by the Penrith Municipal Council, and of £6,609 11s. 5d. interest accumulated thereon?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—This matter has been a constant source of trouble and anxiety for many years past, and the Crown Solicitor has been consulted over and over again with the view of ascertaining whether some method could not be adopted of compelling the Council to pay. As late as 25th August last, a fortnight before the Deputy Auditor-General's report was presented to the House, the Crown Solicitor was furnished with a Statement of Account as between the Council and the Government, and requested to take such immediate action as might seem advisable for the protection of the Government and for the recovery of the amount due.

- (4.) Keepit-Euroka Land Exchange:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Keepit (exchange) lands be made available for settlement?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—The Keepit-Euroka surrender lands have not yet become vested in the Crown, consequently they cannot be made available for settlement purposes at present. The surrender documents were returned this morning by the applicants (Dalgety and Company, Limited), duly executed, and the necessary action towards their registration is proceeding. The lands will be made ready for application under the new Land Act, so that immediately it becomes law they will be available.

(5.)

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- (5.) State Properties Transferred to the Commonwealth :—Mr. Meagher asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the valuation of the State properties taken over by the Commonwealth Government been completed ; if so, what is the amount of such valuation ?
  - (2.) Has any application for liquidation been made to the Commonwealth Government ?
  - (3.) Has any proposition for payment of same been made by the Commonwealth Government ?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) The report is in the hands of the Government Printer, and I hope to be in a position to lay it upon the Table of this House next week.
- (2.) This question was discussed at, and a resolution passed by, the Conference of Premiers which was held in Sydney in April last (see Report, page 41, laid upon the Table of the Assembly on 15th July last). A copy of the resolution, amongst others, was forwarded for the consideration of the Federal Government on the 28th April, 1903.
- (3.) No.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902, in respect of the Sanitary Area of West Wallsend.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Amended Gaol Regulation under the Prisons Act, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gorinly, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE (SUPERANNUATION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Speaker said that he had given consideration to the Council's amendments in this Bill, which was undoubtedly a money Bill ; the amendments, however, though not strictly regular, only tended to make the provisions of the Bill consistent and uniform, and to further the intention of the Assembly ; he therefore thought they might, without loss of privilege, be accepted by the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th October, 1903.*

5. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time." And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Interruption.*

6. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,—

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the time having arrived for this House to meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Council Chamber, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C.—he would leave the Chair.

Accordingly the House proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber to meet the Legislative Council,—and being returned,—

Sir John See reported to the House that this House met the Legislative Council in the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C., and that The Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, a Member of the Legislative Council, was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

7. BRODIE'S ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend Brodie's Enabling Act, 1900,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th October, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

COMMERCIAL CAUSES BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide a more expeditious method for the trial of commercial causes ; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th October, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

2. QUESTION :—

(1.) The late Thomas Stanwix, Sub-Inspector of Police :—*Mr. Dacey*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many years was the late Thomas Stanwix a Sub-Inspector of Police ?

(2.) Upon what occasions and for what period had he annual leave during those years ?

(3.) Will he consider whether his death was due largely to his continuous attention to duty without intermission ?

(4.) Will he see that commissioned officers in the Metropolitan District take annual leave regularly in future ?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

(1.) Appointed Acting Sub-Inspector 3rd August, 1899 ; appointment confirmed 1st January, 1901.

(2.) 1899, from 2nd to 20th October—nineteen days ; 1900, nil ; 1901, nil ; 1902, from 4th April to 1st May—twenty-eight days ; 1903, from 2nd to 22nd May—twenty-one days.

(3.) There is no reason for such a conclusion.

(4.) There is nothing to prevent reasonable leave being taken. It is never refused.

3. PROPERTY DETENTION BILL :—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 121, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Property Detention Bill, which dropped on Tuesday, 6th October, 1903, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 20th October.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPER :—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 13th August, 1903,—"*Reservation of Women's Suffrage Acts for Royal Assent.*"  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SELECTION OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH :—Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice (under Suspension of Standing Orders, agreed to on 7th October), That the procedure adopted in reference to the selection of the Seat of the Government of the Commonwealth is not in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, and is calculated to delay and defeat the just rights and claims of this State.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed,

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



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OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

SELECTION OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That the procedure adopted in reference to the selection of the Seat of the Government of the Commonwealth is not in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, and is calculated to delay and defeat the just rights and claims of this State."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by adding, as paragraph (2), the words "(2.) This House does not approve of the suggestion that the Federal Territory shall embrace an area of one thousand square miles of this State."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered (after Debate), That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE IN THE SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Minutes of the Proceedings of the Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament of the State of New South Wales to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the resignation of Senator Richard Edward O'Connor, K.C.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Butter from the Illawarra District:—Mr. Archibald Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
(1.) How many boxes of butter were conveyed to Sydney by rail during the year ending 30th September last?  
(2.) At which stations along the Illawarra railway line were those supplies received, stating the respective number of boxes in each instance, with the average weight of their contents?  
(3.) What were the approximate tonnage and value of the whole quantity?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information asked for is of a detailed character that will take time to prepare. Possibly, if the Honorable Member saw the Railway Commissioners personally, information sufficient for the purpose in view could be supplied without the detail referred to.

- (2.) Holidays of Employees in Hospitals for Insane:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What are the number of holidays allowed monthly to the housemaids working in the nurses' quarters in Gladesville, Parramatta, and Rydalmere Hospitals for Insane?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Inspector-General of the Insane that the housemaids are granted three days monthly, in addition to three weeks' annual leave.

- (3.) Election of a State Member to the Federal Parliament:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Federal Parliament, under cover of its recently-passed Electoral Law, has amended section 44 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act by adding to the list of disqualifications?

(2.) Is he aware that this amendment precludes Members of either State Houses from being candidates for the Federal Parliament?

(3.) Is he aware that the Federal Constitution may not be altered except by proceeding under section 128?

(4.) Will he obtain and lay upon the Table of this House the opinion of the Attorney-General upon the amendment above referred to?

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

(1, 2, and 3.) Yes.

(4.) The question must be determined by the High Court.

- (4.) Public Service Tender Board:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who are the persons composing the Stores Supply and Tender Board?

(2.) If they are otherwise employed, what positions do they hold, and what are their salaries?

Sir



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Sir John See answered,—

Name.	Position.	Salary per annum.
		£
J. Davis ... ..	Under Secretary for Public Works ... ..	1,000
Eric Sinclair, M.D. ... ..	Inspector-General of Insane ... ..	1,000
F. W. Neitenstein ... ..	Comptroller-General of Prisons ... ..	850
W. A. Gullick ... ..	Government Printer and Inspector of Stamps ... ..	800
W. L. Vernon ... ..	Government Architect ... ..	1,064
T. Garvin ... ..	Assistant Inspector-General of Police ... ..	500
J. Edie ... ..	Superintendent of Navigation ... ..	840
A. Berokelman ... ..	*Secretary and Executive Member, Stores Supply and Tender Board ... ..	500

\* Only position held.

(5.) The Crown Solicitor:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was the present Crown Solicitor appointed to his present office, and at what salary?
- (2.) What was the salary paid to the present Crown Solicitor for year ending 30th June last?
- (3.) What is the salary proposed to be paid to him for the present year?

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

- (1.) On 18th March, 1903, at a salary of £1,640.
- (2.) £1,640, of which £440 was refunded.
- (3.) £1,640, of which £340 will be refunded.

(6.) Prevention of Bush Fires:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the great growth of grass, &c., at the present time, and the danger likely to be caused through bush fires in the summer months, will he cause a proclamation to be issued warning people in country districts against the careless use of fire, such proclamation being conveyed per medium of printed posters, to be circulated by the police in every country district?

Sir John See answered,—Such precautions are constantly taken, and will be renewed.

(7.) Persons Pensioned prior to the appointment of Public Service Board:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the return authorised by a resolution passed on the 7th August, 1901, showing the names of all persons pensioned prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board, specifying:—

- (1.) The age of pensioners, amount of pension received by same, and length of service at time of being placed upon the fund?
- (2.) From what Department retired, specifying nature of office?
- (3.) The total amount contributed by such pensioner to the fund up to the period of retirement?
- (4.) Reasons alleged for retirement, and whether enforced or voluntary?
- (5.) In all cases under preceding paragraph 4 the names of all pensioners who pay, and those who do not pay, the abatement specified under the Civil Service Act of 1884, giving reasons for the difference or distinction made, and the amount of such abatement in every case, paid and unpaid?

Sir John See answered,—I will expedite the preparation of this return.

(8.) Demolition of "Ship Inn," Circular Quay:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were the vacant premises, lately known as the "Ship Inn," Circular Quay, resumed with the object of demolition with other premises adjoining, and for the purpose of widening and extending that portion of the Quay?
- (2.) Has portion of the building been pulled down since becoming vacant; and is it now intended to repair and relet the remaining portion?
- (3.) Is the building of an unhealthy character owing to the old Tank Stream drainage; and will he, in the interests of public health, as well as to relieve the daily increasing congestion of tram, bus, and other traffic at this portion of the Quay, take steps to carry out the original intention of resumption by ordering the demolition of this building and other necessary improvements to this thoroughfare?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—These premises were resumed in connection with the Belmore Park to Fort Macquarie tramway. The other Questions are for the Railway Commissioners to reply to, as the land resumed is now vested in the Commissioners.(9.) Extension of the Mildura-Yelta Railway to Wentworth:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to reply to *Mr. Scobie's* Question on 7th October, anent matter of extending the Mildura-Yelta Railway to Wentworth, when he stated that "An agreement had been signed between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments to effect the extension," will he say whether this agreement was not signed before Parliament was consulted, and before its authority was obtained?
- (2.) What is it estimated that this proposed extension, if effected, will cost New South Wales?
- (3.) What return for this expenditure would New South Wales obtain?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Parliament will be invited to deal with the matter at the proper time.
- (2 and 3.) The necessary details will be submitted to Parliament when the resolution to refer the proposal to the Public Works Committee is being considered.

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(10.) Government House and the State Governor's Establishments :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the estimated value of Government House and grounds?
- (2.) What amount was expended in making improvements and upkeep during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, respectively?
- (3.) Did the State Government or the Federal Government pay these or any of these amounts?
- (4.) Is any rental paid by the Federal Government for the use of the property; if not, under what conditions do they occupy it?
- (5.) For what period each year during 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903 has the property been occupied?
- (6.) What is (a) the rental; and (b) what the upkeep, &c., of "Cranbrook," now occupied by the State Governor; and does the Federal or the State Government pay these amounts?
- (7.) What rental is paid for the vice-regal residence at Moss Vale, and what is the upkeep cost?

Sir John See answered,—The information required will take some time to prepare, and when prepared will be laid upon the Table of this House. The information will be obtained as soon as possible.

(11.) The Honorable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G. :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Referring to the sum of £500 placed on the Estimates as compensation to Sir John Lackey, late President of the Legislative Council, did he not, when questioned on the subject recently by the Members for Hartley and Rylstone, state that no sum was promised to be put on the Estimates?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that Sir John Lackey only occupied the President's chair thirty-four times (and then frequently for only portion of the sittings) during the Sessions occurring from June, 1900, to May, 1903?
- (3.) Did not Sir John Lackey receive the whole of his salary during that period, amounting to about £3,200?
- (4.) In order that Honorable Members may have the full facts of the case before them when the proposed vote comes on for discussion, will he either procure the production of, or give the Member for Rylstone an opportunity to discuss the motion in his name asking for, the two letters written in March and April last by His Excellency the Governor (at the instance of the Government) to Sir John Lackey, insisting on the latter's resignation?

Sir John See answered,—The sum of £500 is placed upon the Estimates for the consideration of Parliament. All the information will be furnished then.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from the Rector and officers of St. Luke's Church of England, Dapto, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act, so as to make the age of consent older than at present, and in certain other respects.  
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Dam across the Cataract River, in connection with the Sydney Water Supply.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Rule of the Supreme Court (Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction).
- (2.) Correspondence respecting alleged Misuse of Government Blankets.
- (3.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (4.) Report on the Fisheries of New South Wales for the year 1902 (Parts I and II).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SHARP CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AND GALLERY SETTLEMENT LEASE VALIDATION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to validate the conditional purchase of John Sharp, and the settlement lease of Michael Joseph Gallery.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to validate the conditional purchase of John Sharp, and the settlement lease of Michael Joseph Gallery,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

Ordered, That the reception of the resolution stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

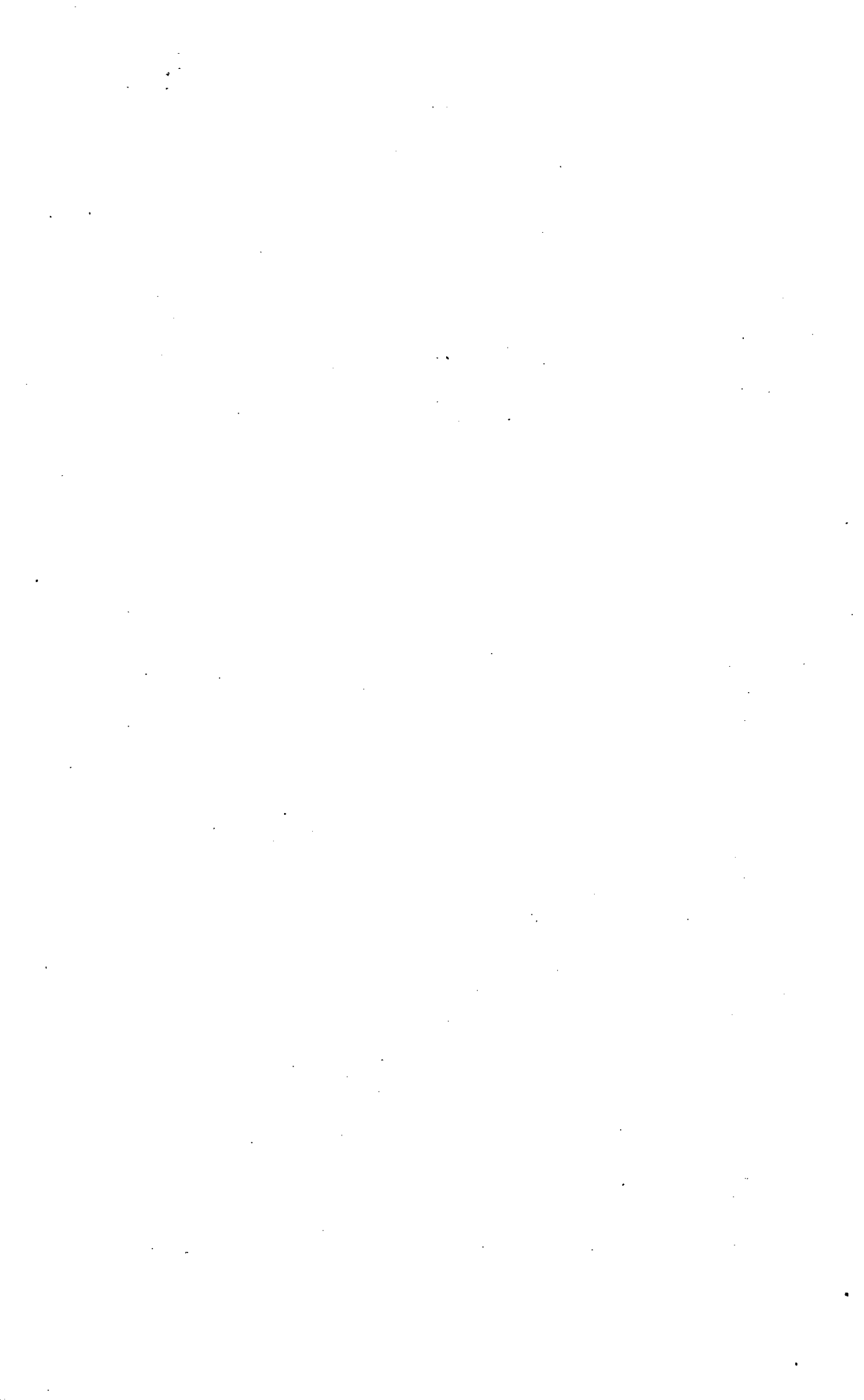
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Stock Stealing Prevention Bill :—Mr. Dight asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the prevalence of sheep and skin stealing throughout the State, will he take steps to pass into law, without delay, the Stock Stealing Prevention Bill ?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The Bill will be introduced as soon as the state of public business permits.

- (2.) Employees in Workshops and Factories :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the increase in the number of hands employed in the workshops and factories of New South Wales last year ?

(2.) Of these, how many were adult males, how many adult females, and how many children ?

(3.) How many of the latter, being under 14 years of age, were obliged to obtain permits to enable them to secure employment ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) The Factories and Shops Act does not extend to the whole of the State. The increase of hands recorded last year in the Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts was 1,245.

(2.) Adult males, decrease, 225 ; Adult females, increase, 1,086 ; Children, increase, 384.

(3.) During the year the number of permits issued to children between the ages of 13 and 14 years in the Metropolitan District was 443, and in Newcastle 47. These permits are, as a rule, granted when the applicants are near the statutory age, and have satisfied the requirements of the Public Instruction Act. These and fuller details may be obtained from the last published report.

- (3.) Proposed Railway to Tocumwal :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What agreement, if any, has been entered into between the New South Wales and Victorian Governments in regard to the construction of a railway to Tocumwal ?

(2.) Is he aware that the *Melbourne Age* urges that the railway should be constructed, so that "the people of the Goulburn Valley and other parts of the State of Victoria may be saved from "heavy loss" ?

(3.) If this is a correct statement of the position of affairs from a Victorian standpoint, will he take steps in the direction of meeting the wishes of the citizens of the sister State ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) The signed agreement reads as follows :—"It was proposed that each State bear half the cost of "the joint portion of 2 miles between the proposed station on the Victorian side and Tocumwal, "including the cost of strengthening the existing road bridge, the total estimated cost of which is "£21,729. The cost of maintenance and working, and any necessary additions to the line or the "Tocumwal station, and the loss on this portion of the line (2 miles), to be borne by the two States "in equal shares, and any profit on this 2 miles of railway, after deducting working expenses, to be "equally divided between the two States."

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Newspaper statements are not always correct.

- (4.) Case of George Hardacre :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers and correspondence in respect to the case of George Hardacre, referred to the Land Court, at last appeal, held in Sydney on the 19th September ?

Mr.

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Mr. Crick answered,—No, but the expense of copying the documents would be saved if the Honorable Member would call at the Department, when the opportunity of perusing the originals would be given him.

- (5.) Sydenham-Belmore Railway :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Does the Sydenham-Belmore line get credit for special train earnings to and from the Canterbury Racecourse and Belmore Coursing Club meetings?
  - (2.) Are all passenger fares to and from the various stations to Redfern credited to Sydenham-Belmore line?
  - (3.) Is the Sydenham-Belmore line debited with the cost of running the trains to and from Redfern?
  - (4.) Does the Sydenham-Belmore line get credit for the many passengers carried on the Belmore trains to the various stations between Redfern and Sydenham?
  - (5.) Did the Sydenham-Belmore line get credit for the difference between the value of new rails removed and old ones put in their place?

Mr. Waddell answered,— I am informed :—

- (1 and 2.) Yes, with its mileage proportion.
- (3.) No other than the mileage proportion due to the section.
- (4.) No; nor is it credited with any of the expenses connected therewith.
- (5.) Yes.

- (6.) Classification of Public Servants :—*Mr. Cohen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the different and conflicting interests of those now classed in the General Division of the Public Service, in which officers requiring high degrees of education and technical knowledge are graded on a level with others requiring neither of these qualifications, will he state whether it is his intention to create a "Skilled Artisan" Class?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The matter is one for the consideration of the Public Service Board, who are empowered by the Public Service Act to make such alterations in the grading and classification of officers as they may consider desirable. I will refer the matter to the Board.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Proclamation issued under section 144 of the Stock Act, 1901, suspending the provisions of section 155 of that Act, and any Regulation issued thereunder, relative to the quarantining of Stock from any of the Australian States.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulations and Forms under the Advances to Settlers Acts.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Crick* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Western Lands Act, 1901, the Crown Lands Acts, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. Gormly*, as Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the resolution from the Committee of the Whole,—

Mr. Waddell moved, That the resolution be now received.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.

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

- (2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

- [6. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

7. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—*Mr. Crick* submitted that the Bill was not in order: clauses 6 and 17 contained provisions which will rob the people of rights they now possess, and there should be some indication in the Title that this is intended.

Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker said the Order of Leave in this instance is a very definite but a very short one; the proposals in the clauses quoted are very radical alterations, and clause 7 proposes to amend an Act not indicated in the Order of Leave; he therefore ruled the Bill out of order.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this Day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned (after Debate), at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 57.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Umberumberka Water Scheme :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he determined to go on with the Umberumberka Water Scheme in the face of the fact of the Public Works Committee having reported against it?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that Mr. Smith put on eighty-five men on Monday last to continue this work; if so, by what authority has he done so?
  - (3.) Will he give this House an opportunity at once of saying whether he should go on with it against the report of the Public Works Committee?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The work being done at Umberumberka is only a part of the original scheme, and being much below £20,000, it is not affected by the report of the Public Works Committee. As a considerable portion of the work of erecting the wall for this dam had already been done before the Committee set out to report upon the matter, it would have been a waste of money to have left the work incomplete. Even if the dam is only raised to a height of 12 or 15 feet, the reservoir will be a valuable stand-by for Broken Hill, and enable the people of that town to tide over a serious difficulty in dry seasons. A dam is also necessary in the neighbourhood for irrigation and other purposes, and the modified work will therefore be useful even if the large Umberumberka reservoir proposal is not finally adopted. The report of the Public Works Committee is still under consideration of the Cabinet, but a decision will probably be arrived at next week.

- (2.) Fines and Forfeitures of Seamen's Wages :—Mr. Young, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of money has been paid into the Consolidated Revenue from fines and forfeitures of seamen's wages during the past three years?
  - (2.) Is he aware that a large number of such forfeitures are not paid in?
  - (3.) Will he consider a suggestion from the Seamen's Union that those moneys be devoted to assist in the upkeep of a Home for old and destitute seamen?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) £130 10s. 4d.

(2.) No.

(3.) I shall be pleased to give consideration to any suggestion the Seamen's Union may wish to make in this matter.

- (3.) Judges' Associates and Tipstiffs :—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What are the duties performed by the Associates to the various Judges?
  - (2.) What are the duties performed by the Tipstiffs to the various Judges?
  - (3.) Why was there a balance of salary due to the two Acting District Court Judges on the 30th of May and 30th of June last, of £82 and £70, respectively, unpaid, and now on the Estimates of Expenditure?

Sir John See answered,—

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

(3.) In the ordinary course, these salaries would have been paid before the close of last financial year. Owing, however, to the Vote, "Salaries of Acting District Court Judges," becoming exhausted, it was not possible to make such payment until a further sum had been provided by Parliament.

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- (4.) Trooper A. R. Peek, of Tuncurry :—Mr. Price asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that one of the returned soldiers, Trooper A. R. Peek, of Tuncurry, who was disabled for life during service in South Africa, has had his allowances stopped ; and will he be good enough to look into this matter ?
  - (2.) Is he aware (*vide* papers, page 127, of the Office of the Boarding-out Inspector, Domain), that this man has been offered charitable relief, and has declined to accept same ; and will he be good enough to state if he approves of throwing disabled soldiers on the State charities ; if not, will he see that some adequate provision is made in this case ?
- Sir John See answered,—This trooper was in receipt of 2s. 6d. per diem from this State as a provisional allowance from the 1st March, 1902, pending the decision of the Imperial Government as to pension, such being recommended by this State's Medical Board. The Imperial Government decided to grant Peek a pension of 2s. per day for life from the 25th March, 1903, and which is payable at the Imperial Pension Office, Sydney. This Government are paying the difference between the amount of provisional allowance and the Imperial pension, viz., 6d. per diem, until the Board appointed by this State to deal with such matters have decided the pension he is to receive. Peek is at present in receipt of 2s. 6d. per day.
- (5.) Roads and Bridges, Upper Hunter Electorate :—Mr. Price asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he any recollection of his promise, publicly made to the Honorable R. G. D. FitzGerald, M.L.C., and the residents of Muswellbrook and Scone, viz., that he would expend £3,000 during 1899 and £3,000 during 1900 on the necessary bridges and deviations between Scone and Glen Rock ?
  - (2.) Is he aware that no action has been taken to give effect to his promise ?
  - (3.) Is he aware of his promise, made publicly to Mr. Fleming and Mr. Price, that the deviation at Windson's Cutting would be carried out during 1902 ?
  - (4.) Is he aware that his promise has not been kept ?
  - (5.) Has he any recollection of the promises made by himself, the Premier, and the Colonial Treasurer, that the bridge at Tilloch's, Scone Road, would be carried out during 1902 ; why has the promise not been redeemed ?
  - (6.) Is he aware that the road was impassable and the mails delayed between Gundy and the Upper Hunter between the 26th September and the 4th October ?
  - (7.) In view of the fact that the residents pay over £20,000 as land tax, will he either carry out the work or introduce legislation enabling the local authorities to do so ?
  - (8.) Has he looked into the question of the reports furnished by Mr. Price, the serious accidents resulting from the condition of the Scone to Glen Rock Road, and the state of the river crossings, and will he make provision to have the necessary improvements made ; if so, when ?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) I did state at Muswellbrook, in August, 1900, in answer to a deputation introduced by the Honorable R. G. D. FitzGerald, that I would expend the sum of money referred to in bridges between Scone and Gundy after the Estimates were passed, and I issued instructions for surveys to be made.
  - (2.) Action has been taken by having necessary surveys made and arranging for land, &c.
  - (3.) I intended to carry out this deviation ; but, owing to the present restriction with regard to funds, work had to be postponed.
  - (4.) See No. 3.
  - (5.) The erection of a bridge was contemplated, and the plans were in course of preparation ; but owing to the borings disclosing unusual difficulties, further surveys of another site must be made.
  - (6.) It has been reported that the river crossings between Scone and Belltrees were unfordable for some days during recent heavy rains, and probably the mails were thereby delayed.
  - (7 and 8.) When funds are available, the Department will undertake the necessary works. I shall be glad to entertain any proposal from residents to contribute towards—or, indeed, carry out—these bridges and deviations.
- (6.) Matrimonial Agencies :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House (a) a return of the marriages by matrimonial agencies, together with divorces and bigamy in connection therewith, since the establishment of such agencies in New South Wales, and the number of births registered in New South Wales shortly after marriages taking place at agencies ; (b) all correspondence received and sent by the Registrar-General from and to ministers and heads of denominations with reference to matrimonial agencies in New South Wales ?
  - (2.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether the Registrar-General has power to interfere with ministers celebrating marriages at agencies or any other place in New South Wales ; and, if so, by what Act ?
  - (3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the working of these institutions, as to whether they supply a public want and are of utility to the moral welfare of the community with a view to having them licensed or closed up by the introduction of a short Bill ?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) I will endeavour to obtain this information and lay it upon the Table in the form of a return.
  - (2.) Legal opinions cannot be given in reply to Questions.
  - (3.) Inquiries have been made, and a short Bill is being prepared.
- (7.) Outbreak of Swine Fever :—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In view of the outbreak of swine fever in the Clarence River District and other places, will he state what steps are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease ?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to recompense owners of pigs which are being compulsorily slaughtered to prevent the further spread of the disease ?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) All premises where the disease has been discovered have been quarantined, and all pigs diseased have been destroyed.
- (2.) No.

(8.) Registration of Dogs outside Municipalities :—Mr. Davidson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true, as reported from the country districts, that the registration of dogs is being enforced outside of municipalities?
- (2.) Is he aware that dogs are a necessity to selectors and farmers in keeping down vermin, and thus preventing the destruction of their crops?
- (3.) Will he give instructions to his officers not to enforce the Act in cases where dogs are kept for destroying vermin?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Inspector-General of Police informs me that instructions have been given from time to time that the Dog Act is not to be rigorously enforced in country districts where settlers must keep dogs as a protection from vermin; but that in towns and adjacent main roads, where dogs are a nuisance and a source of danger to the public, the Act must be enforced.

(9.) Payments to Messrs. Knibbs and Turner, Education Commissioners :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has any payment been made to Messrs. Knibbs and Turner since their return from England; if so, what is the amount, and what were the services rendered?

Mr. Perry answered,—Yes. At the rate of £600 per annum each from 14th February, date of return, to the 30th September, 1903. The Commissioners have been engaged in the preparation of their report. I am informed by the Government Printer that everything he has of the Educational Report will be out of his hands for final revise about the 27th of this month.

(10.) Liability of Bondsmen respecting ex-Students leaving Training College for Federal Service :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Gilbert, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Whether, in the event of any ex-student failing to complete his three years' service after leaving the Training College, by accepting a position in the Federal Service, the Department will insist on his bondsmen discharging the whole or any part of their liability?

Mr. Perry answered,—Yes. The bond entered into before entrance into the Training School requires each student to adopt and follow, for a period of not less than three years, the profession of a teacher in the Public Schools of this State, and it provides that if such engagement shall be terminated by resignation, dismissal, or any cause whatsoever, death excepted, within that period, the whole expense of training shall be refunded to the Department.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Pyers presented a Petition from the members of the Congregation assembling in St. Mark's Church, Casino, praying the House to pass legislation to amend the Crimes Act so as to make the age of consent older than at present and in certain other respects.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers in connection with the Leasing of a Building proposed to be erected by the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, for the Government Savings Bank.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Memorandum respecting the Duties of Judges' Associates and Tipstaffs.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th September, 1903, *a.m.*,—"Roads Vote, Electorate of "Raleigh."
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Burwood.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield.
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton.
- (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Auburn.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Leichhardt.
- (8.) By-law of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (9.) Papers respecting Case of George Vigers.
- (10.) Return to an Order, made on 26th August, 1903,—"Temporary Employes, Public Works "Department."  
Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Tolls on Punts; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, "That, in the opinion of this House,—  
" (1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free access over bridges.  
" (2.) The promise of the Honorable the Minister for Works to abolish tolls on punts should be "given effect to at once";—until To-morrow.

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(2.) Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption" ;—until Wednesday, 28th October.

(3.) Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Garland*] ;—until To-morrow.

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

(1.) Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital ; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands ; to make provision with respect to the application to the said society of certain enactments relating to Public Hospitals ; and in these and other respects to amend the Act 4 Vic. No. 3 and an Act passed in the twenty-third year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and intituled 'An Act to amend the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's Act of Incorporation,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(2.) Brodie's Enabling Act Amendment Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 66.

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

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(3.) Public Service (Superannuation) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 67.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that on the Superannuation Account becoming exhausted, all amounts payable to and out of that account shall be paid to and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ; to provide for the payment of certain superannuation allowances ; and to otherwise amend the Public Service Act, 1902, and the Civil Service Act of 1884,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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6. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

Dr. Ross moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.

7. SELECTION OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH :—Mr. Carruthers moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the immediate reading of the Order of the Day No. 5 of General Business for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That the procedure adopted in reference to the selection of the Seat of the Government of the Commonwealth is not in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, and is calculated to delay and defeat the just rights and claims of this State."

Upon which Mr. Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by adding as paragraph 2 the words :—" (2.) This House does not approve of the suggestion that the Federal territory shall embrace an area of one thousand square miles of this State "

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Young,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Lee,	Sir John See,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Crick,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Haynes,		Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Affleck.	Mr. Meagher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Morton,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Oakes,		Mr. Daley,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Jessep,		Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Fallick,		Mr. Macdonell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Sir John See*), and Question proposed,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Wood, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, ~~That leave be given to propose an amendment.~~ "That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Secretary for Lands in granting prospective improvement leases of land now held under improvement lease is illegal, and contrary to the spirit of the law."

