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OF

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OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

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**(FIFTH SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.)**

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## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

Nomination Day : 15 November, 1913. Polling Day : 6 December, 1913. Return of Writs : 23 December, 1913.  
 Second Ballot : Polling Day, Metropolitan Constituencies, 13 December, 1913 ; Country Constituencies, 20 December, 1913.  
 Return of Writs, Country Constituencies—Albury, Bega, Bingara, Raleigh, Tamworth—after Second Ballot, 29 December, 1913.

FIFTH SESSION—OPENED 18TH JULY, 1916,—PROROGUED 21st DECEMBER, 1916.

No.	Name.	Electorate.	No.	Name.	Electorate.
1	Abbott, Macartney, Esq. ...	Upper Hunter.	48	Hoyle, The Hon. Henry Clement ...	Surry Hills.
2	Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq. ...	Castlereagh.	49	Hunt, John Charles, Esq. ...	Camden.
3	Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. ...	Middle Harbour.	50	James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	Goulburn.
4	Ashford, The Hon. William George	Liverpool Plains.	51	Kearsley, William, Esq. ...	Cessnock.
5	Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq. (Temporary Chairman of Committees.)	St. George.	52	Kegan, Thomas, Esq. ...	Glebe.
6	Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq. ... (Temporary Chairman of Committees.)	Corowa.	53	Lane, Herbert William, Esq. ...	Armidale.
7	Black, The Hon. George ...	Namoi.	54	Lang, John Thomas, Esq. ...	Granville.
8	Boston, Walter James, Esq. ...	Wagga Wagga.	55	Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ...	Woollahra.
9	Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ...	Raleigh.	56	Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred ...	Tenterfield.
10	Brown, The Hon. Thomas ...	Lachlan.	57	Levy, Daniel, Esq. ...	Darlinghurst.
11	Brown, William, Esq. ...	Durham.	58	McDonald, George Roy William, Esq. (Temporary Chairman of Committees)	Bingara.
12	Bruntnell, Albert, Esq. ...	Parramatta.	59	McGarry, Patrick, Esq. ...	Murrumbidgee.
13	Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ...	Burrangong.	60	McGirr, John Joseph Gregory, Esq.	Yass.
14	Cann, George, Esq. ...	Canterbury.	61	McGowen, The Hon. James Sinclair Taylor	Redfern.
15	Cann, The Hon. John Henry ...	Sturt.	62	Meagher, The Hon. Richard Denis... (Speaker.)	Phillip.
16	aCarmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell.	Leichhardt.	63	Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq. ...	Rozelle.
17	aChaffey, Frank Augustus, Esq. ...	Tamworth.	64	Millard, William, Esq. ...	Bega.
18	Cochran, John Patrick, Esq. ...	Darling Harbour.	65	Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	Monaro.
19	Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq.	St. Leonards.	66	Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq. ...	Belmore.
20	Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ...	Petersham.	67	Morrish, James John, Esq. ...	King.
21	Colquhoun, Percy Brereton, Esq. ...	Mosman.	68	Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq. ...	Hastings and Macleay.
22	Crane, John Thomas, Esq. ...	Gwydir.	69	Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ...	Allowrie.
23	Crawford, Thomas Simpson, Esq. ...	Marrickville.	70	Nesbitt, George, Esq. ...	Lismore.
24	Cusack, John Joseph, Esq. ...	Albury.	71	Nicholson, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Edward, V.D.	Maitland.
25	Dooley, James, Esq. ...	Hartley.	72	Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ...	Wollongong.
26	aDunn, William Fraser, Esq. ...	Mudgee.	73	aOnslow, Colonel James William Macarthur.	Bondi.
27	dDurack, Ernest, Esq. ... (Acting Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker.)	Bathurst.	74	Osborne, John Percy, Esq. ...	Paddington.
28	Edden, The Hon. Alfred ...	Kahibah.	75	Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq. ...	Botany.
29	Estell, The Hon. John ...	Wallsend.	76	Perry, The Hon. John ...	Byron.
30	Fallick, James, Esq. ...	Singleton.	77	Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ...	Gloucester.
31	aFern, Charles Stuart, Esq. ...	Cobar.	78	Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	Ashfield.
32	Fingleton, James, Esq. ...	Waverley.	79	Scobie, Robert, Esq. ...	Murray.
33	Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.	Orange.	80	Storey, David, Esq. ...	Randwick.
34	Fuller, The Hon. George Warburton...	Wollondilly.	81	Storey, John, Esq. ... (Temporary Chairman of Committees.)	Balmain.
35	Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq. ...	Newcastle.	82	Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	Camperdown.
36	Graff, Alexander, Esq. ...	Drummoyne	83	Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ...	Gough.
37	Grahame, The Hon. William Calman	Wickham.	84	Thompson, William, Esq. ...	Ryde.
38	Griffith, The Hon. Arthur Hill ...	Annandale.	85	bThrower, Thomas Henry, Esq. ... (Chairman of Committees.)	Macquarie.
39	Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq.	Ashburnham.	86	Toombs, Captain Samuel ...	Hurstville.
40	Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ...	Hawkesbury.	87	Waddell, The Hon. Thomas...	Lyndhurst.
41	Hall, The Hon. David Robert ...	Enmore.	88	Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C.	Gordon.
42	Haynes, John, Esq. ...	Willoughby	89	Wright, Jabez, Esq. ...	Willyama.
43	aHenley, Thomas, Esq. ...	Burwood.	90	Zuill, William Arthur, Esq. ...	Clarence.
44	Hickey, Simon, Esq. ...	Alexandria.			
45	Hollis, Robert, Esq. ...	Newtown.			
46	Holman, The Hon. William Arthur	Cootamundra.			
47	Hoskins, Tom James, Esq. ...	Dulwich Hill.			

a Granted leave of absence for remainder of the Session on account of absence from the State on Military Service, 8th August, 1916.

b Granted leave of absence for remainder of the Session on account of illness, 18th August, 1916.

c Resigned 30th April, 1916 ; re-elected 10th June, 1916 (during Recess).

d Appointed Acting Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker during illness of Mr. Thrower, 18th August, 1916.

## OFFICERS.

Speaker ...	THE HONORABLE RICHARD DENIS MEAGHER.
Chairman of Committees ...	THOMAS HENRY THROWER, Esq.
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly ...	WILLIAM STEWART MOWLE, Esq.
Clerk Assistant ...	SYDNEY GRANT BOYDELL, Esq.
Second Clerk Assistant ...	HAROLD LAURENCE HARNETT, Esq.
Serjeant-at-Arms and Clerk of Select Committees...	WILLIAM SYDNEY CHRISTIE, Esq.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 JULY, 1916.

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 thirtieth day of June, 1916.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

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

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fourth day of July proximo: Now, I, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the eighteenth day of July next: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid eighteenth day of July 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 thirtieth day of June, in the year of our  
“ Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of His Majesty's  
“ Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ GEORGE BLACK.

“ GOD SAVE THE KING ! ”

2. VACANT SEAT—ELECTORATE OF BINGARA:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 70th Section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Bingara, in the room of George Roy William McDonald, Esquire, resigned; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of George Roy William McDonald, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.) Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Amendment Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894, the Local Government Act, 1906, the Wollongong Water Supply Works Act, 1900; to repeal the Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1905: to amend the law relating to water supply, sewerage and drainage; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,* ”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th April, 1916.

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## (2.) Naturalised Subjects Franchise Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the exercise of certain franchises by certain naturalised British subjects and other persons, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to Parliamentary elections and elections for local government areas and the City of Sydney, and to justices of the peace, coroners, licensing magistrates, and jurors; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 17th April, 1916.

## (3.) Apiaries Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the bee industry; to prevent the spread of disease in bees, and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (4.) Government Savings Bank Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

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

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (5.) Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a dam on the Chichester River and other works in connection with the Hunter district water supply; to authorise the construction and use of certain works under, over, and along public roads; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (6.) Port Kembla Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to carry out an agreement dated the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and nine, made between the then Minister for Public Works and the Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Company, with regard to wharfage rates at Port Kembla on certain goods; to extend the terms of that agreement to include all crude ores; to amend the Port Kembla Harbour Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (7.) Returned Soldiers Settlement Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the settlement of returned soldiers on Crown lands or lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Closer Settlement Acts, the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and the Irrigation Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative

Council

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

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## (8.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 8.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (9.) Sunday Trading (Refreshment Room.) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 9.*

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

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## (10.) Yass Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 10.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of water supply for the municipality of Yass ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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## (11.) The Cathedral Close Amending Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 11.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act thirty-two Victoria number four, intituled an Act to authorise the appropriation of the old burial ground or cathedral close in Sydney to certain municipal and other public purposes,*"—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, 19th April, 1916.*

## (12.) Dentists (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 12.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further regulate practice in dentistry and to amend the Dentists Act, 1912,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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*Sydney, 19th April, 1916.*

## (13.) Illawarra Cottage Hospital Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 13.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Illawarra Cottage Hospital ; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has,

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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, 19th April, 1916.

## (14.) Saint Andrew's Church and School Property Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Church of England property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the parish of Saint Lawrence, in the City of Sydney, held with other property upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney, to sell the freehold reversion expectant upon a lease for a period of fifty years computed from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, of and in portion of the said land; to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection with the premises.*"—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.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (15.) Trades Hall and Literary Institute Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Trades Hall and Literary Institute Act of 1893.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1916.

## (16.) Irrigation (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute a Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 20th April, 1916.

## (17.) Superannuation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide a State provident fund for persons employed by the State or by certain other bodies, and for the families of such persons; to provide a system of voluntary saving by such persons; to amend and repeal various Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 26th April, 1916.

## (18.) Crown Lands Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and to amend the law with respect to the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown lands; to provide for the granting of week-end leases, and of leases of town lands; for the resumption of private land for certain purposes; for the protection of survey marks; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 26th April, 1916.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read." The House went, and the Deputy-President said,—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—  
 "His Excellency the Governor, not thinking it fit to be personally present here this day to declare the purpose for which this Session of Parliament is convened, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of His Majesty, or by or on behalf of the Governor of the State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read."

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

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

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS by Proclamation made on the thirtieth day of June ultimo, His Excellency SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, COUNT DELLA CATENA, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of our said State, by virtue of an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being 'An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution,' proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of July instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, Deputy-President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable John Daniel FitzGerald, Vice President of our Executive Council of our said State, and the Honorable Nicholas James Buzacott, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, John Daniel FitzGerald, and Nicholas James Buzacott, so being such Deputy-President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said eighteenth day of July or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Governor of our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay; Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Broughton Barnabas O'Connor, John Daniel FitzGerald, and Nicholas James Buzacott, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

"Witness our trusty and well-beloved SIR GERALD STRICKLAND, COUNT DELLA CATENA, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales, aforesaid, this seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of our reign.

"W. P. CULLEN,

"By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. H. CANN."

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

The Deputy-President said,—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—  
 "We, the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Commission you have just heard, do now proceed to acquaint you with the causes for which this Parliament has been called together, and to read to you the Speech entrusted to us by His Excellency for this purpose."

The Deputy-President then read the Governor's Opening Speech and said:—

"Having heard His Excellency's Speech read, it will now be for you, Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, to take the matter submitted to you, and such other matters as in your wisdom you may deem fit, into your grave consideration, in those places in which you are appointed to sit."

And the House having returned,—adjourned, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

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

5. RETIREMENT OF RICHARD ALDOUS ARNOLD, ESQUIRE, J.P., FROM THE POSITION OF CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received from Mr. Arnold a letter, which he then read to the House, as follows:—

“ ‘Cooya,’ Macdougall-street, North Sydney,  
 “ The Honorable R. D. Mcagher, M.L.A., “ 24th March, 1916.  
 “ Speaker.

“ Dear Mr. Speaker,

“ The twelve months' leave of absence, prior to my retirement, granted by the Government on your generous recommendation, will terminate at the end of next month; I therefore now apply to be allowed to retire from the Public Service on the 30th April next, and that the necessary steps be taken to have computed the pension to which I shall be entitled as from the 1st May next.

“ The records will show that on 3rd January, 1867, I entered the Roads Office of the Public Works Department, and shortly afterwards was appointed to the staff of the Legislative Assembly as Clerk in Charge of Printed Papers, and served in every position up to that of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in all forty-eight years and four months. In view of my exceptionally long service, I respectfully urge that, following numerous precedents, no abatement of pension by deduction in respect of early service be made in my case.

“ In making this application to sever my connection with the Public Service, I desire respectfully to tender my sincere thanks to you, Mr. Speaker, for the trust invariably reposed in me, and for the many acts of kindness and consideration shown by Speakers, by Ministers of the Crown, and by Members during our close official connection.

“ I am, dear Mr. Speaker,  
 “ Yours sincerely,

“ (Signed) RICHARD A. ARNOLD.”

Mr. Speaker said he found that Mr. Arnold's first appointment in the Public Service was to a position in the Roads Branch of the Public Works Department in the year 1867; but shortly afterwards he was transferred to the staff of the Legislative Assembly, on which he served for a period of over forty-six years, during twenty-eight of which his duties entailed his attendance at the Table of this Assembly, and therefore brought him in close touch with Honorable Members. Apart from his work in the actual business in the Chamber, Mr. Arnold, during his long period of service, was responsible for the preparation and issue of several publications which are of great use to Honorable Members and to the Staff. As Clerk Assistant, he assisted to compile for the Standing Orders Committee, under the Chairmanship of the late Mr. Speaker Abbott, the present code of Standing Orders, which, with very few amendments, have stood the test of the past twenty two years. He would like to acknowledge his own debt of gratitude for the kindly assistance always ungrudgingly given him on all occasions by Mr. Arnold. He felt that he had earned the respect and esteem of Honorable Members and all with whom he had come in contact, and he carried these sentiments with him in his well-earned retirement. He would like to have the permission of the House, by resolution, to place the letter which he had just read, and the remarks he had made, upon the permanent records of the Assembly.

Whereupon Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That the letter from Richard Aldous Arnold, Esquire, on his retirement from the position of Clerk of this House, as read by Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Speaker's remarks with reference thereto, be entered in the “Votes and Proceedings.”

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade,—

And Mr. Thrower, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Perry having also addressed the House,—  
 Question put and passed.

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

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

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

Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,  
 Ernest Durack, Esquire,  
 William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire,  
 George Roy William McDonald, Esquire; and  
 John Storey, Esquire,

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

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statements of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1916.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies, for quarter ended 31st March, 1916.
- (3.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
- (4.) Regulations under the Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916.
- (5.) By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1915,—(a) and (b) for the control of the Public Sale-yards for the sale of cattle at Flemington; (c) for the control of the Sydney Abattoir and its appurtenances,

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- appurtenances, Glebe Island; (d) for the control of the Public Sale-yards for the sale of pigs and calves at Homebush Bay; (e) for the control of the Public Abattoir at Homebush Bay; (f) for the control of the Meat Market and Dépôt at Pyrmont; (g) for the control of cattle slaughtering at private slaughter-houses, for the inspection of meat brought into the Metropolitan Abattoir Area, for the regulation of private sale-yards, and for the control of private meat markets; (h) respecting the fees payable for slaughtering stock at the Glebe Island Abattoir.
- (6.) Amended Regulations under the Fisheries Acts.
  - (7.) Report on the Fisheries of New South Wales for 1915.
  - (8.) By-laws under the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm No. 201, Yanco Irrigation Area—Miss Mary Ann Moore—shall cease to be voidable.
  - (2.) Notification of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm No. 134, Mirool Irrigation Area—Andrew Joseph Lenehan—shall cease to be voidable.
  - (3.) Notification of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm No. 537, Yanco Irrigation Area—Henry Maxwell—shall cease to be voidable.
  - (4.) Notification of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm No. 329, Yanco Irrigation Area—William Francis Inman—shall cease to be voidable.
  - (5.) Notification of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm No. 153, Yanco Irrigation Area—George Lewis White—shall cease to be voidable.
  - (6.) By-laws of the Teileraga Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (7.) By-laws of the Pilliga Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (8.) By-laws of the Combogolong Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (9.) By-laws of the Tunda Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (10.) By-laws of the Wingadee Bore Water Trust under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (11.) By-laws of the Gil Gil Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
  - (12.) Regulations under the Dairy Industry Act, 1915.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the negotiations on behalf of the Government of New South Wales for the acquisition of the works, plant, and business of the British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, and as to the amount to be paid for future supplies of oil, spirit, petrol, and the like.
  - (2.) Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference held at Adelaide, May, 1916, together with Appendices.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Katoomba, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
  - (4.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
  - (5.) Amended By-laws of the Municipality of Ballina, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
  - (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for City and Suburban Electric Railway.
  - (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for City and Suburban Electric Railway.
  - (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
  - (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
  - (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1913, for Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.
  - (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for St. George District Cottage Hospital, Kogarah.
  - (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Tullamore to Tottenham Railway.
  - (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Liverpool State Hospital and Asylum.
  - (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Burren Bore and road of access thereto.
  - (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for new Service Reservoir for the Wagga Wagga Water Supply.
  - (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage for Western, Southern, Illawarra, and Botany Districts.
  - (19.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Brown's Creek Stormwater Channel, Lismore.
  - (20.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for drainage purposes at Bankstown.
  - (21.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for Gravel Pit at Clywdd.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Additional and Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (2.) *Gazette* notices under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914,—(a) varying the prices fixed for cordials, aerated waters, &c., and declaring the maximum selling prices of cordials, aerated waters, hop beers, ginger beers, essences, fruit flavours, and accessories for the bottler and fountain-drink dispenser ; (b), (g), (h) varying the prices fixed for oatmeal and rolled oats, and declaring the maximum selling prices of plain oatmeal, flaked oatmeal, and rolled oats ; (c) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of cheese ; (d), (k) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of butter ; (e) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of fresh milk ; (f), (j) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of bran and pollard ; (i) declaring the maximum selling prices of baking powders ; (l) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of kerosene, benzine, heavy benzine, motor spirit, and benzoline ; (m) varying and declaring maximum selling prices of flour, bran, and pollard ; (n) varying and declaring the maximum selling prices of "Milkmaid Brand" coffee and milk, chocolate and milk, and cocoa and milk.
- (3.) Returns under the Several Acts of Parliament administered by the Registrar-General for 1915.
- (4.) General Rules under the Wills, Probates and Administration Act, 1898.
- (5.) Amended Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Proclamation proclaiming "Constructing a railway or tramway siding in connection with mining" to be a Mining Purpose within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.
- (2.) Amended Regulation No. 78, under the Mining Act, 1906.
- (3.) Statement of Accounts of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1915.
- (4.) Report of the Department of Mines for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands under the Crown Lands Consolidation, 1913.
- (2.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts on the 20th April, 1916.
- (3.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts from 26th May to 30th June, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School purposes at Piambra Siding, Orange, Hurstville, Kitchener, Tambar, Bogie, and Nandewar.
- (2.) Minutes of the Public Service Board appointing Mr. Leslie Pudney, Mr. Leo Septimus Day, and Mr. Walter Martin Caples, as Dentists on probation for six months, Department of Education, Medical Branch.
- (3.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery, for 1915.
- (4.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney, for 1915.
- (5.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (6.) Minutes relating to the appointment of Mr. James J. Cuff, Teacher of Electrical Trades Classes, Sydney Technical College.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1916.
- (2.) Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, with Balance-sheet, for year to 31st December, 1915, of National Relief Fund of New South Wales.
- (3.) Regulations under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915.
- (4.) Proclamation bringing into force the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915.
- (5.) Amended Regulations under the Navigation Acts.
- (6.) Proclamation altering General Rule 14 (2b), contained in the Sixth Schedule of the Navigation Act, 1901, relative to Compasses in ships lifeboats.
- (7.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Honeysuckle.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by duplication between Clifton and Thirroul.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Marulan.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic at Stonehenge.
- (11.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Picton and Mittagong.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra, by quadruplication between Waratah and West Maitland.
- (13.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Bourke, by improvements to grades at Yamboyna.
- (14.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between West Maitland and Wauchope, by provision of siding connection to Chatham, near Taree.
- (15.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Nowra, by duplication and deviation between Otford and Coal Cliff.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

10. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended at the Legislative Council Chamber, at the desire of the Commissioners appointed under the Public Seal of the State, for holding this Session of the present Parliament, and that the Deputy-President of the Council, being one of the said Commissioners, delivered the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, in pursuance of His Excellency's commands, and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. It is with pleasure that I call you together for the opening of this the fifth Session of the 23rd Parliament of New South Wales.
2. In the theatre of war the troops of the Allies have been making substantial progress, and their efforts, coupled with the magnificent achievements of the British Fleet, should contribute materially towards hastening the termination of the war. It is gratifying to know that Australia's troops have been afforded the opportunity of taking a part in these operations.
3. The recent bounteous fall of rain is a matter for profound thankfulness, and will have the effect of assuring a good harvest for the ensuing season.
4. The public continues to subscribe liberally to the various patriotic and charitable funds.
5. The Government of New South Wales has continued to place its administrative and industrial resources at the disposal of the Government of the Commonwealth. The Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers and Ministers of the various States recently met in Conference in Adelaide, and subsequently in Melbourne, and, amongst other things, plans have been drawn up for assisting the Commonwealth Government in the duty of providing work and assistance for returned soldiers. The Government of New South Wales is providing at Randwick a permanent home capable of accommodating over a thousand disabled soldiers, and proposes to supplement the financial assistance which the Commonwealth Government is providing, and which will be made available through the Trustees of the Repatriation Fund, and Parliament will be asked to approve of this proposal.
6. Since the last Session of Parliament additional Members have proceeded on active military service.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. You will be asked to vote supplies for the Public Service. A statement explaining fully the financial position will be placed before you at an early date.
8. I am pleased to inform you that the operations of the last financial year have ended with a surplus.
9. You will be glad to learn that, notwithstanding the serious financial difficulties arising from war conditions, my advisers have succeeded in making such arrangements as will secure a continuance of the developmental works authorised by Parliament. These works will result in a material extension of the agricultural areas of the State, and embrace the continuance of the policy of main lines duplication now in operation, and the increase of the engine power and rolling stock at the disposal of the Railway Commissioners.

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

10. You will be asked to consider Bills dealing with the Local Government Franchise, to confer constitutional rights upon women to sit in Parliament, and also to amend the Electoral Law.
11. There will also be presented Bills relating to the construction of Grain Elevators and to Forestry matters.
12. Important proposals providing for Public Works requirements will also be submitted, including measures relating to the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Construction of Railways connected with the development of the State.
13. The following measures relating to industrial matters will be presented for your consideration, namely:—Bills to amend the Early Closing Law and the Sunday Trading Law, the Trades Union Law, the Coal Mines Regulation Law, and the Acts relating to Workmen's Compensation and Industrial Arbitration.
14. In view of the expected return of large numbers of our citizens now engaged in military operations for the defence of the Empire, my advisers consider that the time has arrived for the enactment of a Right to Work Bill.
15. You will be asked to authorise measures having for their object the further control of the Dental Profession and Land Agents.
16. Your consideration will be asked for legislative proposals dealing with the maintenance of the families of testators, and the amendment of the Liquor Act.
17. Other legislative proposals deal with the amendment of the Government Railways Act and the provision of more effectual machinery for dealing with appeals in the Government Railways and Tramways Service and the Police Service, in addition to a measure relating to the control of Industrial Undertakings.

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18. Many of these measures were under your consideration in the previous Session, but it was not found possible to bring them to finality.

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

Mr. Bagnall then moved, and Mr. Boston seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Boston, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Keegan, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Gardiner, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

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

Mr. Fuller 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.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY, 1916.

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

## PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (4.) Amended Rule No. 41, having reference to the Land Appeal Court of New South Wales.
  - (5.) Amended Regulations under the Closer Settlement Acts and the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, 1910.
  - (6.) Amended Regulations Nos. 43, 44, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 100, 101, 104, 106, 112, 118, 150, 151, 166, 167, 181, 182, 185, 189, 190, 193, 194, 205, 206, 214, 225, 228, 242, 244, 245, 248, 265, 304A, 305, 310, 312, 316, 318, 319, 325, 326, 327, 330, and 338, and Amended Forms Nos. 9, 10, 11, 58, 66, 79, 87, 100, 124B, and 125, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913; also Additional Regulations Nos. 195A, 195B, 196B, 213A, 217A, 282A, and 316A, and Additional Forms Nos. 66A, 67A, 67B, 68A, 78A, 82A, 98A, and 117A, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916; also cancellation of Regulations Nos. 195, 215, and 216, and Forms Nos. 67, 80, and 81, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (7.) Regulations and Forms under the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.
  - (2.) Report by the Government Statistician upon the State of the New South Wales Miners' Accident Relief Fund as at the 30th April, 1915.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
  - (2.) Gazette Notice under the Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914, varying and fixing the maximum selling prices of Kerosene, Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Motor Spirit, and Benzoline.
  - (3.) One hundred and twenty-seventh Report of the Necessary Commodities Control Commission regarding Meat.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minutes of Evidence and Addresses of Counsel, in connection with the Report of the Royal Commission to inquire into the negotiations on behalf of the Government of New South Wales for the acquisition of the works, plant, and business of the British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, and as to the amount to be paid for future supplies of oil, spirit, petrol, and the like.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—George Roy William McDonald, 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 Bingara.

3. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:—Thirty minutes having elapsed from the time of Mr. Speaker calling on Notices of Motions and Questions,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether Standing Order No. 79, which provides that no Questions shall be asked after a lapse of thirty minutes from Mr. Speaker calling on Notices of Motions and Questions, should not be enforced.

Mr. Speaker said that the Sessional Order appointing the days for Government Business taking precedence had not yet been passed. Until Notice No. 2 on the Business Paper had been carried Questions might be asked without limitation.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

*"PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, I do hereby appoint—*

*" William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire;  
" Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire,  
" Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire,  
" John Jacob Cohen, Esquire,  
" Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire,*

*Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire,  
Daniel Levy, Esquire,  
John Percy Osborne, Esquire, and  
Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire,—*

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

*" Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
" this twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
" and sixteen."*

*" R. D. MEAGHER,*

*" Speaker."*

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

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5. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service, viz. :—
- (a) £40 from Vote, "Government Subsidy to Ecclesiastical Hospitals," to Vote, "Bureau of Statistics and Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions."
  - (b) £6,000 from Vote, "Expenses in connection with representation of New South Wales at "Panama-Pacific Exhibition, San Francisco," to Vote, "Lunacy," and £3,500 from Vote, "Amount required to provide subventions to Friendly Societies," to Vote, "Public Health."
  - (c) £3,000 from Vote, "Meat Industry and Abattoirs Board," to Vote, "Public Health."
  - (d) £150 from Vote, "Maintenance and Transmission of Destitute Persons, &c.," to Vote, "Baby Clinics—Towards the maintenance and establishment of."
  - (e) £4,000 from Vote, "Department of Lands," to Vote, "Compensation for improvements effected on Improvement, Scrub, and 18th Section Leases withdrawn for settlement purposes."
  - (f) £1,000 from Vote, "Stock Brands and Pastures Protection," to Vote, "Agriculture."
  - (g) £1,000 from Vote, "Forestry," to Vote, "Agriculture."
  - (h) £25 from Vote, "Centennial Park—Contingencies," to Vote, "Nursery Garden, "Campbelltown."
  - (i) £1,000 from Vote, "Stock and Brands," to Vote, "Agriculture."
  - (j) £600 from Vote, "To meet the cost of subsidising Agricultural, Horticultural, and Pastoral Societies, &c.," to Vote, "Agriculture—Contingencies."
  - (k) £4,000 from Vote, "Expenses in connection with the Representation of New South Wales at "Panama-Pacific Exhibition, San Francisco," to the following Votes, namely, £3,000 to Vote, "Premier's Office"; £1,000 to Vote, "Motor-cars—Expenses of Upkeep and Salaries, Allowances, " &c."
  - (l) £4,500 from Vote, "Premier's Department—Immigration and Tourist Bureau—Miscellaneous Services—Towards promoting Immigration and Advertising the State," to Vote, "Public Health."
  - (m) £2,000 from Vote, "Subsidies to Hospitals, &c.," to Vote, "Special grants to Hospitals, &c."
  - (n) £1,500 from Vote, "Salaries, Contingencies, and other Expenses," to Vote, "Incidental, Unforeseen, and Petty Expenses"; and £400 from Vote, "Maintenance and Transmission of Destitute Persons, &c.," to Vote, "Baby Clinics—Towards the maintenance and establishment of."
  - (o) £104 from Vote, "Prisons—Contingencies," to Vote, "Court Reporters—Contingencies."
  - (p) £100 from Vote, "Master-in-Equity—Contingencies," to Vote, "Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce—Contingencies."
  - (q) £1,000 from Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies," to Vote, "Sheriff—Contingencies."
  - (r) £75 from Vote, "Master in-Equity—Contingencies," to Vote, "Prothonotary and Registrar in Divorce—Contingencies."
  - (s) £2,500 from Vote, "Registrar-General—Contingencies," to Vote, "Prisons—Contingencies."
  - (t) £25 from Vote, "Master in Equity—Contingencies," and £175 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services," to Vote, "Public Trustee—Contingencies"; £50 from Vote, "Master in Equity—Contingencies," and £150 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services," to Vote, "Sheriff Contingencies"; £100 from Vote, "Registrar in Bankruptcy—Contingencies," and £100 from Vote, "Attorney-General and Justice—Miscellaneous Services," to Vote, "Petty Sessions—Contingencies."
  - (u) £1,000 from Vote, "Registrar-General—Contingencies," and £350 from Vote, "Public Service Board—Contingencies," to Vote, "Necessary Commodities Control Commission."
  - (v) £31 from Vote, "District Court—Contingencies," £525 from Vote, "Miscellaneous Services—Attorney-General and Justice," £200 from Vote, "To provide for new positions, &c.," £500 from Vote, "To meet legal expenses, &c.," and £300 from Vote, "Maintenance of Electric Lights, &c.," to Vote, "Court Reporters—Contingencies."
  - (w) £9,500 from the following Votes, namely :—£3,400 from Vote, "Navigation—Salaries"; £600 from Vote, "Navigation—Contingencies"; £4,500 from Vote, "Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the State"; £1,000 from Vote, "Darling Harbour Resumptions—interest on compensation money," to the following Votes, namely :—£2,480 to Vote, "Insurance, Shipping Charges, &c. on English shipments"; £270 to Vote, "Commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents"; £4,160 to Vote, "Interest on moneys in the temporary possession of the Government"; £2,090 to Vote, "Interest on Advances by Banks"; and £500 to Vote, "Unforeseen Expenses to be hereafter accounted for."
- Ordered to be printed.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

"3.

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

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Levy 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.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 JULY, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-laws of the Walgett Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Aborigines Protection Board for 1915.

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return respecting Government assistance to Shire and Municipal Councils for period of nine years ending 30th June, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Evidence in libel action, *Griffith v. Combellack*.

(2.) Depositions in case of *The King v. Morgan*.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Gus Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table the following Papers,—
- (1.) *Scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River.
  - (2.) *System of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed system of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral.
  - (3.) *System of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wollongong*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed system of Sewerage for the Municipality of Wollongong.
  - (4.) *Tramway from Norton-street, Leichhardt, to Ashfield*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Norton-street, Leichhardt, to Ashfield.
  - (5.) *Tramway from Enfield to Strathfield*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Enfield to Strathfield.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, on this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 3 above,—resumed.  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other Business.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. E. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Thirty-eighth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Notes of Evidence in case of The King v. Morgan.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th July, 1916.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, "That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House," postponed (*by consent*) until after Notice of Motion No. 1.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the appointment forthwith of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means, and the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,"—through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
5. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.
6. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House will, at a later hour of the day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Question put and passed.

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7. PAPERS:—Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulation No. 78, under the Mining Act, 1906.
  - (2.) Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,—and Question proposed.

Mr. Wade, under Standing Order No. 335, moved, That leave be given to propose an amendment,—That this House is of opinion that no discrimination should be made in favour of Members of Parliament owing to any technical interpretation of the recent referendum; and, further, that fermented and spirituous liquors should not be supplied in Parliament House after 6 p.m.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

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

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Cusack and Mr. McGarry. Mr. Wade then moved, "That this House is of opinion that no discrimination should be made in favour of Members of Parliament owing to any technical interpretation of the recent referendum; and, further, that fermented and spirituous liquors should not be supplied in Parliament House after 6 p.m."

Question proposed,—That all the words after the word "That" in the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply," be left out with a view of inserting the words "this House is of opinion that no discrimination should be made in favour of Members of Parliament owing to any technical interpretation of the recent referendum; and, further, that fermented and spirituous liquors should not be supplied in Parliament House after 6 p.m."

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Cohen, referring to a statement that the carrying of the motion would block Supply, submitted that if the motion were put as a contingent motion and not as an amendment, it would not have the effect suggested. Standing Order No. 335 had been adopted so as to allow a motion of this kind to be brought forward without blocking Supply. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he could not see any other way of stating the matter than as an amendment to omit all the words after the word "That." There was no other constitutional method. He referred to a precedent on 13th August, 1889, on a motion moved under similar circumstances, when the Speaker, in giving his casting vote, stated that the carrying of the motion would have the effect of taking the Business out of the hands of the Government. It was well to understand that in procedure under Standing Order No. 335 there were two stages: First the leave to propose an amendment, then the proposing of the amendment by the method he had adopted. In the case referred to as having occurred on 20th October, 1903, the matter had not proceeded beyond the first stage. The position in this instance was the same as that which had occurred on 21st December, 1910, when the late Mr. McCourt, who had occupied the Speaker's Chair for ten years, succeeded in carrying a motion for leave to move an amendment. The amendment was then put in the way he had proposed, namely, to leave out all the words after the word "That," and insert other words. He must put the question in the same form as ex-Speaker McCourt had adopted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,—put and passed.

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

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,942,850; being £1,091,000 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, 1917, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1916, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1916-17; and

£1,628,000 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—  
 £1,550,000 for Railways and Tramways—Working expenses;  
 £78,000 for Local Government—Endowment of Shires, £70,000; To recoup Shires and Municipalities for increased cost of working Public Ferries due to remission of Tolls, £5,500;  
 Eradication of Water Hyacinth, £2,500.

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£100,600 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :—

£18,600 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—Hospitals—Metropolitan, Suburban, and Country Hospitals—Grants under the provisions of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, £10,000; Newcastle Hospital—Additions—further sum, £8,600; £5,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes;

£4,000 for Secretary for Lands—Forestry—To meet expenditure in connection with Afforestation and Re-afforestation, Resumptions, Survey and Improvement of Land for Forestry purposes;

£33,000 for Minister for Public Works—Bridges generally, £8,000; Public Buildings generally, £20,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works generally; also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled, £5,000;

£40,000 for Public Instruction—School Buildings, Teachers' Residences and Sites, Equipment, Renewals and Improvements of Schools and Residences, and Materials.

£1,123,250 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :—

£24,000 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—State Trawlers—Towards construction of Trawlers, Establishment of Depôts, Motor Vehicles, Wharf accommodation—further sum;

£379,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port, £44,000; Towards resumption of Australian Gas Light Company's premises, Darling Harbour, and adjacent additional area—further sum, £335,000;

£11,750 for Agriculture—Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission—Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers, £10,750; To provide assistance in development of farms of Settlers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas enlisting for military service, £1,000.

£708,500 for Minister for Public Works—Railway Construction—North Coast Railway—further sum, £145,000; Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba—further sum, £25,000; Forbes to Stockingall—further sum, £20,000; Muswellbrook to Merriwa—further sum, £10,000; Wyalong to Cudgellico—further sum, £24,000; Tullamore to Tottenham—further sum, £9,500; Borellan to Mirrool—further sum, £6,000; Cooma to Bombala, further sum, £7,000; Condobolin to Broken Hill—further sum, £100,000; City and Suburban Railways Land Resumptions and Costs, £75,000; Sewerage Construction—Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum, £5,000; Newcastle Sewerage—further sum, £11,000; Harbours and Rivers—Newcastle Harbour Improvements and Wharfage, including Dredging and other plant—further sum, £34,000; Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage, and Shipping Appliances—further sum, £13,000; Coff's Harbour Improvements—further sum, £12,000; Namblucca River Improvements—further sum, £1,000; Government Dockyard, Newcastle Extension, including Munitions Factory—further sum, £61,000; Meat Industry and Abattoir Board—New Public Abattoir and other Works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Depôt, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs, £73,000; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification, £27,000; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, £50,000.

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1916-1917, the sum of £3,942,850 be granted, viz. :—£2,719,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £100,600 out of the Public Works Fund, and £1,123,250 out of the General Loan Account.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ball, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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(4.) Bill read a third time; and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement of Receipts and Payments, Police Superannuation and Reward Fund, during the year ended 30th June, 1916.

(2.) Report of the Public Trustee for the year ended 30th June, 1916, together with Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, Balance-sheet, and Profit and Loss Account.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipality of Berry, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

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

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

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

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

And the question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate

*Interruption.*

3. SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th July, 1916.*

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

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bagnall, on this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 3 above,—resumed.

