

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1887.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT :—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fifteenth day of February, 1887, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT,
“ to wit. } BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable
“ (L.S.) } Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order
“ CARRINGTON, } of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
“ Governor. } of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor aforesaid, by virtue of
“ the Act, intituled ‘ An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil
“ ‘ List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by Her Majesty under the authority of the Act of the
“ Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the Reign of Her said
“ Majesty, intituled ‘ An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legis-
“ ‘ lature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil
“ ‘ List to Her Majesty,’—I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and
“ Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of Business, shall
“ commence and be holden on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, in
“ the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of
“ Sydney ; and the Members of the said 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 fifteenth day of
“ February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and
“ in the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION :—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned ; and further certificates by His Excellency, that no return has yet been made in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Wentworth ; and that in the cases of the Writs for the Electoral Districts of Balranald, Bourke, Mudgee, and The Richmond, the elections of the Members returned for those Electoral Districts have been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding certain informalities specified in Proclamations issued by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
Abigail, Francis	West Sydney.
Allen, Alfred	Paddington.
Ball, Edward Joseph	Argyle.
Barbour, Robert	The Murray.
Black, Reginald James	Mudgee.
Bowman, Alexander	The Hawkesbury.
Bowes, John Wesley	Morpeth.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.

Brunker,

Names of Members returned.	Electoral District for which returned.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Burdekin, Sydney	East Sydney.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.
Cameron, Angus	Kiama.
Carruthers, Joseph Hector	Canterbury.
Chauter, John Moore	The Murray.
Chapman, Michael	The Glebe.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Clarke, The Honorable William	Orange.
Colls, Thomas	Yass Plains.
Cooke, Henry Harry	Forbes.
Copeland Henry	New England.
Cortis, William Richard	Bathurst.
Creer, Joseph	Northumberland.
Crouch, Frederick George	The Richmond.
Dalton, Thomas	Orange.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons	The Namoi.
Davis, William Lovel	Canterbury.
Dawson, Henry	Monaro.
Day, George	Albury.
Dibbs, George Richard	The Murrumbidgee.
Dowel, William Springthorp	Tamworth.
Ellis, James Cole	Newcastle.
Ewing, Thomas Thompson	The Richmond.
Farnell, James Squire	Redfern.
Farnell, Frank	Central Cumberland.
Ferguson, David Alexander	Wellington.
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas	The Upper Hunter.
Fletcher, James	Newcastle.
Foster, The Honorable William J.	Newtown.
Gale, John	The Murrumbidgee.
Garland, Charles Launcelot	Carcoar.
Garrard, Jacob	Balmain.
Garrett, The Honorable Thomas	Camden.
Garvan, G. P.	Eden.
Gibbes, Fredrick Jamieson	Newtown.
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall	Gumndah.
Gordon, James	Young.
Gormly, James	The Murrumbidgee.
Gould, Albert John	Patrick's Plains.
Hassall, Thomas Henry	The Gwydir.
Hawken, Nicholas	Newtown.
Hawthorne, John S.	Balmain.
Hayes, James	The Hume.
Henson, William	Canterbury.
Holborrow, William Hillier	Argyle.
Hurley, John	Hartley.
Hutchison, Alexander	Canterbury.
Inglis, The Honorable James	New England.
Ives, Isaac Ellis	St. Leonards.
Jeanneret, Charles Edward	Carcoar.
Jones, Travers	Tumut.
Kelly, John Edward	The Bogan.
Kethel, Alexander	West Sydney.
Lakeman, Allen	Balranald.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Lees, Samuel Edward	The Nepean.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Lync, William John	The Hume.
Mackinnon, James Archibald	Young.
Martin, William Fraser	Shoalhaven.
Matheson, George McLeod	Glen Innes.
Merriman, George	West Sydney.
McCourt, William	Camden.
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junior	Central Cumberland.
McElhone, John	The Upper Hunter.
McFarland, John	The Clarence.
M'Millan, William	East Sydney.
Melville, Ninian	Northumberland.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Inverell.
Neild, John Cash	Paddington.
O'Connor, Daniel	West Sydney.
O'Mara, Thoma Chrissyostom	Monaro.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, The Honorable Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	St. Leonards.
Parks, Varny	Central Cumberland.
Penzer, Joseph	The Bogan.

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Reid, George Houstoun	East Sydney.
Riley, Alban Joseph	South Sydney.
Roberts, Charles James	The Hastings and Manning.
Ross, Andrew	Molong.
Ryrie, Alexander	Braidwood.
Schey, William Frances	Redfern.
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockorage	Gloucester.
See, John	Grafton.
Slattery, Thomas Michael	Boorowa.
Smith, Robert Burdett	The Macleay.
Smith, Sydney	East Macquarie.
Smith, Fergus Jago	West Macquarie.
Smith, Frank J.	Balmain.
Stevens, William	Redfern.
Stevenson, Richard	Wollombi.
Street, John Rendell	East Sydney.
Stokes, Alfred	Forbes.
Sutherland, John	Redfern.
Taylor, Adolphus George	Mudgee.
Taylor, Hugh	Parramatta.
Tecce, William	Goulburn.
Thompson, Richard Windeyer	West Maitland.
Tonkin, James Ebenezer	East Macquarie.
Toohy, James Matthew	South Sydney.
Trickett, William Joseph	Paddington.
Vaughn, Robert Mattison	Grenfell.
Waddell, Thomas	Bourke.
Walker, Thomas	Northumberland.
Wall, William Chandos	Mudgee.
Want, John Henry	Gundagai.
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss	Balranald.
Wilkinson, William Camac	The Glebe.
Wilson, Alexander	Bourke.
Wise, Bernhard Ringrose	South Sydney.
Withers, George	South Sydney.
Woodward, Francis	Illawarra.
Young, James Henry	The Hastings and Manning.

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 deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name and on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name and on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, 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 fifteenth day of February ultimo, His Excellency The Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony 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 Tuesday, the eighth day of March 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 Edmund Barton, the Honorable George Alfred Lloyd, and the Honorable Julian Emanuel Salomons, 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, Edmund Barton, George Alfred Lloyd, and Julian Emanuel Salomons, 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 eighth day of March, or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of
“our

“ our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all
 “ such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform Acts which admit
 “ of no delay : Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in
 “ the said Parliament, that to the said Sir John Hay, Edmund Barton, George Alfred Lloyd, and
 “ Julian Emanuel Salomons, 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, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON
 “ CARRINGTON, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
 “ and Saint George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New
 “ South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in our said
 “ Colony, this seventh day of March, in the fiftieth year of our Reign, and in the year
 “ of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

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

The President said,—

“ Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
 “ We have it in command from the Governor to let you know,—That after the Members of both
 “ Houses shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be
 “ declared to you ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first
 “ chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair
 “ to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your
 “ Speaker.”

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS :—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the Hand of His Excellency the Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorizing the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., the Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, and the Honorable Thomas Garrett, Esquire, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of
 “ Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished
 “ Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of
 “ New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting :*

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON
 “ CARRINGTON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the
 “ Executive Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., Colonial
 “ Secretary, the Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable
 “ Thomas Garrett, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one
 “ or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative
 “ Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to 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 of New South Wales, at Government
 “ House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this seventh day of March, in the year
 “ of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of
 “ the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN :—Sir Henry Parkes took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, and the Honorable Thomas Garrett, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present (excepting Alfred Allen, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Paddington, who made a solemn affirmation),—the Clerk producing the several writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. :—The Honorable Francis Abigail, Esquire. Alfred Allen, Esquire. Edward Joseph Ball, Esquire. Robert Barbour, Esquire. Reginald James Black, Esquire. John Wesley Bowes, Esquire. Alexander Bowman Esquire. Herbert, Harrington Brown, Esquire. James Nixon Brunker, Esquire. Sydney Burdekin, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. Joseph Hector Carruthers, Esquire. Michael Chapman, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. The Honorable William Clarke, Esquire. Thomas Colls, Esquire. Henry Harry Cooke, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. William Richard Cortis, Esquire. Joseph Creer, Esquire. Frederick George Crouch, Esquire. Thomas Dalton, Esquire. Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire. William Lovel Davis, Esquire. Henry Dawson, Esquire. George Day, Esquire. George Richard

Richard Dibbs, Esquire. William Springthorpe Dowel, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. Frank Farnell, Esquire. James Squire Farnell, Esquire. David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire. Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, Esquire. James Fletcher, Esquire. The Honorable William John Foster, Esquire. John Gale, Esquire. Charles Launcelot Garland, Esquire. Jacob Garrard, Esquire. James Patrick Garvan, Esquire. Frederick Jamison Gibbes, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hall Goodwin, Esquire. James Gordon, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire. Albert John Gould, Esquire. Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire. Nicholas Hawken, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. James Hayes, Esquire. William Henson, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. Alexander Hutchison, Esquire. The Honorable James Inglis, Esquire. Isaac Ellis Ives, Esquire. Charles Edward Jcannoret, Esquire. Travers Jones, Esquire. John Edward Kelly, Esquire. Alexander Kethel, Esquire. Allen Lakeman, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Samuel Edward Lees, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. William John Lyne, Esquire. James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire. George McLeod Matheson, Esquire. William McCourt, Esquire. Andrew Hardie McCulloch, Junior, Esquire. John McElhone, Esquire. John McFarlane, Esquire. William McMillan, Esquire. Ninian Melville, Esquire. George Merriman, Esquire. Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire. John Cash Neild, Esquire. Daniel O'Connor, Esquire. Thomas Chrysostom O'Mara, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Varney Parkes, Esquire. Joseph Penzer, Esquire. George Houstoun Reid, Esquire. Alban Joseph Riley, Esquire. The Honorable Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Alexander Rylie, Esquire. William Francis Schey, Esquire. Jonathan Charles Billing Pockorage Seaver, Esquire. John See, Esquire. Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. Fergus Jago Smith, Esquire. Frank James Smith, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Sydney Smith, Esquire. William Stephen, Esquire. Richard Stevenson, Esquire. Alfred Stokes, Esquire. John Rendell Street, Esquire. The Honorable John Sutherland, Esquire. Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Tecece, Esquire. Richard Windeyer Thompson, Esquire. James Ebenezer Tonkin, Esquire. James Matthew Toohy, Esquire. William Joseph Trickett, Esquire. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire. Thomas Waddell, Esquire. Thomas Walker, Esquire. John Henry Want, Esquire. William Camac Wilkinson, Esquire. Alexander Wilson, Esquire. George Withers, Esquire. Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire. Francis Woodward, Esquire. James Henry Young, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Mr. Burdekin, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, James Henry Young, Esquire, and moved,—That James Henry Young, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Penzer. Then Mr. Henry Clarke (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, and moved,—That George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. See. Mr. Young and Mr. Dibbs having addressed themselves to the House,— Question put by the Clerk,—That James Henry Young, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ferguson Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Scaver,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McElhough,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Matheson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Honson,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Allon,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Jcannoret.
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Street,	
Mr. Black,	

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Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Brunter,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Abbott,*
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Lakeman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Toohy.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	
Mr. Croer,	
Mr. Rylie,	
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Hassall,	

* This name does not appear in the certified list of Members received by the Clerk of the House.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Burdekin and Mr. Penzer conducted Mr. Young to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour they had been pleased to confer upon him,—and then took his seat.

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. Garvan having congratulated Mr. Speaker,—
Sir Henry Parkes acquainted the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn until Eleven o'clock to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Three o'clock, until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1887.

MEMO :—*The House meet at Eleven o'clock a.m. This Day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at half-past Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.*

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9. MARCH, 1887.

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

MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Commissioners, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned:—

John Moore Chanter, Esquire,—for The Murray.
James Cole Ellis, Esquire,—for Newcastle.
John Hurley, Esquire,—for Hartley.
William Chandos Wall, Esquire,—for Mudgee.

2. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—
And the House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings; to all which His Excellency had readily assented.
Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him.
3. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting:

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable JAMES HENRY YOUNG, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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 eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ CARRINGTON.

“ By His Excellency's Command,
“ HENRY PARKES.”

4. **MEMBER SWORN** :—William Fraser Martin, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Shoalhaven.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR** :—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message :—

“ MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. **DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND NAMES OF MEMBERS** :—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—
- (1.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Eden is endorsed on the Writ as “ G. P. Garvan,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ James Patrick Garvan.”
 - (2.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Newtown is endorsed on the Writ as “ Fredrick Jamieson Gibbes,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ Frederick Jamison Gibbes.”
 - (3.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of The Clarence is endorsed on the Writ as “ John McFarland,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ John McFarlane.”
 - (4.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Monaro is endorsed on the Writ as “ Thoma Chryssostom O'Mara,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ Thomas Chryssostom O'Mara.”
 - (5.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland is endorsed on the Writ as “ Varny Parks,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ Varney Parkes.”
 - (6.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Redfern is endorsed on the Writ as “ William Frances Schey,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ William Francis Schey.”
 - (7.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Redfern is endorsed on the Writ as “ William Stevens,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “ William Stephen.”

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns beforementioned by substituting the name “ James Patrick Garvan” for that of “ G. P. Garvan”; by substituting the name “ Frederick Jamison Gibbes” for that of “ Fredrick Jamieson Gibbes”; by substituting the name “ John McFarlane” for that of “ John McFarland”; by substituting the name of “ Thomas Chryssostom O'Mara” for that of “ Thoma Chryssostom O'Mara; by substituting the name “ Varney Parkes” for that of “ Varny Parks”; by substituting the name “ William Francis Schey” for that of “ William Frances Schey”; and by substituting the name “ William Stephen” for that of “ William Stevens.”

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

7. **THE CLERK SUMMONED** :—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Orange on Wednesday, the 9th day of March instant, in a case of “ unlawfully taking a ballot paper from the polling place at an Election,” against William Montague Rothery; to produce the Writ bearing date the 27th day of January last, issued for the return of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Carcoar, the certified copy of the Electoral Roll used by James Ewens, the Presiding Officer at the polling place at Walli, the Declaration made by the said James Ewens, and all other papers in any way relating to the subject matter of the prosecution.
- (2.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Orange on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, instant, in a case of “ personating at an Election,” against George Dodd; to produce the Writ bearing date the 27th day of January last, issued for the Election of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Orange, the certified copy of the Electoral Roll used by George Towson, Esquire, Returning Officer at the Polling Place at Orange, and all other papers in any way connected with the subject matter of the prosecution.

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summonses without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the Summonses personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (*passed in the last Parliament*):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- CARRINGTON, Message No. 1.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th January, 1887.

9. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Amended Schedule of Classes of Fencing and Amended Regulations Nos. 97, 33, and 134, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (6.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (7.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Ordered to be printed.
10. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes *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*.
11. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

It affords me much pleasure to call you together at the earliest date after the constituencies have exercised their privileges in the choice of new representatives.

2. Owing to the irregular state of that part of the business of Parliament on which both the economy and the efficiency of the Public Service so largely depend, it is necessary that the present Session should not be of extended duration; and it is felt that full reliance may be placed in your wisdom and sense of duty to deal with the important matters which strictly belong to the year 1886 as speedily as may be consistent with careful consideration. As the Session proper to the year 1887 has yet to succeed the present, it is clear that its opening should not be delayed beyond the month of June, in view of bringing the public business within the limits of constitutional usage.

3. Notwithstanding the difficulties arising out of the arrears of Parliamentary business and the necessity for restoring the action of Parliament to a normal and healthy condition, you will be invited to pass into law some measures of the highest urgency and importance.

4. A Bill will be introduced without delay to establish a Customs Tariff, which will be framed to give effect to the emphatic verdict of the electoral bodies in favour of the principle of unrestricted freedom in the development of the industrial and commercial interests of the country.

5. You will also be invited to consider a Bill for the better direction and working of the public railways. By the proposed measure it will be sought to secure the important ends of economy, efficiency, and an improved revenue in the management of these great State properties.

6. It is intended to submit for your consideration a Bill to protect the Colony from the influx of expiring or escaped criminals from foreign possessions, and it is hoped that this measure will receive the support of concerted action in the other Australian Colonies.

7. Measures to affect important reforms in the procedure of the Supreme Court, and in other matters appertaining to the administration of justice, will also be submitted.

8. Though the preparation of measures to amend the Land Act of 1884 and to establish a comprehensive system of self-government in the country districts, will be at once undertaken, as well as measures for water conservation and for the subjugation and regulation of scrub lands, it is feared that it will not be found compatible with the public demands to proceed with them earlier than in the Session belonging to the present year.

9. The appraisement of pastoral holdings throughout the Colony has been vigorously proceeded with, and will be completed by the month of June. There will then be due the increased rent for a period of two years, and it will become a question of expediency to determine in the interest of all parties the conditions of payment.

GENTLEMEN

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. The Estimates of public expenditure, prepared with the utmost regard to economy, will be submitted for your examination and approval on an early day, and the exposition of the state and prospect of the finances, which will be made to you, will be of a character, it is believed, to remove any anxiety as to the sufficiency of the public revenue in the future to meet the necessities of the country.

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

11. A few months more will complete the first century of British rule in Australia, and as the Flag of the Empire was first planted on Australian soil in this the parent Colony, you will be asked to give your approval to such steps as may be deemed expedient to mark distinctively, and in fitting and permanent form, a day which will ever be held memorable in our annals.