Question put on Mr. Wood's motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Sleath,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Rose,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Oakes,	Sir John See,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Carroll,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Archer,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Cohen.	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Nobbs,		Mr. Willis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,		Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Davidson,		Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Daley.
Mr. Fallick,		Mr. Webster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

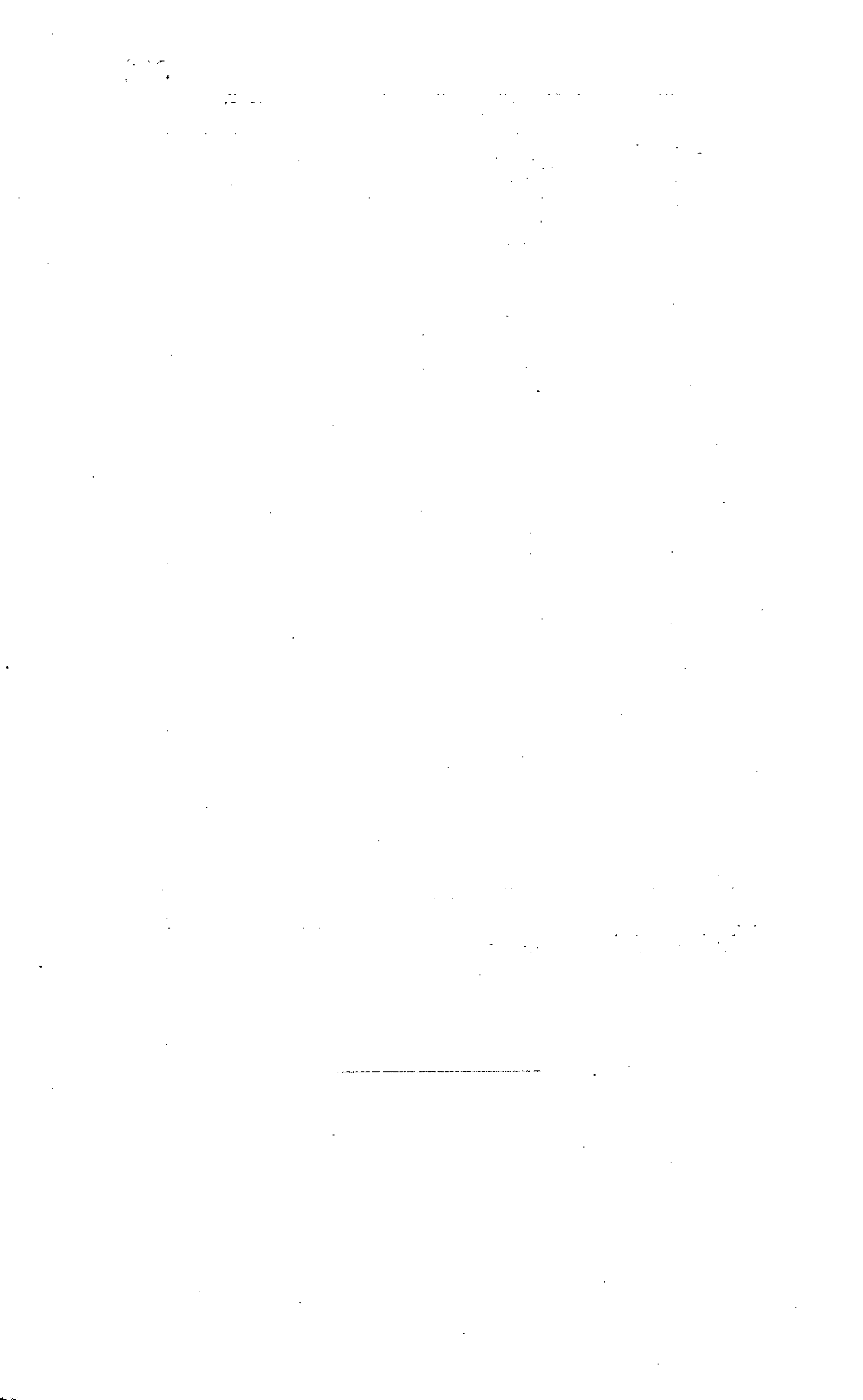
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Twelve o'clock, midnight, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Regulations for obtaining the Diploma in Dental Surgery :—*Mr. Sleath*, for *Mr. Price*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the requirements for the Diploma in Dental Surgery in Victoria are that students should have (*a*) passed a modified preliminary examination; (*b*) served an apprenticeship in mechanical dentistry; (*c*) pursued a course of professional study at the University; and will he be good enough to see that similar regulations are adopted in this State?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to the following suggestions issued by Sydney dentists, viz. :—  
 (*a*) That the expensive and unnecessary mechanical department on its present basis should be abolished, and that all future students should be required to have served at least two years with a registered dentist as an articled pupil in mechanical dentistry, as well as having passed a modified entrance examination upon being admitted to the school; (*b*) that the lectures in the first year at the University should be delivered after 4 o'clock, p.m., and that the students in that year should be required to have served with such dentist during that year till 4 p.m., and then attending the necessary first-year lectures; (*c*) the second year of study should be spent in attendance on lectures and operations in the Clinical Department of the University in Surgical Dentistry, the material required being paid for out of the students' fees, in addition to amounts subscribed by the charitable, and supplied only to those who could demonstrate their inability to pay; (*d*) that the third year at the University, or fifth of dental study, should be similar to the second, and, in addition, it should be necessary during these two years for the student to make examples of the various artificial appliances in the school laboratory under instruction; will he kindly institute inquiries into this matter, and obtain a report on the case, and cause the necessary alterations to be made in the regulations?

Sir John See answered,—I have not been able to obtain this information, but will endeavour to do so as soon as possible.

- (2.) Royalty on Timber and Licenses in the Shoalhaven Electorate :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Morton*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid in the Shoalhaven Electorate for royalty on timber and licenses for the past twelve months?

(2.) The like information as regards the previous year?

(3.) What has been the cost of collection?

Mr. Crick answered,—The information will be supplied in the form of a return if moved for in the usual way. The cost of collection can be given only approximately.

- (3.) Port Kembla Harbour Works :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Morton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total expenditure to date in connection with the Port Kembla harbour works, including resumption claims?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Amount expended to date (*a*) on works, £61,710 16s.; (*b*) on land resumptions, £33,740 2s. 7d. Total expenditure, £95,450 18s. 7d.

- (4.) Levying of Rates by the Pastures Protection Board :—*Mr. Macdonald*, for *Mr. Macdonell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he, in view of his promise that he would not call upon the Pastures Protection Board to repay the old debt contracted under the Stock Diseases Act, allow that Board, in striking their annual rates, to omit making provision for raising money as required by section 25 of the Pastures Protection Act for the purpose of repayment?

Mr. Crick answered,—No part of the amount of the old debt will be asked for this year. The Board can act under section 18 in view of this promise.

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(5.) Waiting-shed, corner of Devonshire and Castlereagh Streets :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he confer with the Tram Authorities as to the desirability of erecting a waiting-room, or some shelter at the intersection of Devonshire-street with Castlereagh-street, at the corner of what used to be known as the Old Burying Ground, with the view of affording (in this very exposed place) protection to the large number of tram passengers who wait at this corner?

(2.) As this is recognised as one of the busiest and most exposed places on route for passengers travelling to the Randwick-road, Redfern, Waterloo, Alexandria, Botany, and Zetland lines, will he urge upon the Authorities the need for something to be done in this direction?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I have conferred with the Railway Commissioners, but it is not thought that a waiting-room is absolutely essential at this place. Moreover, the position may be altered when the new railway station is opened.

(6.) Employment of Temporary Officers, Public Works Department :—*Mr. McGowan*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Seeing that this House has passed a Bill enabling the Public Service Board to give employment to temporary officers for periods of twelve months, will he give instructions to the head of his Department to apply the conditions of the Bill to the temporary officers of the Department?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Each case will be dealt with as the exigencies of the Department demand, in accordance with the terms of section 3 of the Bill in question.

(7.) The Crown Solicitor :—Mr. Affeck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) As the Colonial Secretary, in reply to a Question on the 14th October, informed this House that £440 was returned by the Crown Solicitor for the last financial year, will he inform this House in what document the refund can be found?

(2.) Will he inform this House how the refund was appropriated and accounted for, seeing it is not included in the list of "Statement of Balances of Appropriations of the Year 1902-3 written off as "Savings on the 30th of June, 1903"?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The refund was made in monthly instalments up to the close of the last financial year, and carried to credit of the Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice, Salary Division." A portion of the savings on the Salary Division was, under the authority of section 34 of the Audit Act of 1902, transferred to the Contingent Division and used for claims properly chargeable to that Vote, leaving only a net saving of £40 2s. 7d. on the Vote "Attorney-General and Justice, "Salaries."

(8.) Salisbury Plains Experimental Farm :—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. MacMahon, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he take the necessary steps to secure the Experimental Farm Site, Salisbury Plains, for the purpose for which it has been set apart?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of taking over the area, so that the rents accruing therefrom may be devoted by his Department to improving the site by clearing, fencing, and other improvements preliminary to establishing an Experimental Farm?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) The land has already been reserved for the purpose.

(2.) The land being Crown lands, any rental must be paid into the Consolidated Revenue.

(9.) The Chief Justice :—*Mr. Sleath*, for Mr. MacMahon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the amount of salary paid Chief Justice Darley?

(2.) Is he in receipt of such salary during his leave of absence?

(3.) What other moneys are paid him from the public funds during such leave of absence?

(4.) What is the extent of leave of absence granted?

Sir John See answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to replies given by me to similar Questions asked by the Honorable Member for Rylstone on the 9th July last. The Chief Justice has now been granted an extension of leave for a further period of three months, from the 16th December next, in consequence of the serious illness of his son-in-law.

(3.) None, so far as I am aware.

(10.) Cost of New Central Railway Station :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total cost, up to the end of September last, of the work in connection with the new Central Railway Station, including compensation for resumptions, removal of human remains, and all other services in relation to the said work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member in these Questions will be furnished in the form of a statement which will be prepared and laid upon the Table in due course.

(11.) Cost of New Central Railway Station :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the cost of the work in connection with the Central Railway Station, now in progress, has already exceeded the limit placed thereon by the Public Works Committee, and by how much up to the end of last month?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The information sought by the Honorable Member in these Questions will be furnished in the form of a statement which will be prepared and laid upon the Table in due course.

(12.) Completion of New Central Railway Station :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Hogue, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he expect the new railway station to be completed?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is expected that the main building and roads will be sufficiently advanced to be ready for working in July next.

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(13.) Public Schools, Molong, Manildra, and Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the reason or cause of the delay in forwarding plans and specifications to enable the successful contractor to proceed with the erection of necessary improvements that have been sanctioned by the Department at the Molong Public School?

(2.) The same information with regard to the delay in forwarding plans and specifications to enable the contractor to proceed with the erection of improvements that have been sanctioned by the Department at Manildra Public School; and also at Cudal Public School?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) A delay of more than two months was caused by the contractor's failure to take up the work and his sureties' application to be relieved of their responsibility. A fresh tender was accepted on 12th instant, and the plans and specifications are being forwarded to-day.

(2.) Tenders for Manildra School additions were received, and one was accepted on 24th ultimo. The plans and specifications for contractor's guidance were sent on 6th instant. A tender for the new school and other works at Cudal was accepted on 14th instant, and plans and specifications are being forwarded to-day. There has been no delay on the part of this Department.

(14.) Boorolong Mining Field:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Lonsdale, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(a) How much mineral has been obtained from the Boorolong Mining Field since its reservation; and (b) what report has been made by the Geological Surveyor in reference to withholding the land from settlement?

*Mr. Fegan* answered,—(a) There are no means of ascertaining. (b) That it adjoins land proved to be mineral bearing, and has not been adequately prospected. That the granting of settlement leases, while benefiting a few individuals, would certainly tend to keep prospectors off a large area of country, and would be opposed to mining interests.

(15.) Government Female Registry:—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the monthly cost of maintaining the Government Female Registry, *i.e.*, for salaries, rent, and incidentals?

(2.) How many applicants for positions were dealt with during September?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) Salaries—Superintendent, £8 6s. 8d.; Assistant, £4 3s. 4d. Total, £12 10s. Rent, £10 16s. 8d.; Cleaning, telephone, and incidentals, £4 4s. 8d. Grand total, £27 11s. 4d.

(2.) 172.

(16.) Accommodation for Bankruptcy and Federal High Courts:—*Mr. Levy*, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has the Bankruptcy Court occupied premises in the Citizens Life Buildings, and have the premises been leased for any specified term?

(2.) Is the Federal Government to make any payment for the accommodation offered it by the New South Wales Government; and, if not, why not?

(3.) For what period has the accommodation been granted the Federal High Court authorities?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Since 21st July, 1899. They were originally leased for a term of three years from that date, and on its expiry the lease was renewed for a further term of three years.

(2 and 3.) The Federal Government have been allowed the free use of buildings during the current financial year, at the end of which period there will be no difficulty in coming to an arrangement for payment.

(17.) Pensioners under Schedule B of the Constitution Act:—*Mr. Mackenzie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The names of applicants claiming pensions under Schedule B under the Constitution Act?

(2.) Dates of appointment and retirement of each applicant?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House as soon as possible.

(18.) Tenders for Improvement Leases on Wingadee Holding:—*Mr. Rose* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount was the highest tender for lands gazetted as available for improvement lease on Wingadee Holding on 22nd August, 1903?

(2.) Who was the highest tenderer?

(3.) Whose tender was accepted?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—

(1.) £306 1s. 3d. for block No. 1,239; £313 10s. 10d. for block No. 1,240.

(2.) Sydney H. Gurner.

(3.) Michael F. Hayes. Mr. Hayes was the person who asked for the land to be offered, and was allowed to bring his bid up to the highest tender. I may state that there is a regulation allowing that to be done.

(19.) Water Supply for Broken Hill—Umberumberka Scheme:—*Mr. Williams* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When does he intend to submit the Public Works Committee's Report on the Umberumberka scheme to this House to be finally dealt with?

(2.) Is there any strong pressure being exerted to prevent the erection of such a necessary work to ensure the safety of Broken Hill by providing an adequate water supply for its inhabitants?

Sir John See answered,—The Secretary for Public Works will give notice to-night.

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(20.) Proposed Leasing of Premises for Government Savings Bank :—*Mr. Levy*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he signed any contract or agreement with the Citizens Life Company in the matter of proposed lease of property in Moore street; if not, what point have negotiations in connection with the matter reached?

(2.) At what value per foot is the land referred to assessed for land-tax purposes?

(3.) Will he await an expression of opinion on the part of Parliament before proceeding further in regard to the matter?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) The offer of a lease of ten years of a building to be erected on land owned by the Citizens Life Assurance Company, Limited, with the option of purchase during the currency of the lease, has been accepted, as shown by the papers laid upon the Table of this House.

(2.) This land forms part of an area having a frontage of 70 feet 5½ inches to Castlereagh-street, and 156 feet 9½ inches to Moore-street, assessed at a total value of £45,000.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(21.) Government Loans :—*Mr. Levy*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
What amount of money has been borrowed by the Government during the present year from financial institutions; the names of such institutions and the sums borrowed from each; the amount of commission or brokerage paid in each case?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—Since 1st January last, the sum of £445,000 has been accepted by the Government from different institutions, £395,000 being for the purchase of Treasury bills, and £50,000, of which £25,000 has been repaid, on fixed deposit. It is not considered advisable to make public the business of the respective institutions by giving the names of those from which the money has been received. No commission or brokerage has been paid.

2. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL :—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st October, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of *Sir John See*, read a first time.

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

3. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Sir John See*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; *Mr. J. F. Smith*, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

Acto South Waits.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Officials employed in the Lands Department :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What number of officials are employed in the Lands Department, inclusive of all branches?
  - (2.) What is the total cost to the State?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—The information is given in the Estimates of Expenditure in bulk. If details are required, a return will be prepared if moved for in the usual way, as it will take some time to prepare it.

- (2.) Extension of the Cleveland-street Tram-line :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Now that the trams which used to run from the Subway, in Devonshire-street, have been taken out of this street, if such action has caused a good deal of inconvenience to a vast number of residents in the Western Districts, who used these trams for the purpose of getting to Randwick and Coogee, especially through the summer months and holiday times, will he consider the advisability of extending the Cleveland-street tram-line to its intersection with the Newtown or City Road?

(2.) If this line would be a most lucrative one from the time it was completed, will he seriously consider the necessity of serving a large section of the people both in Redfern, Darlington, and the Western Suburbs, by having such a line constructed?

(3.) If the construction of such a line would relieve a lot of the congestion, especially at holiday times, from George-street West and the Railway Crossing, will he be good enough to allow this aspect of it to have consideration with him when considering such suggestion?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The matter will receive consideration when proposed further tramway extensions are being dealt with by the Government.

- (3.) Mr. Veitch, Navigation Department :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How long has Mr. Veitch been in the Navigation Department?
- (2.) What qualifications does he possess?
- (3.) When was he at sea last professionally?
- (4.) When visiting ships to report on same, is he permitted to accept his meals, &c., from the captains?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) Nine and a half years; six years under the late Marine Board, and three and a half years in the Navigation Department. He was appointed Pilot at Newcastle on the 1st May, 1894; on the 1st October, 1896, he was transferred to the position of Secretary to the Local Marine Board at Newcastle; and in June, 1900, he was transferred to Sydney as Shipping Inspector and Surveyor.

(2.) He is the holder of a Master's foreign-going Certificate of Competency, issued by the Board of Trade.

(3.) Prior to joining the Marine Department, he was master of the steam collier "Tagliaferro," the property of Messrs. McIlwraith and Company, Melbourne, trading to Newcastle and other ports.

(4.) There is no provision in the Public Service Regulations to prevent an inspector accepting hospitality from the master of a vessel when on board in connection with his official duties; but it would be considered highly injudicious and inconsistent with the proper discharge of his duty for him to do so.

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- (4.) Free Grants of Land held in Bombala District :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) The number of persons in the district of Bombala who hold free grants of land from the Crown ?
  - (2.) The names of said persons, and the area in each case ?
- Mr. Hayes* answered,—As the preparation of the information sought will involve expenditure of time and money, perhaps the Honorable Member will move for it as a return.
- (5.) Demolition of "Ship Inn," Circular Quay :—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- Will the Railway Commissioners take steps to have the building lately known as the "Ship Inn," Circular Quay, removed without further delay ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that the premises in question cost a large sum to resume, and pending their demolition later on for tramway improvement, the Commissioners are utilising the building so as to obtain some return on the expenditure incurred.
- (6.) Purchase of Seed Wheat :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many bushels of wheat were purchased for seed purposes by the State, and how much of the total is still on the hands of the Government ?
  - (2.) What was the average price paid for the wheat, and what is the present market value per bushel of the residue ?
  - (3.) Was the seed insured after purchase ; and, if so, for what amount, and in what office ?
  - (4.) Where is the balance of the seed now stored ; is it insured ; if so, for what amount, and in what office ; and what does the Department intend to do with it ?
- Mr. Kidd* answered,—
- (1.) Bushels purchased, 265,347 ; estimated balance on hand, 1,400 bags, approximately.
  - (2.) Average price paid for wheat, 6s. 1½d. per bushel ; present market value of wheat, from 4s. 9d. to 4s. 10d. per bushel.
  - (3.) Yes ; amount, £20,000. Offices, London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company and North Queensland Insurance Company ; £10,000 in each Company.
  - (4.) 1,400 bags stored at Darling Island. Not insured, and will be sold.
- (7.) Cost of Parliamentary Select Committees :—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the cost to the State incurred through the appointment of Parliamentary Select Committees during last Session of this Parliament ?
- Sir John See* answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.
- (8.) Resumption of the Bayliss Estate, Haymarket :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the amount of £27,500, compensation for property in the Bayliss Estate resumed for railway station purposes near the Haymarket, and agreed to by the Government, be available ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—A formal offer in settlement will be made by the Department of Public Works in the course of a day or two.
- (9.) Cost of Stone from Glebe Island and Miller's Point :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the cost per cubic foot of the stone got at Glebe Island, and used for coping at Circular Quay ; also the cost of the stone got at Miller's Point, for Dalgety's new wharf ?
- Sir John See* answered,—I am informed by the Harbour Trust Commissioners that no stone was obtained by the Trust at Glebe Island for coping at Circular Quay. The stone obtained at Miller's Point for Dalgety's new wharf cost 9·18 pence per cubic foot.
- (10.) Subsidy for Roads in the Cudal District :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Will he kindly explain the delay in furnishing a reply to *Dr. Ross*, on the subject brought under his notice by a deputation consisting of two aldermen, Messrs. Landeur and Mellins, of the Cudal Municipal Council to the Under Secretary for Public Works, during the Municipal Conference recently held in Sydney, drawing his attention to the urgent need for increasing the subsidy to enable the Council to keep the roads (extending over 20 miles) in a proper state of repair owing to the inadequate amount derived from local rates ?
  - (2.) Will he state what, if any, decision has been arrived at in this matter ?
- Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—
- (1.) This matter, with a number of others, is held over until the Estimates are passed.
  - (2.) When the Votes are available, I will decide what shall be done.
- (11.) Fire Insurance on Properties in the "Rocks" Resumed Area :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total fire insurance risk on properties held by the Government in the "Rocks" area ?
  - (2.) What is the total amount of premium paid per annum ?
  - (3.) In what office is the risk effected ?
  - (4.) Was any broker employed ; if so, what is his name, and what remuneration did he receive ?
- Mr. Waddell* answered,—
- (1.) £368,112, including £1,052 for plate glass.
  - (2.) Net premiums, £670 18s. 7d.
  - (3.) Insurances effected with thirty-eight companies.
  - (4.) Yes ; *Mr. H. H. Robey*. No remuneration paid by the Government.

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(12.) Privilege of Associates of the Technical College:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. Oaker*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the title of Associate of the Technical College is conferred on students of the College who have passed their final examinations with honours?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that, until recently, the gaining of an Associate degree carried with it the right to attend any course of lectures free of charge?
- (3.) Is he aware that recently the right to attend any course of lectures by Associates has been altered to only "one course of lectures"?
- (4.) Will he see that those students who have gained the honor of Associate shall have the conferred right to attend all lectures free of charge?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, provided that they pass the final examination in the principal subject with honours.
- (2 and 3.) A right was given to attend any course of lectures free of charge, which has not been altered; but the wording of the rule has been modified in order to leave no room for the misconception felt, in some cases, that more than one course could be attended without payment of fees.
- (4.) I cannot grant the privilege of attending all lectures free of charge, but will continue the right to the Associate to select a complete course in any one Department.

(13.) Allowances to Employees in the Railway Permanent-Way Department:—*Mr. Young* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Why did he not answer *Mr. Young's* Questions (3 and 4), placed on the Business Paper, 7th October?
- (2.) Will he now do so?
- (3.) Is it a fact that employees in the Permanent-way Department of the Railway, when sent away from their homes, or the headquarters of their division, are to be allowed travelling time for the outward journey, but no travelling time for the return journey; if so, will he see that all those in the Department are placed on an equal footing in regard to travelling time?
- (4.) Will he also see that the Railway Act is complied with, so that no alteration is made in the matter of work or wages until approved by the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette* one week?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I inferred that my reply that no change had been made would have been a sufficient answer. I understand that, under a misunderstanding, a notice referring to some alterations was posted at the Existing Lines Depot at Bathurst, but it had not had the Commissioners' approval, and the question is now before them with a view of establishing a uniform practice.
- (3.) This matter is now under consideration.
- (4.) This point is kept in view.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—*Mr. Gormly*, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Places Advertisements Bill postponed until To-morrow.

4. LIQUOR TRAFFIC—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) *Mr. McGowen* moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will allow of the discussion of Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, relating to full local and State option on the subject of the liquor traffic, being immediately entered upon.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.

<i>Mr. Hayes,</i>	<i>Mr. Thomson,</i>	<i>Mr. Davidson,</i>
<i>Mr. Waddell,</i>	<i>Mr. Hogue,</i>	<i>Mr. McCoy,</i>
<i>Mr. Perry,</i>	<i>Mr. Law,</i>	<i>Mr. Moore,</i>
<i>Sir John See,</i>	<i>Mr. Dight,</i>	<i>Mr. Gillies,</i>
<i>Mr. Jessop,</i>	<i>Mr. Oakes,</i>	<i>Mr. Morton,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Levy,</i>	<i>Mr. Millard,</i>
<i>Mr. Cohen,</i>	<i>Mr. Williams,</i>	<i>Mr. Ashton,</i>
<i>Mr. Affleck,</i>	<i>Mr. Collins,</i>	<i>Mr. Lee,</i>
<i>Mr. Nobbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Fallick,</i>	<i>Mr. Phillips,</i>
<i>Mr. Hollis,</i>	<i>Mr. McGowen,</i>	<i>Mr. Brunker,</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Arthur Griffith,</i>	<i>Mr. E. M. Clark,</i>
<i>Mr. Donaldson,</i>	<i>Mr. Richards,</i>	<i>Mr. Garland,</i>
<i>Mr. Kidd,</i>	<i>Mr. Burgess,</i>	<i>Mr. Wood,</i>
<i>Mr. W. F. Hurley,</i>	<i>Mr. Nielsen,</i>	<i>Mr. Macdonald,</i>
<i>Mr. Evans,</i>	<i>Mr. Brinsley Hall,</i>	<i>Mr. Fleming,</i>
<i>Mr. Archer,</i>	<i>Mr. Henry Clarke,</i>	<i>Mr. Daniel O'Connor,</i>
<i>Mr. T. R. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. J. F. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Carroll,</i>
<i>Mr. Gilbert,</i>	<i>Mr. Coleman,</i>	<i>Mr. Miller.</i>
<i>Mr. Webster,</i>	<i>Mr. Cann,</i>	
<i>Mr. Crick,</i>	<i>Mr. John Hurley,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. John Storey,</i>	<i>Mr. Mahony,</i>	<i>Mr. Latimer,</i>
<i>Mr. Sullivan,</i>	<i>Mr. Nicholson,</i>	<i>Mr. Dick.</i>
<i>Mr. McFarlane,</i>	<i>Mr. Carruthers,</i>	
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Mr. Estell,</i>	

Noes, 11.

<i>Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,</i>
<i>Mr. Eden George,</i>
<i>Mr. Ferguson,</i>
<i>Mr. Kelly,</i>
<i>Mr. Meagher,</i>
<i>Mr. Quinn,</i>
<i>Mr. Gormly,</i>
<i>Mr. Barnes,</i>
<i>Mr. Davis.</i>
<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Macdonell,</i>
<i>Mr. MacMahon.</i>

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon *Mr. McGowen* moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as will admit of the discussion of Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business, relating to full local and State option on the subject of the liquor traffic, being immediately entered upon.

Debate ensued.

Sir

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Sir John See moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Coleman,
Sir John See,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Affleck,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williams,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. T. H. Griffith,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Pyers,	

Noes, 31.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Rose,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Power,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. O'Connor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Morton.

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

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 68.

Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Archibald Campbell,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Cchen,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,	Mr. Oakes,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. John Hurley.
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Perry,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. John Storey,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Quinn,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Crick,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Power.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Scobie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. McGowen then proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary electors should be intrusted with power to continue, reduce, or veto the liquor traffic as they please to vote, and, therefore, believes in an efficient measure of full local and State option without compensation, a reasonable time-notice being allowed.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Meagher submitted that the motion was out of order, inasmuch as it anticipated the debate on the Liquor Bill, the second reading of which stood on the Business Paper for this evening.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Carruthers contended that the Point of Order taken would have been valid had not the Standing Orders been suspended; as, however, that course had been agreed to, the point could not be sustained.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the terms of the suspension of the Standing Orders only cleared the way for the motion to be moved in advance of its regular order, and that was all that the suspension referred to.

Debate on Mr. Meagher's Point of Order ensued.

Mr.

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Mr. Speaker said the question he was asked to decide was, that the motion being introduced practically anticipated matter contained in the Liquor Bill. The subject-matter of the Bill dealt only with the ratepayers taking a vote with regard to new or additional licenses, it did not propose to take a vote to reduce the number of the present licensed houses, whereas Mr. McGowen's motion proposed to take a vote of the electors of the State to veto and reduce the number. That, in his opinion, was a different subject, and did not, in any way, clash with the Liquor Bill. He, therefore, ruled the motion in order.

*Further Point of Order*:—Mr. Crick directed attention to the terms of the motion suspending the Standing Orders, and contended that thereby so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders as would admit of Mr. McGowen's motion being immediately entered upon had been suspended, and the Honorable Member would therefore be precluded from moving the notice in his name.

Mr. Speaker said the objection taken was fatal.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

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

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Deviation of the Devonshire-street Trams :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that a number of the public are often inconvenienced owing to the want of knowledge that the trams for Cleveland-street (Randwick-road), Redfern, Alexandria, Waterloo, and Zetland have been taken out of Devonshire-street, and the route changed ; if so, will he have any objection to ask the Tramway Authorities to put the necessary information in connection with these trams on notice-boards at the Railway Subway in Devonshire-street, also at the corners of Devonshire and Castlereagh Streets and Devonshire and Randle Streets, to afford information to the travelling public on these particular routes ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed arrangements have already been made for the exhibition of suitable indicator boards at the Railway Subway. It is not considered that anything further is required at the corner of Devonshire and Castlereagh Streets, or Devonshire and Randle Streets, as the signs on the cars reasonably meet requirements.

(2.) Sale of Boilers and Engines :—Mr. McNeill, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The cost of the boilers and engines, &c., sold in August, 1903, and what prices were obtained for them by public auction recently ?

(2.) Who ordered them, and why they were sold ?

Mr. Hayes answered,—Yes ; if moved for in the usual way.

(3.) Quat Quatta, Old Berrigan, and Ringwood Stations :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that from 5,000 to 7,000 acres of the Quat Quatta Station, adjoining or near Ringwood Estate, has been sold at prices ranging from £5 to £8 per acre ?

(2.) Is it a fact that Berrigan and Ringwood Stations have been offered to the Government at £4 5s. per acre, and that the owners are willing to accept Government debentures for the whole amount of the purchase-money ?

(3.) Will he give this House an opportunity of dealing with the purchase of these estates during the present Session of Parliament ?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) The land was offered to the Crown under the Closer Settlement Act at £4 10s. per acre. The Land Board appraised the value of the land on Old Berrigan at £3 10s. per acre, and that on Ringwood at £3 15s. per acre. Both offers were rejected by Parliament, and the offer of Old Berrigan has since been withdrawn. The owners, when making the offer, stated that they had no objection to accepting payment of the purchase-money partly in cash and partly in approved Government negotiable securities as could mutually have been arranged.

(3.) I am afraid the state of public business will not permit of the matter being submitted to Parliament this Session.

(4.)