And

27th July, 1916.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 JULY, 1916, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

FRIDAY, 28 JULY, 1916.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, on Tuesday next, at a quarter past Four o'clock, at Government House.

5. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann 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, Thursday, and Friday in each week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
6. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,—
  - (1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6.30 p.m., and that after that hour Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
  - (2.) That General Notices of Motion and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
  - (3.) That Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
 Question put and passed.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice,—
  - (1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Fullick, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all Papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such Papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for Press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.
  - (2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
  - (3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
 Question put and passed.
8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Wade, Mr. Ball, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. John Storey, and the Mover, with leave to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.  
Question put and passed.
9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, Mr. M. Abbott, and the Mover, with authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1882.  
Question put and passed.
10. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Page, Mr. Durack, Mr. Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Nicholson, Mr. Latimer, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover, with authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEACHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1916.

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 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:—

Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and the

Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

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

I have every confidence that, under Divine Providence, your labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community, and to co-operation with the Federal and Imperial Governments in achieving complete victory in the War, and in preparing solutions for the social and financial problems consequent thereon.

G. STRICKLAND,

Governor.

1st August, 1916.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Sydney Cricket Ground for the year ended 30th June, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—By-laws of the Moonin Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

By Mr. Holman,—

- (1.) Supply Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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By Mr. J. H. Cann,—

## (2.) Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 1st August, 1916.

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

## (3.) Sydney Harbour Bridge Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority, and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 1st August, 1916.

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

## 4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 20th July, 1916, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next following days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 159th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912.

(2.) *Members Sworn*:—William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire; Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, Thomas Simpson Crawford, Esquire, John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, Arthur Rowland Gardiner, Esquire, Augustus George Frederic James, Esquire, Daniel Levy, Esquire, John Percy Osborne, Esquire, and Robert James Stuart-Robertson, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

5. *Suspension of Sessional Orders*:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the continuation of the discussion of Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day after half-past Six o'clock, p.m. Question put and passed.

6. *Note of Censure—Report of the Royal Commissioner in the Petrol Inquiry as affecting the Honorable Arthur Griffith*:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, in view of the report of the Royal Commissioner in the Petrol Inquiry, this House is of opinion that it is not desirable that the Honorable Arthur Griffith should remain a Minister of the Crown.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Price,	Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fallick,		Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill,	Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grimm,		Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,		Mr. Estell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Haynes,		Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Hoskins,		Mr. Grahame,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Hunt,		Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. James,		Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,		Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. W. Millard,		Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,		Mr. Holman,	Mr. McGarr,
Mr. Nesbitt,		Mr. Hoyle,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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1st August, 1916:

7. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority, and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.  
Question put and passed.
8. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
9. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. D. R. Hall*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.  
Question put and passed.
10. POLICE APPEAL BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Black*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1916, A.M.

11. DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Black*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.  
Question put and passed.
12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
13. FORESTRY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Ashford*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
14. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of Mr. Grahame*, moved pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Information respecting the case of Gunner Smith.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report and Balance-sheet of the State Monier Pipe and Reinforced Concrete Works for the year ended 30th June, 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulations under the Dentists Act, 1912, and the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.

(2.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, and the Motor Traffic Amendment Act, 1915.

(3.) Report of Mr. W. G. Burton Smith, Police Magistrate, regarding an inquiry held by him into certain matters in connection with the State Parliamentary Election, Macquarie Electorate, in 1913.

Ordered to be printed.

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

By Mr. Black,—

- (1.) Police Appeal Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force; for the above purposes to constitute a Board; to authorise the imposition of fines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1916.

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

By Mr. Grahame,—

- (2.) Grain Elevator Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 24.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th July, 1916.

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

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By Mr. Estell,—

## (3.) Workmen's Compensation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners' Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1916.

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

## (4.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1916.

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

## (5.) Early Closing Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Early Closing; to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to Early Closing; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 2nd August, 1916.

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

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Holman having offered congratulations,—

Mr. Thrower made his acknowledgments.

## 5. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority, and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority, and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

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

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- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson's Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

By Mr. D. R. Hall,—

- (1.) Testators Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 28.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 21st July, 1916.

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

By Mr. Ashford,—

- (2.) Closer Settlement (Super-tax) Bill:—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 29.

By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 21st July, 1916.

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

7. TESTATORS FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.*"—which was read a first time.

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

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Workmen's Compensation Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act for 1915.
- (2.) Additional and Amended Regulations under the Gas Act, 1912.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Inverell Water Supply.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland-South Grafton Railway.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Local Government Act, 1906, for a Public Watering Place at Fairfield.
- (4.) Amended By-law for the Municipality of Cobar, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (5.) Amended By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Summary of matters pending before the Court of Industrial Arbitration.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Return in regard to the employees of the Sydney Harbour Trust who have enlisted.
- (2.) Thirty-third Annual Report, with Appendices, under the Inscribed Stock Acts, 1902-1914.
- (3.) Report of the Railway Department respecting Railway Accident at Lidcombe.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POLICE APPEAL BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines : and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—which was read a first time.

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

3rd August, 1916.

## 3. DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.

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 Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 4. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

## 5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1916, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Fingleton,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Scobie.

Noes, 14.

Mr. M. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Zuill,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

## 6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

## 7. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1916.

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

**CLOSING OF LIQUOR BARS** :—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from certain residents of the Electoral Districts of Sturt and Willyama, representing that great numbers of men in the Barrier District are employed on afternoon and night shifts; that the complete isolation of the Barrier District from the rest of New South Wales, and the different conditions there prevailing, entitles the residents to special consideration; that a very large proportion of the workers are forced to spend much of their leisure hours on the streets and in the open air in the intense heat and severe dust-storms for which the District is so noted; that for men so situated it is a matter of absolute necessity that some legal provision should be made for obtaining refreshments up to a later hour than 6 p.m.; that the Poll taken at the recent Referendum showed a substantial majority against 6 o'clock and in favour of 9 p.m. in the two Electorates; and praying that the House will be pleased to amend the provisions of the Liquor Act and Liquor Referendum Act so as to permit licensed premises in the Electorates of Sturt and Willyama to remain open for the sale of liquor until at least 9 p.m. on ordinary days  
Petition received.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulation No. 271, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipality of Parramatta, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipalities of Central Illawarra, Wollongong, North Illawarra, and part of the Shire of Bulli, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- (3.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1916.
- (4.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplication between Cullerin and Harden.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) By-laws of the Four Posts Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.
- (2.) Regulations Nos. 363 (a), (b), and (c), of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, under the Irrigation Acts, 1912-1916.
- (3.) By-laws of the Tulloon Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Amended Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS :—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Leichhardt, The Honorable Ambrose Campbell Carmichael; the Honorable Member for Tamworth, Frank

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Augustus Chaffey, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Mudgee, William Fraser Dunn, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Cobar, Charles Stuart Fern, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Burwood, Thomas Henley, Esquire; the Honorable Member for Bondi, Colonel James William Macarthur Onslow, on account of absence from the State on Military Service.

Question put and passed.

4. FINES FOR SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1) On how many occasions fines have been imposed since 1910 for selling liquor without a license.
  - (2) The total amount of the fines so imposed.
  - (3) In how many cases remissions have been granted.
  - (4) The total amount of the remissions so granted.
  - (5) The total amount of fines that have been paid up to date.

Question put and passed.

5. GLEBE WHARFAGE LANDS BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Keegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revoke, annul, and cancel the dedication of certain lands situate in the Municipality of the Glebe as a site for wharfage purposes, and the deed of grant thereof, and the record and enrolment of the said deed; to vest such lands in the Council of such Municipality subject to certain reservations and conditions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Price submitted that this motion involved expenditure, and should have been preceded by a Message, and was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Speaker said he was not prepared to rule at this stage.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Keegan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to revoke, annul, and cancel the dedication of certain lands situate in the Municipality of the Glebe as a site for wharfage purposes, and the deed of grant thereof, and the record and enrolment of the said deed; to vest such lands in the Council of such Municipality subject to certain reservations and conditions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto;*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd August.

6. CASE OF THOMAS McDONNELL AND EDWARD O'DONNELL:—Mr. John Storey moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas McDonnell and Edward O'Donnell, who were recently dismissed from the Police Force for having assaulted J. E. Chinnery, and for which alleged offence they were sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Boston, Mr. Brantnell, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Durack, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Black, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Storey, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd August.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

- 7 RURAL TENANTS' IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Rural Tenants' Improvements Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—"Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled 'An Act to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,'—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th August, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Deviation and Duplication of the Main Western Line between Locksley and Wambool*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a deviation and duplication of the Main Western Line between Locksley and Wambool.

And

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And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1916, A.M.

Question put and passed.

10. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the City and Suburban Electric Railways Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916, A.M.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

11. HERMIDALE TO NYMAGEE RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Hermidale to Nymagee Railway Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Hermidale to Nymagee; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with respect to the tolls and charges on such line; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916, A.M.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

12. HENTY TO BILLABONG CREEK RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Henty to Billabong Creek Railway Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916, A.M.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

13. TARANA TO OBERON RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Tarana to Oberon Railway Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Tarana to Oberon; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916, A.M.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

14. CROOKWELL TO WHEEO RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Crookwell to Wheeo Railway Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of a line of Railway from Crookwell to Wheeo; to provide

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“ for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ;  
 “ to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental  
 “ thereto,—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of  
 “ the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the  
 “ Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the  
 “ Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 9th August, 1916, A.M.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

15. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Bill be further considered in Committee of the Whole To-morrow.

16. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,”—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 11.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Papers relating to the Supply of Asbestos Sheet-piling to the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Corruption in connection with the proposed State Monopoly of Petrol Industry, together with Minutes of Evidence and Addresses of Counsel. (*In substitution for Report laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 18th July, 1916, and Minutes of Evidence laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 20th July, 1916.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals.

State Government House,

Sydney, 9th August, 1916.

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

3. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (SUPER-TAX) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Hickey,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	Tellers,
Mr. Keenleyside,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Fingleton.

Mr. William Brown,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Colquhoun,	Tellers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the imposing and to provide for the collecting of a tax on lands within boundaries to be defined; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916.*

5. FORESTRY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashford, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep, to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th July, 1916.*

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

6. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AGENTS) BILL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Members of Parliament (Agents) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—"Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled 'An Act to "provide that Members of Parliament shall not act as paid advocates or agents in connection "with certain matters; and for other purposes,'—forwarded to the Legislative Council for "concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt "with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the "said Bill be proceeded with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

7. FORESTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

8. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL:—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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9. STATE COAL MINES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the State Coal Mines (Land Acquisition) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—"Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled " 'An Act to sanction the purchase and acquisition of certain lands for the purposes of the " 'State Coal Mines Act, 1912,'—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a " previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the " prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded " with under the Council's Standing Order in that behalf."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

10. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Early Closing Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Balance-sheet of the State Brickworks, Homebush Bay, for the year ended 30th June, 1916.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Harbour Improvements, Coff's Harbour.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland-South Crafton Railway.
- (4.) By-laws under the Broken Hill Water Supply Administration Act, 1915.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement respecting the professional conduct of members of the Institute of Journalists.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Petersham and Bankstown Road Closing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the municipal councils of Petersham and Bankstown to close certain roads; to provide for the disposal of the land in such roads; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th August, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

- (2.) Wine Adulteration Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th August, 1916.*

FRED FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The necessity for a searching investigation into the method of tendering for asbestos sheeting in the Department of Water Conservation and Irrigation."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10th August, 1916.

4. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5, subclause (b)," 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 third time, put and passed.

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

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners' Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners' Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th August, 1916.

5. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Gardiner,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Cocks,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Minahan,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Zuill,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Robson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

7. FORESTRY BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Ashford, pursuant to leave granted on 9th August, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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10th August, 1916.

8. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 5th day of August, 1916, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law,—which Commission, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

*“Greeting:*

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

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*“By His Excellency's Command,*  
“GEORGE BLACK.”

9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th April, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendments,—because if either Police Magistrates or Stipendiary Magistrates be appointed to the Government Railways (Appeals) Board, they would probably, in view of their training, confine the appellants and their witnesses to the strict law of evidence; whereas, it is desirable that the appellants should be given every reasonable latitude in presenting their case, so that no evidence which may assist them shall be excluded.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from the Council's amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1916, A.M.*

10. TESTATORS FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, until To-morrow.

12. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES:—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prevalence of venereal diseases in this State, their effects upon the health of the community, and the means by which those effects can be alleviated or prevented.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Thomas, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1915-16 be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Reports of the Auditor-General on Supply of Asbestos Sheeting to the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return of Timber, Horse Feed, and Explosives obtained by Norton Griffiths, Limited.

(3.) Return of Steel and Ironwork obtained by Norton Griffiths, Limited.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and delivered by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The administration of the Meat Industry Act."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Government Railways (Amendment) Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

5. BEGA LOAN BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Griffith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.

Question put and passed.

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6. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Griffith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

7. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed,—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1916.*

Question put and passed.

Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Estell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

9. SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Durack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gardiner,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Minahan,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,
Mr. Thompson,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson’s Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to sanction the construction of a high-level cantilever bridge across Sydney Harbour by connecting Dawes Point with Milson’s Point, together with the necessary approaches, railway connections, and other works connected therewith;

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therewith ; to provide for the use of such works by the Constructing Authority and other persons ; to provide for the cost of the said works and other expenses connected therewith ; to impose a rate on certain lands in relation to such works ; for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto ; and for such purposes to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1916.*

10. TESTATORS' FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator ; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator ; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants ; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th August, 1916.*

11. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Return of Receipts and Expenditure of the North Coast and other Railways.
- (2.) Correspondence in connection with the Supply of Timber and Joinery required by Government Departments.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 338, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—One hundred and thirty-fourth Report of the Necessary Commodities Control Commission regarding Gas.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Information regarding Schools and Churches conducted by Germans in New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Treasury Fire Insurance Board for the year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Department on the collision which occurred between two passenger trains at Lidcombe on 1st August, 1916, with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Yass, Mr. McGirr, 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 "Pastures Protection Boards in New South Wales."

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

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

Debate ensued.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

3. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Grahame, the report was adopted.

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

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4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

5. BEGA LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker*

New South Wales.

No. 15

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Land, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Bylaws of the Mungyer Bore Water Trust, under the Water Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Information regarding construction of a Railway from Broken Hill, *via* The Pinnacles, to the South Australian Border.

(2.) Further information regarding Churches conducted by Germans in New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(3.) Report of the Auditor-General on examination of the Accounts of the Australia Day Fund, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 21st June, 1915, to 22nd May, 1916.

(4.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Recommendations of the Economic Conference of the Allies held in Paris on 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th June, 1916.

(5.) Imperial Parliamentary Paper—Summaries of the Evidence taken by a Sub-committee of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trade on commercial intelligence in the course of their inquiry with respect to measures for securing the position, after the war, of certain branches of British industry.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES:—Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" have leave to make visits of inspection, from time to time, within the State, for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House, for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.  
Question put and passed.
3. BRISBANE LIMITED EXPRESS (*Formal Motion*):—Lieut. Col. Nicholson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of passengers carried on the Brisbane Limited Express—up and down—from 14th November, 1915, to 27th May, 1916; the total revenue earned by and the total cost of expenditure from 14th November, 1915, to 27th May, 1916, for the Brisbane Limited Express.  
Question put and passed.
4. BEGA LOAN BILL:—
- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Griffith, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 33.*

*By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency

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of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.

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Sydney, 21st July, 1916.*

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

- (2.) Mr. J. H. Cann, on behalf of Mr. Griffith, pursuant to leave granted on 15th August, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Camperdown, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The failure of the Police Force to maintain order during the period that public meetings were being held on the Domain, Sydney, last Sunday."

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

Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Railway from Cobar to the C.S.A. Mines*):—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Cobar to the C.S.A. Mines.

Ordered to be printed.

7. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. J. H. Cann, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 34.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th August, 1916.*

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

8. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

9. GRAIN ELEVATOR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Grahame, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Grahame then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th August, 1916.*

10. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th August, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes 32.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thrower.
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hickey,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Hollis,	

Noes 25.

Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Bruntuell,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

11. FORESTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Price submitted that the Bill was not prepared in accordance with the Order of Leave as required by the Standing Orders, particularly in regard to clause 11, paragraph (d). The clause also was practically an abrogation of the Public Works Act which provided that every work estimated to cost more than £20,000 should be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. The Bill was therefore out of order. Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he found that this Bill had been introduced in accordance with Standing Order 246. Therefore as far as that was concerned the Point of Order failed. The second portion of the Honorable Member's Point of Order was that this proposal should have been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. There was nothing in clause 11 to say that the Minister should enter upon an expenditure exceeding £20,000. Subclause (d) of clause 11 merely gave the Commission power to construct railways and tramways and other works for the transport of timber, and purchase and use vehicles and vessels with the necessary motive power. There was nothing in the clause to say how much money should be expended. If the Minister proposed to expend more than £20,000 on any work, then under the Public Works Act, section 34, the matter would have to be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. He ruled against the Point of Order.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPEES :—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return giving information respecting raids made upon Chinese premises and European premises (a) in the city, and (b) in the centres outside, during 1914, 1915, and 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS TO MR. SPEAKER :—MR. Edden asked Mr. Speaker by what authority he and the President of the Legislative Council could close the bar of the Parliamentary Refreshment Room at Six o'clock, without first consulting the Members of both Houses.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Holman asked Mr. Speaker to consider whether questions addressed to the Speaker, without Notice, were in accordance with the Standing Orders. He had consulted the Standing Orders and could not see any provision for questions being asked with Notice, and he assumed that if questions could not be put with Notice, they could not, except under very unusual circumstances, be addressed to the Speaker without Notice. He realised that it had always been permissible to call the attention of the Speaker to some difficulty that might have arisen in the management of the House, or in connection with some arrangements which were intended for the convenience of Members; but the House would be on its guard against the growing practice of addressing interrogations to Mr. Speaker as a matter of right. He asked that a clear ruling be given so that Members might know what their position was and have their rights defined.

Mr. Speaker said the Premier was correct in his assumption. There were precedents in the Imperial Parliament for addressing questions to the Speaker on matters affecting the interests of Members of the House, but these questions were rare, and related to matters of extreme urgency. In this House he had, as a matter of courtesy, answered questions addressed to him in connection with the business of the House. He did not want to appear captious in connection with any authority he might exercise. The procedure was clearly laid down in "May," 10th edition, page 236, as follows :—"As regards questions addressed to the Speaker, no written or public notice of such a question is permissible; nor can any appeal be made to the Chair by a question save on Points of Order as they arise, or on a matter which urgently concerns the proceedings of the House." He was prepared to take a liberal view of the word "proceedings," although, strictly interpreted, it would refer to what took place in this Chamber. If in future any Honorable Member desired to obtain any information in regard to any Department under his sole control, or under the dual control of the President and himself, he could have the open sesame to the Speaker's room, and he assured Honorable Members that he would give them the fullest information. In future he would not answer any question in the House, except on Points of Order or proceedings arising in the House.

17th August, 1916.

3. MOLONG TO DUBBO RAILWAY BILL. (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1916.*

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

- (1.) Vegetable Creek Hospital Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Vegetable Creek Hospital ; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a first time.

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

- (2.) Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validating Bill —

MR. SPEAKER,—

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the Council of the Waratah Municipality, and for other purposes,*"—forwarded to the Legislative Assembly during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Council requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Assembly's Standing Order in that behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

5. URGENCY—PROSECUTION OF J. P. DANAHER FOR SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE :—Mr. Cochran moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 7 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the prosecution of J. P. Danaher for selling liquor without a license on 11th April, 1915.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Dr. Arthur,  
Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Briner,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Bruntnell,  
Mr. Cusack,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Edden,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Hollis,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. McGarry,  
Mr. McGirr,  
Mr. Mark F. Morton,  
Mr. Nesbitt,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Perry.

Tellers,

Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Haynes.

Noes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,  
Mr. Ashford,  
Mr. Black,  
Mr. William Brown,  
Mr. Burgess,  
Mr. J. H. Cann,  
Mr. Colquhoun,  
Mr. T. S. Crawford,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Fuller,  
Mr. Gardiner,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. D. R. Hall,  
Mr. Hickey,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Hunt,  
Mr. Lane,  
Mr. Latimer,  
Mr. Leo,  
Mr. Levy,

Mr. Mercer,  
Mr. W. Millard,  
Mr. Morrish,  
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,  
Mr. Rolson,  
Mr. Scobie,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Thompson,  
Mr. Thrower,  
Mr. Waddell,  
Mr. Wade,  
Tellers;  
Captain Toombs,  
Mr. Zuill.

And so it passed in the negative.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

17th August, 1916.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Gordon, Mr. Wade, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The necessity for a searching investigation into the method of tendering for asbestos sheeting in the Department of Water Conservation and Irrigation."  
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—  
Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Letter from the Auditor-General relative to enquiries by his Department into the Supply of Asbestos Sheeting to the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
9. **FORESTRY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ashford, "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. Ashford, 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,—

FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

10. **SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 35.

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 Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 16th August, 1916.

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

11. **COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes.

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

(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. **BEGA LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

17th August, 1916.

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13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. S. MOWIE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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New South Wales.

No. 17.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement showing dates of reduction and restoration of working times of men employed by the Public Works Department. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Opinion regarding Section 17 (2) of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905, and Minute respecting practice to be observed in regard to closing of hotels under the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Reports of the Director-General of Public Health (a) into the circumstances connected with the death of Leonard Wakeling, at Manly Hospital, and (b) into the administration of the Hospital, and copy of Minute written by the Chief Secretary and Minister of Public Health on Dr. Paton's first report. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return showing Royal Commissions appointed since October, 1910. (*In addition to those included in Return previously tabled, and ordered by the House to be printed, 16th September, 1913.*) Ordered to be printed.

2. BEGA LOAN BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government.*"

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 Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1916.*

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

(1.) Sydney Water Supply (Cordeaux River Dam) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 36.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River, immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1916.*

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

(2.)

18th August, 1916.

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th August, 1916.

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

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in Shires and Municipalities; to apply to Shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

5. FORESTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Ashford moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th August, 1916.

## 6. WOMEN'S LEGAL STATUS BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove certain disabilities and disqualifications of women. Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remove certain disabilities and disqualifications of women,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## 7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—Scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme to augment the Sydney Water Supply by the construction of a Dam on the Cordeaux River, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House of the serious illness of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. T. H. Thrower, and intimated that he was unlikely to be able to attend to his duties for at least four weeks.

- (2.) Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to Thomas Henry Thrower, Esquire, Chairman of Committees, on account of serious illness.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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18th August, 1916.

9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Ernest Durack, Esquire, be appointed to act temporarily in the capacity of Chairman of Committees and Deputy-Speaker in the unavoidable absence of the Member elected to that office. Question put and passed.

10. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Dr. Arthur moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 4, and "the consideration of a new clause," instead thereof.

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. J. H. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Mercer,	

Noes, 13.

Dr. Arthur.
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Burgess,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. J. H. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Lang.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Morrish,	

Noes, 14.

Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fuller,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Zuill.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Bruntnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 18th August, 1916.*

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1916.

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

SYMPATHY WITH THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR MURRAY, ROBERT SCOBIE, ESQUIRE:—Mr. Holman, on behalf of the Government and Members of the House, expressed the deepest sympathy with the Honorable Member for Murray, Robert Scobie, Esquire, in the loss of his son, who had fallen in the fighting at the front.

Mr. Fuller and Mr. Haynes addressed the House, and expressed their sympathy with the Honorable Member in his loss.

Mr. Speaker also addressed the House, and added his sympathy.

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

- (1.) Sydney Corporation Amendment (Costs) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 22nd August, 1916.

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

- (2.) Local Government (Amending) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
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 amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in Shires and Municipalities; to apply to Shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 18th August, 1916.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The administration of the Minister for Agriculture in connection with the payment of guarantee of 4s. per bushel on "excess area, including land fallowed for 1916."

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

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

22nd August, 1916.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

4. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CORDEAUX RIVER DAM) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River, immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
5. DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Defamation (Amendment) Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council :—“ Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912,”—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd August, 1916.*  
Question put and passed.  
Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. BALMAIN ROAD CLOSING BILL :—  
(1.) Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain; to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain; to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
8. SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Hoyle, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
9. WORKERS’ ACCOMMODATION BILL :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Workers’ Accommodation Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council :—“ Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled ‘ An Act to provide for the proper and sufficient accommodation of workers; to protect from damage any buildings used for such accommodation; to repeal the Shearers’ Accommodation Act, 1901; to amend certain Acts; and for other purposes incidental thereto,’—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under the Council’s Standing Order in that behalf.”  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd August, 1916.*  
Question put and passed.  
Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
10. PETERSHAM AND BANKSTOWN ROAD CLOSING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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11. VEGETABLE CREEK HOSPITAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
12. WINE ADULTERATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Grahame moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Grahame, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report and Financial Statement of the Government Railways Superannuation Board for the year ended 30th June, 1916.

(2.) Report of the Housing Board on the Dacey Garden Suburb and Observatory Hill ("The Rocks") Resumed Area for the year ended 30th June, 1916, together with Photographs and Plans.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

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

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Railway from Murwillumbah to the Tweed Heads*):—Mr. Gus Miller, 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 Murwillumbah to the Tweed Heads.

Ordered to be printed.

4. BEGA LOAN 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 authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd August, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

23rd August, 1916.

## 5. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CORDEAUX RIVER DAM) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River, immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River, immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River, immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. PETERSHAM AND BANKSTOWN ROAD CLOSING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Councils of Petersham and Bankstown to close certain roads; to provide for the disposal of the land in such roads; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Councils of Petersham and Bankstown to close certain roads; to provide for the disposal of the land in such roads; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd August, 1916.

7. VEGETABLE CREEK HOSPITAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Vegetable Creek Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Vegetable Creek Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd August, 1916.

8. WINE ADULTERATION AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902*."

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 Wine Adulteration Act, 1902*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd August, 1916.

## 9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the

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the City of Sydney ; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections ; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in Shires and Municipalities ; to apply to Shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney ; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections ; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in Shires and Municipalities ; to apply to Shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905 ; to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney: to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in Shires and Municipalities; to apply to Shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905: to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. SALES BY TRUSTEES CONFIRMATION 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 confirm sales, exchanges, partitions, enfranchisements, and contracts by trustees and others,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd August, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a first time.

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

11. WOMEN'S LEGAL STATUS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time, —

*Point of Order*.—Mr. Waddell pointed out that it had always been recognised when a Bill was introduced the Order of Leave should contain a description of what the Bill intended to do ; that its main principles should be mentioned in the Order of Leave ; and that if it were proposed to repeal or amend an Act reference should be made in the Order of Leave. This Bill very materially altered the Electoral Law, and what was clearly the intention of the Constitution Act, without mention in the Title. He submitted that the Bill was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Point was one which there was ample precedent for dealing with. The test which the Attorney-General had asked should be applied was whether anyone would be taken by surprise on reading the Order of Leave and then perusing the Bill. If the Order of Leave had been to remove all disabilities which women suffer at the present time no one would be taken by surprise, but when the Order of Leave was to remove certain disabilities, one must to a large extent be in darkness until having seen the Bill and ascertained what those disabilities were. There was a ruling by Mr. Speaker McCourt, in which in declaring the Women's Franchise Bill in order he ruled that the Order of Leave was sufficiently comprehensive to cover the matter referred to in the clauses. In that case the Order of Leave clearly set forth that the purpose of the Bill was to extend the Franchise. He quoted rulings which he, as Deputy-Speaker, had given in ruling out of order the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) in Session 1912. The Order of Leave described this Bill as one to remove certain disabilities, and it was not until the Bill had been seen that the nature of those disabilities could be discovered. In view of the precedents mentioned and the provisions of the Bill itself, there could be no possible doubt that the Bill was beyond the Order of Leave, and he therefore upheld the Point taken.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 20.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Royal Commission on Border Railways, together with copies of Commissions, Evidence, Appendices, and Plan.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Tourist Resorts—Working Account.
- (2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Hospitals for Insane Generally—Farm and Garden Account.
- (3.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Department of Public Health—Farm Account.
- (4.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Aborigines Protection Board—Produce and Sale Store Account.
- (5.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Prisons—Bread Account.
- (6.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 21st March, 1916, to 30th June, 1916, in connection with Prisons—Live Stock Account.
- (7.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Farms—Farm Account.
- (8.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Wheat Areas Establishment Store Account.
- (9.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Gosford Farm Home for Boys—Farm Account.
- (10.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Erskineville Bootmaking School.
- (11.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1916, in connection with Labour Farm Account.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day, "Globe Wharfage Lands Bill; second reading. [Mr. Keegan]";—postponed until Tuesday, 5th September.
3. **THE ASHTONFIELDS COAL MINES RAILWAY BILL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Longworth and Thomas Longworth, of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, to construct a railway from coal lands at Buttai, in the parish of Mailland, county of Northumberland, to the Great Northern Railway at Thornton, in the parish of Alwicks*,"—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, 24th August, 1916.

FRED FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

24th August, 1916.

4. SYMPATHY WITH THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR BURWOOD, THOMAS HENLEY, ESQUIRE:—Mr. Holman, on behalf of Members of the House, expressed the deepest sympathy with the Honorable Member for Burwood, Thomas Henley, Esquire, in the loss of his son, who had fallen in the fighting at the front.  
Mr. Fuller also addressed the House, and expressed the sympathy of Honorable Members on the Opposition side of the House.  
Mr. Speaker said he would have a memorial record prepared to express in an official way their sympathy with Mr. Henley, and also Mr. Scobie, the death of whose son they had lately to deplore.
5. DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black, *passed*.  
Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.*”  
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 Dentist's (Amendment) Act, 1916,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th August, 1916.*
6. SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon, or incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Acting Chairman, That the report be *now* received.  
The Acting Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
8. CONSTITUTION (PUBLIC SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Constitution (Public Service) Amendment Bill, forwarded to the Legislative Council during a previous Session, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the following Message be sent to the Council:—“Mr. President,—A Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide that officers in the Public Service of New South Wales may be nominated “and elected to the Legislative Assembly and that when so elected any such officer “shall resign his position in the said service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and “for other purposes,*”—forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence during a previous Session of the present Parliament, not having been finally dealt with because of the prorogation of the Legislature, the Legislative Assembly requests that the said Bill be proceeded with under “the Council's Standing Order in that behalf.”  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th August, 1916.*  
Question put and passed.  
Message to Legislative Council sent accordingly.
9. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CORDEAUX RIVER DAM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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10. WARATAH MUNICIPAL GAS LOAN VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Cohen pointed out that Standing Order No. 248 provided that every Bill should be prepared in accordance with the Order of Leave. The Title of this Bill contained the words "to regulate within the city of Sydney buildings and erections." He submitted that the Bill was not prepared in accordance with the Order of Leave, as it did not regulate buildings and erections within the city of Sydney, and would practically repeal or seriously amend the City of Sydney Improvement Act, and no power was taken in the Order of Leave to do so. He submitted that Bill was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the test that one must apply was to read the Order of Leave and then peruse the Bill and ask whether anyone was prejudiced or taken by surprise through the clauses of the Bill being of an absolutely different character from that which was set forth in the Order of Leave. The whole question gyrated upon the word "regulate." He was not prepared to take upon himself the definition of regulation. The Order of Leave set forth that the Bill was to "regulate within the city of Sydney, buildings and erections." That was an extremely wide term. Clause 2 provided that buildings within the city of Sydney might be built, enlarged, or altered wholly or partly of a material of certain composition which was set forth, and subject to conditions which might be prescribed by the City Council which were of course subject to ratification by the State Executive. The tests which had been applied by his predecessor, Mr. McCourt, could not properly be applied to the Point which the Honorable Member for Petersham had taken. The tendency of recent years in the Imperial Parliament was not to strictly construe the clauses of a Bill with the Order of Leave but to allow as much latitude as possible. Following this precedent he did not take it upon himself to hold that the word "regulate" did not comprise what was set forth in clause 2. For those reasons he held the Point to be untenable and the Bill to be in order.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27

Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hickey,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Griffith,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. William Brown,	Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Levy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return showing materials obtained from the Public Works Department by State Monier Pipe Works.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902, and the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1910.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Rule of the Supreme Court—Equitable Jurisdiction.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); "second reading. [*Mr. James*]" ;—postponed until Tuesday next.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Correspondence regarding the Financial Position of the Parliamentary Refreshment Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (CORDEAUX RIVER DAM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"  
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th August, 1916.

25th August, 1916.

5. WARATAH MUNICIPAL GAS LOAN VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the council of the Waratah Municipality; and for other purposes.*”  
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the council of the Waratah Municipality; and for other purposes,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th August, 1916.*

WARATAH MUNICIPAL GAS LOAN VALIDATION BILL, 1916.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th August, 1916.*

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

Page 1, Preamble, line 7. *After* the word “loan” *insert* the words “and whereas the Council is desirous of so borrowing a further sum of one thousand pounds for the same purpose, and it is necessary to validate such borrowing.”

Page 2. *After* clause 2, *insert* a new clause as follows:—

“3. (1) The said Council is hereby authorised to borrow without complying with the provisions of the Acts relative to local government, a sum of one thousand pounds for the aforesaid purpose.

“(2.) Such borrowing shall be a good, valid, and legal borrowing.

“(3.) Any securities given for such borrowing shall be good and valid securities, and lawfully given to secure the repayment of the money so borrowed.”

Examined,—

E. DURACK,  
Acting Chairman of Committees.

6. BALMAIN ROAD CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
7. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL:—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL:—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Military and Naval Hospital Home Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during a previous Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.

Mr.

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*25th August, 1916.*

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker*

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return of areas under cultivation, &c, at certain State Experiment and Demonstration Farms.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 225 and 228 under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1915.
- (2.) Report of the Bursary Endowment Board for year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under Public Instruction Act of 1880.
- (4.) New and Amended Regulations under Bursary Endowment Act, 1912.
- (5.) Statement showing names, service, position, and salary of male teachers holding 1A classification.
- (6.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Jas. Buckley Kempthorne, as Dentist, Department of Public Instruction Medical Branch.
- (7.) New Regulation under Public Instruction Act of 1880.
- (8.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES :—Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on Prevalence of Venereal Diseases have leave to make a visit of inspection to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on Wednesday, 30th August, 1916, during the sitting of the House.  
Question put and passed.

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

- (1.) Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable trustees of lands devoted to charitable, public, religious, and other similar purposes to use such lands for the use or benefit of members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces without incurring any injunction, forfeiture, penalty, or damages, and to validate such usage as may have taken place before this Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a first time.

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

29th August, 1916.

## (2.) Grain Elevator Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having appointed a Select Committee on the "Grain Elevator Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable William Calman Grahame, Minister for Agriculture, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That the Honorable William Calman Grahame, Minister for Agriculture, have leave to attend and be examined before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Grain Elevator Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for the Honorable William Calman Grahame, Minister for Agriculture, and a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Grain Elevator Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1916.*

## 4. CASE OF DENIS MAGUIRE :—Mr. Stuart-Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Denis Maguire," brought up on 13th April, 1916, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 5. STATUE OR MONUMENT TO PERPETUATE THE TRIUMPH OF OUR LIBERTIES :—Mr. Cusack moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That as it is clear the time is fast approaching when the flag of victory will fly from the ramparts of the nation, the Government should take steps to add to the beauties of our harbour a statue or monument to serve as a palladium perpetuating the triumph of our liberties.

(2.) That such structure should have inscribed thereon the name or symbol of the nations constituting our allies, also the names of the brave manhood of Australia that fell in the cause of freedom.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cusack, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

## 6. SALES BY TRUSTEES CONFIRMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

## 7. TRADE UNION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 40.*

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

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 25th August, 1916.*

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

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

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to Trade Unions and their objects and powers; to amend the Trade Union Act, 1881, and certain other Acts; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. BALMAIN ROAD CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain; to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and *passed*.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain; to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th August, 1916.*

9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, pursuant to leave granted on 25th August, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 4,"—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Kearsley,	Captain Toombs.
Mr. Keegan,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Cocks,	
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. David Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs.
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Mr. Kearsley,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Lang,	

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Mr. Ball,	Mr. Thompson,
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Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Mark F. Morton,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. David Storey,	
Mr. Thomas,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr

29th August, 1916.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in shires and municipalities; to apply to shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in shires and municipalities; to apply to shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th August, 1916.

11. MILITARY AND NAVAL HOSPITAL HOME BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill,—Mr Speaker said: I have given some consideration to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. I find that in 1913 the Council drastically amended the Savings Banks Amalgamation Bill by omitting all the clauses providing for amalgamation, but leaving almost intact the provisions dealing with certain proposed amendments of the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906. These amendments however still preserved some portion of the principles contained in the Bill, and were considered and dealt with by the Assembly.

The amendments made by the Council in this Bill not only nullify the proposals to provide a Military and Naval Hospital Home, but propose to amend the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901, which the Bill as passed by this House sought to repeal.