12. Her Majesty's Government having considered it desirable to invite the Colonies to send representatives to the Imperial Conference to be held in London in April, my advisers, considering that no member of the Administration could be conveniently absent, have concurred in the appointment of Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., and the Honorable Robert Wisdom, Q.C., to proceed to England as the representatives of New South Wales. The Conference is explained by the Secretary of State to be of a consultative character; and the principal questions to be considered are stated to be the organization of military defence and the development of postal and telegraphic communications. The meeting of persons of influence, representing different parts of the Empire, cannot fail to produce a good effect by creating a more cordial understanding between the respective Governments and peoples.

13. Steps will be taken, the particulars of which will be communicated to you, to act in co-operation with the other Colonies in celebrating the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's auspicious reign.

14. For some time past numbers of persons belonging to the labouring classes have been seeking assistance at the hands of Government. There is too much reason to fear that many of them have suffered severely from the temporary failure of employment in the ordinary pursuits of the country. The general depression which has affected all classes must, as a natural consequence, have reached those who mainly depend upon their labour for the support of their families. The Government have decided upon opening fields of employment for absorbing this redundant labour, where the work will be of permanent value to the country.

15. The Civil Service of the Colony will require measures of fresh legislation, but whether they can be prepared to be submitted in the present Session it is difficult to determine, in view of the more urgent questions pressing to be dealt with. The views of the Government on the subject will be communicated to you so soon as the necessary inquiries can be completed.

16. I now leave you to your labours, and pray that the Almighty may shape your endeavours towards the furtherance of the happiness and prosperity of the people.

Mr. McMillan then moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded the Motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Jeanneret, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

2. We beg to assure you of our anxious desire to give the fullest consideration to the important business about to be submitted to us.

3. The Bills for dealing with Customs Tariff and the Public Railways will receive from us the most impartial examination, with the hope that they may be passed into law in a form to benefit the country.

4. The other matters to be brought before us shall engage our most careful attention.

5. We join with your Excellency in the earnest hope that our labours may be blessed by the Almighty to the lasting benefit of the country.

Mr. McMillan then moved, and Mr. Kelly 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.

Mr. Frank Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that a tramway conductor was recently fined at the Water Police Court for carrying out the by-laws of the Department; if so, is it the intention of the Minister to take steps to remedy this injustice?

Mr. Clarke answered,—It is not a fact. The conductor was fined for assaulting a passenger, by violently pulling him out of one of the compartments of a Waverley car. The conductor's proper course was to have summoned the prosecutor under by-law 19. It is my intention, however, to remit the fine; because, in my opinion, the conductor believed he had power, under by-law No. 7, to act as he did.

- (2.) Report of Board on Railway and Colonial Architects' Departments:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to lay upon the Table of this House, for the information of Honorable Members, with as little delay as possible, the Report of the Board appointed by his predecessor, Mr. Lyne, to inquire into the administration of the Railway and Colonial Architects' Branches of the Department of Public Works, together with the evidence taken by the said Board?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Report reached me yesterday afternoon. As soon as it has been printed and considered by the Government, it shall be laid before Parliament.

- (3.) Report of Board on Department of Lands:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to lay upon the Table of this House, for the information of Honorable Members, with as little delay as possible, the Report of the Board appointed by his predecessor, Mr. Copeland, to inquire into the administration of the Department of Lands, together with the Board's suggestions for the economical working of that Department, and a copy of the evidence taken by the said Board?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It would be very undesirable to lay the Report upon the Table of the House until it has been fully considered. A supplementary report, which it was necessary to ask for, was only received yesterday, and has not yet been perused by me.

- (4.) The Prickly Pear:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are thousands of acres of private land, Crown lands, and reserves, over-run with prickly-pear in the Upper Hunter and adjoining electorate?

(2.) Is he aware that work can be found for hundreds of men clearing off the prickly-pear; and will he give notice to land-owners to clear their land, and put men on to clear them off Crown lands and the reserves?

(3.) Is he aware that some parties are not burning or burying them, but leave them on the surface, and that they are being carried by the floods on to the land of persons who have cleared them off?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The work will undoubtedly employ a large number of men. Notices to eradicate prickly-pear have been served, in accordance with the Prickly-pear Destruction Act, upon 472 owners, principally in the Hunter River District. After the period specified by the Act has expired, Inspectors are instructed to report whether prickly-pear is being eradicated. No funds are yet provided for eradicating prickly-pear upon Crown lands, but steps are being taken to offer reserved Crown lands for lease.

(3.) No; but the Inspectors in the Hunter River District have been instructed to report. Reports, so far as received, show that flood-waters, which destroy substantial work such as bridges, &c., break down and scatter the prickly-pear plants which have not been cut down.

- (5.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the plans of the proposed railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore complete?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out this line of railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government have not yet had an opportunity of considering this matter.

(6.)

- (6.) Gundaroo Park :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) When is it the intention to re-gazette the Trustees of the Gundaroo Park?
 - (2.) Has the Minister received a copy of rules for the government of the said park; if so, when will they be confirmed?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to confirm the promise of the Vote for the said park, made by the late Minister; if so, when will the amount be placed to the credit of the Trustees?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) As soon as the appointments have been made by the Executive Council.
 - (2.) Yes; after they have been signed by the newly-appointed Trustees and the Common Seal has been appended.
 - (3.) Yes; when appointment of Trustees is completed.
- (7.) Visit of the Colonial Secretary to Wallsend :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to revisit Wallsend and other centres in Northumberland, to inquire into the wants of the electorate, within a month, as promised; if so, will he name the date, in order that the residents of Wallsend may prepare to receive him in a fitting and becoming manner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is my intention to visit Wallsend and other centres of the colliery district, more especially to inquire into the commonage question; but whether I will communicate with the Honorable Member, in order that he may give me a fitting reception, is another matter altogether.

- (8.) Hours of Attendance of Civil Servants :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to take any steps whereby the hours of attendance of Civil Servants may be lessened; and is he aware that much hardship and inconvenience is experienced by the effect of the regulation which is at present in force?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can hardly be supposed to have the same amount of knowledge as my honorable friend of the inconvenience experienced by this class of gentlemen. As to whether any alteration will be made, I am not in a position at the present time to say, but I will say this, that the matter shall be considered both in the interests of the Civil Servants and what appears to me of more importance in the interests of the public.

- (9.) Waiting Shed on Orange and Molong Railway :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for the erection of a waiting shed at the Racecourse on the Orange and Molong Railway; if so, when?
- (2.) Will he see that steps are taken for the purpose of preventing overcrowding and confusion at the Railway Station at Orange on the arrival and departure of mail trains?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Inquiry will be made.
 - (2.) Yes; as far as it is possible for such to be done.
- (10.) The Case of "Bertrand" :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it true that Bertrand, who was found guilty of murder in the "Kinder Case," and sentenced to death (which sentence was subsequently commuted to imprisonment for life), has lately been liberated from gaol; if so, when, upon what grounds, and upon whose recommendation?
 - (2.) Is the prisoner at present anywhere in these Colonies, or has he been exiled to some foreign country; and, if so, will he state where?
 - (3.) If the prisoner has been so liberated, will he have any objection to lay copies of all papers, petitions, and correspondence in the case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Clarke answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Yes; Maitland.
 - (3.) The prisoner not being liberated, it is not necessary to lay the papers upon the Table of this House.
- (11.) Robert Munford's Selections :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been arrived at in the following case, and previously referred to in the Votes and Proceedings on the 13th July, 1886, and 16th September, 1886:—

"(9.) Selection by Robert Munford :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken in the case of an alleged dummy selection, made by one Robert Munford, on the 14th September, 1882 (82-274), of 320 acres, parish of Barton, in the county of Ashburnham; also an additional conditional purchase, 82-287, of 21st September, 1882, of 320 acres, same parish and county, and referred to by Dr. Ross in the House on the 22nd June last; if so, will he state what action (if any) has been taken in the matter, or if it is his intention to cause a thorough investigation to be made into the case, with the view of bringing to justice persons seeking to infringe the provisions of the Land Act?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The official documents do not disclose any case of dummyism. The papers will be forwarded at once to the Local Land Board, with a view to inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions prescribed by law.

"(11.) Selections by Robert Munford :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the case of the selection by Robert Munford been inquired into or referred to the Local Land Board, as promised on 13th July last; if so, will he state the result of the inquiry or decision arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The case has not yet been inquired into, but the Chairman of the Local Board will be requested to deal with the matter on an early date."

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Land Board having reported that the selector was performing the conditions imposed by law, it was decided that the purchase should stand good, pending the receipt of the final declaration.

(12.) Mining Act:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Mines,—If it is his intention to bring in a Bill this Session to amend the Mining Act?

Mr. Abigail answered,—It is not my intention to bring in a Bill to amend the provisions generally of the Mining Act this Session; but a Bill of that character will be prepared, and be submitted next Session.

(13.) Railway from Nyngan to Cobar:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether he has accepted a tender for the construction of the proposed Railway from Nyngan to Cobar; and, if not, will he say what is the cause of delay, and will he state when a tender is likely to be accepted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter has been brought under my notice by the Members for the District. All the papers are ready for submission to the Government, and so soon as an opportunity offers the question will be considered.

2. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from Robert Deane, Michael Metcalfe, Walter Friend, and Thomas William Eady, Directors of the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company,' and for other purposes herein mentioned," and also to amend an Act intitled "An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company,' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company."

And Mr. Clarke having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations under the Prisons Regulation Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PRIVILEGE—MR. J. P. ABBOTT:—Mr. Farnell, as a matter of Privilege, requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether Mr. Abbott had a right to sit and vote in this House without having taken the Oath, and before the return of the Writ for the Electorate of Wentworth.

And a Debate arising thereon,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Dibbs desired Mr. Speaker's ruling whether this matter—not suddenly arising—should be treated as one of Privilege.

Mr. Speaker said that the discussion was somewhat irregular; but the matter having been debated as one of Privilege, he would not now be justified in stopping the debate.

Whereupon Mr. Slattery moved, That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling.
Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Croer,
Mr. M'Farlane,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Colls,
Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Toohy.

Noes, 70.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Ball,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Brunker,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Allen.
Mr. Garrard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

With

With regard to the question submitted by Mr. Farnell for Mr. Speaker's ruling,—Mr. Speaker said that, as he had already stated, the subject arose somewhat irregularly. As to the first question—the right of Mr. Abbott to sit and vote in this House without having taken the Oath—he considered that that was settled by the 33rd clause of the Constitution Act, without the possibility of a doubt. And as to the other question—the claim of Mr. Abbott to be sworn before the return of the Writ—he was of opinion that there was no legal evidence on which the Oath could be administered to that gentleman until the Writ had reached the proper authority with his name endorsed thereon.

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

"To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

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"4. The other matters to be brought before us shall engage our most careful attention.

"5. We join with your Excellency in the earnest hope that our labours may be blessed by the Almighty to the lasting benefit of the country,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

Sir Henry Parkes called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the presence of Mr. Abbott in the House. Whereupon Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. Abbott to withdraw,—and Mr. Abbott withdrew accordingly.

The Debate on the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech was then resumed.

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

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH, 1887.

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

WRIT OF ELECTION FOR WENTWORTH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Wentworth, together with a certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, that Joseph Palmer Abbott and William Peter Macgregor, Esquires, had been returned to the Legislative Assembly for that Electorate; and also a copy of a Proclamation declaring the election of the said gentlemen valid notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements 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—

“ Sydney Burdekin, Esquire,
“ Henry Clarke, Esquire,
“ Charles Launcelot Garland, Esquire,
“ James Patrick Garvan, Esquire,

“ George Houston Reid, Esquire,
“ Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, and
“ William Joseph Trickett, Esquire,

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

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

“ J. H. YOUNG,
“ Speaker.”

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he cause immediate steps to be taken for the forfeiture of all mineral leases upon which the rents for the present year (due in November last) have not been paid?

(2.) Will he cause such steps to be taken as may be necessary to ascertain what mineral leases are being held without compliance with the labour conditions, with a view to the speedy forfeiture of such?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Payment of the rents has been demanded, and, if not paid within the time named, steps will be taken to enforce forfeiture.

(2.) The Warden will be instructed to furnish a special report without delay.

(2.) Legislative Assembly Chamber:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In consequence of the oppressive and defective state of ventilation in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to have the defect rectified, either by the erection of new buildings, suitable punkahs, or any other means whereby the comfort of Members may be better secured than at present?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Colonial Architect reports that every attention has been given to perfect, as far as possible, the ventilation of this Chamber, the means adopted being those provided by the Æolus and Verity machines, by which the vitiated air is withdrawn, and fresh, cool, and clean air supplied, passing through water, and introduced through pipes into the Chamber.

(3.)

(3.) The Military Forces:—Mr. Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the partially paid Forces been paid for December quarter of last year; if not, when will they be paid?
- (2.) Is it true that the vouchers on which that payment would be made were lost in the Treasury, and had to be duplicated?
- (3.) Will the Colonial Treasurer, during this Session, bring in a Bill to place the military affairs of this Colony under a separate Minister, with a competent staff?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The amount due to the Forces up to the 31st December last was paid to the credit of the Military Paymaster on the 7th instant.
 - (2.) It is not true that the vouchers in question were lost in the Treasury.
 - (3.) The Military Forces of the Colony are under the Colonial Secretary.
- (4.) Martini-Henry Ammunition:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—What quantity of Martini-Henry ammunition is in the Colony; and is it intended to obtain an additional supply sufficient for defence purposes without delay?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

Martini-Henry Ammunition—

	Rounds.	
In Colony... ..	5,150,000	
Expected to arrive shortly	550,000	
	<hr/>	5,700,000
Ordered by telegram, *6th January, 1885	2,000,000	
" *July, 1885	3,000,000	
" *July, 1886	200,000	
	<hr/>	5,200,000
" 14th January, 1887	1,250,000	
" same, with light bullet	250,000	
" carbine	500,000	
	<hr/>	2,000,000
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		12,200,000

* It is not certain whether these orders are in hand. Wire should be sent to ask.

4. MEMBER SWORN:—Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Wentworth.

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

"To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

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

"2. We beg to assure you of our anxious desire to give the fullest consideration to the important business about to be submitted to us.

"3. The Bills for dealing with Customs Tariff and the Public Railways will receive from us the most impartial examination, with the hope that they may be passed into law in a form to benefit the country.

"4. The other matters to be brought before us shall engage our most careful attention.

"5. We join with your Excellency in the earnest hope that our labours may be blessed by the Almighty to the lasting benefit of the country,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

6. MEMBER SWORN:—Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Balranald.

7. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 6,—resumed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Customs Duties:—Mr. See asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount of new duties collected under each heading, under the new Customs Taxation Act, from the 7th April to the 31st December, 1886?

(2.) The amount received for increased duties for the same period?

(3.) The *ad valorem* duties collected during the same period?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have had the information asked for by the Honorable Member prepared as a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (2.) Imperial Conference:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to give any remuneration to the delegates to the Imperial Conference in London; if so, what is the rate of remuneration to be paid those gentlemen?

(2.) Do the Government intend to pay the expenses of the families of those gentlemen to and from London?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Of course the Government, in sending these gentlemen to England to represent the Colony, must provide for their expenditure; and, after some consideration, it was deemed best to do this by giving to each of them a lump sum. It was thought that that would be much better than paying the passage to England and the passage again from England to this Colony, and requiring accounts of their expenditure while in England; and it was determined to give to each of them (to include their passages to and from England, their expenses while in England, and all other expenses whatever) the sum of £1,000.

- (3.) Free Railway Passes to Families of Members of Parliament:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the wives and families of Members of the Legislature are allowed free passes to entitle them to travel free by railway?

(2.) Are ex-Members of the Legislature allowed to travel free by railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In reply to both questions, I have to say I am informed by the proper officers that such is not the practice.

- (4.) Electric Telegraph Wire:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that orders have been sent to England for telegraph wire required by the Department; if so, who was the order sent to, and what is the price per ton?

(2.) Is it not a fact that for some years tenders for supply of electric telegraph wire have been called for in the Colony; if so, what has been the price per ton paid?

(3.) Will he state why tenders have not been called for in the Colony for supply of wire required by the Electric Telegraph Department?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The Agent-General was requested to call for tenders in London for telegraph wire. The invoices are not yet to hand; but I am informed that the price, f.o.b. in London, is £10 9s. 6d. per ton. Upon this point, however, no authentic information is yet to hand.

(2.) It has been the custom in the past to call for tenders in the Colony for the supply of wire; but there have been occasions previously when they have been called for in England. The price paid for wire supplied through importers during the last two years has averaged about £14 6s. per ton.

(3.)

