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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1884.

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 seventh day of November, 1884.

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 the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS
“to wit. } WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of
“ (L.S.) } the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's
“ AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, } Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
“ Governor. } of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the eighteenth day of November instant: Now I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Wednesday, the nineteenth day of November instant: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of Business on the aforesaid nineteenth day of the current month, at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, in the buildings known as the 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 Government House, Sydney, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“By His Excellency's Command,
“WILLM. B. DALLEY.

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield, had resigned his Seat; and that Andrew Lynch, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Carcoar, had died; that thereupon, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the room of Sir Henry Parkes and Andrew Lynch, Esquire, respectively.

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

The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not 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 Great Seal of the Colony constituting us Commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of Her Majesty, or by or on behalf of the Governor of the Colony, 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 read the said Commission, as follows:—

“Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen,
“Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“WHEREAS, by Proclamation, made on the seventh day of November instant, His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony
“of

“of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of November instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable William Bede Dalley, Q.C., Attorney General, and Acting Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Members of the said Legislative Council; do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Hay, William Bede Dalley, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said nineteenth day of November, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Session, that to the said Sir John Hay, William Bede Dalley, and Archibald Hamilton Jacob, 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 Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

“Witness, our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, SIR AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus), Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this eighteenth day of November, in the forty-eighth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

“AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

“By His Excellency’s Command,

“WILLIAM BEDE DALLEY.”

The President then 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 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 matters 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. Dibbs, at twenty minutes after Twelve o’clock, until Four o’clock This Day.

The House met at Four o’clock, pursuant to adjournment.

4. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:**—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*”—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
5. **THE GOVERNOR’S OPENING SPEECH:**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been at the Legislative Council Chamber, at the desire of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony for holding this Session of the present Parliament, and that the 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,—

We are commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that you have been called together so soon after the close of the late protracted Session for the purpose of making the necessary provision for the Services of the forthcoming year. The adoption of this course justifies the expectation that you will be permitted to enjoy a reasonable recess before you are called upon to undertake the legislative business of the year, and that His Excellency’s Advisers will be enabled to mature the measures which will be then submitted to you.

2. As it is desirable that you should be enabled after your late arduous duties to resume your ordinary avocations without delay, the Estimates of Expenditure for the forthcoming year will be at once submitted for your consideration.

3. These have been prepared with strict economy, and as nearly as possible in accordance with those which you have sanctioned for the present year.

Mr.

Mr. See then moved, and Mr. William Clarke 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 New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brunker, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Levien, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Slattery, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Cass, Mr. Purves, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for the Speech which you have caused your Commissioners to pronounce.

We shall without delay take into our consideration the Estimates of Expenditure with a view to making adequate provision for the Public Service for the coming year.

Mr. See then moved, and Mr. William Clarke 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had been to Government House, and there presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech on opening the Session,—and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following answer :—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for your Address renewing the expression of your loyalty and devotion to the Queen's Person and Throne. While I regret that after the late protracted Session you should have been so soon again called upon to resume your labours, I confidently rely on your wisdom and patriotism in the discharge of your duties.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th November, 1884.

7. LOCAL OPTION :—

- (1.) Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Star of Hope" Division, Sons of Temperance, Balmain, praying that such a measure of local self-government may be passed as will extend the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
- (2.) Mr. Burns presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Dewdrop" Lodge.
- (3.) Mr. Teece presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Goulburn" Division No. 44 Sons of Temperance.
- (4.) Mr. Teece presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Hope of Goulburn" Lodge of Good Templars.
- (5.) Mr. Garrard presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Evening Star" Division Sons of Temperance of Balmain.
- (6.) Mr. Chapman presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Hand and Heart" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (7.) Mr. Abbott presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Progress" Lodge No. 366 Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (8.) Mr. Mitchell presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Nil Desperandum" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites.
- (9.) Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Alexander Rylie, presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Happy Dawn" Lodge of Good Templars, at Araluen.
- (10.) Mr. Young presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "McLaughlin" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Taree, Manning River.
- (11.) Mr. Loughnan presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Resolution" Lodge of Good Templars, Narrandera.
- (12.) Mr. Loughnan presented a similar Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the "Happy Home" Lodge No. 362 Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (13.) Mr. Luscombe presented a similar Petition from the Officers of the "A. S. Browné" Lodge No. 389.

Petitions received.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 13th August, 1884,—“Mining under Railways.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1884,—“Point Piper Road, Paddington.”

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 15th February, 1884,—“Public Tanks, Wells, and Dams.”

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ESTIMATES FOR 1885 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1884 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1885, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1884 and previous years.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th November, 1884.

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

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs made a Ministerial Statement, informing the House of the course the Government proposed to pursue in dealing with the business of the Session.

11. BUSINESS DAYS.—PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on each day.
Question put and passed.12. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
Question put and passed.13. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.14. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House,—

(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, “Whether there is any objection to its being a ‘Formal’ Motion,” “or Order of the Day,” no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a “Formal” Motion or Order of the Day.

(2.) That before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such “Formal” Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such “Formal Motions or Orders of the Day,” or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.

(4.) That in consequence of any such “Formal” Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.

(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill shall be held to be a “Formal” Motion.
Question put and passed.

15. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as “Formal Business,” shall again go through the Business Paper for the day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that day; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed, shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
Question put and passed.16. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

17. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Order, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
18. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each Day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
19. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
20. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wisdom, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Poole, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Griffiths, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and 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.
Question put and passed.
21. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Combes, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Garyan, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
22. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Purves, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
23. **PRINTING PETITIONS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.
24. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—That when the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
Question put and passed.
25. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House:—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
26. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.
27. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, without Notice,—
(1.) That the consideration of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1885 is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity in view of the short period available for that purpose.
(2.) That, in consequence of such urgency, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the House from this day resolving itself into a Committee of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. See,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Murray,	

Noes, 19.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Burdekin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

28. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
29. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1885.
Ordered to be printed.
30. WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, to-morrow resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1884.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway to Racecourse on Elizabeth Farm Estate:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any application been made by petition or otherwise to the Government to construct a Branch Line of Railway from the Main Western Line, near Granville, to the New Racecourse on the Elizabeth Farm Estate, near Parramatta; if so, is it the intention of the Government to carry out the same?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; such an application has been made, those interested guaranteeing 10 per cent. interest upon the outlay. The question is under consideration.