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- (4.) Improvement Leases :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Webster*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How many unexpired improvement leases have been granted an extension of the term of such lease?
  - (2.) How many proposals to extend existing improvement leases are at present under consideration?
  - (3.) In what land districts such extensions or proposed extensions are located?
  - (4.) The area of such extension or proposed extension?
  - (5.) The term of existing leases; also the term of extension or proposed extensions?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—

- (1.) In no case has the term of an improvement lease been extended, but in eleven cases fresh leases to commence at the termination of existing leases have been offered for tender, and tenders accepted.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Brewarrina East, Warialds, Walgett.
- (4.) The area of the extensions granted is that of the current leases; in no case has the area been increased.
- (5.) The term of existing leases is ten years in two cases, twelve years in three cases, twenty years in three cases, and twenty-one years in three cases. The term of new leases is eighteen years in two cases, sixteen years in three cases, eight years in three cases, and seven years in three cases. There are no proposed extensions.

- (5.) Tenders for Improvement Leases on Wingadee Holding :—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Rose*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to his reply to *Mr. Rose*, on 21st October, wherein he stated that *Mr. Hayes* was allowed to bring his bid up to the highest tender for improvement leases on Wingadee, under what regulation did he permit *Mr. Hayes'* tender to be amended?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—Regulation No. 260.

- (6.) Mining Leases at Sandy Creek, near Mudgee :—*Mr. J. F. Smith*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that intense dissatisfaction exists because of the absorption by leasing of so much of the land at Sandy Creek rush, a locality near Mudgee on the Wellington side?
- (2.) Will he consider whether this system of leasing alluvial areas, as in the case referred to, where the ordinary pick-and-shovel miner might mark out and work a claim, has deprived a number of men of their opportunity to live by mining?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

- (1.) Nothing is known in this Department of a rush at Sandy Creek. A considerable number of authorities to enter upon private land at Spicer's Creek have, however, been lodged, but no leases have yet been granted.
- (2.) The Department invariably refuses applications for leases over shallow alluvial Crown lands.

## 2. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Crick* laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the Sale of Crown Lands at Quirindi.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Perry* laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Waddell* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 30th September, 1903.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 3. NEW LAMPTON, HARTLEY VALE COLLIERY, AND AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY RAILWAYS RESUMPTION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Crick*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 68.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their respective estates in certain lands known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; to vest certain of the said lands in His Majesty and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts; and to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands within the said area, and to preserve existing rights of occupation.

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

## 4. CLAIM OF JOHN WESLEY PIDGEON FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT UNDER THE ELECTORAL ACT :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of *John Wesley Pidgeon*, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Sir John See*, *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Meagher*, *Mr. Evans*, *Mr. Haynes*, *Mr. Nobbs*, *Mr. Gormly*, *Mr. Quirk*, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The House adjourned, at five minutes before Seven o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Enlargement of Holdings under new Land Bill :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Macdonell*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he withhold from settlement or transfer all lands in the vicinity of lands occupied by settlers who would be entitled to preferent right in enlarging their holdings under the amending Land Bill until that Bill becomes law, that such settlers shall have all the opportunity possible to make up their living areas?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—This course is being pursued, notwithstanding continual complaints as to keeping land from immediate settlement. In fact, if this course were not taken, the main principle of the new Land Bill would, in many cases, be rendered nugatory.

- (2.) Automatic Couplings on Railway Cars :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the American system of automatic couplings on railway cars, which it is alleged reduces the risk of loss of life and accident in shunting operations, been tried in this State; if so, with what result?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that the question of automatic couplings for railway rolling stock has engaged the consideration of the Commissioners on a number of occasions, and several inventions have been tried, among others the Gould (of America). A very large expense would be involved in adopting such an arrangement generally, as the whole of the coupling gear on waggons, which now, as a rule, consists of side buffers and chains, would have to be discarded, and a centre buffer and coupling introduced. The Commissioners are keeping the matter in view.

- (3.) Proposed Railway to Tocumwal :—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the agreement made between the Honorable James Hayes and the Honorable Thomas Bent, in connection with the Tocumwal—Strathmorton railway extension, been ratified by the Government as it has been by the Government of Victoria; and, if not, why?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—Please see reply given to the Honorable Member for Wentworth on the 7th instant, when it was stated that the agreement will be honored in due course.

- (4.) Liquor Bill :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Can he inform this House definitely when he will go on with the Liquor Bill, seeing the promise made to a large deputation long ago, that he was to take it after two measures named?
- (2.) Is it really his intention to try and pass the said Bill, so that it may become law this year?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am most anxious to move the second reading of this Bill before the Session closes, with a view to taking it up next Session at the stage it had reached this Session.

- (5.) Road, Glen Innes to the Furracabad Estate :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Sir John See promised, in the Glen Innes Electorate last November, that £500 would be expended on the road leading to the Furracabad Estate?

(2.) Was that sum or any portion of it expended as promised; if only a portion, how much?

(3.) Was word sent to Glen Innes during the past week that money was set aside for the road, and the work would be proceeded with at once; and what was the sum set aside for the purpose?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of such a promise having been made.

(2 and 3.) In response to a petition received in October, 1902, from the farmers on the Furracabad Estate, it was decided that tenders be called for work estimated to cost £500 on the road Glen

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Innes to Furracabad Creek, but the acceptance of tenders should be conditional on the Haymarket Permanent Land Building and Investment Company contributing half the cost. Tenders have been received for two contracts aggregating £392 18s. 2d., and the Company having paid their moiety, £196 19s. 1d., approval has been given to accept the tenders and proceed with the work.

(6.) Issue of Victorian Railway Passes to the New South Wales Tramway Staff:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the issue of Victorian railway passes to the New South Wales Tramway staff been stopped?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the issue of such passes was also stopped to the railway men, but afterwards renewed?
- (3.) Will he endeavour to have the issue of such passes to the tramway men renewed, so that all branches of the Railway Service may be similarly treated?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that passes have been stopped as indicated.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The passes are arranged for on a reciprocal basis, and as the Melbourne Commissioners have no corresponding tramway system, the Commissioners felt they could not reasonably ask them to grant privileges to our tramway staff.

(7.) Night Allowances to Railway Employees:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The rate of wages paid in each grade of the Railway Service in receipt of night allowances?
- (2.) The rate of night allowances in each grade?
- (3.) The number of employees in each grade in receipt of night allowances?
- (4.) The number of employees in each grade not in receipt of night allowances?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that a reply to the Honorable Member's Question would necessitate considerable preparation, and it is suggested the information should be moved for in the shape of a return, in the usual way.

(8.) Transfer of Government Insurances:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that insurances against accident with respect to Public Works Department employees, which were carried on with the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Company, have been transferred to the Ocean Insurance Company?
- (2.) Has the insurance on the steam yacht "Victoria" been transferred from one company to another (the Queensland Insurance Company)?
- (3.) On what ground have these changes been made?

Mr. Hayes answered,—

- (1 and 3.) Policies have been taken at different periods with both the Companies mentioned, but no transfers have been made. I propose to draw up a scheme for the establishment and maintenance of a Departmental Insurance Fund.
- (2.) The Department of Works has nothing to do with the steamer "Victoria." She is, I believe, maintained by the Department of Navigation.

(9.) Trades and Labour Hall:—Mr. Moxham asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government any control over the Trades and Labour Hall; if not, do any of the officers receive any money by way of salary or remuneration from the Government; and, if so, what is the amount so paid, and to whom?

Sir John See answered,—The Government has no control over the Trades and Labour Hall. The officers receive no salary or remuneration from the Government.

(10.) Oysters and Fish taken near Sewerage Outlets:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that it has lately been alleged, by experts and scientific authorities on public health and hygiene, that oysters taken from rocks and oyster-beds polluted by sewerage matter, as is alleged to occur at Middle Harbour, &c., and consumed as food by the public, are a source of danger to public health; if so, will he ascertain from our Health Authorities whether fish placed on the market for consumption as food, when caught in the sea in the vicinity or outlet of the main sewerage, is not equally liable to endanger public health and propagate disease?

Sir John See answered,—The President of the Board of Health informs me that oysters taken under the circumstances referred to are dangerous, not in themselves, but on account of the polluted water adhering to them, and of their being eaten raw; free swimming fish taken under the same circumstances are cooked before being eaten and are not dangerous.

(11.) Meteorological Forecasts:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he obtain from the Government Astronomer a report giving the following information:—  
(a) whether the season is likely to be wet or dry, favourable or unfavourable, for the approaching harvest, judging by late and present meteorological perturbations and prognostications; (b) when viewed in relation to the unfavourable weather season and disastrous harvest that have recently occurred in many agricultural districts in the Northern Hemisphere?
- (2.) Can he furnish any physical or known and recognised scientific meteorological data or principle upon which weather forecasts are framed or foretold, and upon what recognised scientific basis or principle each conclusion and forecast of the approaching weather is arrived at?
- (3.) Will he obtain information as to how climatic changes and erratic perturbations of the seasons are brought about, for the information of the general public, and by way of demonstrating the advancement made in the realms of alleged scientific weather forecasts, meteorology, and modern scientific research in the Twentieth century?

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Mr. Perry answered,—I have received the following report :—

(1.) (a) The prospects are that the conditions of the harvest will be favourable rather than unfavourable ; (b) It is generally accepted that there is nothing synonymous between the weather of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, so that a pessimistic view of our future need not be taken from experiences north of the equator.

(2.) The scientific data or principles upon which the Observatory forecasts are based are universal ones. There are many momentary and local factors to take into consideration, the chief being the relation and potency of barometric pressures to the area of the country expected to be affected.

(3.) The question is rather a complex and comprehensive one, but a short explanation of atmospheric movements affecting Australia may, perhaps, meet the requirements. A belt or stream of air about 3,000 miles wide moves continuously from west to east at a mean rate of about 400 miles per diem. This current is broken up into atmospheric eddies known as anti cyclones and cyclones ; the anti-cyclones are atmospheric mountains, the cyclones valleys. The strength of the wind has a known relation to the steepness of the sides of these mountains and valleys. The wind also revolves spirally around these systems, and the wind and weather experienced at any point is controlled by the segments with its meteorological characteristics of either one or the other that is temporarily passing over it. It may be added that it is generally accepted that changes in climate are brought about by the workings of Nature under Divine Providence.

2. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Crick, pursuant to leave granted on 15th October, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Western Lands Act of 1901, the Crown Lands Acts, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(5.) *Gazette Notices*, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until To-morrow.

5. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts so as to provide for granting increased areas to present holders ; permitting a present holder to sell to another ; for the reduction of interest on unpaid balances and the issue of certificates in certain cases ; to alter the present conditions of residence on, and selling, exchanging, and leasing lands ; to alter the present system of balloting ; to defer payments and provide for family holdings and the right of parents to assist their children ; to provide for the conversion and extension of settlement leases and annual leases ; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th October, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th October, 1903.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause add "and shall apply only to the Eastern and Central Divisions."

Page 3, clause 3, line 37. Omit "seventeen" insert "eighteen"

Page 6, clause 5, line 5. Omit "may" insert "shall"

Page 6, clause 6, line 40. Omit "may" insert "shall"

Page 7, clause 8, line 24. Omit "purchase" insert "purchaser"

Page 7. After clause 8 insert the following new clause :—

Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Minister may, upon application being made to him in the prescribed form, grant a reappraisalment of rent of any improvement lease to any Crown tenant who shall lodge such application, together with a deposit of ten pounds to cover the expenses of inquiry and report by the Local Land Board upon such application.

Page 7, clause 9, line 38. After "lessee's" insert "or selector's"

Page 9, clause 11, line 5. After "thereafter" insert "prior to such forfeiture as aforesaid"

Page 9, clause 11, line 7. After "payment" insert "to the mortgagee or judgment creditor"

Page 11, clause 15, line 7. Omit "land"

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- Page 13, clause 19, line 8. *Omit* "applications in the order of priority so determined" *insert* "application which has gained priority in the ballot"
- Page 13, clause 19, line 13. *Omit* "be first in order of" *insert* "have"
- Page 13, clause 19, line 15. *Omit* "order of"
- Page 13, clause 20, line 31. *After* "lease" *insert* "or may acquire by purchase or otherwise any residential lease so adjoining"
- Page 14, clause 21. At end of clause *add* "Provided also that in cases of existing holdings the Minister may make any minor variation of the existing design or survey of such holding to enable a better boundary to be secured for fencing or other purposes."
- Page 16, clause 26, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "applied for prior to the Act fifty-eighth Victoria number eighteen."
- Page 16. *After* clause 30 *insert* the following new clauses:—

Power of  
chairman of  
board.

In addition to the matters specified in section thirty-seven of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, the chairman shall have power, subject to the provisions of that section, to deal with—

- (i) inquiries as to fulfilment of conditions;
- (ii) certificates of confirmation;
- (iii) confirmation of applications; and
- (iv) applications for annual leases.

*Condition of residence.*

Where a person is the holder of two holdings of any tenure under the Crown Lands Acts, and a condition of residence attaches to either or both holdings, he may, with the consent of the board, perform the condition or conditions of residence by residing on one of such holdings.

This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and four.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bridges over Shoalhaven River and Bomaderry Creek :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Archibald Campbell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the bridge over the Shoalhaven River, between Bomaderry and Nowra, erected ?
- (2.) What was the total cost of constructing and completing that structure and approaches thereto ?
- (3.) How much (approximately) has been expended in repairing and maintaining the bridge and approaches ?
- (4.) Similar particulars concerning the bridging of Bomaderry Creek, on the main road, adjacent to the aforesaid structure ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) 1881.
- (2.) £39,042 8s. 9d.
- (3.) £1,552 since 1890. There is no earlier record.
- (4.) Erected 1881 ; cost, £1,482 4s. 6d. Repairs have cost £86 since 1894, but no earlier record can be traced.

- (2.) Colonial Wine Licenses held at Parramatta :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many colonial wine licenses are held within the Borough of Parramatta and by whom ?
- (2.) Under what conditions are wine licenses issued ; and are the requirements of the public consulted when applications for same are made before Licensing Benches ?
- (3.) Who are the Licensing Magistrates at Parramatta ?
- (4.) Have licenses recently been refused Messrs. Rawlinson Brothers, of Parramatta South, and Mr. T. McDonagh, of Parramatta North ; and, if so, for what reason ?
- (5.) Have not these licenses been refused on each occasion by a majority of the Bench ?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay the desired information upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return.

- (3.) Administration of the Patents Act :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Haynes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is proposed, by the Patents Bill before the Federal Parliament, to transfer the administration of the Patents Act, 1889, of this State to some other authority ; to prevent the filing of applications for Letters Patent for inventions in New South Wales ; to vest the powers and functions reposed, as regards patents for inventions, by the New South Wales Legislature in His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council in some outside authority ; to deprive this State of all records, registers, deeds, and documents, with appertaining models and incidentals, of its Patents Department ; and to place the citizens of this State, as regards Patent matters, within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of another State ?
- (2.) Has any correspondence passed between the Federal Government and himself in reference to any such matters ; and, if so, will he lay it upon the Table of this House ?
- (3.) In view of section 51 of the Commonwealth Constitution Act empowering only legislation and not exclusive legislation (as in section 52 *idem*) in respect to patents, and sections 107 and 108 of said Constitution Act, specially reserving the power of this Parliament in this connection, will he invite an expression of opinion from the Legislature at an early date on this proposed invasion of State rights ?

Sir



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Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The transfer of the administration of the State Patents Act of 1899 to the Commonwealth is provided for by the Federal Patents Bill, but provision is made for the protection of rights acquired under the State Acts. The location of the Federal Patents Office and details of administration are not provided for in the Act. The prerogative of the Crown as regards the granting of Patents will be vested in the Governor-General instead of in the several State Governors. The custody of the State Patents records is vested in the Commonwealth for the advantage of the citizens of the Commonwealth. It is not apparent in what respect the citizens of this State, as regards Patent matters, will be within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of another State.

(2.) No.

(3.) If there is an illegal invasion of State rights made, it will be a matter for the High Court to determine whether the Federal Patents Act has made an invasion or not.

(4.) Mr. Herman Eisenstadter, late clerk in Postal Department:—Mr. Hogue asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was there a clerk named Herman Eisenstadter employed in the Postal and Electric Telegraph Department in January and the beginning of February, 1897?

(2.) Was his retirement or resignation approved of by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board?

(3.) Was he gazetted out of the Public Service; and, if so, on what date did a notice to that effect appear in the *Government Gazette*?

Sir John See answered,—This is a matter which concerns the Federal Government. I will endeavour to obtain the information and lay it upon the Table of this House.

(5.) Consolidation of the State Debts:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has anything been done regarding the consolidating of the State debts, as suggested at the Conference of State Premiers?

(2.) Has his attention been drawn to a statement of Sir George Turner, that a consolidating of State debts and further borrowing might mean the handing over of the State railways to the Commonwealth?

(3.) Was the matter of handing over the railways discussed at the Conference; if so, what was the decision arrived at?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I am entirely opposed to the State Railways being handed over to the Federal Government.

(6.) Special Grants for Hospitals:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the whole of the £6,000 voted for last year as special grants for hospitals expended; if not, how much?

(2.) Will he specify the names of the hospitals which received special grants from that vote, and how much each separate hospital received?

Sir John See answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(7.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace:—Mr. Moxham, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that in several country districts inconvenience is experienced in consequence of the removal by death and otherwise of justices of the peace; and this being so, will he inform the House when it is intended to gazette new appointments?

Sir John See answered,—The appointments will be made this week.

(8.) Purchase of the Mimosa Estate:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he intend to move that this House approves of the purchase of the private land known as Mimosa Estate, at the price recommended by the Local Land Board of the district?

Mr. Hayes answered,—When the state of public business will permit of that course.

(9.) Inquiry into the Supply of Stores, Colonial Secretary's Department:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it not a fact, in accordance with the evidence, that a Mr. Phillip and a Mr. Wako selected the plate alone for Government House, and Mr. Kitching had nothing to do with it?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the plate was sent direct to Government House from the firm, and never went near the Chief Secretary's Office, and that the voucher for quantity was received and signed at Government House as correct?

(3.) Was there any evidence brought forward showing that Mr. Kitching was aware that there was any of the plate missing?

(4.) Did not the employer of the firm who supplied the plate swear that he had never seen Mr. Kitching before?

(5.) Was it not also shown that Mr. Kitching had nothing to do with the purchase of seals, appointment plate, and engraving plate in connection with a Mr. Murphy?

(6.) Is it not a fact the mistake Mr. Kitching made was receiving a commission for giving an order to Mr. Phillip?

(7.) Will he give Mr. Kitching a chance to obtain a Select Committee to inquire into his case?

Sir John See answered,—The inquiry into the Chief Secretary's Department is still *sub judice*, consequently it is not desirable to afford the information meanwhile.

(10.)

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- (10.) City Polling-Place for the Glen Innes Electorate:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for *Mr. Haynes*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—By whose authority was the Works Department or Colonial Secretary's Department made a city polling-place in connection with the Glen Innes election?

*Sir John See* answered,—It has been the custom, since *Sydney* was appointed an outside polling-place for country electorates at the last General Election, to use a room in the Chief Secretary's Office for taking the poll at bye-elections.

- (11.) Future Session of present Parliament:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government decided that there will be another Session of this Parliament; if so, when do they propose calling it together?

*Sir John See* answered,—Until this Session is closed, I cannot say when the next Session will be called.

## 2. PAPERS:—

*Sir John See* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Paddington.
  - (2.) Regulations for obtaining the Diploma in Dental Surgery.
  - (3.) Information respecting Colonial Wine Licenses held within the Borough of Parramatta.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Mr. Fegan* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain charges made in the Legislative Assembly regarding the manner and method of treatment of Inmates of the Government Asylums at Rookwood and Newington.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—*Mr. Gormly*, as Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADDITIONAL COURT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Fegan*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 69.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.

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

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Sir John See*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1903, A.M.

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

6. PAPER:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to D, Estimates, 1903-4, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.)  
Ordered to be printed.
7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. O'Sullivan (by consent)* moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

RICH. A. ARNOLD,  
*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

ELECTORATE OF GLEN INNES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the resolution of the 6th October, 1903, declaring the seat of the late Francis Augustus Wright, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Wright, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Glen Innes.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fees paid to Miners' Committees:—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Estell*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many Miners' Committees are paid the maximum amount for working expenses, viz., £25 per annum?
  - (2.) How much would such Committees receive if they were paid 5 per cent. on the gross amount collected?
  - (3.) How many are paid the minimum amount?
  - (4.) How much money is taken from the fund to make up the difference between the amount received at 5 per cent., and the amount of £2 10s. per annum now paid?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) £311 16s. 3d.
- (3.) Forty-six.

(4.) This Question is somewhat indefinite, but it is assumed that the Honorable Member wishes to know the difference, in the cases of mines referred to in Question 3, between a 5 per cent. charge and the minimum allowance paid; if so, the answer is £42 6s. 4d. The information is taken from the accounts of the Committees for the year 1902.

- (2.) Information furnished to the Press of the United Kingdom concerning New South Wales:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. Levy*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the nature of the information furnished to the Press of the United Kingdom concerning the affairs of New South Wales, in respect of which £200 was paid last year?
- (2.) Does the amount of £400, voted for a similar purpose this year, represent an annual salary to the writer, or remuneration according to the number of articles supplied?
- (3.) What are the journals in which these articles have appeared?
- (4.) Does the information so supplied bear the impress of the authority of the New South Wales Government, or has the writer a free hand in the matter?
- (5.) In view of the important effect of such information upon the credit of New South Wales in Great Britain, will he in future lay upon the Table of this House, or otherwise make public, all such articles?

*Sir John See* answered,—

- (1.) The information takes the form of articles dealing with the social, agricultural, pastoral, mining, and industrial conditions of life in New South Wales.
- (2.) An annual salary.
- (3.) The *Birmingham Post*, *Aberdeen Journal*, *Bristol Western Press*, *Newcastle Herald*, *Newcastle Daily Journal*, *Belfast Newsletter*, *Nottingham Guardian*, *Natal Advertiser*, *Cape Argus*, *Cape Times*, *Cape Owl*, *Rand Daily Mail*, *Johannesburg Star*, *Johannesburg Leader*, *Natal Witness*, *Durban Mercury*, *Durban Advertiser*, *Kimberley Advertiser*, and others, and in American, Indian, and Rhodesian journals. Concerning these articles, *Mr. Valder*, our Commercial Agent in South

Africa,

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Africa, writes :—"They are appearing at a very opportune time, as now that we expect to shortly be in a good position to resume our export trade, it is very necessary to advertise New South Wales as much as possible."

(4.) The articles are distributed as authorised by the Government.

(5.) No, but it is under consideration to publish a selection of the articles in the form of a hand-book, as the effective publication (on the Canadian plan) of the resources and attractiveness of the State must assist its commerce as well as its credit.

(3.) Commonwealth Celebrations, Bubonic Plague, and Royal Receptions :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have all the charges made against the Government in connection with (a) the Commonwealth Celebrations, (b) the Plague, and (c) the Duke of York festivities been paid; if not, what amount in each case remains unpaid?

(2.) What is the total of these three items of expenditure?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes, so far as can be ascertained, in regard to items (a) and (c). In connection with item (b) only current expenses (such as Fumigation of Sewers and Rat Destruction) incurred for prevention of Plague are outstanding, and are payable on application at the Treasury.

(2.) The total amounts paid in connection with these items are :—From 1899–1900 to 1903–1904.—(a) Commonwealth Celebrations, £122,340; (b) Bubonic Plague, £207,517; (c) Royal Receptions, £21,179.

(4.) Men employed on Pipe-head to Ryde Water Main :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Moxham, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many men are now employed on the rising main from Prospect to Ryde, and how many of such men have been engaged through the Trades and Labour Hall?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—There is no rising main in course of construction from Prospect to Ryde. If, however, the gravitation main from Pipe-head to Ryde, *via* Parramatta, be meant, there are 355 men employed. These men were engaged through the State Labour Board and its branch at the Trades Hall. I may also say that the list of men furnished by the Honorable Member to me, as seeking employment, has been sent to the engineer in charge of the pipe-laying work.

(5.) Sydney Cricket Ground :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The names of the present Trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground?

(2.) The number of meetings held by the Trustees during the year 1903?

(3.) The attendance of the Trustees at such meetings?

(4.) The number of clerks in the employ of the Trustees and their remuneration?

(5.) The remuneration paid to the Manager and Secretary respectively, and their duties?

(6.) Is it a fact that the Trustees have raised money on the security of their Trust Estate in the form of debentures?

(7.) If so, the names of the persons, company, or society holding same?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The names of the trustees are : The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C.; the Honorable Sir W. J. Lyne, K.C.M.G.; the Honorable Sir John See, K.C.M.G.; and Messrs. M. H. Stephen, C. N. Oliver, R. Teece, W. Houston, J.P., and H. A. G. Curry, J.P.

(2 to 7.) As there are legal proceedings now pending, the Secretary does not think it advisable to furnish this information at present, but the fullest information will be subsequently supplied.

(6.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the dimensions of the present banking (public) chamber of the Government Savings Bank?

(2.) What are the exact dimensions, frontage and depth, of the Government land (Martin-place) considered in connection with the new offices for the Government Savings Bank?

(3.) The same in respect of the "Citizens" site?

(4.) In view of the terms of the Federal Constitution Act, does the Government intend to give up the General Post Office building to the Federal authorities, considering that it is not exclusively used for the purposes of a Department transferred to the Federal Government?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) 60½ feet by 42½ feet.

(2.) 85½ feet by 55½ feet.

(3.) 90 feet by 68 feet.

(4.) I will give full information on this matter next Thursday.

(7.) Accident Assurances in Public Works Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With what office has his Department taken up accident assurance policies since the beginning of the present year?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited. Last year it was the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Limited, so far as the Central Railway Station was concerned.

(8.) Gratuities to Ex-Contributors to the Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Meagher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Regarding ex-contributors to the Superannuation Fund who have been retired by the Public Service Board, in addition to the refund of their contributions to the fund, have they not received gratuities in respect of their service up to the year 1895 only subsequent service not being allowed to count?

(2.)

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(2.) In the case of ex-contributors who may hereafter be retired, will he ascertain whether the Public Service Board will, under clause 4 of the recently passed amending Superannuation Bill, pay them a gratuity in respect of their service up to the year 1902, thereby allowing up to seven years more service to count than was allowed in cases mentioned in Question 1?

(3.) If so, are the gratuity rights of long service non-contributors extended similarly to those of the ex-contributors mentioned in Question 2?

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

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) An erroneous reference in a Consolidating Act was copied into the Act passed this Session, and has the effect of giving Civil Servants the rights mentioned in the Question. An amending Bill to carry out the intention of Parliament is before the Legislative Council for its third reading.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 259 under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of General Business postponed:—

(1.) Public Places Advertisements Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until To-morrow.

(2.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Thursday next.

(3.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Friday next.

## 5. MEMBER SWORN:—Follet Johns Thomas, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Glen Innes.

## 6. JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Dr. Ross, "That the report (that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments), be now adopted."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said Debate.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to restrict and prohibit the use of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes by juvenile members of the community.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 3rd November, 1903.*

## 7. BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Affleck moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked that this Bill, which emanated from the Upper House, should be ruled out of order, as it involved expenditure.

Mr. Cohen read Standing Order No. 246, requiring that Bills relating to trade should be introduced through Committee of the Whole House, and submitted that, as that course had not been taken with this Bill, which undoubtedly affected trade, it was out of order.

Mr. Speaker said the practice is that Bills involving public expenditure or imposing taxation should be introduced in this House and through Committee of the Whole, but Bills other than these may be initiated in the Upper House; this practice is in accord with rulings given in the House of Commons. This Bill does not involve any public expenditure, nor does it impose taxation; he therefore ruled that it is properly before the House.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Affleck, the report was adopted.

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

## 8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Estell*.]

(2.) Newington and Rookwood Asylums; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly,—

"(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Daley, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover."

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9. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY CONSOLIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
Mr. Garland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted  
on 27th August, 1903.*

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the  
Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Education of Children in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum :—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are children now in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum that are not being educated because the parents object to their being so ?  
 (2.) If such is the case, is it being done with the consent of the Minister ; if so, why ?  
 (3.) Will he take immediate steps to remedy this state of matters, even if it requires a special Act of Parliament to remedy it ?

Mr. Perry answered,—

- (1.) No. All children in the Asylum are being educated.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) The foregoing replies show that the state of matters referred to does not exist. There are, however, deaf and dumb children outside the Institution whom it is desirable to educate, and who are unable to attend State schools owing to the nature of their affliction. Although the number of such cases may not be large, I am considering the question of introducing a Bill. The subject, I may state, was brought under my notice by His Excellency the Governor about ten days ago.

- (2.) Road Votes in Waterloo and Yass Electorates :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Member for Waterloo introduced a deputation to him on Monday last to complain about the cutting down of the road vote in the Waterloo Electorate by the sum of £101 in two years ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the deputation asked if he would grant them the sum by which the vote had been reduced in two years, or supply them with blue metal as an equivalent ?

(3.) Is he going to comply with the request ?

(4.) Is it a fact that he has cut down the road vote in the Yass Electorate for the present year by over £600 ?

(5.) Will he grant the sum short, over £600 for the present year in the Yass Electorate, or supply blue metal for the Yass roads to the extent of £600 ?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I have called for a report upon the request, and will give a decision when the report is to hand.

(4.) The amount for this year will be less than in 1902-3, consequent upon a general reduction of the Roads Vote. This is common to all districts or electorates.

(5.) It would be idle for me to make any such promise at the present juncture. The Honorable Member must know as well as I do that all districts will more or less suffer through the enforced reduction this financial year of the Vote in question ; and, furthermore, it might be a very awkward thing if a lot of blue metal were placed in his electorate just prior to the election.

- (3.) Rookwood and Newington Asylums Inquiry :—Mr. McGowen, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he have the evidence taken at the Rookwood Asylum by Mr. Barnett printed ?

(2.) Will he allow a night for the discussion of the report ?

Sir John See answered,—The report has already been laid upon the Table of this House.

(4.)



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- (4.) Little Bay Hospital Ambulance Van :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Can he furnish any reason why the ambulance van is still kept running daily between Sydney and the Little Bay Hospital, after a promise was made to Dr. Ross last Session that the van would be withdrawn?
  - (2.) What was the cost of constructing the ambulance van at present in use?
  - (3.) At what expense to the public per annum is the van kept up, and the number of hands and horses required to keep up the service as it is at present conducted?
  - (4.) The distance the van has to travel to and fro between Sydney and the Little Bay Hospital?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that a non-paying tram-line runs daily between Sydney and a point close to the Little Bay Hospital; and is it not possible that this line can be utilised in the way of keeping up the cost of running of this ambulance van?
  - (6.) In justice to country districts, will he take into consideration the necessity of having suitable ambulance vans placed in every centre of population and large towns in the interior, where a hospital exists, for the better conveyance of the public, such as is now provided in Sydney and Little Bay Hospital for the removal of the sick?
  - (7.) The number of patients removed weekly, monthly, and yearly from Sydney to the Little Bay Hospital?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Medical Officer of the Government has furnished the following information :—

- (1 and 5.) The Honorable Member was informed, in response to his Question on 9th October, 1902, that the ambulance which used to run regularly between the Coast Hospital and the Department of Public Health had ceased to run as soon as the tram became available, and it has not been re-established.
- (2.) £95.
- (3.) One driver, one nurse, two horses.
- (4.) The distance from Sydney to the Coast Hospital is about 9 miles. The distances travelled by ambulances thither varies with the position of the places from which patients have to be taken.
- (6.) The Honorable Member was informed, in response to his Question on 9th July, 1903, that an ambulance service would not be established in all large towns and country districts from Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (7.) All available information on this head is contained in the annual report on the Coast Hospital, which was laid on the Table on 7th July, 1903.