- (3.) Because it is believed that a considerable saving can be effected by purchasing direct from the manufacturer; and because such telegraphic wire is subjected to a special test, in the process of its making, by the London Postal Telegraphic authorities—wire so tested being thoroughly reliable and up to the requirements of the Department for working the quick speed instruments now employed.
- (5.) Patent Fees to Secretary to Attorney-General:—Mr. McElhone asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a sum of money was voted to the Under Secretary in lieu of patent fees, as an increase to his salary; if so, what amount was voted on the Estimates?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Under Secretary has drawn or received fees on patents as well as increase to his salary; and, if so, how much has he received as patent fees for the year 1886?
 - (3.) Will he call on the Under Secretary to refund increase to his salary or the amount received as fees on patents?
- Mr. Foster answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Stephen's salary was increased, in 1884, to £650, but not in lieu of patent fees, which never were paid to him out of the Public Revenue.
 - (2.) Mr. Stephen has never drawn or received patent fees out of the Public Revenue, or on account of the Public Service; but has received from the Attorney-General, for his services in attending to patents and laying them properly before him, the sum of one pound (£1) out of the fees paid to him as counsel, for perusing and settling each draft of Letters of Registration.
 - (3.) Under these circumstances, the Attorney-General does not intend to recall the amounts paid; nor, if they were recalled, would the Public Revenue receive any part of them. The increase of salary is paid by law.
- (6.) Clerks of Petty Sessions at Denman and Merriwa:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What is the salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Denman?
 - (2.) What is the salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Merriwa?
 - (3.) How often do the Courts meet at the above places, and the number of cases heard at each sitting of the Court?
 - (4.) Could not the police do the Clerk of Petty Sessions work all over the Colony in small towns, where the work is very light, and thus effect a large annual saving in expenditure?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—
- (1.) £190 per annum.
 - (2.) £240 per annum.
 - (3.) I have already decided to dispense with the services of separate Clerks of Petty Sessions at the places named on and after the 30th June next, in view of the lightness of the business transacted. The duties at Merriwa will be performed by the Police Magistrate, in conjunction with his present duties; and a police constable will be appointed as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions at Denman.
 - (4.) This suggestion is being considered by me.
- (7.) Hawkes's Stables:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Were Hawkes's stables, known as Tattersall's, at corner of Castlereagh and Hunter streets, offered to the late Government; if so, were any negotiations entered into for the purchase of them; if so, what was the price asked for them, and who was the agent who offered them for sale?
 - (2.) Are the Government in any way pledged to buy them?
- Mr. Roberts answered,—
- (1.) Yes; they were offered for sale at different times for £55,000 and £50,000, also on lease at £4,000 a year, with option of purchase; and, subsequently, the stabling portion only, including forge, was offered on lease at £2,000 a year, with option of purchasing the whole at £50,000. The agent who offered them was Mr. G. F. Want.
 - (2.) No, nor to lease them either.
- (8.) Patents Law:—Mr. Allen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to amend the Patents Law?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A Patents Bill is being drafted on the model of the English Act; and, if public business will permit, it will be introduced this Session.
- (9.) Dr. Wilkinson, M.P.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is Dr. Wilkinson, one of the Members for the Glebe, in receipt of a salary as a Lecturer in the University; if so, out of what fund is he paid, and is his salary paid out of money voted by Parliament?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; the salary is paid from the additional endowment voted annually by Parliament.
- (10.) Special and Free Trains:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many special and free trains were used by the Colonial Secretary and other supporters and members of the Government during the late elections?
 - (2.) Will he give particulars, especially as to the trains used by the Premier to visit Wallsend and Orange?
 - (3.) What was the cost of each train?
 - (4.) Have the same been paid for; and, if so, by whom?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There was no special train used during the late elections by any Minister except the Colonial Secretary, and there was no special train used by any supporter of the Ministry. I travelled to Wallsend by the ordinary train, in an ordinary compartment, in which were other passengers besides myself, of some of whom I have no knowledge; and I returned from Wallsend in an ordinary train. The special trains used by me were—one from Blayney to Orange, where I could not travel unless I took a special train; one from Goulburn to Bungendore; one from Goulburn to Gundagai, and back as far as Harden. The cost of the first was £10 18s.; of the second

second, £12 8s.; of the third, £21 16s. In answer to question 4, I may state that the trains have not been paid for, and that they will not be paid for by me unless the House asks me to pay for them. I will say, moreover, which I think I ought to say, that I will not travel by any special train during the time I am in office, for my personal convenience or comfort; but if at any time I should be placed in circumstances where I deem it necessary to take a special train, I shall take it.

- (11.) Mr. Julian E. Salomons, Q.C., M.L.C.:—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is Mr. Julian E. Salomons, Q.C., one of the standing Counsel for the Government?
 - (2.) Is Mr. Salomons a Member of the Legislative Council and Vice-President of the Executive Council?
 - (3.) Has he a general retainer from the Crown, and is it the intention of the Government to employ and pay him for his services as Counsel whilst he is a Member of the Legislative Council and Vice-President of the Executive Council?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With reference to questions 1, 2, and 3, so far as the fact is concerned, I might give the simple answer—yes. Then follows the inquiry—Is it the intention of the Government to employ and pay Mr. Salomons for his services as Counsel while he is a Member of the Legislative Council and Vice-President of the Executive Council? The Government is of opinion that injury would be done to the public service by making any change in this respect, and they will make no change whatever at the present time.

- (12.) Cab-hire, Department of Justice:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What sum of money was paid by the Department of Justice as cab-hire for officials during the year 1886?
 - (2.) The like as regards the year 1887?
 - (3.) The names of officials who were allowed cab-hire, and the amount charged by each of them as cab-hire?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) £6.
- (2.) 19s.
- (3.) During 1886—Minister of Justice, 8s. 6d.; T. E. MacNevin, 10s.; H. J. Chisholm, 2s.; S. G. Barff, £1 1s. 6d.; R. N. McDiarmid, 19s. 6d.; J. Watt, 2s.; Messengers, £2 16s. 6d.; total, £6. During 1887—T. E. MacNevin, 4s.; H. J. Chisholm, 2s.; Messengers, 19s.; total, 19s.

- (13.) Cab-hire, Department of Attorney General:—Mr. McElhone asked the Attorney-General,—
- (1.) What sum of money was paid by his Department as cab-hire for officials during the year 1886?
 - (2.) The like as regards the year 1887?
 - (3.) The names of officials who were allowed cab-hire, and the amounts charged by each of them as cab-hire?

Mr. Foster answered,—

- (1.) £25 19s. 9d.
- (2.) 16s.
- (3.) 1886.—Attorney General (Mr. J. H. Want), £6 17s. 4d.; Secretary (Mr. W. W. Stephen), £13 11s.; Clerk (Mr. H. F. Morris), £2 4s. 4d.; Messenger (J. Conerty), £3 7s. 1d.; total, £25 19s. 9d. 1887.—Secretary, 5s.; Clerk, 9s. 6d.; Messenger, 1s. 6d.; total, 16s. Tram fares included in above. The above replies, I may add, are given on the assumption that the Honorable Member's questions have reference only to the Attorney-General's particular Department, and not to the officials of the different Departments under his administrative control.

- (14.) Travelling Stock Reserves at Ogilvie's Hill and Wybong Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to lease the travelling stock reserves at Ogilvie's Hill, near Denman, and the travelling stock reserves at Wybong Creek, in the Upper Hunter Electorate; if so, on what terms are they to be so offered, and will he provide for right of travelling stock to go on the reserves if leased?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The matter of leasing travelling stock reserves Nos. 61 and 74, near Denman, is under consideration. Tenders for lease of travelling stock reserve No. 24, and some adjoining Crown lands on Wybong Creek, are called for by notice in *Gazette* of 22nd February last and in the local papers. The leases are to be granted for a term of fifteen years. The number of men to be employed until the prickly-pear is eradicated is fixed—the land to be kept clear of prickly-pear during term of lease. The following condition is also inserted in the form of lease:—“Provided always there shall be reserved for the use of the public any right of road existing at the date hereof (of the lease); further, that teamsters and travelling stock shall have the same privilege of grazing, watering, or camping upon the land as if it were a travelling stock reserve.” The other general conditions are in accordance with the Prickly-pear Destruction Act and regulations thereunder. The right of travelling stock to go upon the reserves will be provided for in all cases where it may be deemed necessary.

- (15.) Railway Freight on Agricultural Produce:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend, at an early date, to reduce the railway freight on agricultural produce on the up-journey; if so, will he state the nature of the reduction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question has not yet been considered by the Government.

- (16.) Mr. Baxter, H.M. Customs:—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was Mr. Baxter appointed to the position of second landing waiter in H. M. Customs; and, if so, on what date?
 - (2.) What position and class did Mr. Baxter occupy in the Civil Service List of H. M. Customs before his appointment?
 - (3.) How many officers in each class of H. M. Customs List were there who were senior to Mr. Baxter when he was appointed to the said position?
 - (4.) Whom did the Civil Service Board recommend for the position, and for what reason?
 - (5.) What salary was voted for the position occupied by Mr. Baxter, and what salary is Mr. Baxter receiving?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Baxter was appointed "Second Landing Surveyor and Inspector of Invoices" on 1st May, 1886.
- (2.) Mr. Baxter occupied the position of Ninth Landing Waiter, 5th Class.
- (3.) The following is a list of Customs Officers who were senior to Mr. Baxter at the time of his appointment:—Mr. Ormsby, first appointed 1847; Mr. Gordon, first appointed 1853; Mr. Cunninghame, first appointed 1853; Mr. Passmore, first appointed 1853; Mr. Beck, first appointed 1853; Mr. Stubbin, first appointed 1853; Mr. Eames, first appointed 1859; Mr. Harper, first appointed 1862; Mr. Spencer, first appointed 1862. Mr. Baxter was first appointed in 1865.
- (4.) The Civil Service Board made no recommendation, because the appointment was made without previous reference to them; and, on being made acquainted with the fact, they declined to give their concurrence.
- (5.) The salary voted for the office was £550 per annum; but Mr. Baxter was paid at the rate of £575 for 1886, owing to the increment under the Civil Service Act.

(17.) Personal Expenses incurred by the late Ministry:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that a bill has been sent into the Treasury by D. Jones for sheeting supplied for late Ministerial Picnic, for what amount, and by whose authority was the amount contracted?
- (2.) Will he give the details and the amount paid for meals, gratuities, &c., during the trip of the late Minister of Justice to Victoria?
- (3.) Is it true that a bill has been received for cigars supplied during a late Ministerial outing, for what amount, and by whose authority were such articles ordered?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) It is true that, before the present Government came into office, a Ministerial picnic to the Clarence was given by the previous Ministry, in May, 1886, at a cost of £234 6s. 5d., the accounts for which, under the authority of the late Colonial Treasurer, were paid at the Treasury in August and September of that year. Amongst the accounts was one from D. Jones & Co., for sheeting, blankets, pillows, &c., amounting to £70 19s. 9d.
 - (2.) The following are the details and amounts claimed from the Treasury for supplies to the late Minister of Justice's party on a trip to a Southern District, approved by the Minister for Works, but for which payment has not been made:—August 16, 1886—J. L. Castner & Co.—Special dinner to Mr. Garvan and Ministerial party, at Mittagong, including champagne, £4 4s. August 17, 1886—S. S. Moses—Providing private breakfast for nine persons, at 5s. each (£2 5s.), one breakfast, attendant (2s. 6d.), £2 7s. 6d. August 22, 1886—J. L. Castner & Co.—Dinner at Junee, on return journey, for eight persons, at 5s. each (£2), claret, 10s. 6d., lemonade 6d. (11s.), 1 dinner, attendant (2s. 6d.), £2 13s. 6d.; total, £9 5s.
 - (3.) There was an account paid for cigars for the Clarence trip amounting to £13 16s. 6d.
- (18.) Pier at Manly:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Upon what terms and conditions is the pier at Manly leased to the Port Jackson Steamship Company?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The pier at Manly was not leased to the Port Jackson Steamship Company; but an area of 400 feet by 47 feet of the foreshore of the Cove, including the site of the pier, was leased to Mr. R. M. Pitt, in his capacity of Mayor of Manly, for five years, from 1st July, 1883, at an annual rental of £25, under conditions—(1) That the lease will not confer a right of purchase in virtue of improvements or otherwise; (2) that the lessee is to remove any structure, without compensation, at any time the Government may require its removal; (3) that the lease be not transferred or sublet without the consent of the Municipal Council at Manly; (4) that private steam launches and yachts be allowed to land private parties at the wharf free of charge. The lease has been sublet to the Port Jackson Steamship Company.

(19.) Ryans' Conditional Purchases, at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to take steps to give effect to recommendation contained in the Report of a Select Committee appointed on the 23rd November, 1883, to inquire into and report on the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in the Wagga Wagga Land District, the Report having been brought up on the 9th April, and adopted on the 21st May, 1884?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The cases of Thomas Ryan and Ellen Ryan are included in the schedule to a special Bill about to be placed before Parliament. That of Anastasia Ryan has, so far, been dealt with for 502½ acres, and stands good, subject to the verification of the final declaration made on 11th January last.

(20.) Site for Presbyterian Church at Molong.—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the deeds be ready for delivery to the Trustees of the land granted as a site for Presbyterian Church at Molong?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In about a fortnight's time.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table, Returns showing,—(1) The amount of new duties collected, under each heading, under the new Customs Taxation Act, from 7th April to 31st December, 1886. (2) The amount received for increased duties under the the same Act for the same period. (3) The amount of *ad valorem* duties collected under the same Act for the same period.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884."

And Mr. Carruthers having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Suburban Independent*, and the *Suburban Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

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

“ To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member
“ of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
“ Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-
“ Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“ 2. We beg to assure you of our anxious desire to give the fullest consideration to the
“ important business about to be submitted to us.

“ 3. The Bills for dealing with Customs Tariff and the Public Railways will receive from
“ us the most impartial examination, with the hope that they may be passed into law in a form to
“ benefit the country.

“ 4. The other matters to be brought before us shall engage our most careful attention.

“ 5. We join with your Excellency in the earnest hope that our labours may be blessed by
“ the Almighty to the lasting benefit of the country.”—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1887, A.M.

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

Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter after Four o'clock to-morrow.

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

6. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this “ House,” that so soon as a number of Members sufficient to form a Quorum shall assemble in the Chamber after Four o'clock, Mr. Speaker will take the Chair; and if a Quorum be not assembled at twenty-seven minutes after Four o'clock, then the Bell shall be rung.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “ House,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “ that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Sir Henry Parkes then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice,—

That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

7. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.

8. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.

9. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes 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.

10. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Sir Henry Parkes 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

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.

11. **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
12. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
13. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
14. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
15. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
16. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
17. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the consent of the House*), That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cameron, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Street, Mr. Want, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the consent of the House*), That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garvan, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wise, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of 6th August, 1862.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the consent of the House*), That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Cortis, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Varney Parkes, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Day, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

20. **PRINTING PETITIONS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes 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.
21. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Henry Parkes 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.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1887.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session.

And being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much gratification your Address, and the renewed assurance of your attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I fully rely on your patriotism and wisdom in the consideration of the important measures to be submitted to you, and I fervently trust that your labours will conduce to the welfare of the Colony, and to the happiness and prosperity of all classes of the community.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th March, 1887.

CARRINGTON.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Loan Fund:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any portion of the money authorized by Act 48 Vic. No. 26 been raised in the London market; if so, how much and when?

(2.) What was the entire cost for the amount raised, and the balance left after paying all expenses?

(3.) What amount of the sum or sums raised has the Treasurer now at the credit of the said Loan Fund for the purpose for which it was borrowed?

(4.) Has any portion of the net proceeds of the loan raised been expended; if so, for what purpose has it been expended, specifying the different purposes for which it has been expended, and the total amount on each separate item?

(5.) What is the cost per annum to the country on the money raised under the Act 48 Vic., No. 26?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Loan Act, 48 Victoria No. 26, authorizes the raising of £14,388,303 of inscribed stock, for the services specified in the Act. Of this aggregate amount there has been raised in London, up to this date, as follows:—£1,213,300, in October, 1885, at £91 13s. 5½d.; and £5,500,000 in July, 1886, at £95 8s. 3d.; total, £6,713,300. The balance left, after paying all expenses, is £6,349,302 0s. 5d.

(2.) The entire cost of raising the above amount is £111,690 1s. 7d.

(3.) The cash balance at the credit of the Loan Fund, on 14th instant, is £3,459,194 13s. 9d.

(4.) A Return, showing the expenditure under the Loan Act referred to, will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

(5.) The annual interest on the Loan of £6,713,300 is £234,965; and the annual cost of its management by the Bank of England, £3,943.

(2.) Water Supply for Orange:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true a sum of money is available, upon the usual guarantee being given, for a water supply for the town of Orange?

(2.) Has a guarantee been offered to the Government?

(3.) If so, will immediate steps be taken to have the works in connection with the water supply for the town of Orange commenced forthwith?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) There is a vote available for such purposes.

(2.) Yes

(3.) Surveys are now in progress to test the suitability of the country for the erection of the necessary dam for a storage reservoir; and as soon as a satisfactory report shall have been received no time shall be lost in carrying out the works.

(3.) Dredging in Elizabeth Bay:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At whose expense were dredging operations recently carried on near Elizabeth Bay Wharf?

(2.) If the work was done by the Government, from what vote did the money come?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) At the expense of the Government.

(2.) From the general dredging vote.

(4.) Quit Rents:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount is there now due to the Government for quit rents on Crown grants?

Mr. Burns answered,—To determine the amount now due to the Government for “quit rent” would require a reference to the old Treasury Registers, whence particulars of the old grants would have to be taken, and a separate computation made in each case. This will be a work of time, but I will have a Return prepared at the earliest possible date.

(5.) Commissioners under Real Property Act:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amounts were paid to each of the Commissioners under the Real Property Act for fees during the months of September, October, November, December, January, and February last?

(2.) How many sittings of the Commissioners took place during each of those months?

(3.) What was the average length of each sitting?

(4.) Has the Registrar-General made any proposal to pay the Commissioners by fixed rate of fees?

(5.) Does the Government intend to alter the present mode of remuneration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) £91 15s. in September, £54 10s. in October, £45 5s. in November, £74 in December, £46 5s. in January, and £41 10s. in February.