(2.) Incorporation of Granville:—Mr. Lackey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government received a numerously signed memorial from the inhabitants of Granville, asking for the establishment of a Municipality in that district?

(2.) Has any counter petition been received?

(3.) If so, would the Colonial Secretary state the number of signatures to each respectively?

(4.) Have the Government decided what action will be taken in the matter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) The petition was signed by 238 persons.

(4.) For certain reasons, which have been explained to the gentleman representing the petitioners, it is not considered desirable to give effect to the prayer of the petition as it stands.

(3.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What reply was afforded by the Colonial Secretary to the Petition presented to him on 25th August last by the Temporary Draftsmen in the Survey Department, in which the Petitioners humbly prayed that they might be included within the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884?

(2.) If no reply has yet been afforded to the Petitioners, when may such be expected?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No reply has yet been given beyond that which, on the 8th of October, was furnished to the Honorable Gentleman who asked the question, in which he was informed that the claims of all Officers employed as Temporary Draftsmen would be fairly considered when the Civil Service Act was brought into operation.

(4.) Sewer into Double Bay:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Minister aware that the Municipality of Woollahra and the New South Head Road Trust are about to lay a Sewer down Ocean-street, Double Bay, from the New South Head Road to the waters of Double Bay?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that Double Bay is very shallow for a considerable distance from the land, with large quantities of seaweed on the beach?

(3.) Will the Minister ascertain from the Health Officer to the Government whether it would not be most injurious to the health of the inhabitants to have an outlet to a sewer in the neighbourhood of this seaweed, which would necessarily become impregnated with sewage?

(4.)

(4.) Is the Minister aware that already some of the inhabitants residing near the beach view with such alarm the dangers likely to arise from sewage being emptied into the Bay, and dread to such an extent the offensive smell likely to arise, that they are making arrangements to leave the locality?

(5.) If the Minister knows nothing about the above circumstances, will he take immediate steps to inquire into the matter, and have all plans of the proposed sewerage laid upon the Table of this House without delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Ycs.
- (4.) No.

(5.) From casual inquiry, it is found that a pipe for "storm water" not "sewerage" is proposed here by the local bodies; if it becomes a nuisance, they are liable. The Sewerage Scheme admits of the drainage to Bondi of all this locality within a level of 17 feet above high water.

2. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions, praying that such a measure of local self-government may be passed as will extend the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named;—

- (1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor. From Joseph Smith, on behalf of the "Evening Star" Lodge No. 18 of the Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (2.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor. From J. Stringfellow, on behalf of the "Prince Alfred" Division No. 29 Sons of Temperance, Parramatta.
- (3.) By Mr. W. J. Fergusson. From C. D. Murgatroyd, on behalf of the "Nil Desperandum" Lodge of Good Templars, Emmaville.
- (4.) By Mr. W. J. Fergusson. From Henry Kendrick, on behalf of the "Star of the Glen" Lodge of Good Templars, Glen Innes.
- (5.) By Mr. Melville. From Lanclot Railton, on behalf of the "Guiding Star" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites.
- (6.) By Mr. Wisdom. From C. S. Boag, on behalf of the "Multum in Parvo" Good Templar Lodge, Hinton.
- (7.) By Mr. Vaughn. From R. E. Rygate, on behalf of the "Hope of Grenfell" Lodge No. 205 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, Grenfell.

Petitions received.

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of proposed further Extension of the Railway into Gundagai.

4. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith, for Mr. O'Connor, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.

Question put and passed.

5. DIVORCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Divorce*,"—which was read a first time.

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

6. THE £5,500,000 LOAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all costs and charges connected with the floating of the recent Loan of £5,500,000.

Question put and passed.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1884, A.M.

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

The House (*by consent*) adjourned at two minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Seven o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1884.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 20th November, 1884, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, 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 was read by the Clerk as follows:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greeting:

In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize ANGUS CAMERON, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, 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 Her Majesty the Queen, 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 Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLM. B. DALLEY.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Typhoid Fever at Prospect Water Works:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the numerous cases of typhoid fever which have recently occurred at Prospect Water Works, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made as to the urgent necessity for temporary hospital accommodation being provided at that place?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter has been referred to the Medical Adviser to the Government for his examination as to the necessity of increased hospital accommodation, and generally for his report.

(2.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Hammond* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) To what extent has the area of the Canal for Sydney Water Supply from the Nepean River been increased since February, 1881, when the then Minister for Works ordered the Prospect Scheme to be continued?

(2.) To what extent has the storage capacity of the Prospect Reservoir and the height of its dam been increased since the above date?

(3.) What proportion of the interest on the Loan necessary for the completion of the Prospect Works, and also of the annual charges for repairs, &c., will be debited to the Municipalities of Sydney and Suburbs?

(4.) Who is responsible for the enlargement of the original design and the increased cost thereof?

(5)

- (5.) How many million gallons will actually be delivered into Sydney as at present estimated for?
 (6.) What is the amount of money, already voted in excess of the original estimates for the completion of this work?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information is of a voluminous character, and I will lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return, and move that it be printed.

- (3.) Commissioners of Customs:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the Commissioners of Customs?
- (2.) The dates of their appointments?
- (3.) The remuneration received by same?
- (4.) The duties of the Commissioners?
- (5.) How often do they meet, and the length of time occupied at each meeting?
- (6.) The name of the Secretary, his salary, and cost of office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. B. Molyneux, J. R. Street, and M. Metcalfe.
- (2.) The two first-named gentlemen were appointed on 11th August, 1879, the last on 14th April, 1882.
- (3.) They are paid by fees, not exceeding in the aggregate £600 per annum.
- (4.) Their duties are specified and set forth in the clauses of the "Customs Regulation Act of 1879," numbered 23 to 30 inclusive.
- (5.) Statedly on Thursday morning in each week; and on other days by adjournment whenever necessary. The length of time occupied by their meetings varies according to the nature of the business brought before them.
- (6.) William Henry Burton, £25 per annum; rent of office, £175 per annum; office cleaner, £19 10s. per annum.