- (5.) Land Resumed for Health Purposes at West Wyalong :—Mr. Edden, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the compensation money promised for blocks 59 and 88 in West Wyalong, resumed for health reasons, has not yet been paid?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that it has now been promised for over two years?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that various local residents, with no interest in the matter, have been compelled to become guarantors, and to pay interest on money privately advanced?
  - (4.) Who is responsible for such delay?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No compensation money has yet been paid.
- (2.) This matter has been proceeding for quite two years.
- (3.) The local Progress Committee state that they guaranteed the purchase money on block 88 and are paying interest thereon.
- (4.) The claimants for the compensation, I think—certainly not the Treasury. I will, however, communicate to-morrow with the Crown Solicitor with a view to the expediting of a settlement.

- (6.) Lease of Accommodation for Bankruptcy Court from Citizens' Life Assurance Company :—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The date of the lease entered into between the Department of Justice and the Citizens' Life Assurance Company for the use of Chambers for the Bankruptcy Court?
  - (2.) The term of years?
  - (3.) The annual rental?
  - (4.) When did the lease expire?
  - (5.) Has the present Administration renewed the lease; for what term; and at what rental?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) 21st July, 1899.
- (2.) Three, with right of renewal for further similar term.
- (3.) £547, free of all municipal and water rates and taxes. Cleaning, £26 extra.
- (4.) On 20th July, 1902.
- (5.) Yes, for three years at the same rental.

2. DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL :—Mr. Morton presented a Petition from certain registered dairymen of New South Wales, representing that a Bill has been introduced into Parliament providing for the compulsory grading of butter intended for export; that the resolutions passed at the Dairy Farmers' Conference, and also by the Dairy Factory Managers, do not convey the sentiments or wishes of the majority of those engaged in the dairy industry; that the practical dairymen were virtually unrepresented at the Dairy Farmers' Conference; that legislation is unnecessary and will prove vexatious to the producers; and praying the House not to sanction any legislation that provides for the grading of butter for export, as proposed in the Bill.
- Petition received.

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## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Twentieth Annual Report under the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
- (2.) Papers relating to the leasing of accommodation for the staff of the Bankruptcy Court in the Citizens Chambers.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extending the Railway Station Yard at Katoomba.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Expenditure in connection with the Central Railway Station to 31st October, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Recreation Ground at Pitt Town.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Affleck, read a third time, and *passed*.Mr. Affleck then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act of 1898.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act of 1898,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 4th November, 1903.*

## BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 4th November, 1903.*

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 2, line 14. *After "unless" insert "at the time of execution it is"*

Examined,—

J. H. CANN,

Chairman of Committees.

## 5. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to promote the revision of the Statute Law by repealing enactments which have ceased to be in force, or have become unnecessary, and to correct certain errors in Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 4th November, 1903.*

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.

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

## 6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

## 7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*



New South Wales.

No. 65.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Land for New Government Savings Bank :—Mr. Eden George asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) When was the land, upon which the proposed Savings Bank is to be built, purchased by the Citizens' Life Assurance Association?  
 (2.) From whom was the said land purchased?  
 (3.) What was the said land valued at for land taxation during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, respectively?

Sir John See answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware, but inquiries are now being made.

(3.) Assessed on Moore-street frontage in 1900 at £158 per foot (excluding betterment value), in 1901 and 1902 at £263 per foot (including betterment value), and in 1903 at £287 per foot (including betterment value).

- (2.) Text Books on Technical Education for Public Schools :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he see that some practical steps are taken to have suitable Hand or Text Books printed and published on the rudiments of botany, animal physiology, agricultural chemistry, geology, cookery, hygiene and sanitary laws, with the view of having these important subjects of education taught in our Public Schools in a practical form, in place of relying, as at present, on agricultural and technical colleges, &c., for a superficial smattering of technical education, derived chiefly, if not solely, from charts and printed illustrations, &c.?

Mr. Perry answered,—It is not the practice of the Department to place Text Books, such as the Honorable Member has specified, in the hands of Public School pupils, on account of the expense that doing so would involve. Suitable books are, however, supplied to the teachers, and instruction is given from them. It is not true, as represented, that a superficial smattering is obtained from charts and printed illustrations.

- (3.) Registration of Bicycles :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that a woman, 47 years of age, was killed in Oxford-street during the week, owing to furious bicycle riding; and will he see that some steps are taken to have this increasing dangerous practice of careless bicycle riding in our main streets and crowded thoroughfares put a stop to, for the better protection of the lives and limbs of the travelling public?  
 (2.) Will he see that steps are taken to have all bicycles used by bicycle riders registered, with a registered brand and number, on the same principle that is adopted in licensing and the registration of omnibuses, cabs, vans, &c., so that when serious accidents occur in our main streets, through careless riding, the public will be in a position to find out the owner by the number on the bicycle, that legal proceedings may be taken if necessary?

Sir John See answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following information :—

(1.) A woman was knocked down by a lad on a bicycle, who swore he was riding steadily, and the jury, at the Coroner's inquest, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

(2.) The speed at which a bicycle may be ridden is limited by traffic regulation to 8 miles an hour. The suggestions made by the Honorable Member will be considered.

- (4.) Gymnasiums in Public Parks :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Has his attention been directed to a report appearing in the *Herald* of 4th instant, to the effect that the City Council has had under its consideration a proposal to erect a public gymnasium (similar

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to that in the Domain) in Prince Alfred and other large parks under the Council's jurisdiction; if so, can he inform the House if the cost of the erection of the proposed gymnasium will come out of the ratepayers' money or from public funds voted for the improvement of parks?

(2.) Is it not a fact that several serious accidents have occurred to children visiting the gymnasium since it was erected in the Domain; and, if the proposal of the Council is to take effect, will he consider whether it is likely that these accidents will be largely increased?

(3.) If the Council's proposal to erect gymnasiums is to be carried into effect, will he consider the probability of every Municipal Council in the interior having public parks under their jurisdiction being tempted to incur a similar expenditure of public money?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Town Clerk informs me that no proposal of the nature indicated has been considered by the City Council. At the meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday last, it was decided to instruct a Committee to report upon the desirability of establishing such gymnasiums, but beyond this reference, no steps have been taken. It will no doubt form part of the inquiry by the Committee as to the Council's powers in the matter, and as to the applicability of the rates in establishing and maintaining gymnasiums.

(2.) The Director of the Botanic Gardens informed me that some accidents have happened at the Domain gymnasium; but considering the enormous number of children who visit it, he thinks the place has been singularly free from accidents. Every care is made to keep the apparatus in order and to protect the children.

(3.) Any steps necessary to safeguard the public interest will be taken, but every case must be considered on its merits.

(5.) Hoarding in front of New Buildings for Inspector-General of Police:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the dangerous proximity to the tram rails of the covered-in hoarding in Hunter-street in connection with the new buildings of the Police Department, and what is the reason for not vigorously proceeding with the work?

(2.) What sum has the Works Department at their disposal to carry on the work?

(3.) What is the cause of the delay in ejecting the occupants of the "Star" Hotel, seeing that the tenancy expired on the 26th of last month?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Not specially. Work is going on as speedily as the circumstances permit.

(2.) £600 per month have been apportioned for building the basement.

(3.) I am informed by the Crown Solicitor that proceedings are pending to eject the occupant.

(6.) Administration of the Patents Act:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Commonwealth Government has passed legislation which enacts that all documents in the Patent Office of this State shall be vested in and made subject to the sole control of Commonwealth officers?

(2.) Have any arrangements been made whereby duplicate copies of the specifications and drawings of patents granted by this State, and which apply to this State only, shall be retained for reference locally?

(3.) Are duplicate copies of such specifications and drawings now in the possession of the State Patent Office; if not, what would be the cost of making duplicate copies?

(4.) Is he aware that the Commonwealth Patents Act, which has been passed but has not yet commenced, provides that all such records shall be made available for the use of examiners in the Federal Patent Office, for which purpose they must be removed from Sydney if the Commonwealth Patent Office be established in Melbourne; and that if they are so removed, the public and professional men of this State will be caused serious inconvenience and expense in the making of searches at the Federal Patent Office?

(5.) Will he make representations to the Commonwealth Government with the object of securing the location of the records in question to this State, so that they shall continue to be accessible for reference here?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) As regards some 7,000 cases—No. The cost cannot be estimated readily, but it would probably average not less than £1 10s. per case.

(4.) The question of the removal of the Patent records from the States' offices is not specifically provided for. In any case, some considerable time must necessarily elapse before they could be removed. No definite information can, however, be given until the procedure intended to be adopted under the Commonwealth Patents Act with regard to the question of examination is known.

(5.) Yes; such an arrangement is certainly very desirable.

(7.) Salary of Acting Chief Justice:—Mr. Edden, for Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any protest against the reduction by the Legislative Assembly of his salary as Acting Chief Justice been lodged by Mr. Justice M. H. Stephen, and what are the grounds of such objection?

(2.) As a matter of fact, has not this State for over twelve months been paying twice over the salary attaching to the office of Chief Justice?

(3.) Has the case ever occurred before of a Chief Justice of this State being permitted to absent himself from duty for a period of fifteen months upon full pay (£3,500 per annum)?

(4.) With reference to the reduction by the Assembly to £100 each of the travelling allowance allowed to Supreme Court Judges, was not such reduction long ago suggested to the Attorney-General by Acting Chief Justice Stephen; and, if so, why was not this suggestion acted upon?

Sir

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Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) The Chief Justice has been on leave of absence.  
 (3.) It has always been customary to give Judges a year's leave of absence on full pay. The Chief Justice's term was extended, to enable him to serve on the Royal Commission to inquire into the causes of the South African war.  
 (4.) No.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—  
 (1.) Property Detention Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday, 17th November.  
 (2.) Public Places Advertisements Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday, 17th November.  
 (3.) Claim of John Wesley Fidgeon for refund of Deposit under the Electoral Act ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark,—  
 “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Wesley Fidgeon, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.  
 “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Evans, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover ” ;—until To-morrow.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector of Collieries with regard to the Method of Payment to Miners at Pelaw Main Colliery.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—On motion of Sir John See, all the Government Business and the Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until after Notice No. 2 of General Business.
6. LEASE OF PREMISES FOR GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK FROM CITIZENS' LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY :—  
 Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House disapproves of the agreement entered into by the Colonial Treasurer for the leasing of premises for the Government Savings Bank from the Citizens' Life Assurance Society.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Carroll.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Archibald Campbell,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Oakes,	

Noes, 56.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Richards,
Sir John See,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fogan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Clara,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Daley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Power.
Mr. Nielsen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
7. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
 Question put and passed.  
 The House adjourned, at half-past Four o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Nurses sent by Sydney Hospital Authorities to Infectious Cases :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) At which of the hospitals do the Sydney Hospital authorities treat scarlet fever and other infectious diseases?
- (2.) Is it the practice of the Board of Management to send young nurses to such infectious hospitals a few weeks after their admission as nurses?
- (3.) Has his attention been called to the death of Nurse Parsons, who was only occupied as nurse a few weeks when she was sent to attend a child suffering from malignant scarlet fever, from which, after a few days, both nurse and patient died?
- (4.) If so, will he use his position, as head of the Government, to induce the Board of Management to send nurses with more experience to such cases, with the view, as far as possible, of saving valuable lives?

Sir John See answered,—I am informed by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government that the Coast Hospital is the only hospital at which cases of the infectious fevers are regularly admitted. There the rule is not to send probationers into the Infectious Diseases Division until they have six months' service; and always nurses are selected for this duty who have already had the diseases they are called upon to nurse, as far as possible. In the case referred to, the probationer was not posted to the Infectious Diseases Division at all, and was occupied in a general ward. She contracted her illness from a child who had been admitted for general treatment, and who developed scarlet fever shortly after having been received. The occurrence is much regretted, but it could not have been foreseen nor guarded against.

(2.) Wood-blocking of Cleveland-street :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he been approached by the Sydney Municipal Council, with the Redfern Council, with the view of making some arrangement for having Cleveland-street wood-blocked from Castlereagh-street to Dowling-street, for the purpose of putting this busy street in decent repair, owing to its heavy traffic?
- (2.) If not, will he consider the fairness of having this section of the street, which is used for tramway traffic wood-blocked, in accordance with a reply given to Mr. Whiddon on this matter on 3rd October, 1901?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I can make no promise until funds are available for this purpose.

(3.) Metropolitan Police Force :—Mr. Whiddon asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he inform this House what promotions have been made in the Metropolitan Division of the Police Force since 30th June, giving the names and the rank of such promotions?

Sir John See answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the particulars asked for.

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- (4.) Payments in connection with Contingents to South Africa:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have all the charges made against the Government in connection with the various contingents to South Africa that they were responsible for been paid; if not, how much yet remains to be paid?
  - (2.) What is the total amount paid for which the Government were responsible, from the starting of the first contingent to date?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) All claims rendered and applied for have been settled.
  - (2.) £407,254 up to 30th June, 1903. £5,857 have since been recovered, and it is anticipated that further sums will be recovered from the Imperial Government.
- (5.) Revenue from Agricultural Colleges and Farms:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,— Referring to his reply to Dr. Ross' Questions on 27th August last, that he would lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount received last year from the sale of produce at each of the Agricultural Colleges and Farms, will he say when he will lay that return upon the Table?
- Mr. Kidd answered,—The return was laid upon the Table on the 15th September last.
- (6.) Machinery for Pumping, &c., at Rookwood Asylum:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were tenders recently called for the manufacture and supply of machinery for pumping, &c., at the Rookwood Asylum?
  - (2.) Who were the tenderers, and what were the respective amounts of same?
  - (3.) Who was the successful tenderer?
  - (4.) Was the lowest tender accepted; if not, why not?
- Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) J. Carson, £126; R. Guthrie, £135; Clarkson, Mole, and Company, £157 18s.; Waugh and Josephson, £190, £220, and £230; Union Oil and Gas Engine Company, £206; J. Williard, £210; Wildridge and Sinclair, £204; Buzacott and Company, £209 15s.; Hornsby and Sons, £189 18s., £218, and £218 14s.; R. A. Hervey, £225; Binnie, Teare, and Company, £230; Gibson, Battle, and Company, £315; and James Martin and Company, £519 13s.
  - (3.) Messrs. Hornsby and Sons.
  - (4.) No, because the plant offered by Messrs. Hornsby and Sons was considered the most suitable for the requirements of the Asylum.
- (7.) Witnesses before the Rookwood Asylum Royal Commission:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were the witnesses in the recent Rookwood Asylum Royal Commission paid?
  - (2.) If so, what was the rate?
  - (3.) How many witnesses were there; what were their names; and what was the total cost of the Commission?
- Sir John See answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The scale of allowances to witnesses attending criminal trials at the Supreme Court, &c., namely, a daily allowance of 6s. for ordinary witnesses and £1 1s. for professional witnesses, plus the actual amount of the return fare.
  - (3.) Forty-nine. The names of the witnesses who received payment are as follows:—B. Casey, S. C. Brown, J. Lindsay, F. Evans, W. S. Brown and D. S. Furnival. The remaining witnesses were either Government officials or inmates of Government Asylums. £10 18s. 2d.
2. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Scobie presented a Petition from Walter Alexander Macpherson, of Paika, and others, representing that the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill had been introduced into the Assembly and referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and praying to be represented by Counsel or Solicitor before such Committee, with permission to adduce evidence, send for persons and papers, and examine and cross-examine witnesses.
- Petition received.
3. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Garland, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th August, 1903, together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garland then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.
- Question put and passed.
3. PAPERS:—Sir John See laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Papers respecting the Erection of a Wharf, Yarmouth Estate, Port Hacking. Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Promotions in the Metropolitan Division of the Police Force since 30th June, 1903.
  - (3.) Return respecting the distribution of Special Grants to Hospitals for the year 1902-3.
  - (4.) Correspondence respecting Postage on Newspapers.
  - (5.) Police Report respecting the death of a Railway Passenger at Molong.
  - (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Campbelltown. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland, "That the Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*) be now read a "second time,"—postponed until Thursday next.

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6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for St. George, Mr. Carruthers, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—“To discuss the “matter of the Yarmouth Estate, the papers in connection with which were laid upon the Table of “this House this evening.”

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

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

*Point of Order* :—Sir John See asked whether the motion was in order, inasmuch as he had not been allowed to give a *précis* of the papers, and the Honorable the Leader of the Opposition was prevented discussing them because they were not printed and properly before the House, and now sought to do indirectly that which he could not do directly.

Mr. Speaker said he had prevented the Prime Minister from making an explanation when laying the Papers on the Table, and, in so ruling, he had followed the usual practice of the House; when the Leader of the Opposition wished to make a personal explanation with regard to the papers, which were not before the House, he rightly prevented him. The motion was now moved as a matter of urgency under the 49th Standing Order, and was regularly before the House.

Debate ensued.

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*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past Twelve o'clock, a.m., until 4 o'clock, p.m., This Day.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Inspectors under the Pastures Protection Act :—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
What has been done by the Department in the case of the Pastures and Stock Protection Board which twice refused to appoint an inspector?

*Mr. Hayes* answered,—There has been no action.

- (2.) Reopening of Drains at Mosman :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that most of, if not all, the drains laid at Mosman's within the year have recently been reopened?

(2.) If so, was this made necessary either through the neglect of the contractor, to cement the junctions, or through his putting down faulty pipes?

(3.) Those things being so, who is paying for the repairs now being done—the contractor or the Water and Sewerage Board?

(4.) Have any claims for compensation come in from residents whose gardens and lawns have been torn up for the second time?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage has supplied the following information :—

(1.) No. Two contracts only.

(2.) Pipes are good, but joints defective.

(3.) The contractors.

(4.) No.

- (3.) Removal of Furniture from Public School at Frogmore :—Mr. Affleck asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there was a building at or near Frogmore provided for the Department's use as a House-to-House School by a private person, he also supplying the table, desks, forms, &c., and the Department finding the apparatus; and when the school closed, was the apparatus handed over to the Department, the private person retaining the furniture?

(2.) Is it a fact that the school was again opened afterwards, and the same person again provided the furniture, and the Department the apparatus?

(3.) Is it a fact that, in 1901, Inspector Greive, on behalf of the Department, seized the furniture supplied by the private person above alluded to; if not seized by the inspector, was it taken possession of for the Department, and by whom?

(4.) Is it a fact that before the furniture was removed, the Department got the opinion of the Crown Solicitor as to their right to do so; if so, will he give the Crown Solicitor's opinion?

(5.) Was the furniture ultimately removed from the school; if so, by whom; and by whose authority?

(6.) If the furniture was removed, where was it removed to, and what was done with it; and is compensation to be given to the owner of the furniture?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Yes. The school at Phil's Creek was opened as a House-to-House School, and all the residents had to do was to give the use of a room with a table or desk and sufficient seats for the children.

(2.) It is believed so.

(3.) No. The property was taken possession of by the owner of the land upon which the school was erected, and who, so far as the Department knew, had a legal right to it. The Honorable

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Member for Boorowa, in whose electorate the school was situated, was informed by me so long ago as the 29th May, 1902, that the Department made no claim to the property and was not in possession of it.

(4.) No.

(5.) I am not aware.

(6.) I am not aware. No compensation can be given by the Department.

(4.) Issue of Free Railway Passes to Women for Political or Lecturing Purposes:—Mr. Law asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have free railway passes been issued in any case during the last two years to women engaged in politically organising or lecturing?

(2.) If so, on whose authority; to whom; and on what journey have such been issued?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have not issued any free passes of the character indicated, but inquiry will be made of the other Departments.

(5.) Distribution of Road Vote in Lismore District:—Mr. Coleman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The designation of each schedule road in the Lismore District?

(2.) The amount originally recommended by the Local Roads Officer for expenditure upon each scheduled road for the year 1903-4?

(3.) The amount available for expenditure against each scheduled road for the year 1903-4?

(4.) The names of the unclassified roads, with the amount available for expenditure upon same for the year 1903-4?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I would ask the Honorable Member to move for a return in the usual way.

(6.) Compensation to Howard Smith and Sons for Wharf Resumptions:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount of the claim made before the Court by Howard Smith, and Sons for compensation for the resumption of their wharf property, and what was the amount which they eventually agreed to accept?

(2.) What were the conditions of the compromise?

(3.) Did the Government pay its own costs?

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

(1.) Amount of claim, £250,000. Amount eventually agreed to be accepted by claimants, £35,250, the amount offered by the Crown.

(2 and 3.) Harbour Trust Commissioners to erect a new jetty at the foot of King-street, and lease same, together with part of the premises occupied by the claimants at the date of resumption, to the claimants for twenty years, at a total rental of £3,300 per annum. Each side to pay its own costs.

(7.) Special Advisory Board, Public Instruction Department:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he appointed a Special Advisory Board, constituted of inspectors and teachers, to deal with the matter of promotions in the Service; if so, what are the names of the members of the Board, giving the grade and present positions held by the teacher members of it?

(2.) Will he be good enough to state exactly what the duties of this Board will be?

(3.) On whose recommendation have promotions been effected in the past, and what has brought about the projected change of method?

(4.) Will he consider whether it is right that teacher members of the Board, holding 1A certificates, should have a voice in the promotion or otherwise of fellow-teachers of the same grade?

(5.) Is he aware that strong objection is felt by many teachers of high grade in the country to the inauguration of a system which will hand over to a new body, partly made up of teachers holding no superior position, the power to determine their claims to promotion?

(6.) If a special Board is required, will he consider whether it would be much more acceptable if it consisted of the Chief Inspector, Deputy Chief Inspector, and one inspector?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes. Mr. James McCredie, Acting Chief Inspector of Schools; Mr. J. D. Bradley, Acting Deputy Chief Inspector; Mr. James Dawson, M.A., Senior Inspector; Mr. James Conway, Teacher, Superior Public School, Cleveland-street, grade 1A; and Mr. G. T. Cotterill, Teacher, Superior Public School, Paddington, grade 1A.

(2.) To consider the claims of teachers when filling vacancies and to make recommendations to the Under Secretary.

(3.) On the recommendation of the Chief Inspector, after consultation with the Under Secretary. I thought it right to relieve one of the officers of some of the worry and responsibility.

(4.) I have considered this.

(5.) No. I believe the contrary to be the case.

(6.) I intend to give the Board as at present constituted a fair trial, and am of opinion that it will help to afford a more complete guarantee to teachers that proper consideration of their claims in due order of efficiency and seniority will take place when filling vacancies and making changes in the educational division.

(8.) Salary of Acting Chief Justice:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to his reply, "No," to section 4 of Question 7 on the Business Paper of Thursday last, is he aware that the Acting Chief Justice published a statement in the daily Press of previous week to the effect that he months ago recommended to the Attorney-General the advisability of reducing the annual travelling allowance to each of the Supreme Court Judges to £100?

Sir John See answered,—The report of an interview with the Acting Chief Justice, to which the Honorable Member refers, does not contain any statement to this effect.

(9.)

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- (9.) Contract for Tramway Uniforms :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is it not a fact that the State Clothing Factory had the contract for about 1,500 tramway suits for delivery in time for the officials to wear same on King's Birthday?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that these suits are not yet delivered; and, if so, what is the cause of delay; and will penalties be imposed for non-fulfilment of contract?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. The delay has been caused by the contractor for the necessary buttons, C. Anderson, failing to make delivery. A supply is now being landed from the "Orontes," and delivery of the uniforms, which have been awaiting the buttons for some time past, will be commenced this week.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hayes laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Third and Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Sydney Water Supply, together with Minutes of Evidence, Plans, &c.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 3. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to protect native animals*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 11th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
 President.

## NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th November, 1903.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title. At end of Title *add* "and to amend the Birds Protection Act, 1901."  
 Page 2, clause 6, line 25. *After* "sale" *insert* "or has in his control or possession"  
 Page 2, clause 6, line 26. *Omit* "shall for every such animal or skin" *insert* "or any part of such animal or skin shall"  
 Page 2, clause 6, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "or that the native animal from which such skin was taken"  
 Page 2, clause 6, line 29. *After* "period" *insert* "and in the district"  
 Page 2, clause 6, line 33. *After* "he" *insert* "or some other person from whom the same was obtained"  
 Page 2, clause 6, lines 34 to 36. *Omit* "or that he purchased the same within six months after such commencement from some person who possessed the same before such commencement"  
 Page 3, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "nor shall it apply to any person authorised by the Colonial Secretary to collect native animals for any purpose specified in such authority"  
 Page 3. *After* clause 10 *add* the following new clause :—  
 The Colonial Secretary, by notice in the *Gazette*, may prescribe in respect of any of the birds named in the Schedule to the Birds Protection Act, 1901, or added in pursuance of that Act to such Schedule, such period of absolute protection as he may think fit, and may in like manner alter or annul such period, and thereupon the provisions of the said Act applicable during the close season prescribed by that Act shall, in respect of such birds, apply during such period of absolute protection.

- Page 3, Schedule, line 20. *Omit* "*Macropus giganteus*—Grey Kangaroo"  
 Page 3, Schedule, line 22. *Omit* "*Trichosurus vulpecula*—Opossum"  
 Page 3, Schedule, line 28. *After* "Echidna" *insert* "or Native Porcupine"  
 Page 3, Schedule, line 29. *Omit* "Swamp Wallaby"  
 Page 3, Schedule, third column. *Omit* "Till" *insert* "The whole period from the commencement of this Act to"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

## 4. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, amended another, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Crick moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words, "the Council's amendments be recommitted, for the reconsideration of the amendment inserting a new clause to follow Clause 8,"—instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Council's amendments be recommitted for the reconsideration of the amendment inserting a new clause to follow Clause 8,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; the Chairman reported, 2°, that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment, previously disagreed to, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

5. BILLS OF SALE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act of 1898.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
Speaker.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) North Shore Bridge :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) Will he, in view of newspaper paragraphs on the subject, make a statement to this House as to the facts concerning the borings for pier foundations in connection with the North Shore Bridge, and will he further state what steps he now proposes to take to facilitate the work of constructing the bridge?  
 (2.) Do any of the tenders and designs received provide for the construction of a suspension bridge, and will such a structure do away with the necessity for a pier in the harbour?  
 (3.) What amount out of the £5,000 voted by Parliament has been expended on this work?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I have called for a report upon the subject from the Board dealing with the matter, and when it is received I will lay it upon the Table of this House.

- (2.) Raleigh-street Tram Extension, North Sydney :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How long have rails intended for the Raleigh-street tram extension, North Sydney, been lying in the neighbourhood of the extension, and does he intend to proceed with this work out of the present year's Tramway Vote?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The rails were delivered on the 1st August, 1901. I cannot say until I know what sum is available on Loans for Tramway Construction.

- (3.) Exemption of Churches and Sunday School Buildings from Water and Sewerage Rates :—*Mr. Winchcombe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the proposal to exempt churches and Sunday school buildings from payment of water rates, and also sewerage and drainage rates, will he state whether any religious bodies or trustees are in arrears in regard to payment of water, sewerage, or drainage rates, giving the names of the properties affected, and the amount owing upon each?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The information required must be moved for in the form of a return in the usual way.

- (4.) Distribution of the Roads Vote :—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the House to understand that the answer given by him to *Mr. Affleck's* Question respecting the Road Vote on Tuesday last is a threat against some of the officers in his Department; if so, who are these officers, and what is their offence?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of any circular or circulars issued to his officers, giving instructions as to how the Vote for the year is to be dealt with?

(3.) As the Vote has been reduced by £150,000 this year, will he give instructions that all the moneys voted for the scheduled roads must be expended before the 30th of May next, so that the vouchers may be in and paid before the 30th of June next?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) Any papers required should be moved for in the usual manner.

(3.) The Votes for the year will be expended as voted.

- (5.) Additions to Hawkesbury Agricultural College :—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it intended to erect fifty or any larger or smaller number of new rooms at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College; if so, is it intended that in effecting these additions regard shall be paid to the design accepted after competition some twelve years ago, and for which a premium of £300 was paid?

(2.) What has been the cost up to the present of the wooden buildings erected on the College site, including out-offices, workshops, stables, &c.; and what was the estimated cost of all such buildings in brick, as provided for in the aforesaid design?

(3.) Is it intended that the new rooms referred to above shall be erected by day labour; and what is the estimated cost of same?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The question of providing additional accommodation, to meet the large number of applications over and above those which can be provided for, is at present under consideration.
  - (2.) A return will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of this House without delay.
  - (3.) As the matter is only under consideration, this has not been decided upon.
- (6.) Subsidies to Municipal Councils:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the subsidies to Municipal Councils, particularly Katoomba and Lithgow, be paid?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—Subsidies under the Municipalities Act are paid within a few days after the receipt of claims correctly rendered. The subsidy to Lithgow was paid on 10th instant, and that to Katoomba—the claim for which was received on 10th instant—will be paid during this week.
- (7.) Women's Electoral Rights:—*Mr. E. M. Clark*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Women's Electoral Rights now being delivered by the Police have been filled in from the Roll as compiled twelve months ago?
  - (2.) Is it true that a scrutiny of the Rolls in July last revealed the fact that many hundreds of women voters in each electorate had removed into other electorates, or died, or otherwise forfeited or ceased to hold the qualification of an elector?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that each of the above persons was, during such scrutiny, on the corrected Roll, as furnished to the Electoral Office in July last, marked "Left the district," "Dead," &c., notwithstanding which the Electoral Department has caused rights to be made out for every one of them?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that the Women's Rights so uselessly made out total upwards of 800 for each State electorate, or an aggregate of over 100,000 for the whole State?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that upwards of 200,000 of these wasted "rights" are at present lying in the various Police Stations and Registrars' Offices throughout the State?
  - (6.) What is the cost of Electors' Rights per 100, as delivered by the Government Printer; and what price per 100 has been paid for filling in of same?
  - (7.) What was the cost to this State of the stores, stationery, salaries, and wages, and all other charges in connection with the Electoral Office during the past twelve months ending on 31st October, 1903?
  - (8.) Were the Federal Electoral Rolls, as now exhibited, printed by private firms in the city; if so, what are the names of the firms, and the amount paid and to be paid to each for the work?

Sir John See answered,—Information upon this subject is now being prepared with all dispatch, and will be laid upon the Table when procured.

2. PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Evidence Act in certain particulars.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Evidence Act in certain particulars*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Murwillumbah, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- (2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the improvement of the Railway Traffic at Armatree.
- (3.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Railway Station Yard at Jennings.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, without Notice, pursuant to Standing Order No. 395, That it is a case of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider Order of the Day No. 7 of General Business on the Business Paper for to-day relating to the reintroduction of the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Sir John See,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Fegan,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. McGowen,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Arthur Griffith,  
Mr. Afleck,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Brunker,  
Mr. Gilbert,

Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. MacMahon,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Eden George,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Archibald Campbell,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Archer,  
Mr. Evans,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Cann,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Collins,

Mr. Fleming,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. McCoy,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Moxham,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Fallick,  
Mr. John Hurley,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Macdonald,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley.  
*Tellers,*  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Winchcombe.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Frank Farnell,  
Mr. Wade,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Donaldson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Arthur Griffith then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages at the present sitting of the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session.

Mr. Speaker pointed out that this motion went beyond the terms of the resolution affirming urgency, just passed by the House, and was therefore out of order.