(2.) Five in September, four in October, four in November, five in December, four in January, and four in February.

(3.) From one hour and a half to two hours.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The matter shall have early attention.

(6.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—*Mr. Dibbs*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When was the Department of Justice first appealed to to establish a Court of Petty Sessions for the Eastern Suburbs?

(2.) When was a site for the purpose decided on and purchased?

(3.) What is now being done to carry out the repeated promises to erect the building necessary for the Court-house?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) About March, 1879.

(2.) The conveyance of site to Crown completed 23rd February, 1885.

(3.) Plans have been prepared, but the proposed cost (£5,800) exceeds the provision made for same by £2,000.

(7.) Sunday Train to Mount Victoria:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the weekly cost of running the Sunday Train to and from Mount Victoria?

(2.) What are the weekly earnings of such Sunday Train?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £24 8s.

(2.) The average earnings are £12.

(8.) Tenders for Supply of Boots and Shoes for the Police:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When were tenders last called for the supply of boots and shoes for the Police Service?

(2.) What were the terms and conditions of the specification under which such tenders were called and accepted?

(3.) How many tenders were received, and from whom, giving the amount of the lowest tender?

(4.) What is the name, or names, of the successful tenderers, and are they manufacturers or importers?

(5.) If importers, are any inquiries made as to where the goods are manufactured?

(6.) If such goods are manufactured in the prisons of America, or on the Continent, are the Government still willing to receive them?

(7.) Will the Treasurer cause proper inquiries to be made as to where these goods are manufactured?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) On 21st June, 1886, tenders were called for boots and shoes for the Public Service, 1887, which includes the “Police Service.”

(2.) The terms and conditions of such tender are shown in the schedule of prices which I shall presently lay upon the Table; and from this it will be seen that about three-fourths of the supply, including all the articles of cost, are specified to be of “Colonial manufacture.”

(3.) Seven tenders were received, namely from—1, M’Murtie, Kellerman, & Co.; 2, John Hunter; 3, J. Forsyth & Sons; 4, Davenport & Sons; 5, John P. Wright; 6, T. & L. Alderson; 7, J. & G. Skelton. The lowest, which was accepted, being 13 per cent. discount on schedule prices.

(4.)

(4.) The successful tenderer is Mr. John Hunter. This gentleman is understood to be both a manufacturer and importer.

(5, 6, and 7.) In dealing with tenders for public supplies, no inquiries are made where goods are manufactured. If required to be of "Colonial manufacture," as in the case of "tweeds" as well as "boots and shoes," it is so stated specially in the schedule of prices. All goods are supplied to a sealed sample; and, if up to that standard, the Government would accept, without reference to place of manufacture, unless otherwise specified. No inquiry appears to be necessary with respect to the Boot and Shoe Contract.

(9.) Immigration:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many more immigrant ships are expected to arrive?
- (2.) How many immigrants are expected in such vessels?
- (3.) Out of what fund does he intend to pay the expenses of bringing these immigrants?
- (4.) Will an additional amount be required to be placed on the Estimates; if so, what amount?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) One immigrant ship has to arrive.
- (2.) The number of immigrants is 608, including 237 single women and 74 wives (with their 185 children), coming to join their husbands.
- (3.) An amount will be provided on the Supplementary Estimates for 1886 to meet all outstanding liabilities.
- (4.) No.

(10.) Tenders for Locomotives:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given to call for tenders for forty or more locomotives of special haulage power in America and England; and were Colonial firms allowed to compete?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; Colonial firms have an equal right with those in England and America of competing for the engines, and advertisements appear in the daily papers and *Government Gazette*.

(11.) Tramway from Bungendore to Lake George:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to purchase the contractor's tramway running from Bungendore to Lake George, in order to make the Lake and its picturesque surroundings more accessible to the public?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question has not yet been submitted to the present Government.

(12.) Goods Traffic between Bungendore and Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that goods booked for Bungendore and Queanbeyan are frequently delayed in Goulburn?
- (2.) Will he cause the goods for Bungendore and Queanbeyan to be shipped in separate trucks, in order that they may be taken on to their destination, instead of being transhipped from one train to another at Goulburn, as at present?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Inquiry will at once be made; and if it be found that any inconvenience or unnecessary delay takes place a remedy will be applied.

(13.) South Coast Railway:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the contractors for the second section of the South Coast Railway are making very slow progress with their work, while hundreds of men in the vicinity of Sydney and these works are seeking employment?
- (2.) Will he call the attention of the contractors of the said work to this fact?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The wet weather of late has greatly retarded the works, as it has been impossible to make bricks for lining the tunnels, or to take out the excavations. 890 men and 170 horses were employed during February.
- (2.) The contractors will be urged to make all possible progress with the work.

(14.) Norfolk Island:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has Norfolk Island been offered to New South Wales by the British Government?
- (2.) If so, does the present Government intend to utilize the gift, appoint a resident Magistrate for Norfolk Island, and make an effort to divert its trade to New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In a despatch, dated 13th November, 1885, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, certain proposals were made to the Government respecting Norfolk Island. The Honorable Member will best understand the position of the matter if I read two short extracts from the despatch. The Secretary of State, who at the time was Mr. Stanley, wrote as follows:—"I have read those papers with much interest, and fear that it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that, under the present system, the condition of the islanders is likely to deteriorate. Moreover, the difficulty of governing them will no doubt increase, unless some means can be devised of introducing new settlers into the island, and of inducing and enabling some of the natives to emigrate." Further down, the Secretary of State for the Colonies says:—"I request that you will ascertain whether the Government of New South Wales would be disposed to entertain the suggestion that the Colony might undertake the control and administration of the island." I know of no other proposal for handing the island over to New South Wales. It will be seen that this despatch has been in the Colony for more than a year; and, as far as I can see, no step has been taken. I am sure Honorable Members will see at once that this is a matter requiring the greatest consideration before any step is taken. The task would be a serious one, and one involving a great deal of confusion, as constituting a dependency to a dependency; and the Government, of necessity, being conducted on a small scale, at a remote distance, without the possibility of supervision or criticism, would be liable to run into great abuse, and, I fear, corruption. With all these things staring us in the face, however interesting the experiment might be, it must present itself as a question requiring the gravest consideration before any particular step is taken.

- (15.) Inquest on Body of Margaret Sampson:—Mr. Cortis asked the Minister of Justice,—Have the depositions in the inquest held on the body of Margaret Sampson at Breeza recently been submitted to the Medical Adviser to the Government for his opinion; if not, will he direct that they be sent to that officer for his report without delay?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The depositions in this case have not been forwarded to the Government Medical Adviser, and there is no intention of doing so.

- (16.) Mr. Garrett, M.P.:—Mr. O'Mara asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to move that the following Resolutions, moved by him in the Legislative Assembly on Friday, 11th November, 1881, be expunged from the records of the House:—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the evidence taken before the Royal Commission proves that Thomas Garrett, Esquire, a Member of this House, for the Electoral District of Camden, opened negotiations with Mr. William Russell, the solicitor to the Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company, and concluded an arrangement with the said Mr. William Russell, whereby he was to benefit himself in an improper manner while the question of an award of public money as compensation to the said Milburn Creek Copper-mining Company was pending before the Government, and when it must have been known to the said Thomas Garrett, Esquire, that any such award would have to be submitted to the vote of the Legislative Assembly.

“(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the said Thomas Garrett, Esquire, in these transactions has been guilty of conduct unworthy of a Member of this House, and seriously reflecting upon the honour and dignity of Parliament”?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I certainly have no intention of the kind.

- (17.) Mount Victoria Platform:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the Commissioner for Railways has issued orders for the exclusion from the Mount Victoria platform of attendants from hotels and boarding houses, on the arrival and departure of trains; and is he aware that the attendants referred to are of great convenience to tourists and the general public?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No special order has been issued as regards Mount Victoria; but the Railway By-laws prohibit, under a penalty, persons coming upon railway platforms for the purpose of soliciting custom or hire.

- (18.) Schedule to Estimates:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause a Schedule to the Estimates to be printed, similar to those printed by the Government of which Mr. Farnell was Premier, showing the various offices held by each member of the Civil Service, with the salaries and fees of office they receive in each case, and the total salaries paid to them, especially showing the fees of office received by the Clerks of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Court, Water Police Court, and other Courts in suburbs of Sydney; also specially showing the amount of all fees received by the Crown Solicitor, the Attorney-General, and Secretary to the Attorney-General, from all sources?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Schedule referred to is being prepared, and will be submitted with the Estimates-in-Chief for the present year.

- (19.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Will he at once bring in a Bill to amend the Transit Commissioners Act, to allow the very large number of owners of licensed vehicles to vote for the election of their Transit Commissioner, such persons being at present debarred from voting?
(2.) Will he take steps to suspend the Standing Orders, so as to pass the Bill at once?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in such a Bill, of which I shall give notice this afternoon.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Electoral Rolls for the years 1880, 1881-82, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, and 1886-87.
- (2.) Report on the Police Department for 1886.
- (3.) Thirtieth Annual Report from Registrar-General on Vital Statistics.
- (4.) Further Return to Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration"—Steamship "Port Victor."
- (5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bowral.
- (6.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Wickham, under Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (7.) Regulations of the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
- (8.) Statistical Register for the year 1886—Parts I (Population, Immigration, and Vital Statistics) and III (Trade and Commerce).
- (9.) Report of Inspector-General of the Insane for 1886.
- (10.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Concord, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (11.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (12.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (13.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Orange, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (14.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Narrabri, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- (15.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's.
- (16.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Muswellbrook.
- (17.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (18.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Newtown.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1886.
 - (2.) Report of the Board of Health in connection with the Quarantine of the s.s. "Preussen."
 - (3.) Further Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884—"Government Printing Office"—Return for 1885.
 - (4.) Amended Rates and Charges for lightering, delivering, and storing of Nitro-glycerine Explosives.
 - (5.) Statement showing the amounts received for the Sale and Rents of Crown Lands from 1879 to 30th September, 1886.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Schedule of Prices for the Supply of Boots, Shoes, &c., for the Public Service for 1887.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulations under the Prickly Pear Destruction Act of 1886.
 - (2.) Regulation under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1880, and Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act, 1881.
 - (3.) Regulations under the Commons Acts, 1873, 1886.
 - (4.) Regulation No. 40, under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act, 1880, and Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act, 1881.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report on the Sydney Grammar School, being for 1885.
 - (2.) Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School purposes, at Maitland West, Pittwater, and Summer Hill North.
 - (3.) Report for 1886 of the Minister of Public Instruction upon the condition of Public Schools established and maintained under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. FOREIGN CRIMINALS (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of foreign criminals into New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
6. SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.
Question put and passed.
9. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
10. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884."
Question put and passed.
11. PETERSHAM ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Melville, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to close the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Petersham.
Question put and passed.
12. THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the total cost of the celebrated Expedition to the Soudan and its return to Sydney, showing the salaries paid to the officers, with the names of the officers respectively, and if any of the officers were in receipt of their civil as well as military pay.
Question put and passed.
13. SPECIAL TRAINS USED BY, AND EXPENSES OF, MINISTERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The total cost of special trains used by Members of the Stuart Government whilst Sir Alexander Stuart held office.
 - (2.) The like during the time Mr. Dibbs held office.
 - (3.) The like whilst Sir Patrick Jennings held office.
 - (4.) The total cost of picnics, luncheons, wines, &c., paid for out of the Public Funds whilst each of the above three Governments held office.
 - (5.) The like in regard to special trains, luncheons, wines, &c., since Sir Henry Parkes took office, since the resignation of Sir Patrick Jennings.
 Question put and passed.

14. **TRAMWAY FROM KOGARAH TO SANS SOUCI** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all petitions, letters, and other documents from any person to the Minister for Works, in reference to the construction of a Tramway from Kogarah to Sans Souci.
- (2.) Also, copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents which may have passed between the Minister for Works or the Commissioner for Railways to the parties applying to have the Tramway constructed, or to any other person, bearing upon the subject.
- (3.) The names of the parties so applying, and copies of all agreements entered into between the Minister for Works, or any other person in his Department, with reference to said Tramway.
- Question put and passed.
15. **ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Farnell, for Mr. Henry Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company,' and for other purposes herein mentioned, and also to amend an Act intituled "An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company,' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company."
- Question put and passed.
16. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Neild presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Law of Divorce*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
17. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Mining on Private Property.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Garland presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for Mining for Gold and Silver on Private Property*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 25th March.
18. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) 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.
- (2.) 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, 15th April.
19. **SPECIAL LEASE AT LA PEROUSE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the recent application for a special lease for the purposes of a store at La Perouse.
- Question put and passed.
20. **ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. J. S. Farnell having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned and also to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company*,'"—read a first time.
21. **SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend 'Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884*,'"—read a first time.
22. **OPENING PARLIAMENT WITH PRAYER**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Colonial Secretary a communication addressed to him by certain Ministers of Religion, and others, on the subject of opening every Sitting of Parliament with Prayer.
- With the consent of the House, the document was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, referred to the Standing Orders Committee.
23. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—
- (1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Mudgee, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
- Debate ensued.
- (2.) Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
- Debate continued.

Question

Question put, That Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Mudgee, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.	Noes, 55.
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Jones,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Lakeman.	Mr. Schey,
	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
	Mr. Gibbes,
	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
	Mr. McCourt,
	Mr. Neild,
	Mr. Slattery,
	Mr. Dowel,
	Mr. McMillan,
	Mr. Cortis,
	Mr. Street,
	Mr. Wise,
	Mr. McElhone,
	Mr. Crouch,
	Mr. Holborow,
	Mr. Bowman,
	Mr. H. H. Brown,
	Mr. Gordon,
	Mr. Cooke,
	Mr. Hawthorne,
	Mr. Mackinnon,
	Mr. Kelly,
	Mr. Henson,
	Mr. Dangar,
	Mr. Chapman,
	Mr. Reid,
	Mr. Woodward,
	Mr. Frank Farnell,
	Mr. Hawken,
	Mr. Hurley,
	Mr. Lees,
	Mr. Davis,
	Mr. Jeanneret,
	Mr. Ball,
	Mr. Ellis.
	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. Burdekin,
	Mr. Gould.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.

24. FREE EDUCATION:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make education free.

Question put and passed.

25. LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES:—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the consent of the House*),—

(1.) That, in view of the widespread distress amongst the iron trades, this House is of opinion that the Government should take immediate steps to call for tenders in the Colony only for the manufacture of one hundred locomotive engines.

(2.) That the whole of the labour necessary for the construction of said engines be obtained in the Colony, and only such material be imported that cannot be manufactured here.

(3.) That the said contract extend over a period of seven years.

(4.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 22nd April.

26. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of persons appointed to the Civil Service of the Colony, permanently and temporarily, during the time Sir Alexander Stuart held office; such Return to include railway porters, and all appointments.

(2.) The like whilst Mr. Dibbs's Government was in office.

(3.) The like whilst Sir Patrick Jennings's Government was in office.

(4.) And the monthly and annual cost to the Colony in each case of all such appointments.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand section (4.) "The like whilst the last previous Parkes Government was in office."

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be further amended, by the addition, after section (5), of the following words, "And that such Return show the period of the existence of each Government."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.

Question then, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of persons appointed to the Civil Service of the Colony, permanently and temporarily, during the time Sir Alexander Stuart held office; such Return to include railway porters, and all appointments.

(2.) The like whilst Mr. Dibbs's Government was in office.

(3.) The like whilst Sir Patrick Jennings's Government was in office.

(4.) The like whilst the last previous Parkes Government was in office.

(5.) And the monthly and annual cost to the Colony in each case of all such appointments.

And that such Return show the period of the existence of each Government,—put and passed.

27. **MR. M'DONALD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of conditional purchases held by Mr. M'Donald, Chairman of the Tamworth Land Board, showing the dates on which such conditional purchases were taken up, and the names of the parties who originally took them up, and the names of all parties they were transferred to, with the dates on which they were originally taken up, and the dates of all transfers.
Question put and passed.
28. **PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS** :—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1887, the sum of £15,000, to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Frieze for Telephonic System:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What was the originally estimated cost, when in complete working order, of the frieze in George-street, now partially erected for the purposes of the telephonic system of this city?
- (2.) What are the sums of money which have been authorized to be expended on this work by various Postmasters General?
- (3.) What amount has been expended on it with or without such authorization?
- (4.) When will it be completed, and what additional sum of money is it estimated that it will cost to put it in complete working order?
- (5.) What period of time has elapsed since its commencement?
- (6.) Is the ironwork for this frieze obtained in the original contract sufficient for the purpose; if not, how much additional ironwork will be required to complete the frieze?
- (7.) Was there any error in measurement; and, if so, who is responsible for it?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) £4,600.

(2.) £4,000, £1,500, £1,097; total, £6,597. As regards the sum by which the original estimate has been exceeded, it should be mentioned that it was caused chiefly by the expense incurred in the re-erection of verandah-roofs, which was not included in that estimate, because it would have been a difficult matter to form an idea of the probable cost, as in almost every instance special work had to be provided for.

(3.) The amount already expended is £6,331, which is covered by the authority (£6,597)—*vide* previous question.

(4.) So far as the frieze work is concerned, it is now complete; but there has been a delay in running the wires upon it, owing to a difficulty which arose with the Sydney Municipal Council in connection with the construction of a subway across George-street. The difficulty having now been removed, that work will shortly be commenced. About £650 will be required to complete the whole work; but from this amount the cost of the subway (about £300) should be deducted, as it is intended not only for the purpose of carrying the wires attached to the frieze work, but also all the wires running to the west side of the city.