- (4.) Under Secretary for Public Instruction:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The names of the applicants for the position of Under Secretary recently filled up by the appointment of *Mr. Johnson*?
- (2.) The length of service of each applicant?
- (3.) Is there any rule in the Department that seniority gives any right or claim to promotion?
- (4.) Is it true that the Minister offered the position of Inspector General of Schools, or any similar position, at a salary equal to that of Under Secretary to *Mr. Johnson*, if he would accept the same, and allow of the appointment of *Mr. Miller* as Under Secretary; if so, will the Minister have any objection to give *Mr. Johnson's* reply?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) *a*, Edwin Johnson; *b*, George Miller; *c*, Alexander Leith Forbes; *d*, C. J. Graham.
- (2.) *a*, 29½ years; *b*, 22½ years; *c*, 31 years; *d*, not in Public Service of New South Wales.
- (3.) Seniority forms one of the elements that determines an Officer's claim to promotion.
- (4.) I think it highly inexpedient to divulge any statements or conversation on such a subject made between a Minister and any Officer in his Department.

- (5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Returns in reference to the Mineral Conditional Purchases ordered by this House so long ago as October, 1883, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon.

- (6.) Chief Inspector of Schools:—*Mr. Suttor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has the vacancy consequent upon *Mr. Johnson's* promotion to the position of Under Secretary in the Department of Public Instruction been filled up; if not, will the Minister say when will *Mr. Johnson's* successor be appointed?

Mr. Trickett answered,—No; but, I have asked the Under Secretary for his report and recommendation as to the promotions to be made consequent on *Mr. Johnson's* appointment.

3. NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL:—

- (1.) *Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, representing that the Newcastle Streets Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session; and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.

- (2.) *Mr. Fletcher* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Streets at and near their meeting or intersection with other Streets,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—

- (1.) *Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from the Directors of the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company, representing that the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.

And the 65th Standing Order of the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.

- (2.) *Mr. Fletcher* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions, praying that such a measure of local self-government may be passed as will extend the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Levien. From Hugh Cameron, on behalf of the "Harvest Home" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Tamworth.
 - (2.) By Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Proctor. From Edward Simmons, on behalf of the "Hope of Uralla" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Uralla.
 - (3.) By Mr. Hammond. From S. H. Ritchie, on behalf of the "Rose of Marrickville" Independent Order of Good Templars.
- Petitions received.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1883,—“Mineral Conditional Purchases.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting charges made against Mr. Hatherly, late Teacher of the Public School at Clandulla.
7. UNDER SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and other documents having reference to the appointment of a successor to Mr. Wilkins as Under Secretary to the Department of Public Instruction.
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Eleven o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1884.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writs issued by him during the recess for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., and Andrew Lynch, Esquire, had been duly returned, with certificates endorsed thereon by the respective Returning Officers of the election of Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield, and Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Carcoar.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Agreement with the Bank of England respecting Loans:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause to be placed upon the Table of this House a copy of the Agreement which he informed the Committee last Wednesday evening during the delivery of the Financial Statement had been made with the Bank of England, in accordance with which the Bank of England is prepared at any time to give the Colony a large advance upon any authorized Loan which the Government might wish to float upon the London market?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An intimation to this effect was made by the Bank of England to the Agent-General, and communicated by that Officer, by cable, to the Government.

(2.) Mr. Percy Lucas:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he state the reasons that have justified the Government in removing Mr. Percy Lucas from the Public Service?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The discovery of irregularities in connection with his accounts as Clerk of Petty Sessions at the Water Police Office.

(3.) Sparks from Locomotives:—Mr. Brunker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to adopt means which will effectually prevent a repetition of losses similar to those which have been recently sustained by the Railway Department owing to the escape of sparks from locomotives?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Department will continue its practice of adopting the best means known to science for preventing the escape of sparks from locomotives.

(4.) Statue of the Queen:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has a commission been given to any Sculptor to execute a Statue of the Queen, to be placed on the pedestal near St. James's Church; if so, who is the Sculptor so commissioned?

(2.) If no such action has been taken, what steps do the Government intend taking towards procuring a Statue of the Queen, for which a vote has been sanctioned by Parliament?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No commission has been given to a Sculptor; but a Committee to select a Sculptor has been nominated in England.

4. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions, praying that such a measure of local self-government may be passed as will extend the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. White. From J. A. M'Intyre, on behalf of the "Banner of Hope" Lodge, Stroud.

(2.) By Mr. Badgery. From Henry Niblock, on behalf of the "Star of the South" Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, Cooma.

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- (3.) By Mr. Purves. From A. Hutchinson, on behalf of the "Rock of Refuge" Lodge No. 137 Independent Order of Good Templars, Maclean.
- (4.) By Mr. Purves. From Alexander Anderson, on behalf of the "Star of Hope" Lodge No. 148 Independent Order of Good Templars, Chatsworth.
- (5.) By Mr. Young. From Robert Muddell, on behalf of the "Bright Example" Lodge No. 387, Laurieton.
- (6.) By Mr. William Clarke. From J. H. King, on behalf of the "Hope of Orange" Lodge No. 265, Orange.
- (7.) By Mr. William Clarke. From William Tomkins, on behalf of the "Ark of Safety" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (8.) By Dr. Ross. From F. C. Stevens, on behalf of "Crystal Fountain" Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, Toogong.
- (9.) By Mr. Day. From A. T. Jackson, on behalf of the Blue Ribbon Society, Albury.
- (10.) By Mr. Day. From A. T. Jackson, on behalf of the "Murray Valley" Tent Independent Order of Rechabites, Albury.
- (11.) By Mr. Day. From J. Clarkson, on behalf of the "Millewa" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Albury.
- (12.) By Mr. Garrard. From W. H. Thomas, on behalf of the "Haste to the Rescue" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Balmain.
- (13.) By Mr. Stephen. From Walter Routley, on behalf of the "Pride of St. Peters" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (14.) By Mr. Abigail. From R. B. Cropley, on behalf of the "Solid Rock" Division Sons and Daughters of Temperance.
- (15.) By Mr. Abigail. From George Yansen, on behalf of the "Wardell Hope" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (16.) By Mr. Abigail. From John Salisbury, on behalf of the "Prince Edward of Wales" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (17.) By Mr. Abigail. From W. Richards, on behalf of the "Life Boat" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- (18.) By Mr. Abigail. From W. Westacott, on behalf of the "Dawn of Freedom" Lodge of Good Templars.
- (19.) By Mr. William Clarke. From H. D. Melhuish, on behalf of the "Loyal Alfred" Lodge of Good Templars, Spring Hill.
- (20.) By Mr. Mitchell. From G. Beitsch, on behalf of the "Evening Star" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars.
- Petitions received.
5. MEMBER SWORN:—Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Carcoar.
6. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Connor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
7. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st November, 1884,—“Under Secretary for Public Instruction.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Second Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883 (46 Victoria No. 12.)
- (2.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1885 for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.
- (3.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1885 for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.
- (4.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Cudgegong.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Singleton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (6.) Additional By-law of the Municipal District of Leichhardt, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (7.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta, under the Municipalities Act and Nuisances Prevention Act.
- Ordered to be printed.
8. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the advisableness of bringing in a Bill to amend the Party ProceSSIONS Act, for the purpose of removing present disabilities from meetings of a religious and political character that they are now labouring under.
- Question put and passed.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1884, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1884 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1882.