I am aware that the action of another Government has interfered with the legislation proposed by this House in a manner which may be considered unique, and perhaps rendered the action of the other House necessary.

In reference to this matter, however, regard must be had to constitutional usages.

"May," 10th Edition, page 458, says: ". . . The Chairman also, regarding an amendment offered to a Bill that was limited in scope to the repeal of a clause in a Statute, ruled that the amendment was out of order, because its object was the continuance and the extension of the clause proposed to be repealed." And again, "The Chairman stated that, though the Committee had full power to amend, even to the extent of nullifying the provisions of a Bill, they could not insert a clause which reversed the principle which the Bill, as read a second time, sought to affirm."

This is what the other Chamber has done in this case.

Again in "May," 10th Edition, page 463, it states ". . . the Partnership Amendment Bill having been committed *pro forma*, was extensively amended, no amendment being inserted which it was not clearly competent for the Committee to entertain when objection was taken that it had become a new Bill, the Minister in charge of it, while denying the alleged extent of the amendments, consented to withdraw the Bill. And again, on the same principle, the Speaker stated, appeal having been made to him regarding extensive alterations made by the Committee on the Tithe Rent—Charge Recovery Bill, that, whilst he desired to safeguard the rights and jurisdiction of the Chairman of Ways and Means in giving an opinion on a matter of Committee procedure, though he could not, as Speaker, stop the Bill on the Point of Order that the Bill was a new Bill, he unhesitatingly affirmed that the practice of the House had been, in a case of this kind, to withdraw a Bill which had been so dealt with, and to introduce another Bill in the amended form, upon which the decision of the House could be obtained upon a second reading. The Bill was thereupon withdrawn."

The present is perhaps not entirely a case in point, but the House will have to judge whether it will take into consideration a Bill in which amendments have been made by the other Chamber, which it would not be competent, from the precedents I have quoted, to make in the Assembly.

Thus the House has not had an opportunity to pronounce on a second reading an opinion on the new principles embodied by the Legislative Council, namely, that the Destitute Children's Society Act shall remain in force with an amendment in place of being repealed. Thus the object of this Government has been defeated of establishing a Military and Naval Hospital for Wounded Soldiers and Sailors—though in effect carried out by another Government—and it seems to me that a new Bill should be presented.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

12. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr.

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29th August, 1916.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. S. MOWIE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the State Debt Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (2.) Return showing fees paid to Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works since date of appointment to 30th June, 1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (3.) Information relative to cases of Returned Soldiers in necessitous circumstances who have failed to procure assistance from the War Relief Funds.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Hunter District Water Supply.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Wharfage Improvements at Newcastle.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway, Part 1.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway, Part 2.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for construction of Sewerage for the Municipality of Goulburn.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway, Part 18.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Forbes to Stockinbingal Railway, Part 4.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (9.) Balance-sheet, Profit and Loss Account, and Trading Account of the State Timber Yards and Building Workshops, Uhr's Point, for the year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (10.) Balance-sheet, Profit and Loss Account, and Trading Account of the State Metal Quarries at Kiama and Port Kembla, for the year ended 30th June, 1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wollondilly, Mr. Fuller, 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 position of the permanent employees in the Railway Service who are compelled to exist on short pays, and who in consequence are prejudiced by reason of the provisions of sections 70 and 80 of the Government Railways Act, No. 2, 1912."

And

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

Mr. Fuller proceeding to move, That this House do now adjourn,—

*Point of Order* :—Mr. J. H. Cann submitted that as a Financial Statement would be made in Committee of Supply to-morrow, an opportunity would be afforded for discussion of this matter. The object of the Standing Orders was to prevent a dual discussion, and the motion was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the only thing of which he could take official cognisance was the Business Paper containing the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply. He referred to a ruling by Mr. Speaker McCourt, on 14th August, 1902, when he refused to uphold a somewhat similar objection. It was perfectly clear that had a different ruling been given, Standing Order No. 49 would be meaningless and valueless, because after the disposal of the Address in Reply, and the placing of Supply upon the Business Paper, no question could be discussed under that Standing Order. He ruled the motion in order.

Mr. Fuller then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 30th August, 1916.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SALES BY TRUSTEES CONFIRMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to confirm certain sales, exchanges, partitions, enfranchisements, and contracts by trustees and others.*"

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 confirm certain sales, exchanges, partitions, enfranchisements, and contracts by trustees and others,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th August, 1916.*

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala Railway, Part 3.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public Watering Place at Fairview.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day “The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*)”; “second reading. [*Mr. James*]”—postponed until To-morrow.
3. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Grahame, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 42.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 30th August, 1916.*

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

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916–1917, “and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be “hereafter provided for by Loan,” through all its stages in one day, and would also preclude the resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

The Acting 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 £1,876,900; being £428,150 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the month of September, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1917, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1916, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1916–1917; and

£784,500 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—

£12,500 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—Police—To meet increases of pay to Police;

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£625,000

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£625,000 for Railways and Tramways—Working expenses ;  
 £10,000 for Secretary for Lands—Miscellaneous—Providing Homes for permanently incapacitated Soldiers, and for Widows of Soldiers, and to meet Special Claims in cases where Homes are not required ;  
 £137,000 for Public Instruction—Salaries and Contingencies.  
 £45,500 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz. :—  
 £3,500 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—Hospitals—Metropolitan Suburban, and Country Hospitals—Grants under the provisions of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906, £2,000 ; Newcastle Hospital—Additions—further sum, £1,500 ;  
 £3,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes ;  
 £5,000 for Secretary for Lands—Forestry.—To meet expenditure in connection with Afforestation and Re-afforestation, Resumptions, Survey, and Improvement of Land for Forestry purposes, and in connection with milling and conversion of indigenous timber ;  
 £5,000 for Minister for Public Works—Public Buildings ;  
 £29,000 for Public Instruction and Local Government and Main Roads—Public Instruction—School Buildings, Technical College, Teachers' Residences and Sites, Equipment, Renewals and Improvements of Schools and Residences, and Materials, £20,000 ; Teachers' Training College—Towards cost of building, £3,000 ; Sydney University—New buildings, additions, improvements, fittings, and furniture, £3,000 ; Local Government and Main Roads—Grants to Shires and Municipalities—To assist Shires and Municipalities, £3,000.  
 £618,750 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz. :—  
 £12,500 for Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Health—State Trawlers—Towards construction of Trawlers, Establishment of Depôts—further sum ;  
 £34,000 for Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade—Sydney Harbour Trust—Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ;  
 £55,000 for Railways and Tramways—Railways—Rolling-stock, to meet additional traffic requirements, and equipment of new lines, £50,000 ; Refreshment Rooms, towards Equipment of, £5,000 ;  
 £17,000 for Secretary for Lands—Miscellaneous—Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, No. 21, 1916—Advances to assist Settlers with respect to Erection of Buildings, Purchase of Stock, &c., £5,000 ; Acquisition or Resumption of Lands suitable for small holdings for Returned Soldiers, £10,000 ; Prickly-pear Eradication on Crown Lands and Expenses incidental thereto, £2,000 ;  
 £402,000 for Minister for Public Works—Railway Construction—North Coast Railway—further sum, £30,000 ; Wagga Wagga to Tumbarrumba—further sum, £15,000 ; Forbes to Stockingbingal—further sum, £10,000 ; Muswellbrook to Merriwa—further sum, £30,000 ; Wyalong to Cudgellico—further sum, £16,000 ; Tullamore to Tottenham—further sum, £6,000 ; Barellan to Mirrool—further sum, £3,000 ; Cooma to Bombala, further sum, £10,000 ; Dubbo to Werris Creek—further sum, £5,000 ; Condobolin to Broken Hill—further sum, £25,000 ; Bowenfels Deviation—towards, £8,000 ; Cobar to C.S.A. Mine—towards, £5,000 ; Land Resumptions for authorised Railways, £10,000 ; Metropolitan Railway Construction—City and Suburban Railways—Land Resumptions and costs, further sum, £50,000 ; Sewerage Construction—Newcastle Sewerage—further sum, £5,000 ; Water Supplies—Sydney Water Supply—Improvements, £15,000 ; Harbours and Rivers—Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage, and Shipping Appliances—further sum, £10,000 ; Government Dockyard, Newcastle Extension, including Munitions Factory—further sum, £20,000 ; Metropolitan Meat Industry Board—New Public Abattoir and other Works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Depôt, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs, £30,000 ; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification, £70,000 ; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally, £27,000 ; Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—Amplification, Improvement, and Extension of Water Supply Works, £2,000.  
 £98,250 for Department of Agriculture—Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission—To enable the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission to make Advances to Settlers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas for development purposes and to provide for deferred rents and water rates—to be subsequently repaid, £70,000 ; Shallow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers, £4,500 ; To provide assistance in development of Farms of Settlers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas who enlist for military service, £1,000 ; Miscellaneous—Forest Vale Estate—Preparation, &c., of Farms for Share-farmers, £5,000 ; Bulk Handling of Wheat—Cost of Plans and Specifications, &c., for a complete scheme, £17,750.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(2.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1916-1917, the sum of £1,876,900 be granted, viz. :—£1,212,650 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £45,500 out of the Public Works Fund, and £618,750 out of the General Loan Account.

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

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## 7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Holman the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*" Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 31st August, 1916.*

8. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of Industrial Undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

10. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. D. R. Hall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915.

Question put and passed.

11. DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for money held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

12. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

13. EARLY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Cohen asked Mr. Speaker's ruling on a Point of Order. This Bill was first introduced on the 27th August, 1915, and the Order of Leave did not mention the repeal of any laws which had been passed lately. Clause 8 provided that the closing time for shops mentioned

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mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 2 (except newsagent's shops within the Metropolitan Shopping District) should be 11 o'clock on each week-day. Part 3 of Schedule 2 included public-houses, hotels, and wine-shops. The House passed an Act quite lately which compelled hotels, public-houses, and wine-shops to close at 6 o'clock until six months after the end of the war. This Bill, if it passed, would repeal the Liquor Referendum Act, and hotels, public-houses, and wine-shops would be able to remain open till 11 o'clock at night. While it was not necessary to specify every Act in the Order of Leave, at the same time, if people were liable to be taken by surprise because the Order of Leave did not intimate the real nature of the Bill, then the Bill went beyond the Order of Leave.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said with regard to the Point taken by the Honorable Member for Petersham in connection with public-houses, hotels, and wine-shops referred to in Part 3 of Schedule 2, he must say that no one on reading the Order of Leave would have the remotest conception that this Bill would amend a specific Act like the Liquor Act or the Act passed recently. He quite admitted that the tendency in the Imperial Parliament was not to insist that every Act should be set forth in the Order of Leave, but where vital principles were involved the Order of Leave must certainly state what Acts were proposed to be amended. In 1912, when he was Deputy Speaker, the Honorable Member for Petersham took a Point of Order in connection with the Sydney Corporation Bill. He said that one clause was a specific amendment of the Trustee Act and another was a specific amendment of the Real Property Act, and these were in no way indicated in the Order of Leave. In order to be in conformity with that ruling he had no other course open to him than to uphold the Point of Order taken and to rule this Bill out of order.

On motion of Mr. Estell, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

14. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Fuller moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

16. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2):—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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st August, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

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

R D MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amendment of Second Schedule of District Courts Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*)"; "second reading. [*Mr. James*]";—postponed until Tuesday next.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Bega Loan Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of Bega to borrow certain moneys; for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto; and for that purpose to amend the law relating to Local Government,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 31st August, 1916.

- (2.) Supply Bill (No. 2):—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st September, 1916.

4. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

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

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1st September, 1916.

The Acting 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 Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Grahame then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 45.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 31st August, 1916.*

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

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915.

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

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

The Acting 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 Fair Rents Act, 1915.

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

6. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Black, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900, to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

- (1.) *Railway from Yanco to Griffith*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Yanco to Griffith.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Railway from Gilgandra to Tooraweenah*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, that it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Gilgandra to Tooraweenah.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) *Railway from Artarmon to The Field of Mars Cemetery*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Artarmon to the Field of Mars Cemetery.

Question put and passed.

- (4.) *Railway from The Rock to Pulletop*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from The Rock to Pulletop.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

[TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1916.]

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm Blocks Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28, Section 10, Town of Leeton, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (2.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm Blocks Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, Section 3, Town of Leeton, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (3.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm Blocks Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28, Section 11, Town of Leeton, Yanco No. 1 Irrigation Area, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (4.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm Block No. 190, Village of Yanco, shall cease to be voidable.
  - (5.) Notice of intention to declare that Irrigation Farm Blocks Nos. 25, 26, 27, and 28, Section 9, Town of Leeton, shall cease to be voidable.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Public Roads Act, 1902.
  - (2.) Additional Form No 135, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
  - (3.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Minute of the Public Service Board recommending appointment of Mr. A. J. Triggs as Assistant Engineer, Broken Hill Water Supply, on probation, Department of Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Bylaws under the Newcastle District Abattoir and Sale-yards Act, 1912.
  - (2.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1916.
  - (3.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th June, 1916.
- Ordered to be printed.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 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 amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to

suspend

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suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 31st August, 1916.*

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

3. GLEBE WHARFAGE LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Keegan 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. Keegan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 19th September.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 11th August, 1916, a.m., in reference to the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill,—

Insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in the Bill,—

Because the function to be exercised by the Board being judicial, it is expedient that the presiding officers should have had judicial experience.

Because there is no reason to believe that a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate presiding at such an inquiry would influence the Board to confine the appellant to strictly legal evidence and not allow him every reasonable latitude in presenting his case.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the Council of the Waratah Municipality; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

- (1.) Bowral Water Supply Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 47.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

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

- (2.) Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of industrial undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

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

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## (3.) Water and Sewerage (Rating) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 49.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, and the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.

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

## 6. STATUE OR MONUMENT TO PERPETUATE THE TRIUMPH OF OUR LIBERTIES :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cusack,—

“ (1.) That as it is clear the time is fast approaching when the flag of victory will fly from the ramparts of the nation, the Government should take steps to add to the beauties of our harbour a statue or monument to serve as a palladium perpetuating the triumph of our liberties.

“ (2.) That such structure should have inscribed thereon the name or symbol of the nations constituting our allies, also the names of the brave manhood of Australia that fell in the cause of freedom.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Cusack, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.

## 7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 50.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

## 8. SUPPLY (Financial Statement) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

## 9. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (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 11th April, 1916, in reference to the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## 10. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

## 11. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor ; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees ; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of

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licensed premises ; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours ; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor ; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees ; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises ; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours ; to make provision for determining the hour of closing of licensed premises and registered clubs after the expiration of the operation of the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916 ; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement showing special War Expenditure incurred by the New South Wales Government during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill was, on motion of Mr. Black, discharged.

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

*By Mr. Estell,—*

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees, and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

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

*By Mr. Griffith,—*

- (2.) Destitute Children's Society Act Amendment Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

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

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

## (1.) Balmain Road Closing Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER :—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain : to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (2.) Sydney Water Supply (Cordeaux River Dam) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system ; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President

## (3.) Canberra-street, Canterbury, Diversion Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to close a certain portion of a public street known as Canberra-street, in the Municipality of Canterbury, and to abolish all rights-of-way connected therewith ; and to confer a title in fee-simple in possession under the Real Property Act, 1900, in the lands comprising the same on the Intercolonial Investment, Land, and Building Company, Limited ; and to dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street ; and to divest all right, title, and interest in or to the lands comprised in the said last-mentioned street from the said company,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to early closing ; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles ; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act ; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

6. WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, and the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to provide for the management and control of Industrial Undertakings ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

The Acting 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 Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to provide for the management and control of Industrial Undertakings ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of Industrial Undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Estell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS 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 assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL.  
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of the 6th September, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, omit clause and insert new clause 3, as follows:—

3. (1) If any person (hereinafter called "the Testator") dying or having died since the seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, disposes of or has disposed of his property either wholly or partly by will in such a manner that the widow, husband, or children of such person, or any or all of them, are left without adequate provision for their proper maintenance, education, or advancement in life as the case may be, the Court may, at its discretion, and taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, on application by or on behalf of such wife, husband, or children, or any of them, order that such provision for such maintenance, education, and advancement as the Court thinks fit shall be made out of the estate of the testator for such wife, husband, or children, or any or all of them.

Notice of such application shall be served by the applicant on the executor of the will of the deceased person.

The Court may order such other persons as it may think fit to be served with notice of such application.

(2) The Court may attach such conditions to the order as it thinks fit, or may refuse to make an order in favour of any person whose character or conduct is such as to disentitle him to the benefit of such an order.

(3) In making an order the Court may, if it thinks fit, order that the provision may consist of a lump sum, or periodical, or other payments.

Page 2, clause 5, line 33. After "made" insert "in the case of a testator who has died before the passing of this Act, within three months of the date thereof, but in all other cases"

Page 2, clause 5, line 33. Omit "twelve" insert "six."

Page 2, clause 5, line 34. After "grant" insert "or resealing."

Page 2, clause 5, line 35. After "grant" insert "or resealing of letters."

Page 3, clause 6. After "(2)" insert "unless the Court otherwise orders."

Page 4, clause 9. Omit clause and insert new clause 9 as follows:—

"9. No mortgage, charge, or assignment of any kind whatsoever over any interest dependent on any order of the Court under this Act, whether before or after such order is made, shall be of any force, validity, or effect, unless made with the permission of the Court or the Master in Equity first had and obtained."

Page 5, after clause 11 insert new clause, to stand as clause 12, as follows:—

"12. An executor of a testator who has died prior to the passing of this Act shall not under any circumstances be liable to any person claiming under this Act in respect of any assets which such executor has lawfully distributed prior to the passing of this Act."

Page 6, after clause 19 insert new clause, as follows:—

"In the event of the death before or after the passing of this Act of the parents or of one of the parents of an infant the Court may order that the maternal or paternal grandparents of such infant or any one of them shall have access to such infant at such times and places as the Court shall deem proper."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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10. POLICE APPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
11. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 5th September, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had insisted upon the Assembly's disagreements from the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.  
(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, 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 5th September, 1916, in reference to the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill,—insists upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments.  
And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf:—Mr. Hoyle, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and Mr. Durack.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1916.*
12. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, pursuant to leave granted on 5th September, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to make provision for determining the hour of closing of licensed premises and registered clubs after the expiration of the operation of the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
13. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, pursuant to leave granted on 1st September, 1916, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915,*"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPERS :—Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Balance-sheet, Trading Account, and Profit and Loss Account of the State Clothing Factory, for year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (2.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by deviating and duplicating between Picton and Mittagong.
- (3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury at Culcairn.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by deviating and duplicating between Mittagong and Bowral.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of road access to Camden-road, near Campbelltown.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra, by additions to Station Yard at Scone.
- (7.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Raleigh and Coff's Harbour, by provision of Storage Depot for Timber at Coff's Harbour.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Petersham and Bankstown Road Closing Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Councils of Petersham and Bankstown to close certain roads; to provide for the disposal of the land in such roads; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 5th September, 1916.

- (2.) Vegetable Creek Hospital Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate, regulate, and otherwise promote the objects of the Vegetable Creek Hospital; to amend the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Truck Act of 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 5th September, 1916

7th September, 1916.

## (3.) Wine Adulteration Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 55.

*Governor,*

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

*Government House,**Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.Interruption.4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL (*Free Conference*) :—

## (1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 6th September, 1916, on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill, and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 8 o'clock, p.m.; and that the Honorable W. F. Hurley, the Honorable Sir Thomas Hughes, the Honorable Sir Allen Taylor, the Honorable J. G. Farleigh, the Honorable R. J. Black, the Honorable L. F. Heydon, the Honorable J. Travers, the Honorable W. T. Dick, the Honorable Dr. Nash, and the Honorable J. Garland, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 7th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

## (2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 7th September, 1916, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments in the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 7th September, 1916.*

## (3.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, and Mr. Durack.

And Mr. T. S. Crawford not answering,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. James was appointed in his place.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

## (4.) Mr. Hoyle, on behalf of the Managers, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 6th September, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the Council's amendments disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council in the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill, report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolution was arrived at, viz. :—

That the amendments made by the Council on page 2, clause 2, lines 8 and 9-10 respectively, be amended so as to read as follows in each case :—

"who shall have the qualifications of a Stipendiary or Police Magistrate."

On behalf of the Managers for the Assembly,

H. C. HOYLE.

*No. 1 Committee Room,**Sydney, 7th September, 1916.*

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the day for To-morrow.

## (5.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 11th August, 1916, a.m., and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill,—agrees to the Resolution adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 7th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

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7th September, 1916.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Ashford, "That this Bill be now read a second time," interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 4 above,—resumed.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to one, amended another, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.  
Mr. Hall moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Mr. Cohen drew attention to clause 21 inserted by the Legislative Council, which he submitted was not in the Order of Leave, nor within the scope of the Bill. He asked whether it was permissible to take a Point of Order at this stage.  
Mr. Speaker ruled that it was too late to take an objection.  
Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.
8. INSTITUTION FOR DEFECTIVE CHILDREN BILL :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for money held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, 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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for money held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
On motion of Mr. Griffith, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Griffith then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

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

## 2. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Eastern Suburbs Electric Railway.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sydenham to Botany Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Auditor-General on Examination of the Australia Day Fund Accounts, together with copy of the Receipts and Expenditure up to 30th June, 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Inquiry into Charges made against the Medical Superintendent and Committee of the Granville Electorate Cottage Hospital.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th September, 1916.*

4. WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th September, 1916.*

8th September, 1916.

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

*By Mr. Estell,—*

- (1.) Early Closing Bill (No. 2):—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 56.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relative to early closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 5th September, 1916.*

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

*By Mr. Black,—*

- (2.) Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 57.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900; to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 7th September, 1916.*

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

6. SYMPATHY WITH MR. R. A. ARNOLD, LATELY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Holman, referring to the death at the Front of Lieutenant Ralph Arnold, a son of Mr. R. A. Arnold, lately Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, expressed the sympathy of Honorable Members with Mr. Arnold and his family in their loss.

Mr. Fuller addressed the House, and expressed his sympathy with Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Speaker also addressed the House, and read a letter from Mr. Arnold in reply to one which he had addressed to him. Mr. Speaker said he would convey the expressions of Honorable Members to Mr. Arnold.

7. EARLY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to early closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved,—*That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to early closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to early closing; to regulate the times of opening and closing of shops and the employment of shop assistants and persons delivering goods, and to limit the hours of cartage and delivery by vehicles; to enable the Court of Industrial Arbitration and the Industrial Boards to amend and extend the law relating to early closing and other provisions of this Act; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898, the Auctioneers' Licensing (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Police Offences Act, 1901, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

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

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

8th September, 1916.

8. SUNDAY TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916.  
Question put and passed.
9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900, to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy: and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.  
Question put and passed.
11. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
12. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Ashford, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 6th September, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 2, line 33, which omits the word "twelve" and inserts the word "six,"—because the omission of a consequential amendment in the proviso to clause 5 would render such proviso inoperative; and because it is thought twelve months is a short enough period in the circumstances.

Agrees to the amendment which inserts a new clause to follow clause 19, but proposes to amend the amendment by the addition of the words, "Provided that applications under this section shall be heard in camera."

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

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th September, 1916.*

13. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (APPEALS) BILL (*Free Conference*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolution adopted by the Free Conference and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 7th September, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the amendments in the Government Railways (Appeals) Bill,—agrees to the Resolution adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th September, 1916.*

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWJIE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Additional Regulation No. 254A, under the Irrigation Act, 1912, as amended by the Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return of the Voting at the Liquor Referendum on 10th June, 1916, under the provisions of the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 11, under the Returned Soldiers' Settlement Act, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report by Messrs. J. E. Carne and E. C. Andrews, relative to the production of Kerosene Oil in New South Wales.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. SPECIAL TAX TO PROVIDE ENDOWMENT TO FAMILIES:—Dr. Arthur moved, pursuant to Notice,—That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) The welfare and proper development of the children should be of supreme importance to the State.

(2.) The principle of equal payment to all workers engaged in the same occupation, irrespective of their conjugal and family conditions, though economically sound, discourages and penalises marriage, leads to the restriction of the birthrate, and is detrimental to the physical well-being of children the members of large families.

(3.) For the good of the general community and the future generation, it would be equitable to compel those citizens who have no dependents, or only small families, to contribute to the maintenance of larger families.

(4.) To effect this a special income tax should be imposed on all net incomes of over £2 a week, single persons to pay double the tax that married persons do.

(5.) From the revenue so obtained an endowment should be paid to the mother of every child after the first until the age of 14 years.

(6.) Such a system of endowment should not be taken into account in determining the minimum wage in any industry for a man with wife and two children.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Arthur, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

3. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS 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 8th September, 1916, in reference to the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Bill,—

Does not insist upon its amendment in clause 5, page 2, line 33, disagreed to by the Assembly.

And agrees to the Assembly's amendment in new clause 21 of the Bill inserted by the Council.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

12th September, 1916.

## 4. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900, to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900, to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900, to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

## 6. SUNDAY TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, 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 Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916.

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

(2.) Mr. Black then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 16th August, 1916,—“Brisbane Limited Express.”  
 (2.) Report of the Navigation Department on the subject of Life Jackets on Ferry Boats.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Statement showing prices paid for Fish supplied to certain Public Institutions.  
 Ordered to be printed.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, “Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill (*Council Bill*); “second reading. [*Mr. Levy*]”;—postponed until To-morrow.
3. FORESTRY 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a Commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 13th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
 President.

## FORESTRY BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th September, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 8. After “the” omit “thirty-first day of October” insert “first day of November.”
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 36 and 37. Omit all the words after “means” to end of paragraph, and insert: “the Chief Commissioner and includes Assistant Commissioner”
- Page 4, clause 5, line 7. Omit “Forestry”
- Page 4, clause 5, lines 8 and 9. Omit “until the appointment of other commissioners.”
- Page 4, clause 5, line 10. After “appoint” omit to end of subclause (1), and insert “an assistant commissioner or not more than two assistant commissioners who shall assist the Chief Commissioner in all matters relative to his duties under this Act and shall be under the control of the Chief Commissioner.”
- Page 4, clause 6, line 36. Omit “Forestry”
- Page 5, clause 8, line 10. Omit “of the incorporation, and”
- Page 5, clause 8, line 13. After “thereto” omit to end of clause.
- Page 5, clause 9, line 24. Omit “in particular”

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- Page 5, clause 9, line 24. *After* "shall" *insert* "subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902, or any Act amending it"
- Page 5, clause 10, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "on the recommendation of the commission" and *insert* "subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1902, or any Act amending it"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 35. *Omit* "he thinks" *insert* "may be"
- Pages 5 and 6, clause 10, line 36. *After* "that" *omit* to end of subclause (1) *insert* "no such officer or person shall be appointed without reference to the commission, and that all casual and general employees on forest work shall be engaged by the commission"
- Page 6, clause 11, line 25. *After* "purchase" *insert* "rent or charter"
- Page 6, clause 11, line 27. *After* "construct" *omit* "or"
- Page 6, clause 11, line 27. *After* "purchase" *insert* "or rent"
- Page 11, clause 25, subclause (2), line 17. *After* "license" *insert* "in respect of land in a State forest"
- Page 14, clause 31, subclause (4), line 25. At end of paragraph *add* "or from any forest lease granted under this Act."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

*By Mr. Holman,—*

- (1.) Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validation Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 58.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain borrowings by the Council of the Waratah Municipality; 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.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 12th September, 1916.*

- (2.) Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 59.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915; to suspend the operation of the said Act; to re-enact and continue the provisions of the Acts thereby repealed,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 12th September, 1916.*

*By Mr. J. H. Cann,—*

- ((3.) Sydney Water Supply (Auxiliary) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

*Message No. 60.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*  
*Sydney, 13th September, 1916.*

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

5. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (AUXILIARY) BILL :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to, sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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6. **BOWRAL WATER SUPPLY BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. **WOMEN'S LEGAL STATUS BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions or to practice certain professions; for that purpose to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Local Government, Justices, Magistrates, and Legal Practitioners, and certain other Acts.  
Question put and passed.
8. **CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. J. H. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Ashford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1916, in certain respects.  
Question put and passed.
9. **MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (REPEAL) BILL**:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees, and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
10. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. **SUNDAY TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. SYMPATHY WITH MR. R. A. ARNOLD, LATELY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker stated that in accordance with the wish of the House he had forwarded to Mr. R. A. Arnold a copy of the New South Wales *Parliamentary Debates* containing sympathetic references on the death, in action, of Mr. Arnold's son, Lieutenant Ralph Arnold, and that he had received the following reply:—

"Dear Mr. Speaker,

"'Cooya,' Milson's Point, 13th September, 1916.

"Thank you for your note of the 11th instant enclosing a copy of the New South Wales *Parliamentary Debates* containing a reference to the death, in action, of my son, Lieutenant Ralph Arnold. I was much touched by the reference made in Parliament to my recent loss, and value very highly the kind words spoken by the Premier, Mr. Fuller, and yourself. Words cannot give back the brave lad, but, by their expression of sympathy, they do much to soften the loss.

"Yours sincerely,

"RICHD. A. ARNOLD."

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

By Mr. Holman,—

- (1.) Balmain Road Closing Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the closing of a certain road or right-of-way in the Municipality of Balmain; to provide for the disposal of the land in such road or right-of-way; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th September, 1916.

- (2.) Sydney Water Supply (Cordeaux River Dam) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message 62.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete and masonry dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cordeaux River immediately below its junction with Cordeaux Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th September, 1916.

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## (3.) University (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
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 increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1916.

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

## (4.) Women's College (Endowment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 64.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1916.

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

## (5.) Women's Legal Status Bill (No. 2.) :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 65.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide that women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions, or to practise certain professions; for that purpose to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Local Government, justices, magistrates, and legal practitioners, and certain other Acts.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 7th September, 1916.

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

## 4. SUNDAY TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black (*after debate*), passed.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916.*"

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 Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) Act, 1916,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th September, 1916.

## 5. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

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

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

## 6. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

## 7. BOWRAL WATER SUPPLY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

The

14th September, 1916.

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

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (AUXILIARY) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*.—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

- (2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 20.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Cohea,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Lieut.-Col. Nicholson,	
Mr. Robson,	
Mr. David Storey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1916.

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## 10. WOMEN'S LEGAL STATUS BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions or to practise certain professions; for that purpose to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Local Government, Justices, Magistrates, and Legal Practitioners, and certain other Acts.

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

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

The Acting 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 women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions or to practise certain professions; for that purpose to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Local Government, Justices, Magistrates, and Legal Practitioners, and certain other Acts.

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

(2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions or to practise certain professions; for that purpose to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Local Government, Justices, Magistrates, and Legal Practitioners, and certain other Acts*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 11. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) 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, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.

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

## 12. CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects.

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

(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. INSTITUTION FOR DEFECTIVE CHILDREN BILL (*heretofore* DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ACT AMENDMENT BILL):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

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14. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Black (*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 eleven minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock, p.m.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House, expressed pleasure at seeing the Honorable C. G. Wade, Leader of the Opposition, in his place after his recent illness.

Mr. Wade made his acknowledgments.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Griffith laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1915.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting appointment of Mr. T. C. Roughley as Economic Zoologist, Technological Museum, Department of Public Instruction.

(3.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting appointment of Miss Jennie Cullen, and Messrs. David E. Nichols and James Messers, as Teachers of Violin, Viola, and Violincello respectively, Conservatorium of Music.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

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

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Balance-sheet and Trading Accounts and Profit and Loss Accounts of the State Motor Garage for year ended 30th June, 1916.

(3.) Balance-sheet, Trading Accounts, and Profit and Loss Accounts of the State Brickworks, Botany, for year ended 30th June, 1916.

(4.) Balance-sheet, Trading Accounts, and Profit and Loss Accounts of the State Lime Works, Botany and Taree, for year ended 30th June, 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Letter from the Auditor-General respecting presentation of Report on Industrial Undertakings, and particularly the State Trawling Industry.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day were postponed:—

(1.) "Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];—until To-morrow.

(2.) "The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. James*];—until Thursday next.

4. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION VALIDATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Estell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 66.

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 Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown.

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Sydney, 19th September, 1916.

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

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5. GLEBE WHARFAGE LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
6. SPECIAL TAX TO PROVIDE ENDOWMENT TO FAMILIES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, "That, in the opinion of this house,—  
" (1.) The welfare and proper development of the children should be of supreme importance to the State.  
" (2.) The principle of equal payment to all workers engaged in the same occupation, irrespective of their conjugal and family conditions, though economically sound, discourages and penalises marriage, leads to the restriction of the birthrate, and is detrimental to the physical well-being of children the members of large families.  
" (3.) For the good of the general community and the future generation, it would be equitable to compel those citizens who have no dependents, or only small families, to contribute to the maintenance of larger families.  
" (4.) To affect this a special income tax should be imposed on all net incomes of over £2 a week, single persons to pay double the tax that married persons do.  
" (5.) From the revenue so obtained an endowment should be paid to the mother of every child after the first until the age of 14 years.  
" (6.) Such a system of endowment should not be taken into account in determining the minimum wage in any industry for a man with wife and two children."  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Ordered, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

7. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of industrial undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"  
Question put and passed.

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of industrial undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1916.*

8. INSTITUTION FOR DEFECTIVE CHILDREN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. Griffith, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"  
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1916.*

9. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act, 1913; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1916.*

10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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

11. FORESTRY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had amended one and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.
12. CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
13. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Robson directed attention to the Order of Leave which proposed amongs other things to make provision for determining the hour of closing of licensed premises and registered clubs after the expiration of the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916. When the Minister first moved to introduce the measure it did not contain the above provision, but it was inserted by the Committee. The Bill had not been introduced in accordance with the Order of Leave, and he submitted that under Standing Order 248 it was out of order.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he found that in the past it had been regarded by Speakers that it was more important a Bill should be well within the Order of Leave than that it should be less than the Order of Leave provided for. In this particular case he could not ignore the fact that the Order of Leave had been dealt with in a somewhat unusual manner. The resolution came down to the Committee in a certain stage. It was reported to the House in an entirely different stage. He had to consider in what way the resolution was altered in Committee, and he found it was altered by inserting the words "to make provision for determining the hour of closing of licensed premises and registered clubs after the expiration of the operation of the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916." He had therefore to apply the test to this Bill as it was prepared of seeing whether it would be competent for the Committee to insert an amendment in the Bill as the Committee evidently intended to do when the Order of Leave was altered. It had been laid down that this House could only have one opinion. If the Committee extended the Order of Leave and a Bill was introduced at a later stage, which did not come up to the requirements of the Order of Leave, it would then be necessary for the Committee, after all the stages were passed, to amend the Title of the Bill by withdrawing the very words which had been inserted. Quite recently in the Bill to amend the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act the Minister in charge of the Bill struck out a clause which was within the scope of the Bill, and within the Order of Leave. The Minister having struck that out decided afterwards it was necessary to amend the Title by striking out that portion of the Title which permitted him in the first place to insert that clause. If no clause were inserted in this Bill under the amendment added by the Committee, it would be necessary for the Minister to afterwards excise those words from the Title, and therefore negative what the Committee had already decided to do. In Committee he would feel that no course was possible but to rule such an amendment, notwithstanding the action of the Committee, and that it was within the Order of Leave, as entirely outside the scope of the Bill, and, therefore, out of order. Holding these views, and having no definite precedent to guide him, he must say that this Bill, in his opinion, was not prepared in agreement with the Order of Leave, and he must rule it out of order.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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14. BOWRAL WATER SUPPLY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
15. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (AUXILIARY) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
16. FORESTRY BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 13th September, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Forestry Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 4, subclause 1, which omits all the words after the word "appoint," in line 10, to the end of the subclause, and inserts the words "an Assistant Commissioner, or not more than two Assistant Commissioners, who shall assist the Chief Commissioner in all matters relative to his duties under this Act and shall be under the control of the Chief Commissioner," but proposes to amend the amendment by omitting the words "and shall be under the control of the Chief Commissioner" and inserting the words "The Chief Commissioner shall preside at meetings of the Commission, and if in any matter at such meeting he disagrees with the decision of the other Commissioners, he shall have a second or casting vote, and shall refer the matter so disagreed upon to the Minister in writing, whose decision shall be final, and shall be given effect to by the Commission."

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

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its amendment upon the Council's amendment in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 20th September, 1916, A.M.*

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

W. S. MOWIE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply and other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Papers relating to the Industrial Award made by the Cumberland Bakers Board.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. BOWRAL WATER SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1916.*

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];"—postponed until To-morrow.

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

*By Mr. Holman,—*

- (1.) Sales by Trustees Confirmation Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 67.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm certain sales, exchanges, partitions, enfranchisements, and contracts by trustees and others*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 19th September, 1916.*

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## (2.) Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to assure to the widow or widower and family of a testator an adequate maintenance from the estate of such testator; to amend the law relating to the guardianship of infants; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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By Mr. Hoyle,—

## (3.) Motor Tax Management (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
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 amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th July, 1916.