(5.) It was commenced on the 1st March, 1886, and finished on the 30th September following.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) No; in justice to the Department I may be permitted to inform the Honorable Member that tenders for supplying the material required, and for the erection of the ironwork, were called for in April, 1884. Only one tender, which was for £8,500, was received; so that the House will perceive that although the work has been undertaken by the Department, and the estimate exceeded, nevertheless, a large saving has really taken place in the execution of the work.

- (2.) Mr. South, Telegraphic Operator, Murrumburrah:—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has a telegraphic operator, named Frederick South, been appointed to Murrumburrah; and, if so, when?

(2.) If appointed; upon whose recommendation?

(3.) Were there not other operators senior to Mr. South, having, from length and efficiency of service, a prior claim to the position?

(4.) Were any representations made by these officers in reference to this appointment, if made; if so, in what manner?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes; Mr. South's appointment to Murrumburrah was approved on the 4th August, 1886.

(2.) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

(3.) Yes; Mr. South was, in the first instance, appointed to Broken Hill, a place to which others, who were his seniors by length of service, were unwilling to go. Subsequently, and before taking up the appointment, South married; and, as Broken Hill was represented as an unsuitable place for his wife, he was offered and accepted the appointment at Murrumburrah, at a salary £40 per annum less than the previous occupant of that office received. As South's seniors did not care to accept Broken Hill, it left South in a position which entitled him to some consideration when the more suitable opportunity offered.

(4.) Yes; a petition was lodged against Mr. South's appointment to Murrumburrah, but no protest whatever was made against his appointment to Broken Hill.

(3.) Telegraph Wire :—Mr. Wall asked The Postmaster General,—

(1.) Was any telegraphic wire ordered from England during 1886 through the Agent-General or otherwise; if so, what is the quantity?

(2.) Were tenders called in London for the said wire?

(3.) What price or prices were paid for the said wire?

(4.) What are the names of the firms who tendered, and at what rates?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes; 207 tons.

(2.) Yes; by the Agent-General.

(3.) The invoices have not yet come to hand; but I am informed that the price, f.o.b. in London, is £10 9s. 6d. per ton.

(4.) The names of the tenderers are not yet known here.

(4.) Bridge to connect Sydney and St. Leonards :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to take any measures to connect St. Leonards with Sydney by a bridge over the harbour; if not, will he inform the House if there is any prospect, at any future time, of his publicly expressed intention being carried out, and when?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as the Government is concerned, I may say that nothing whatever has been done; but, if I gave that answer, it might appear to be misleading, because, as a private citizen, I have taken some steps in this direction myself, and I may mention that Sir John Fowler—the most eminent authority on bridges in the world, I suppose—as a matter of personal friendship, made all the necessary examinations and soundings, together with the requisite surveys—has, in fact, prepared a plan of the bridge, which he sent out to me a very short time ago, with an estimate of the cost and all particulars; but that, so far, is entirely a matter between Sir John Fowler and myself. I may also state that a deputation has waited upon me to make some proposal (I do not know very clearly what), as to the construction of a bridge by a company. If, after this explanation of this matter, which, as far as I am concerned, has been private, the Honorable Member desires to ask this question, or some similar one, say on one day next week, I will get all the particulars and state all I know about the whole subject. It will take some little time to examine all the documents and collect all the information in such a shape as will be intelligible to the House.

(5.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields, at any time been called upon to give an explanation of his connection with the late Dr. Mackenzie, in having a joint interest in certain coal or gold mines, as sworn to in the Supreme Court during the hearing of the case Mackenzie v. Mackenzie; if not, will he call for an explanation from Mr. Mackenzie?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes; on the 13th December, 1884, and an explanation was furnished by the Examiner. This explanation was not accepted as satisfactory, but the matter was allowed to stand over till the suit had been finally settled. Owing to the death of Dr. Mackenzie the suit has not yet been settled. As soon as the suit is determined, action will be at once taken.

(6.) Election for Patrick's Plains :—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Toohey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) At the Nomination, on the 10th February last, held at Singleton, for a person to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Patrick's Plains, did Mr. A. J. Gould, the Member returned for that Electorate, previous to his being proposed at such Nomination, or did any person for him, or on his behalf, deposit in the hands of the Returning Officer the sum of £40, as required by the 25th section of the Electoral Act?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary make the necessary inquiry, as soon as possible, from the Returning Officer for the Electorate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may mention that I am at a loss to know on what possible grounds such a question as this could be asked; and I think the House will be equally surprised when I give the answer that the Returning Officer, Patrick's Plains, states that the necessary deposit of £40 was made on behalf of Mr. A. J. Gould prior to his nomination as a candidate for election.

(7.) Election for West Maitland :—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Toohey, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) At the Nomination, on the 9th February last, held at West Maitland, for a person to serve as Member for the Electoral District of West Maitland, did Mr. R. W. Thompson, the Member returned for that Electorate, previous to his being proposed at such Nomination, or did any person for him, or on his behalf, deposit in the hands of the Returning Officer the sum of £40, as required by the 25th section of the Electoral Act?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary make the necessary inquiry, as soon as possible, from the Returning Officer for the Electorate?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have to give a similar answer to this question. I have ascertained from the Returning Officer that the Honourable Member for West Maitland paid to him the sum of £40 on the day preceding the day of Nomination.

(8.)

(8.) Tanks at Galathera and Boggy Creek Road :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Mines,—By what authority do the lessees of the Government tanks at Galathera and Boggy Creek Road, Narrabri to Moree, charge carriers and others for watering and camping at the Galathera and Ten-mile Creek respectively, outside of the boundaries of the leased land attached to the said tanks?

Mr. Abigail answered,—A letter from Mr. Hassall, M.P., received on the 15th instant, was the first intimation received by this Department that such charges were being made. Instructions were at once issued to the overseer to make a thorough investigation, and report thereon.

(9.) Schools at Rockwell, Rocky Hole, and Pallamallawa :—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has any teacher been yet appointed to take charge of the half-time school at Rockwell and Rocky Hole, in the Warialda District?

(2.) Is he aware that the Public School at Pallamallawa is in a very dilapidated state, and totally unfit for habitation in wet weather?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes; Miss Ruby MacDonald was intrusted to open these schools on 15th February ultimo.

(2.) The local Inspector reported some time ago that this building needed repairs, and that he was taking action to have necessary improvements effected. A further report will be obtained without delay.

(10.) Recreation Reserve, Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) In reference to my letter, written to him some days ago, in reference to purchasing land from Mr. Busby, at Cassilis, as a recreation reserve, how long does it take, as a rule, for the officials in the Mines Office to answer a letter, and when will mine be replied to?

(2.) Has not the money to purchase the land from Mr. Busby for a recreation reserve been voted; if so, when was it voted, and when will the purchase be completed?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Letter referred to was received on the 8th and was replied to on the 16th March. It would have been replied to more promptly, but the reply was delayed in consequence of the papers being under reference, in connection with a communication from Mr. Fitzgerald, M.P.

(2.) Yes; money was voted in October last in the Supplementary Estimates for 1885. The purchase is reported by the Crown Solicitor as completed. The money was paid on the 8th January last.

(11.) Mr. Kethel, M.P. :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is Mr. Kethel, an Honorable Member for West Sydney, the lessee of Goodlet and Smith's Wharf and property, resumed by the Government at Pyrmont; if so, what rent does he pay for it?

(2.) What amount did the Government pay Goodlet and Smith for the property?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The property is let by the Government to Messrs. Goodlet & Smith at a rental of £1,200 per annum, and the tenancy terminates by six month's notice on either side.

(2.) £96,850 16s. 7d.

(12.) Asylums for Infirm, Newington and Parramatta :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Commission appointed by the late Government to inquire into and report upon the management of the Newington and Parramatta Asylums for the Infirm completed its labours; if not, will he say what is the cause of the delay?

(2.) When will the report of such Commission be presented to the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Owing to the employment of one of the members of the Board upon important sanitary matters before I came into office, the report has been delayed; but I am informed it will be furnished shortly.

(13.) Parliamentary Trains and Trams :—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The cost of supplying and running Parliamentary Trams last Session?

(2.) The cost of running Parliamentary Trains last Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible.

(14.) Discharge of Men from Railway and Tramway Departments :—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Toohey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men have been discharged from the Railway and Tramway since the 20th January, 1887?

(2.) In what capacity were they employed?

(3.) How many are now under notification to leave?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The notice given of these questions was not sufficient to obtain the information, which has to be collected from the various Railway Districts of the Colony. It will, however, be obtained as soon as possible, and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(15.) Water Supply for Balranald :—Mr. Lakeman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will contracts be called for water supply to the town of Balranald, in accordance with reports furnished by the officers of the Department?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The contract plans, specifications, and estimates have been prepared, and were submitted to the Balranald Council for their formal approval on the 12th January, 1887. As soon as their approval is received tenders can be invited.

(16.) Cable System on Tramways :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the cable system on our tramways?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government have called for information on the subject, and as soon as it is obtained, the whole question will be considered by them.

2. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886," and to provide for the election of Licensees Commissioner by ballot.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886' and to provide for the election of Licensees Commissioner by ballot,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
3. BLAKENEY v. PEGUS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers laid upon the Table during the Session of 1885-6 by the Honorable the Postmaster General—Blakeney v. Pegus—be printed.
 Question put and passed.
4. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Saywell's Tramway Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davis, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Moore, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Ewing, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice.—
 (1.) That the Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers, and that the evidence taken by a former Committee be referred to the said Committee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Teece, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Day, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Kethel, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. FOREIGN CRIMINALS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of Foreign Criminals into New South Wales.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prevent the introduction of Foreign Criminals into New South Wales.
 On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day respecting Supply postponed until Wednesday next.
8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day respecting Ways and Means postponed until Wednesday next.
9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.
 On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in certain respects.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in certain respects.
 On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in certain respects,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Six o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Chinese:—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many Chinamen have come into the Colony during the year 1886, and during the months of January and February in this year?
- (2.) How many of these Chinamen paid the poll-tax?
- (3.) How many of these Chinamen claimed to be British subjects?
- (4.) Were any forged or false papers presented by these men for acceptance?
- (5.) Were any captains of vessels or other persons punished for landing any Chinamen without paying the poll-tax?
- (6.) Has any information been received by the Government that a large number of Chinamen have been smuggled into the Colony without paying the poll-tax?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) 1,975 Chinamen arrived in the Colony during the year 1886, and 347 during January and February, 1887.
- (2.) 1,443 of these Chinamen paid the poll-tax.
- (3.) 265 claimed to be British subjects.
- (4.) 244 presented forged or false papers for acceptance.
- (5.) No captains or other persons were punished for landing Chinamen without paying the poll-tax.
- (6.) No information has been received by the Government that a large number of Chinamen have been smuggled into the Colony without paying the poll-tax.

- (2.) Tug Service, Richmond River:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has any complaint been made to the Government, or, as far as they are aware, to the Marine Board, as to the unsatisfactory working of the tug service at the Richmond River?
- (2.) If so, the nature of such complaint?
- (3.) The cost of the present service?
- (4.) The date of termination thereof?
- (5.) The cost of keeping the buoys in order at the Richmond River?
- (6.) Have the Government any definite proposal to lay before Parliament, with a view to the more efficient and economical working of the tug service at the expiration of the present contract, whereby the pilot and crew may work and control the Government tug steamer, in lieu of the present subsidised tug?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No complaints have reached the Government or the Marine Board since the present vessel, "The Protector," has been stationed there, as to the unsatisfactory working of the tug service at the Richmond River.
- (3.) The cost of the present service is £125 per month.
- (4.) The contract is terminable at any time by giving twelve months notice.
- (5.) The cost of keeping the buoys in order at the Richmond is £50 per annum.
- (6.) The Government have given the required notice for the discontinuance of this and all other tug services along the coast, with the view of improving and economising them on a definite plan.

- (3.) Increments to Salaries of Civil Servants:—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Will he take steps to have the increments under the Civil Service Act paid to those clerks in the Department of Roads and Bridges who were appointed by the Executive Council in February, 1885?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my Honorable Colleague I have to say:—In anticipation of the passing of the Local Government Bill, when the services of these officers might be dispensed with, it is not his intention to place their salaries on the Estimates to enable them to rank as permanent officers.

(4.)

(4.) Military Encampment :—*Mr. Tecco*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The amount of Military camp equipment on hand?
- (2.) The amount of equipment (such as tents) at present issued to the unemployed?
- (3.) Are the Camden Reserves debarred from holding a local Encampment at Easter at their own expense?
- (4.) Are Reserve Corps invited to take part at the Easter Encampment, National Park?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, in the course of the afternoon, lay upon the Table a Return giving the required information.

(5.) Packet Licenses to Harbour and River Steamers :—*Mr. Jeanneret* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the late Colonial Treasurer, during the last year, issued any packet licenses to masters of steamers having harbour and river certificates only, in contravention of clause 8 of the 46 Victoria No. 24, Licensing Act Amending Acts, which provides that no sale of liquor shall be made while such vessel is plying between places within any harbour of the Colony?

(2.) Will the Treasurer give the names of any vessels and the persons to whom licenses have been issued, where such licenses have been given for the sale of liquors on harbour and river steamers during the past year, and the names of the Licensing Justices granting such licenses?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Treasurer to renew these licenses when they expire at June next, or to cancel them at an earlier date?

(4.) Will the Treasurer grant any new licenses to masters of harbour and river steamers to sell liquors within Port Jackson or any harbour in the Colony?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Seven packet licenses to masters of steamers having harbour and river certificates only, and one limited coasting license, have been issued by the Treasury during the past year, under authority of the certificates of the Licensing Court of the District.

(2.) I will lay upon the Table, for the information of the Honorable Member, a Return which gives all the required information.

(3 and 4.) With respect to the renewal of existing, or issue of new licenses, these appear to be matters which require action by the Department of Justice, so far as relates to Licensing Courts granting certificates for the issue of packet licenses which may be considered to be in contravention of the provisions of the Licensing Acts.

(6.) Manly Pier :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers having reference to the lease of land on which Manly Pier is erected?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no objection to lay these papers on the Table.

(7.) *Mr. Jeanneret*, M.P. :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether *Mr. Jeanneret*, one of the Members for Carcoar, holds, or has held within the last three months, any contracts under the Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We have not been able to make the requisite inquiry in all the Departments to answer the question. Perhaps the Honorable Member will give fresh notice of his question for Tuesday.

(8.) Water Reserve, County of Murchison :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Secretary for Mines,—By whose recommendation was water reserve No. 107, county of Murchison, parish of Dinoga, cancelled; and when?

Mr. Abigail answered,—A portion of the reserve No. 107, containing about 255 acres to the north of Barrack Creek, was revoked on the 31st July, 1886, on the recommendations of the District Surveyor and the Licensed Surveyor.

(9.) Tram Conductor :—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the papers in connection with the case of the Tram Conductor who was fined £2 at the Central Police Office for ejecting by force *Mr. E. L. Samuel* from the platform of a car, which fine was subsequently remitted by the Minister?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—There will be no objection to lay a copy of the papers in question upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the customary manner.

(10.) Train from Newcastle to Glen Innes :—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Moore*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the ordinary train from Newcastle to Glen Innes is hardly ever up to time, even when the steamer from Sydney to Newcastle is not delayed by bad weather, thus causing very great inconvenience to the public, especially to those who have to proceed on by coach from Glen Innes to Inverell over a fearful road, when every half-hour's daylight is of the utmost consequence?

(2.) If so, what is the cause, and will he apply a remedy?

Mr. Burns answered,—Since the new time-table came into operation, namely, from 1st November, it has been found that the train in question has been unpunctual. A new time-table is under consideration, and special attention will be given to the running time of this train.

(11.) Peel River Land and Mineral Company :—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Peel River Land and Mineral Company is in illegal occupation of Crown lands not contained in the grant made to the Australian Agricultural Company, who disposed of their interest in the said grant to the Peel River Land and Mineral Company?

(2.) Has any survey of the land referred to been made by a licensed surveyor; if so, in what year, and by whom?

(3.) Will the Government authorize a survey of the land to be made, or take such other proceedings as they may think fit, to ascertain if the Peel River Land and Mineral Company is in occupation of Crown lands illegally?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No; the matter will be fully inquired into, and all necessary steps taken to ascertain the facts.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return in reference to Military Camp Equipment.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of Packet Licenses issued during the year 1886 to certain steamers.
- (2.) Return in reference to Unfinished Government Contracts.
- (3.) Notifications of resumption of certain land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act—

In connection with the construction of an Approach to the Ferry at the Spit, Middle Harbour.

In connection with the construction of a Road to connect Fortifications at South Head with Ben Buckler and Forts near Botany.

In connection with the carrying out of Sewerage Works for the City of Sydney and Suburbs.

In connection with Wharf Accommodation and Approaches thereto at Sackville Reach, Hawkesbury River.

In connection with the Excavation of a new Channel for the Yanko Creek.

- (4.) Return to an Order made on 27th August, 1886—"Railway Freights."
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 2nd September, 1886—"Imported Railway Material."
- (6.) Return in reference to Cases of Embezzlement in the Railway Department, for three years ending August, 1886.
- (7.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886—"Employés, Railway Department."
- (8.) Return to an Order made on 11th May, 1886—"Actions for loss by Fires against the Commissioner for Railways."
- (9.) Return to an Order made on 4th June, 1886—"Tramway Accidents—Cases against Commissioner for Railways."
- (10.) Notifications under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, of the completion of Water Supply Works for—

Borough of Wagga Wagga,

Borough of Goulburn,

Borough of Albury,

Borough of Bathurst.