- (1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,212 14s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1882."

Services of 1883.

- (2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,099 6s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1883."

Services of 1884.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93,331 13s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1884."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1885.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1884, a sum not exceeding £1,189, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., Cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1885.
(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,028, for Executive Council, for the year 1885.
(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,055, for Legislative Council, for the year 1885.
(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,055, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1885.
(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,620, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1885.
(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,695, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1885.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,153, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1885.
(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £782, for Public Parks, for the year 1885.
(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,450, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1885.
(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,160, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1885.
(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130,479, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1885.
(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,815, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1885.
(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,200, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1885.
(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £274,940, for Police, for the year 1885.
(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £950, for Government Analyst, for the year 1885.
(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,697, for Lunacy, for the year 1885.
(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1885.
(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1885.
(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,505, for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, &c., for the year 1885.

- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, for Convalescent and Fever Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1885.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,645, for Department of Audit, for the year 1885.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,745, for Department of Registrar General, for the year 1885.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,877, for Department of Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1885.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,461, for Immigration, for the year 1885.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1885.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,330, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1885.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,244, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1885.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,162, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1885.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,535, for State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1885.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,920, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1885.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,385, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1885.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £830, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1885.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,433, for Government Domains, for the year 1885.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,170, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1885.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,208, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1885.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,853, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1885.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,695, for Treasury, for the year 1885.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,700, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1885.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,978, for Customs, for the year 1885.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,414, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1885.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1885.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1885.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,395, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1885.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111,621, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1885.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,040, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1885.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,008, for Board of Health, for the year 1885.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1885.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,405, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1885.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,328, for Glebe Island Abattoir, for the year 1885.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,845, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1885.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Lifeboats, for the year 1885.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,993, for Public Wharfs, for the year 1885.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,771, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1885.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £722,400, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1885.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £744, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1885.

- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,845, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1885.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,500, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1885.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,890, for Observatory, for the year 1885.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,900, for Museum, for the year 1885.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, for Technological Museum, for the year 1885.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,440, for Free Public Library, for the year 1885.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,580, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1885.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,150, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1885.

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,860, for Department of Justice, for the year 1885.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,474, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1885.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,602, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1885.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,905, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1885.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,764, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1885.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,337, for District Courts, for the year 1885.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, for Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1885.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £85,446, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1885.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £98,832, for Prisons, for the year 1885.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £873, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1885.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1885.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,688, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1885.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,665, for Department of the Attorney General, for the year 1885.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1885.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,181, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1885.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,250, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1885.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,951, for Department of Lands and Conditional Land Sales Branch, for the year 1885.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,200, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1885.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £322,694, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1885.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,475, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1885.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,831, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1885.

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,685, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1885.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £160,096, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1885.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £264,349, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1885.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £716,011, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1885.

NO. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,690, for General Establishment, for the year 1885.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,422, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1885.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be paid from Loan Votes), a sum not exceeding £27,842, for Engineering Establishment—Works in Progress, Construction Staff, for the year 1885.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be paid from Loan Votes), a sum not exceeding £21,437, for Engineering Establishment—Works in Progress, Railway Survey, for the year 1885.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,808,940, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1885.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1885.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £371,888, for Post Office, for the year 1885.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,420, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1885.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £171,471, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1885.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,243, for Telephone Branch, for the year 1885.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,481, for Electric Lights, for the year 1885.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,618, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1885.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1885.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £59,730, for Department of Mines, for the year 1885.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,875, for Minor Roads Branch, for the year 1885.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,045, for Occupation of Lands, for the year 1885.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,240, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1885.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,332, for Expenses of Rabbit Nuisance Act, for the year 1885.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £670, for Imported Stock, for the year 1885.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1885.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,827, for Public Tanks and Wells, for the year 1885.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1885.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,000, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1885.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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 (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1884 and previous years, the sum of £103,643 14s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1885, the sum of £6,917,723 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos 1 and 2 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 1885 and for the year 1884 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs 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 1885 and for the year 1884 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Three o'clock a.m.

FDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1884.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) State Children:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of Children in the undermentioned Institutions on the 1st January, 1882, and the 1st October, 1884, viz., Randwick Asylum, Protestant Orphan Asylum, Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum; also the number of Children boarded out at the cost of the State on the above dates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The numbers in the Orphan Schools and the numbers boarded out on the dates mentioned are as follows:—

	On 1 Jan., 1882.	On 1 Oct., 1884.
Protestant Orphan School	226	91
Roman Catholic Orphan School	320	137
Boarded out	79	770

I have not been able to obtain the information regarding the Randwick Asylum.