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

## (4.) Motor Vehicle (Taxation) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to impose taxes on motor vehicles.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 29th July, 1916.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee Ways and Means.

5. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown.  
Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. D. R. Hall, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 71.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1916.

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

7. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY (AUXILIARY) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1916.

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8. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (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 Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 20th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th September, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, line 2. *Omit "to establish continuation schools"*

Title, lines 5, 6, and 7. *Omit "to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools"*

Page 2, clause 1, subclause (1), line 9. *After "1916" omit to end of subclause.*

Page 2, clause 2, line 23. *After "Act" insert new definition, as follows:—*

"'Institution' means a special school for truants only"

Page 3, clause 2, line 3. *After "council" omit "holding a political office"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 25. *Omit "Minister" insert "Court"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 27. *After (e) insert (f).*

Page 3, clause 4, line 28. *Omit "Minister" insert "Court"*

Page 4, clause 4. *After paragraph (a) insert new paragraph (b) as follows:—*

(b) that the child was receiving regular and efficient instruction on at least eighty-five days in each half-year in his home, the onus of proof of which shall lie upon the parent or guardian;

Page 4, clause 4. *After paragraph (c) insert "such distance to be computed so as to include mileage to such train, boat, or conveyance, and also from the terminal point of the same to the school"*

Page 4, clause 4, paragraph (d), line 32. *After "date" omit to end of proviso on page 5.*

Page 6, clause 8, line 22. *After "school" insert "there is evidence of the service of a notice on the parent or guardian that it is intended to charge that the child is a truant"*

Page 7, clause 8. *After subclause (3) add new subclause (4) as follows:—*

(4) Provided that in the selection of any institution under this section the Minister shall have regard to the expressed desire of the parent or guardian of such child as to the religious training of the child, or, in the absence of such expressed desire, to the desire of the authorities controlling an institution of the religious denomination to which the child belongs.

Page 7, clause 10, line 22. *Omit "six" insert "seven"*

Page 7, clause 10, lines 22, 23, and 24. *Omit "and carried on as a school on the date of the commencement of this Act whether on that day closed for holidays or not"*

Page 7, clause 10, lines 26 and 27. *Omit "if the Minister is satisfied that the school was so established on the date aforesaid"*

Page 7, clause 10, lines 31 and 32. *Omit "one thousand nine hundred and sixteen" insert "next ensuing"*

Page 7, clause 10. *After subclause (1) insert new subclause to stand as subclause (2) as follows:—*

(2) Any person desirous of establishing any school, to be attended by children between the ages of 7 and 14, other than a State school, after the date of the commencement of this Act, may apply to the Minister for registration of such school, and if the Minister is satisfied from evidence submitted by the applicant that the premises in which it is proposed to conduct such school are provided with proper access, drainage, light, ventilation, and sanitary conveniences, and that the school will provide regular and efficient instruction, he shall cause it to be registered on a list to be kept for that purpose, and, upon registration, the school shall be a provisionally certified school for a period of six months dating from the time of registration.

Page 8, clause 10, lines 1 and 2. *Omit "thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen" insert "expiration of the period for which provisional registration has been given under the first or second subsection."*

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- Page 8, clause 10. *After* subclause (3) *insert* the following proviso:—"Provided that if at the expiration of that period the school has not obtained a certificate, the proprietor or principal teacher may appeal to the Bursary Endowment Board constituted under the Bursary Endowment Act, 1912, and if the Board advises the granting of a certificate such certificate shall issue"
- Page 8, clause 10, line 21. *After* "first" *insert* "or second"
- Page 8, clause 10, line 22. *Omit* "second or third" *insert* "third or fourth"
- Page 8, clause 10, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "one thousand nine hundred and seventeen" *insert* "next ensuing"
- Page 8, clause 10, line 28. *After* "children" *insert* "up to the standard of education required by the Public Instruction Act, 1880"
- Page 8, clause 10, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "boys or of girls only or of boys or girls" *insert* "children."
- Page 9, clause 10. At end of subclause (6) *add* proviso as follows:—"Provided that notice of the intention to cancel such certificate shall be given to the proprietor or principal teacher, who may, within one month of such notice, appeal to the Bursary Endowment Board, and if the board advises the continuance of the certificate such certificate shall not be cancelled"
- Page 10, clause 14, line 15. *Omit* "six and sixteen" *insert* "seven and fourteen"
- Page 10, clause 15, line 28. *After* "may" *insert* "during school hours"
- Page 10, clause 15, line 28. *Omit* "and detain"
- Page 10, clause 15, lines 31 and 32. *Omit* "or who is apparently employed contrary to the provisions of this Act" *insert* "and may accompany such boy or girl to his or her home to verify the information"
- Page 12, Schedule 2, line 11. *Omit* "six" *insert* "seven"
- Page 13, Schedule 3, line 2. *Omit* "six and sixteen" *insert* "seven and fourteen"
- Page 13, Schedule 3, line 15. *Omit* "six and sixteen" *insert* "seven and fourteen"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

## 10. WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, and the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts 1892-1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Cann then presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## 11. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr.

Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

## 12. CANBERRA-STREET, CANTERBURY, DIVERSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr.

Griffith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

13. CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

14. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall 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 amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next General Election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(1.) *System of Sewerage with Ocean Outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed system of Sewerage with Ocean Outfall for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney.

(2.) *Railway Barraba to Bingara*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Railway from Barraba to Bingara.

Ordered to be printed.

16. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—

(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the Synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to property held upon any trust for or for the use, benefit, or purposes of the Church of England in dioceses within New South Wales, and the Acts conferring powers upon the Synods of the said dioceses with reference to the said property; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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## 17. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (REPEAL) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees, and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees, and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. Estell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees, and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

DEATH OF THE HONORABLE B. R. WISE, K.C., AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES IN LONDON :—  
Mr. Holman informed the House of the death of the Honorable B. R. Wise, K.C., Agent-General for New South Wales, and moved,—

(1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss which the State has sustained by the death of the Honorable Bernhard Ringrose Wise, K.C., Agent-General for New South Wales in London, and to express condolence with Mrs. Wise in her great sorrow.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the above resolution to Mrs. Wise.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Wade, and Mr. Speaker having addressed the House,—  
Question put, and carried unanimously, the Members and Officers of the House rising in their places.

2. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Griffith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1916.*

3. CANBERRA-STREET, CANTERBURY, DIVERSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Griffith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Griffith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to close a certain portion of a public street known as Canberra-street, in the Municipality of Canterbury, and to abolish all rights-of-way connected therewith ; and to confer a title in fee-simple in possession under the Real Property Act, 1900, in the lands comprising the same on The Intercolonial Investment, Land, and Building Company, Limited ; and to dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street ; and to divest all right, title, and interest in or to the lands comprised in the said last mentioned street from the said company.*"

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 close a certain portion of a public street known as Canberra-street, in the Municipality of Canterbury, and to abolish all rights-of-way connected therewith ; and to confer a title in fee-simple in possession under the Real Property Act, 1900, in the lands comprising the same on The Intercolonial Investment, Land,*

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*Land, and Building Company, Limited; and to dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street; and to divest all right, title, and interest in or to the lands comprised in the said last mentioned street from the said company,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1916.*

4. CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Ashford, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1916.*
5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day, "*Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill (Council Bill)*"; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];—postponed until To-morrow.
6. URGENCY—PROSECUTION OF J. P. DANAHER FOR SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE :—Mr. Cochran moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 16 of General Business, on the Notice Paper for To-day, in reference to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the prosecution of J. P. Danaher for selling liquor without a license on 11th April, 1915.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Dr. Arthur,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Bruntnell.	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Nesbitt,	
Mr. Price	
Mr. Scobie,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Lient.-Col. Nicholson,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Morrish.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—  
(1.) Mr. Estell moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be passed through all its remaining stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Estell moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being passed through all its remaining stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. MINERS ACCIDENT RELIEF (REPEAL) BILL :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Estell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Estell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Estell, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time. (2.)

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- (2.) Bill, read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Estell, passed.

Mr. Estell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

9. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Hoyle, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 72.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1916.

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

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

- (1.) Sydney Water Supply (Auxiliary) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (2.) Dentists (Further Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st September, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 4. Omit paragraph (g)

Page 3, clause 6, lines 22 and 23. Omit "on his own account"

Page 3. After clause 6, insert new clause to stand as clause 7, as follows:—

"7. The holder of a recognised certificate as hereinbefore defined shall not be entitled to be registered in virtue of such certificate under this Act as a dentist without further prescribed examination unless he shows to the satisfaction of the Board that by the laws or regulations

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"regulations in that behalf in force in the country where such certificate was issued the right to practice dentistry therein is granted to persons who are registered as dentists under this Act by virtue of their being so registered and without further examination."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(3.) Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st September, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 8, clause 11, subclause (1), lines 25 and 26. Omit "A person who is not a natural-born or naturalised subject of His Majesty shall not" insert "No person other than a natural-born subject or a naturalised subject of His Majesty who was previously the subject of an Allied Power shall"

Page 8, clause 11, subclause (1), lines 27 and 28. Omit "unless he has resided in New South Wales for one year, and unless" insert "provided that an unnaturalised subject of such Allied Power shall be qualified to so apply if he has resided in New South Wales for one year, and if"

Page 8, clause 11, subclause (1), line 31. Omit "five" insert "two"

Page 9, clause 12. Omit lines 11 to 17 inclusive, and insert

"Such regulations shall—

"(1) be published in the *Gazette* ;

"(2) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in such regulations ; and

"(3) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in Session ; and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next Session.

"If either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(4.) Constitution (Public Service) Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that officers in the public service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said service ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(5.) City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 21st September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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## CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st September, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "and the Public Works Act, 1912"  
Clause 2, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "is repealed" *insert* "shall not apply to the works described in the  
"Schedule."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

## (6.) Forestry Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 20th September, 1916, a.m., in reference to the Forestry Bill,—

Disagrees from the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 5, page 4, subclause (1), third paragraph,—because the Assembly, having agreed to the principle that the Chief Commissioner constitutes the Forestry Commission, the Assistant Commissioners are not members of it, being only associated with the Chief Commissioner in an advisory capacity.

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*Sydney, 21st September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

11. MOTOR TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.  
Question put and passed.
12. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
13. SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hoyle moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
14. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
15. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.
16. PAPERS :—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—  
(1.) Report by Police Department respecting the six o'clock closing of Hotels in No. 1 Division.  
(2.) Statement in relation to the intentions of the Government with respect to the introduction of legislation dealing with Daylight Saving Principle.  
Ordered to be printed.

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17. WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Cann, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
18. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at one minute after Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker*

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New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Accounts for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1916, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Land, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
(2.) Amended Regulation No. 65, and amended Form No. 19, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Apiaries Act, 1916.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.  
(2.) Agreement entered into by the Minister for Agriculture for New South Wales and the respective firms of Messrs. James Bell and Company, Dalgety and Company, Limited, John Darling and Sons, Louis Dreyfus and Company, Lindley Walker and Company, Limited, and the R. J. Mulholland Wheat Company, to act as Shipping Agents.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Public Service Board for 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report from the Railway Department in regard to the system of petty fines and punishments inflicted upon Enginemen at Goulburn, and the question of supply of lubricating oil.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating between Wallendbeen and Cootamundra.

- (3.) Report by the Paymaster, Treasury, on the suggestion that Civil Service Pensions be paid fortnightly, and also that they be paid through the branches of the Government Savings Bank.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation declaring Felspar, Natural Gas, Petroleum, and Sea Shells to be "Minerals" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. Hollis, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“ The action of the “ Railway Commissioners in refusing to pay to their lowest-paid employees on the tramways at “ Broken Hill the 1s. 9d. per day increase which his Honor Judge Higgins, in the Arbitration “ Court, decided was necessary to keep body and soul together at Broken Hill, and thereby causing “ suffering and loss of wages to other employees, and inconvenience to the public,” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

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

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Perry submitted that it was not in order to discuss any phase of railway management on a motion for adjournment while the Financial Statement was being debated. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Financial Statement was under consideration, and having regard to the statements made by the Premier, both inside and outside Parliament, which he must accept in good faith, he could not allow a double discussion to take place on the same subject. He held that the Honorable Member was anticipating discussion which could be indulged in during consideration of the Financial Statement, and he therefore ruled the motion out of order.

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

(1.) Bowral Water Supply Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to sanction the carrying out of a scheme of Water Supply for the Municipality of Bowral; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 26th September, 1916.*

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President.

(2.) Water (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER :—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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President.

6. CLAIMS OF SAMUEL ALFRED HUTCHINSON :—Mr. Thomas Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson, respecting 15 acres of land, part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county of Cunningham, under section 11 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1896.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Henley, Mr. Price, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1911 and 1911-12, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1912, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

7. WATER AND SEWERAGE (RATING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Bill, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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8. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that there was not a quorum present in the Committee. Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a quorum present the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight.

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

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

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

The Acting 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 £9,906,490; being £1,994,600 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of October, November, December, January, and February, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1917, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1916, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1916–1917, and

£4,123,670 payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the following Services, viz.:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH—

Police—To meet increases of pay to Police ... .. £21,000

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

Miscellaneous—

To Supplement Pensions granted by the Commonwealth Government to totally and partially incapacitated Members of the Military and Naval Forces ... .. 40,000

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—

Working Expenses ... .. 3,092,000

Government Railways Superannuation—Amount required under section 112 of the Government Railways Act, No. 30, 1912, to meet claims ... .. 10,000

SECRETARY FOR LANDS—

Miscellaneous—

Providing Homes for permanently incapacitated Soldiers, and for Widows of Soldiers, and to meet Special Claims in cases where homes are not required ... .. 24,000

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—

Salaries and Contingencies ... .. 728,000

Grants in aid of Public Institutions—

Sydney University—To cover deficiency in revenue caused by the award of University Exhibitions, at rate of £10,000 per annum from 1st July, 1916, pending the increase of the Statutory Endowment ... .. 6,670

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MAIN ROADS—

Main Roads—

For Expenditure on Main Roads ... .. 143,000

Endowments—

Endowment of Shires ... .. 50,000

Endowment of Municipalities under Local Government Acts ... .. 2,000

Contingencies—

Recoup to Shires and Municipalities for Increased Cost of working Public Ferries due to Remission of Tolls ... .. 5,900

Protection of Roads along River Frontages ... .. 1,100

£266,620 payable out of the Public Works Fund in anticipation of Votes, viz.:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH—

Hospitals—

Metropolitan, Suburban, and Country Hospitals—Grants under the provisions of the Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds Act, 1906 ... .. £8,000

Albury Hospital—towards New Building—further sum ... .. 1,000

Newcastle Hospital—Additions—further sum ... .. 10,500

TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—

Sydney Harbour Trust—

Replacement of Wharfs, Jetties, and Buildings under Reconstruction Schemes ... .. 10,000

SECRETARY FOR LANDS—

Forestry—

To meet expenditure in connection with Afforestation and Re-afforestation, Resumptions, Survey and Improvement of Land for Forestry purposes, and in connection with milling and conversion of indigenous timber ... .. 20,000

Miscellaneous

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Miscellaneous—	
Compensation in connection with the resumption of land for Roads under the Public Roads Act, 1902 ... ..	£300
Reclamation of Swamp in the Municipality of Carrington (Crown land) ... ..	1,000
Construction of New Wharf at Shark Island by the Sydney Harbour Trust... ..	350
Construction of Jetty at Steel Point by Sydney Harbour Trust ... ..	200
Erection of Dividing Fence between King George Park, Balmain, and Callan Park Mental Hospital Grounds ... ..	270
<b>MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—</b>	
Roads ... ..	£3,500
Bridges ... ..	7,000
Public Buildings ... ..	30,000
Railways and Tramways ... ..	2,000
Water Supplies ... ..	4,000
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Renewal of Water Mains, Sewers, Plant, Buildings, &c., for Renewal Works generally, also recoup to Loan Votes for Machinery and Plant worn out or dismantled ... ..	10,000
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board—	
Renewal of Water Mains and Sewers ... ..	500
<b>PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MAIN ROADS—</b>	
Public Instruction—	
School Buildings, Teachers' Residences, Trade Schools, Technical Education and other Buildings, Erections, Additions, Improvements, Equipment, Renewals and Materials ... ..	96,000
Teachers' Training College—Towards cost of building ... ..	15,000
Sydney University—New buildings, additions, improvements, fittings, and furniture ... ..	15,000
Local Government and Main Roads—	
Grants to Shires and Municipalities—	
Works undertaken for Shires and Municipalities under contract for repayment ... ..	20,000
To assist Shires and Municipalities ... ..	12,000
£3,521,600 payable out of the General Loan Account in anticipation of Loan Votes, viz.:—	
<b>COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH—</b>	
State Trawlers—	
Towards construction of Trawlers, Establishment of Depôts, Plant and Motor Vehicles—further sum ... ..	£85,500
<b>TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—</b>	
Sydney Harbour Trust—	
Towards construction of Works generally, and for the improvement of the Port ... ..	171,000
<b>RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS—</b>	
Railways—	
Rolling stock to meet additional traffic requirements, and Equipment of new lines... ..	350,000
Additions to Railway Lines, Stations, and Buildings, and for other purposes ... ..	150,000
Towards construction of Flemington to Belmore and Wardell-road to Glebe Island, and Darling Island Railways—further sum ... ..	165,000
Refreshment Rooms, towards Equipment of ... ..	20,000
<b>SECRETARY FOR LANDS—</b>	
Miscellaneous—	
Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, No. 21, 1916—Advances to assist Settlers with respect to Erection of Buildings, Purchase of Stock, &c. ... ..	20,000
Acquisition or Resumption of Lands suitable for small holdings for Returned Soldiers ... ..	90,000
Construction of Roads <i>re</i> lands to be made available for Returned Soldiers ... ..	10,000
Prickly-pear Eradication on Crown Lands and Expenses incidental thereto ... ..	8,000
<b>MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS—</b>	
Railway Construction—	
North Coast Railway—further sum ... ..	170,000
Dunedoo to Coonabarabran—further sum ... ..	10,000
Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba—further sum ... ..	65,000
Forbes to Stockinbingal—further sum ... ..	30,000
Muswellbrook to Merriwa—further sum ... ..	34,000
Wyalong to Cudgellico—further sum ... ..	29,000
Glenreagh to Dorrigo—further sum ... ..	50,000
Cooma to Bombala—further sum ... ..	40,000
Sydenham to Botany—further sum ... ..	15,000
Dubbo to Werris Creek—further sum ... ..	65,000
Condobolin to Broken Hill—further sum ... ..	175,000
Coonabarabran to Burren Junction—further sum ... ..	16,000
Gilgandra to Collie—towards ... ..	10,000
Bowenfels to Diwana Deviation—towards ... ..	40,000
Mirool to Hillston—towards ... ..	10,000
Barmedman to Rankin's Springs—towards ... ..	10,000
Craboon to Coolah—towards ... ..	10,000
Canowindra to Eugowra—towards ... ..	10,000
Cobar to C.S.A. Mine—towards... ..	13,500
Land Resumptions for authorised Railways ... ..	15,000
	Metropolitan

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Metropolitan Railway Construction—	
City and Suburban Electric Railways—further sum ... ..	£250,000
City and Suburban Railways—Land Resumptions and Costs—further sum...	250,000
Tramway Construction—	
Tramways generally—further sum ... ..	30,000
Sewerage Construction—	
Metropolitan Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum ... ..	14,000
Country Towns Sewerage and Stormwater Channels—further sum ... ..	50,000
Newcastle Sewerage—further sum ... ..	20,000
Water Supplies—	
Country Towns Water Supplies—further sum... ..	75,000
Sydney Water Supply—Improvements ... ..	15,000
Harbours and Rivers—	
Newcastle Harbour Improvements and Wharfage, including Dredging and other Plant—further sum ... ..	15,000
Port Kembla Improvements, Wharfage and Shipping Appliances—further sum ...	30,000
Coff's Harbour Improvements—further sum ... ..	30,000
Nambucca River Improvements—further sum ... ..	3,000
Government Dockyard, Newcastle Extension, including Munitions Factory—further sum ... ..	10,000
Bridges—	
Bridges generally ... ..	8,000
Public Buildings—	
Treasury Buildings, Additions ... ..	4,000
Caves Houses and Tourist Resorts generally ... ..	15,000
Metropolitan Meat Industry Board—	
New Public Abattoir and other works at Homebush Point, Meat Distributing Depot, Pig and Calf Market, Sale Yards, Meat Export and other Works and Buildings, including Land Resumption and Costs ... ..	55,000
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Water Supply—	
General Reticulation, Improvements, &c., including Sydney Water Supply Amplification... ..	270,000
Sewerage—	
Construction and Ventilation of Sewers generally ... ..	100,000
Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—	
Water Supply—	
Amplification, Improvement, and Extension of Water Supply Works ...	22,000
Sewerage—	
Amplification, Improvement, and Extension of Sewerage Works ... ..	2,000
Miscellaneous—	
Advance to meet General Expenses, Commission, and other charges payable under the agreement with Messrs. Norton Griffiths & Co. in connection with the carrying out of Public Works, to be hereafter adjusted by transfer of payments to the specific Public Works to which the amounts are properly chargeable—further sum ...	30,000
Purchase of Stores and Materials which cannot properly be charged to appropriations of Parliament until actually issued for use—the amount to be carried to Special Deposits Account (Government Dockyard and Newcastle Workshops Store Advance Account)—further sum ... ..	50,000
Industrial Undertakings—	
State Timber Yards and Building Workshops, Uhr's Point ... ..	10,000
State Metal Quarries ... ..	5,000
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—	
Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission—	
For the Construction of Burrinjuck Dam, Murrumbidgee Canals, Purchase of Stock, Assisting Settlers, Payment of Tenant-rights, &c. ... ..	175,000
To enable the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission to make Advances to Settlers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas for development purposes and to provide for deferred rents and water rates—to be subsequently repaid ... ..	18,000
Shaliow Boring—To provide Water Supplies for Settlers ... ..	12,100
To provide assistance in development of farms of settlers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Areas who enlist for Military Service ... ..	1,500
Miscellaneous—	
Clearing of Crown Lands at Tottenham (Woodlands), and the growing of wheat thereon	4,000
Forest Vale Estate—Preparation, &c., of Farms for Share-farmers ... ..	11,000
Grain Elevators—Construction, and for purposes incidental thereto ... ..	50,000

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

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9. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Acting Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Acting Chairman, That the report be now received.  
The Acting 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 1916–1917, the sum of £9,906,490 be granted, viz.:—£6,118,270 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £266,620 out of the Public Works Fund, and £3,521,600 out of the General Loan Account.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 3):**—  
(1.) Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Holman, 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 towards the Services of the year 1916–1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.  
(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916–1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and (*by consent*) now read a second time.  
(3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.  
Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be now read a third time.  
(4.) Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Holman, *passed*.  
Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916–1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*.”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916–1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1916, A.M.*
11. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—  
(1) Grain Elevator Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1916.*  
FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.
- (2) Miners Accident Relief (Repeal) Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,—  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1916.*  
FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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## (3.) Friendly Societies (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Holman, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

## (4.) Workmen's Compensation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Acts relating to Miners Accident Relief; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—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, 26th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th September, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "Acts relating to Miners Accident Relief" *insert* "Employers' Liability Act, 1897"

Page 2, clause 2, line 5. *Omit* "November" *insert* "January"

Page 2, clause 2, line 6. *Omit* "sixteen" *insert* "seventeen"

Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* clause, *insert* new clause, as follows:—"The Employers' Liability Act, 1897, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, are hereby repealed, but shall continue to apply to cases where the accident happened before the commencement of this Act"

Page 2, clause 4, line 34. *Omit* "four" *insert* "three"

Page 3, clause 4. *Omit* lines 24 to 28 inclusive.

Page 3, clause 4, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "in connection with the navigation of the ship"

Page 4, clause 5. *Omit* lines 16 to 32 inclusive and *insert* "(a) the employer shall not be liable under this Act in respect of any injury which does not disable a workman for a period of at least one week from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed. But if he is disabled for that period the compensation shall date from the happening of the accident."

Page 4, clause 5, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* "unless the injury results in death or serious and permanent disablement,"

Page 4, clause 5. *After* paragraph (b) *insert* paragraph (c) as follows :—

"(c) Nothing in this Act shall affect any civil liability of the employer when the injury was caused by the personal negligence or wilful act of the employer or of some person for whose act or default the employer is responsible. In such case the worker may at his option proceed under this Act or independently of this Act but he shall not be entitled to compensation under this Act if he has obtained judgment against his employer independently of this Act."

Page 5, clause 5, sub-clause (4). *Omit* subclause.

Pages 10 and 11, clause 11. *Omit* subclause (1) to line 11, page 11, *insert* as follows :—

11. (1.) This Act applies in respect of an accident happening to a seaman employed on a New South Wales ship, as defined in this section, if the accident arises out of and in the course of his employment and happens within this State or within the jurisdiction of this State.

(2) In this Act the term "New South Wales ship" means any ship which is—

(a) registered in this State; or

(b) owned by a body corporate established under the laws of this State or having its principal office or place of business in this State, or is in the possession of any such body corporate by virtue of a charter; or

(c) owned by any person or body corporate whose chief office or place of business in respect of the management of such ship is in this State, or is in the possession of any such person or body corporate by virtue of a charter; or

(d) owned by the Crown in respect of the Government of this State, or is in the possession of the Crown in that respect by virtue of a charter.

(3) The application of this Act in respect of accidents happening to seamen, as provided by this section, shall be subject to the following modifications :—

Page 16, clause 12, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "(including dentists)"

Pages 16 and 17, clause 12. *Omit* sub-clauses (7), (8), and (9).

Page 17, clause 13. At end of clause *add* "Provided that if any such workman sustains an injury entitling him to compensation under this Act, and in consequence of such injury becomes entitled to benefits under any Act affecting workmen employed by or under the Crown such workman shall not be entitled to claim benefits under both Acts, but he, or in case of his death, his personal representative, shall elect under which Act he shall make his claim."

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Page 17, clause 14, line 38. *Omit* "and registered dentists"

Page 21. *Omit* Schedule 1.

Page 22, Schedule 2, line 7. *After* "Pounds" *insert* "and the total liability in respect thereof shall not exceed five hundred pounds:"

Page 27, Schedule 3, paragraph 8 (c), line 49 *After* "to" *insert* "compromise of claims or"

Page 28, Schedule 3, paragraph 12, line 38. *Omit* "First" *insert* "Second"

Page 29, Schedule 4, column 1, line 34. *Omit* "Miners' anæmia" *insert* "Ankylostomiasis"

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker. That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker*

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New South Wales.

No. 37.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1916.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) 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 Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Act, 1912, the Constitution Act, 1902; to provide for the management and control of Industrial Undertakings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th September, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "Section four of the Principal Act is repealed, and the following is substituted in its place" *insert* "The following new section is inserted after section four in the Principal Act:—"

Page 3, clause 5. *Omit* clause.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

3. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Griffith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title. On motion of Mr. Griffith, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880; to establish continuation schools; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy; to provide that employers shall permit certain employees to attend continuation schools; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendments in the Title.

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## 4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—

(1.) *Railway from Mount Horeb to Batlow*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Mount Horeb to Batlow.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Railway from Kyogle to Richmond Gap*:—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Kyogle to Richmond Gap.  
Question put and passed.

## 5. DENTISTS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Black, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1916.*"

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## 6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and certain Acts in relation therewith, and other Acts incidental thereto.*"

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## 7. FORESTRY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, dated 21st September, 1916, in reference to this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had insisted upon the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

## 8. POLICE APPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

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

## 9. FORESTRY BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Ashford, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 21st September, 1916, in reference to the Forestry Bill,—

Insists on its amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Council in clause 5, page 4, subclause (1) of the Bill.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreement, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf :—Mr. John Storey, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Page, Mr. Ball, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Morrish, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Bagnall, and Mr. Ashford.

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10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Regent's Park to Cabramatta Railway*) :—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Regent's Park to Cabramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

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11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.

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

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3):—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 apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the Year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

13. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Tellers,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Kearsley,	

Noes, 20.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	Tellers,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

14. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

Mr. Hall moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Morrish moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9, and the consideration of certain new clauses,"—instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Black,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill,
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before Nine o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m.  
This Day.W. S. MOWLE,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Regulations under the Dairy Industry Act, 1915.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Proclamation declaring Allotments 1, 2, 9 and 10, section 17, parish of Adelong, county of Wynyard, to be "Private Lands" within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Commissioner for Water Conservation and Irrigation for the year ended 30th June, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. PREVALENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASES:—Dr. Arthur (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Prevalence of Venereal Diseases" have leave to make visits of inspection from time to time, accompanied by a shorthand-writer, in the State or to the States within the Commonwealth for the purpose of holding inquiries and taking evidence, and that the Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House for the purpose of making such visits of inspection.

Question put and passed.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Mr. Holman (*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. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be: "*An Act to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next general election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

## MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next general election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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5. FAIR RENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*):—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Boston,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. Durack,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Estell,	Captain Toombs,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Hollis,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. William Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Harry Morton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cann, *passed*.Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Fair Rents Act, 1915.*"

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 Fair Rents Act, 1915,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "The Ashtonfields Coal-mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*): second reading. [*Mr. James*]" ;—postponed until Tuesday next.
7. RURAL TENANTS' IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## RURAL TENANTS' IMPROVEMENTS BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th September, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Title, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* "1915" *insert* "1916"
- Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* lines 20 to 23 inclusive.
- Page 4, clause 5, subclause (3), line 8. *Omit* "six" *insert* "seven"
- Page 4, clause 5, subclause (3), line 12. *Omit* "five" *insert* "six"
- Page 4. *After* clause 5 *insert* new clause to stand as new clause 6 as follows:—
- "6. It shall be lawful for either the landlord or tenant in cases where they fail to agree upon any matter under clause 5 of this Act to refer such matter for the decision of the Local Land Board in the manner prescribed"
- Page 4, clause 6. *Omit* clause.
- Pages 7 and 8. *Omit* clause 13.
- Page 11. *Omit* clause 19 and running heading.
- Page 12, clause 23, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "in the district court and"
- Page 12, clause 23, line 33. *After* "board" *insert* "or the Land Appeal Court"
- Page 12, clause 23, line 34. *Omit* "the court and the" *insert* "such"
- Page 12, clause 23, line 34. *After* "board" *insert* "and court"
- Page 12, clause 23. *Omit* subclause (2).

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Page 13 clause 27. *Omit* lines 28, 29, and 30, *insert*—

“Such regulations shall—

“ (1) be published in the Gazette :

“ (2) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in  
“ such regulations ; and

“ (3) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication  
“ if Parliament is in session, and, if not, then within fourteen days after the  
“ commencement of the next session. If either House of Parliament passes a  
“ resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have  
“ been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall  
“ thereupon cease to have effect.”

Page 14, First Schedule, Part I. *After* line 17 *insert*—

“ 11. Formation of silos.”

“ 12. Liming of land.”

“ 13. Laying down of permanent pastures.”

“ 14. Permanent boundary fences.”

“ 15. Wire-netting on boundary fences.”

Page 14, First Schedule, Part II. *Omit*—

“ 13. Formation of silos.”

“ 16. Permanent boundary fences.”

“ 17. Wire-netting on boundary fences.”

Page 14, First Schedule, Part III, line 30. *Omit*—

“ 18. Liming of land.”

“ 20. Laying down temporary pastures with grasses or other seeds.”

Page 14, First Schedule, Part III, lines 36 and 37. *Omit* “(except in a case to which section six  
“ applies)”

Page 14, First Schedule, Part III. *Omit* line 42.

Page 16, Second Schedule, line 5. *Omit* “ district ” *insert* “ Land Appeal ”

Page 16, Second Schedule, line 7. *Omit* “ judge of the District Court ” *insert* “ President of the  
“ Land Appeal Court ”

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

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

*By Mr. Holman,—*

(1.) Government Railways (Further Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 73.*

*By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the Second Schedule thereto.

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*Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

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

*By Mr. Hoyle,—*

(2.) Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Amendment) Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

*Message No. 74.*

*By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Tunnels) Act, 1916, and the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,*

*Sydney, 26th September, 1916.*

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

9. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1912—AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE ONE :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions :—

(1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One

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of the said Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, the 3rd November, 1915, and the 12th May, 1916, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follow :—

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
"and other persons engaged in the top-dressing or laying of surfaces in concrete, cement, or similar materials"	After the word "plasterers" in the Building Trades group of industries.
planning, measuring, fixing, and sewing" ... ..	After the word "cutting" in the Furniture Trades group of industries.
" , gardeners, and assistants to vigneron, nurserymen, and orchardists "	After the words "contractors with Municipal and Shire Councils" in the Labourers group of industries.
fur and" ... ..	Before the words "rubber goods" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
"twine makers," ... ..	After the words "canvas makers" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
" , artificial flower makers" ... ..	After the words "and stains" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
"all employees in factories in which foodstuffs or other groceries are manufactured or prepared for trade or sale,"	After the words "mill employees," in the Manufacturing No. 2 group of industries.
"paper-bag makers, envelope makers, envelope and paper-bag packers, gummers,"	After the words "cardboard box makers," in the Printing Trades group of industries.
"or in the paper, the stationery" ... ..	Before the words "or the printing industry" in the Printing Trades group of industries.
"insurance agents and collectors," ... ..	After the words "warehouse employees," in the Professional and Shopworkers' group of industries.
"actors, theatrical and" ... ..	Before the words "vaudeville artists," in the Professional and Shopworkers' group of industries.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

10. POLICE APPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the making of promotions in the police force ; to provide for appeals from punishments imposed on members of such force ; for the above purposes to constitute a board ; to authorise the imposition of fines ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

12. FORESTRY BILL (*Free Conference*) :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 27th September, 1916, on the subject of the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed from by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly in clause 5 of the Forestry Bill ; and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at

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7.45 o'clock, p.m.; and that the Honorables Sir Thomas Hughes, Sir Allen Taylor, J. G. Farleigh, W. T. Dick, L. F. Heydon, J. Garland, W. F. Hurley, R. J. Black, Dr. Nash, and A. W. Meeks, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Ashford, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 28th September, 1916, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of its amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Council and insisted upon by the Assembly in the Forestry Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

14. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Black, "That this Bill be now read a third time," interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entries 12 and 13 above,—resumed.

Interruption.

15. FORESTRY BILL (*Free Conference*):—

(1.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly, namely, Mr. John Storey, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Page, Mr. Ball, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Morrish, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Bagnall, and Mr. Ashford.

And Mr. Burgess, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Bagnall not answering,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Briner, and Mr. McGarry were (after Debate) appointed in their places.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers having returned,—

(2.) Mr. Ashford, *on behalf of the Managers*, brought up the following Report, which was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly by resolution of the 27th September, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment disagreed to by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly in clause 5 of the Forestry Bill,—report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolution was agreed upon, viz.:—

That subclause (1) of clause 5 read as follows:—

(1) There shall be a Forestry Commission constituted as follows:—

The Governor shall, as soon as he thinks advisable after the passing of this Act, appoint a Chief Commissioner and two other Commissioners who shall constitute the Forestry Commission.

If the Chief Commissioner disapproves of the decision of the other Commissioners with respect to any matter before the Commission for its decision and determination, such matter shall be deferred for not less than twenty-four hours after the decision; or, if the Chief Commissioner was not present when the decision was given, for not less than twenty-four hours after it has been brought to his knowledge, when it shall again be brought before the Commission; and if the Chief Commissioner again disapproves of the decision of the other Commissioners, the matter shall be determined according to the deliberate judgment of the Chief Commissioner, irrespective of the decision of the other Commissioners.

As consequential upon the decision arrived at in the foregoing Resolution, the Managers recommend that the definition of "Commissioner" in clause 4 read as follows:—

"Commissioner" includes the Chief Commissioner.

*No. 1 Committee Room,  
28th September, 1916.*

On behalf of the Managers for  
the Legislative Assembly,  
W. G. ASHFORD.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

16. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The consideration of this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 15 above,—resumed.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

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

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Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900; to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, the Naturalised Subjects Franchise Act, 1916, the Constitution Act, 1902, the Liquor Act, 1912, and the Oaths Act, 1900; to give an opportunity to persons absent on service with His Majesty's forces to vote by proxy; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1916.

17. FORESTRY BILL (*Free Conference*):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 20th September, 1916, a.m., and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Forestry Bill,—agrees to the resolution adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

18. CITY AND SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915, and the Public Works Act, 1912,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1916.

19. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to one and agreed to the other of the Council's amendments.