(3.) Whereupon Mr. Griffith moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of the Order of the Day No. 7 of General Business for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Edden moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Garland.	Mr. Estell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Holmar,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Macdonell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Quirk,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Dight,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Latimer,	

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

And Mr. Griffith claiming the right to speak in reply,—

Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Waratah, Mr. Griffith, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Millard,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Sleath,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Haynes.	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
	Mr. Cohen,
<i>Tellers,</i>	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Levy.	Mr. Coleman,
	Mr. Mackenzie,
	Mr. Affleck,
	Mr. Davidson,
	Mr. Broughton,
	Mr. Hogue,
	Mr. Brunker,
	Mr. Eden George,
	Mr. John Storey,
	Mr. Sullivan,
	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
	Mr. Fegan,

Noes, 73.

Mr. Price,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Burgess,	Sir John See,
Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Archer.
Mr. Thomson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. McCoy.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Griffith spoke in reply.

Original Question put,—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of the Order of the Day No. 7 of General Business for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, "That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption." The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Power,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Quirk,	

Noes, 50.

Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Rose,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Sleath,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Coleman,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Mahony.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Crick, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 28th October, 1903, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the new clause to follow Clause 8, but proposes to amend it by adding at the end " thereof the words, " But no such reappraisal shall reduce the rent below the price at which the land was offered, and no lease shall be reappraised more than once. This section shall not apply to leases hereafter granted."

Agrees to the proposed new Clause 33, but proposes to amend it by inserting after the word " Board" the words " and subject to such conditions as the Board may impose,"—

in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1903.*

7. REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
8. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John See, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Sullivan, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. J. F. Smith, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

VACANT SEAT :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Armidale.

Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the seat of Edmund Lonsdale, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Armidale, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Edmund Lonsdale.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Punishment of Seamen at Newcastle :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return of the number of cases, and the punishments imposed upon seamen in Newcastle, for the last two years, for being absent without leave?

(2.) Is he aware of the extremely heavy punishments imposed by Mr. Scott, S.M., in such cases?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the papers in reference to an inquiry respecting Sergeant Harrison and boarding-house keeper O'Sullivan?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(2.) Quality of Seed Wheat :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Government seed wheat supplied a settler in the Merriwa District produced the following growths :—(a) Cultivated wheat, three varieties; (b) cultivated barley; (c) *Polygonum convolvulus*, commonly known as "Black Bindweed"; (d) *Saponaria vaccaria*, known as "Cow Soap-wort"; (e) *Lobium temulentum*, known as "Darnel"?

(2.) Is it intended that farmers who have been supplied with inferior and dirty seed shall be compelled to pay the high price set upon same by his Department?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

(1.) The Department has not received a complaint from a settler in the Merriwa District regarding the growth of weeds in his crop.

(2.) No complaint was received from a Merriwa farmer of the wheat when supplied being inferior and dirty. If weeds or various other seeds have germinated and made growth in a crop, they probably arose through the use of dirty horse-feed. Apart from that, the weeds mentioned are known to have been in the State prior to the recent distribution of seed. No reduction will be made in the price of the seed supplied by the Government under any circumstances whatever, as only first-class seed-wheat has been issued.

(3.) President of the Land Appeal Court :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the President of the Land Appeal Court has been granted a further leave of absence for one month?

(2.) On what ground was the extension of leave granted?

Mr. Bennett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Because I considered it necessary.

(4.)

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(4.) Consolidation of the State Debts:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government received any communication from the Federal Treasurer with regard to the proposal to consolidate the State debts of the Commonwealth?

Mr. Waddell answered,—No.

(5.) New Government Savings Bank:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the determination of the Government to proceed with the leasing of premises in Moore-street from the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, for a Government Savings Bank, can he afford any information as to whether the said building is to be constructed by contract or on the day-labour system?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Government is not in possession of any information on the subject.

3. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY CONSOLIDATION BILL:—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from members of the Presbyterian Lay Association in the State of New South Wales, representing that the Presbyterian Lay Association consists of members and adherents of many Presbyterian Churches of Australia, some of whom are members of the Presbyterian General Assembly; that a Bill to consolidate the Acts regulating the temporal affairs of the Presbyterian Church was considered at a special meeting of the Association, and it was decided that it be opposed; that the Bill proposes to remove the Trustees of the various Presbyterian Church properties without the consent of the congregation concerned, and is not in accordance with the Draft Bill sent down to Presbyteries for approval; that power is to be given to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to make regulations contrary to the basis of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in 1865 and, without the consent of the subscribers to various Church properties, to alter the various Trusts; that whereas by the Preamble it is declared that it is expedient to vest the whole of the properties of the Presbyterian Church into one body of Trustees, the Bill exempts East and West Maitland, which is unjust to other congregations; and praying the House not to pass the Bill into law before making full inquiry into the various Trusts of the Presbyterian Church properties. Petition received.

#### 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1903.

(2.) Report of the Labour Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1903.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Swine from Queensland.

(2.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Swine from New Zealand.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Bennett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation, No. 27, under the Public Roads Act.

(2.) Additional Regulations Nos. 340 and 341, and Amended Regulation No. 327; also Notification of Cancellation of Regulations, Nos. 180, 207, and 238, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Particulars respecting Women's Electoral Rights and Federal Electoral Rolls.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Mosman.

(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Concord.

(6.) Return respecting Punishment imposed upon Seamen at Newcastle, for being absent without leave.

(7.) Return to an Order made on 15th September, 1903,—“Scale of Allowances to Witnesses at Criminal Trials.”

(8.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the dismissal of Joseph Lowe from the position of Fireman at the Seaham Colliery, together with Minutes of Evidence and Exhibits.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Dr. Ross (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the return respecting revenue received from Agricultural Colleges and Farms for sale of produce for the year ended 30th June, 1903, laid upon the Table of this House on 15th September, 1903, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 17th September, 1903, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

(2.) Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Garland.*]

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7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. McFarlane, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills.
- (2.) Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Tramway from East to West Maitland, &c.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. LOAN ESTIMATE:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Waddell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1903-1904, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1903.

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

9. PUBLIC PLACES ADVERTISEMENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Eden George submitted that as this Bill provided, in some of its clauses, for the absolute prohibition of advertisements, it was beyond the Order of Leave.

Mr. Speaker overruled the objection taken.

Debate continued.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke, Mr. O'Connor, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

*And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.*

10. REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Sir John See, That this Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Estell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Archer,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Quirk,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell	Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Ferguson.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Hogue,  
Mr. Wood,  
Mr. Levy,  
Mr. Phillips,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Brunner,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Morton.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Pyers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Sir John See moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

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Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Power,
Sir John See,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nelson,
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Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Pyers,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Phillips.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

Acto South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) *Electoral District of Moree*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William Webster, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Moree. Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the seat of William Webster, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Moree, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Webster.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Electoral District of Waratah*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had also received a letter from Arthur Griffith, Esquire, resigning his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Waratah. Whereupon Sir John See moved, That the seat of Arthur Griffith, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Waratah, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Arthur Griffith.  
Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Counsel's Opinion obtained by Public Service Board:—*Mr. McGowen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Whether, in view of the Public Service Board (as appears in their report) having obtained counsel's opinion on the interpretation of certain matters, instead of accepting the Attorney-General's, Solicitor-General's, or Crown Solicitor's opinion, he will afford other Heads of Departments the same privileges when their opinions come into conflict with the Crown Law Officers?

(2.) Why was it thought necessary to go outside the Crown Law Officers for such opinions?

(3.) What was the cost of same?

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

(1.) No.

(2.) The opinion was taken because the question involved was the validity of an appointment made by the Attorney-General.

(3.) £8 15s. 6d.

(2.) Open-air Meetings:—Mr. McGowen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that two policemen were sent to a lady (Mrs. Barrington) for the purpose of forbidding her holding any open-air meetings upon any subject?

(2.) Is it a fact that this lady (Mrs. Barrington) was previously summoned by the police in connection with her open-air propaganda?

(3.) Was the same lady recently arrested for addressing an open-air meeting, and was she on the same occasion handled and insulted by the police?

(4.) Is it also a fact that the speakers in the Domain have been ordered to obtain permission to speak therein; if so, by whose authority?

Sir John See answered,—

(1.) The Police informed Mrs. Barrington that she could not be permitted to obstruct crowded thoroughfares by holding meetings and lecturing.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) Permission is never refused, provided the Domain Regulations are duly observed.

(3.)



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(3.) Machinery for Ultimo Power-House:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at as to the class of machinery which is to be put in at the Ultimo Power-house; and, if so, will he give this House particulars regarding same?

(2.) Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House all papers, &c., relating to the above matter?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) The Railway Commissioners, after exhaustive inquiry, have made a definite recommendation, which will be dealt with by the Cabinet in a few days.

(2.) The papers will be laid upon the Table of this House after the Cabinet has dealt with the matter.

(4.) Increase of Railway Rolling Stock:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What special provision in the matter of providing extra trucks and other rolling-stock has been made by the Railway Commissioners to meet the demands of the coming harvest?

(2.) How many produce trucks and how many engines have been added to the stock of last year?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the Commissioners have been hampered because of lack of funds, and have thus been prevented from increasing the rolling-stock of the railways?

(4.) Is he aware that, owing to this circumstance, there is great dearth of employment at the Clyde and Auburn works, most of these establishments working less than half time?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am informed:—

(1 and 2.) During the year ended the 30th June last, 235 waggons and 41 new engines were added to the stock. From the 1st July last to the 31st October last, a further lot of 148 vehicles and 26 engines have been supplied, and others are coming forward. Special provision has also been made in the repair and renewal of stock, making it more effective in conducting the traffic, 528 vehicles and 119 engines having been renewed within the past three years.

(3.) The Railway Commissioners, in common with other Departments of the State, have to economise, in view of the existing financial position.

(4.) I am not aware; but the prevailing depression must naturally affect industrial enterprise.

(5.) Issue of Free Railway Passes to Women for Political or Lecturing Purposes:—*Mr. Affleck*, for *Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any free passes on the railways been issued at the instance of his Department to the representative of any women's political organisation; and, if so, how many, and to whom?

*Sir John See* answered,—I have been unable to obtain this information.

(6.) Deposits by Benefit Societies with the Government:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are the Government accepting deposits of money from any of the benefit societies belonging to the State?

(2.) If so, in what form are such deposits being made?

(3.) What is the rate of interest in such cases, and for what period are the advances being made?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) The Government are not accepting deposits of money from any of the benefit societies belonging to the State.

(2 and 3.) Answered in No. 1.

(7.) Claims of ex-Public Servants for Retiring Allowances:—*Mr. Broughton*, for *Mr. Quinn*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the required appointment of a District Court Judge under the Superannuation Act of 1903, will the Government specially authorise the said Judge to hear the claim of any person for retiring allowance who was summarily dismissed the Public Service of the State in the year 1896?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—If any application to this effect is made by any person who was summarily retired, the Government will consider it.

(8.) Sydney Harbour Trust Employees:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the second shift men employed by the Sydney Harbour Trust were discharged on the 10th October?

*Sir John See* answered,—I am informed by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners that such is the fact.

(9.) Search Permits for Minerals on Private Lands:—*Mr. Broughton*, for *Mr. John Hurley*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Are Wardens instructed to refuse applications for permit to search on private property in any or every case?

(2.) If not, will he ascertain whether Wardens are warranted in refusing search permits on private land, with a view of locating supposed mineral-bearing deposits by *bona fide* persons who are in a position to pay all valid expenses?

(3.) Is it his intention to bring Crown grants within the term "private lands," and will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether Crown grants already come within the provisions of mining on private property?

*Mr. Kidd* answered,—

(1.) No such instructions have been issued from this Department.

(2.) Wardens are warranted in refusing authorities to enter on private lands—(1) in cases where the minerals proposed to be searched for are not reserved to the Crown; (2) where the land is not available,

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available, being the subject of another title, or where the Warden has good reason to believe the minerals do not exist in the land ; (3) where the land applied for is within an area restricted from mining operations by the Act.

(3.) All lands alienated from the Crown, or in process of alienation, are subject to the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Acts ; but in cases where the minerals in the land are not reserved to the Crown, such Acts apply to prospecting and mining for gold only.

(10.) Lease of Bonds carried on by the Sydney Harbour Trust :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Harbour Trust Commissioners recently called for tenders for the lease of certain bonds in this city carried on by the Trust ?

(2.) Is it a fact that the tenders in several cases were higher proportionately than the rent received for other bonds already let ?

(3.) Why will the Trust not accept the highest tenders ?

*Sir John See* answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners :—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As the several properties are quite dissimilar, no comparison can be made.

(3.) The rents offered were considerably lower than the net revenue derived by the Commissioners from the properties.

(11.) Members of Parliament appointed to the Commission of the Peace :—*Mr. Affleck*, for Mr. Oakes, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many Members of the present Parliament are on the Commission of the Peace ?

(2.) How many Members of the present Parliament have been appointed by the present Government to the Commission of the Peace ?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) 113.

(2.) Thirty-eight.

(12.) Bridges and Weir at Queanbeyan :—*Mr. Law* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at Queanbeyan there exist close to each other (a) a commodious bridge crossing the Queanbeyan River at the foot of the main street ; (b) a weir across the same river ; and (c) a handsome foot suspension bridge distant only 250 yards from the main bridge, and costing from £900 to £1,200 to erect ?

(2.) For what public purpose was the foot suspension bridge erected ?

(3.) When was this bridge erected ?

(4.) When was the weir constructed, and at what cost ?

(5.) Is he aware that, exclusive of the inmates of the convent (close to the bridge) going to the church on the opposite side, there are but two or three persons who use this suspension bridge on their way to business or other than for curiosity sake ?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone these Questions until Tuesday next. In the meantime I may say that at least two of the statements are absolute lies. Furthermore, as there are ladies in the gallery now, I shall have something to say later on.

(13.) Electoral Lists printed by Private Firms :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. Quinn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In the case of Electoral Lists printed by contract outside the Government Printing Office, were the prices asked by contracting firms higher or lower than the Government Printing Office price ?

(2.) If higher, by how much ?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1.) Higher.

(2.) The lowest outside price was 18s. 6d., and the highest 30s., per page. Cost at Government Printing Office, including all charges, 12s. 4d. per page.

(14.) Ill-treatment of Girls in Industrial Home at Manly :—*Mr. Law* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to certain damaging statements made in a weekly paper, published in Sydney, containing sworn declarations in reference to the ill-treatment of girls in the Roman Catholic Industrial Home at Manly ?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the serious statements therein made ?

(3.) Will the Government take into consideration the question of placing all Industrial Institutions where young people are employed under proper Governmental inspection ?

*Sir John See* answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) All institutions of this character are open for inspection at any time.

## 3. PAPERS :—

*Mr. Crick* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

*Sir John See* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year 1902-3.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Supply of Water to the Town of Casino.
  - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Wharf on the Colo River.
  - (3.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1902-3.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADDITIONAL COURT) BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.  
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill postponed until To-morrow.
6. **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1903-4** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 71.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the financial year ending 30th June, 1904.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1903.

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

7. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 12th November, 1903, in reference to the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

8. **REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL** :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That "the" report be now adopted. Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "the" and inserting the words "Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Schedule I,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gillies moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Reymond,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Power,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Macdonell.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Gormly.
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Afleck,	Mr. Jessop.
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. McLaurin,	

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

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

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

18th November, 1903.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Quirk,
Sir John See,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Archer,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Raymond,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Power,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Quinn,	

Noes, 35.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Connor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Phillips.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original Question continued.

Mr. Waddell moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Briner,
Sir John See,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Evans,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Power,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Raymond,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. McNeill,	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Wade,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gilbert.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

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

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

The

18th November, 1903.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Evans,
Sir John See,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Power,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Raymond,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Evers,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Alexander Campbell.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. David Storey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Law,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wade,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Jessop,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Crick moved, without Notice, That it is a case of urgent necessity that "A Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object," should be passed through all its remaining stages on this day.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Carruthers submitted that this motion could not be entertained, the Orders of the Day having been entered upon.

Mr. Speaker said the objection taken could not be sustained.

Question put.

The House divided,

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hollis,
Sir John See,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Evans,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Raymond,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Dick,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Jessop,	
<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Mahony,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John See then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object,"—through all its remaining stages on this day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

18th November, 1903.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Byrne,
Sir John See,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Power,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Kidd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Reymond,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Gillics,	
Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Evans,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Macdonald,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Ashton,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Eden George.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Ferguson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Sir John See,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. D. R. Hall.
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	
Mr. Power,	
Mr. Reymond,	
Mr. Richards,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Willis,	
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Evans,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Byrne,	
Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Pyers,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Quinn,	
Mr. MacMahon,	
Mr. Macdonald,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Winchcombe,
Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morton,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. O'Conor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Law,
Mr. E. M. Clark.

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

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

18th November, 1903.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 55.	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Evans,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dick,
Sir John See,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Daley,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor.
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Power,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Winchcombe,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Quinn,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Archer,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Macdonald,	Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Raymond,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Richards,	Mr. John Storey,	Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Collins.	Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gillies.	Mr. Phillips,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Whereupon Sir John See moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object.*"

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 18th November, 1903.*

9. WATER SUPPLY FOR TOWN OF BROKEN HILL—DAM AND TRAMWAY AT UMBERUMBERKA CREEK:—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" it is not expedient that the construction of a Dam and Tramway at UMBERUMBERKA Creek in connection with the water supply for the town of Broken Hill, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for report, be carried out, but that the Yancowinna diversion scheme be carried out by the Broken Hill Water Supply Company on the terms stated in No. 4 of their proposals, viz., that the Company retain possession of their works until the expiration of their present lease, and construct the Yancowinna diversion, for the carrying out of which the Company to be granted such extension of lease as may be necessary, based on actuarial computation, to enable them to recoup the outlay, as recommended by the said Committee.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the expediency of constructing a Dam and Tramway at UMBERUMBERKA Creek, in connection with the water supply for the town of Broken Hill be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for further consideration and report, on the ground that the matter requires further investigation,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

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

Question then,—That the expediency of constructing a Dam and Tramway at UMBERUMBERKA Creek in connection with the water supply for the town of Broken Hill be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for further consideration and report, on the ground that the matter requires further investigation,—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Establishment of Seamen's Savings Bank :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he, in view of the temptations that beset sailors on being paid off, cause inquiries to be made into the working of the Seamen's Savings Bank in Queensland, and, if favourable, take steps to establish one in connection with the Shipping Offices in Sydney and Newcastle?

(2.) With that laudable object in view, will he invite assistance and support from the officers of the Federated Seamen's Union?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This matter will receive consideration.

- (2.) Appointment of Justices of the Peace :—*Mr. Mackenzie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What were the reasons that Mr. Mackenzie was requested by his Department to limit the number of nominations for the position of Justice of the Peace to six?

(2.) For what reason were only four of the nominations accepted, while one of the two not accepted was a nomination at the request of the Police for the requirements of public business?

(3.) For what reason did the Government appoint six gentlemen who were not nominated by Mr. Mackenzie after requesting Mr. Mackenzie to nominate only six?

(4.) On whose recommendation were the six following gentlemen appointed :—Bell, Robert, Albert-road, Strathfield; Bell, William Fife, Strathfield; Cutler, William Edgar, Campsie, Canterbury; Perry, J. S., Liverpool; Gibson, William John, Padstow Park, East Hills?

(5.) Is he aware that Mr. W. J. Gibson, of Padstow Park, East Hills, at the last Municipal Election at Bankstown, made accusations against the Returning Officer, for which he had to apologise in all the leading newspapers to save legal proceedings?

Sir John See answered,—This information will be afforded if moved for in the usual way.

- (3.) Additions to Prince Alfred Hospital :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is an inquiry being held into alleged improprieties by certain contractors for portion of the work at Prince Alfred Hospital?

(2.) Have any persons been suspended in connection therewith, and who are they?

(3.) What are the names of the contractors?

(4.) What supervision did Mr. Cook, of the Colonial Architect's Department, exercise over the work?

(5.) Will he take steps to enable Honorable Members to see the evidence or furnish an interim report to the House before the Session closes?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, Mr. Elliott.

(3.) Messrs. Brown and Tapson.

(4.) Mr. Cook is Assistant Architect in charge of this building.

(5.) I am informed that a report was forwarded to the Premier yesterday, but as the case is *sub judice* it is not desirable to make it public.

- (4.) Extension of Railway from Burren Junction towards Walgett and Collarendabri :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How far does he propose to extend the railway line from Burren Junction towards Walgett and Collarendabri for the present?

(2.) When does he propose to again resume operations on this portion of the line?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) The railway will be extended as far as the money now submitted on Loan Bill will allow. I cannot state definitely at present what distance this will be.  
 (2.) So soon as funds are available.

(5.) Land for Settlement in Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Moree, Walgett, Warialda, and Bingara :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What Crown lands may be expected to be made available for settlement under any tenure during the next five years in the Land Districts of Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Moree, Walgett, Warialda, and Bingara?  
 (2.) What number of Land Board meetings were held in each of the above districts during the twelve months ending 31st October, 1903, giving the number and classes of cases adjudicated upon during that period?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) I am having full and immediate inquiry made as to all land that will be made available during next year, and, as soon as I can, will supply the information.  
 (2.) A return is now being prepared, and the information will then be communicated to the Honorable Member.

(6.) Index to the Mining Acts :—Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Morton, asked the Secretary for Mines,—  
 In view of the fact that no complete index of the various Mining Acts is obtainable, and that many of the regulations under those Acts as now printed have been amended or repealed, will he have a complete index of the Mining Acts, regulations, and forms prepared and published so as to enable those interested in mining to easily ascertain the requirements of the Acts and Regulations in respect of any class of mining holding?

Mr. Kidd answered,—In view of the expense which would be involved by the preparation and publication of a complete index to the Mining Acts and Regulations now in force, and the fact that a consolidating Mining Bill is now under consideration, the preparation of an index has been allowed to remain in abeyance for the present.

(7.) Minute by Dr. Armstrong, City Health Officer :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a minute that was last week submitted by Dr. W. G. Armstrong to the Health Committee of the City Council, and adopted by the Council, in which that gentleman recommended that a formula should be printed and distributed through the post to all householders in thickly-populated and poor neighbourhoods in which a birth had been registered during the past six months, in view of the approaching hot weather and the increase of infantile mortality from diarrhoea, which it is alleged will certainly accompany the hot weather; if so, can he inform this House by whom the proposed formula was drafted, and if the same is to be submitted for the approval of the Public Health Board before being put into circulation?  
 (2.) Will he obtain from the Board of Health an expression of opinion or report if public health, especially in regard to diarrhoea and infantile mortality, would not be better conserved and safeguarded during the approach of hot weather by a thorough rigid inspection and restriction in the sale and consumption of adulterated food and liquor than by putting into circulation some formula that fails to reach the root of the evil of the increasing prevalence of infantile mortality?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) The document referred to appears, from the paragraphs published in the daily Press, to have been prepared by the Medical Officer of Health for the metropolitan combined districts in the ordinary course of his duty, for information and advice of the local authority under the Public Health Act for the City of Sydney. It will not be submitted for approval of the Public Health Board before being put into circulation.  
 (2.) It is considered that circulation of such instructions as will probably be included in the document referred to are useful in assisting towards reduction of infantile mortality; it is also considered that pure food in good condition, especially fresh and pure milk, is of first importance in the same relation.

(8.) Old-age Pensions :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers moved for by Dr. Ross on the 1st September last, for a return showing the nationality of persons receiving pensions under the Old-age Pensions Act, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir John See answered,—The information asked for has not yet been compiled, but the work is in hand, but it is doubtful if it can be completed in time to be laid upon the Table this Session.

2. SCHEDULED ROADS IN THE LISMORE DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Coleman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The designation of each scheduled road in the Lismore District.  
 (2.) The amount originally recommended by the Local Roads Officer for expenditure upon each scheduled road for the year 1903-4.  
 (3.) The amount available for expenditure against each scheduled road for the year 1903-4.  
 (4.) The names of the unclassified roads, with the amount available for expenditure upon same for the year 1903-4.  
 (5.) The amount of unexpended Road Vote for 1902-3.  
 Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1902.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
 (2.) Papers respecting the offer of the Australian Agricultural Company's Port Stephens Estate, Stroud District, under the provisions of the Closer Settlement Act, 1901.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Coonamble, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL** :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.  
Question put and passed.
6. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADDITIONAL COURT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*, That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.  
On motion of Mr. Fegan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir John Sec, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1903-4.

No. I.—SCHEDULES A, B, AND C TO SCHEDULE I OF ACTS 18 AND 19 VICTORIA, CAPUT 54.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,328, as supplement to Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic, cap. 54, for the year 1903-4.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1903-4.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,877, for Legislative Council, for the year 1903-4.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,908, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1903-4.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,640, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1903-4.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,043, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1903-4.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,167, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1903-4.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,525, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1903-4.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,448, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1903-4.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,210, for Auditor-General, for the year 1903-4.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,153, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1903-4.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £429,018, for Police, for the year 1903-4.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £123,315, for Lunacy, for the year 1903-4.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,303, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1903-4.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, for Medical Board, for the year 1903-4.

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- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,809, for the Chief Medical Officer of the Government, for the year 1903-4.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,583, for Government Statistician, for the year 1903-4.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,790, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1903-4.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,635, for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1903-4.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,391, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1903-4.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,528, to recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during financial year 1902-3, under State Children's Relief Act, No. 61, 1901, for the year 1903-4.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,485, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1903-4.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,856, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1903-4.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,339, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1903-4.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £931, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1903-4.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,129, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1903-4.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,323, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1903-4.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,498, for Centennial Park, for the year 1903-4.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,282, for Electoral Office, for the year 1903-4.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,988, for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1903-4.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1903-4.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,145, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1903-4.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132,437, for Stores Supply and Tender Board, for the year 1903-4.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,025, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1903-4.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,069, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.

## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,294, for Treasury, for the year 1903-4.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,180, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1903-4.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,420, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1903-4.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1903-4.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1903-4.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,175, for Government Printer, for the year 1903-4.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,815, for Explosives Branch, for the year 1903-4.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,129, for Board of Health, for the year 1903-4.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,541, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1903-4.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,080, for Navigation, for the year 1903-4.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,425, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1903-4.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,104 for Administration of Old-age Pensions Act, for the year 1903-4.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,039, for Government Savings Bank, for the year 1903-4.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Weights and Measures, for the year 1903-4.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,907, for Advances to Settlers Board, for the year 1903-4.

(54.)

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- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,757, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1903-4.  
 (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £329,392, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.  
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1903-4.

## No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,923,660, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1903-4.

## No. VI.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,850, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1903-4.  
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,741, for Master in Equity, for the year 1903-4.  
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,180, for Prothonotary and Divorce Court, for the year 1903-4.  
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,361, for Sheriff, for the year 1903-4.  
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,289, for Bankruptcy Court, for the year 1903-4.  
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,318, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1903-4.  
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,793, for District Courts, for the year 1903-4.  
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,715, for Coroners, for the year 1903-4.  
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88,352, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1903-4.  
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103,529, for Prisons, for the year 1903-4.  
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,849, for Public Service Board, for the year, 1903-4.  
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,050, for Court of Industrial Arbitration, for the year 1903-4.  
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,197, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £173,065, for Department of Lands, for the year 1903-4.  
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,700, for Department of Lands—Contingencies, for the year 1903-4.  
 (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1903-4.  
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,730, for Western Land Board, for the year 1903-4.  
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,024, for Pastures Protection Act, for the year 1903-4.  
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,547, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.  
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,340, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1903-4.  
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,920, for Trigonometrical Survey of the State, for the year 1903-4.  
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1903-4.

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,944 for Establishment, for the year 1903-4.  
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £670,000, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1903-4.  
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £116,142, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1903-4.  
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,879, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1903-4.  
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,450, for Labour Commissioners and State Labour Board, for the year 1903-4.

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## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £826,051, for Public Instruction, for the year 1903-4.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,708, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1903-4.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,424, for Observatory, for the year 1903-4.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,486, for Australian Museum, for the year 1903-4.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,767, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1903-4.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,873, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1903-4.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,892 for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1903-4.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,250, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1903-4.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,400, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,520, for Department of Mines, for the year 1903-4.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,337, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1903-4.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,974, for Agriculture Branch, for the year 1903-4.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1903-4.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,370, for Exports and Cold Storage Branch, for the year 1903-4.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £859, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1903-4.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,250, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1903-4.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,751, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1903-4.

## No. XI.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1902-3, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1902-3, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £124,874 13s. 9d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1902-3.

## No. XII.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE," TO 30TH JUNE, 1903, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1902-3, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £238,311 15s. 9d., for 1902-3 Services.

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Legislative Council."
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £315, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Legislative Assembly."

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "State Children's Relief Department."
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Fisheries Commission."
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,655, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Sydney Harbour Trust."
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Charitable Allowances."
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,551, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## No. IV.

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## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Land and Income Tax."
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Government Printer."
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £173, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Administration of Old-age Pensions Act."
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £326, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Navigation."
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Advances to Settlers Board."
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £340, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Resumed Properties."
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £278, to defray additional charge for the Year 1903-4 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## No. V.—RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

- (118.) Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Railways and Tramways."

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Department of Lands—Salaries."
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Contingencies (Forest Branch)."
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Western Land Board."
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Railway and Tramway Construction."
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,135, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Government Architect's Branch."
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Accounts."
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Land Valuer."
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,330, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Public Works Schedules."
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Labour Commissioners and State Labour Board."

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, &amp;c.

- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Australian Museum."

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Department of Mines."
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Agriculture Branch."
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Commercial Agents."
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,638, to defray additional charge for the year 1903-4 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

## LOAN ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

## Permanent and Reproductive Works.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,000 for Government Asylums for Infirm and Destitute; being for cost of land resumed at Newington in connection with Asylum.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000 for Cottage Homes for State Children; being purchase of land and erection of Cottage Homes for State Children.

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(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000 for Sydney Harbour Trust—towards construction of new Berthing Accommodation and new Jetties, Sheds, &c.; new Punts for Dredges, general reconstruction of Wharfs and Jetties, erection of Office Accommodation, and generally for the improvement of the Port—further sum.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000 for Hospitals; being £10,000 for Country Hospitals—towards erection of new buildings to meet the demands for increased accommodation; and £5,000 for Children's Hospital—towards purchase of site for the Hospital for Sick Children.

## No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000 for Government Printer; being for purchase of extra machinery and plant.

## No. V.—RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £124,000 for Railways; being £60,000 for Rolling Stock, to meet additional Traffic requirements; £40,000 for additions to Railway Lines, Stations, Buildings, and for other purposes; £16,000 to complete improvements of grades and curves; and £8,000 towards the duplication of Penrith Viaduct.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £76,000 for Tramways; being £26,000 for additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, and for other purposes, to meet the requirements of Traffic; and £50,000 for additional Sub-Stations, Feed Cables, &c., to meet increased Traffic requirements.