- (2.) Permanent Artillery Force:—*Mr. McCulloch* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has any proposal been made to make a separate Command for Colonel Roberts, independent of the Commandant, Colonel Richardson?
 - (2.) Has His Excellency the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, made any recommendation on the subject; if so, what is it; and is it the intention of the Government to accede to such proposal?
 - (3.) If any proposal has been made, will the Minister lay copies of all papers connected with the subject upon the Table of the House?
 - (4.) What alterations have been made in the stations of the Officers of the Permanent Artillery and Staff within the last six months, and what has been the expense thereby occasioned, and by whose orders were the changes made?
 - (5.) Have applications been made for lodging allowance; if so, how has the lodging allowance been apportioned?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; by Colonel Roberts.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table.
- (4.) Colonel Roberts, from private residence to Dawe's Battery. Captain Mackenzie, from Dawes Battery to South Head. Lieutenant Bouverie, from Victoria Barracks to Middle Head. Lieutenant Savage, from Middle Head to Victoria Barracks. Lieutenant Nathan, from Dawes Battery to private residence, North Shore. Lieutenant Morris, from Dawes Battery to Milton Terrace; all under approval of Colonial Secretary. Captain Mackenzie, from South Head to Victoria Barracks. Lieutenant Le Patourel, from Victoria Barracks to South Head, by direction of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief. Lieutenant Airey, from South Head to private residence at South Head; the removal from Barracks under approval of Colonial Secretary. Lieutenant Nathan, from private residence, North Shore, to Dawes Battery, under authority of Officer Commanding Permanent Artillery. At present £57 9s. has been paid on this account, but when all vouchers are received the cost will probably amount to £100.
- (5.) Applications have been made, but the matter has not yet been settled.

(3.)

- (3.) The Master-in-Equity :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has the Government made any arrangements to fill the position of Master-in-Equity, rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr. Holroyd?
 - (2.) Is any delay or inconvenience experienced by suitors by reason of the condition of the Master's Office at the present time?
 - (3.) Is the Government likely to come to a decision as to abolishing the Office, or filling it up?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Holroyd has not yet finally retired.
- (2.) From official inquiries, it appears that there is no such existing inconvenience.
- (3.) This will be considered on an early day by the Government.

- (4.) Road to Parkes :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the contract made with one Raphael for the repairs of the road to Parkes, 2 miles on the other side of Molong?
- (2.) Will he ask for a report from the Road Superintendent of the district as to the present condition of this work, or as to whether it has ever been properly blinded?
- (3.) Are the specifications for road contracts drawn up by the Road Superintendents of the district, or is there a regular printed form used by the Road Department?
- (4.) Do Road Superintendents alone recommend or decide which contract shall be accepted?
- (5.) Must they accept the lowest tender, provided all tenderers are alike responsible persons?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Regular printed forms are used, with blanks to be filled in.
- (4.) They recommend and forward papers to Commissioner for Roads, who recommends for approval of Minister.
- (5.) The Minister is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender, but the invariable practice is to accept the most eligible.

- (5.) International Inventions Exhibition :—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any what, steps towards securing the representation of the Colony at the International Inventions Exhibition which is to be held in London in the month of May next?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is now under consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Wynyard Square Reserve :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that certain persons are allowed a private key to the Wynyard Square Reserve; and have any applications for a similar privilege been received from other persons and refused?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I am unable to reply to the questions from official knowledge, as the Reserve is vested in Trustees. I am aware, however, that keys have been allowed to some persons, and that the privilege was withdrawn. I think it probable that other persons have applied for keys, and that the applications have been refused. I will inquire into the matter, and inform my Honorable Friend as to the result.

- (7.) Permanent Artillery Force :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many members of the Permanent Artillery Force have been imprisoned in Darlinghurst Gaol during the last twelve months; for what offences, and for what terms of imprisonment?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant :—“Eleven, viz., one, disobedience of orders, 168 days imprisonment; three, theft, one 168 days, the other two 120 days imprisonment each; two, insubordination, one 184 days, the other 234 days imprisonment; one, striking superior officer, 112 days imprisonment; four, desertion, one 196 days, one 238 days, one six calendar months, and one eight calendar months and fourteen days.”

- (8.) Incorporation of South Singleton :—*Mr. Levien* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did he receive a Petition protesting against the incorporation of South Singleton; if so, how many persons signed the said Petition?
- (2.) Did he receive a Petition in favour of the incorporation of South Singleton, and how many persons signed the same; if so, has he come to any determination upon the subject; and if so, upon what grounds?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the counter Petition was signed by thirty-nine persons.
- (2.) Yes; the Petition was signed by seventy-two persons. The Petitioners for incorporation being in the majority, the proclamation of the proposed Municipality will take effect according to the intent of section 10 of the Municipalities Act of 1867.

- (9.) Wooden Pavement :—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be in a position to lay the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the laying of wood blocks in the City upon the Table of the House during the present Session?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I fear I shall not be able to lay the Report upon the Table this Session, as it is not yet quite ready.

- (10.) Annual Vote in lieu of Tolls :—*Mr. Gibbes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say why from the Estimates for 1885 has been omitted the usual Annual Vote :—“Amount in lieu of Tolls for repair of undermentioned Roads :—Sydney *via* the Dam at Cook's River to Halfway House,—Rocky Point Road to Road from Tom Ugly's Point to Burwood Railway Station,—Stanmore Road from Enmore Road to the Canterbury Trust Road,—Newtown Railway Bridge to the Undercliff Bridge—£5,000?”

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This amount has been voted on Estimates for 1885, as follows:—*Main Roads*—Rocky Point Road to Road from Tom Ugly's Point to Burwood Railway Station, £2,000; *Roads in Municipalities*—Sydney and Cook's River Road, £3,000.

- (11.) Railway Sub-way near Newtown Station:—*Mr. Gibbes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the Sub-way for foot passengers under the Southern and Western Railway, just to the west of the Newtown Station, to be commenced, and when will it be completed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question of making this Sub-way is under consideration.

- (12.) Railway Sub-way near Macdonald Town:—*Mr. Gibbes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) When will be commenced the construction of the promised Sub-way for vehicles at the intersection of the Southern and Western Railway with the extension of Burren-street, Macdonald Town, to Wilson-street, Newtown?