- (11.) Return in reference to the number of Engines, Locomotives, Trucks, &c., at Goulburn, Junee, and Bathurst, and particulars of Hands employed at such Stations.

Ordered to be printed.

- (12.) Return to an Order made on 20th May, 1886—"Gowrie-street, South Singleton."

3. QUIT RENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the Quit Rents due up to 31st December, 1886. Question put and passed.
4. PROVISION FOR LIVES OF WORKMEN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of making provision for the lives of workmen. Question put and passed.
5. AMENDMENT OF THE NAVIGATION ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to protect the travelling public on coastal steamers or vessels, and for the regulation of labour of seamen so employed, and for the amending of the Navigation Act generally. Question put and passed.
6. DIAMOND DRILLS AND WATER AUGERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Garland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amounts and particulars of all out-standing accounts due to the Mines Department for the use of Diamond Drills and Water Augers. Question put and passed.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 11th March, 1887, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
8. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Creer moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Street,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sec,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cameron.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Creer.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Kelly,	Tellers,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Allen.
Mr. Ellis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

9. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS:—The Order of the Day having been read (*and amended by consent*),—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1887 a sum not exceeding £15,000 to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Richmond River :—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the information relative to the improvements of the entrance to the Richmond River been supplied by Sir John Coode ; if not, when are the survey plans, borings, &c., likely to be forthcoming ?

(2.) Will the Minister have any objection to state the result of the said borings, as far as they relate to the depth of water possible before reaching the bed rock in the channel, as far as known ?

(3.) Will the Minister cause instructions to be given to the pilot or other responsible person to furnish the telegraph master at Ballina with the depth of water on the bar and crossing at the Richmond River daily, or as often as practicable, with a view of the same being posted with shipping notices at the various telegraph stations on the river, for the guidance and information of shipmasters and others interested ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) The surveys have not yet been supplied to Sir John Coode, because they have not been completed, respecting which, and the matter of the borings referred to in the second question, the surveyor in charge of the work has furnished the following report by telegraph :—“ Expect to finish field-work in about six weeks, if weather favourable. Almost constant rain hitherto. River in fresh since end January. Cannot, therefore, get current observations. No rock met with so far. Everywhere a bank of indurated sand 5 feet thick, at a varying depth of 14 to 20 feet below low water.”

(3.) As the pilot is under the direction of the Marine Board, perhaps the Honorable Member will kindly give fresh notice of this question, and address it to the Treasurer.

(2.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—What is the total amount of emoluments received annually by Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs, from all the offices held by him, specifying the salary of each position held by him, together with any additional allowances, and the nature of such allowances ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—As Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, salary, £960 ; equipment allowance, £100 ; total, £1,060. As Officer Commanding Torpedo Corps, £2 1s. 8d. for each day parade ; £1 0s. 10d. for each night parade. £200 is voted for the service, but payment is only made according to the number of parades attended. Allowed £3 3s. for each patent reported upon, and 30s. per diem when travelling on public business.

(3.) War Material :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did the Stuart Government, or any Member of it, order a large quantity of war material ; if so, what will be the cost of it, and who ordered it, and has it arrived yet ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Major-General Commanding the Military Forces has furnished the following information :—Stores, consisting of heavy guns, carriages, ammunition, and appliances, Nordenfeldt guns, carriages, ammunition, &c., Whitehead torpedoes and appliances, rifles, magazine feeders, small-arm ammunition, and general stores, to the value of about £243,000, were ordered by the Stuart Government in 1855. Portions of these orders have been received. The remaining portions may be expected in due course.

(4.)

(4.) **Military Encampment:**—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to call out the Reserves as well as the other sections of the Military Forces at the Encampment to be held in April next?
- (2.) What is the Encampment of the Forces likely to cost the country this year, and what was the cost last year?
- (3.) As the Government intend to make a large saving by retrenchment, would it not be wise on their part to make a large saving this year by stopping the calling out of the Military Forces this year?
- (4.) What was the cost of bringing country corps to Sydney by rail, and for their return last year—1886?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Major-General Commanding the Military Forces has furnished the following information:—

- (1.) Yes; to an extent permitted by the available camp equipment.
- (2.) Approximately speaking, for nine days' training, £17,000, of which £12,000 is for pay, which, if no camp was held, should be expended in otherwise training the Forces during the year. The Encampment last year cost £18,000, including pay. The apparent discrepancy is accounted for by the larger number of men under training in 1886.
- (3.) I do not feel justified in interfering at this time with the view of effecting any reduction.
- (4.) £135.

(5.) **Lake George:**—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Lake George, in the Queanbeyan District, and the largest lake in New South Wales, is a natural reservoir, and could always be kept at a high level by channel connections which would tap the flood water of the Murrumbidgee, Molonglo and Queanbeyan Rivers?
- (2.) Is he aware that some of the best agricultural lands of New South Wales are to be found in the vicinity of Lake George, and that they could be irrigated by its waters?
- (3.) Will he cause a survey of the country around Lake George to be made, in order that the work alluded to may be included in the scheme of irrigation indicated in the Governor's Speech?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that it is one of the largest natural reservoirs in the Colony, but I am informed on good authority that it is doubtful whether this can be done; and, if it can, the cost would be very heavy.
- (2.) It is possible that some good agricultural land in the vicinity of Lake George could be irrigated from the Lake by pumping.
- (3.) On receipt of the final report of the Conservation of Water Commission, the whole question will be considered, when that of Lake George will receive due consideration.

(6.) **Out-buildings and Tanks for Post Office, Yass:**—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of out-buildings and underground tanks for Post and Telegraph Offices, Yass?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders for the works in question may be invited when funds for the present year shall have been made available.

(7.) **Bridge over Tanmangaroo Creek:**—Mr. Colls asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the present Government to construct a bridge over the Tanmangaroo Creek, on the main road from Yass to Burrowa?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to construct a bridge over Tanmangaroo Creek, as it is considered that a crossing will suffice, and this will be carried out.

(8.) **Dams on Yanco and Billabong Creeks:**—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that immense dams have been erected on the Yanco and Billabong Creeks to divert the water into the Colombo Creek, and otherwise to detain the free flow of the water and convert it to private uses?
- (2.) Is he aware that the residents along the Billabong, from Jerilderie to Moulamein, suffer severely from the want of water—the creek being dry where formerly it was a running stream?
- (3.) Will he take immediate steps to remove the obstructions (if any), and allow the public to enjoy the benefits that were expected by the expenditure of some £10,000 of public money to deepen and widen the outlet from the Murrumbidgee River into the Yanco Creek?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) I have been informed such dams have been constructed.
- (2.) There is no doubt the effect would be sometimes to cause the creek to be dry.
- (3.) It is thought that the persons affected by the construction of the dams should seek their remedy in the law courts. The money expended in deepening and widening the outlet from the Murrumbidgee to the Yanco Creek was provided, one-half by the Government and one-half by the settlers. No complaints have been received by the Government that the works upon which public money has been expended are prejudiced by the construction of these dams.

(9.) **Report of Royal Commission on the Drink Traffic:**—Mr. Hutchison asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When will the report and evidence of the Royal Commission on the Drink Traffic be submitted to Parliament?
- (2.) Can he promise that the said report will be submitted during the present Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I understand that the report of this Commission will not be ready before June. A report placed in my hands states that the paid sittings of the Commission ceased some months ago. There is one extract from this report which I will read, with the permission of the House. It states that "some very valuable information relating to the working of the Licensing Acts of Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand, and of the legislation of Canada and America is expected in the course of a few weeks, and a summary of that information will be given in the appendix to the report." I assume that the Commissioners have written for this information, and if they obtain it, I suppose there can be no doubt that it will be very valuable. An application, dated three months ago, for an extension of time was submitted to me. I consented to extend the time; but, at the same time, I informed the Commission that I would not give any further extension. I think that the time is up, and that the inquiry must be brought to a close.

(10.) Ships' Load-line—Life-belts for Crews—Steamers "Emu" and "Waratah"—Use of Oil for Calming the Sea.—Mr. Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On how many steam and sailing ships has the load-line been marked, under the Regulations issued by the Marine Board, 1st February, 1886?
- (2.) Are non-inspected steam and sailing ships exempt from carrying life-belts for their crews?
- (3.) How many passengers were the "Emu" and "Waratah" steamers licensed to carry?
- (4.) Has the Marine Board received any communication from the Admiralty regarding the use of oil at sea in tempestuous weather?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) All steam and sailing vessels trading out of the port are marked in accordance with, or come within the scope of the Regulations of the Marine Board of the 1st February, 1886.
- (2.) Vessels which do not come within the provisions of the 91st section of the Navigation Act of 1871, are exempt by law from carrying life-belts.
- (3.) The "Emu" is licensed to carry 770 passengers, and the "Waratah" 750.
- (4.) A pamphlet has been received from the Admiralty regarding the use of oil at sea in tempestuous weather, and is being printed for circulation.

(11.) Gratuities to Officers of the Treasury Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the Officers of his Department received gratuities in 1885, 1886, and 1887; if so, will he state the reasons for granting such gratuities?
- (2.) Will he give the names of those who have received gratuities, and amounts respectively paid to them?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for shall be prepared and laid on the Table.

(12.) Gratuities to Officers of the Public Works Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the Officers of his Department received gratuities in 1885, 1886, and 1887; if so, will he state the reasons for granting such gratuities?
- (2.) Will he give the names of those who have received gratuities, and the amounts respectively paid to them?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member shall be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(13.) Provision at Darling Harbour for Export of Coal:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he taken into consideration the necessity of making provision at Darling Harbour for the export of coal from the Western and Northern Mines; if not, will he, with a view of facilitating the trade, cause steps to be taken for the erection of staiths, cranes, &c., to meet the increasing demand?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question has been under my consideration, in connection with a general scheme for the shipment of coal on the south-western shore of the harbour; but it is not yet in a sufficiently advanced state to submit for the consideration of the Government. The importance of the subject will not admit of unnecessary delay, and no time will be lost in dealing with the matter.

(14.) Rifle Range and Butts at Longbottom:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps have been taken towards acquiring a rifle-range and erecting rifle-butts at Longbottom, Burwood, for the use of the Ashfield and Burwood Reserve Corps, in accordance with a promise made to the said Corps at the time of its formation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The papers have been referred to the Lands Department, and the matter will receive due consideration.

(15.) Queanbeyan Election:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—Is he aware that during the Queanbeyan Election the polling place at Molonglo was entered after 4 o'clock p.m. by Mr. George Osborne, a squatter, who insisted upon a number of votes being then recorded, though the time for closing the poll had passed, according to the Returning Officer's watch; if so, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not aware of the fact stated by the Honorable Member. I will, however, cause inquiry to be made.

(16.) Road between Hoskingtown and Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that two miles of the main road between Hoskingtown and Captain's Flat are still unmarked and unproclaimed?
- (2.) Is he also aware that, though there is a large amount of traffic on the said road, the travelling public may at any time be stopped by the owner of Foxlow Station, through which the road passes?

Mr. Abigail answered,—There is no proclaimed road between the two places; and, as there has been no application for the opening of a road, nor complaint of obstruction, it may be inferred that the road is one by user, or that the owners of the land do not object to the traffic passing through their lands.

(17.) Water Supply for Arncliffe, West Botany, Kogarah, and Hurstville:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps (if any) have been taken to provide the inhabitants of Arncliffe, West Botany, Kogarah, and Hurstville with an efficient supply of water from the Prospect Reservoir?

Mr. Burns answered,—The whole subject is under consideration; but I am not in a position at present to give the Honorable Member the detailed information he asks for.

(18.) Bexley School:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will the new school at Bexley be opened for school purposes?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Last Saturday I went out to inspect this school. No time will be lost in having the school re-opened.

(19.) Consumption of Coal on South-western Railway:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the consumption of coal last year on the South-western Railway and all its branches, including that used for stationary engines, and all other Government works?
- (2.) What did the Government pay per ton for the coal so used on the above railway?
- (3.) What was the difference in price paid for Lithgow and Newcastle coal used on the said railway?
- (4.) What does it cost per ton per mile for carrying the coal consumed on the said railway?
- (5.) What number of tons of coal did the Government carry for public use by the said railway, and at what rate per ton per mile?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(20.) Free Railway Passes issued to *Mr. Lyne* when Secretary for Public Works:—*Mr. Schey* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of free passes issued to the late Minister for Public Works (*Mr. Lyne*) during the months of August, September, October, November, and December, 1886?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House, a Return showing—(a) Names of persons to whom such passes were issued by the late Minister; (b) stations for which available; (c) period for which available; (d) the reasons for granting such free passes?
- (3.) The number of blank pass-cards issued to the late Minister for Works (*Mr. Lyne*) during the above-mentioned period, and the number collected by the Railway Department?
- (4.) In the issuing of the said free passes, did the late Minister adopt the same course as his predecessors?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) 341 blank passes were handed to the Minister.
- (2.) Except with regard to the passes collected, the Department has no means of furnishing the information asked for.
- (3.) As stated, 341 blank passes were supplied to the Minister, of which 106 have been collected.
- (4.) No; it has not been the practice for Ministers to issue passes.

(21.) Packet Licenses for Harbour and River Steamers:—*Mr. Jeanneret* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Will he say if the issue of packet licenses for harbour and river steamers, plying only within the harbour of Port Jackson or other harbours of New South Wales, is an infringement of the spirit or the letter of the Licensing Acts now in force?
- (2.) Will he communicate his opinion on the subject to those Licensing Justices who have issued or may hereafter issue such licenses?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) My honorable colleague the Attorney-General has furnished me with the following opinion upon this point:—"I should say, as a legal matter, it is an infringement, and such licenses have "no effect while the steamers are plying between places within the harbour of Port Jackson."
- (2.) Yes.

(22.) Cancellation of Tyndale as Polling-place for the Electorate of the Clarence:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he say why Tyndale, in the Clarence Electorate, was not a polling-place at last Election?
- (2.) At whose recommendation was it cancelled?
- (3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that, at the last poll taken at that place, twenty-nine votes were recorded?
- (4.) Was it cancelled owing to the smallness of the votes recorded; if so, are all other places polling a similar or less number of votes to be treated in same manner?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The polling-place of Tyndale was cancelled on the 24th June, 1886.
- (2.) It was cancelled on the recommendation of the Returning Officer.
- (3.) I am not aware of the number of votes recorded.
- (4.) The Returning Officer stated that there was a polling-place on each side of Tyndale within easy distances.

(23.) The Clarence River:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any communication been received from *Sir John Coode* relative to improving the entrance to the Clarence River?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Minister to take any steps to cause *Sir John Coode* to send in his report upon this matter at an early date?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) No; the survey and compiled information (the former including some forty-three separate plans) have only just been forwarded to *Sir John Coode*.
- (2.) *Sir John Coode* will no doubt report on the subject as soon as possible after he has received the plans and documents which have been despatched to him.

(24.) Funeral Trains from Wallsend to Sandgate Cemetery:—*Mr. Creer* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many Funeral Trains have been run from Wallsend to Sandgate Cemetery during the last four months, ending 28th February, 1887?
- (2.) What have been the total receipts from such trains?
- (3.) What has been the total cost to the Department for running such trains?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Five.
- (2.) £37 10s.
- (3.) The total cost has been £26 6s. 8d. Two of the trains, however, ran at a loss. (25.)

(25.) Ironbarks and Tea-tree Gold-field :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the Ironbarks and Tea-tree Gold-field, near Barraba, been revoked?
- (2.) Has the lessee of the run on which the above gold-field is situated permission to destroy indiscriminately, by ringbarking, the timber suitable for mining purposes on and around the present mining leases and claims?
- (3.) Where does the Warden for the Ironbarks and Tea-tree Gold-field reside?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No, it has not been revoked.
- (2.) *Ironbark Creek Run*.—Permission has been granted to ringbark timber upon 2,530 acres, eighteen trees or saplings to be left. The number of trees to be left has now been reduced to five per acre. *Manilla Run*.—Permission has been granted to ringbark stunted box on 760 acres. Since 1st January, 1885, such permissions have been granted by Local Land Boards, and it is not known whether any such have been granted on the runs named.
- (3.) At Bingera.

(26.) Puntage across Hawkesbury River :—Mr. Toohy, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to carry out the instructions given by his predecessor to arrange for puntage across the Hawkesbury River, at or near Peat's Ferry, between the date of opening the railway and the completion of the Hawkesbury Bridge?

Mr. Burns answered,—I find a minute was left by Mr. Lyne as follows :—“ I think an arrangement should be made for conveying passengers and punting stock across the Hawkesbury between the date of completion of railway lines on each side and completion of the bridge.” The matter is having consideration. I have visited the site, and am endeavouring to have provision made.

(27.) Time-table on Northern Railway :—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend, from the representations made to him, to revert to the old time-table on the Northern Railway; and, if so, will he state when?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; the change will be made as soon as the Postal Department can make their arrangements to suit the altered times.

(28.) Wiseman's Ferry Punt :—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who is the lessee of the Wiseman's Ferry punt?
- (2.) What amount does he pay for the same?
- (3.) Who are his bondsmen?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Michael B. Magill.
- (2.) £145, for 1887.
- (3.) Joseph Craigon and Thomas Turtle.