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £284,381 for Railway Construction; being, for Railways, £36,876 for Gundagai to Tumut—further sum; £40,000 for Narrabri to Walgett and Branch to Collarendabri—further sum; £21,810 for Temora to Wyalong—further sum; £14,000 for Dubbo to Coonamble—further sum; £100,000 for Central Railway Station, Sydney, and Approaches, including land resumption—further sum; £1,800 for Trial Surveys—further sum; £5,000 for Bogan Gate to Bulbodney—further sum; £50,000 for Railway Construction Store Account—additional amount; and £14,895 for material issued to old Railway and Tramway Lines, the cost of which is to form a recoup to the Railway Construction Store Account, as under:—Cootamundra to Temora, £9,454 3s. 7d.; Molong to Parkes and Forbes, £2,214 3s. 3d.; Narrabri to Moree, £1,042 13s. 6d.; Milson's Point, £697 3s. 10d.; Kiama to Nowra, £15 15s. 5d.; Benigan to Finley, £36 9s. 6d.; Tramways generally, £1,434 10s. 11d.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £61,550 for Government Architect; being £18,000 for Police Buildings,—viz., £12,000 for New Police Barracks, Redfern—estimated cost of land resumed; £6,000 for Offices of Inspector-General of Police and Comptroller of Prisons—further sum; and £43,550 for Miscellaneous Buildings, viz., £3,000 for Central Electric-light Station, George-street North—further sum; £4,000 for Inebriates' Institution, Hawkesbury River—further sum (including land compensation); £6,000 for University, Fisher Library—further sum; £1,800 for Crown Law Offices—Erection, Electric Lighting, and Lift—further sum; £6,500 for Office for the Registrar-General—towards erection; £5,000 for Prince Alfred Hospital, Pathological Department—towards erection; £10,000 for Prince Alfred Hospital Pavilions; £3,250 for Art Gallery—further sum; £2,500 for Sydney Hospital—new Female Lock Ward; and £1,500 for additions, Waratah Benevolent Home.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £73,550 for Roads and Bridges; being, for Bridges,—viz., £8,500 for Glebe Island—further sum; £10,800 for Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point—further sum; £4,700 for Lachlan River at Goolagong—further sum; £2,450 for Namoi River at Wee Waa; £10,000 for Hawkesbury River at Richmond—further sum; £6,000 for South Arm, Richmond River—further sum; £9,000 for South Arm, Clarence River, at Maclean; £11,500 for Macquarie River at Dubbo; £7,000 for Hunter River at Dunolly Ford, Singleton—further sum; £3,300 for Macdonald River at Bendemeer; and £300 for Punts—Woodburn—further sum.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £61,478, for Harbours and Rivers; being, £15,000 for Richmond River Improvements—further sum; £1,500 for Bellinger River Improvements—further sum; £1,000 for Clarence River Improvements; £2,000 for Nambucca River Improvements—further sum; £9,000 for Macleay River Improvements—further sum; £9,000 for Manung River Improvements—further sum; £4,000 for Newcastle Harbour Breakwaters—further sum; £2,500 for Newcastle Harbour—Removal of Rocks, Inner Basin; £6,000 for Newcastle Wharfage and Shipping Appliances; £1,000 for Norah Head Lighthouse—further sum; £2,000 for Darling River Snagging—further sum; £650 for Edwards River Snagging—further sum; £700 for Shoalhaven River—removal of Rocks; and £7,128 for Dock Establishment, Biloela: Extension of Appliances and Tools—further sum.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £39,000 for Sewerage Construction; being £1,000 for Country Towns—Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally—further sum; £1,000 for Metropolitan Area—Sewerage and Stormwater Channels generally—further sum; £8,000 for Waverley, Randwick, and Kensington Sewerage



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Sewerage—further sum ; £12,000 for Hay Sewerage—further sum ; £3,500 for Lismore Sewerage—further sum ; £8,000 for City Low-level Sewerage—further sum ; £4,000 for Mosman Sewerage—further sum ; £500 for Rookwood Asylum Sewerage—further sum ; and £1,000 for Stormwater Channel through Borough of Rookwood (outside of Cemetery).

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £26,000 for Country Towns Water Supply—Country Towns Water Supplies generally.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000 for Sydney Water Supply—improvements to Sydney Water Supply and Storage Dam on the Cataract River—further sum.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £551,625 for Miscellaneous Services : being £48,825 for Water Conservation, Artesian Bores, Public Watering Places, and Services incidental thereto—to cover expenditure from Vote taken on Supply Act (July, 1902) and Water and Drainage Funds, for salary charges ; £2,800 for Telephone Tunnels—further sum ; and £500,000 for the purpose of the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900—further sum.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £85,500 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, being £51,000 for Water Supply, viz., £33,640 for Extension and Improvement of General Reticulation, including conversion of ball hydrants into spring valve hydrants, purchase of water meters, &c. ; £150 for purchase of land, Vacluse Service Tank ; £160 for Stormwater Channel to protect bank, Engine Pond Embankment, Botany ; £10,700 for lining sections of Upper and Lower Canals, including cost of by-pass, additional flumes across canal, and training wall, Cataract ; £2,350 for additions to Maintenance Men's Residences and minor additional works along line of Canal ; £3,000 for Manly Water Supply ; £1,000 for Wollongong Water Supply ; and £34,500 for Sewerage,—viz., £32,000 for construction and ventilation of Reticulation Sewers generally in connection with approved scheme ; £250 for additions, Inlet House, Botany ; £1,750 for additional works, North Sydney and Willoughby Outfall Works ; £500 for Manly Sewerage.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £27,500 for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board ; being £6,000 for Reticulation, Newcastle and Suburbs—further sum ; £2,000 for Cockle Creek District Reservoir—revote ; £16,000 for extension of Mains to South Maitland coal-mining townships ; and £3,500 for extension of Mains to Hexham.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,300 for Redemption of Municipal Loans ; being £38,000 for Water and Sewerage Works taken over by the Government—City of Sydney Sewerage Debentures, 4½ per cent., maturing 1 July, 1904 ; £20,000 for City of Sydney Water Debentures, 5 per cent., maturing 1 July, 1904 ; and £2,300 for City of Sydney Sewerage Debentures, 6 per cent., maturing 1 January, 1905.

## No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, &amp;c.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £62,500 for Public Instruction ; being £50,000 for School Buildings, Residences, Additions, and Sites ; £10,000 for purchase of site and buildings for Boys' Reformatory ; and £2,500 for purchase and fitting of Tender for N.S.S. "Sobraon."

## No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1903-4, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Agriculture—for the promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural and Viticultural Colleges, and Experimental Farms.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **ABATTOIR, GLEBE ISLAND** :—Mr. Nielsen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 10th July, 1903, a.m., together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time as follows :—

(4) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the Financial Year 1903-4, the sum of £7,549,404 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty in adjustment of the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1902-3," for Services of the Financial Year, 1902-3, the sum of £124,874 13s. 9d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(6) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services of the Financial Year, 1902-3, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £238,311 15s. 9d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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(7) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £1,721,384, be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the State, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

## 10. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6), to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1903, to the 30th day of June, 1904, inclusive of both dates, to adjust the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1902-3," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, inclusive of both dates, and to cover payments, "Unauthorised in Suspense," for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1902-3; and for purposes connected with, and incidental to, the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1903, to the 30th day of June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1902-1903,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, inclusive of both dates; and to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense' for urgent claims on account of Services of the Year 1902-3; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 11. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waddell, That a Bill be brought in founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7) to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Waddell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 12. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Garland, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

## 13. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (LEASING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

WILLIAM McCOURT,

*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

**INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADDITIONAL COURT) BILL**:—Mr. Fegan, pursuant to leave granted on 19th November, 1903, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the Day.

2. **SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 72.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes.

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Sydney, 11th November, 1903.*

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

3. **QUESTIONS**:—

(1.) Amount authorised under Loan Acts:—Mr. Affleck asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount of money unraised and available by Loan Acts, authorised from time to time to the present date, and which can be put on the market by the Treasurer were he to call up the whole amount authorised by Acts of Parliament as loans for all purposes?

Mr. Waddell answered,—Authority exists under Loan Acts to raise £11,798,024. The above authority has, however, been anticipated as under, viz.:—(a) By short loans raised on Treasury Bills (*i.e.*, loans in anticipation of the issue of long-dated stock), £6,694,959; (b) by bank overdraft on the General Loan Account, £2,258,015; total, £8,952,974. Balance, £2,845,050. The above balance of £2,845,050 will, it is anticipated, be required to meet Loan Appropriations operative on 31st October, 1903. It should be mentioned that, in addition to the above, there is authority to raise, by sale of stock, funds for the purposes of the Advances to Settlers Act, as required, to the total of £584,950.

(2.) New Offices for Registrar-General's Department:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders recently invited for erection of new offices for the Registrar-General's Department?

(2.) How many tenders were received; what are the names of the tenderers, and the amount of each bid?

(3.) Did the Superintendent of Workshops, Colonial Architect's Branch, submit an offer?

(4.) If he did not submit an offer, is there any truth in the rumour that he was instructed by a superior officer to refrain from tendering?

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Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Six tenders were received, viz.:—Grant and Craven, £6,750; R. Wall and Son, £7,243; Fetherston and Paulson, £7,526; J. Matheson, £7,596; Vernon and Crimson, £7,700; J. Howie and Sons, £7,900.

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- (3.) Expenditure on the Molong-Euchareena Road:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state the amount of money that has been expended on the Molong-Euchareena Road, in the Molong District, during the last three years, if any; and in what way the money was expended?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—£351; as follows:—Contracts, £196; wages, £147; sundries, £8.

- (4.) Sydney Harbour Trust:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the revenue of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners is paid direct into the Treasury?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Commissioners have not sufficient funds to keep the harbour in a sanitary condition, and, as a result of the shortage of funds many employes have been discharged?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware, but I may remark that, as the Honorable Member no doubt remembers, a Vote was taken on the Additional Estimates for an amount supplementary to what was voted on the Estimates-in-Chief.

- (5.) Bridges and Weir at Queanbeyan:—*Mr. Law* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at Queanbeyan there exist close to each other (a) a commodious bridge crossing the Queanbeyan River at the foot of the main street; (b) a weir across the same river; and (c) a handsome foot suspension bridge distant only 250 yards from the main bridge, and costing from £900 to £1,200 to erect?

(2.) For what public purpose was the foot suspension bridge erected?

(3.) When was this bridge erected?

(4.) When was the weir constructed, and at what cost?

(5.) Is he aware that, exclusive of the inmates of the convent (close to the bridge) going to the church on the opposite side, there are but two or three persons who use this suspension bridge on their way to business or other than for curiosity sake?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—It is not true that the footbridge referred to is within 250 yards of the main bridge. It is at least three times that distance. The statement that the footbridge cost about £1,200 is an absurdity. The footbridge leads to the Public School as well as to a convent school, and indirectly to the Wesleyan and Episcopalian Churches. On the other side of the river it leads to the south-eastern portion of the town of Queanbeyan, where there are many Crown allotments for sale. On this point the following telegram appeared in a Sydney daily newspaper not favourable to the present Government:—"The new footbridge in course of construction here, although not a costly concern, will be a great boon to the people on both sides of the river, and will help the sale of a large subdivision of Government allotments made some years ago. These allotments abut on to where the footbridge crosses, and will now readily sell and pay the cost of the structure at least five times over." The footbridge also gives a short cut of a mile or more to Primrose Valley, where there is a silver mine. The footbridge had to be erected, because the water thrown back by the weir in the Queanbeyan River covered up a right-of-way across that river which had existed for sixty years, and the public on each side of the river at that end of the town would have been greatly inconvenienced if a footbridge had not been erected. The weir has been a splendid success, saving the Government the necessity for constructing waterworks for Queanbeyan, and proving the salvation of the people of that town during the recent drought.

- (6.) Publication of the *Education Gazette*:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the *Education Gazette* an official publication; if it is, will he inform this House under what conditions as to cost, &c., it is published, and what becomes of the revenue?

(2.) If not an official journal, will he tell the House who controls it; whether it is edited and managed by officials in their own or departmental time; and give such other particulars as he may have at his disposal?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) It is controlled by a committee of officers and teachers, who take all responsibility and manage the journal in their own time.

- (7.) Condition of the Steamship "Balmain":—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Shirra, Chief Engineer Surveyor, Navigation Department, has stated on oath (*vide* Public Service Board's report) that the plates of the steamship "Balmain," condemned by the New Zealand surveyors as unsafe (and endorsed by a Royal Commission), were in his opinion quite safe, because they had a backing of cement?

(2.) Will he inquire what his standard of safety is?

(3.) Does he approve of ships going to sea carrying passengers, &c., with hulls perforated in parts, because they have cement inside sufficient to prevent the waves breaking through?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) At the hearing of the case of the steamship "Balmain" before the Royal Commission, Mr. Shirra did state that certain plates in her counter were quite safe, because they had a backing of

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of cement. A report of this case can be read in the Commissioner's Report and Minutes of Evidence (page 20, thirtieth line from foot). His words were: "Cement in the position it was in is equally good as iron to keep out the water. It is not so in the bottom of a ship, because the ship may take the ground."

(2.) Mr. Shirra states:—"In determining the standard of safety for a particular vessel under survey, I am guided by the rules and regulations of the Board of Trade for passenger steamers. Where these are silent I am guided by my own knowledge and experience—a sea-going experience of over twenty-five years, during which time I have encountered a fair share of the accidents and perils of the sea—and by my practical acquaintance with the details, methods, and materials of ship construction and repair, and with the standard authorities on these matters."

(3.) No.

(8.) Mercadool Pastoral Licenses:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Macdonald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the holders of the Mercadool pastoral license, consisting of some 30,000 acres of land, have forfeited their holding by refusing to pay the rent?

(2.) If this is so, what steps does he propose to take to place the land in occupation, and so prevent the area from becoming a menace to the surrounding district by the breeding of rabbits and other noxious vermin and weeds?

(3.) Have any other pastoral licenses been abandoned in a similar manner?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) Notice has been given by the holders that it is not intended to renew the occupation license of 29,526 acres.

(2 and 3.) Notice has also been given by the holders that it is not their intention to renew the occupation licenses of Hunthawang, 117,280 acres, and West Bogan No. 1, 4,916 acres, preferential occupation licenses, and I am now considering what are the best means to get the land under some form of tenure, bearing in mind the matter referred to in Question No. 2 asked by the Honorable Member. I am afraid I shall eventually have to get rid of it under improvement lease if I can get anyone fool enough to take it.

(9.) Byalla Estate Land Exchange:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state a definite day when the Byalla exchange will be open to the public to be taken up under the different forms of settlement under which it is proposed the said land shall be disposed of?

Mr. Crick answered,—I will be in a position to give the date on Thursday next.

(10.) Norah Creek Road leading to Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Department in answer to a complaint submitted by Dr. Ross, some few weeks back, from Mr. W. J. Cahill, Secretary, Pine Vale Progress Association, at Dilga, respecting the dangerous state of the road from Major Egglestone's, on the main Norah Creek Road, leading to Molong, parish of The Gap, county of Gordon; and can he say when the resurvey and necessary deviations of the road, asked for by the Pine Vale Progress Association, are likely to be carried into effect in the interests of settlers and the convenience of the traveling public?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—I am informed that this matter is being dealt with by the Department of Lands.

(11.) Public Works submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:—

Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many public works are now before the Public Works Committee for report that have not yet been dealt with?

(2.) How many have been submitted to them to report on from their appointment to date?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—The Secretary to the Committee has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) One, the inquiry respecting which has not yet been opened; ten, the inquiries respecting which are not quite complete.

(2.) Thirty-five.

(12.) Effect of Sun Spots on the Weather:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) In view of the diversity of opinion that prevails in regard to "sun spots affecting the weather," as expressed in a series of letters that have lately appeared in the metropolitan papers, especially bearing on the present phenomenal and unseasonable state of the weather, will he endeavour to obtain from the Acting Government Astronomer a report, or his opinion astronomical, meteorological, or otherwise, on this all-engrossing and important question, as it seriously affects the prospects of the approaching harvest?

(2.) Will he ascertain whether the present phenomenal meteorological changes occurring in the Austral or southern clime are subject in any way to meteorological conditions arising in the Northern Hemisphere, or *vice versa*; if so, how these phenomenal meteorological changes and phenomenal perturbations are to be accounted for by past experience and statistical records?

(3.) Will he also ascertain whether molecular or atmospheric activity and phenomenal changes which have of late occurred in the weather are due in any way to magnetic earth currents transmitted or affected by solar rays; if so, does the direction of such magnetic currents arise from north to south or from south to north?

Mr. Perry answered,—I have obtained a report that—

(1.) Great diversity of opinion prevails on this matter, but that the experience of past years affords no general rule for determining the resulting weather when the maximum or minimum of sun spots occur. Dry and wet weather are coincident at both stages of the solar disturbances.

(2.) This was replied to on 28th October, 1903.

(3.) This question has engaged able minds, and there is a very great variation of opinion among scientists on the point. The question of direction of earth currents has not been fully proved.

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## 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Railway Purposes at Tarrion.
- (2.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1903.
- (3.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1903. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extension of Hopetoun Avenue, Vacluse.
- (2.) Regulations and Forms under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Woollahra. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (2.) Report of the National Park Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1903. Ordered to be printed.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gormly (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House for the remainder of the present Session. Question put and passed.6. C. R. WYTHES' CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AND CONDITIONAL LEASE, MOLONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, maps, documents, together with the decision of the Land Board and Land Appeal Court, also the ruling delivered by the Supreme Court on the 13th November, 1903, on an application made by L. N. Smith for a mandamus to compel the Land Appeal Court to state a case for the decision of the Full Court in the case of C. R. Wythes' holding, portions 203 and 209, comprising conditional purchase 1902-42 and conditional lease 1902-19, Molong, parish of Gregra, county of Ashburnham. Question put and passed.7. SYDNEY HARBOUR COLLIERIES (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garland, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Garland then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public streets and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public street and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 24th November, 1903.*8. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (LEASING) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to give the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners extended powers of leasing.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to give the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners extended powers of leasing,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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## 9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Property Detention Bill; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until To-morrow.
- (2.) Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—until To-morrow.
- (3.) Bread Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*];—until Thursday next.
- (4.) Claim of John Wesley Pidgeon for refund of Deposit under the Electoral Act; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark,—
  - "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Wesley Pidgeon, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.
  - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Evans, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover";—until Friday next.

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(5.) Tolls on Punts; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, "That, in the opinion of this House,—

"(1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free access over bridges.

"(2.) The promise of the Honorable the Minister for Works to abolish tolls on punts should be given effect to at once"—until Thursday next.

(6.) Public Places Advertisements Bill; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, "That this Bill be now read a second time;—until To-morrow.

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

(1.) Sydney Diocesan Revenues Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

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F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Friendly Societies (Amending) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Act, 1901*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 24th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir John See, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

11. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL :—Mr. Ashton, on behalf of Mr. Briner, the Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 11th September, 1903, a.m., together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

12. MONEYS ACCRUING TO THE STATE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT :—Mr. Meagher moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable for the consolidation of public credit that all moneys accruing to the State from the Federal Government under the Braddon "clause" should be placed in a sinking fund for the reduction and redemption of loans.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "clause" the words "and all revenue derived in future from the alienation of the public estate."

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

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Crick submitted that the amendment was irrelevant and beyond the scope of the original motion.

Mr. Speaker supported the objection, and ruled the amendment out of order.

Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business only proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 27th August, 1903.

13. REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to submit the question of the reduction of the number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to a referendum; and for purposes consequent on or incidental to that object*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL :—Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said 'Act.'"

Mr. Fegan moved, That the Question be amended by adding after the word "Act," the words "also a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain

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“ industrial disputes and other matters referred to it ; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court ; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders ; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects ; also, a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes.”

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Moore submitted that the amendment was irrelevant, and, further, that it was out of order, the motion of urgency for the suspension of the Standing Orders, in reference to the Bills referred to, not having been first passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker thought it would be wiser to follow the usual course and declare it to be urgent that the Standing Orders be suspended to permit of the passing through all their stages at one sitting of the two Bills referred to in the amendment.

Original Question put and passed.

#### 15. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Crick moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes, be passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.

Mr. Crick then moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Crick, *on behalf of* Sir John See, moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes.

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

- (3.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales ; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900 ; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered (after Debate) to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the Day

#### 16. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (ADDITIONAL COURT) BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Fegan moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it ; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such court ; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders ; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects, be passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Fegan then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it ; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such court ; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders ; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Affleck moved, “ That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put.



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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Garland,
Sir John See,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Archer,		Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Dacey,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Nielsen.	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Rose,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Barnes,		Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Levien,		Mr. Mackenzie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,		Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Gillies,		Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Sullivan,		Mr. Coleman,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to constitute an additional Court of Arbitration for the hearing and determination of certain industrial disputes and other matters referred to it; to define the jurisdiction and powers of such Court; to provide for the enforcement of its awards and orders; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to those objects.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Dacey,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Levy,
Sir John See,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Gormly,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Millard,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Pyers,	Mr. Carruthers.	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Burgess.
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Gillies.	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nelson,		Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McCoy,		Mr. Coleman.
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Rose,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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18. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Crick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.

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

(2.) Mr. Crick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Bill be printed and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1903, A.M.

Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Gloucester Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. MacMahon,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Macdonald,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Estell,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Price,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Bruncker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time,—put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed.*Mr. Crick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, and to provide for the resumption of land for the purposes of the said Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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## 19. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Gloucester, Mr. Price, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Evans,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Davis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham.
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Millard,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Fallick,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

(2.)

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(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1903, to the 30th day of June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1902-1903,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, inclusive of both dates; and to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1902-3; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1903, to the 30th day of June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1902-1903,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, inclusive of both dates; and to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense' for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1902-3; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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## 20. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Waddell, *passed*.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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## 21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

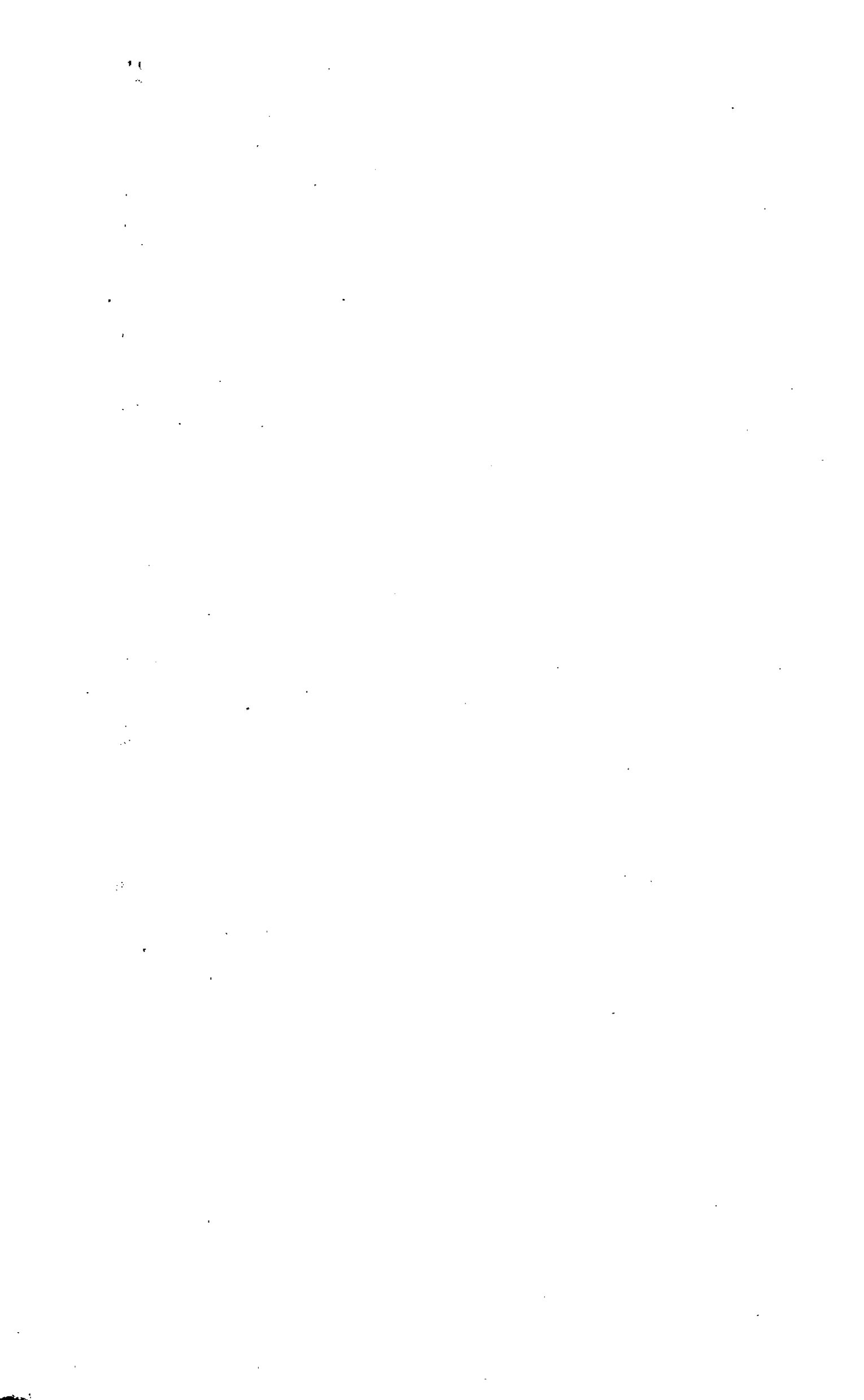
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Federal Government House, Sydney :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) What has been the total cost of (a) alterations, additions, and improvements at State Government House since its vacation by the State Governor; (b) furnishings, plate, and other accessories?  
 (2.) Has the Federal Government paid these charges, or has the State Government done so?  
 (3.) If the State has paid, is it the intention of the Government to make application to the Federal Government for the amount in question?

Sir John See answered,—

- (1.) I presume the honorable gentleman means the Federal Government House, Sydney. This information will be furnished in the form of a return.  
 (2 and 3.) The matter is still under consideration.

- (2.) Overtime Pay to Employees in Taxation Department :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that some fifty officers from different branches of the Taxation Department are compelled to work from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. on the issue of the 1903 Land Tax accounts, without compensation for overtime; and if this be a correct statement, will he see whether some special consideration cannot be paid these officers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed by the Taxation Commissioners that it has always been found necessary, at this time of the year, that a number of officers of the Taxation Department should work late in connection with the issue of land-tax assessments for the year current. The officers are worked on alternate nights; tea-money is paid in all cases; and the Commissioners propose, as they did last year, to allow such officers a few days' extra leave at Christmas time to compensate them for overtime worked.

- (3.) Relief Works in the Yass, Boorowa, and Queanbeyan Electorates :—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the returns ordered by this House on the 9th September last, respecting relief works in the Queanbeyan, Boorowa and Yass Electorates be laid upon the Table, and will he propose that the same be printed when laying them upon the Table?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—Before the Session closes I will lay the return asked for upon the Table of this House.

- (4.) Manufacture of Butter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is he likely to lay upon the Table of this House the return in reference to the manufacture of butter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, referred to in the reply to the Questions asked by Dr. Ross (No. 3) on the 1st October last?

Mr. Kidd answered,—The return will be laid upon the Table to-morrow, if possible.

- (5.) Examination of Candidates for the Public Service :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the reason that pupils who have passed the Senior and Junior University Examinations, and received a pass certificate from the University, are compelled to again submit themselves to a further examination when applying to be admitted into the Public Service?

(2.) Will he see that some steps are taken to allow pupils, who have passed the University Examination and obtained their certificate on the subjects in which they have passed, to apply for appointments in the Public Service without being compelled to undergo a further examination?

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Mr. Kidd answered,—The Public Service Act provides that admission to the Clerical and Professional Divisions of the Service shall be by competitive examination. It is, therefore, necessary that a special examination should be held at which all candidates compete under equal conditions, and under these circumstances University or other certificates of qualification cannot be accepted.

- (6.) Collection of Federal Electoral Rolls :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia allow any extra pay to the Police Force of New South Wales for collecting the Electoral Rolls and distributing electors' rights in the State of New South Wales; if so, how much; or how are the police remunerated for the extra work they have to perform when taken away from services belonging to the State?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer informs me that the Commonwealth Government have undertaken to defray the cost of the collection, by the police, of their lists of electors, but not for distributing electors' rights, which is entirely a State matter. It is part of the duty of the police to collect the State Electoral Lists during July of each year. Foot and mounted police are allowed 2s. and 1s. per day extra, respectively, when distributing electors' rights.

- (7.) Cotton-growing Industry in New South Wales :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In what respect is the valuable industry of the development of cotton-growing in the State of New South Wales encouraged or fostered by the Department or Government?
  - (2.) Is the industry of cotton-growing carried on to any great extent in the State of New South Wales at any of the model or agricultural farms; if so, what quantity, if any, is produced yearly, and the value of the same?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) The Department has issued a number of pamphlets on the subject of cotton-growing.
- (2.) The industry is not carried on in this State in a commercial manner, either by private persons or at the Government Experimental Farms. At the latter places, small experimental crops have been grown at different times.

- (8.) Railway Traffic and Revenue at Lithgow :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity, in tons, of coal and coke was sent from Lithgow Valley for the twelve months ending October last?
  - (2.) What was the number of tons of material received in Lithgow by Sandford & Co., and what tonnage did the same firm send away for the period of twelve months up to October last?
  - (3.) What was the sum total paid to the Railway Department in each case?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.

- (9.) Field of Mars Tramway :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that people were induced to purchase land and settle on the Field of Mars Common on the representation that a rail or tram communication should be extended to them?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the present Minister, when opportunity presents itself, to fulfil the pledges given by a previous Government, which caused such a large area of land to be purchased on such common?
  - (3.) In view of the introduction and extension of the electric system in regard to tram traffic, will he consider whether it would not be advisable to utilise the rolling-stock, including motors, no longer necessary in connection with the city traffic, in extending lines into districts embraced within the Field of Mars?

Mr. O'Sullivan answered,—

- (1.) I believe so.
- (2.) Yes, when funds are available.
- (3.) This is a matter for the Railway Commissioners to consider. This is the only Government that ever recognised the moral obligation referred to, and I think it is binding on any Government. We have already carried out the first section, and will complete that line when more funds are available.

- (10.) Field of Mars :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How long is it since the late James Squire Farnell, as the Minister for Lands, caused the Field of Mars to be thrown open for purchase by public auction?
  - (2.) What has been the gross amount received by the Lands Department from purchases within the area of the Field of Mars to date?
  - (3.) What is the total of unpaid balances in regard to any such purchases?

Mr. Crick answered,—

- (1.) The first offer was on the 26th September, 1885.
- (2 and 3.) The information will be given in the form of a return to-morrow.

- (11.) Art Classes at Sydney Technical College :—Mr. Oakes asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the cost of conducting the art classes at Sydney Technical College (exclusive of lithographic and photographic classes)?
  - (2.) The salary paid to each instructor in the art classes?
  - (3.) The cost of conducting the following art classes :—Life, still life, black and white, sketching, plant drawing (the estimate to cover salaries, cost of hiring models, lighting, and all other charges appertaining thereto)?
  - (4.) The average number of students attending the classes during the year?
  - (5.) The amount received annually in fees?
  - (6.) The number of hours the above classes are held per week?

Mr. Perry answered,—This information will take some time to prepare. I shall be happy to furnish it if moved for in the usual way.

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- (12.) Railway Employees and the Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he ascertain whether railway employees can join the Superannuation Fund, under Clause 52, and participate in the benefits of this Act?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—This Question is not understood. Perhaps it can be recast.

- (13.) Hire of Water Meters:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
 (1.) When is it the intention of the Water and Sewerage Board to cease charging for the hire of water meters that the public have to use?  
 (2.) Is he aware that the Australian Gaslight Company, who originally charged £1 a year for hire of meters, have long ceased to make any charge for same, and that they are a private company?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—The Secretary of the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) Even if the Board so desired, the law does not permit of meters being supplied by them free of charge to consumers.  
 (2.) In the case of gas supply, every consumer must use a meter. This is not so with water, which may be used for all domestic purposes without meter. If, therefore, it were decided to supply meters free of rental, a proportion of their cost would become a charge upon those consumers who do not require meters, which would be inequitable.