(2.) When is the above-mentioned Sub-way likely to be open for traffic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The work will be commenced directly the plans are completed; they will be ready in three weeks.

(2.) As the girders will have to be obtained from England, it will be nine months before the Sub-way can be opened for traffic.

- (13.) Public School at Rix's Creek:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Public School at Rix's Creek, near Singleton, approved in July last?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Tenders will be invited for this work when a legal conveyance of the proposed site has been obtained. It is expected that this will be done at an early date.

- (14.) Public School at Dunolly:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Public School at Dunolly, near Singleton, plans and specifications of which have been prepared since August last?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Tenders will be invited for this work when a legal conveyance of the proposed site has been obtained. It is expected that this will be done at an early date.

- (15.) Compensation to John Wilkinson:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has a decision been yet arrived at in reference to the application of John Wilkinson, of Goorangoola, made 12th September, 1883, for compensation for removal of fence on boundary of his conditional purchase, parish Goorangoola, district Patrick's Plains, caused by original erroneous survey, which application was on 11th January, 1884, said to be in the Survey Department for the purpose of being dealt with; if not, will he cause steps to be taken to have same immediately attended to?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter, which depends upon the result of the investigation of a presumed error in early surveys, which is being carried out through the Survey Department. Attention has been directed to the case.

- (16.) Colonial Tariffs:—*Mr. See*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether the Government will invite the neighbouring Colonial Governments to form a Conference to consider the advisableness of assimilating the various Colonial Tariffs, with a view to Federation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government do not contemplate any such Conference.

- (17.) Cargo Town Common:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has a Town Common been lately surveyed at Cargo; if so, when will it be dedicated for public purposes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Survey has not yet been received.

- (18.) Life-boat at Watson's Bay:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Life-boat stationed at Watson's Bay at any time leaked so badly that it became necessary to let her remain at the buoy full of water for days?

(2.) Did she ever refuse to right herself when capsized, and was she towed outside the Heads and back again bottom up?

(3.) Is she now fit for use if required?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) When she was first received the boat leaked, in consequence of having been exposed at the Garden Palace, where she was exhibited for a considerable time.

(2.) She refused to right herself in smooth water in consequence of some of her compartments being out of order and water leaking into them.

(3.) She is now fit for use, and every confidence is placed in her. She was sent to the Exhibition by Forest Brothers, the builders to the Royal National Life-boat Institution as a model boat.

- (19.) Complaints against the Warden and Registrar at Bingera:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have complaints been made against the Warden and also the Registrar at Bingera; if so, have they been inquired into, and will the Minister have any objection to state the result arrived at?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A complaint was made against the Warden, but none have been made against the Registrar. The complaint has been inquired into, and it has been determined that *Mr. Brougham* shall be removed from Bingera at once.

- (20.) Bridge at William-Henry-street, Ultimo:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the work of constructing the Bridge at William-Henry-street, Ultimo, be proceeded with, in accordance with the promise given some time ago?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders for the construction of this Bridge will be advertised for in to-morrow's Papers.

- (21.) Officers temporarily employed in the Public Service:—*Mr. Purves* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return, ordered on the 21st October last, of the Officers temporarily employed in the Public Service be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Return cannot be laid upon the Table this Session.

(22.)

- (22.) Interest on the Public Debt:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether the £300,000 which the Treasurer stated was taken from Loan Money to pay the interest on our Public Debt has been refunded out of the Consolidated Revenue?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member's question is quite unintelligible to me.
- (23.) Court-house at Obley:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a new Court-house at Obley?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject will be considered in the preparation of the next Estimates.
- (24.) Trial Survey of Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to cause a Trial Survey of the Railway Extension from Jerilderie to Deniliquin in the place of the one destroyed by fire in the Garden Palace, and when?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—Yes.
2. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions, praying that such a measure of local self-government may be passed as will extend the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By *Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Lackey. From B. Price, on behalf of the "Home of Peace" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Granville.
 - (2.) By Mr. Poole. From Frederick Arnold, on behalf of the "Unity" Lodge of the Independent Order Good Templars, Chippendale.
 - (3.) By Mr. Luscombe. From R. W. Griffiths, on behalf of the "Bound to Succeed" Lodge No. 193 Independent Order Good Templars, Mulbring.
 - (4.) By Mr. Luscombe. From J. Wright, on behalf of the "Prince Edward of Wales" Independent Order of Good Templars No. 291.
 - (5.) By Mr. Luscombe. From Charles Wilson, on behalf of the Good Templars of the "True to the Core" Lodge No. 321 Waldegrave.
 - (6.) By Mr. Luscombe. From C. Crompton, on behalf of the "Wilberforce" Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, Millichorpe.
 - (7.) By Mr. See. From Duncan McFarlane, on behalf of the "Emulation" Lodge of Good Templars, Grafton.
 - (8.) By Mr. See. From Alexander McIntosh, on behalf of the "Nil Desperandum" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Grafton.
 - (9.) By Mr. Fletcher. From H. L. Gibb, on behalf of the "Hope of Chippendale" Tent (Redfern) Independent Order of Rechabites.
 - (10.) By Mr. Murray. From Ossian Arnberg, on behalf of the "John Wright" Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars of Tingha.
3. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Sydney Smith, *by consent*, moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the documents and plans handed in before the Select Committee of Session 1883-4 on "Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock."
- Question put and passed.
4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN:—Mr. Levien, *by consent*, moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the documents, &c, handed in before the Select Committee of Session 1883-4 on "Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run."
- Question put and passed.
5. CLAIM OF MATTHEW McIVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK:—Mr. Fletcher, *by consent*, moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the documents, &c., handed in before the Select Committee of Session 1883-4 on "Claim of Matthew McIvor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek."
- Question put and passed.
6. GREAT SOUTHERN COAL-MINING COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Hammond presented a Petition from John McLaughlin, Thomas Thompson, Frederick Clissold, and William Lovel Davis, Directors of the Great Southern Coal-mining Company, representing that the Great Southern Coal-mining Company Railway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.
And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petition being entertained,—
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Hammond then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Anthony Duke Thomas Frederick Thompson Frederick Clissold William Lovel Davis John Murray Wallace Hugh Wallace John McLaughlin and Gustavus Alphonse Morell of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales gentlemen trading under the name style and firm of the 'Great Southern Coal-mining Company' to construct a Railway from certain coal land situate at Sandy Creek in the parish of Meryla in the county of Camden to the Great Southern Railway and for other purposes.*"—which was read a first time.
 - (3.) Mr. Hammond moved,—
 - (1.) That the Great Southern Coal-mining Company Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Treasury Order—Duty on Pulp Fruit.
- (2.) Report of the Australasian Sanitary Conference of Sydney for 1884.
- (3.) Report of the Wood Pavement Board on the alleged deleterious effects of wood-paving on the public health.
- (4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 24th July, 1884,—“Typhoid Fever.”
- (5.) Report of the Executive Secretary on the Bordeaux International Exhibition of Wines, 1882. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- (5.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 7th October, 1884,—“Police Magistrate for the Macleay River.” Ordered to be printed.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, 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 New South Wales.