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

20. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—OBAN, CARUMBI, TARCUTTA, HARVEY PARK, COLLAROY, TUPPAL, OOMA, CULLINGRAL:—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreements with the owners, the private lands comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated in the Schedule hereunder:—

Estate.	Owner.	Situation.	Area (more or less).	Price per acre on a freehold basis.
			acres.	£ s. d.
Oban ... ..	Phillip H. Morton ... ..	Near Coolah ... ..	8,769	8 5 0
Carumbi ... ..	Pettett and Williams (Trustees)	Near Stockinbingal ... ..	17,954	4 17 3
Tarcutta ... ..	W. H. Mate ... ..	Near Wagga Wagga ... ..	28,275	2 16 3
Harvey Park ... ..	Taylor Brothers ... ..	Near Peak Hill ... ..	13,698	4 0 0
Collaroy ... ..	The Collaroy Company, Limited	Near Merriwa ... ..	12,700	3 17 6
Tuppall ... ..	F. S. Falkiner and Sons, Limited	Near Finley ... ..	23,434	4 2 6
Ooma ... ..	Mutual Investment Company, Limited.	Near Forbes ... ..	26,539	4 8 6
Callingral ... ..	J. C. Ritchie, E. H. Lascelles, James White, and M. W. Oldham.	Near Merriwa ... ..	6,348	3 16 0

Question put and passed.

28th September, 1916.

## 21. MOTOR TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the introduction and passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cann, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.

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

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

The Acting 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 Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.

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

- (3.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Motor Tax Management Act 1914*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

## 22. GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Hoyle 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 make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoyle, 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 further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (4.) Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, *passed*.

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered

28th September, 1916.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provisions with respect to the management of the Government Savings Bank, and for extending and regulating its operations; to amend the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, the Savings Banks Amalgamation Act, 1914, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

23. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. J. H. Cann, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 27th September, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 5, because,—under the provisions of clause 3, the Sinking Fund paid per annum goes to a State Sinking Fund and is not credited to the Industrial Undertaking, nor is it used in that Industrial Undertaking for the reduction of its capital, while clause 5 provides that profits may be used for the reduction of the capital cost of the Industrial Undertaking.

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

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreement from the Council's amendment in clause 5 of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1916.*

24. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the Second Schedule thereto,*"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the second Schedule thereto.

Question put and passed.

(3.) On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the Second Schedule thereto.

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

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

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

*Resolved,*—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the Second Schedule thereto.

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

(4.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and the Second Schedule thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(5.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

25. MOTOR TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, passed.

Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,



28th September, 1916.

27. MOTOR VEHICLE (TAXATION) BILL :—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to impose taxes on motor vehicles.
- (2.) Mr. Hoyle then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to impose taxes on motor vehicles*,"—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. Hoyle, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Storey, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Hoyle, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hoyle, *passed*.  
Mr. Hoyle then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose taxes on motor vehicles*."  
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 impose taxes on motor vehicles*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th September, 1916, A.M.*
28. FORESTRY BILL (*Free Conference*) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Durack, Acting Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolution adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly.  
On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 28th September, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the Forestry Bill,—agrees to the Resolution adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th September, 1916, A.M.*
29. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising This Day do adjourn until Thursday next, 5th October.  
Question put and passed.
30. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until *Thursday, 5th October*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1916.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Canberra-street, Canterbury, Diversion Bill :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Message No. 75.

*By Deputation from His Excellency the Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to close a certain portion of a public street known as Canberra-street, in the Municipality of Canterbury, and to abolish all rights-of-way connected therewith ; and to confer a title in fee-simple in possession under the Real Property Act, 1900, in the lands comprising the same on The Intercolonial Investment, Ltd, and Building Company, Limited ; and to dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street ; and to divest all right, title, and interest in or to the lands comprised in the said last mentioned street from the said company,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 29th September, 1916.*

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

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 76.

*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, with regard to certain appeals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 3rd October, 1916.*

- (3.) Bowral Water Supply Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,

Message No. 77.

*Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 4th October, 1916.*

5th October, 1916.

## (4.) Public Instruction (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Instruction Act of 1880 ; to provide for certificates of efficiency to certain schools ; to enforce the attendance of children at schools, and to deal with truancy ; and for these purposes to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 79.

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

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (6.) Dentists (Further Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 80.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists Amendment Act, 1916,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (7.) Supply Bill (No. 3) :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the Services of the year 1916-1917, and out of the Public Works Fund ; and out of the General Loan Account for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (8.) City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (9.) Miners Accident Relief (Repeal) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Miners Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912 ; to provide for the application of the moneys and securities in the Miners Accident Relief Fund and in the possession of committees ; and for the granting and payment of allowances for accidents which have occurred before such repeal ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

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5th October, 1916.

## (10.) Constitution (Public Service) Amendment Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 84.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that officers in the Public Service of New South Wales may be nominated and elected to the Legislative Assembly, and that when so elected any such officer shall resign his position in the said Service; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (11.) Water (Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 85.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Water Act, 1912; and for purposes incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (12.) Sydney Water Supply (Auxiliary) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 86.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain works to augment the Sydney Water Supply system; and to vest the said works in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## (13.) Grain Elevator Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 87.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain grain elevators; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 4th October, 1916.

## 2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Deviation and Duplication of the Main Western Line between Locksley and Wambool* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Deviation and Duplication of the Main Western Line between Locksley and Wambool.
- (2.) *Deviation of the Great Western Railway between Raglan and Kelso* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Deviation of the Great Western Railway between Raglan and Kelso.
- (3.) *Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
- (4.) *Railway from Thornton to Aberdare* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, relating to the proposed Railway from Thornton to Aberdare.
- (5.) *Deviation of the Main Northern Line between Singleton and Nundah* :—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Deviation of the Main Northern Line between Singleton and Nundah.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 3. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Financial By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (2.) Financial By-laws under the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (3.) Amended By-law regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Hay, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (4.) Amended By-law regulating Water Supply of the Municipality of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(5.)

5th October, 1916.

- (5.) Balance-sheet and Trading Account and Profit and Loss Account of the State Power-house, Uhr's Point, for year ended 30th June, 1916.  
 (6.) Balance-sheet and Trading Account and Profit and Loss Account of the Maroubra Sandstone Quarry for year ended 30th June, 1916.  
 (7.) Balance-sheet and Trading Account and Profit and Loss Account of the Building Construction (Industrial Undertaking) for year ended 30th June, 1916.  
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Statement showing particulars of Contracts for Railway Sleepers placed by the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways from 1st January, 1914, to 1st September, 1916, inclusive.  
 (2.) Letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for Railways relative to the Lighting of Penrith Yards.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Estell laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Correspondence in connection with the establishment of proposed State Coal-mine near Lithgow.  
 Ordered to be printed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 31st October.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twelve minutes after Five o'clock, until *Tuesday, 31st October* at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1916.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Holman informed the House that one of his colleagues, the Honorable John Estell, had resigned his portfolio of Minister for Labour and Industry and Secretary for Mines, and that he (the Premier) had forwarded the resignation to His Excellency the Governor.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Quarry Site near South Grafton.
- (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply for the Municipality of Yass.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage Scheme for the Municipality of Dubbo.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply for the Municipality of Orange.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply for the Municipality of Inverell.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Hunter District Water Supply (Chichester Dam).
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Forbes-Stockinbingal Railway.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage Scheme for the Municipality of Albury.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Maitland to South Grafton Railway.
- (10.) Repeal of By-laws of the Municipality of Gunnedah, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (11.) Report of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for year ended 30th June, 1916, together with Appendices, Diagrams, and Plans.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Hay Irrigation Act, 1902.
- (2.) Report of the Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Registrar of Brands, and Chief Quarantine Officer for year ended 30th June, 1916
- (3.) Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens and Government Domains for 1915.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Forestry for year ended 30th June, 1916.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

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- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 225, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (7.) Amended Form No. 110, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (8.) Amended Regulation No. 14A, under the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1912.
- (9.) Report and Balance-sheet of the National Park Trust for year ended 30th June, 1916. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (10.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Carumbi Estate, on the Forbes to Stockinbingal authorised Railway.
- (11.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Tarcutta Estate, on the Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba authorised Railway.
- (12.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Tuppal Estate, on the Finley to Tocumwal Railway.
- (13.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Oban Estate, on the Craboon to Coolah authorised Railway.
- (14.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Oomah Estate, on the Forbes to Stockinbingal authorised Railway.
- (15.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Cullingral Estate, on the Muswellbrook to Merriwa authorised Railway.
- (16.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Harvey Park Estate, on the Parkes to Narromine Railway Line.
- (17.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Collaroy Estate, on the Muswellbrook to Merriwa authorised Railway. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of Royal Commission of Inquiry into the matters connected with the calling for and acceptance of Tenders and Quotations by, and the Supply of Asbestos Cement Sheeting to, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, for the years 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916, together with Minutes of Evidence and Addresses of Counsel. (7th September to 25th September, 1916.) Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Additional Regulation No. 52A, under the Liquor Act, 1912. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. FORESTRY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 88.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to forestry; to provide for the dedication, reservation, control, and use of State forests, timber reserves, and Crown lands for forestry and other purposes; to appoint a commission to administer the Act, with power to sell and convert timber and products, and to purchase and sell horses, cattle, and sheep to be depastured on State forests and timber reserves; to repeal the Forestry Act, 1909; to amend the Acts relating to Crown lands and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th October, 1916.

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

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 41.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulation under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

- (2.) Memorandum by the Secretary to the Chief Railway Commissioner in connection with Medical Examination for Military Service of Railway Employees, and the dispensing with services of men owing to the ironmoulders' strike.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended Regulation No. 116, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) By-laws under the Meat Industry Act, 1915.

- (2.) Regulations under the Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1916.

- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes, at Cudgera, Bohemia Creek, Skeleton Creek, Craven, and Enmore.

- (4.) Report of State Children Relief Board for year ended 5th April, 1916.

- (5.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment of Mr. O. C. M. L. Wild and Mr. John Mortimer as Valuer and Assistant Valuer respectively, Department of Valuer-General.

- (6.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for year ended 30th June, 1916.

- (7.) Report of the Local Government Department for year ended 30th June, 1916.

- (8.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Dr. Laura Weir as Medical Officer, Medical Branch, Department of Public Instruction.

Ordered to be printed.

2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Black moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Black, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

- (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Black, passed.

Mr. Black then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st November, 1916.

1st November, 1916.

3. **RURAL TENANTS' IMPROVEMENTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title. On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings, and for unreasonable termination or refusal to renew such tenancies; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st November, 1916.*

4. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title. On motion of Mr. Holman (after Debate), the report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

5. **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended other, including the amendment in the Title, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, and made a consequential amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 26th September, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Workmen's Compensation Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment which inserts a new clause 3, but proposes to amend the amendment by the omission of the words "the Employers' Liability Act, 1897, and" and to further amend the amendment by the omission of the word "are" and the insertion of the word "is" instead thereof.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4, page 2, line 34, which omits the word "four" and inserts the word "three,"—because the widest possible range of employees ought to be covered by the provisions of the Bill; and the limit of three hundred pounds introduces limitations of too narrow a character.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 5, subclause 2, which inserts a new paragraph (c),—because, firstly, the words of the clause are taken from the English Act, but are of apt use only in a measure which contemplates the preservation of the Employers' Liability Act, 1897, and because, secondly, of the ambiguity imported into the paragraph by the use of the word "worker."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 5, page 5, which omits subclause 4,—because the provision which it contains is regarded by the Legislative Assembly as a measure of relief which should not be refused to injured workmen.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 11, pages 10 and 11, subclause 1, but proposes to amend the amendment by omitting after the word "employment" the words "and happens within this State or within the jurisdiction of this State."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 13, page 17, which adds a proviso at end of clause,—because the effect of the additional words is that workmen employed by the Crown and covered by Service schemes of benefit, will be in an inferior position so far as the amount of their compensation is concerned to workmen who are not employed by the Crown.

Disagrees to the amendment in Schedule 2, clause 1, paragraph (b) which inserts the words "and the total liability in respect thereof shall not exceed five hundred pounds,"—because it is the intention of the Legislative Assembly to adopt and follow the English precedent with respect to compensation unlimited in respect of its duration.

Disagrees to the amendment in Schedule 3, clause 12, which omits the word "First" and inserts the word "Second,"—because such amendment is unnecessary owing to the elimination of the First Schedule to the Bill.

Agrees to the amendment in the Title, but proposes to amend the amendment by the omission of the words "Employers' Liability Act, 1897."

The Assembly proposes to further amend the Title by the omission of the words "and the" in line 6 as consequential upon the acceptance of the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in the Title.

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

And

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And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from and amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendment upon the Council's amendment and consequential amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st November, 1916.

6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—MANUS, BAERAMI, PINNACLE :—Mr. Ashford moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owners, the private lands comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated, in the Schedule hereunder :—

Estate.	Owner.	Situation.	Area (more or less).	Price per acre on a freehold basis.
Manus ... ..	G. N. McMicking ... ..	Near Tumbarumba ..	12,560	£ s. d. 4 16 3
Baerami ... ..	E. R., A. M., I. F., and H. H. White.	Near Denman ... ..	13,300	5 0 0
Pinnacle ... ..	M. G. D. Murray and F. K. Warren.	Near Grenfell ... ..	5,802	6 10 0

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read.—Mr. J. H. Cann moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Cann then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st November, 1916.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—MANUS, BAERAMI, PINNACLE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ashford, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor purchasing, by agreement with the owners, the private lands comprised in the estates particularised, and at the prices indicated, in the Schedule hereunder :—

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Pinnacle ... ..	M. G. D. Murray and F. K. Warren.	Near Grenfell ... ..	5,802	6 10 0

And the question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. McGarry requiring that the resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

Question,—That the resolution as regards Manus be agreed to,—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*.

Question,—That the resolution as regards Baerami be agreed to,—put and passed.

Question,—That the resolution as regards Pinnacle be agreed to,—put and passed.

9. PAPERS :—Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Manus Estate, on the Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba authorised Railway.

(2.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Baerami Estate, on the Muswellbrook to Merriwa authorised Railway.

(3.) Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement Purposes, of the Pinnacle Estate, on the Forbes to Stockinbingal authorised Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

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10. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
  11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. J. H. Cann (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
  12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

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

- (1.) *Sewerage scheme for Granville, Auburn, and Rookwood*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Sewerage scheme for Granville, Auburn, and Rookwood.
- (2.) *Railway from Guyra to Inverell*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Guyra to Inverell.
- (3.) *Railway from Bankstown to Liverpool*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Railway from Bankstown to Liverpool.  
Ordered to be printed.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House of the resignation of the office of Minister of Public Instruction by the Honorable Arthur Griffith. That he had forwarded the resignation to His Excellency the Governor, who had accepted it and authorised him to make the announcement.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. J. H. Cann laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for year ended 30th June, 1916, together with Appendices and Plans.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report of the Director-General of Public Health for 1915.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th September, 1916.

(2.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1916.

(3.) Report of the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1916, together with Balance-sheets, Appendices, &c.

(4.) Reports of the Honorable Frank Bryant, M.L.C., the Commissioner appointed to inquire into matters relating to the working of the Government Printing Offices in the several States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Memorandum by the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner for Railways relative to the overcrowding of business trains and riding on car platforms.

(2.) Report of His Honor Judge Bevan as a Royal Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the claims made by certain settlers on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, with a view to ascertaining whether such settlers could prove that they were entitled to be compensated by reason of the unsuitability of the soil on their farms for the growth of lucerne.

Ordered to be printed.

7th November, 1916.

4. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (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 make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 2nd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd November, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 6, line 1. *After "shall" insert "on the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner"*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 3. *Omit "may" insert "shall"*  
 Page 3, clause 6, line 3. *Omit "Commissioners" insert "Chief Commissioner"*  
 Page 5, clause 9. *Omit lines 1 to 15 inclusive.*  
 Pages 5 and 6, clause 10. *Omit clause.*  
 Page 10. *After clause 15 insert new clause as follows:—"Subsection two of section seventy-two of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after 'day-labourers' the words 'or employed otherwise than as permanent officers in connection with railway refreshment-rooms or 'dining-cars'"*  
 Page 11, clause 19, line 21. *Omit "so"*  
 Page 11, clause 20. *Omit clause.*  
 Page 12. *Omit clauses 23 and 24.*

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

5. SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the continuation of the discussion of Notice of Motion No. 1 of General Business on the Notice Paper for To-day after half-past six o'clock, p.m.  
 Question put and passed.
6. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Durack moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) That the Government no longer possess the confidence of this House.  
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. James 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, after Formal Business, of all other Business.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Special Tax to provide Endowment to Families; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, 'That, in the opinion of this House,—"  
 " (1.) The welfare and proper development of the children should be of supreme importance to the State.  
 " (2.) The principle of equal payment to all workers engaged in the same occupation, irrespective of their conjugal and family conditions, though economically sound, discourages and penalises marriage, leads to the restriction of the birthrate, and is detrimental to the physical well-being of children the members of large families.  
 " (3.) For the good of the general community and the future generation, it would be equitable to compel those citizens who have no dependents, or only small families, to contribute to the maintenance of larger families.  
 " (4.) To effect this a special income tax should be imposed on all net incomes of over £2 a week, single persons to pay double the tax that married persons do.  
 " (5.) From the revenue so obtained an endowment should be paid to the mother of every child after the first until the age of 14 years.  
 " (6.) Such a system of endowment should not be taken into account in determining the minimum wage in any industry for a man with wife and two children."—postponed until Tuesday next.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Durack,—  
 " (1.) 'That' the Government no longer possess the confidence of this House.  
 " (2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor."  
 And the Question being again proposed,—  
 The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
 Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "in the opinion of this House it is not desirable at the present time to determine the issue whether or not the Government possesses the confidence of this House, for the following reasons:—  
 " Inasmuch as in the coming year a call will be made upon the utmost resources of the Empire and the Dominions in order to ensure the successful prosecution of the war, the best efforts of this State should be devoted to assisting the Commonwealth to worthily play their part.  
 " Further, inasmuch as this State is now confronted with the prospect of financial stringency, industrial disturbance, and, in some quarters, a growing and dangerous disregard for law and order, the time is now opportune for all who have at heart the welfare of this State to loyally unite, irrespective of party ties, in the formation of a National Party, with a programme based on broad democratic lines,"—instead thereof.  
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. McGirr moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until a later hour of the day.

8th November, 1916.

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

## (1.) Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## (2.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of interest on mortgages and of interest and instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next general election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 8th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th November, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 5. *Omit "interest on"*

Page 1, Title, line 5. *Omit "interest and"*

Page 1, Title, line 6. *After "premises" insert "and of bills of sale or other securities over the licensee's lease, license, goodwill, stock, goods, chattels, and effects in or upon or about such licensed premises"*

Page 2, clause 1. *Add subclause (2) as follows:—*

(2) Section three of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following words:—

"Lease" includes every letting whether oral, in writing, or by deed.

"Lessor" and "lessee" mean the parties to a lease as herein defined and respectively

includes a mesne lessor and a mesne lessee.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 15 and 16. *Omit "stipendiary or police magistrate appointed by the Governor" insert "District Court Judge"*

Pages 2 and 3, clause 3. *Omit "interest or any part of the interest" insert "principal or any part of the principal"*

Page 3, clause 3, paragraph (c), line 10. *Omit "interest or"*

Page 3, clause 3, paragraph (c), line 11. *Omit "has or"*

Page 3, clause 3. *At end of paragraph (c) add "or in respect of any bill of sale or other security over the licensee's lease, license, goodwill, goods, chattels, and effects in or upon such licensed premises:*

*Provided that the court may revoke any order made under this section"*

Page 3, clause 3, line 16. *After "provided" insert "further"*

Page 3, clause 3, line 17. *Omit "interest"*

Page 3, clause 3, line 21. *After "prescribed" insert "within three months after the commencement of this Act."*

Page 3, clause 3, line 29. *After "how" insert "and on what person"*

Page 3, clause 3, line 30. *Omit "and on what person"*

Page 4, clause 4, lines 5 and 6. *Omit "if the person to be served is resident in New South Wales; but if he is not so resident it may be served" insert "on the lessor, mortgagee, or vendor, or"*

Page 4, clause 4, line 9. *Omit "interest"*

Page 4, clause 4, line 26. *After "lease" insert "or any extension thereof"*

Page 5, clause 6, line 5. *Omit "be" insert "become"*

Page 5, clause 6, line 12. *After "lease" insert "or any extension thereof"*

Page 5, clause 7, line 21. *Omit "after such alteration of the closing hour and"*

Page 5. *After clause 7 insert new heading and clauses to stand as clauses 8 and 9 respectively as follows:—*

*Extension of time after Local Option Vote.*

8. Where any license is ordered to cease to be in force under a local option vote carrying resolution "B" and a time has been fixed for such license to cease, an extension of such time may be allowed on application to the Licensing Court constituted under this Act, such extension of time to be inversely proportionate to the reduction of trading hours brought about either by proclamation or otherwise by law.

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9. Section forty-three of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following words to be read as subsection (4):—Provided that it shall be lawful for a publican's license to be granted to a manager for a public company registered under the Companies Act and being the owner or lessee of the premises in question. Such manager, when holding a publican's license, shall have the same liabilities and duties as any licensee holding a license in his own interest. The interest of a shareholder as such in a public company shall not constitute a beneficial interest within the meaning of section 41.

Page 6, clause 9. *After* subclause (3) *add*

"Provided further that dry wines manufactured in the Commonwealth and not containing added spirits may be sold to and consumed by any person on such licensed premises at a *bond fide* meal in a room not being a liquor bar between the hours of six and seven-thirty post meridian."

Page 6. *After* clause 9 *add* new clause as follows:—

"Section 60 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word 'twenty,' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'twenty-five.'"

Page 6, clause 9, line 15. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "one hundred."

Page 6, clause 10, line 3. *Omit* "twenty" *insert* "one hundred."

Page 8, clause 16, line 27. *Omit* the "second paragraph," *insert* "subsection two."

Page 8. At end of clause 17 *add* proviso" as follows:—

"Provided that this section shall not apply to a general election taking place after a period of eighteen months after the commencement of this Act."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1916.

4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 89.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1916.

5. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Durack,—

"(1.) 'That' the Government no longer possess the confidence of this House.

"(2.) That the foregoing resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Upon which Mr. Wade had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "in the opinion of this House it is not desirable at the present time to determine the issue whether or not the Government possesses the confidence of this House, for the following reasons:—

"Inasmuch as in the coming year a call will be made upon the utmost resources of the Empire and the Dominions in order to ensure the successful prosecution of the war, the best efforts of this State should be devoted to assisting the Commonwealth to worthily play their part.

"Further, inasmuch as this State is now confronted with the prospect of financial stringency, industrial disturbance, and, in some quarters, a growing and dangerous disregard for law and order, the time is now opportune for all who have at heart the welfare of this State to loyally unite, irrespective of party ties, in the formation of a National Party, with a programme based on broad democratic lines,"—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.

And

8th November, 1916.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan,  
Mr. McGirr,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Thrower,  
Captain Toombs,  
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Lang.

Noes, 52.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. D. E. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	Tellers,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Hunt,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ayes, 50.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Page,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Tellers,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Griffith,  
Mr. Haynes,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. McGirr,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. John Storey,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Thrower,  
Captain Toombs,  
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Keegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question, as amended,—That, in the opinion of this House, it is not desirable at the present time to determine the issue whether or not the Government possesses the confidence of this House, for the following reasons:—

Inasmuch as in the coming year a call will be made upon the utmost resources of the Empire and the Dominions in order to ensure the successful prosecution of the war, the best efforts of this State should be devoted to assisting the Commonwealth to worthily play their part.

Further, inasmuch as this State is now confronted with the prospect of financial stringency, industrial disturbance, and, in some quarters, a growing and dangerous disregard for law and order, the time is now opportune for all who have at heart the welfare of this State to loyally unite, irrespective of party ties, in the formation of a National Party, with a programme based on broad democratic lines,—then put and passed.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting appointment of Messrs. Jack Stanley Turner and Alfred Stephen as Temporary Surveyors, on probation, Department of Lands. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hoyle laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Narrandera and Hay, by provision of Siding at Gogeldrie.

(2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating between Wallendbeen and Cootamundra.

(3.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by duplicating between Wallendbeen and Cootamundra.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Black laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909.

(2.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Acts, 1900-1913.

Ordered to be printed.

2. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th November, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Pages 4 and 5. Omit clause 6, and insert new clause as follows:—6. The following section is inserted next after section twenty-one of the same Act:—

21A. Any tenant or occupier of land resumed by the council, who would not be entitled under the other provisions of this Act to compensation in respect of such resumption, by reason of his tenancy being weekly or monthly only, may within ninety days from the publication

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publication of notification of resumption (or in the case of resumptions, notification of which was published on or after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and before the commencement of this Act, within ninety days from the commencement of this Act), send in a claim in manner hereinafter provided, which claim shall be considered and dealt with by a stipendiary magistrate who shall have full power to deal with such claim and to assess and award compensation to the claimant, or to refuse compensation. The provisions hereinbefore in this Act contained as to payment of interest and costs shall not apply to claims made under this section, but the magistrate shall have power to deal with and award such costs to the claimant or the council as he may consider just.

The cases in which compensation may be granted under this section shall be limited to the cases where the tenant can prove—

- (1) That he has been in lawful possession of the property resumed for a period of three years prior to the date of resumption; or
- (2) That he has applied for and been refused a lease by the owner not less than six months prior to such resumption; or
- (3) That he has paid a bonus for the purchase of any goodwill of the business carried on by him and appurtenant to the premises in the resumed area.

The amount to be awarded shall be limited to a sum not exceeding fifty pounds to be assessed as compensation for the removal of such tenant's goods and for any disturbance of business which he may have suffered by reason of such resumption. There shall be no appeal from such decision.

The magistrate may call for the production of any documents in the possession or power of any party which he may think necessary for determining the matter under consideration, and may examine the parties or their witnesses on oath and administer the oaths necessary for that purpose and shall in regard to the issuing of subpoenas compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents, the taking of evidence and committal for contempt, have the powers in that behalf conferred on courts of petty sessions.

After new clause 6 insert new clause to stand as clause 7, as follows:—

7. Section sixteen of the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, is amended by the insertion of the words "or buildings therein" between the words "any portion of the said city" and the words "or for any of the purposes of the Principal Act."

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Newcastle, Mr. Gardiner, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The failure of the Government to act promptly in the public interest with a view to immediately ending the present disastrous strike in the coal-mining industry."

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

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

*Point of Order:*—Mr. Price submitted that the industrial dispute, being one which concerned the Federal Government—disputes affecting more than one State having been transferred by the Commonwealth Constitution Act to the Federal Parliament—the matter could not at this stage be dealt with by this House.

Mr. Speaker said it would be seen that industrial laws were of a composite character, State and Federal. His predecessor, Mr. Speaker McCourt, had held that where a matter could be dealt with by both the State and Federal Parliaments, it might be discussed under Standing Order No. 49 on a motion for adjournment. He quoted from rulings by Mr. Speaker McCourt on 14th August and 9th September, 1902, and ruled the motion in order.

Debate ensued.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:**—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) *Railway from Picton Lakes to Yerranderie:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Railway from Picton Lakes to Yerranderie.
- (2.) *Tramway from Bellevue Hill Tramway to Watson's Bay Tramway, near Double Bay:*—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Tramway from Bellevue Hill Tramway to Watson's Bay Tramway, near Double Bay.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT (COSTS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to resumptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 14th November, 1916.*
6. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended another, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.  
On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.
7. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed to some, amended other, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.

Mr. Hall moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House proceeded to Division.

Mr. Hall (*by consent*) moved, That leave be given to withdraw the motion for the adoption of the report.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hickey,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cooks,	Mr. James,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Keegan,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Zuill.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Kearsley.

\* And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Ashford moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Hall 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 proviso at the end of clause 20,"—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 proviso at the end of clause 20,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hall, 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 2° that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment, previously disagreed to, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the report be adopted To-morrow.

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

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

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman informed the House that to-day he had waited on His Excellency the Governor and informed him of the resignations of the Honorable John Henry Cann, Secretary for Public Works, the Honorable George Black, Colonial Secretary and Minister for Public Health, and the Honorable Henry Clement Hoyle, Minister for Railways and Assistant Treasurer. His Excellency had received the resignations with regret, and upon his (the Premier's) recommendations had been pleased to make the following appointments:—

The Honorable George Warburton Fuller, as Colonial Secretary ;  
 Mr. Richard Thomas Ball, as Minister for Public Works and Railways ;  
 Mr. John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, as Secretary for Mines and Assistant Treasurer ;  
 Mr. Augustus George Frederick James, as Minister for Public Instruction ; and  
 Mr. David Storey, as Minister without portfolio.

His Excellency had also been pleased to appoint the Honorable John Garland, M.L.C., as Minister of Justice and Solicitor-General, and also to appoint Mr. George Stephenson Beeby as a Member of the Legislative Council and Minister for Labour and Industry.

The new Ministry was, with the approval of His Excellency, now re-constituted as follows:—

The Honorable W. A. Holman, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.  
 The Honorable G. W. Fuller, M.L.A., Colonial Secretary.  
 The Honorable D. R. Hall, M.L.A., Attorney-General.  
 The Honorable J. D. FitzGerald, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council and Minister for Public Health and Local Government.  
 The Honorable J. Garland, K.C., M.L.C., Minister of Justice and Solicitor-General.  
 The Honorable W. G. Ashford, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands and Minister for Forests.  
 The Honorable R. T. Ball, M.L.A., Secretary for Public Works and Minister for Railways.  
 The Honorable D. Storey, M.L.A., Minister without portfolio.  
 The Honorable J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., Secretary for Mines and Assistant Treasurer.  
 The Honorable W. C. Grahame, M.L.A., Minister for Agriculture.  
 The Honorable G. S. Beeby, Minister for Labour and Industry.  
 The Honorable A. G. F. James, M.L.A., Minister of Public Instruction.

The steps to swear in the new Ministers to their portfolios would be taken to-morrow. There had been certain small formal difficulties which had prevented that step from being taken to-day, and that being so he was going to ask the House to rise.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Boston, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Durack, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Lang, Mr. Levy, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Minahan, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Thrower, and Mr. Wright,—

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. DISSENT FROM MR. SPEAKER'S RULING:—Mr. McGirr moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House dissents from the action of Mr. Speaker, whereby he gave leave to the Honorable the Attorney-General, on the 15th November, 1916, a.m., to move that leave be given to withdraw the motion for the adoption of the report from Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Council's amendments on the Liquor (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) after the Division bells had been rung and the Bar closed.

Mr. Speaker said the position had not been accurately stated by the Honorable Member. It was confined in a very circumscribed space. It would be remembered that the Liquor Amendment Bill (No. 2) had been in the Committee stage. It was recognised that the Speaker could take no cognisance of what took place in Committee unless it was formally reported to him in accordance with the Standing Orders. Therefore, what views were taken by Honorable Members, or what was the position of parties in the House, had not the remotest bearing on his ruling. When he took the Chair, the Attorney-General moved the adoption of the report, and the Honorable Member for Goulburn, or some other Honorable Member on his left, stated that he understood there was one clause which the Attorney-General intended to have recommitted. The Attorney-General practically admitted that in his speech as recorded in *Hansard*. He could not allow this House to be misled by any gentleman who was even misleading it unintentionally, and it was the province not only of the Speaker of this Assembly, but of anyone who was directing order in any civilised community to allow no question to be put under a misapprehension. The Honorable Member had seen fit to say that if that motion had been put a discredited Government would have been in a minority. Whether it was an accredited or discredited Government formed no part of his investigation. The fact remained that an objection was made by the Honorable Member for Goulburn, and the Attorney-General, in accordance with the usages that exist between gentlemen of honor, agreed that that objection had been raised in Committee. He had no official cognisance of what took place in Committee, but judging by what took place by way of remark between the Attorney-General and the Honorable Member for Goulburn, it was admitted by the Attorney-General, who moved the adoption of the report, that the point put forward by the Honorable Member for Goulburn was a sound one. It was his duty as Speaker to see that no Division was taken under a misapprehension. The Honorable Member for Lyndhurst corroborated the statement of the Honorable Member for Goulburn. He desired to say that if he had been present during the Committee stage, and had been permitted by the forms of the House to take cognisance of what had taken place in Committee, he would, of his own volition, have declared the motion off, but as he was not present he was prepared to trust the judgment of the House. Therefore, assuming that personal power, for which there were innumerable precedents in the Imperial Parliament, and which allows the Speaker to, so to speak, clothe the Standing Orders

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with the flesh and blood of common sense and judgment—he had clothed this position with the flesh and blood of judgment, so as not to allow the House to vote on a false issue. He had permitted the House to exercise its judgment as to whether, in view of what had apparently taken place, the Attorney-General should be permitted to withdraw his motion. He had put that question to the House, and the judgment of the House was conclusive, the voting being 37 to 10. The House allowed the Attorney-General to withdraw the motion, and within a few seconds the same motion was again proposed by the Minister for Lands in order to enable the question of the recommittal of the Bill to be decided. A Division having been called for, and the bells having been rung, he, as Speaker, at that stage could not permit an amendment to be moved on the motion "That the report be now adopted," that the Bill be referred back to the Committee for the reconsideration of a specific clause. That was constitutionally impossible, but the whole Gordian knot was cut by the House of its own volition. He was one of those who hold that the House was master of its own business, and the result was that the House, as master of its own business, decided that the question should be again put. He accordingly put the same question again, and an amendment was then moved by the Attorney-General to the effect that the Bill be recommitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council's amendment inserting a proviso in clause 20. Nobody had been prejudiced. The only people who could possibly be prejudiced would be those who desired to take advantage of a misapprehension and raise a false issue. The House, as a whole, however, was supposed to come to its decisions on a clear issue. All that he had done was in accordance with practice immemorial—that was, as Speaker, to see that the decisions of this House were obtained, not by trick Divisions, but on fair and open issues. He had nothing further to add except to say that the records of the House showed that the Honorable Member for Yass could not be prejudiced by the motion which was put and on which the Division bells were rung because that motion was before the House a few seconds afterwards. He wished to make it clear that, of his own volition, he could have called off the Division had he so desired, and if it had been a matter which had transpired in the House while he was in the Speaker's Chair he would have exercised that power. But as the misapprehension occurred in Committee, the proceedings of which he could take no cognisance of, he was prepared to leave it to the judgment of the House. He allowed the House in its judgment to say whether the motion should be withdrawn. The House having decided that the motion should be withdrawn, he could only let the matter remain on record and indicate his views.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

### 3. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hall moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Noes, 22.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Boston,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill,	Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers</i> ,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Hollis,		Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Morrish.	Mr. Thrower,	

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

Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Kearsley.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gardiner, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

5. ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND GAS EMERGENCY BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Gaff.
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Thomas Brow
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Hall moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. James,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Gus. Miller.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

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

The Chairman moved, That the report be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Lang.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Hall moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Hoskins.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time and agreed to.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the resolution be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Keegan.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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- (3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a first time.

Interruption.

## 6. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the resignations of their positions as Temporary Chairmen of Committees of the Honorable R. T. Ball, Secretary for Public Works, and Ernest Durack, Esquire, Leader of the Opposition.

- (2.) Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, nominated—

Percy Brereton Colquhoun, Esquire, and  
John Percy Osborne, Esquire,

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

## 7. ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND GAS EMERGENCY BILL :—The consideration of this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 6 above, resumed.

- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Hall moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Question put

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The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Page,
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Hall moved, That the report be now adopted.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright.	

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

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. McGarry,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
(3.) Mr. Hall moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr. James moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy.
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. G. K. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan.

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

Question put,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. G. K. W. McDonald.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. McGirr.
Mr. Cusack,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Hall moved, That the Bill do now *pass*.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Grimm,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Hunt.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. G. K. W. McDonald,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown.
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey.

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

Question put,—That the Bill do now *pass*.

The

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Griffith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hall moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. John Storey.

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

Question put,—That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Levy,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cusack.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th November, 1916.

Mr. Hall moved, That the Bill be carried to Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th November, 1916, A.M.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson;
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Minahan.

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

Question put,—That the 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 control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th November, 1916, A.M.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

8. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled “A Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,”—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put,

The

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Boston,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Cardiner,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Simon Hickey.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Mr. Thrower,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Holman moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

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

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1916.

*Interruption.*

9. ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND GAS EMERGENCY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—The consideration of this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 9 above, resumed.

*Interruption.*

11. RURAL TENANTS' IMPROVEMENTS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 90.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for compensation to tenants for improvements and other matters connected with rural holdings; to amend the law with regard to buildings and fixtures erected and affixed by such tenants; for the determination of certain disputes between such tenants and their landlords; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 8th November, 1916.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th November, 1916.

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—The consideration of this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 11 above, resumed.