(29.) Road between Wallsend and Cooranbong :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the defective state of the main road between Wallsend and Cooranbong?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that it is dangerous to travel, and, at certain seasons, almost impassable; if so, is it his intention to place a special sum of money on the Estimates for the improvement of the same?

Mr. Burns answered,—The whole matter referred to by the Honorable Member is engaging the serious attention of the Government.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return in reference to the Cost of running Parliamentary Trams and Trains during the Session of 1885-6.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Return showing Officers in the Department of the Treasury who received Gratuities in the years 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return in reference to Tenders for Rabbit-proof Fencing from Narramine to Bourke.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE LAND LAWS :—Mr. McMillan presented a Petition from the Executive Committee of the Commercial, Pastoral, and Agricultural Association of Sydney, and others, representing that this Colony is suffering from general depression, and that one of the most potent and active causes of the depression is the unsuitability and unfair incidence of some of the provisions of the Land Act of 1884,—and praying that certain amendments suggested by Petitioners may be made in the Land Laws of the Colony.

The Petition, having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, Henry Clarke, Esquire, Charles Launcelot Garland, Esquire, James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, and William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

5. PREMISES RENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing the number of houses rented by the various Ministerial Departments, showing the rent paid for each house, with the landlord's name in each case, and total rent paid by each Department, and the total rental paid by all the Departments, and the period for which each has been rented.
Question put and passed.

6. **PRIVILEGE**:—SEAT OF WILLIAM CAMAC WILKINSON, Esq. :—Mr. McElhone moved, without Notice, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether William Camac Wilkinson, one of the Honorable Members for the Glebe Electorate, was not at the time of his election as Member for the Glebe, and is not at the present time, disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, by reason of his holding an office of profit under the Crown at the date of such election, and at the present time, as he is Lecturer in the Sydney University, the salary for which office being paid out of the Endowment Fund voted by Parliament.
Question put and passed.
7. **DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 19th March, 1887, 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 Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
"To all to whom these presents shall come,
"Greeting :
"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, 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 nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.
"CARRINGTON.
"By His Excellency's Command,
"HENRY PARKES."
8. **CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK**:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Jones, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Matthew M'IVOR to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Neild, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Day, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Garvan, and Mr. Jones.
 (3.) That the reports and evidence of the Select Committees on the same subject, brought up on 9th October, 1884, and 27th August, 1886, a.m., respectively, be referred to such Committee.
Question put and passed.
9. **TRAMWAY FROM KOGARAH TO SANS SOUCI**:—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the construction of a Tramway from Kogarah to Sans Souci.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Melville, Mr. Wall, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Day, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Lyne, and the Mover.
Debate ensued,
Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question then put and passed.
10. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 2.*
Governor.
 In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, or following month of the year 1887, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan.
Government House,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1887.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
11. **LABOUR CONDITIONS FOR MINING**:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all owners of land obtaining permission to win gold or other minerals, in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, should be compelled to fulfil the same labour conditions as apply to the holders of gold-mining or mineral leases under the Mining Act now in force.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Eleven o'clock a.m. on Thursday next, the 24th instant, in Committee Room No. 2.
13. TRAINS AND TRAMS FOR USE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the use of Trams and Trains for the convenience of a few Members of this House is an unwarranted abuse of privilege, and a wasteful expenditure of the people's money, and the running of such Trains and Trams should be discontinued.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cortis.

Tellers,

Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 67.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Parkes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lees,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burbour,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tcece,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. Penzer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Creeer.
Mr. Black,	
Mr. Street,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir. Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lachlan Water Reserve:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Having reference to the replies given by the late Colonial Secretary favouring the proposal to utilize the Lachlan Water Reserve as a public reserve and drive, will the present Colonial Secretary say if he intends taking any steps to have the promised reserve and drive made available for the public?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

- (2.) Dam at Urana:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Department of Public Works accepted a tender for the construction of a dam at Urana; if so, is the contractor now carrying out the work?

(2.) If the work is not being carried out, will he call for fresh tenders?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders will be accepted when the money is available.

- (3.) Water Supply for Lake Cudgellico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to provide for a water supply for Lake Cudgellico, in accordance with a report furnished by an officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—There are no funds available. The vote taken for country water supplies is limited in its application to places which are incorporated, and are able to undertake the obligations imposed by the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, 44 Vic. No. 14.

- (4.) Nuisance on North Shore of Botany Bay:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a nuisance exists on the north shore of Botany Bay?

(2.) Is he aware of the nature of such nuisance?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into its nature and extent?

(4.) Will he take such steps as will put an end to this nuisance (if any) without any unnecessary delay?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been reported that a serious nuisance does exist at the place indicated; but the only promise I can make at present in reference thereto is that I will call for a report on the subject, and, on receipt thereof, take such steps as may be considered advisable for abating the nuisance.

- (5.) Hay Council Waterworks:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Lakeman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Hay Council be paid the £10,000 for their waterworks, this amount having been promised by successive Governments?

Mr. Burns answered,—I regret to say that there are legal and other difficulties in carrying into effect the promise, which was conditional on a satisfactory report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers being obtained. It appears that, before the conditions attached to the vote for country towns water supplies can be carried out, new statutory provisions are necessary. The whole matter will receive the early attention of the Government.

- (6.) Sewerage of the Boroughs of Waverley, Woollahra, and Paddington:—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have plans been prepared for sewage pipes in the Borough of Waverley, to connect with the Bondi sewer when completed?

(2.) Have plans been prepared for sewage pipes in the Boroughs of Woollahra and Paddington, to connect with the Bondi sewer when completed?

(3.) If so, will the Minister take some steps to have these pipes laid so that they may be ready for use by the time the Bondi sewer is completed?

Mr

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1. and 2.) Plans are being prepared for Waverley, Woollahra, and Paddington, but are not yet completed.

(3.) The question of payment must be determined on before doing the work, as these details were not included in estimate for sewers.

(7.) Discharge of Sewage at Coogee Beach :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that pipes are about to be laid for the discharge of the sewage of Randwick at a point on the coast in the neighbourhood of Coogee Beach; if so, will the Government take the proposal into consideration with reference to its effect on Coogee Beach, which is one of the few watering places open to the people of the Metropolis?

Mr. Burns answered,—A report has been obtained, from which it appears that the Randwick Council is doing this work without reference to the Department. On application, the Council Clerk and Engineer state the position of the proposed outlet is such, that for nine months of the year there is a current from outlet point outwards and southerly, at all states of the tide; and that for the remaining three months there is a similar current outwards and northerly, and that there is never any tendency for floats or seaweed to set on the Coogee Beach, except in an easterly gale.

(8.) Claim of Patrick Murphy to a Conditional Purchase :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Local Land Board at Glen Innes has disallowed the claim of Patrick Murphy to a selection on a cancelled reserve, in the parish of Fletcher, after Murphy had successfully balloted for the same?

(2.) Is it a fact that the selection in question is to be given to *Mr. Simpson*, the owner of the Stonehenge Run, which is situated near the reserve in question?

(3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter, to ascertain why Murphy was deprived of his selection?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; the conditional purchases of *Mr. Murphy* and others on the cancelled reserve were disallowed, because the claim of *Mr. J. J. R. Gibson* to the conversion of a pre-emptive lease of the same land was found to be good.

(2.) No; the land is not to be given to *Mr. Simpson*, the owner of Stonehenge, but is embraced in the converted pre-emptive lease in question.

(3.) Yes; but the foregoing facts were fully explained to *Mr. Murphy* when a refund voucher for his payments was handed to him.

(9.) Spirits, Wine, and Beer Manufactured in the Colony :—*Mr. Stephen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the quantity, in gallons, manufactured in the Colony, for the year 1886, of (1) spirits, (2) wines, (3) beers?

Mr. Burns answered,—A Return, embodying this and other information of the like character, will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

(10.) Tram-guards Uniform :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the name of the successful tenderer for the supply of uniforms to the tram guards?

(2.) Is he aware that the clothing referred to is being imported?

(3.) Is he also aware that most of the garments supplied are misfits and of very inferior material?

(4.) Will he give orders that the clothing shall be made in New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We are waiting for the information to come in from the Stores Department at Eveliegh, which has been telephoned for twice.

(11.) Reports on Lands Department and Public Works Department :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the discussion of the Estimates before the report of the Board appointed to inquire into the working of the Lands Department is made public?

(2.) The same information with regard to the report into the working of the Public Works Department?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think that I am prepared to say that we shall delay the consideration of the Estimates, even if these returns are not in the hands of Honorable Members. We will do the best we can to have these reports placed in the hands of Honorable Members of this House; but, whether they are in the hands of Honorable Members or not, we shall try to press on the consideration of the Estimates.

(12.) Military Encampment :—*Mr. Trickett*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it intended that the Reserve Forces of the Colony shall receive continuous training during the ensuing Easter Encampment?

(2.) Will officers of the Reserves who may attend Camp be similarly treated, as regards remuneration, &c., as officers under the partially paid system?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) Only a small portion of the Reserve Forces can be accommodated in camp, owing to the limited camp equipment.

(2.) Transport and rations will be furnished, but nothing further—attendance at camp being optional and not one of the Conditions of Service of Reserves.

(13.) Sale of Police Paddock at Muswellbrook :—*Mr. Trickett*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken towards offering for sale certain lands reserved for extension of the town of Muswellbrook, and at present occupied as a police paddock?

(2.) When is it likely the land will be submitted for sale?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—None ; it having been decided by Mr. Secretary Copeland that the matter should stand over for the present, in consequence of the land being in possession of, and required by, the police authorities.

- (14.) Reserves in Upper Hunter Electorate :—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he call for a report, with a view to cancelling, reducing, and selling unnecessary reserves in the Upper Hunter Electorate?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The District Surveyors were some time ago instructed to report as to the practicability of revoking, curtailing, or otherwise modifying reserves from sale within their respective districts. It cannot be said that any reports have been received with respect to localities in the Upper Hunter Electorate ; but the District Surveyor will be communicated with.

- (15.) Draftsmen to District Surveyors :—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the duties, responsibilities, and salary of the Chief Draftsman to the District Surveyor at Maitland?

(2.) The same with regard to Second-class Draftsman?

(3.) The same with regard to all other chief and second-class draftsmen employed in similar capacities?

(4.) Will he state whether the duties performed by chief draftsmen cannot be efficiently discharged by the several district surveyors?

(5.) What are the salaries and responsibilities of first and second class surveyors respectively?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I am unable to answer this question fully on so short notice, as the material for reply will take some time to collect ; but, should the Honorable Member desire it, I will cause the information to be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (16.) Dismissals from Department of Justice :—*Mr. Toohy*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many officers of his Department have been notified that their services will be dispensed with?

(2.) Will he give the names of those officers and the positions they occupy, distinguishing those on the Permanent from the Temporary Staff ; also, length of service in each case?

(3.) Has he received any reports as to the advisability of discharging those officers, and the possibility of efficiently administering his Department after their dismissal ; and, if so, will he lay such reports upon the Table of the House?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1 and 2.) The information, in answer to these questions, will be supplied in the shape of a Return, which will be laid upon the Table of this House.

(3.) No ; at the proper time I shall be able to justify my independent action in this matter.

- (17.) Reserve Forces :—*Mr. Toohy*, for Mr. Rylie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he state whether the Reserve Corps of Volunteers will be allowed to hold local encampments ; if not, the reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that the Reserve Corps of Volunteers will not be allowed to hold local encampments, as all available camp equipment is required at National Park and Middle Head Encampments?

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Burns* laid upon the Table,—Return showing Gratuities paid to Officers of the Department of Public Works, during the years 1885, 1886, and 1887.

3. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th March, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 1st April.

Question put and passed.

4. BORENORE-FORBES RAILWAY :—*Mr. F. Jago Smith* presented a Petition from inhabitants of Cudal, Cargo, Toogong, Murga, &c., stating that they have been amazed at the action of the Legislative Council in refusing their approval of the Plans and Book of Reference of the Borenore-Forbes Railway ; and praying the House to take such steps as will afford the Legislative Council an opportunity of revising their former decision.
Petition received.

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

- (1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886," and to provide for the election of Licensees Commissioner by Ballot.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd March, 1887.

(2.) Conditional Purchases and Leases Validation Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1887.

(3.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" in certain respects.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1887.

Ordered, that the Messages be printed, and referred to the Committees of the Whole on the respective Bills.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the services of the year 1887, and for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
7. **SHERIFF'S FEES BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
- (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the scale of fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Clarke presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the scale of Fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
- (1.) Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the remedies of judgment creditors.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Trickett presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to extend the remedies of Judgment Creditors,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 26th April.
9. **ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICES ENABLING BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
- (1.) Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the assignees of fire insurance policies to sue thereon in their own name and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Wall presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on Policies their principal place of business,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th April.
10. **BROKERS LICENSING BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 8th April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the licensing and regulation of brokers.
Question put and passed.
11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
12. **CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS FEES BILL** :—
- (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of all Fees received by "Clerks of Petty Sessions" into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Clerks of Petty Sessions," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "every Government Officer."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cooke,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hutchison,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lees,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Riley.
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. M'Farlane,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Creer.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Chanter.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Clarke presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the payment of all Fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 17th March, 1887; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 1st April.

Question put and passed.

14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £925,000, being £575,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March or following months of the year 1887, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1886, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1887; £100,000, further sum, to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation; the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1888; and £250,000 for fortifications, cost of warlike materials ordered from England in 1885, and other expenses connected with the fortifications of the Colony, in anticipation of Loan Votes.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

15. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1887, the sum of £925,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

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

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

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887 and for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1887, A.M.*

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) The Municipal Association :—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does the association known as the Municipal Association constitute a legally incorporated body?

(2.) Are the Government aware that certain Municipal Councils pay portions of their income towards the maintenance of that association, such income having been provided by the Municipalities Act of 1867 for purposes of improvement within the several municipalities, except for certain specified purposes?

(3.) Will the Government advise the Councils concerned that such payments are in contravention of the Municipalities Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It does not appear to me practicable to afford the information. It is no part of the duty of the Government, nor has the Government the means to ascertain whether this association is incorporated or not. We cannot ascertain, nor have we the power to obtain the information as to whether any of these Councils pay any portion of the funds of the ratepayers to support this association. My impression is, that if any payments of this kind are made they are not justified by the provisions of the Municipalities Act. So far as we can obtain information on that head I will try to obtain it; but I am sure Honorable Members will see that it is impossible for us to go out of our way to obtain the information for which the question asks.

(2.) Paving at Circular Quay :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the great delay in laying wooden paving at Circular Quay, the public are put to very great inconvenience?

(2.) On what date was the work to be finished by the contractor?

(3.) When will the work be finished?

(4.) Will he give orders to at once open the portion of the roadway which is finished?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The delay has been unavoidable, on account of the old sea-wall at the foot of Phillip-street having given way just as the work was started.

(2.) 1st March, 1887.

(3.) In about two months.

(4.) The roadway is being opened in sections as early as possible; but a short time has to be allowed for the work to set before turning on the traffic.

(3.) Overseers of the Unemployed :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is a person named Oxley employed looking after the unemployed working somewhere near Parramatta; and is it a fact he has been receiving £10 per week?

(2.) Is Mr. Oxley's son, or a namesake, also employed looking after the above men at a salary of £3 per week?

(3.) Is another person also employed looking after the same men; if so, his name, and does he receive £4 per week?

(4.) Is he aware that the above persons have only had about thirteen men to look after lately near Parramatta; and if they do not get the pay mentioned, what do they get?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Mr. Oxley referred to is employed and paid as an officer connected with the Reformatory at Rookwood. I am bound to say that there really is no Reformatory at Rookwood; but there is a large cluster of buildings there which require to be taken care of. Information as to the amount of his salary has not been communicated to me, but I will cause it to be supplied.

(2.) Mr. Oxley's son is in charge of the relief works at Rookwood, at a salary of £3 per week.

(3.) R. Drew was paid £4 8s. 6d. per week, including ration allowance, as overseer, on Mr. District-Surveyor Deering taking charge of the whole of the relief works.

(4.) The number of men employed is twenty-five. When the overseer and clerk were appointed, I am informed there were some 500 men at work.

(4.)

- (4.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—What was the total amount of salaries and emoluments received from all sources during the year 1886 by Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs—Salary, £960; equipment allowance, £100; travelling expenses, £42; total, £1,102. Officer Commanding Torpedo Corps, (including £50 efficiency), £170 16s. 8d. Patent Fees, £66 3s. Total, £1,338 19s. 8d.

- (5.) Newspapers:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—What was the total number of newspapers carried by or passed through the post offices of New South Wales during the year 1886; and the weight of paper carried during 1886?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The estimated number of newspapers passing through the post offices during 1886 was 25,256,100, and the estimated weight 1,880 tons. It is, however, right to state that these calculations are made from the only source available, namely, the returns furnished by despatching officers in the city and country; and it is known that unfortunately there is a disposition on the part of many country officials to over-estimate the transactions at their offices.

- (6.) Licensing Act:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an Amending Licensing Act this Session?
- (2.) Will the principle of Local Option be applied to renewals, with or without compensation, in the said amending Bill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot undertake to introduce during this Session any Bill to amend the Licensing Act. It is perfectly true that, in reply to a deputation which waited upon me, I stated that I would introduce a Bill for that object; but I shall consider that my promise is fulfilled if I introduce the Bill in the Session proper to the year. As to the second question, sufficient for the day is the local option thereof.