“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

“John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,	“Henry Moses, Esquire,
“George Campbell, Esquire,	“Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire,
“Henry Clarke, Esquire,	“John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,
“Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G.,	

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

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

“EDMUND BARTON,
“Speaker.”

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to the following Members of this Assembly:—

William Robert Campbell, Esquire, Member for The Gwydir;
George Fane De Salis, Esquire, Member for Queanbeyan;
Alfred Reginald Fremlin, Esquire, a Member for Redfern;
John Thomas Gannon, Esquire, a Member for Argyle;
Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., a Member for The Bogan;
John McElhone, Esquire, a Member for The Upper Hunter;
Alexander Ryrie, Esquire, Member for Braidwood;
David Ryrie, Esquire, a Member for Monaro; and
The Honorable Alexander Stuart, Esquire, Member for Illawarra.

Question put and passed.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its remaining stages in one day of 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 1885, and for the year 1884 and previous years.

Question put and passed.

11. THE £5,500,000 LOAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Bank of England on the subject of the Loan of £5,500,000.

Question put and passed.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs 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. Dibbs, 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. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

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

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

Mr. Dibbs 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 1885 and for the year 1884 and previous years.*"

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 1885 and for the year 1884 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th November, 1884.

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.

14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.

15. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Whaling Road, North Shore," brought up on 1st November, 1884, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. 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 1885 and for the year 1884 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 26th November, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Heydon,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Lloyd.
Mr. Teeco,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Lee.

Tellers,

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Griffiths.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-three minutes before Seven o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

NOTE.—Parliament was prorogued by Proclamation on Thursday, 27 November, 1884.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM
 to wit. } FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable
 (L.S.) } Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council,
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, } Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its
 Governor. } Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to 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, Lord AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly, until Wednesday, the seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

GEORGE R. DIBBS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1884.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED BY PROCLAMATION, 27 NOVEMBER, 1884.)

QUESTIONS:—

MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision yet with reference to the laying down a Branch Railway Line from the Main Western Line, near Granville, to the Racecourse on Elizabeth Farm; if so, is it their intention to construct such work for the benefit of a few private individuals?

MR. HOLTERMANN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—

(1.) Does the Government defray the expense of printing a certain pamphlet issued by Cecil Darley on "Drilling and Boring Artesian Wells as practised in America"?

(2.) Is the Government aware that most of the drawings bearing the initials of Cecil Darley in the said pamphlet are *fac simile* of those in trade circulars obtainable in Sydney during years past in instances as waste paper?

(3.) Has Cecil Darley had any practical experience in this nature of work and the kind of machines as used in Australia?

(4.) Seeing the information in said pamphlet is likely to lead to the purchase of machinery recommended by Cecil Darley already used and found useless,—Is it the intention of the Government to allow the publication to continue?

MR. HOLTERMANN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) When will the Oyster Leases, for which the money has been paid long since, be issued to the respective applicants?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to charge 2s. per bag for spat, besides the 3s. per bag royalty?

(3.) Is the Government going to issue any Spat Licences, or how are the cultivators to obtain the spat?

MR. BAKER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR MINES,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to the great inconvenience and loss which it is alleged arise by the gold miners and others consequent upon the applicants for Gold-mining Leases and others not, in many instances, working or causing to be worked their proposed leased land?

(2.) If it be not possible by regulations to compel the applicants for Gold Leases to work their land before the issue of the Lease, will the Minister introduce a short Bill as early as may be possible to enforce the due quantity of labour being put on the land within a reasonable time, notwithstanding that the Lease has not been issued?

MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Has a Trial Railway Survey been made between Cassilis and Coonabarabran, or will one be made?

(2.) The distance between these two places?

MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—

(1.) What is intended to be done with reference to the Walgett Gaol?

(2.) Is it true that no work has been done to it for several months?

MR. BAKER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the great inconvenience and loss which the gold miners and others sustain by not being able to mark out and occupy for gold-mining purposes land on Church and School Lands?

(2.) Will he consider whether he cannot cause covenants to be issued in the Leases granted of Church and School Lands whereby the Lessces would, at the desire of the Government, be compelled to allow portions of their Leases to be occupied for gold-mining, in the same way that Pastoral Leases can be occupied?

MR. PROCTOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Weekes was recently reappointed night watchman at Armidale Railway Station?

(2.) Is it a fact that this man was recently dismissed for drunkenness and fined at the Police Court?

(3.) If it is a fact, upon whose recommendation was he reappointed?