Question put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly ; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Black,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND GAS EMERGENCY BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 91.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas ; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, and of the Gas Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 17th November, 1916.*

14. **HENTY TO BILLABONG CREEK RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 17th November, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

15. **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONTINUANCE BILL** :—

(1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly ; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee ; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thomas.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Holman moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Black,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. James,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

The Temporary Chairman moved, That the report be *now* received.

Question put.

The

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. James,	Mr. T. S. Crawford.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. James,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Wright.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Hall moved, That the resolution be now agreed to.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Page,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. James,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Minahan.

And

16th November, 1916.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists, that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—  
Question put,—That the resolution be now agreed to.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Tellers,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
Tellers,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	Tellers,
Mr. James,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Latimer,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs.
Tellers,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Wright.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

- (4.) Mr. Holman moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Honorable Member for Camperdown, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	Tellers,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Hoyle,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
Tellers,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

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16th November, 1916.

Mr. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 42.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Bruntneil,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. Hunt,	

## Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey.

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

And Mr. Holman having spoken in reply,—

Question put,—That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bruntneil,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. James,	

## Noes, 23.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Griffith,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Captain Toombs,	
Mr. Wright.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Holman moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill in detail.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Dooley, be not further heard.

Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 36.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bruntneil,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lane.
Mr. Hoyle,	

## Noes, 21.

Mr. Boston,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. John Storey.
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Durack,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. McGirr,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Minahan,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	
Captain Toombs,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

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Question put,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. McGirr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

Mr. Holman moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Page.
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Lang.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(5.) Mr. Holman moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Page,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hoyle,	
Mr. James,	
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a third time.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Bill do now pass.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Colquhoun,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hoyle,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. James,	Mr. Brinsley Hall.
Mr. Lane,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman 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 extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 18th November, 1916, A.M.*

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for Darling Harbour, Mr. Cochran, be not further heard.

Question put.

The

16th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Graff.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Price,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Dooley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Morrish.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Keegan,
Mr. John Storey.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 18th November, 1916, A.M.*

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Zuill.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

*Mr. Speaker left the Chair at four minutes before Five o'clock, a.m. (Saturday), until Monday next, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.*

**MONDAY,**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
16th November, 1916.

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MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1916.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at the hour named.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 47.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 192 and 252, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
 (2.) Report of the Department of Lands and Western Land Board for year ended 30th June, 1916.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Bylaws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act, 1894—Hurstville Storm-water Drain.  
 (2.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Sewerage Scheme for the Municipality of Dubbo.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONTINUANCE 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 extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 20th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
 President.

3. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Holman moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 2nd November, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Government Railways (Amendment) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 6,—because the Assistant Commissioners will be chosen for their fitness for certain duties, and the Government will at the time of their appointment have a better knowledge of their capabilities than the Chief Commissioner. Any possible re-allotment of duties at a later stage should be made on the recommendation of the Commissioners, who, under clause 5, are the authorities to carry out the Act and not the Chief Commissioner.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 9, page 5, which omits lines 1 to 15,—because the fact that the Chief Commissioner had to put in writing, for presentation to Parliament, his reasons for over-riding his colleagues, would prove a valuable safeguard against any tyrannical exercise of his reserve power.

Disagrees to the omission from clause 10, page 5, of lines 25, 26, and 27, and paragraphs (a) and (b),—because in any case where Parliament or the Executive directs the Commissioners to do certain things, such as the carriage at special rates of starving stock, or the conveyance of fodder to drought-stricken districts, the Government ought, in justice to the reputation of the Commissioners, to recoup them any loss which may result, but agrees to the omission of paragraph (c).

Agrees

21st November, 1916.

Agrees to the omission from the same clause, page 6, lines 9 and 10, of the words "or of the loss resulting from such new line of railway or tramway," but disagrees to the omission in lines 8 and 9 of the words "the annual amount of the increase of expenditure or decrease of revenue," and to the omission of the remainder of the clause,—because they are necessary to complete paragraphs (a) and (b).

Disagrees to the omission of clause 20,—because pensions under the Superannuation provisions of the Government Railways Act, 1912, are calculated upon the whole period of service in the Railway Department, and that being the case, no officer is equitably entitled to draw, in addition to a pension, a gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service up to 1902 under the Public Service Act, 1902, in view of the fact that he will be granted a refund of his contributions, plus interest, to the Civil Service Superannuation Account.

Disagrees to the omission of clause 23, but proposes to amend it by omitting all the words after the word "and" in line 14, page 12, and inserting the words "thirteen of the Principal Act:—  
" (d) who is under sixty years of age, but above such age as may be prescribed by regulation, and who, owing to failure in the vision or hearing test, cannot be employed at his then rate of pay " or at not less than five-sixths of the same, and who elects to retire."

Disagrees to the omission of clause 24,—because the Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales are entitled to some recognition for their honorary services, and that the issue of a life pass on the railways is the most suitable way of showing the State's appreciation.

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

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st November, 1916.*

And Mr. Wright proposing to move the omission of the paragraph relating to clause 24,—

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Holman submitted that it was not competent to move to omit part of the Message. It was sought to raise a second debate upon a stage already decided. The House having come to a conclusion, the matter could not be reopened in the form proposed.

Mr. Speaker said the Message now proposed to be conveyed to the Legislative Council was the result of the determination of the House. He ruled the proposed amendment out of order.

Question put and passed.

4. **DISALLOWANCE OF BY-LAWS UNDER MEAT INDUSTRY ACT, 1915** :—Mr. Bruntnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant to section 30 of the Meat Industry Act, 1915, this House disallows the by-laws made pursuant to the said Act, published in *Government Gazette*, No. 178, of 27th October, 1916, and laid upon the Table of this House on 1st November, 1916.

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. John Storey desired to know whether this motion was in order. It was to be presumed that the House when it passed the law under which these regulations had been made gave power to the persons who were to administer the Act to make regulations. If those regulations were *ultra vires*, he could understand the contention raised.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the Act required that by-laws should be laid upon the Table of the House and if objectionable they might be disallowed by motion. The course now proposed had been followed on 21st November, 1912, under the Theatres and Public Halls Act. He ruled the motion in order.

Mr. Price moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "by-laws" the figures "5, 7, 11, 12, 18, and 31."

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

Mr. Brinsley Hall moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

*And it being after half-past Six o'clock, Government Business proceeded with under Sessional Order adopted on Friday, 28th July, 1916.*

5. **LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Fuller moved, "That" the report from Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Council's amendments be now adopted.

Mr. D. R. Hall 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 proviso at the end of clause 20," 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 proviso at the end of clause 20,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hall, 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 3<sup>7</sup> that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment with a further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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21st November, 1916.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 8th November, 1916, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Liquor (Amendment) Bill (No. 2),—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 2, subclause (1),—because a stipendiary or police magistrate would be competent for the work, and in country districts the applications would be more expeditiously heard by magistrates than by a District Court Judge.

Agrees to the new proviso to follow paragraph (c) in clause 3, subclause (1), but proposes to amend it by adding after the word "revoke" the words "or vary."

Agrees to the amendments of the proviso to clause (3), subclause (1), but proposes to further amend the proviso by inserting the word "principal" after the word "rent," as consequential upon the acceptance of the Council's amendment in paragraph (b) of the clause.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 4, but proposes to further amend the clause by inserting after the word "rent" in subclause (2) the word "principal" as also consequential upon the acceptance of the Council's amendment in clause 3 subclause (1), paragraph (b).

Disagrees to the amendment which inserts a new heading and two new clauses to follow clause 7,—because it would enable a company to own a number of hotels.

Disagrees to the further proviso to clause 9, subclause (3),—because it contravenes decision of electors at referendum vote.

Agrees to the proviso to clause 17, but proposes to amend it by omitting the word "eighteen," and inserting the word "twelve."

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

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

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st November, 1916.*

The House adjourned, at Nine o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow, at Four o'clock, p.m.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Return to an Order made on 8th August, 1916,—“Fines for selling liquor without license.”  
Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Motor Vehicle (Taxation) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this [day] agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to impose taxes on motor vehicles*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (2.) Motor Tax Management (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (3.) Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (4.) Crown Lands Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President

22nd November, 1916.

## CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd November, 1916.*W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 2, clause 2. *After line 8 insert new paragraph, as follows:—*

“The same section is amended by adding the words ‘survey fee, other than sub-division fee, shall not be charged to an applicant claiming title through a previous holder who has paid the survey fees.’”

Page 2, clause 2. *At end of clause add:—“section one hundred and ninety-seven. The words ‘or settlement’ are inserted next after the words ‘watering place.’”*

Examined,—

B. B. O’CONNOR,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

3. **INCOME TAX BILL:—**The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.*Message No. 92.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to increase the amount of Income Tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

*State Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

4. **WAYS AND MEANS (Taxation):—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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:—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, collected, and paid an additional threepence in the pound income tax on income received, during the year 1916.

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

5. **INCOME TAX BILL:—**

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Holman, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.

(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intitled “*A Bill to increase the amount of the Income Tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*,”—which was read a first time.

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

6. **URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—**

(1.) Mr. Fuller moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intitled “*A Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,”—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Graff,	Mr. Harry Moffitt,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Holman,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Hoyle,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. James,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Lane,	
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. W. Millard,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Fuller moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intitled “*A Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,”—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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22nd November, 1916.

## 7. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Fuller 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 promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Fuller, 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 promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

(3.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly; to amend the Standard Time Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONTINUANCE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 93.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly; to fix a time at which the present Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall cease to hold office, and to provide for the election of a new Committee; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, and the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency having received instructions under section 1 (1), prov. (c) of Australian States Constitution Act, 1907, has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*New Premises for the Government Printing Office*):—Mr. Gus Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Third Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed new premises for the Government Printing Office.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Sydney Corporation Amendment (Costs) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 94.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to resurreptions by the Municipal Council of Sydney, and proceedings in connection therewith; to amend the Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

23rd November, 1916.

## (2.) Molong to Dubbo Railway Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 95.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Molong to Dubbo ; to provide for the use of the line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 22nd November, 1916.

4. INCOME TAX BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the report was adopted.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Gardiner, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

## 6. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—

- (1.) 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 1st November, 1916, in reference to the Workmen's Compensation Bill,—

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment and further amendment upon the Council's amendment, which inserts new clause 3,—because this Act should supersede the Employers' Liability Act, 1897, and not be concurrent with it.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 4,—because the limit is fair and reasonable.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 5, subclause 2, which inserts new paragraph (c),—because it is necessary to limit liability either to the civil liability of the employer or to his liability under this Act.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 5, page 5, which omits subclause 4,—for the same reason as applies to clause 3.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 11,—because matters occurring outside of this State or outside of the jurisdiction of this State may cause conflict of laws and authorities as well as dual obligations if legislated for by this State.

Insists upon its amendment in clause 13,—because it is reasonable to put the claimant to his election of remedies.

Insists upon its amendment in Schedule 2,—because the limit is reasonable.

Disagrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment and the Assembly's consequential amendment upon such amendment in the Title,—for the same reason as applies to clause 3.

And does not insist upon its amendment in Schedule 3 disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

- (2.) On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 23rd November, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had insisted upon its disagreements from and amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendment upon the Council's amendment, and Assembly's consequential amendment in the Title.  
On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered. That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd November, 1916, in reference to the Workmen's Compensation Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreements from and amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill, including the amendment upon the Council's amendment, and Assembly's consequential amendment in the Title.

And

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And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of such disagreements; and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf, viz. :—Mr. Estell, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Hollis, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Page, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, and Mr. D. R. Hall.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.*

## 7. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION VALIDATION 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 amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown.

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 Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown.

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 amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 8. CROWN LANDS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.*

9. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message, dated 23rd November, 1916, on the subject of the amendments in the Workmen's Compensation Bill, and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 Committee Room, this day, at 8:45 o'clock, p.m., and that the Honorable N. J. Buzacott, W. F. Hurley, Sir Allen Taylor, Sir Joseph Carruthers, Dr. Nash, A. W. Meeks, R. J. Black, J. G. Farleigh, J. Travers, and W. T. Dick be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT :—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the time and place appointed by the Legislative Council in its Message, dated 23rd November, 1916, for a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the amendments in the Workmen's Compensation Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.*

(3.) The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, viz. :—Mr. Estell, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Hollis, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Page, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, and Mr. D. R. Hall.

And Mr. Gardiner not answering,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Burgess was appointed in his place.

The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

*Mr. Speaker left the Chair, at seven minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at half-past Four o'clock.*

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*Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at the hour named.*

10. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—Mr. D. R. Hall reported, on behalf of the Managers for the Assembly, that having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, they had not yet arrived at a resolution, and obtained leave to meet again This Day at 7:30 o'clock, p.m.
11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Holman made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the Coal Strike, and intimated that arrangements had been made whereby the tribunal set up by the Prime Minister should have the services of Mr. Justice Edmunds.  
Mr. Durack addressed the House.
12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—DATE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th Section of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Legislative Assembly Continuance Act, 1916, Mr. Speaker appointed Tuesday, the 5th day of December, 1916, as the date up to and including which nominations of Members of the Legislative Assembly for election and appointment as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall be received; such nominations made and signed by at least five Members, to be delivered to the Clerk, together with the written consent of the Member nominated.
13. SYDNEY HARBOUR TONNAGE RATES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- G. STRICKLAND, *Message No. 96.*  
*Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 27th November, 1916.*
14. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2):—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 21st November, 1916, in reference to the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, (No. 2),— does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.
- Legislative Council Chamber,* FRED. FLOWERS,  
*Sydney, 23rd November, 1916.* President.
15. INCOME TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day (*placed for a subsequent sitting*) having been read,—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Holman (*after Debate*), passed.  
Mr. Holman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 28th November, 1916.*
16. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—
- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Hall moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Bruntaell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Cusack,
Mr. James,	Mr. Fingleton.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Thrower,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION :—Mr. Durack, the Honorable Member for Bathurst informed the House that, on 22nd November instant, he was elected Leader of the Opposition. Whereupon Mr. Fuller congratulated Mr. Durack.

18. ELECTRIC SUPPLY FURTHER REGULATION BILL :—

(1.) Mr. D. R. Hall moved, without Notice, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(3.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying Electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

*Interruption.*

19. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—The time having arrived for the resumption of the Free Conference with the Legislative Council, the Managers proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Business of the House being suspended during their absence, in accordance with Standing Order No. 231.

The Managers returned.

20. ELECTRIC SUPPLY (FURTHER REGULATION) BILL :—The consideration of this subject, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 19 above, resumed.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

21. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—Mr. D. R. Hall, on behalf of the Managers, brought up the following Report, which he read as follows :—

THE Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly, by resolution of the 23rd November, 1916, whereby a Free Conference with the Legislative Council was requested on the subject of the amendments and disagreement with the amendments in the Workmen's Compensation Bill, report to your Honorable House that, having met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, the following resolutions were agreed upon, viz. :—

That new clause 3, as inserted by the Council, stand as clause 3 of the Bill.

That in page 2, clause 4, line 34, the sum mentioned be three hundred and twelve pounds.

That

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That new paragraph (c) in clause 5, inserted by the Council, be agreed to with the substitution of the word "workman" for the word "worker."

That the omission of subclause (4) of clause 5, as proposed by the Council, be agreed to.

That subclause (1) of clause 11, as amended by the Council, read as follows:—

(1) This Act applies in respect of an accident happening to a seaman employed on a ship whose first port of clearance and whose destination are in New South Wales.

That the proviso to clause 13 read as follows:—

Provided that in case of death or incapacity if he elects to make his claim under this Act he shall, in addition to any benefits to which he is entitled thereunder, be entitled to a refund of the amount of any contributions or deductions made by him, or out of his salary or emoluments, and paid to any superannuation account under any other Act, with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum from the respective dates when such contributions or deductions were made.

That in page 22, Schedule 2, paragraph 1 (b), the words added to be read as follows:—"and the total liability in respect thereof shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty pounds."

That the Title read as amended by the Council.

And your Managers beg further to recommend to your Honorable House, as part of the agreement arrived at, that the date of the coming into operation of the Act be the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and that clause 2 of the Bill be altered accordingly.

Should the forms of the House not permit of this recommendation being given effect to, your Managers recommend to your Honorable House that the Standing Orders of both Houses be suspended with a view to give effect to this recommendation.

On behalf of the Managers for the Assembly,

DAVID R. HALL.

No. 1 Committee Room,

Sydney, 28th November, 1916.

Ordered, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought by the Assembly's Managers from the Free Conference stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

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OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

## PAPERS:—

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Particulars of Western Lands Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Acts on 24th November, 1916.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Albury, by provision of access to Binalong Station.
- (6.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydney and Wallangarra, by improvement to Water Supply, Hawkesbury River.
- (7.) By-laws under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905, for Water Supply for the Municipality of Casino.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maryville to Newcastle Steel Works Tramway.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the construction of a Dam on Chichester River in connection with Hunter District Water Supply.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Sydenham and Botany.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Dunedoo and Coonabarabran.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Railway Traffic between Wyalong and Lake Cudgellico.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1916.
- (2.) Statement of Liabilities and Assets of Public Companies for quarter ended 30th September, 1916.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Workmen's Compensation Bill (*Free Conference*):—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 1st November, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly with reference to the Workmen's Compensation Bill,—agrees to the Resolutions adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole appointed to consider the Report of the Assembly's Managers of the Free Conference on the Bill.

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## (2.) Income Tax Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

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

## (1.) Motor Tax Management (Amendment) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 97.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Motor Tax Management Act, 1914*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1916.

## (2.) Motor Vehicle (Taxation) Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 98.

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

Government House,  
Sydney, 27th November, 1916.

## (3.) Henty to Billabong Creek Railway Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 99.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Henty to Billabong Creek; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 29th November, 1916.

4. UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, *on behalf of* Mr. James, 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 increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.  
Question put and passed.
5. UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND MEDALS ALTERATION BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall, *on behalf of* Mr. James, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
6. WOMEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT BILL:—Mr. James 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 endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.
7. ELECTRIC SUPPLY FURTHER REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, "That this Bill be printed and now read a second time,"—  
And the Question being again proposed,—  
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  
Question put.

The

29th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Simon Hickey,	
Mr. Hollis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Mark F. Morton.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McGirr,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

- 8 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—

Mr. Speaker said his attention had been directed by the Clerk of the House to the following final paragraphs of the Report of the Free Conference held upon this Bill:—

“And your Managers beg further to recommend to your Honorable House, as part of the agreement arrived at, that the date of the coming into operation of the Act be the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and that clause 2 of the Bill be altered accordingly.”

“Should the forms of the House not permit of this recommendation being given effect to, your Managers recommend to your Honorable House that the Standing Orders of both Houses be suspended, with a view to give effect to this recommendation.”

He thought it was his duty to point out that this was a novel proposition for which he could find no precedent so far as this House was concerned. It was perfectly clear that there was no Standing Order which permitted the House to alter or suspend the forms of the House in order to allow of the recommendation being given effect to. There was a Standing Order which provided that in the absence of special provision we might look to the usages of the Imperial Parliament. “May” set forth the usages of the Imperial Parliament in regard to the position of a joint conference which had taken upon itself to deal with a matter not specifically referred to. The Conference met in order to find a solution of certain disagreements respecting a Bill between the two Chambers, and the particular items of conflict formed the basis of the deliberations of the Conference. The reason why either House had agreed to the amendments made by the other House was not in issue. The only matter in issue was that in respect of which there was antagonism between the two Houses. He might briefly give a chronological view of this Bill. It passed this Assembly some months ago, and there was in it a clause providing that it should come into operation in the month of November of the present year. The Council altered the month of November to the month of January, and on the Bill being returned to this Chamber the House agreed to accept the amended date of the Bill coming into operation. The Bill was returned with certain other amendments with which the Assembly did not agree, and the Council after consideration insisted upon its amendments, and it was the insistence of the Council upon those amendments which precipitated the Conference of Managers which was held last evening. The amendment respecting the date of the Bill coming into operation was agreed to and formed no part of the issue which was under the consideration of the Managers of the Free Conference. At the Conference it was agreed for reasons which there was no need for him to traverse that it would be more appropriate if the Bill came into operation in the month of July of the coming year, and that recommendation was set out in the paragraphs which he had read. “May,” 10th Ed., p. 478, stated: “It is also a rule that neither House may, at this time, leave out or otherwise amend anything which they have already passed themselves; unless such amendment be immediately consequent upon the acceptance or the rejection of an amendment of the other House.” It was perfectly clear that this was no consequential amendment. It was never in issue from the time the Assembly accepted the amendment of the Council. “May” proceeded to state: “In 1678, it was stated by the Commons at a Conference, that it is contrary to the constant method and proceedings in Parliament to strike out anything in a Bill which hath been fully agreed and passed by both ‘houses.’” Although that was several centuries old, he thought we could subscribe to the high constitutional reasons which underlie it. “And in allowing consequential amendments, either in the body of the Bill, or in the amendments, the spirit of this rule is still maintained. So binding, indeed, has it been held that in 1850, a serious oversight, as to the commencement of the Act, having been discovered in the Pirates’ Head Money Bill, before the Lords’ amendment had been agreed to, no attempt was made to correct it by way of amendment, but a separate Act was passed for the purpose.” Clearly construing the procedure as laid down by “May,” he should say that there was no method by which a Free Conference could bring in new matter.

But,

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But, looking at the whole subject in the light of the approaching close of the Session, and the Message he had received from the Legislative Council showing that that House had practically unanimously agreed to the resolutions adopted by the Free Conference as set forth in the Report of the Managers, together with the fact that it was obvious that there was a unanimous desire to have this Bill passed into law as soon as possible, it would be a technical waste of time if he were to compel the Government to bring in a short Bill to fix the date. Viewing the whole matter in the light of the exceptional circumstances, he considered that the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference might be fully dealt with by Committee of the Whole, but he desired to make it clearly understood that this was not to be regarded as a precedent.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1916-1917:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 100.

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

- (1.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1916-1917.
- (2.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1915-1916, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3.) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," to 30th June, 1916, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation.
- (4.) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1916-1917.

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Sydney, 29th November, 1916.

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

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, 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:—

- (4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £400, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1916-17.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

12. PAPERS:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1916-1917.

(2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 29th November, 1916.

Ordered to be printed.

13. ELECTRIC SUPPLY FURTHER REGULATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

Mr. Hall moved, That the Bill be now read a third time;

Question put.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

29th November, 1916.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<b>Tellers,</b>
Mr. D. B. Hall,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. T. S. Crawford.
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

**Tellers,**Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Wright.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply the provisions of Part I of the Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1916, to other persons and corporations supplying electricity; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th November, 1916.*

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

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

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPER:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended General Rule No. 28 (b), under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY—MONDAY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. D. R. Hall, *on behalf of Mr. Holman*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 4 o'clock, p.m., on Monday in each week, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.  
Question put and passed.
3. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. M. Abbott 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. D. R. Hall, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Robson, Mr. Page, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, and the Mover,” instead thereof.  
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived,  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Robson, Mr. Page, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, and the Mover,—put and passed.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Dooley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (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 21st November, 1916, in reference to the Government Railways (Amendment) Bill,—

Insists upon its amendments in clause 6, with the exception of that which inserts the word "shall" in place of the word "may" in line 3, page 3, but, as consequential upon the re-insertion of the word "may", proposes to further amend the clause in line 1, page 3, by the omission of the word "shall" and the insertion of the word "may",—because it is considered to be expedient that the advice of the trusted expert selected to take chief control of the railways should be sought by the Government on the matter of the allocation of the duties of his assistants, and the clause is modified so that the terms of it will not be obligatory, but permissive, as regards the Governor's exercise of his high powers.

Does.

30th November, 1916.

Does not insist upon its amendment in clause 9, page 5, which omits lines 1 to 15 inclusive, but proposes to amend the clause by the omission of the words "for presentation to Parliament" at the end of the first and second paragraphs on page 5,—because the responsibility of presenting records of such disagreement to Parliament should be a matter for Ministers, who will consider whether the public interest will be served thereby, and who will accept such responsibility and be answerable therefor.

Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 20,—because under the existing law and by virtue of contract and arrangement made with the railway officers concerned, they are entitled to a gratuity under the Public Service Act, their contributions to the Public Service Fund have been held for very many years by the Government or the Trustees of that Fund, and an avoidance of the liability will be a breach of good faith.

And the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in such further amendments.

Agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in clause 23.

And does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th November, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

6. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—(*Free Conference*):—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference appointed by the Assembly,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolutions adopted by the Free Conference, and reported by the Managers appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 23rd November, 1916, and also the Report of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly at the Free Conference with the Legislative Council in reference to the Workmen's Compensation Bill,—agrees to the resolutions adopted by the said Free Conference as set out in the Report of the Managers.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 30th November, 1916.

7. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION (VALIDATION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick 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. Fitzpatrick, 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. Osborne, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Monday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. S. MOWLE,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

R. D. MEAGHER,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1916.

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

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. M. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Mr. Bruntnell be discharged from attendance upon the Select Committee on Church of England Trust Property Bill, and that Mr. Bagnall be added to such Committee.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. M. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on Church of England Trust Property Bill, have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.  
Question put and passed.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Dunedoo to Coonabarabran Railway.  
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Water Supply from Uumberumberka Creek for City and District of Broken Hill.  
(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Maitland to South Grafton Railway.  
(4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway.  
(5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act 1912, for Condobolin to Broken Hill Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION (VALIDATION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown.*"  
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 Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th December, 1916.

4th-8th December, 1916.

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

By Mr. Holman,—

- (1.) Crown Lands Further Amendment Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 101.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1916, in certain respects*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th November, 1916.

By Mr. James,—

- (2.) Totalizator Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 102.

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 prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent upon the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 4th December, 1916.

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

5. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1916, A.M.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, 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:—

(6.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1916-17, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £400, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council for the year 1916-17.

On motion of Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. O. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

7. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 30th November, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee did not insist upon the Assembly's disagreements from the Council's amendments, and agreed to the Council's further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 30th November, 1916, in reference to the Government Railways (Amendment) Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, and agrees to the Council's further amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th December, 1916, A.M.

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4th-8th December, 1916.

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

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1916.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1916.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

- (1.) Government Railways (Further Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

- (2.) Local Government (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in shires and municipalities; to apply to shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th December, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pages 2, 3, 4, and 5. Omit clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and insert new clauses 3 and 4, as follows:—

3. Section fifty-five of the Local Government Act, 1906, is amended as follows:—

- (1) In the first sentence of paragraph (a) of the section, by omitting the words "and verified" "by statutory declaration of the terms thereof";

4. Section forty-three of the Local Government Act, 1906, is omitted, and the following is inserted in its place:—

43. (1) If it appears to the Minister to be impracticable or inconvenient to hold an election on the day prescribed, he may postpone the election to a subsequent day, not being more than—

- (a) six months thereafter, in the case of an election in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen; or  
(b) one month thereafter, in the case of an election in any year subsequent to the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

(2) Where the time for the holding of the triennial ordinary election is postponed in any area—

- (a) the election of mayor or president shall be postponed, and shall be held within fourteen days after the day of election of the council, and in such case the mayor or president in office at the time of the postponement may remain in office as the mayor or president until such day, and the mayor or president in office on such day may if re-elected as alderman or councillor remain in office as mayor or president until his successor is elected or appointed; and  
(b) the retiring aldermen or councillors may remain in office until the day next preceding the day of the election of the council.

Page 5, clause 8. After line 29 omit to end of clause.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

Amendment of  
Section 55 of  
Local Govern-  
ment Act, 1906.  
Amendment of  
Section 43 of  
Local Govern-  
ment Act, 1906.

4th-8th December, 1916.

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

## (1.) Income Tax Bill:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 103.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount of the income tax on income received during 1916; and for that purpose to amend certain Acts,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 6th December, 1916.

## (2.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill (No. 2):—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 104.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to persons engaged in the sale of liquor; to provide for the abatement of rents of licensed premises and for the reduction of license fees; for the postponement of the payment of mortgages and of instalments of purchase moneys of licensed premises, and of bills of sale or other securities over the licensee's lease, license, goodwill, stock, goods, chattels, and effects in or upon or about such licensed premises; for the closing of bars and other places in licensed and registered premises during prohibited hours; to suspend the taking of the local option vote at the next general election; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor Referendum Act, 1916, the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902, the Justices Act, 1902, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1916.

## 11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

- (1.) *Nominations for Election*:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received the following nominations of Candidates for Election as Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Legislative Assembly Continuance Act, 1916, viz.:—

Patrick McGarry, Esquire	...	...	Member for Murrumbidgee.
Frederick Joseph Page, Esquire	...	...	Member for Botany.
James John Morrish, Esquire	...	...	Member for King.
Albert Bruntnell, Esquire	...	...	Member for Parramatta.
Robert Hollis, Esquire	...	...	Member for Newtown.
Brinsley Hall, Esquire	...	...	Member for Hawkesbury.
William Roy Clifford Bagnall, Esquire	...	...	Member for St. George.
Gustave Thomas Carlisle Miller, Esquire	...	...	Member for Monaro.
William Arthur Zuill, Esquire	...	...	Member for Clarence.

- (2.) *Ballot for the Election of Members of the Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 9th section of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Legislative Assembly Continuance Act, 1916, Mr. Speaker appointed Thursday, the 7th day of December, 1916, at 7.15 o'clock, p.m., as the date upon which a Ballot shall take place for the Election of Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

12. PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATE, 1916-17:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 105.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1916-17, on account of Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1916.

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

13. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. M. Abbott (*by consent*) presented a Petition from the King's School Old Boys' Union representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the Church of England Trust Property Bill, and praying for leave to be represented by Solicitor or Counsel before such Committee, with power to adduce evidence, to call for persons, papers, and records, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.  
Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

4th-8th December, 1916.

14. PAPERS:—Mr. D. R. Hall laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
 (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.  
 (3.) Amended Regulation No. 6, under the Public Trustee Act, 1913.  
 (4.) Public Service List for 1916.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

15. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. D. R. Hall moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. McGirr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1916, A.M.

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

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1916.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

16. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. D. R. Hall (*by consent*) presented a Petition from John Charles Sydney, Archbishop of Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the Church of England Trust Property Bill, and praying for leave to be represented before such Committee by Solicitor or Counsel, with power to adduce evidence, to call for persons, papers, and records, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.  
 Petition received.  
 Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

17. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

18. LOAN ESTIMATES:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.*Message No 106.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1916-17, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

*State Government House,  
 Sydney, 6th December, 1916.*

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

19. PAPER:—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Schedule to the Estimates for 1916-17.  
 Ordered to be printed.

20. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Gardiner, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

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21. 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,—  
Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, Esquire,  
a Member of the Legislative Assembly, who is not a Minister of the Crown, for election and appointment to the vacancy on the Public Accounts Committee, constituted under that Act, caused by the appointment of the Honorable David Storey as a Minister of the Crown.  
Mr. Speaker stated that it would be his duty to submit the name proposed to the House, and he would do so after the close of the Ballot for the election of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works this evening.
22. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) *Railway from Bomaderry to Captain's Point, Jervis Bay*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Railway from Bomaderry to Captain's Point, Jervis Bay.  
(2.) *Railway from Yanco to Griffith*:—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from Yanco to Griffith.  
Ordered to be printed.
23. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Ballot for Election of Members*:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and the Bells rung,—Mr. Speaker fixed 8.15 p.m. as the hour when the Ballot would close,—and the House proceeded to the Ballot.  
Mr. Speaker declared the Ballot closed at the hour named.
24. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—*Election of Member*:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Question,—That Arthur Alfred Clement Cocks, Esquire, a Member of this House who is not a Minister of the Crown, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee in the place and stead of the Honorable David Storey, who ceased to be a Member of such Committee on his appointment as a Minister of the Crown,—put and passed.
25. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
26. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—*Members Elected*:—The Clerk having delivered to Mr. Speaker the result of the Ballot, Mr. Speaker declared the following to be elected Members of the Committee, viz.:—  
Albert Bruntnell, Esquire,  
Brinsley Hall, Esquire,  
James John Morrish, Esquire, and  
Patrick McGarry, Esquire.
27. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into 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 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—1916-17.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,126, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1916-17.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,755, for Legislative Council, for the year 1916-17.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,635, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1916-17.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,048, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1916-17.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,422, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1916-17.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,073, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1916-17.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,751, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1916-17.

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## No. III.—PREMIER.

- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,210, for Premier's Department, for the year 1916-17.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, for Executive Council, for the year 1916-17.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,959, for New South Wales Aviation School, for the year 1916-17.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,887, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1916-17.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,017, for Immigration and Tourist Bureau, for the year 1916-17.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,594, for Immigration Department, New South Wales and Victoria (London), for the year 1916-17.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,945, for State War Council of New South Wales, for the year 1916-17.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70,466, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.

## No. IV.—COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,240, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1916-17.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,934, for Auditor-General's Department, for the year 1916-17.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,755, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1916-17.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600,558, for Police, for the year 1916-17.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,245, for Bureau of Statistics and Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1916-17.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,231, for Weights and Measures Office, for the year 1916-17.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,678, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £195,848, for Public Health, for the year 1916-17.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £289,455, for Lunacy, for the year 1916-17.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,193, for Master-in-Lunacy, for the year 1916-17.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £489, for Dental Board, for the year 1916-17.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £167, for Medical Board, for the year 1916-17.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £821, for Board of Official Visitors, Hospitals for the Insane, for the year 1916-17.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,230, for Baby Clinics and Baby Hospitals, for the year 1916-17.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £188,998, for Endowment to Hospitals, &c., and other Charitable Services, for the year 1916-17.

## No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,717, for Treasury, for the year 1916-17.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,540, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1916-17.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,990, for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1916-17.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1916-17.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131,240, for Government Printer, for the year 1916-17.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,657, for Explosives, for the year 1916-17.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,426, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1916-17.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83,935, for Navigation, for the year 1916-17.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,760, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1916-17.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,681, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1916-17.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132,389, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1916-17.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138,059, for Stores Supply Department for the year 1916-17.

(47.)

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(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £413,018 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000, for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1916-17.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235,000, in aid of Public Works Fund, for the year 1916-17.

## No. VI.—RAILWAYS.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,846,340, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1916-17.

## No. VII.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,498, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1916-17.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,657, for Court Reporters, for the year, 1916-17.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,513, for The Judges, for the year 1916-17.

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,520, for Prothonotary and Registrar in-Divorce, for the year 1916-17.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,944, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1916-17.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,770, for Registrar in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1916-17.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,497 for Public Trustee, for the year 1916-17.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,554, for Probate Office, for the year 1916-17.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,869, for Sheriff, for the year 1916-17.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,206, for District Courts, for the year 1916-17.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £905, for Fair Rents Court, for the year 1916-17.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,945, for Coroners, for the year 1916-17.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105,452, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1916-17.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,300, for Prisons, for the year 1916-17.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,615, for Registrar-General, for the year 1916-17.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,400, for Public Service Board, for the year 1916-17.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,478, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.

## No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £302,231, for Department of Lands, for the year 1916-17.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,259, for Western Land Board, for the year 1916-17.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,723 for Forestry, for the year 1916-17.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38,945, for Miscellaneous Services (Department of Lands), for the year 1916-17.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £775, for Miscellaneous Services (Forestry Department), for the year 1916-17.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, for Special Services for the year 1916-17.

## No. IX.—MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,420, for Establishment, for the year 1916-17.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £305,720, for Public Works and Services, for the year 1916-17.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,457, for Government Dockyard, Newcastle, for the year 1916-17.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £268,899, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1916-17.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,670, for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1916-17.

No.

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## No. X.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,718,770 for Public Instruction, for the year 1916-17.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £171,332, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1916-17.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,778, to recoup of amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during previous financial year, under State Children Relief Act, No. 61, 1901, for the year 1916-17.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,218, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1916-17.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,598, for Observatory, for the year 1916-17.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,666, for Australian Museum, for the year 1916-17.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,016, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1916-17.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,061, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1916-17.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,341, for Conservatorium of Music, for the year 1916-17.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,120, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1916-17.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,672, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £329,705, for Local Government, for the year 1916-17.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,337, for Valuation Bureau, for the year 1916-17.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,200, for Patents Investigation Board, for the year 1916-17.

## No. XI.—DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,523, for Department of Labour and Industry, for the year 1916-17.

## No. XII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,487, for Department of Mines, for the year 1916-17.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £944 for State Colliery, Lithgow, for the year 1916-17.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, for Geological Survey Laboratory, for the year 1916-17.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,548, for Miners Accident Relief Branch, for the year 1916-17.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,260, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.

## No. XIII.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £116,131, for Agriculture for the year 1916-17.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,916, for Stock, Brands, and Pastures Protection, for the year 1916-17.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,539, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1916-17.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,460, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1916-17.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,688, for Garden Palace Grounds and Inner Domain, for the year 1916-17.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,740, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1916-17.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,326, for Centennial Park, for the year 1916-17.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,347, for State Governor's Residences, for the year 1916-17.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,134, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1916-17.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,612, for Miscellaneous Services (Agriculture), for the year 1916-17.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,308, for Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, for the year 1916-17.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,115, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1916-17.