- (14.) Relief for the Unemployed:—*Mr. Whiddon* asked the Colonial Secretary,—As Parliament will probably be closed before December, and as an effort is generally made to afford all relief possible in the shape of work for unemployed men at Christmas time, will the Government bear in mind the necessity for doing something to as far as possible relieve any acute distress that may arise from want of work?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Government is at all times anxious to do what it can to assist deserving cases of distress. Everything possible will be done to alleviate necessitous cases.

- (15.) Retirement of *Mr. Bulfin* from Callan Park:—*Mr. Law* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Bulfin* worked in the capacity of attendant at Callan Park for thirty years?  
 (2.) Is it true that at the end of that time, and when only 55 years of age, he was forced to retire?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that he promised *Mr. Bulfin*, about a fortnight ago, that he would see that he received satisfaction?  
 (4.) Has he inquired into the matter; and, if so, will he state the result of his inquiry in reference thereto?

*Sir John See* answered,—*Bulfin* was an attendant at Callan Park for twenty years, and at other hospitals, prior to that, for ten years. He was not competent to discharge the duties of Charge Attendant, and was about to be placed in a less responsible position at a reduced salary when he was given the option of retirement in anticipation of the retiring age of 60 years, with the full leave of absence to which he would be entitled, viz., nine months on full pay, equal to a retiring allowance of £105, an option which he selected. This leave was completed on 30th June last. *Mr. P. Sullivan, M.P.*, has seen me on this matter, and the question is still under consideration.

- (16.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—  
 (1.) Is it correct that the following circular has been issued to the Chairmen of District Boards for "Old-age Pensions:—"*Sir*,—I have the honor to inform you that it has been ruled that the "property which a pensioner has at the date of the original claim must, in the absence of any "increase, be held to be his property throughout his pension life, it being held that a pensioner "should not divest himself of property to obtain a pension or increase the amount of a pension; "and that, although the property may decrease in value, no portion of it should be alienated. In "view of such ruling, the attached Board Certificate, on which the value of the property is shown "as less than that of the previous year, is returned, with the request that you will be so good as to "invite the District Board to review their decision in regard to the amount of such pension. "(Signed) F. B. CLEGG, Registrar" ?  
 (2.) Is personal property and money in Government Savings Banks included in the above ruling?  
 (3.) By whom, and on what date, was the ruling above referred to given?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—I am informed that it has been ruled as stated, the only exceptions made being in cases where a pensioner has used his capital to meet expenses consequent on illness. It is considered a reasonable and proper interpretation of the law that the action of a pensioner in reducing the amount of his property should not operate to secure for him an increased pension. The Central Board has heard of many instances of pensioners squandering their means, but the immediate occasion of its ruling was the case of a man who was possessed of money in a bank and expended a considerable portion of it on a trip to England, and returning to Australia, demanded an increased pension to accord with his reduced means. The ruling applies to all property.

- (17.) Release from Gaol of *George Abbott*, or *Havord*:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the youth, *George Abbott*, or *Havord*, who was released from gaol at the instance of the Members for *The Tweed and Redfern*, without serving the month's sentence, thus casting a reflection on the Stipendiary Magistrate, is the same youth who was fined on the 7th instant for drunkenness?  
 (2.) Is it a fact he was again before the Magistrate for obscene language on or about the 12th instant, and what was the result?

*Sir John See* answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—One *George Havord* was, on the 23rd September last, sentenced to one month's

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imprisonment by Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., for playing a game of chance, to wit, "two-up" in Alberta-street, Sydney. The same person, under the name of George Abbott, was, on the 6th instant, fined 10s. or three days' imprisonment by Mr. Donaldson, for being drunk and disorderly in Liverpool-street, Sydney; a second charge of using indecent language in Liverpool-street, Sydney, being remanded to the 13th instant. On the latter date, he was fined £1 or seven days' imprisonment by Mr. Smithers, S.M., on the charge of indecent language.

(18.) Voting under the Reduction of Members Referendum Act:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the voting in connection with the proposed Referendum be taken in the Federal polling-booths?
- (2.) What arrangements have been made with the Federal Government in reference to taking the Referendum votes?
- (3.) Will the ballot-papers be handed out and collected by State or Federal officials?
- (4.) Will the votes be counted by State or Federal officials?
- (5.) If all the work in connection with taking the Referendum is performed by Federal officials, will he consider whether it will not be a usurpation of the duties of State officials?

Sir John See answered,—The Chief Electoral Officer has furnished the following answers:—

- (1.) Yes; as provided by the Reduction of Members Referendum Act.
- (2.) The machinery for the election of Senators will be at the disposal of the State Government for taking the Referendum votes.
- (3.) The ballot-papers will be handed out by the Returning Officers, who will make them up in parcels, and seal and transmit them to the Returning Officer for the State.
- (4.) The votes will be counted by a State official—the Returning Officer for the State, assisted by two scrutineers, viz.:—the Auditor-General, Mr. Vernon, and the Government Statistician, Mr. Coghlan.
- (5.) All officials engaged in the conduct of the election of Senators will be engaged for the purpose of taking the Referendum vote.

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Harbour Bridge Advisory Board, on the Designs and Tenders submitted in connection with the proposed Bridge over Sydney Harbour to connect Sydney with North Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—Public Service List for the year 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED—MATTER OF URGENCY:—Mr. Eden George moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the discussion forthwith of a motion, without Notice, affirming the expediency of work being provided for the destitute unemployed to tide them over the Christmas period of the year.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cohen,  
Dr. Ross,  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Carruthers,  
Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Moore,  
Mr. Edon George,  
Mr. Brunner,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Law,  
Mr. Ferguson,  
Mr. Carroll,  
Mr. Fleming,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Broughton,  
Mr. Nobbs,  
Mr. Mackenzie,  
Mr. Price,  
Mr. Winchcombe,  
Mr. Gilbert,  
Mr. Dick,  
Mr. Levy.

Tellers,

Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Phillips.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Coleman,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Affleck,  
Mr. Willis,  
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Nielsen,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Kidd,  
Mr. Perry,  
Mr. Hayes,  
Sir John See,  
Mr. O'Sullivan,  
Mr. Henry Clarke,  
Mr. Levien,  
Mr. E. M. Clark,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Dacey,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Quinn,  
Mr. Raymond,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. McFarlane,  
Mr. Crick,  
Mr. McLaurin,

Mr. Richards,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Macdonell,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Briusley Hall,  
Mr. Clara,  
Mr. Collins,  
Mr. Gillies,  
Mr. Byrne,  
Mr. T. H. Griffith,  
Mr. Gormly,  
Mr. J. F. Smith,  
Mr. Pyers,  
Mr. W. F. Hurley,  
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,  
Mr. Macdonald.

Tellers,  
Mr. Sullivan,  
Mr. Dight.

And so it passed in the negative.



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## 4. ADJOURNMENT :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Botany, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The unnecessary delay in constructing a "tramway to Kurri Kurri."

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

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

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Gillies asked that this motion be ruled out of order as anticipating a notice of motion given by the Secretary for Public Works this evening.

Mr. Speaker, having been assured that this line was identical with that mentioned in the notice given this evening, ruled the motion out of order.

(2.) Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That in accordance with the authority given in subsection (d) of the 49th Standing Order, a second motion for the adjournment of the House be now entertained. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Carroll,	
Mr. Winchcombe,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Dick,	

Noes, 44.

Dr. Ross,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Dacey,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. T. H. Griffith,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. D. R. Hall,
Mr. Daniel O'Connor,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Crick,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dight.
Mr. McLaurin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Young,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## 5: PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY'S ESTATE—MATTER OF URGENCY :—

Mr. Price moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as will preclude the discussion forthwith of a motion, without Notice, concerning the proposed resumption of the Australian Agricultural Company's Estate and the negotiations relating thereto.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Crick pointed out that the Honorable Member, Mr. Price, had stated that he had, this evening, handed in a Notice of Motion for the adjournment of the House to deal with this matter, which, however, had not been drawn from the box; and as the House had decided that no second motion should be entertained, it had practically affirmed that it would not consider the notice of the Honorable Member. He therefore submitted that it would not be in order for the Honorable Member, under the provisions of another Standing Order, to ask the House to do what it had already refused, by vote, to do.

Mr. Speaker said the point was both novel and important, and would require careful consideration before being ruled upon. He would not, however, rule to-night, but expressed his opinion that, so far as he had gone, the Honorable Member was not out of order.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Millard,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mortou,
Mr. Fleming.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Gilbert.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Willis,	Mr. Elden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Meagher,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Clara,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. T. H. Griffith
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Affleck,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. Waddell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Gillies,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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6. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDING) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir John See moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir John See, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir John See, passed.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Act, 1901.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies (Further Amendment) Act, 1901*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th November, 1903.

8. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Eden George asked that the Bill be ruled out of order, as it exceeded the Order of Leave, clause 6 giving power to invest deposits in the purchase of land and buildings, a power not contained in the Principal Act.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he had listened carefully to the arguments adduced. Under the Order of Leave, any clause of the Principal Act could be amended, and clause 6 only amended clause 14 of the Principal Act, which provided for the investment of the deposits. The point of order could not be sustained.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Daniel O'Connor,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. John Storey,
Sir John See,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Archer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Quinn,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Dacey.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Wade,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. David Storey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Rose,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Mr. Waddell moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Mr. Garland, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Young,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. McGowen,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Dick.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney—Fitzroy Division, Mr. Levy, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Byrne,
Sir John See,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Meagher.
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Nielsen,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Gilbert,	
Mr. Law,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Crick moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Estell,
Sir John See,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. McFarlane,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Garland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Coleman,	

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

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Pyers,
Sir John See,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Alexander Campbell,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. W. F. Hurley,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Byrne,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Quirk,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Dight,	

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Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Garland,	<i>Teller,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Phillips.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Coleman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nicholson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. M'Farlane,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. M'Gowen,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Alexander Campbell.
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Richards.
Mr. Quirk,	

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Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Oakes,
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Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Levy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Affleck.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Price,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. USE OF PRESERVATIVE AND COLOURING MATTERS IN FOOD:—Mr. Levien, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 20th August, 1903, together with Appendix.

Mr. Levien then moved, That the document be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Quirk,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Young,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Storey,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Nielsen,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Affleck,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Coleman,
Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Mahony.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

## (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1903, to the 30th day of June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1902-3,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, inclusive of both dates; and to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense' for urgent claims on account of Services of the Year 1902-3; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

## (2.) Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

## (3.) Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) to drive two headings to cross underneath certain public streets and private lands at Balmain, and under the reserved portion of lands surrounding Goat Island,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTOR,  
President.

## 11. POSTPONEMENT: Sir John See moved, That Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of Government Business be postponed till after Order No. 7.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crick moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honourable Member for Newcastle East, Mr. Dick, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Nelson,
Sir John See,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O Sullivan,	Mr. Pyers,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGowen
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Nielsen,	Tellers,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. MacFarlane.
Mr. Richards,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Millard,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. Cohen,	Tellers,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Brunner,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. McCoy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honourable Member for Tamworth, Mr. Garland, be not further heard.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Perry,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Richards,
Sir John See,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Nielsen.
Mr. Kidd,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Coleman,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Garland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hogue,	
Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Latimer,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Petersham, Mr. Cohen, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dight,
Sir John See,	Mr. Byrne,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Quirk,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. McLaurin,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Fleming.
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Wood,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Phillips,	
Mr. Affleck,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Gilbert,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of Government Business be postponed till after Order No. 7,—and passed.

12. NATIVE ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect native animals*,"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th November, 1903, a.m.*

13. COMMERCIAL CAUSES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick (*with the concurrence of the House*) the report was adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be read a third time, at a later hour of the day.

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14. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Crick then moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902,*"

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney 26th November, 1903, a.m.*

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir John See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

M. H. STEPHEN,

Message No. 73.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the election of Senators for New South Wales; to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Elections Act, 1900; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 26th November, 1903.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Byalla Estate Land Exchange:—Mr. Affleck asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state a definite day when the Byalla exchange will be open to the public to be taken up under the different forms of settlement under which it is proposed the said land shall be disposed of?

Mr. Crick answered,—4th February, 1904.

(2.) Norah Creek Road leading to Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Department in answer to a complaint submitted by Dr. Ross, some few weeks back, from Mr. W. J. Cahill, Secretary, Pine Vale Progress Association, at Dilga, respecting the dangerous state of the road from Major Egglestone's, on the main Norah Creek Road, leading to Molong, parish of The Gap, county of Gordon; and can he say when the resurvey and necessary deviations of the road, asked for by the Pine Vale Progress Association, are likely to be carried into effect in the interests of settlers and the convenience of the travelling public?

Mr. Crick answered,—No; the Acting District Surveyor states that his inspection has not yet been made, owing to pressure of work in other localities, and that his first opportunity of visiting the locality was lost through the Secretary of the Progress Association not being able to return illustrative map in time for him to inspect when at Molong. He expects, however, to make the necessary inspection early next month.

(3.) Estates offered for Closer Settlement:—Mr. Barnes, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he state the number, the names, the area, and the price per acre of the estates offered to the Government for closer settlement since the passing of the Closer Settlement Act of 1901?

(2.) How many of the estates so offered have been resumed by the Government?

(3.) If any, will he state the names?

Mr. Crick answered,—

(1.) The required details are given in the return which I will lay upon the Table of this House.

(2 and 3.) No resumption has yet been made.

(4.) Re-employment of Retrenched Public Servants:—Mr. Nobbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he consider the advisability of conferring with the Public Service Board with a view, in the interests of the State, of the re-employment of eligible retrenched public servants when suitable vacancies arise in the Service?

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Sir John See answered,—The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has furnished me with the following reply:—"The Public Service Board inform me that they have, wherever practicable, recommended the re-employment of retrenched officers, and that during the past few years many such have been reappointed to the Service as suitable opportunities arose. With regard, however, to the reappointment of officers retired on pensions, the Board state that there are difficulties in the way which have been pointed out by them to the Colonial Treasurer."

- (5.) Tank Stream Low-Level Sewerage at Circular Quay:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the low-level sewerage dealing with the Tank Stream at the Circular Quay is not capable to deal with the suppression of the nuisance there; and, if so, what steps does he intend to take in the interests of public health to suppress such nuisance?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—No, there is no nuisance or menace to public health in connection with the low-level sewerage at Circular Quay. The low-level pumping station there has been in operation a little over four months, and has intercepted and satisfactorily pumped into the gravitation sewer 18,250,000 gallons of crude sewage which would otherwise, as in the past, have been discharged into the harbour at Circular Quay. This sewage is now discharged into the ocean at Bondi.

- (6.) Collection of Land Tax in connection with Railways:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Lands,—  
(1.) Has the Lands Department enforced and collected the land tax under the following Acts, viz., Railway from The Rock to Green's Gully, Koorawatha to Grenfell, and Byrock to Brewarrina?  
(2.) If not, why not; and when will the Department begin to collect the tax according to law?  
(3.) Is he aware, when this Question was asked before at the Treasury, the Railway Commissioners stated, "The Acts authorising the lines referred to provide for the collection of the tax by the Lands Department"?

*Mr. Crick* answered,—Before notices can be issued with a view to the collection of the tax, necessary registers must be prepared. They are now in hand.

- (7.) Buildings for Police Department:—*Mr. Affleck* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In connection with the Question asked by *Mr. Affleck*, on the 30th September last, No. 5 in the "Votes and Proceedings,"—

(1.) Has he yet received the report of the surveyor who was then taking measurements to see if the erection of the police buildings in Hunter and Phillip Streets were being erected in accordance with the plans for the same?

(2.) Will he state the substance of that report, or will he lay the report upon the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members?

*Mr. O'Sullivan* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There will be no objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (8.) Trustees of the National Art Gallery:—*Mr. Jessop*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What amount of money have the Trustees of the National Art Gallery power to spend annually on works of arts produced locally or offered for purchase locally?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—The Trustees have it in their power to spend such amounts from the Statutory Endowment as they deem advisable for the encouragement of local works of art.

- (9.) Associates of the Technical College:—*Mr. Jessop*, for *Mr. Oakes*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the various managements of *Mr. Bridges*, *Mr. Maiden*, and *Dr. Morris*, at the Technical College, Associates of the College were allowed to attend any course of lectures free of charge?

(2.) Is it a fact that under the present management of *Mr. Cooper*, he will not allow students who are Associates that privilege?

(3.) Will he give instructions so as to allow those students who are Associates the privileges that the Associateship has always previously carried?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—

(1.) Under the first Superintendent's management there were no Associates, but a rule was introduced allowing students who subsequently acquired that distinction to attend one course of lectures free of charge. This is still the practice.

(2.) The privilege above mentioned is allowed, but not an extension of it, for which a claim was advanced.

(3.) In my reply to the Honorable Member on the 22nd October, I stated that I could not grant the privilege of attending all lectures free of charge, but would continue the right to the Associate to select a complete course in any one department.

- (10.) Issue of Gold-Dredging Leases to *Mr. C. L. Garland*:—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that *Mr. Charles L. Garland* was the pioneer of the now important gold and mineral dredging industry in this State—he being the first to approach the Government with the scheme to dredge the old abandoned river beds for gold, and the first to build a dredge to demonstrate the practicability of the system, and has expended over £20,000 in wages and plant on the ground applied for?

(2.) Is he aware that various Ministers of the Department of Mines and several Governments have promised *Mr. Garland* a good title at a nominal rental for the area he first applied for, by way of recognition of his enterprise and example?

(3.) Is he aware that the last Legislative Assembly passed a Bill enabling the then Minister to carry out these promises to *Mr. Garland*, and that such Bill was blocked by a prorogation, and that the then

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then Premier, Sir William Lyne, told the House that he would be willing to put a substantial sum on the Estimates, in recognition of the serviceable work Mr. Garland had done in developing the mining industry?

- (4.) Is he aware that, when this Parliament was last in Session, a second Bill was passed by large majorities, enabling the Minister to carry out the many promises made to Mr. Garland?
- (5.) Is he aware that the Legislative Council altered the purport of that Bill by making Mr. Garland's applications for leases applications for leases under the Dredging Act of 1899 and its amending Act, and that strong protests were made in this Chamber at the treatment of that Bill by the Council?
- (6.) Is he aware that, after waiting four years for the fulfilment of departmental and ministerial promises, Mr. Garland's applications for leases are still only applications, and that departmental demands are being made on him for retrospective rents and royalties going back to 1899?
- (7.) Is he aware that two eminent barristers have given opinions that, under the Gold Dredging Leases Modification Act, even as amended by the Council, Mr. Garland should get his leases, and that rent can only be charged from the date of the issue of such leases?
- (8.) Is it true that the Government are willing and anxious to give effect to the expressed will of this House, and to keep faith with Mr. Garland, and that it is only because of a legal opinion given by the Attorney-General that they have not done so?
- (9.) Is it intended to put Mr. Garland to the cost of a lawsuit against the Crown in order to get his title under the Gold Dredging Awards Modification Act?
- (10.) If not, will the Government issue the leases to Mr. Garland, and refund the amount which he is advised he has paid the Government in excess of legal demands?
- (11.) If not, what does the Government intend to do in the matter?

Mr. Kidd answered,—

- (1.) I have been informed that Mr. Garland was the first to introduce dredging into this State, but I have no knowledge as to the amount expended by him in wages and plant.
- (2.) Promises have been made by various Ministers to grant him some relief for his enterprise.
- (3.) A Bill did pass the second reading in the Legislative Assembly in 1901, but was subsequently withdrawn. I am not aware that Sir William Lyne promised to put a substantial sum on the Estimates to reward Mr. Garland.
- (4 and 5.) During the last Session, a Bill was passed by the Assembly granting certain concessions to Mr. Garland, but it was considerably modified by the Legislative Council.
- (6.) The applications are still pending, but leases have not yet been issued.
- (7.) I understand that Mr. Garland has obtained Counsel's opinion as to the interpretation of the Bill passed last Session.
- (8.) The Government has offered certain concessions to Mr. Garland, but, so far, he has not accepted them.
- (9.) That is a matter for Mr. Garland to decide for himself as to what further action he deems it necessary to take in his own interests.
- (10 and 11.) The Government has offered to issue the leases in conformity with the Act passed last Session.

(11.) Mr. R. Clancy's Contract for Supply of Meat to the Little Bay Hospital:—*Mr. Eden George*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. R. Clancy, of the City Butchery, George-street North, is purveyor of meat to the Little Bay Hospital?
- (2.) Is it a fact that delay has arisen in the payment of Mr. Clancy's account?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, in consequence of Mr. Clancy demanding payment of the account, the Government have withdrawn their patronage from him?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) He was.
- (2.) Mr. Clancy presented an incorrect voucher on 4th November, which was not corrected by him until a few days ago. It was paid on the 24th instant.
- (3.) No. Mr. Clancy having failed to fulfil the conditions of his contract was twice fined; and, on occurrence of a third offence, his contract was cancelled.

(12.) Vote for Country Fire Brigades:—*Mr. Phillips*, for Mr. Dick, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the whole of the £3,000 passed on the Estimates for country Fire Brigades be distributed during the last half of the present financial year?

Sir John See answered,—Yes.

(13.) Public Baths at Lithgow:—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he prepared to pay to the Municipal Council of Lithgow the £250 promised by him in the last Session of Parliament for the construction of public baths at Lithgow?

Sir John See answered,—Designs for these baths will be prepared and submitted to the Council at an early date, and carried out according to my promise to the Honorable Member.

## 3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Crick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing Estates offered for Closer Settlement under the Closer Settlement Act, 1901.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 59 and 60 under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kidd laid upon the Table,—Particulars respecting the Manufacture of Butter at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws for the Borough of Waverley, under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Public Health (Night-Soil Removal) Act, 1902.
  - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
  - (3.) By-law of the Borough of Goulburn under the Public Health (Night-Soil Removal) Act, 1902.
  - (4.) Amended Regulations and Requisition Forms under the Stamp Duties Act, 1898.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Sir John See laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
  - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Tullyfrome, Tyringham, Oak Park, Old Jeremiah Creek, Warner, Kinilibah, and Upper Manilla.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

#### 4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—

- (1.) Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twentieth Report from the Printing Committee.
  - (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the plans in connection with the Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for the year 1902-3, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th November, 1903, be again referred to the Printing Committee.
- Question put and passed.

#### 5. COMMERCIAL CAUSES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir John See, read a third time, and passed.

Sir John See then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide a more expeditious method for the trial of commercial causes; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide a more expeditious method for the trial of commercial causes; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th November, 1903.*

#### COMMERCIAL CAUSES BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 26th November, 1903.*

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

Page 2, clause 6, line 40. *After "order" omit "the trial to be either with or without a jury, or " that special issues be tried by jury" insert "every cause to be tried without a jury unless " a jury shall be demanded by either party."*

Examined,—

J. F. SMITH,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

#### 6. MASTER IN EQUITY (DEPUTY) BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Crick moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the Master in Equity (Deputy) Bill be passed through all its stages in one day.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Carruthers objected to the form of this motion, and contended that it was not in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order No. 395.

Mr. Speaker said, during the last few days, he had carefully considered the form of the motion to be moved as a matter of urgency under this Standing Order, and, after consulting with the Clerk of the House, had decided that the form of the motion now moved was the proper form.

Question put, and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Crick then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of the Master in Equity (Deputy) Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 142, That the Honorable Member for Sydney-Belmore Division, Mr. Eden George, be not further heard.

Question put.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

26th November, 1903.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Richards,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. MacMahon,
Mr. Quinn,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Alexander Campbell,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Barnes,
Mr. W. F. Hurley,	Sir John See,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Reymond,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Evans,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Archer,	
Mr. Nielsen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Dight.
Mr. Hollis,	

Nocs, 33.

Mr. Garland,	Mr. Meagher,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Carroll,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Millard.
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Fleming,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Rose.
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Afleck,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Coleman,	
Mr. Whiddon,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Phillips,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of the Master in Equity (Deputy) Bill,—and Division called for,—but there not being Tellers on the part of the *Nocs*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Eden George submitted that the Bill, which involved expenditure by the appointment of a Deputy Master in Equity, was out of order, having been originated in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker said that, as custodian of the privileges of this House, it was his duty to examine whether Bills coming from the Council infringed any of those privileges. This Bill had been under his observation, but he did not consider that it infringed upon the privileges of this House.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gormly, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-first Report from the Printing Committee.

8. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 26th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

## GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 26th November, 1903.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "nor exceed a total of three hundred pounds to the credit of any one account except in the case of Friendly and Charitable Societies and Trade Unions."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council, in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

26th November, 1903.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th November, 1903.

9. COMMERCIAL CAUSES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide a more expeditious method for the trial of commercial causes; and for purposes consequent on, or incidental to, that object.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th November, 1903.

F. B. SUTOR,  
President.

10. DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND INSTITUTION VESTING BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Crick moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution Vesting Bill be passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Crick then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution Vesting Bill.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Crick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Crick, the report was adopted.

Mr. Crick then moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Crick, *passed.*

Whereupon Mr. Crick moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain land now belonging to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage in trustees upon the trusts declared in a certain Crown grant of a site for an institution for the deaf and dumb and blind; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land now belonging to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage in trustees upon the trusts declared in a certain Crown grant of a site for an institution for the deaf and dumb and blind; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th November, 1903.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for The Tweed Mr. Meagher, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—"The excessive and disproportionate punishment inflicted upon Mr. Rogers, Mining Manager, in connection with the Mount Kembla Inquiry, and the desirability, on the basis of equity and justice, of a remission of the balance of punishment."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely,—Mr. Archer, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Carroll, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Dick, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Law, Mr. Levy, Mr. Millard, Mr. Price, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Williams,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*



## PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES. }  
to wit.  
(L.S.)  
HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

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

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twelfth day of January next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

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

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN SEE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!





1903.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 1 DECEMBER, 1903.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be again referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of tramway along Abererombie-street, Redfern, to Erskineville.
2. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move,—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting a Hospital for the Insane at Orange.
3. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that the construction of an Electric Tramway from Enmore-road, Marrickville, along Addison-road, Livingstone-road, and New Canterbury road to the Dulwich Hill Tram Terminus, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out as recommended by the said Committee.
4. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of tramway from East to West Maitland, and on to the Stanford Merthyr and Pelaw Main Collieries, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out as recommended by the said Committee.
5. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Erskineville to Bunnerong, near the northern shore of Botany Bay.
6. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Mudgee to Cobborah.
7. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden, respectively, with a view to impounding the flood-waters of the river in connection with the proposed irrigation of lands in Riverina, below Narrandera.
8. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is not expedient that the construction of the line of railway from Cooma, *via* Nimitybelle and Bombala, to Delegate, as referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out, but that the line be carried out as far as Bombala, as recommended by, and subject to the conditions stated by, the said Committee.
9. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.
10. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing works in progress in connection with additions to Prince Alfred Hospital.
11. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Gunning to Koorawatha.
12. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from south bank of the River Murray to Tocumwal.
13. MR. CRICK to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Trust Act, 1897, and the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and to amend and declare the law relating to trusts and trustees of land for public purposes; to provide for the appointment and removal of such trustees; and for purposes incidental thereto.
14. MR. CRICK to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to divest the promoters of certain railways and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their respective estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; to vest certain of the said lands in His Majesty, and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts; to give effect to certain sales and disposals of lands within the said area, and to preserve existing rights of occupation.

15. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of railway from south bank of the River Murray to Wentworth.
16. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that the construction of a double line of electric tramway from Park-street, at the intersection of that street and Elizabeth-street, and proceeding thence *via* Park-street, Yurong-street, Stanley-street, Bourke-street, Burton-street, and Macdonald-street, to Glenmore-road; and thence by Gurner-street, Norfolk-street, Windsor-street, Moncur-street, Queen-street, and Edgecliffe-road to Bellevue Hill, be carried out as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in lieu of the proposed route for a line to Bellevue Hill, from Oxford-street, *via* Glenmore-road, Queen-street (Woollahra), and Edgecliffe-road (Woollahra), referred by the Legislative Assembly to the said Committee.
17. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it is expedient that the construction of a Graving Dock at the Port of Newcastle, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out as recommended by the said Committee.
18. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of extending the northern and southern breakwaters, Tweed River Harbour Works.
19. MR. FEGAN to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to validate the appointment of certain officers of the Miners' Accident Relief Board.
20. MR. CRICK to move, That this House approves of the purchase of the private land known as the Mimosa Estate, under a contract to be made by the Secretary for Lands, being the Minister administering the Closer Settlement Act, 1901, at the price recommended by the Local Land Board of the district in which the said land is situate as the fair value of the said land, subject to the deductions in the said Act mentioned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

1. Liquor Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
2. Industrial Arbitration (Additional Court) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
3. Western Lands (Amendment) Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Crick.*]
4. Sharp Conditional Purchase and Gallery Settlement Lease Validation Bill; second reading [*Mr. Crick.*]
5. Statute Law Revision Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
6. Old-age Pensions (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Habitual Criminals Bill (*Council Bill*), second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
8. Land and Income Tax (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
9. Sydney Harbour (Reclamation Grants) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for vesting in certain persons certain reclaimed lands in the Port of Sydney now held by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; and for other purposes. [*Sir John See.*]
10. Forestry Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, "That this " Bill be now read a second time."
11. State Children's Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
12. Factories and Shops Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Perry.*]
13. Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Perry.*]
14. Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
15. Infant Protection Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Fegan.*]
16. Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading. [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
17. Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill; to be further considered in Committee [*Mr. O'Sullivan.*]
18. Dairy Industry Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
19. Real Property (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
20. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—(*Southern Breakwater, Entrance to Clarence River*); resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That it is expedient " that the work of constructing a Breakwater on the southern side of the entrance to the Clarence " River, as recommended by Sir John Coode and referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee " on Public Works, be carried out with the modification recommended by the said Committee."
21. Companies (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
22. Apportionment Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Sir John See.*]
23. Stock Stealing Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of the stealing of stock, hides, and skins; to regulate the receipt, holding, sale, and other disposal of the same; to regulate the slaughtering and skinning of stock; and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects. [*Mr. Kidd.*]
24. Gun License Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the use of guns and firearms in certain cases. [*Sir John See.*]

25. Fruit Case Bill; second reading. [Mr. Kidd.]
26. Fertilizers Adulteration Bill; second reading. [Mr. Kidd.]
27. Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes. [Mr. Kidd.]
28. District Courts and Small Debts Recovery Act Amending Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
29. Sheriff (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
30. Justices (Fees) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
31. Law of Property Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*), second reading. [Sir John See.]
32. Assignment of Debts and Choses in Action Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
33. Issue of Process at Country Towns Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Mr. Waddell.]
34. Statute of Limitations Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
35. Claims against the Government and Crown Suits (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
36. Justices (Informations) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [Sir John See.]
37. Henry Waite Bequest Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Director of the Government Asylums for the Infirm to pay to the Parramatta District Hospital and the Parramatta Benevolent Society, in equal shares, certain moneys received and receivable by him under the will of the late Henry Waite. [Sir John See.]
38. Vine and Vegetation Diseases Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901. [Mr. Kidd.]
39. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [Mr. Waddell.]
40. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [Mr. Waddell.]

**GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the methods, operation, and effects of the "Coupon System."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Law, Mr. Meagher, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Sleath, and the Mover.
2. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of "A Bill to amend the "Parliamentary Evidence Act in certain particulars."
3. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Totalizator Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
4. MR. PRICE to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - (1.) In view of the consummation of Federation, and the appointment of a representative of the Commonwealth Government in London, and, further, the establishment of State Commercial Agencies in the United Kingdom and other countries, the operation and scope of the Agent-General's Department have been considerably restricted.
  - (2.) The work hitherto carried on by the Agent-General's Department should be transferred to the State Commercial Agency, and the office of State Agent-General be abolished forthwith.
5. MR. SULLIVAN to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the purpose of regulating the erection and occupation of workmen's dwellings.
6. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, documents, and correspondence with reference to the forfeiture of all leases held under mineral conditions by the Garibaldi Gold and Antimony Mining Company.
7. MR. NIELSEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the mining industry demands that competent mining wardens should be appointed, whose sole duty should be to administer the mining laws of the State; and that such wardens, before being appointed, should be required to pass an examination showing their fitness for the position.
8. MR. NIELSEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Mining on Private Lands Act should be amended to provide for the issue of private lands mining licenses, such licenses to entitle the holder thereof to occupy private lands for mining purposes under similar conditions as are prescribed in the mining laws for the occupation of Crown lands by holders of miners' rights, and to provide that the onus of notifying the authority charged with the assessment of damages shall rest with the landowner.
9. MR. PRICE to move, That, in view of the refusal of the Secretary for Lands to furnish for public information the following information, there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
  - (1.) The amount expended for foresters, assistant foresters, forest guards, and other officials in collecting royalties, for the years ending 1900-1, 1901-2, and 1902-3, in the following districts:—(a) Narrabri; (b) South Coast; (c) New England.
  - (2.) The amount of revenue received in payment as royalties for the years ending 1900-1, 1901-2, and 1902-3, for the following districts:—(a) Narrabri; (b) South Coast; (c) New England.

10. MR. PRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the whole of the papers, including Mr. Chief Surveyor Allworth's report, together with all petitions and other documents, in connection with the offer of the Australian Agricultural Company's Estate to the Reid, Lyne, and See Governments.
11. MR. NIELSEN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Abattoir, Glebe Island," brought up on 20th November, 1903, a.m., be now adopted.
12. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) All papers, documents, and agreements connected with the purchase by the Crown of rights alienated by Parliament under the provisions of the Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Private Act of 1881, and also under the Southern Coal Company's Act of later date, together with details of all negotiations regarding any proposed purchase by the Crown of lands upon which such rights operated.
  - (2.) All reports upon the quarries or alleged quarries in the vicinity of Port Kembla, and particulars of the sums expended by the Crown in prospecting or testing such quarries, with dates of such payments, and all correspondence showing at whose instigation such expenditure was asked, and all official action taken thereon.
13. MR. MEAGHER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, no referendum to the people on the question of reduction of Members will be satisfactory except there is also embodied the fuller Constitutional questions: (1) Whether they desire a second chamber; (2) if so, whether on an elective or nominee basis.
14. MR. PRICE to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Agricultural Tenants Holding Act, and such other Statutes as may be necessary in connection therewith.
15. MR. PRICE to move, That the Poisons Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.
16. MR. MOORE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of granting annual leases and other grazing rights on established mining fields, by which miners are subjected to constant annoyances and losses, constitutes a serious hindrance to the development of the mining industry, and should be discontinued.
17. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claims of Robert Roberts, "late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department," brought up on 14th November, 1902, be now adopted.
18. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system at present in vogue of treating as ordinary revenue moneys received from the sale, by auction or otherwise, of the public estate, is one that should be immediately discontinued; and this House urges that all future receipts from this source should be set apart as the nucleus of a fund from which to meet the State's obligations in regard to loans as they from time to time mature.
19. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is eminently desirable, in order that the provisions of the Public Service Act may be efficiently and faithfully administered, that no appointments in future should be made of officers from inside the Public Service to fill vacancies on the Public Service Board, either temporarily or otherwise.
20. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - (1.) The system at present in vogue of leasing to the occupants of adjacent holdings, or to any other person, reserves dedicated specially to the use of travelling stock is one that inflicts extreme hardship upon the owners and drivers thereof, and multiplies the losses of all engaged in the pastoral industry.
  - (2.) The Minister for Lands should in future refuse absolutely to so lease these reserves, and should take such steps as will result in their being used for no other purpose than that for which they are dedicated.
21. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—
  - (1.) That Standing Order No. 131 be amended to read: "The motion for leave to bring in a Private Bill or a Public Bill, if moved by an unofficial Member, shall be put from the Chair as a Formal Motion, no objection being allowed."
  - (2.) That the amended Standing Order be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excellency the Governor for approval.
22. MR. HAWTHORNE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Proposed Government Alignment of Flood-street, Leichhardt," brought up on 9th December, 1902, be now adopted.
23. MR. MCNEILL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Jerome Anderson, for alleged illegal arrest.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Quinn, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Estell, Mr. Affleck, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.
24. MR. LEVY to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the constitution and regulation of People's Banks.
25. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, documents, reports, &c., in connection with certain recent complaints to the Government as to the conduct of the Mount Kembla Art Union.

26. MR. YOUNG to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The rate of wages paid in each grade of the Railway Service in receipt of night allowances.
  - (2.) The rate of night allowances in each grade.
  - (3.) The number of employees in each grade in receipt of night allowances.
  - (4.) The number of employees in each grade not in receipt of night allowances.
27. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report upon the claims of Mr. Travers Jones to dig and search for gold on selected lands on the Adelong Creek Proclaimed Gold-field, and the cause of operations being suspended on his alluvial mine, Adelong Creek.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Gormly, Mr. W. F. Hurley, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Meagher, and the Mover.
28. MR. MCGOWEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary electors should be intrusted with power to continue, reduce, or veto the liquor traffic as they please to vote, and therefore, believes in an efficient measure of full local and State option without compensation, a reasonable time-notice being allowed.
29. MR. NIELSEN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the dismissal from the Railway Service of Fetzlers-ganger E. L. Warton.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Briner, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. John Hurley, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence of the Select Committee of Session 1902 be referred to such Committee.
30. MR. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the action of Mr. Chisholm, Police Magistrate at Wollongong, in connection with the cases of Michael Purcell and William Moran v. the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company (Limited).
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Estell, Mr. Rose, Mr. Ferguson, and the Mover.
31. MR. DICK to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of James Ross, Pilot "Boatman," brought up on 17th December, 1902, be now adopted.
32. MR. BRINER to move, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Murrumbidgee Northern Water "Supply and Irrigation Bill" have leave to make visits of inspection from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand-writer, to places within the State for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection and taking evidence.
33. MR. LEVIEN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the recent regulations framed by the Board of Health in connection with food products, and their relation to public health and trade.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Edden, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Richards, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Eden George, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
34. MR. DONALDSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission should be appointed, with extensive powers, to inquire into and report upon the subject of law reform for the State of New South Wales.
35. MR. WILLIAMS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence requesting the resignation of Sir John Lackey as President of the Legislative Council, and all other correspondence connected therewith ; also the resignation of Sir John Lackey.
36. MR. ANDERSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the administration of the Old-age Pensions Act is defective.
37. MR. DAVIS to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the constitution and regulation of People's Banks.
38. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission should be appointed, with extensive powers, to inquire into and report upon the subject of law reform for the State of New South Wales.
39. MR. MEAGHER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all correspondence between the Commonwealth and State Governments in reference to the taking over of State properties by the Commonwealth ; also minutes of proceedings in reference to the same at the recent Conference of State Premiers.
40. MR. QUINN to move, That this House is of opinion,—
- (1.) That it holds an inherent right to direct consultation with its constituents, by means of a referendum, upon constitutional questions.
  - (2.) That the question of constitutional reform inevitably involves the consideration of the existence or constitution of the Legislative Council.
  - (3.) That on the same day upon which the referendum concerning reduction of Members is to be submitted to the electors, and at the same voting-places, there shall likewise be submitted to the electors a voting-paper enabling them to record a vote (a) on the question of a single Chamber ; (b) on the question (if a second Chamber be favoured) of the perpetuation of the nominee system in the constitution of the second Chamber.

41. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the employment and subsequent dismissal of Michael McBride, who was employed by the Roads Department in the Armidale District.
42. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the dismissal of Henry Kitching, late Head Messenger at the Chief Secretary's Office.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Archer, Mr. Fegan, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Levien, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Anderson, and the Mover.
43. MR. CLARA to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The total amounts expended in each Department, for the financial year 1902-1903, for relieving allowances to officers.  
 (2.) The amounts paid to each officer as relieving allowance, specifying the salary of the officer, and the period for which the payment was made.  
 (3.) The rates paid to officers as relieving allowance, and whether any distinction is made between single and married officers.
44. MR. FRANK FARNELL to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the spread of fruit pests, and the means adopted to cope with the spread of the same.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Wood, Mr. Millard, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.
45. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total cost to the State of Ministerial trips and visits during the past twelve months.
46. DR. ROSS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The approximate amount expended for postage on official correspondence and public documents by the various Departments of the State of New South Wales during the year previous to the advent of Federation or the Commonwealth Parliament.  
 (2.) The same information with regard to postage on official correspondence and public documents during the first and second years since the Postal Department was taken over by the Commonwealth.
47. MR. WILLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that the interests of the people who live in the rural portions of this State would be best considered by the Government allowing newspapers to be carried on the railways free of charge.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
48. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system at present followed of leasing travelling stock routes and water and camping reserves is an injustice to owners of travelling stock, and should be at once discontinued.
49. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and expenditure of the Government Stores Department.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Rose, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Archer, Mr. Collins, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daley, and the Mover.
50. MR. ARCHER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the necessity that exists for the establishment of an independent court of appeal to deal with the claims of officers in the Public Service of this State, and the claims of officers at present temporarily employed for transfer to the permanent staff.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Quinn, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Haynes, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Pyers, and the Mover.
51. MR. GILBERT to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the system governing the promotion and removal of teachers in the Department of Public Instruction.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Perry, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Holman, and the Mover.
52. MR. WILLIAMS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing what amount of revenue has been derived since 1890 by the State Government from Broken Hill—  
 (a) from the sale of Crown Lands; (b) from the Land Tax; (c) from Income Tax; (d) from Customs duties.
53. MR. MCGOWEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Ewart Williams, improver to the engineering at Fitzroy Dock.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Briner, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Scobie, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Law, and the Mover.
54. MR. LAW to move, That the correspondence respecting the appointment of Ewart Williams at Fitzroy Dock, laid upon the Table of this House on 13th August, 1903, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 20th August, 1903, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
55. MR. WILLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the services of Judge Docker should, in the interests of public justice, be dispensed with.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

56. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and methods of the Labour Bureau.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daley, Mr. Power, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Levy, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Archer, and the Mover.
57. MR. BRINER to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House,—  
 (1) The existing system of party Government does not provide for any clear expression of public opinion upon definite issues.  
 (2) The Constitution should be so amended as to provide (a) That every Parliamentary representative be elected by an absolute majority of votes polled; (b) that, upon the assembling of Parliament after each general election, each and every Minister shall be elected by a majority of the whole House, and shall hold his portfolio only so long as he retains the confidence of a majority of Members of the House; (c) the establishment of the Initiative and the Referendum.  
 (2.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
58. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the report recently prepared with reference to a proposal to extend the electric tramway system from the top of William-street, along Victoria-street, to Potts' Point, returning *via* Macleay-street.
59. MR. LEVY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of Honorary Ministers without portfolios is highly undesirable.
60. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of accused persons committed, during the past twelve months, to take their trial at (a) Quarter Sessions; (b) Central Criminal Court; (c) Circuit Criminal Courts.  
 (2.) The number of cases during the same period in which, after committal, the Attorney-General declined to prosecute.  
 (3.) The number of convictions and acquittals in cases where accused persons so committed stood their trial.
61. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a certain claim or demand alleged by Mr. E. Ambrose against the Railway Commissioners.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Archer, Mr. Quinn, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Haynes, and the Mover.
62. MR. WILLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That this House approves of the principle of preferential trade between Great Britain and the self-governing portions of the Empire, and regards the closer and more extensive trading and commercial relations which will thereby be secured as a means of further consolidating the Empire.  
 (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
63. MR. MEACHER to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and modify in some respects the law relating to Sunday trading.
64. MR. HAYNES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Capital Punishment in certain cases.
65. MR. JOHN HURLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of works respectively passed and recommended by the Public Works Committee, and the total sum necessary in each case.
66. MR. HOLMAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the signing of newspaper articles by their true writers.
67. MR. EDDEN to move, That the resolution of Parliament, carried on the 22nd November, 1898, in the following terms—"That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should take steps to secure coal mines sufficient to supply their own requirements," should be given effect to.
68. MR. EDEN GEORGE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the application of the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company, dated 26th November, 1902, for permission to purchase an alleged unnecessary road reserve in the parish of Marangaroo, county of Cook, S.R. 02-182, A/n. 1903-6,811, and all correspondence, reports, and papers relating thereto.
69. MR. MEACHER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the charges alleged by Mr. Fred. Turner, F.R.S., against Mr. J. H. Maiden, Director of Botanic Gardens, in persistently appropriating the results of his scientific botanical researches and embodying them in official publications and otherwise either as his original work or without acknowledgment.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Law, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Clara, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McNeill, Mr. E. M. Clark, and the Mover.
70. MR. DALEY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. W. Adams and R. Lahiff for compensation in connection with the Darling Harbour resumptions.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Briner, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Power, Mr. Dacey, and the Mover.
71. MR. HOLMAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899.

72. MR. POWER to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters appertaining to the injury of George Casewell, in the Government Service.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Broughton, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Daley, and the Mover.
73. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return giving, with regard to Police Superannuation Fund as created by Act 25 Vic. No. 16, January, 1862, the following particulars, viz. :—
- (1.) At end of first year of its existence, what was the amount standing to credit of fund.
  - (2.) During the same period, what was the total amount of expenditure from the fund.
  - (3.) During the same period, what was respectively—(a) number of persons who received pensions ; (b) age of each ; (c) rank ; (d) length of service ; (e) amount of each pension.
  - (4.) During same period, what was respectively—(a) total amount of gratuities paid ; (b) number of persons who received gratuities ; (c) age of each ; (d) rank ; (e) length of service ; (f) amount of each gratuity.
  - (5.) Since establishment of fund, up to 1st January, 1903, (a) how many men died, or (b) were killed or became incapacitated from injuries received or sustained whilst in the execution of their duty.
  - (6.) Since establishment of fund up to 1st January, 1903, what has been the total amount paid as pensions.
  - (7.) To whom were these pensions or gratuities paid, showing (a) name ; (b) amount given to each.
  - (8.) For year ending 31st December, 1902, what was the total amount of income and expenditure from all sources.
  - (9.) How many pensioners are there now on the fund, showing also amount paid to each person yearly.
  - (10.) How many widows, children, or other relatives are now obtaining assistance from Police Superannuation Fund, showing also yearly amount paid to each person.
74. MR. MACDONALD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that amending legislation be at once introduced,—
- (1.) To relieve the extreme necessity of large numbers of settlement lessees and homestead selectors who, owing to the legal disabilities of their land titles, are prevented from borrowing sufficient money to purchase stock to replace the stock lost during the drought.
  - (2.) To increase the powers of the Advances to Settlers Board, so that it may advance money on the marketable value of these classes of holdings, instead of being restricted, as at present, to advances on a certain proportion of the value of improvements thereon only.
  - (3.) To permit financial institutions, and other *bona fide* mortgagees, to maintain good their securities on settlement leases and homestead selections by holding such securities, in case of a debtor tenant defaulting, for a term not exceeding six months by bailiff, manager, or agent, to enable them to secure a new tenant for the Crown, thus making these securities negotiable without alienating the land, the title to which remaining with the Crown.
75. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence requesting the resignation of Sir John Lackey as President of the Legislative Council, and all other correspondence connected therewith ; also the resignation of Sir John Lackey.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claim of John Wesley Pidgeon for refund of Deposit under the Electoral Act ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark,—
  - “(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of John Wesley Pidgeon, for a refund of deposit under section 25 of the Electoral Act of 1880.
  - “(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Evans, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Quirk, and the Mover.”
2. Bread Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act of 1901. [Mr. E. M. Clark.]
3. Tolls on Punts ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Price, “That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - “(1.) It is inequitable to charge tolls on punts and allow free access over bridges.
  - “(2.) The promise of the Honorable the Minister for Works to abolish tolls on punts should be given effect to at once.”
4. Property Detention Bill ; second reading. [Mr. E. M. Clark.]
5. Presbyterian Church Property Consolidation Bill (*Council Bill*) ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
6. Public Places Advertisements Bill ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. E. M. Clark, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
7. Sydney Diocesan Revenues Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [                    ].
8. Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading. [Mr. Briner.]
9. Moore-street Improvement Act Amendment Bill ; second reading. [Mr. Haynes.]
10. Parliamentary Evidence (Amending) Bill ; second reading. [Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.]
11. Coal Mines Regulation (Certificates of Service and Inspection of Mines) Amendment Bill ; second reading. [Mr. Estell.]



12. Newington and Rookwood Asylums ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly,—  
 “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner and method of treating the inmates in Newington and Rookwood Asylums.  
 “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John See, Mr. Dalcy, Mr. Quirk, Mr. Jessep, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Evans, Mr. Levy, and the Mover.”
13. Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith, “That the Public Instruction Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.”
14. Selection of the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, “That the procedure adopted in reference to the selection of the Seat of the Government of the Commonwealth is not in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, and is calculated to delay and defeat the just rights and claims of this State.”  
 Upon which Mr. Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by adding as paragraph 2 the words:—“(2) This House does not approve of the suggestion that the Federal territory shall embrace an area of one thousand square miles of this State.”
15. Unclaimed Moneys Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.*]
16. Municipal District of Tenterfield Reduced Area Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]
17. Preferential Trade ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Haynes, “That the recent cable message, despatched at the instance of the Government, by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, to the Home Government, affirming endorsement by the people of New South Wales of the preferential trade proposals of Mr. Chamberlain, is a misrepresentation of the public opinion of this State on the subject.”
18. Servants Registry Bill : to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Anderson.*]
19. Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Ashton.*]
20. Dentists Act Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hollis, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”  
 Upon which Mr. Eden George had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hollis, Mr. E. M. Clark, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Edden, Mr. Law, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Richards, and the Mover,”—instead thereof.
21. Moneys accruing to the State from the Federal Government ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Meagher,—  
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable for the consolidation of public credit that all moneys accruing to the State from the Federal Government under the Braddon clause should be placed in a sinking fund for the reduction and redemption of loans.  
 “(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

*Legislative Assembly Office,  
 Sydney, 1st December, 1903.*

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



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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1903.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Afleck, William, Esq. ....	64	55	2	121
Anderson, George, Esq. ....	66	121	1	188
Archer, William, Esq. ....	57	35	1	93
Ashton, James, Esq. ....	38	38	1	77
Barnes, John Frederick, Esq. ....	26	55	.....	81
Bennett, The Hon. Walter, Esq. ....	49	94	1	144
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ....	41	73	2	116
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq. ....	52	67	2	121
Brunker, The Hon. James Nixon, Esq. ....	68	76	3	147
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ....	71	109	2	182
Byrne, Francis Arthur, Esq. ....	42	61	.....	103
Campbell, Alexander, Esq. ....	45	68	.....	113
Campbell, Archibald, Esq. ....	23	42	.....	65
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )	43	.....	.....	48
Carroll, James George, Esq. ....	40	40	2	82
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector, Esq. ....	70	75	.....	145
Chapman, Albert Edward, Esq. ....	4	1	.....	5
Clara, Patrick James, Esq. ....	27	25	1	53
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq. ....	39	37	3	79
Clarke, Henry, Esq. ....	65	41	3	109
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ....	69	114	1	184
Coleman, John William, Esq. ....	63	96	.....	159
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq. ....	64	97	.....	161
Crick, The Hon. William Patrick, Esq. ....	71	108	1	180
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq. ....	46	122	2	170
Daley, William Michael, Esq. ....	22	10	1	33
Davidson, Robert, Esq. ....	39	66	1	106
Davis, William Walter, Esq. ....	42	26	.....	68
Dick, William Thomas, Esq. ....	52	52	1	105
Dight, Charles Hilton, Esq. ....	48	78	2	128
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq. ....	42	33	.....	75
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ....	46	89	5	140
Estell, John, Esq. ....	56	88	2	146
Evans, Joseph George, Esq. ....	49	61	1	111
Fallick, James, Esq. ....	56	100	4	160
Farnell, Frank, Esq. ....	23	18	1	42
Fegan, The Hon. John Lionel, Esq. ....	62	85	2	149
Ferguson, William John, Esq. ....	54	58	1	113
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. ....	79	125	4	208
Fitzpatrick, Thomas, Esq. ....	42	33	.....	75
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq. ....	47	73	1	121
Garland, John, Esq. ....	61	108	.....	169
George, Eden, Esq. ....	46	21	1	68
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. ....	53	74	1	128
Gillics, John, Esq. ....	63	78	1	142
Gormly, James, Esq. ....	52	38	.....	90
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq. ( <i>Resigned 18th November</i> )	36	30	1	67
Griffith, Thomas Hunter, Esq. ....	13	2	.....	15
Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ....	41	72	.....	113
Hall, David Robert, Esq. ....	37	49	.....	86
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq. ....	31	45	1	77
Hayes, The Hon. James, Esq. ....	28	17	.....	45
Haynes, John, Esq. ....	27	20	.....	47
Hogue, James Alexander, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	44	48	.....	92
Hollis, Robert, Esq. ....	70	99	1	170
Holman, William Arthur, Esq. ....	19	32	.....	51
Howarth, George, Esq. ( <i>Seat declared vacant 25th August</i> )	2	.....	.....	2
Hurley, John, Esq. ....	53	59	2	114
Hurley, William Fergus, Esq. ....	81	131	4	216
Jessep, Thomas, Esq. ....	45	39	6	90
Jones, George Alfred, Esq. ....	59	69	.....	128
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq. ....	36	36	.....	72
Kidd, The Hon. John, Esq. ....	66	110	2	178

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ... ..	58	94	3	155
Law, Sydney James, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	55	53	3	111
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq. ... ..	25	24	.....	49
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ... ..	24	36	.....	60
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ... ..	63	91	1	155
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq. ( <i>Resigned 17th November</i> ) ... ..	21	37	1	59
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq. ... ..	63	53	1	117
Macdonell, Donald, Esq. ... ..	59	64	2	125
MacKenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins, Esq. ... ..	48	77	.....	125
MacMahon, Michael John, Esq. ... ..	59	108	.....	167
Mahony, William Henry, Esq. ... ..	67	55	.....	122
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. ( <i>Speaker</i> ) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq. ... ..	57	80	.....	137
McFarlane, John, Esq. ... ..	59	70	.....	129
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ... ..	58	116	2	176
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq. ... ..	54	85	.....	139
McNeill, John, Esq. ... ..	45	75	2	122
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	35	27	1	63
Millard, William, Esq. ... ..	46	96	2	144
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ... ..	41	94	1	136
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq. ... ..	49	70	1	120
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ... ..	60	75	3	138
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq. ... ..	30	37	.....	67
Nelson, Arthur David, Esq. ... ..	54	53	1	108
Newman, Henry William, Esq. ... ..	6	.....	.....	6
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ... ..	48	74	.....	122
Nielsen, Niel Rasmus Wilson, Esq. ... ..	65	99	.....	164
Nobbs, John, Esq. ... ..	71	124	4	199
Norton, John, Esq. ... ..	11	21	1	33
Oakes, Charles William, Esq. ... ..	45	48	.....	93
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq. ... ..	37	39	.....	76
O'Connor, Broughton Barnabas, Esq. ... ..	38	49	.....	87
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William, Esq. ... ..	76	82	4	162
Petry, The Hon. John, Esq. ... ..	53	89	.....	142
Phillips, Simeon, Esq. ... ..	51	82	.....	133
Power, John Joseph, Esq. ... ..	32	39	2	73
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ... ..	29	35	2	66
Pyers, Robert, Esq. ... ..	61	103	.....	164
Quinn, Patrick Edward, Esq. ... ..	48	31	.....	79
Quirk, Ellison Wentworth, Esq. ... ..	30	56	1	87
Reymond, Joseph Bernard, Esq. ... ..	22	19	.....	41
Richards, Edwin, Esq. ... ..	53	74	.....	127
Rose, Thomas, Esq. ... ..	28	30	.....	58
Ross, Andrew, Esq. M.D. ... ..	49	28	1	78
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ... ..	50	110	6	166
See, The Hon. John, Esq. ... ..	73	91	5	169
Sleath, Richard, Esq. ... ..	31	22	3	56
Smith, James Francis, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	69	108	1	178
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq. ... ..	43	10	1	54
Storey, David, Esq. ... ..	28	38	.....	66
Storey, John, Esq. ... ..	70	90	1	161
Sullivan, Philip Hurley, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	47	41	1	89
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ( <i>From 3rd November</i> ) ... ..	4	3	1	8
Thomson, John, Esq. ... ..	40	65	1	106
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq. ... ..	65	84	1	150
Wade, Charles Gregory, Esq. ( <i>From 16th September</i> ) ... ..	14	28	.....	42
Webster, William, Esq. ( <i>Resigned 18th November</i> ) ... ..	34	36	2	72
Whiddon, Samuel Thomas, Esq. ... ..	1	1	.....	2
Williams, William John, Esq. ... ..	53	57	4	114
Willis, William Nicholas, Esq. ... ..	33	26	2	61
Winchcombe, Frederick Earle, Esq. ... ..	28	33	1	62
Wood, William Herbert, Esq. ... ..	53	57	3	113
Wright, Francis Augustus, Esq. ( <i>Deceased 1st October</i> ) ... ..	3	.....	.....	3
Young, William White, Esq. ... ..	69	72	2	143

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 1 December, 1903.

RICH. A. ARNOLD,  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1903.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1903.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	5					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	4					
										9
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	24					
Reserved	...	...	...	...	0					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	34					
						58				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	7					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	22					
						29				87
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	3					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
						4				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
						2				6
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	166					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	4					
										70
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	75					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	137					
										212
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2) :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...					74
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...				687 h. 8 m.	
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...				127 h. 29 m.	
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...				9 h. 17 m.	
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	9					
										9
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	761					
Of Questions answered	...	...	...	...	883					
										1,644
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...					22
Entries in Notice Paper—										
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	1,549					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	6,148					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	3,307					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	9					
										11,013
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...					149
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...					13
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...					12
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...					1
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...					2
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	73					
By Command	...	...	...	...	472					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	9					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	1					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	23					
										583
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	167					
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	416					
										583

15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1903, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.		Entries in Votes.
					h. m.	h. m.	
1	16 June	Tuesday	12 noon	12:35 o'clock p.m.	0 35	...	7
2	17 "	Wednesday	4 "	11 1 "	7 1	...	6
3	18 "	Thursday	4 "	10:50 "	6 50	...	5
4	23 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:27 "	7 27	...	6
5	24 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:58 "	6 58	...	6
6	25 "	Thursday	4 "	12 4 "	8 4	0 4	4
7	30 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:19 "	7 19	...	5
8	1 July	Wednesday	4 "	12:35 "	8 35	0 35	5
9	7 "	Tuesday	4 "	7:30 "	15 30	7 30	14
10	8 "	Wednesday	4 "	11 5 "	7 5	...	15
11	9 "	Thursday	4 "	10:53 "	6 53	...	19
12	14 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:30 "	8 30	0 30	20
13	15 "	Wednesday	4 "	7 3 "	3 3	...	5
14	16 "	Thursday	4 "	12:12 "	8 12	0 12	14
15	21 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:40 "	13 40	5 40	8
16	22 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:15 "	6 15	...	8
17	23 "	Thursday	4 "	12:25 "	8 25	0 25	6
18	28 "	Tuesday	4 "	6:26 "	14 26	6 26	11
19	29 "	Wednesday	4 "	1 "	9 0	1 0	8
20	30 "	Thursday	4 "	1 3 "	9 3	1 3	10
21	4 August	Tuesday	4 "	11 9 "	7 9	...	16
22	5 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:35 "	6 35	...	8
23	6 "	Thursday	4 "	10:45 "	6 45	...	7
24	11 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:36 "	8 36	0 36	10
25	12 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:13 "	7 13	...	4
26	13 "	Thursday	4 "	12:40 "	8 40	0 40	13
27	18 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:43 "	7 43	...	9
28	19 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:40 "	6 40	...	9
29	20 "	Thursday	4 "	4:55 "	12 55	4 55	9
30	25 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:25 "	7 25	...	25
31	26 "	Wednesday	4 "	1:15 "	9 15	1 15	10
32	27 "	Thursday	4 "	2 6 "	10 6	2 6	10
33	1 September	Tuesday	4 "	2 6 "	10 5	2 5	7
34	2 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:40 "	8 40	0 40	15
35	3 "	Thursday	4 "	1:58 "	9 58	1 58	17
36	8 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:35 "	13 35	5 35	16
37	9 "	Wednesday	4 "	4:39 "	12 39	4 39	9
38	10 "	Thursday	4 "	9:50 "	5 50	...	10
39	11 "	Friday	4 "	2:35 "	10 35	2 35	19
40	15 "	Tuesday	4 "	9 5 "	5 5	...	7
41	16 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:24 "	8 24	0 24	12
42	17 "	Thursday	4 "	2:26 "	10 26	2 26	15
43	22 "	Tuesday	4 "	1:57 "	9 57	1 57	15
44	23 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:56 "	7 56	...	16
45	24 "	Thursday	4 "	4:17 "	12 17	4 17	13
46	29 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:11 "	7 11	...	11
47	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:11 "	8 11	0 11	14
48	1 October	Thursday	4 "	1:12 "	9 12	1 12	11
49	2 "	Friday	4 "	12:21 "	8 21	0 21	14
50	6 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:10 "	7 10	...	6
51	7 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:14 "	8 14	0 14	14
52	8 "	Thursday	4 "	1:11 "	9 11	1 11	8
53	9 "	Friday	4 "	11 8 "	7 8	...	7
54	13 "	Tuesday	4 "	8:45 "	4 45	...	6
55	14 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:26 "	6 26	...	2
56	15 "	Thursday	4 "	12:23 "	8 23	0 23	7
57	20 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:10 "	8 10	0 10	8
58	21 "	Wednesday	4 "	12 0 "	8 0	...	9
59	22 "	Thursday	4 "	2:21 "	10 21	2 21	3
60	27 "	Tuesday	4 "	7:42 "	15 42	7 42	6
61	28 "	Wednesday	4 "	6:55 "	14 55	6 55	5
62	29 "	Thursday	4 "	1:25 "	9 25	1 25	6
63	3 November	Tuesday	4 "	6:55 "	14 55	7 55	8
64	4 "	Wednesday	4 "	1:36 "	9 36	1 36	10
65	5 "	Thursday	4 "	1:20 "	9 20	1 20	7
66	10 "	Tuesday	4 "	4:30 "	12 30	4 30	8
67	11 "	Wednesday	4 "	12:30 "	8 30	0 30	7
68	12 "	Thursday	4 "	12:54 "	8 54	0 54	5
69	17 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:22 "	8 22	0 22	11
70	18 "	Wednesday	4 "	9:41 "	17 41	9 41	10
71	19 "	Thursday	4 "	12:31 "	8 31	0 31	10
72	24 "	Tuesday	4 "	7:40 "	15 40	7 40	15
73	25 "	Wednesday	4 "	2:40 "	10 40	2 40	21
74	26 "	Thursday	4 "	8:12 "	16 12	8 12	15
				11:10 "	7 10	...	13
Total					687	8 127 29	760
Average length of sitting daily, 9 hours 17 minutes.							

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