QUESTIONS—*continued*:—

- MR. GIBBES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) By what time will the wooden blocks necessary to pave that portion of the Newtown Road between Bligh-street and the Railway Bridge, Newtown, be cut?
 (2.) When did the contractor commence the cutting of the said blocks?
 (3.) How many blocks have already been cut?
 (4.) How many blocks are required in all?
- MR. WILLIAM CLARKE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When are tenders to be called for the erection of Station Buildings at Millthorpe and Spring Hill, as promised on 2nd September last?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

- MR. GOULD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "George Dougherty's Conditional Purchase," brought up on 22nd May, 1884, be now adopted.
- MR. CAMERON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of leases there are at Sunny Corner, near Mitchell's Creek.
 (2.) The number of acres in each lease.
 (3.) The name of each registered leaseholder, and how long registered.
 (4.) What interest each holds in the leases so registered.
 (5.) The names of all who have transferred their interest, and what interest they still hold (if any) from 1876 to date.
- MR. PURVES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Thomas Horton," brought up on the 4th July, 1884, be now adopted.
- MR. FLETCHER to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine on Pheasant's Creek," brought up on the 9th October, 1884, be now adopted.
- MR. GRIFFITHS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Surveys of the Grafton-Glen Innes Railway should not be proceeded with at present.
- MR. VAUGHN to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the District surrounding Grenfell, and having regard to its agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Young to Forbes *via* Grenfell.
 (2.) That, as the line has been surveyed and staked out, and the lands for 1 mile on each side of such line reserved for Railway purposes, it is desirable that the construction of the work should be commenced at the earliest period possible.
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- MR. VAUGHN to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Charles Stevens," brought up on 29th April, be now adopted.
- MR. LYNE to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of John McDonald for loss sustained through the voidance of his Conditional Purchase, lot G, allotment 30, county of Denison, parish of Dry Forest, 640 acres.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Spring, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Day, Mr. Levin, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
- MR. LYNE to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the District surrounding Germanton, having regard to its agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Culcairn to Germanton.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- MR. ABIGAIL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other papers in connection with the Life-boat built by a man named Smith, and offered to the Government, including reports from the Marine Board.
- MR. R. B. SMITH to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
 (2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Newcastle Streets Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 Divorce Amendment Bill; second reading.
 Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 Party Processions Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the advisableness of bringing in a Bill to amend the Party Processions Act, for the purpose of removing present disabilities from meetings of a religious and political character that they are now labouring under.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT, DURING THE SESSION OF 1884.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq.	2	3		5
Abigail, Francis, Esq.		3		3
Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq.				
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander, Esq.				
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	2	2		4
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>)				
Barton, Russell, Esq.		3		3
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.				
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	1	3		4
Buchanan, David, Esq.				
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	2	4		6
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	2	3		5
Butcher, Robert, Esq.				
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	1			1
Campbell, George, Esq.				
Campbell, William Robert, Esq.				
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	1			1
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	1	1		2
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	1			1
Clarke, William, Esq.	2	3		5
Cohen, The Hon. Henry Emanuel, Esq.	2	1		3
Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G.				
Coonan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	1			1
Copeland, Henry, Esq.				
Cramsie, John, Esq.	1	3		4
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	2			2
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.				
Day, George, Esq.	1	1		2
De Salis, George Fane, Esq.				
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	2	4		6
Ellis, James Coles, Esq.	1			1
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire, Esq.	2	4		6
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.				
Fergusson, William John, Esq.	1			1
Fletcher, James, Esq.	1	4		5
Fremlin, Alfred Reginakl, Esq.				
Gannon, John Thomas, Esq.				
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	1	4		5
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.				
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	2	1		3
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.		1		1
Gill, John, Esq.				
Gorrick, Joseph Albert, Esq.				
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	2	1		3
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.				
Griffiths, George Neville, Esq.	1	4		5
Hammond, Mark John, Esq.	2	2		4
Harris, John, Esq.	1	1		2
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq.	1			1
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	1			1
Holtermann, Bernard Otto, Esq.	2	4		6
Humphery, Frederick Thomas, Esq.	1	4		5
Hutchinson, William Alston, Esq.				
Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G.				
Jones, Auber George, Esq.		3		3
Lackey, John, Esq.				
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	1			1
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	1	1		2
Levin, Leysar, Esq.	1	3		4
Lloyd, Lewis, Esq.	1	3		4
Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq.	1			1
Luscombe, Richard Charles, Esq.	2	3		5

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Lyne, William John, Esq.	1	1	.....	2
Machattie, Richard Randolph, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
McCourt, William, Esq. ... ..	.....	3	.....	3
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	1	3	.....	4
McElhone, John, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McLaughlin, John, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
McQuade, Henry Michael Hale, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Merriman, George, Esq.	1	1	.....	2
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moses, Henry, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Poole, William Thomas, Esq. ... ..	.....	1	.....	1
Proctor, William Consett, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq.	1	1	.....	2
Quin, Edward, Esq.	2	4	.....	6
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G.	2	1	.....	3
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryrie, David, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
See, John, Esq.	2	.....	.....	2
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	1	3	.....	4
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	1	1	.....	2
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Spring, Gerald, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
Stephen, Septimus Alfred, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	2	1	.....	3
Stuart, The Hon. Alexander, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutherland, John, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	1	4	.....	5
Targett, Walter Scott, Esq. ... ..	.....	3	.....	3
Tarrant, Harman John, Esq. ... ..	.....	2	.....	2
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor, Hugh, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tecce, William, junr., Esq.	2	3	.....	5
Trickett, The Hon. William Joseph, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	1	2	.....	3
Watson, James, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg, Esq. ... ..	.....	1	.....	1
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson, Alexander, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1
Withers, George, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright, The Hon. Francis Augustus, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Young, James Henry, Esq.	1	.....	.....	1

1884.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1884.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	...	1				
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	...	1				
						—				2
3. Standing Committees...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Passed	...	...	...	...	...	1				
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	...	3				
						—		4		
Brought from the Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	0			
							—			4
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Stopped by prorogation	...	...	...	...	...	3				
						—		3		
Brought from the Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	0			
							—			3
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	...	53				
Not printed...	...	...	...	...	...	3				
						—				56
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	2				
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	...	4				
						—				6
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...				5
Hours of sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...				33 h. 15 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight...	...	...	...	...	...	...				4 h. 9 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...				6 h. 39 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	0				
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	...	0				
						—				0
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...				5
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	...	73				
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	...	68				
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	...	23				
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	...	65				
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	0				
						—				229
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...				46
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				0
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				3
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...				0
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...				1
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message...	...	...	...	...	...	3				
By Command	...	...	...	...	...	21				
By Speaker	...	...	...	...	...	0				
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	...	6				
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	1				
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	...	1				
						—				32
Ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	...	29				
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	...	3				
						—				32

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 27 November, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