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CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1916, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1915-16, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1915-16, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £106,803 10s. 2d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1915-16.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1916, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1915-16, MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION OF PARLIAMENT.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £438,040 6s. 5d., for Services of the year 1915-16.

#### Public Works Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS FUND ESTIMATES, 1916-17.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £608,839 for Works and Services to be provided for out of Public Works Fund.

#### Closer Settlement Fund.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND ESTIMATE, 1916-17.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120,000, to provide for the Acquisition of Land for the purposes of Closer Settlement and Contingent Expenses—further sum.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

28. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into 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 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:—

(7.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty,—

- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1916-17, the sum of £15,117,046 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1915-16, for Services of the financial year 1915-16, the sum of £106,803 10s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (c) For Services of the financial year 1915-16, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £438,040 6s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(8.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Works and Services, the sum of £608,839 be granted out of the Public Works Fund.

(9.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Services, the sum of £120,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

29. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. D. R. Hall, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9), 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, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote, "Advance to Treasurer," 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments "Unauthorised in Suspense," Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.

(2.) Mr. Hall 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, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,"—which was read a first time.

(3) Mr. Hall then moved, That this Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lang moved, That the Honorable Member for Gough, Mr. Thomas, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. D. R. Hall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. McGirr,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahau,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Fingleton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be *now* read a third time.

(3.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Hall, *passed*.

Mr. Hall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to 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, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates); to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates); to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th December, 1916, A.M.*

30. CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Colquhoun (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on Church of England Trust Property Bill have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.

Question put and passed.

31. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—

(1.) Mr. James 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 prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent upon the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of Mr. James, 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 prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent upon the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

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

The

4th-8th December, 1916.

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 prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on racecourses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent upon the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

32. CRIMES PREVENTION BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. D. R. Hall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Hall then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. R. Hall,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Morrish.
Mr. James,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. McGirr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

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

33. BUSINESS DAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. D. R. Hall, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

34. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. D. R. Hall (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

35. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fuller moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at six minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until *Tuesday next*, at Two o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 53.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1916.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Grahame laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Minute of the Public Service Board respecting appointment of Mr. J. Birch-Johnston as Butter Grader and Dairy Instructor under the Dairy Industry Act, Department of Agriculture.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. James laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Regulations under the Infants' Protection Act, 1904.
- (2.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at Dingo Upper.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Public School Purposes at Curracubah Gate.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Fuller laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Interim Report of the Examiner of Accounts of the Local Government Department, Inquiry into the Accounts, &c., of the Waverley Municipal Council, with Notes of Evidence.  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 15-47, Portion No. 69, Parish of Shea, County of Fitzroy, shall cease to be voidable.
- (2.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase No. 14-42, and Conditional Lease No. 14-11, Portions Nos. 90 and 91, Parish of Tunderbrine, County of Gowen, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Public Works for year ended 30th June, 1916.
  - (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1912, for Cooma to Bombala Railway.
  - (3.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (4.) Schedules A to G, Estimates (Consolidated Revenue Fund), 1916-1917, Department of Public Works.

Ordered to be printed.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Middle Harbour, Dr. Arthur, 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 limiting further the number of horse or pony race-meetings during the continuance of the war.”

And

12th December, 1916.

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

Dr. Arthur moved, That this House do now adjourn.

*Point of Order*.—Mr. Fuller submitted that during last week, when the Estimates were under discussion, the Honorable Member had had the fullest opportunity of discussing all such matters as that contained in the motion. No new circumstances had arisen since then, and this motion was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said there were a number of decisions of his predecessor, the late Mr. McCourt, that it was out of order to anticipate discussion which might take place in Committee of Supply and Ways and Means. This was not anticipating discussion. The Committee of Ways and Means had performed its function, and the Appropriation Bill had been passed, and as far as he could see the way was cleared for discussion of the matter referred to in the motion. He therefore ruled the motion in order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

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

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 107.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the construction and management of Government Railways and Tramways; to provide for a Chief Railway Commissioner and certain Assistant Railway Commissioners and their deputies, and for defining their powers and duties; for the closing of level-crossings; to repeal the Tramways (Carriage of Goods) Act, 1911; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Public Works Act, 1912, and other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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, 11th December, 1916.

- (2.) Government Railways (Further Amendment) Bill :—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 108.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to fix the salaries of the Railway Commissioners, and to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 11th December, 1916.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

*Interruption.*

5. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper :—Copy of the Balance-sheet and Trading Account of the State Trawling Industry for year ended 30th June, 1916, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.  
Ordered to be printed.

6. MINING LEASES CANCELLATION (VALIDATION) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Mining Act, 1906; to validate certain notifications with regard to the cancellation, forfeiture, or avoidance of certain leases; and to declare the law with regard to certain notifications signed by Ministers of the Crown,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

7. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. James, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entries 5 and 6 above,—resumed.

*Interruption.*

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12th December, 1916.

8. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) 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 28th September, 1916, in reference to the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Amendment Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly which omits clause 5 of the Bill, but proposes to insert in lieu thereof the following new clause, viz. :—

“ 5. Section eight of the Principal Act is repealed, and the following is substituted for it:—

“ The profits of an undertaking, after providing for the amounts carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and to the Reserve Account, in pursuance of sections 4 and 4A of this Act, may “ be applied in reduction of the capital cost of the undertaking ”  
,—because the profits of an undertaking should only be applied to the reduction of the capital cost of such undertaking.

And the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in such further amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12th December, 1916.

FRED FLOWERS,  
President.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the Legislative Council's Message in reference to the amendments in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

9. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. James, “ That this Bill be now read a second “ time,”—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 8 above,—resumed.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1916, A.M.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 16.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. James,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Boston,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lang,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Gus Miller,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Minahan,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Morrish,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. David Storey,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Wright.
Mr. Fallick,	Captain Toombs,	
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Waddell,	Tellers,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Grahame,		Mr. Bruntnell.
Mr. Griffith,	Tellers,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Keegan,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Osborne.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. James, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

10. UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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 increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.

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

(2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts,”—which was read a first time.

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

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## 11. WOMENS COLLEGE ENDOWMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, 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 endowment for the women's college; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

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

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

*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide endowment for the women's college; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

(2.) Mr. James then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide endowment for the women's college; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

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

## 12. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Ashford moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to confer certain powers and impose certain duties on the Chief Commissioner appointed under the Forestry Act, 1916; and to amend the said Act,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ashford moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to confer certain powers and impose certain duties on the Chief Commissioner appointed under the Forestry Act, 1916; and to amend the said Act,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*

New South Wales.

No. 54.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1916.

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

## TOTALIZATOR BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Grimm presented a Petition from the congregation of the Forbes Methodist Church, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the propo-al to legalise gambling by means of the Totalizator, believing that it will increase gambling and be demoralising to youths and the good order of society; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may not become law.
- (2.) Mr. Thomas Brown presented a Petition from David F. Brandt, of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, representing that Parliament should not legalise any form of national vice, and that revenue derived from the legislation of vice is money obtained at the cost of the moral life of the people; and praying that the Totalizator Bill may not become law.

Petitions received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Ball laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Schedules 1 to 4, 1916–1917 Estimates, Public Works (Construction).  
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashford laid upon the Table the following Paper:—*Cazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wagga Wagga, Mr. Boston, 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 appointment of Mr. Hodgson, a single man, to position of Chairman of Appeals Board whilst other single men are dismissed from Railway Service.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Hoyle,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Mr. Kearsley.

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

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And Mr. Boston having spoken in reply,—  
Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Estell,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Simon Hickey,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan,  
Mr. Gus. Miller,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Captain Toombs.

Tellers,

Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Wright.

Noes, 38.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. J. H. Cann,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Mark F. Mortou,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	Tellers,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Holman,	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Holman, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

G. STRICKLAND,  
Governor.

Message No. 109.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and for disability incurred from industrial and other diseases; to repeal the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and the Employers' Liability Act, 1897; to amend certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1916.

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

- (1.) Institution for Defective Children Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—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, 13th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

#### INSTITUTION FOR DEFECTIVE CHILDREN BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title, lines 4, 5, and 6. Omit "to constitute and to provide for governing and managing  
" an institution for defective children "
- Page 1, Title, lines 6 and 7. Omit "a board to be constituted for such institution" insert "the  
" Public Trustee upon certain trusts "
- Page 2, clause 1, lines 7 and 8. Omit "Institution for Defective Children" insert "Destitute  
" Children's Society (Vesting) "
- Page 2, clause 2. Omit clause.
- Page 3, clause 3, line 3. After "sailors" insert "or for such other purposes as the Governor may  
" determine "

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Page 3, clause 4. *Omit* heading and clause, *insert* new heading and clause as follows:—

*Vesting of other property.*

4. All moneys and securities for money held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children are hereby vested in the Public Trustee to be held by him in trust for the following purposes, namely:—

- (a) the payment to the persons whose names are mentioned in the Schedule to this Act of gratuities to the amounts set opposite to those names respectively; and  
 (b) the establishing of cottage homes for defective children and the care, control, and maintenance of such children in such homes, under the direction and management of a board to be appointed by the Governor.

Pages 3, 4, 5, and 6. *Omit* headings and clauses 5 to 15 inclusive.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

## (2.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—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, 13th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
 President.

## INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th December, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, lines 4, 5 and 6. *Omit* "the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts"

Pages 2, 3, and 4, clause 2. *Omit* from line 12, on page 2, to line 19 on page 4 inclusive.

Page 4, clause 3, line 33. *After* "court" first occurring *insert* "or as District Court Judges"

Page 5, clause 3, lines 23 and 24. *Omit* "sitting in each case with or without assessors"

Page 6, clause 3, line 16. *After* "said" *insert* "Senior Judge and"

Pages 6 and 7, clause 4. *Omit* clause.

Page 8, clause 6, line 19. *After* "nominated" *insert* "as prescribed"

Page 8, clause 6. At end of clause *add* "or where either employers or employees fail to so nominate, from persons nominated by the Minister"

Pages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. *Omit* clauses 8 to 18 inclusive.

Examined,—

B. B. O'CONNOR,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

## 6. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Boston moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That," and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 8," instead thereof.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 22.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Mark F. Morton
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Levy.

Mr. Boston,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Znaill.
Mr. Durnack,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Kearsley,	
Mr. Lane,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Keegan,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cusack,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Durack,	Mr. G. E. W. McDonald,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fingleton,	Mr. Mark F. Morton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Griffith,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Simon Hickey,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Osborne.
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Price,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Robson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be " *An Act to prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on race-courses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled " *An Act to prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on race-courses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th December, 1916.*

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

8. CRIMES PREVENTION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hoskins moved, That the Honorable Member for Hurstville, Captain Toombs, be not further heard.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. James,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Price,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Morrish.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Bill read a second time.

On

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Holman moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hollis,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. McGarry.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lang,
Captain Toombs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoyle,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. James,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Price,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Bruntnell,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Grimm.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Graff.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Boston,
Captain Toombs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Holman moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. T. S. Crawford,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Holman,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. William Brown,
Mr. Hoyle,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman 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 make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. James,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Grimm,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Zuill.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Captain Toombs,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Lang.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colquhoun, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

Mr.

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Mr. James moved, That the report be now adopted.  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be now put.  
Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. James,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Graff,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Holman,	

## Noes, 13.

Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Captain Toombs,  
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Lang.

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

Question put,—That the report be now adopted.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. James,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Grimm,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. G. R. W. McDonald.

## Noes, 13.

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Keegan,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Minahan,  
Captain Toombs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. James moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the law with regard to Local Government, including the Government of the City of Sydney; to regulate within the City of Sydney buildings and erections; to define the qualifications of electors and to regulate the voting in shires and municipalities; to apply to shires the provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”

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Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 30.

Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. T. S. Crawford,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Price,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Graff,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. M. Abbott,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Grimm.

## Noes, 13.

Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Dooley,  
Mr. Durack,  
Mr. Fingleton,  
Mr. Kearsley,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Minahan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,  
Captain Toombs,  
Mr. Wright.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Boston,  
Mr. Keegan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

10. SPECIAL DEPOSITS (INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ball, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 12th December, 1916, in reference to the amendments in this Bill. Mr.

13th-14th December, 1916.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee did not insist upon the Assembly's disagreements from the Council's amendment, and had agreed to the Council's further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ball, the report was adopted.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message of 12th December, 1916, in reference to the Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Amendment Bill,—does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment which omits clause 5, and agrees to the Council's further amendment which inserts a new clause in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 14th December, 1916, A.M.*

11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoskins,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hoyle,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Nesbitt.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Holman,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Kearsley,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Osborne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Holman moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law with regard to the conditions of industries and industrial arbitration; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, the Acts relating to Stamp Duties, the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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*Sydney, 14th December, 1916, A.M.*

Question put.

The House divided.

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

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1916.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. Hoyle,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashford,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. Bagnall,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Morrish,
Mr. William Brown,	Mr. Harry Morton,
Mr. Bruntnell,	Mr. Nesbitt,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Cocks,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Colquhoun,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Zuill.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fuller,	
Mr. Graff,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Grimm,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Boston,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Durack,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Fingleton,
Mr. Simon Hickey,
Mr. Keegan,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. Minahan,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Wright.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cusack,
Mr. Kearsley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Message to the Legislative Council sent accordingly.

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12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Construction of System of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts*):—Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed System of Sewerage for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, and Bankstown Districts.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Holman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, 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:—  
(115.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty for the year 1916-17, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,851,480 for Public Works and other Services.  
On motion of Mr. Holman, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, 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:—  
(10.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to his Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £5,851,480 be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or, pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services.  
On motion of Mr. Fuller, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. LOAN BILL:—  
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Fuller, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.  
(2.) Mr. Fuller then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and *now* read a second time.  
(3.) Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Fuller, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.  
On motion of Mr. Fuller, 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. Fuller, *passed*.  
Mr. Fuller then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*.”  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*
16. INSTITUTION FOR DEFECTIVE CHILDREN BILL:—The Order of the Day having 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 for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bagnall, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, including the amendments in the Title.  
On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, 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 transfer to and vest in the Crown all lands and buildings now held by or on behalf of or vested in the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children; to constitute and to provide for governing and managing an institution for defective children; to vest in a board to be constituted for such institution all moneys and securities for moneys held by or on behalf of or vested in the said Society; to repeal the Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,”—including the amendments in the Title.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

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## 17. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Ashford moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend the said Act,"—be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ashford moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Bill, intituled "A Bill to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend the said Act,"—being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

## 18. FORESTRY (TEMPORARY COMMISSIONERS) BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Ashford moved, without Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend the said Act.  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ashford then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend the said Act.*"—which was read a first time.  
Mr. Ashford 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. Ashford, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Ashford, 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. Ashford, *passed.*

Mr. Ashford then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend 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 constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners ; and to amend the said Act.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

19. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Railway from The Rock to Pulletop*) :—

Mr. Gus. Miller, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table,—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed Railway from The Rock to Pulletop.

Ordered to be printed.

## 20. UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. G. R. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. James, 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. James, *passed.*

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.]*

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## 21. WOMEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. James moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. G. R. W. McDonald, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. James, 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. James, *passed*.

Mr. James then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

22. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Kearsley, Temporary Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

## 23. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on race-courses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,

President.

## TOTALIZATOR BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th December, 1916.*

W. L. S. COOPER,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, lines 36 and 37. *After "occurred" omit to end of clause.*

Page 4. *After clause 9 add,—*

It shall be lawful for any club or licensed race-course to apply to the Minister for permission to establish or use the totalizator under the provisions of this Act.

And further, it shall be lawful for any two or more clubs or licensed race-courses to apply to the Minister for permission to amalgamate and use only one licensed race-course for the meetings which they each have the right to hold, and upon such permission being given, all the rights and privileges of the clubs or race-courses so amalgamating shall apply to the race-course and club approved in the said permit.

And the provisions of this Act in respect of the totalizator relating to each such club or licensed race-course shall apply to such last-mentioned club or race-course.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. James, 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.

Mr. James moved, That the report be now adopted.

*Point of Order* :—Mr. Haynes asked Mr. Speaker's ruling as to whether it would be in order at this stage to draw attention to the nature of certain of the Legislative Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker, referring to a ruling which he had given on 7th September, 1916, said he could not entertain the point of order on the ground that it had been raised too late.

Question, That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered,

13th-14th December, 1916.

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 prescribe and regulate the use of the totalizator on race-courses, and for that purpose to amend certain Acts relating to gaming, betting, and wagering; to prohibit the making of bets or wagers on a race dependent on the result of the working of the totalizator on such race; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

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

(1.) Women's College Endowment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide endowment for the Women's College; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(2.) University (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the endowment of the University of Sydney, and for that purpose to amend the University (Amendment) Act, 1912, and certain other Acts.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(3.) Forestry (Temporary Commissioners) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to constitute the Forestry Commission under the Forestry Act, 1916, by the appointment of temporary and honorary assistant commissioners; and to amend the said Act.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(4.) Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

(5.) Crimes Prevention Bill :—

(1.) MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the prevention of crimes; for that purpose to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

CRIMES PREVENTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of the 14th December, 1916.

W. L. S. COOPER,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2. Omit lines 6 to 10 inclusive.

Examined,—

N. J. BUZACOTT,  
Temporary Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. James, 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. James, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the prevention of crimes ; for that purpose to amend certain Acts ; and for purposes incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

25. APPROPRIATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year from the 1st day of July, 1916, to the 30th day of June, 1917 (inclusive of both dates) ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1915-16, Consolidated Revenue Fund, for supplementary charges during the period from the 1st day of July, 1915, to the 30th day of June, 1916 (inclusive of both dates) ; to cover payments 'Unauthorised in Suspense,' Consolidated Revenue Fund, for urgent claims on account of Services of the year 1915-16 ; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund ; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1916.*

FRED. FLOWERS,  
President.

26. PAPERS :—Mr. Holman laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

- (1.) Information respecting the increased price in coal.
- (2.) Information relative to the importation of goods from enemy countries.

Ordered to be printed.

27. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Friday, 22nd December.

Question put and passed.

28. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Holman moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having also addressed the House,—

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven o'clock, until *Friday, 22nd December*, at half-past Two o'clock.

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

R. D. MEAGHER,  
*Speaker.*



## PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES, } BY His Excellency Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, Knight Grand  
 to wit. } Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor  
 (i.s.) } of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of  
 G. STRICKLAND, }  
 Governor. } Australia.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now therefore, I, Sir GERALD STRICKLAND, Count della Catena, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the sixth day of February next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE W. FULLER.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



1916.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 21ST DECEMBER, 1916.)

## QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. LEVY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the Government is negotiating for the purchase of saw-mills at Craven and Gloucester?
  - (2.) Is the Government purchasing timber lands at the same place?
  - (3.) What areas of lands is it proposed to purchase, and what price is to be paid for them?
  - (4.) If saw-mills are being purchased, what is their capacity, and what price is it proposed to pay for them?
  - (5.) Is it a fact that each of the mills proposed to be purchased had, prior to their erection at Craven and Gloucester, been used for other purposes in other districts?
  - (6.) Where are the saw-mills located?
  - (7.) Before the country is committed to State saw-mills, will he allow the proposal to be discussed in this House?
  - (8.) On whose advice is the Government acting in the matter?
2. MR. HAYNES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What are the private estates resumed by the Government for closer settlement or other purposes during the last three years?
  - (2.) What is the amount of public money involved in these purchases or resumptions?
3. DR. ARTHUR to ask THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—
  - (1.) What is the rent of the premises in Railway Square used for the purpose of a clinic by the Education Department?
  - (2.) What is the estimated cost of upkeep for cleaning, lighting, drugs, dressings, &c.?
  - (3.) Who is the medical man in charge; what salary is he paid, what are his qualifications, and what are his hours of attendance?
  - (4.) Who is the anaesthetist; what are his salary, qualifications, and hours of attendance?
  - (5.) What other staff is there of nurses, male attendants, &c., and what is the estimated expenditure on them?
  - (6.) What other medical men have been engaged lately by the Education Department; what are their names, salaries, qualifications, and duties?
4. MR. PERRY to ask THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—
  - (1.) What percentage of teachers who sat for second-class mathematics in 1915 and 1916 passed in each year?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that many country teachers who have no means of obtaining special tuition in second-class mathematics have given up the subject?
  - (3.) How many teachers sitting for second-class require only mathematics to complete their examination?
  - (4.) Is it a fact that the papers set in mathematics are effectual only in keeping teachers unnecessarily from advancement?
5. MR. THOMPSON to ask THE PREMIER,—
 

In view of the fact that Parliament has recently passed a Superannuation Act for public servants, which provides allowances for widows and children of deceased officers, will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the contributions by the employees under the Railway Superannuation Act sufficiently to enable a pension to be paid to widows of railway and tramway employees?
6. MR. KEARSLEY to ask THE PREMIER,—
  - (1.) Is there a law in operation in this State prohibiting trade with countries with which Great Britain is now at war?
  - (2.) Is it a fact, as given in the Statistical Bulletin for September last, that for the year 1915-16 there were imports from Germany worth £65,230?
  - (3.) What explanation for this is given?

7. **MR. NESBITT to ask THE PREMIER,—**  
 (1.) Is it a fact that on the Mosman and Neutral Bay ferry services the same ferry service as prevailed during the worst period of the recent strike is still being continued by the Sydney Ferries, Limited, to the great inconvenience of the travelling public?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the keeping of boats out of service and the non-employment of a great many hands at work at the commencement of the strike is causing much resentment amongst the ferry service employees and may possibly cause a strike?  
 (3.) Would he draw attention to this important matter?
8. **MR. HAYNES to ask THE PREMIER,—**  
 (1.) Regarding the officer from the Railway Department whom Mr. Nielsen decided to take with him as a member of his staff in opposition to the Public Service Board, what has become of him; was he employed by Mr. Nielsen; and, if so, was he paid?  
 (2.) Was any married woman engaged on Mr. Nielsen's staff; if so, her name, and at what salary?
9. **MR. HAYNES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the North Coast trade in pigs and calves has been destroyed by the maintenance of a flat truck rate on the railways, the cost stopping all small consignments—the steamer traffic being impossible with the labour arrangements at the State Abattoirs?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that owing to the stoppage of the local brickworks, and a probable discontinuance of the workers' train service, a serious difficulty arises on this score with the hundreds of men at the Abattoirs previously served by the train in question?
10. **MR. CUSACK to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the ferry at Wymah, on the Murray, is out of action and is now at the bottom of the river?  
 (2.) Will he call for a report with a view of helping the Shires concerned to raise the ferry, and restore business and trade relations between the people of that part of the State?
11. **MR. CUSACK to ask THE PREMIER,—**  
 (1.) Is it a fact that as a result of the bank-to-bank agreement with the miners, the coal-owners are applying for an increased price of 3s. per ton on the selling price of coal?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the total cost of producing coal at the pit mouth, including royalty, is less than 3s. per ton?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that small coal, the hewing rate for which is one-eighth of a penny, is sold by the coal-owners on trucks at Newcastle for 8s. per ton?  
 (4.) Will the Government safeguard the public interests in this matter, and thus check the rapid creation of millionaires in the State?
12. **DR. ARTHUR to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**  
 Is it a fact that a dancing hall, a skating rink, and picture show are being erected at the Taronga Park?
13. **MR. THOMAS BROWN to ask THE PREMIER,—**  
 (1.) Was an application received from the Bland Shire Council to have that Shire divided into Ridings?  
 (2.) Has this proposal been the subject of special inquiry by an officer of the Public Works Department?  
 (3.) Was this officer's report favourable to this proposal, and what decision, if any, has been arrived at?
14. **MR. PRICE to ask THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE,—**  
 (1.) Is the Government definitely committed to use John S. Metcalfe & Co.'s plans in the erection of the elevators, or will their competitors in America or elsewhere be allowed to submit their own plans when tenders are called?  
 (2.) Is the Government committed to pay J. S. Metcalfe & Co. commission for supervising the erection of the elevators, whether their plans are used or not?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that J. S. Metcalfe & Co. are competitors in America for the building of elevators with the very firms who will be tendering for their construction here; and will he consider whether it is not a peculiar position for them to pose as architects and advisors on these tenders?  
 (4.) Why was such a huge sum as £20,000 paid to J. S. Metcalfe & Co. for plans when one of the best architects could have been imported from America for about a quarter of the price, and it would then have been open to this firm, along with others, to submit their proposition on a fair and equitable basis of tender?  
 (5.) Is it a fact that when evidence was taken on 4th September, Mr. Carter, of J. S. Metcalfe & Co., stated that their firm tendered through Mr. Durham for drawing up the plans; who were the other tenderers, and what were their prices?  
 (6.) Did Mr. Carter state that up to date 4th September, 1916, they had been paid £10,000 on account of plans; was this for the Sydney terminal elevator only; is 2½ per cent. on the estimated cost of the terminal elevator; were these working plans to suit the selected site at Glebe Island, or only specimen plans similar to those supplied to South Australia for which they had already received another £20,000; is J. S. Metcalfe & Co. to have the deciding of the contract?  
 (7.) Is it a fact Metcalfe's scheme has been very adversely criticised in South Australia in a pamphlet by a Mr. Alford?  
 (8.) Why was the Burrell Engineering Company, who furnished a report on bulk-handling of wheat in 1913, not asked to furnish plans if competition was invited; why was their report thrown over when Metcalfe appeared on the scene; is it a fact that the Burrell Engineering and Construction Company is a bigger firm of elevator constructors than J. S. Metcalfe & Co.?  
 (9.) How is the building of the elevators to be financed when money is so dear?  
 (10.) Will he consider whether the building of elevators under war conditions and prices loads the industry with huge unnecessary expenses for all time?  
 (11.) Why were Harold Darling and Dreyfus & Co. not examined on the bulk-handling of wheat, they being the parties most concerned, being the largest wheat shippers?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. HOLMAN to move, That this House now agrees to and adopts the new and amended Standing Orders, and agrees to the rescission of certain other Standing Orders, as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee in its report (brought up and ordered to be printed on the 2nd December, 1915, and authorises Mr. Speaker to present such new and amended Standing Orders, and the rescission of Standing Orders Nos. 130, 274, 282, 285, 287, and 332, to His Excellency the Governor for approval.
2. Mr. BALL to move, That it is expedient the proposed scheme of Sewerage, with ocean outfall, for the Northern Suburbs of Sydney, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Daylight Saving Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fuller, "That this Bill be printed, and now read a second time."
2. Trade Union (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
3. Women's Legal Status Bill (No. 2); second reading. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
4. Early Closing Bill (No. 2); second reading. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
5. University Prizes and Medals Alteration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide that certain prizes and medals founded at the University of Sydney for award at certain examinations of the University may be awarded at certain other examinations of the University, and to vary the terms and conditions on which the prizes and medals may be awarded; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Mr. James.]
6. Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912—Amendment of Schedule One; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following resolutions:—
  - (1.) That, in accordance with the terms of section 16 (1) of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, there be now added to the industries and callings mentioned in the second column of Schedule One of the said Act (as extended on the 14th day of December, 1912, and as further extended on the 6th day of May, 1914, the 3rd November, 1915, and the 12th May, 1916, by resolutions of Parliament) certain industries and callings as follow:—
 

Industries and Callings.	Place where added.
"and other persons engaged in the top-dressing or laying of surfaces in concrete, cement, or similar materials"	After the word "plasterers" in the Building Trades group of industries.
"planning, measuring, fixing, and sewing" ... ..	After the word "cutting" in the Furniture Trades group of industries.
" , gardeners, and assistants to vigneron, nurserymen, and orchardists "	After the words "contractors with Municipal and Shire Councils" in the Labourers group of industries.
" fur and " ... ..	Before the words "rubber goods" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
" twine makers " ... ..	After the words "canvas makers" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
" , artificial flower makers " ... ..	After the words "and stains" in the Manufacturing No. 1 group of industries.
" all employees in factories in which foodstuffs or other groceries are manufactured or prepared for trade or sale, "	After the words "mill employees," in the Manufacturing No. 2 group of industries.
" paper-bag makers, envelope makers, envelope and paper-bag packers, gummers, "	After the words "cardboard box makers," in the Printing Trades group of industries.
" or in the paper, the stationery " ... ..	Before the words "or the printing industry" in the Printing Trades group of industries.
" insurance agents and collectors, "	After the words "warehouse employees" in the Professional and Shopworkers group of industries.
" actors, theatrical and " ... ..	Before the words "vaudeville artists," in the Professional and Shopworkers group of industries.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence. [Mr. D. R. Hall.]
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [Mr. Holman.]
8. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [Mr. Holman.]

GENERAL

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**GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Special Tax to provide Endowment to Families ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, " That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - " (1.) The welfare and proper development of the children should be of supreme importance to the State.
  - " (2.) The principle of equal payment to all workers engaged in the same occupation, irrespective of their conjugal and family conditions, though economically sound, discourages and penalises marriage, leads to the restriction of the birthrate, and is detrimental to the physical well-being of children the members of large families.
  - " (3.) For the good of the general community and the future generation, it would be equitable to compel those citizens who have no dependents, or only small families, to contribute to the maintenance of larger families.
  - " (4.) To effect this a special income tax should be imposed on all net incomes of over £2 a week, single persons to pay double the tax that married persons do.
  - " (5.) From the revenue so obtained an endowment should be paid to the mother of every child after the first until the age of 14 years.
  - " (6.) Such a system of endowment should not be taken into account in determining the minimum wage in any industry for a man with wife and two children."
2. Claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Brown,—
  - " (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Samuel Alfred Hutchinson, respecting 15 acres of land, part of portion 7, parish Baratta, county of Cunningham, under section 11 of the Mining on Private Lands Act of 1896.
  - " (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Henley, Mr. Price, and the Mover.
  - " (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Select Committees of Sessions 1911 and 1911-12, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1912, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence, be referred to such Committee."
3. Glebe Wharfage Lands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Keegan.*]
4. Statue or Monument to perpetuate the Triumph of our Liberties ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cusack,—
  - " (1.) That, as it is clear the time is fast approaching when the flag of victory will fly from the ramparts of the nation, the Government should take steps to add to the beauties of our harbour a statue or monument to serve as a palladium perpetuating the triumph of our liberties.
  - " (2.) That such structure should have inscribed thereon the name or symbol of the nations constituting our allies, also the names of the brave manhood of Australia that fell in the cause of freedom."
5. Case of Thomas McDonnell and Edward O'Donnell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. John Storey,—
  - " (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas McDonnell and Edward O'Donnell, who were recently dismissed from the Police Force for having assaulted J. E. Chinnery, and for which alleged offence they were sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
  - " (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Boston, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Durack, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover."
6. Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Levy.*]
7. The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. James.*]
8. Disallowance of By-laws under Meat Industry Act, 1915 ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bruntnell, " That, pursuant to section 30 of the Meat Industry Act, 1915, this House disallows the 'by-laws' made pursuant to the said Act, published in *Government Gazette*, No. 178, of 27th October, 1916, and laid upon the Table of this House on 1st November, 1916." Upon which Mr. Price had moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "by-laws" the figures " 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, and 31."

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. MR. CUSACK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to preserve inviolate the democratic will of the people as expressed through the ballot-box, legislation should be introduced to secure—(1) the abolition of all political organisations or executives that constitute themselves the masters, and the Members of the Legislative Assembly the servants, of such bodies, except where such organisation or executive is composed entirely of constituents of the Member it seeks to control ; (2) that the Electoral Act be amended to provide that members of political organisations or executives be rendered ineligible as candidates to contest vacancies that they themselves created. (3) that steps be taken to also abolish the Legislative Council.
2. MR. GARDINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill should be immediately introduced legalising an eight hours bank-to-bank day in coal-mines.
3. MR. GARDINER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. J. J. Moloney, of Newcastle, against the Department of Public Health, for compensation as a result of injuries received from being vaccinated with bad vaccine.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Edden, Mr. Dooley, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Page, and the Mover.

4. **MR. CUSACK** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of allowing a Member of Parliament to use the Government Printing Office Works for the purpose of producing a private newspaper for private personal gain is unfair to competitive journalism, and liable to more frequent abuse than would accrue in the case of Parliamentary land agencies, and consequently should be discontinued.
5. **MR. WADDELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at an early date introduce a Bill to accomplish the following objects:—  
 (1.) To provide for the suppression of the present system of betting on racecourses with book-makers.  
 (2.) To empower the Government to establish, control, and operate the totalisator at race-meetings throughout the State.  
 (3.) To provide that, from the money received by the Government from those who purchase tickets on the totalisator, the Government shall retain 10 per cent., of which 7½ per cent. shall be paid to the Consolidated Revenue Account, and 2½ per cent. be given to the committees of horse-racing clubs (other than proprietary clubs) to use towards giving prizes at race-meetings and improving and beautifying racecourses.
6. **MR. MCGARRY** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of J. J. Keogh, the undisputed discoverer of Ardlethan Tin Fields, for the reward offered by the Mines Department to the discoverer of payable new mineral fields.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Boston, Mr. Thomas, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Simon Hickey, and the Mover.
7. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the recent fatal shooting by the police at Coogee of a man not then under arrest is a most serious invasion on civilian rights and liberty, and demands immediate action on the part of the Government to clearly define the law in this regard, and to prevent a recurrence of such action by those police unacquainted with their duty in this regard.
8. **MR. BRUNTNELL** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the following papers respecting Police-Sergeant William Stafford's claim upon the Police Superannuation Fund, viz.:—(a) Sergeant Stafford's petition to the Governor-in-Council, dated 28th March, 1912, with minutes, and the Governor's order and directions, if any; (b) Sergeant Stafford's letter to the Chief Secretary, Mr. J. H. Cann, respecting the said petition and claim, dated 24th February, 1915, and the correspondence from the date of that letter up to 12th July, 1915.
9. **MR. BRUNTNELL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of arrests in the metropolitan area during the months of January, February, and March respectively, for—(a) drunkenness; (b) drunk and disorderly; (c) riotous behaviour; (d) indecent language and insulting words.  
 (2.) The number of days in each of those months on which hotels in the metropolitan area were closed at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m., respectively.
10. **MR. T. S. CRAWFORD** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) (a) The number of railway passengers killed through attempting to enter cars in motion, (b) through leaving or falling from cars in motion, (c) owing to open doors of cars in motion, (d) through leaving cars on the pit side of station platforms, from 30th June, 1914, to 30th June, 1916.  
 (2.) (e) The number of railway passengers injured through attempting to enter cars in motion, (f) through leaving or falling from cars in motion, (g) owing to open doors of cars in motion, (h) through leaving cars on the pit side of station platforms, (i) through closing doors violently, on the railways from 30th June, 1914, to 30th June, 1916.  
 (3.) (j) The amount of compensation, legal and other expenses claimed in respect of the foregoing class of accidents.  
 (4.) (k) The amount paid by the Railway Department in consequence of this class of accidents from 30th June, 1914, to 30th June, 1916.
11. **MR. DOOLEY** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should provide a minimum wage for all employees in the Government Service, in keeping with the present cost of living.  
 (2.) That a Bill should be immediately introduced to establish a minimum wage in keeping with the decision of Mr. Justice Heydon.
12. **MR. JOHN STOREY** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of A. M. Sweetnam, builder, for compensation against the Government and Randwick Council in connection with a contract at Coogee Beach.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. J. H. Cann, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Lañe, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Morrish, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Dooley, and the Mover.
13. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the infliction of a double tram fare on the Sunday, and the 50 per cent. increase on tram fares during the week in certain parts of the metropolis, is an injustice particularly to the working classes, and should forthwith cease.
14. **MR. GARDINER** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Service Board should be abolished.

15. **MR. HAYNES** to move, That this House views with surprise and dissatisfaction the refusal of the Honorable the Premier to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the correspondence he acknowledges has passed between himself, as Premier, and His Excellency the Governor, in regard to the Premiership—the Premier and the Honorable Member for Balmain, Mr. John Storey—and on which subject he, the Honorable the Premier, has stated His Excellency the Governor is in communication with the Imperial Government.
16. **MR. G. R. W. McDONALD** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of William James Goulding, formerly an officer of the Attorney-General's Department, and others, the grandchildren of the late Patrick Irwin, against the Registrar-General for having erroneously granted a Certificate of Title (registered Vol. No. 1,072, Fol. 249), to James Watson and others, the trustees of the estate of the late Honorable John Fraser, deceased, for certain valuable city property, whereby the said William James Goulding and the others interested were deprived of the said property.
17. **MR. COCHRAN** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prosecution of J. P. Danaher for selling liquor without a license on 11th April, 1915.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Keegan, Mr. David Storey, Mr. Haynes, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Page, and the Mover.
18. **MR. THOMAS BROWN** to move, That this House affirms the urgent necessity for making interest on the cost of railways and tramways a charge upon the values of land which have been enormously increased by public expenditure upon such railway and tramway construction; freights and fares to be correspondingly reduced.
19. **MR. CUSACK** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. James Armstrong, respecting his interest in a mine resumed by the Government consequent upon the building of the Burrinjuck Weir.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Briner, Mr. Ball, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Boston, and the Mover.
20. **MR. OSBORNE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all the evidence, minutes, and correspondence in connection with,—  
 (1.) The charges laid against Conductor Arthur William Buckley, at the Tramway Superintendent's Office, in March, 1916.  
 (2.) The charges laid against the same conductor at the Chief Commissioner's Office, on 8th March, 1916?
21. **MR. BRUNTNELL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the National Government should at once take steps to amend the electoral law of this State to provide for proportional representation, which includes preferential and effective voting.
22. **MR. KEARSLEY** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should at once bring in a Bill to provide that, upon demands being made by 50,000 voters under our State Constitutions, any law or resolution of general application passed by Parliament shall be submitted to the electors for acceptance or rejection.
23. **MR. T. S. CRAWFORD** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the business operations of life, fire, accident and other insurance companies.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Grimm, Mr. McGirr, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. Simon Hickey, Mr. Bagnall, and the Mover.
24. **MR. PRICE** to move, That, pursuant to section 30 of the Meat Industry Act, No. 69, 1915, this House disallows by-laws 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, and 31, made pursuant to the said Act, published in the *Government Gazette*, No. 178, of 27th October, 1916, and laid upon the Table of this House on 1st November, 1916.
25. **MR. KEARSLEY** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. James Fleming, the registration of whose first-class coal-mines manager's certificate of competency, obtained in New Zealand, has been refused in this State.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Estell, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Edden, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lane, Mr. Fingleton, and the Mover.

*Legislative Assembly Office,  
 Sydney, 21st December, 1916.*

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

1916.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNT-OUTS,  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs.	Total.
Abbott, Macartney, Esq. ....	70	114	.....	184
Arkins, James Guy Dalley, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. ....	29	104	.....	133
Ashford, The Hon. William George ....	70	124	.....	194
Bagnall, William Roy Clifford, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	39	58	.....	97
Ball, The Hon. Richard Thomas	80	118	.....	198
Black, George, Esq. ....	18	39	.....	57
Boston, Walter James, Esq. ....	82	140	1	223
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ....	17	44	.....	61
Brown, The Hon. Thomas	59	89	1	149
Brown, William, Esq. ....	59	128	.....	187
Bruntnell, Albert, Esq. ....	79	150	.....	229
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ....	69	132	1	202
Cann, George, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ....	41	60	1	102
Carmichael, The Hon. Ambrose Campbell ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916.</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chaffey, Frank Augustus, Esq. ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cochran, John Patrick, Esq. ....	70	108	.....	178
Cocks, Arthur Alfred Clement, Esq. ....	37	91	.....	128
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ....	57	113	.....	170
Colquhoun, Percy Brereton, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	80	114	.....	194
Crane, John Thomas, Esq. ....	20	26	.....	46
Crawford, Thomas Simpson, Esq. ....	52	82	.....	134
Cusack, John Joseph, Esq. ....	48	102	1	151
Dooley, James, Esq. ....	67	115	1	183
Dunn, William Fraser, Esq. ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Durack, Ernest, Esq. ....	82	101	1	184
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ....	45	60	.....	105
Estell, John, Esq. ....	52	84	.....	136
Fallick, James, Esq. ....	64	121	.....	185
Fern, Charles Stuart, Esq. ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fingleton, James, Esq. ....	84	164	1	249
Fitzpatrick, The Hon. John Charles Lucas	82	144	.....	226
Fuller, The Hon. George Warburton	68	126	.....	194
Gardiner, Arthur Rowland, Esq. ....	28	64	.....	92
Graff, Alexander, Esq. ....	77	144	.....	221
Grahamo, The Hon. William Calman	51	105	.....	156
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq. ....	41	76	.....	117
Grimm, Arthur Hetherington, Esq. ....	72	116	.....	188
Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ....	75	126	.....	201
Hall, The Hon. David Robert	58	106	.....	164
Haynes, John, Esq. ....	43	39	1	83
Henley, Thomas, Esq. ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickey, Simon, Esq. ....	67	107	.....	174
Hollis, Robert, Esq. ....	78	150	.....	228
Holman, The Hon. William Arthur	52	79	.....	131
Hoskins, Tom James, Esq. ....	82	149	.....	231
Hoyle, Henry Clement, Esq. ....	44	47	.....	91
Hunt, John Charles, Esq. ....	72	133	.....	205
James, The Hon. Augustus George Frederic	72	125	.....	197

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Count-outs	Total.
Kearsley, William, Esq....	69	144	1	214
Keegan, Thomas, Esq. ...	77	149	.....	226
Lane, Herbert William, Esq. ...	81	161	.....	242
Lang, John Thomas, Esq. ...	85	159	1	245
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ...	69	94	.....	163
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred ...	4	10	.....	14
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ...	45	69	1	115
McDonald, George Roy William, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )...	51	66	.....	117
McGarry, Patrick, Esq. ...	81	142	.....	223
McGirr, John Joseph Gregory, Esq. ...	62	108	1	171
McGowen, The Hon. James Sinclair Taylor ...	19	25	.....	44
Meagher, The Hon. Richard Denis ( <i>Speaker</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mercer, James Ballantyne, Esq. ...	51	81	.....	132
Millard, William, Esq. ...	80	144	.....	224
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ...	59	111	.....	170
Minahan, Patrick Joseph, Esq....	81	136	1	218
Morrish, James John, Esq. ...	81	151	.....	232
Morton, Henry Douglas, Esq. ...	56	79	.....	135
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ...	32	60	.....	92
Nesbitt, George, Esq. ...	45	70	.....	115
Nicholson, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Edward, V.D. ...	9	25	.....	34
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ...	20	19	.....	39
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur ( <i>Granted leave of absence, 8 August, 1916.</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osborne, John Percy, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	75	129	.....	204
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq. ...	44	84	.....	128
Perry, The Hon. John ...	28	22	.....	50
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ...	64	112	.....	176
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. ...	68	109	.....	177
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ...	32	76	.....	108
Storey, The Hon. David ...	61	99	.....	160
Storey, John, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ...	65	118	.....	183
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. ...	79	141	1	221
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ...	61	73	.....	134
Thompson, William, Esq. ...	67	117	.....	184
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> ) ( <i>Granted leave of absence 18 August, 1916.</i> )	26	.....	1	27
Toombs, Captain Samuel ...	52	97	.....	149
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas ...	61	63	.....	124
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C. ...	6	3	.....	9
Wright, Jabez, Esq. ...	76	137	1	214
Zuill, William Arthur, Esq. ...	82	150	.....	232

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1916.

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1916.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

1. New Writs issued ... ..	1								
2. Select Committees:—									
• On Public Matters ... ..	2								
On Private Bills ... ..	...								
3. Standing Committees ... ..	6								
4. Public Bills:—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	47								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	31								
	78								
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	7								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	1								
	8								
5. Private Bills:—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	...								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	...								
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent ... ..	...								
Otherwise disposed of ... ..	1								
	1								
6. Petitions received:—									
Printed ... ..	3								
Not Printed ... ..	...								
	3								
7. Divisions:—									
In the House ... ..	85								
In Committee of the Whole ... ..	164								
	249								
8. Sittings (for details see paragraph 15, page 2):—									
Days of Meeting ... ..	54								
Hours of Sitting ... ..	575 h. 44 m.								
Hours of Sitting after Midnight ... ..	246 h. 1 m.								
Daily Average ... ..	10 h. 40 m.								
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—									
Before commencement of Business ... ..	...								
After commencement of Business ... ..	1								
	1								
9. Votes and Proceedings:—									
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—									
Of Business done ... ..	617								
Daily Average ... ..	11								
Entries in Question Paper—									
Of Questions answered ... ..	538								
Daily Average ... ..	10								
Entries in Notice Paper—									
Of Questions ... ..	991								
Of Notices of Motion ... ..	1,617								
Of Orders of the Day ... ..	875								
Of Contingent Notices ... ..	...								
Daily Average ... ..	3,483								
Of Contingent Notice Papers ... ..	65								
10. Contingent Notice Papers ... ..	...								
11. Orders for Papers ... ..	8								
12. Addresses for Papers ... ..	...								
13. Other Addresses ... ..	2								
14. Papers laid upon the Table:—									
By Message ... ..	6								
By Command ... ..	395								
In Returns to Orders ... ..	2								
In Returns to Addresses ... ..	0								
Reports from Standing and Select Committees ... ..	25								
Ordered to be Printed ... ..	193								
Not ordered to be Printed ... ..	235								
	428								
	428								

## 16. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1916, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
	1916.				h. m.	h. m.	
1	18 July	Tuesday	12 noon	9:45 p.m.	9 45	...	11
2	19 "	Wednesday	4 o'clock p.m.	9:54 p.m.	5 54	...	3
3	20 "	Thursday	4 "	11:19 p.m.	7 19	...	7
4	25 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:15 p.m.	7 15	...	5
5	26 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:0 p.m.	7 0	...	11
6	27 "	Thursday	4 "	11:0 p.m., 28th	31 0	23 0	10
7	1 August	Tuesday	4 "	12:5 a.m.	8 5	0 5	14
8	2 "	Wednesday	4 "	9:58 p.m.	5 58	...	9
9	3 "	Thursday	4 "	1:10 a.m.	9 10	1 10	8
10	8 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:16 a.m.	8 16	0 16	16
11	9 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:51 p.m.	7 51	...	11
12	10 "	Thursday	4 "	1:12 a.m.	9 12	1 12	12
13	11 "	Friday	4 "	8:47 p.m.	4 47	...	11
14	15 "	Tuesday	4 "	2:55 a.m.	10 55	2 55	5
15	16 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:15 p.m.	7 15	...	11
16	17 "	Thursday	4 "	1:40 a.m.	9 40	1 40	18
17	18 "	Friday	4 "	8:42 p.m.	4 42	...	10
18	22 "	Tuesday	4 "	8:14 p.m.	4 14	...	12
19	23 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:7 p.m.	7 7	...	11
20	24 "	Thursday	4 "	10:33 p.m.	6 33	...	12
21	25 "	Friday	4 "	6:7 p.m.	2 7	...	10
22	29 "	Tuesday	4 "	9:23 p.m.	5 23	...	12
23	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:45 p.m.	7 45	...	5
24	31 "	Thursday	4 "	9:57 p.m.	5 57	...	16
25	1 September	Friday	4 "	5:35 p.m.	1 35	...	7
26	5 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:32 a.m.	8 32	0 32	11
27	6 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:47 p.m.	6 47	...	13
28	7 "	Thursday	4 "	11:22 p.m.	7 22	...	8
29	8 "	Friday	4 "	6:10 p.m.	2 10	...	13
30	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	2:50 a.m.	10 50	2 50	6
31	18 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:44 p.m.	6 44	...	11
32	14 "	Thursday	4 "	4:49 a.m.	12 49	4 49	15
33	19 "	Tuesday	4 "	2:48 a.m.	10 48	2 48	16
34	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:36 p.m.	6 36	...	17
35	21 "	Thursday	4 "	10:1 p.m.	6 1	...	18
36	26 "	Tuesday	4 "	12:55 a.m.	8 55	0 55	11
37	27 "	Wednesday	4 "	8:48 a.m.	16 48	8 48	14
38	28 "	Thursday	4 "	12:39 a.m.	8 39	0 39	30
39	5 October	Thursday	4 "	5:12 p.m.	1 12	...	5
40	31 "	Tuesday	4 "	5:36 p.m.	1 36	...	4
41	1 November	Wednesday	4 "	11:53 p.m.	7 53	...	12
42	7 "	Tuesday	4 "	9:55 p.m.	5 55	...	6
43	8 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:35 a.m., 10 Nov.	43 35	89 35	7
44	14 "	Tuesday	4 "	2:31 a.m.	10 31	2 31	7
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46	16 "	Thursday	4 "	4:84 p.m., 20 Nov.	37 80	29 30	15
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48	22 "	Wednesday	4 "	8:8 p.m.	4 8	...	7
49	23 "	Thursday	4 "	11:3 p.m.	7 3	...	21
50	29 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:3 a.m.	6 3	...	13
51	30 "	Thursday	4 "	11:10 p.m.	7 10	...	8
52	4 December	Monday	4 "	3:6 a.m., 8 Dec.	83 6	75 6	35
53	12 "	Tuesday	2 "	3:55 a.m., 13 Dec.	10 55	8 55	12
54	13 "	Wednesday	2 "	11:0 p.m., 14 Dec.	31 0	23 0	28
		Total			575 44	246 1	617

Average length of sitting daily, 10 hours 40 minutes.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1916

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

1916.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Com. mittee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report Adopted.	Read 3 <sup>o</sup> . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to and amended.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Appropriation .....	Mr. Holman.....	1916. 29 Nov.	1916. .....	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. .....	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. .....	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. 8 Dec.	1916. 14 Dec.	.....	1916. .....	1916. .....	1916. .....	1916. .....	1916. 72	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.
Balmain Road Closing .....	Mr. Ashford .....	.....	.....	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	.....	25 Aug.	.....	25 Aug.	25 Aug.	25 Aug.	29 Aug.	6 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	14 Sept.	38	
Bega Loan.....	Mr. Griffith .....	16 Aug.	16 Aug.	.....	16 Aug.	.....	18 Aug.	.....	18 Aug.	18 Aug.	18 Aug.	23 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Sept.	31	
Bowral Water Supply .....	Mr. J. H. Cann.....	5 Sept.	14 Sept.	.....	14 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	20 Sept.	20 Sept.	26 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	40	
Church of England Trust Property.....	Mr. D. R. Hall.....	.....	.....	20 Sept.	20 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Motion made for 2 <sup>o</sup> , and amendment to refer to Select Committee agreed to, 30 November, 1916. Stopped by prorogation.
City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment),	Mr. J. H. Cann.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. † a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 Sept.	28 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	50	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 9 August, 1916, a.m. Including an amendment in the Title.
Closer Settlement (Amendment).....	Mr. Ashford .....	18 Aug.	25 Aug.	.....	29 Aug.	.....	7 Sept.	.....	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	8 Sept.	.....	21 Sept.	27 Sept.	.....	.....	5 Oct.	53	
Closer Settlement (Supertax) .....	Mr. Ashford .....	2 Aug.	2 Aug.	.....	2 Aug.	.....	4 Aug. a.m.	.....	8 Aug.	8 Aug.	9 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not returned by Council.
Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) .....	Mr. Estell.....	16 Aug.	18 Aug. a.m.	.....	18 Aug. a.m.	.....	6 Sept.	.....	15 Sept. a.m.	15 Sept. a.m.	19 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not returned by Council.
Constitution (Public Service) Amendment	Mr. D. R. Hall.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	45	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 24 August, 1916.
Crimes Prevention .....	Mr. D. R. Hall.....	.....	.....	8 Dec. a.m.	8 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec. a.m.	14 Dec. a.m.	14 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	80	
Crookwell to Whoso Railway.....	Mr. J. H. Cann.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. † a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 9 August, 1916, a.m. Not returned by Council.
Crown Lands Further Amendment .....	Mr. Ashford .....	.....	15 Sept. a.m.	.....	15 Sept. a.m.	.....	20 Sept. a.m.	.....	20 Sept.	20 Sept.	21 Sept.	.....	22 Nov.	23 Nov.	.....	.....	4 Dec.	66	
Daylight Saving .....	Mr. Fuller.....	.....	.....	22 Nov.	22 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—22 November, 1916. Stopped by prorogation.
Defamation (Amendment) .....	Mr. D. R. Hall.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 22 August, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Dentists (Further Amendment) .....	Mr. Black.....	.....	3 Aug.	.....	3 Aug.	.....	23 Aug.	.....	23 Aug.	23 Aug.	24 Aug.	.....	21 Sept.	27 Sept.	.....	.....	5 Oct.	54	
Destitute Children's Society (Vesting, changed from Institution for Defective Children)	Mr. Griffith .....	6 Sept.	7 Sept.	.....	7 Sept.	.....	15 Sept. a.m.	.....	15 Sept. a.m.	15 Sept. a.m.	19 Sept.	.....	13 Dec.	14 Dec. (a)	.....	.....	.....	82	(a) Including amendments in the Title and short Title, 14 December, 1916.
Early Closing.....	Mr. Estell .....	2 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 Aug.	.....	.....	That Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave—Mr. Speaker ruled Bill out of Order, 31 August, 1916.

\* Assent not reported during Session. † For stage at which Bill had reached Assembly, see Appendix.

No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1916—continued.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>o</sup> . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to and amended.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.	
Early Closing (No. 2)	Mr. Estell	8 Sept.	8 Sept.	.....	8 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	Stopped by prorogation.	
Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency	Mr. D. R. Hall	.....	16 Nov.	.....	16 Nov.	.....	16 Nov.	.....	17 Nov. a.m.	17 Nov. a.m.	17 Nov. a.m.	17 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 Nov.	.....	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—16 November, 1916.	
Electric Supply Further Regulation	Mr. D. R. Hall	.....	28 Nov.	.....	28 Nov.	.....	29 Nov.	.....	29 Nov.	29 Nov.	29 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—28 November, 1916. Not returned by Council.	
Fair Rents (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall	.....	1 Sept.	.....	6 Sept.	.....	28 Sept. a.m.	.....	28 Sept. a.m.	28 Sept. a.m.	28 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not returned by Council.	
Forestry	Mr. Ashford	.....	9 Aug.	.....	11 Aug. a.m.	.....	17 Aug.	.....	18 Aug. a.m.	18 Aug. a.m.	18 Aug.	.....	13 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	31 Oct.	55	<i>Point of Order</i> —That Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave—Ruled against by Mr. Deputy Speaker, 16 August, 1916. Assembly agrees, but proposes to amend Council's Amendments. Message to Council—20 September, 1916, a.m. Council disagrees to Amendment upon its Amendment, 21 September, 1916. Assembly insists on its Amendment upon Council's Amendment, and requests Free Conference, 27 September, 1916. Council agrees to Conference, and time and place appointed, 28 September, 1916. Names of Managers called over by Clerk, these not answering, fresh appointments made 28 September, 1916. Report brought up and adopted, 28 September, 1916. Message from Council, 28 September, 1916. Message to Council, 29 September, 1916, a.m.	
Forestry (Temporary Commissioners)	Mr. Ashford	.....	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	14 Dec.	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—14 December, 1916—Leave given, 14 December, 1916.
Globe Wharfrage Lands	Mr. Keegan	.....	.....	8 Aug.	8 Aug.	.....	5 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.	
Government Railways (Amendment)	Mr. Holman	.....	11 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	11 Aug. †	.....	13 Sept.	13 Sept.	14 Sept.	.....	7 Nov.	.....	14 Nov. (b)	.....	12 Dec.	69	(b) Assembly disagrees and agrees, 21 November, 1916. Council insists, does not insist, and agrees, 30 November, 1916. Assembly does not insist and agrees, 5 December, 1916, a.m.	
Government Railways (Appeals)	Mr. Hoyle	.....	9 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 Aug. a.m. (c)	.....	5 Oct.	43	(c) Council still insists, 5 September, 1916. Assembly insists upon disagreements from Council's Amendments, and requests Free Conference, 6 September, 1916. Council agrees to Conference, time and place appointed. Names of Managers called over by Acting Clerk, one not answering, fresh appointment made—Report of Assembly Managers brought up and postponed, 7 September, 1916. Report brought up and agreed to—Message to Council, 8 September, 1916.	
Government Railways (Further Amendment)	Mr. Holman	.....	28 Sept.	.....	28 Sept.	.....	28 Sept.	.....	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 Dec.	70	Standing Orders suspended, 28 September, 1916.	
Government Savings Bank (Further Amendment)	Mr. Hoyle	.....	21 Sept.	.....	28 Sept.	.....	28 Sept.	.....	28 Sept.	28 Sept.	28 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Standing Orders suspended, 28 September, 1916. Not returned by Council.	
Grain Elevator	Mr. Grahams	.....	2 Aug.	.....	9 Aug. a.m.	.....	15 Aug.	.....	15 Aug.	15 Aug.	16 Aug.	.....	27 Sept. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	47	Council requests permission to examine the Honorable William Calman Grahams, Minister for Agriculture, 29 August, 1916.	
Henty to Billabong Creek Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. † a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	29 Nov.	68	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 9 August, 1916, a.m.	
Hermidale to Nymage Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. † a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message from Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 9 August, 1916, a.m. Not returned by Council.	

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No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1916—continued.

Short Title.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>o</sup> Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendment agreed to.	Council's Amendment disagreed to.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.		
Income Tax	Mr. Holman	22 Nov.		22 Nov.	22 Nov.		23 Nov.		23 Nov.	23 Nov.	23 Nov.	29 Nov.					6 Dec.	67	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—22 November, 1916.		
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment)	Mr. Estell	2 Aug.				9 Aug. † a.m.			16 Aug. a.m.	16 Aug.	18 Aug.		13 Dec.	14 Dec.			*	81	Assembly agrees to Amendments including the Amendment in the Title, 14 December, a.m.		
Institution for Defective Children changed to Destitute Children's Society (Vesting)																					
Law of Evidence	Mr. J. H. Cann				18 July																
Legislative Assembly Continuance	Mr. Holman		18 Nov. a.m.		18 Nov. a.m.		18 Nov. a.m.		18 Nov. a.m.	18 Nov. a.m.	18 Nov. a.m.	21 Nov.						23 Nov.	61	Standing Orders suspended—Urgency—17 November, 1916. † [Pursuant to instructions under Section 1 (1), prov. (c) Australian States Constitution Act, 1907.] Point of Order:—On motion for 2 <sup>o</sup> , That the Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave. Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of Order—20 September, 1916, a.m.	
Liquor (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall	5 Sept.	6 Sept. a.m.		6 Sept.											20 Sept. a.m.					
Liquor (Amendment) (No. 2)	Mr. D. R. Hall	20 Sept.	20 Sept.		20 Sept.		21 Sept.		28 Sept. a.m.	28 Sept. a.m.	28 Sept.		8 Nov.	21 Nov.				6 Dec.	68	Message to Council, 21 November, 1916. Council's Amendments agreed to and amended, 15 November, a.m. Council does not insist, and agrees, 23 November, 1916.	
Loan	Mr. Holman	7 Dec.		14 Dec.	14 Dec.		14 Dec.		14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.						*	73	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means.	
Local Government (Amending)	Mr. Griffith	22 Aug.	23 Aug.		23 Aug.		24 Aug.		25 Aug.	25 Aug.	29 Aug.		6 Dec.	15 Dec.				*	76	Point of Order:—That Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave—Ruled against by Mr. Speaker, 24 August, 1916.	
Members of Parliament (Agents)	Mr. Ashford					9 Aug. †															
Military and Naval Hospital Home	Mr. Griffith					25 Aug. †										29 Aug.					
Minors' Accident Relief (Repeal)	Mr. Estell	6 Sept.	20 Sept.		20 Sept.		21 Sept.		21 Sept.	21 Sept.	21 Sept.	27 Sept. a.m.							5 Oct.	46	Urgency—Suspension of Standing Orders to pass through remaining stages—21 September, 1916.
Mining Leases Cancellation (Validation)	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	19 Sept.	23 Nov.		23 Nov.		30 Nov.		30 Nov.	30 Nov.	4 Dec.	12 Dec.								74	
Molong to Dubbo Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	1 Aug.	11 Aug.		11 Aug.		16 Aug.		16 Aug.	16 Aug.	17 Aug.	8 Nov.							23 Nov.	59	
Motor Tax Management (Amendment)	Mr. Hoyle	20 Sept.	28 Sept.		28 Sept.		28 Sept.		29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	22 Nov.							29 Nov.	65	By Consent—Standing Orders suspended—23 September, 1916.
Motor Vehicle (Taxation)	Mr. Hoyle	20 Sept.		29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.		29 Sept. a.m.		29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	29 Sept. a.m.	22 Nov.							29 Nov.	64	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, 29 September, 1916, a.m.
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment)	Mr. Black															6 Sept.				64	Motion made for Committee of the Whole, 1 September, 1916.
Parliamentary Elections (Amendment)	Mr. Black	8 Sept.	12 Sept.		12 Sept.		15 Sept. a.m.		23 Sept. a.m.	23 Sept. a.m.	23 Sept. a.m.									64	Not returned by Council.
Police Appeal	Mr. Black	2 Aug.	3 Aug.		3 Aug.		6 Sept.		27 Sept.	27 Sept.	28 Sept.		20 Sept.	27 Sept.					5 Oct.	51	Not returned by Council.
Public Instruction (Amendment)	Mr. Griffith					11 Aug. †														51	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 11 August, 1916. Including amendments in Title.
Rural Tenants' Improvements	Mr. Ashford					8 Aug. †							28 Sept.	1 Nov.					17 Nov.	57	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 8 August, 1916, including an amendment in the Title.
Special Deposits (Industrial Undertakings) Amendment.	Mr. J. H. Cann	5 Sept.	6 Sept.		6 Sept.		8 Sept.		14 Sept.	14 Sept.	19 Sept.		27 Sept.		28 Sept. (d)			*	77	(d) Council's Amendments agreed and disagreed to. Message to Council—23 September, 1916. Council insists upon its amendment disagreed to by Assembly and proposes further amendment, 12 December, 1916. Assembly does not insist and agrees, 14 December, 1916, a.m.	
State Coal Mines (Land Acquisition)	Mr. J. H. Cann					9 Aug. †														77	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with 9 August, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Sunday Trading (Amendment)	Mr. Black		13 Sept. a.m.		13 Sept. a.m.		13 Sept.		13 Sept.	13 Sept.	14 Sept.									77	Not returned by Council.
Supply	Mr. J. H. Cann	26 July			26 July		26 July		26 July	26 July	26 July	27 July							1 Aug.	80	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders suspended, 26 July, 1916.
Sup (No. 2)	Mr. Holman	30 Aug.			31 Aug.		31 Aug.		31 Aug.	31 Aug.	31 Aug.	31 Aug.							1 Sept.	82	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—Standing Orders Suspended—31 August, 1916.

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No. 1.—REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1916—continued.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Originated in Committee of the Whole.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 <sup>o</sup> .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 <sup>o</sup> and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>o</sup> . Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to and amended.	Order of the Day discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Supply (No. 3)	Mr. Holman	5 Sept.	.....	.....	27 Sept. a.m.	.....	27 Sept. a.m.	.....	27 Sept. a.m.	27 Sept. a.m.	27 Sept. a.m.	28 Sept. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	52	Founded on Resolution of Ways and Means—By Consent—26 September, 1916.
Sydney Corporation Amendment (Costs).	Mr. Griffith	22 Aug.	20 Aug.	.....	29 Aug.	.....	20 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	20 Sept.	21 Sept.	.....	14 Nov.	14 Nov.	.....	.....	23 Nov.	60	Not returned by Council.
Sydney Harbour Bridge	Mr. J. H. Cann	1 Aug.	2 Aug.	.....	2 Aug.	.....	10 Aug.	.....	11 Aug. a.m.	11 Aug. a.m.	11 Aug. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sydney Harbour Tonnage Rates	Mr. Hoyle	18 Aug. a.m.	24 Aug.	.....	24 Aug.	.....	21 Sept.	.....	21 Sept.	21 Sept.	26 Sept.	22 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 Nov.	62	.....
Sydney Water Supply (Auxiliary)	Mr. J. H. Cann	13 Sept.	14 Sept.	.....	14 Sept.	.....	20 Sept. a.m.	.....	20 Sept. a.m.	20 Sept. a.m.	21 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	41	.....
Sydney Water Supply (Cordeaux River Dam).	Mr. J. H. Cann	18 Aug.	23 Aug.	.....	23 Aug.	.....	24 Aug.	.....	24 Aug.	24 Aug.	25 Aug.	6 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 Sept.	39	.....
Tarana to Oberon Railway	Mr. J. H. Cann	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Aug. † a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 9 August, 1916, a.m. Not returned by Council. Assembly disagrees, agrees, and amends, 8 September, 1916. Council does not insist and agrees, 12 September, 1916.
Testators' Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants.	Mr. D. R. Hall	2 Aug.	2 Aug.	.....	2 Aug.	.....	4 Aug. a.m.	.....	11 Aug. a.m.	11 Aug. a.m.	11 Aug. a.m.	.....	6 Sept.	.....	7 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	41	.....
Totalizator	Mr. James	4 Dec.	8 Dec. a.m.	.....	8 Dec. a.m.	.....	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	13 Dec. a.m.	13 Dec. a.m.	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	.....	*	75	Urgency.
Trade Union (Amendment)	Mr. D. R. Hall	20 Aug.	29 Aug.	.....	29 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
University (Amendment)	Mr. Holman	14 Sept.	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec.	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
University Prizes and Medals Alteration	Mr. James	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wardell Road to Darling Island Railway Deviation (Amendment).	Mr. Hoyle	23 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Motion made for Committee of the Whole, 23 November, 1916. Bill not brought in. Bill not brought in.
Water (Amendment)	Mr. Grahame	31 Aug.	1 Sept.	.....	1 Sept.	.....	5 Sept.	.....	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	8 Sept.	26 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	48	.....
Water and Sewerage (Rating)	Mr. J. H. Cann	5 Sept.	20 Sept.	.....	20 Sept.	.....	21 Sept.	.....	21 Sept.	21 Sept.	26 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Not returned by Council.
Weights and Measures (Amendment)	Mr. J. H. Cann	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 Sept.	37	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 11 August, 1916. Council does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by Assembly, 5 September, 1916.
Women's College (Endowment)	Mr. Holman	14 Sept.	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	13 Dec. a.m.	.....	14 Dec.	.....	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Women's Legal Status	Mr. D. R. Hall	.....	.....	18 Aug.	18 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 Aug.	.....	Point of Order.—That Bill exceeded scope of Order of Leave.—Mr. Speaker ruled Bill out of order 23 August, 1916.
Women's Legal Status (No. 2)	Mr. D. R. Hall	14 Sept.	14 Sept.	.....	14 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Workers' Accommodation	Mr. Estell	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 Aug. †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Message to Council requesting that Bill be proceeded with, 22 August, 1916. Not returned by Council.
Workmen's Compensation	Mr. Estell	2 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	2 Aug. †	3 Aug.	.....	9 Aug.	9 Aug.	10 Aug.	.....	27 Sept. a.m. (e)	.....	1 Nov. (f)	.....	13 Dec.	71	(e) Including a consequential amendment in the Title. (f) Assembly agrees, disagrees, and amends, 1 November, 1916. Council dis-agr. e, insists, and does not insist and disagrees to Assembly's amendment upon Council's amendment and Assembly's consequential amendment in the Title, 23 November, 1916. Assembly insists upon its disagreements from and amendments upon Council's amendments, including amendment in the Title, and requests Free Conference, 23 November, 1916. Council agrees to Conference, time and place appointed, 23 November, 1916. Assembly agrees to time and place appointed, 23 November, 1916. Names of Managers called over by Clerk; one not answering, fresh appointment made, 23 November, 1916. Mr. D. R. Hall, on behalf of Managers, reported that no resolution reached, and obtained leave to sit again, 28 November, 1916. Report brought up, 28 November, 1916. Council agrees to Resolution as set out in report of Managers, 29 November, 1916. Mr. Speaker makes statement regarding date of operation of Act, 29 November, 1916. Assembly agrees to resolutions as set out in Report of Managers, 30 November, 1916.

\* Assent not reported during Session.

† For stage at which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

Short Titles of—		Preceded with under Standing Order.	Brought up and read 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Read 2 <sup>d</sup> and Committed.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 <sup>d</sup> , passed without Amendment, and returned to Council.	Read 3 <sup>d</sup> , passed with Amendment, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	Private Bills.											
Canberra-street, Canterbury, Diversion.....	.....	1916. .....	1916. 6 Sept.	1916. 20 Sept.	1916. 20 Sept.	1916. 20 Sept.	1916. 21 Sept.	1916. .....	1916. .....	1916. 5 Oct.	42	
Friendly Societies (Amendment) .....	.....	.....	27 Sept. a.m.	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	.....	.....	9 Nov.	50	
Petersham and Bankstown Road Closing .....	.....	.....	10 Aug.	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	23 Aug.	23 Aug.	.....	.....	7 Sept.	35	
Sales by Trustees Confirmation.....	.....	.....	23 Aug.	20 Aug.	20 Aug.	20 Aug.	30 Aug.	.....	.....	20 Sept.	40	
.....	The Ashtonfields Coal Mines Railway.....	.....	24 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Use of Trust Lands for War Purposes .....	.....	.....	29 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Vegetable Creek Hospital .....	.....	.....	17 Aug.	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	23 Aug.	.....	.....	7 Sept.	34	
Waratah Municipal Gas Loan Validation .....	.....	17 Aug. †	.....	24 Aug.	24 Aug.	24 Aug.	.....	25 Aug.	5 Sept.	13 Sept.	36	
Wine Adulteration Amendment .....	.....	.....	10 Aug.	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	22 Aug.	23 Aug.	.....	.....	7 Sept.	33	

† For stage at which Bill had reached in former Session, see Appendix.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

No. OF ORDER.	WHEN PASSED.			ON WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER. (Laid on Table.)	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
	VOTES.				By Address.	By Order.			
	No.	Date.	Entry.						
1	10	1916. 8 August ...	4	Mr. Wade..... Lieut.-Col. Nicholson	.....	Fines for Selling Liquor without License .....	1916. 22 November	1916/575 1916/371	1916. 23 Nov.
2	15	16 August....	3		.....	Brisbane Limited Express .....	13 September		14 Sept.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES (NOT BEING FOR PAPERS) TO THE GOVERNOR DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.	ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY.				WHEN PASSED OR AGREED TO.			WHEN AND HOW PRESENTED.				WHEN AND HOW ANSWERED.				REMARKS.
	VOTES.				VOTES.			VOTES.				VOTES.				
	No.	Date.	Entry.	On whose Motion.	No.	Date.	Entry.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom.	No.	Date.	Entry.	By whom and how.	
The Governor's Opening Speech .....	1	1916. 18 July...	10	Mr. Bagnall.....	6	1916. 28 July...	4	7	1916. 1 Aug...	1	Mr. Speaker, accompanied by the House	7	1916. 1 August	1	His Excel- lency the Governor.	Address in Reply prepared by Se- lect Committee appointed for that purpose.

Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 21st December, 1916.

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1916.

NO. OF COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	NO. OF MEETINGS.		NO. OF WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
1	The Governor's Opening Speech .....	18 July, 1916. Votes No. 1, Entry 10 (On motion of Mr. Bagnall.)	{ Mr. Boston, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Bagnall. } Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Bagnall.	.....	1	1	.....	18 July, 1916.
2	Elections and Qualifications .....	20 July, 1916. Votes No. 3, Entry 4 (By Mr. Speaker's Warrant, taking effect 1st August, 1916.)	{ Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Ball, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, } Mr. Gardiner, Mr. James, Mr. Levy, Mr. Osborne.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Printing .....	28 July, 1916, a.m. Votes No. 6, Entry 7. (On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann.)	{ Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mark F. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Fallick, } Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. H. Cann.	Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick	15	15	40	1916. August 3, 10, 17, 21, and 31; September 7, 14, 21 and 28; November 1, 16, 23, and 30; December 7, 14.
4	Standing Orders * .....	28 July, 1916, a.m. Votes No. 6, Entry 8. (On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burgess, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Cohen, } Mr. Wade, Mr. Ball, Mr. T. S. Crawford, Mr. J. Storey, Mr. J. H. Cann.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Library † .....	28 July, 1916, a.m. Votes No. 6, Entry 9. (On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Hunt, } Mr. Hickey, Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Levy, Mr. M. Abbott, Mr. J. H. Cann.	The President .....	5	3	.....	.....
6	Refreshment .....	21 July, 1916, a.m. Votes No. 6, Entry 10 (On motion of Mr. J. H. Cann.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fingleton, Mr. Cusack, Mr. Page, Mr. Durack, } Mr. Perry, Lt.-Colonel Nicholson, Mr. Latimer, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. J. H. Cann.	Mr. Perry .....	1	1	.....	.....
7	Prevalence of Venereal Diseases .....	11 August, 1916, a.m. Votes No. 12, Entry 12. (On motion of Dr. Arthur.)	{ Mr. Black, Mr. McGirr, Mr. Morrish, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Stuart-Robertson, } Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Arthur.	Dr. Arthur .....	10	8	24	.....
8	Church of England Trust Property Bill.	30 November, 1916. Votes No. 51, Entry 3 (On motion of Mr. M. Abbott.)	{ Mr. D. R. Hall, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Robson, Mr. Page, } Mr. Hickey, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Levy, Mr. Bruntnell, Mr. M. Abbott,	Mr. M. Abbott .....	4	4	1	.....

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