- (7.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many men were enrolled as unemployed by Mr. Wise since the 20th January last?
- (2.) How many ration tickets did Mr. Wise issue, and what amount did each ticket represent?
- (3.) How many men has Mr. Wise sent to the Government Relief Works since 20th January?
- (4.) How many members of Police Force had Mr. Wise assisting him?
- (5.) Had Mr. Wise, at any time since the 20th January, a number of police ready to assist him, in consequence of his expecting an outbreak among the men?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Upwards of 1,900.
- (2.) 11,669 ration tickets were issued since the 20th January last. Each ticket represented 6d.
- (3.) 1,586.

(4 and 5.) Police were detailed, both in plain clothes and uniform, to be present during the consideration of applications for relief, and also to inquire into the circumstances of the applicants. The number of constables so employed varied from day to day, according to the duty to be done. Precautions were taken by the police authorities to have a force in readiness to suppress any disturbance, should such have occurred. I ought to add that no instructions were given to the head of the Police Department, and that whatever was done was done in the exercise of the Inspector-General's own judgment.

- (8.) Liquor Commission:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many persons, and what were their names, were appointed to the Liquor Commission?
- (2.) What amount was paid in fees?
- (3.) What was the amount each Commissioner received?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Thirteen, viz., Alexander Oliver, Esq., M.A., Parliamentary Draftsman (President), Francis Abigail, Esq., J.P., M.P., George Edwin Cass, Esq., J.P., M.P., Thomas Colls, Esq., J.P., John Davies, Esq., C.M.G., J.P., M.P., Robert Fowler, Esq., J.P., Alexander Hutchison, Esq., Solomon Herbert Hyam, Esq., J.P., M.P., Ninian Melville, Esq., J.P., M.P., Joseph Benjamin Olliffe, Esq., M.P., John Roseby, Esq., J.P., James Matthew Toohey, Esq., M.P., and George Withers, Esq., J.P.
- (2.) £704 8s.

(3.) As to who got this £700, the following information, which I am sure will be very interesting to those who did not get it, has been supplied to me:—Mr. Oliver, £150; Mr. Colls, £128 2s.; Mr. Withers, £140 14s.; Mr. Hutchison, £121 16s.; Mr. Roseby, £136 10s.; Mr. Fowler, £27 6s.

- (9.) Federation Enabling Act:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of Government to bring in a Bill to adopt the Federation Enabling Act?
- (2.) Has the Colonial Secretary at any time expressed an opinion favourable to that object?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Government, I believe, has no such intention.
- (2.) I have never expressed any such intention. I have at all times held the opinion that the Act of the Imperial Parliament now in existence to create a Federal Council really stands in the way of the true federation of the Australian Colonies.

- (10.) Mr. Jeanneret, M.P.:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether Mr. Jeanneret, one of the Members for Carcoar, holds, or has held within the last three months, any contracts under the Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We have made a rather minute inquiry, and we can find no evidence that the Honorable Member for Carcoar holds any contract under the Government.

- (11.) Gratuities to Mr. Vernon:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that John Vernon, an officer of his Department, has received £100 as a gratuity for 1885, £80 as a gratuity for 1886, and is being paid now at the rate of £80 per annum for 1887, in addition to his salary voted by Parliament?
- (2.) Will he state the reason for granting Mr. Vernon this gratuity?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes, a gratuity of £100 was paid to Mr. John Vernon for extra services rendered to the end of 1885. The amount of £80 for 1886 was paid, not as a gratuity, but as additional salary for extra services; and the amount for 1887 has been placed upon the Estimates to be voted by Parliament.

(2.) For special and extra services rendered to the Department.

- (12.) Conference on Imperial Defence:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the Delegates to the Conference on Imperial Defence empowered to deal with any other question save that of the Defence of the Empire?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have already explained, but I will explain again, that, by the despatch from the Secretary of State, the Imperial Conference is convened to consider matters of postal and telegraphic communications—I use the term in the plural because it is so in the despatch—and to consider a general scheme of defence of the whole Empire. The despatch expresses an opinion that certain questions—one in particular, that of Australian federation—should be excluded from the consideration of the Conference. It expressly states that the Conference is to be of a consultative character only, and that no party to it will be bound to any undertaking by these consultations. So far as the Delegates of this Colony are concerned, they are instructed not to commit—not even by implication—this Colony to any line of policy without first communicating the fact by telegraph to the Government of the country.

- (13.) Additional Judges:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Attorney-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to facilitate the administration of justice by bringing in a Bill for the appointment of two more permanent Judges?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Most certainly we will not submit any measure to appoint two additional Judges. Whether we will ask Parliament to sanction the appointment of an additional Judge is a question which we will consider very shortly, and communicate the result to the House.

- (14.) Steamship "Preussen":—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What sum has been disbursed for expenses connected with the German steamer "Preussen," lately detained in quarantine with small-pox on board; and what liability is the Government under for such quarantining?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to enforce payment for these charges against the owners or agents of the "Preussen"?

Mr. Burns answered,—The total amount claimable for expenses incurred by the German steamer "Preussen," while detained in quarantine with small-pox on board, is £2,519 16s. 7d., for payment of which the Government hold ample security.

- (15.) Moama Wharf:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into the necessity of continuing the channel leading to the Moama Wharf?

(2.) Will he provide crane accommodation at said wharf, in order that proper facilities may be provided for the proper loading and unloading of vessels?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Secretary for Public Works has supplied me with the following answers:—

(1.) The necessary inquiries shall be made.

(2.) This matter shall be considered when I have the report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers thereon before me.

- (16.) Custom-house at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for the erection of a Custom-house at Moama?

(2.) Has any tender been accepted?

(3.) Who is the successful tenderer?

(4.) Upon what site will the building be erected?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Tenders have been received.

(2 and 3.) No; but the tender of T. and G. Symons has been recommended.

(4.) The site proposed for the building is vacant land between the present Custom-house and the railway line.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report for the year 1886 by Her Majesty's Special Commissioner for the Protected Territory of British New Guinea.

(2.) Report of the Returning Officer as to alleged irregularities at the Queanbeyan Election.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table.—

(1.) Return with reference to the Lease and Renewal of Lease of the Anglo-Australian Mining Company, better known as the Lambton Colliery Company.

(2.) Report of the Australian Stock Conference of 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th December, 1885—"Railway Tires and Axles."

Ordered to be printed.

3. OPENING PARLIAMENT WITH PRAYER:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, in favour of opening every sitting of Parliament with Prayer; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.

Petition received.

4. **EXTENSION OF DIVORCE**:—Mr. Kethel presented a Petition from the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, praying the House to pass a measure providing for the extension of Divorce to cases of wilful desertion.
Petition received.
5. **REMOVAL OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES FROM DUBBO TO WELLINGTON** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Penzer moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all papers, documents, and correspondence in connection with the removal of the locomotive engines from Dubbo to Wellington.
(2.) Copies of all papers and documents showing the cost of the engine-sheds at Wellington.
(3.) A Return showing the loss (if any) sustained by the country through such locomotives being at Wellington instead of Dubbo.
Question put and passed.
6. **TEMPORARY CLERKS, DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, correspondence, and documents relative to the appointment of the temporary clerks of the Department of Roads and Bridges by the Executive Council, in February, 1885; and also of all minutes and papers relative to the said clerks, or their arrears of pay since February, 1885.
Question put and passed.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE AT MOAMA** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and other documents relating to the selections made at Moama on the 12th day of January, 1882.
Question put and passed.
8. **SEATS OF MR. CHANTER, MR. ELLIS, MR. HURLEY, AND MR. WALL**:—Mr. Thomps moved pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications whether John Moore Chanter, Esquire, James Cole Ellis, Esquire, John Hurley, Esquire, and William Chandos Wall, Esquire, are entitled to sit and vote in this Assembly, inasmuch as these gentlemen respectively were not sworn in by Mr. Speaker after he was elected and took the Chair of this House, nor were they sworn in by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose before Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers,

Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Haesall.

Noes, 68.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Levion,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kelly,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Ires,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Teece,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Trickett,	Tellers,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Black,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
10. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 1887, A.M.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Communications to Lessees of Land:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the practice of his Department to inform lessees of any land being applied for as conditional purchases, conditional leases, or homestead leases within their holdings?

(2.) In the event of applications for conditional purchases, conditional leases, or homestead leases, containing improvements, is it the practice to inform lessee forthwith?

(3.) Is it the practice to inform lessees of dates of hearing cases, as above, by the Land Board?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The proper officers to act upon such applications are the Chairmen of the Local Land Boards, who should give notice of not less than fourteen days to the pastoral lessee, or any other person directly interested in the proceeding, prior to dealing with the applications in open Court. There is no official information that this is not done in every case, but inquiry will be made.

(2.) Narrabri Train:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the train due to arrive at Narrabri at 10.45 a.m. ever arrive to time?

Mr. Burns answered,—Since the new time-table came into operation this train on one occasion only arrived to schedule time. A new time-table is, however, being prepared, and attention will be given to the running time of the train which is to take the place of the one referred to.

(3.) Trucking Sheep from Bourke:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that nineteen trucks of sheep, the property of Messrs. Christian, were despatched from Bourke on the 15th instant, that a portion of the consignment arrived at Homebush on the evening of the 16th, and the remainder the following morning; if so, what was the cause of the delay with latter portion, and why was the consignment split?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; the cause of the splitting of the consignment was the failure on the part of the senders to load the sheep in time to leave by the train arranged for by the Messrs. Christian's representative. The Department is in no way responsible.

(4.) Civil Servants holding Municipal Offices:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to amend or revoke the regulation in force with respect to Civil Servants, which prohibits them from holding the position of Alderman or Officer of any municipality?

(2.) Has the opinion of the law advisers to the Crown been obtained as to the legality of the regulation in question?

(3.) If not, will he obtain such opinion?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Though this may appear a simple matter, it is one that can hardly be decided without having the consideration of the full Cabinet. So far as my view is concerned, I am inclined to think that it is an unnecessary restriction to disallow Civil Servants from holding some of these offices; but I only state that as my opinion. The matter shall be considered, and, if necessary, we will take the opinion of the Attorney-General upon it.

(5.) Main Roads through Municipalities:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the great hardship and injustice to country municipalities in compelling them to maintain and repair the main roads passing through same, more particularly with regard to municipal districts of large area, the total municipal revenue of which is quite inadequate to keep these roads in a proper state of repair?

(2.) In order to place all country municipalities on an equal footing with those having proclaimed main roads, and which are at present maintained by the Government, will he recommend that the ordinary mileage vote for first-class roads be handed over to the various Municipal Councils in the country districts for the maintenance and repair of same?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit a special vote of ten shillings in the pound in aid of country municipalities as heretofore?

Mr

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am aware of such anomalies; but as it was found that the Municipal Councils expected a greater outlay within their limits than the entire vote from place to place amounted to, it became necessary to exclude roads within municipal limits from schedule. In addition to this, the interference of the Department within the municipal limits led to legal complications as to drainage, &c. The amount of mileage is generally so insignificant as to be of little use to Councils, and as extra endowment has been given in most years, it was not considered necessary to still further supplement this by road votes.

(2.) As far as possible, all amounts voted by Parliament within municipal limits are handed over to Councils for expenditure; but, for the reasons stated, the Minister cannot advise that special provision be made in addition to endowments for roads passing through municipalities.

(3.) The matter is under the consideration of the Honorable Colonial Secretary.

(6.) Actions against the Crown :—*Mr. Chanter*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) How many actions have been brought against the Crown in which the Crown succeeded, from 1st January, 1880, to 31st December, 1886?

(2.) What was the amount of taxed costs in each year payable by the unsuccessful parties?

(3.) How much of these costs has been received by the Crown?

(4.) How much has been paid into the Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. Foster answered,—I have ascertained that it will be impracticable to furnish the detailed information asked for by the Honorable Member at present; but it will be obtained, and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return with as little delay as possible.

(7.) Water Supply for Parramatta :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was a requisition and resolution passed by the Borough Council of Parramatta presented to the Government for the extension of the City of Sydney Water and Sewerage Act to that borough?

(2.) Has he arrived at a decision in the matter; and, if not, does he intend to have it decided at once by the Government, so as to enable the Council to carry out this work, which will enable the Council to give employment to a large number of persons in Parramatta now out of employment?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Such a requisition was presented to the Government, but only as respects sewerage.

(2.) It was decided by the late Minister that a sum should be taken on Loan Vote for the sewerage works. The work cannot be carried out by the Council, as the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act, 43 Vic. No. 32, provides that the works shall be constructed by the Minister for Public Works.

2. TRAMWAY FROM KOGARAH TO SANS SOUCI :—*Mr. Fletcher (by consent)* moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Tramway from Kogarah to Sans Souci" be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at, the site of the said tramway.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Further Amendment of Regulation No. 164 under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Wollongong.

(2.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Wellington.

Ordered to be printed.

4. REFUND OF INTEREST DUE ON FORFEITED CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of refunds of interest due by the Lands Department or the Colonial Treasury on account of forfeited conditional purchases, together with the names of the parties to whom such sums are due.

Question put and passed.

5. REMOVAL OF BOTANY ROAD TOLL-BAR (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stephen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, documents, and correspondence, in connection with the removal of the Toll-bar from the Botany Road.

Question put and passed.

6. BOTANY ROAD (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stephen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, correspondence, and documents in connection with the proclamation of the Botany Road as a Main Road of the Colony.

Question put and passed.

7. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Act now in force.

Question put and passed.

8. MR. CORBETT LAWSON, POLICE MAGISTRATE, BINGERA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Levien, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters and petitions, papers, and documents, relating to any complaint or complaints against Mr. Corbett Lawson, Police Magistrate of Bingera, relative to his conduct towards Mrs. Radford, school teacher at Barraba.

Question put and passed.

9. SITE FOR COURT-HOUSE, DUBBO (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kelly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, at an early date, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, valuations, plans, and other documents, having reference to the purchase of certain lands in the town of Dubbo by the Crown as a site for a new Court-house.

Question put and passed.

10. "O'GRADY'S HOTEL," NYNGAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, at an early date, copies of all papers, letters, minutes, valuations, plans, and other documents, having reference to the purchase of "O'Grady's Hotel" at Nyngan by the Crown.
Question put and passed.
11. TRAM CONDUCTOR (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Hassall, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the recent case of the tram conductor who was fined £2 for forcibly removing Mr. E. L. Samuel from the platform of a car, which fine was subsequently remitted.
Question put and passed.
12. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1887.*
13. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Friday next.
14. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Abbott objected to the Bill being proceeded with, on the ground that it involved a charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and should have been covered by a Message from the Crown,—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.
Mr. Garrett further contended that the Bill was of the class of Bills relating to Trade, and ought to have originated in a Committee of the Whole House.
Mr. Speaker said that, while he had some doubts as to the validity of the objection taken by Mr. Abbott, he was of opinion that Mr. Garrett's objection was fatal to the further progress of the Bill.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Garland, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
15. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Street,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Gibbes,	Sir Henry Parkes.
Mr. Trickett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Davis,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Toolcy,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Foster.

Tellers,

Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Gould.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Neild (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1887.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Seat of William Camac Wilkinson, Esquire*:—Mr. Trickett, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence, together with Appendix, taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with reference to the question submitted to them on the 22nd March, instant, regarding the Seat of William Camac Wilkinson, Esquire.

And the said Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th March, 1887, to whom was referred on the 22nd March, 1887, the question whether William Camac Wilkinson, one of the Honorable Members for the Glebe Electorate, was not at the time of his election as Member for the Glebe, and is not at the present time, disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, by reason of his holding an office of profit under the Crown at the date of such election, and at the present time, as he is Lecturer in the Sydney University, the salary for which office being paid out of the Endowment Fund voted by Parliament,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ That William Camac Wilkinson, Esquire, one of the Members for the Glebe Electorate, is a salaried Lecturer in Pathology at the University of Sydney; that he was not at the time of his election, and is not at the present time, the holder of an office of profit under the Crown; that he is not disqualified from sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

“ W. J. TRICKETT,
“ Chairman.”

“ No. 2 Committee Room,
“ 29th March, 1887.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Trickett, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

- (2.) *Adjournment of Committee*:—Mr. Trickett moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Railway T Rails*:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the price per ton now paid for re-rolling iron T rails from our railways?
- (2.) What is the cost per ton of gathering and inspecting these rails?
- (3.) What is the freight per ton, on an average, in carrying them to the contractors works?
- (4.) What is the selling price of these old rails per ton, as such?
- (5.) What is the cost per ton, landed in Sydney, of new steel-headed T rails?
- (6.) What is the estimated existence of the re-rolled iron T rail, and the new steel-headed T rail laid down on our railways, and under the same conditions of traffic?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) £3 19s. per ton.
- (2.) Estimated at 5s. a ton.
- (3.) Average 6s. 5d.
- (4.) The rails are not readily saleable in large quantities. The last price realised at auction for a small quantity was 31s. a ton, less cost of gathering and freight.
- (5.) £5 17s. 9d. was the average cost of the two last importations, to which has to be added, for the purpose of the comparison which the Honorable Member is making, the actual cost of sending the rails to Lithgow—16s. 6d. a ton; in all, £6 14s. 3d.
- (6.) It has not been ascertained how long a re-rolled rail will last. A new iron rail will resist a friction of 17,000,000 tons; and if the re-rolled rails should prove to be as good as newly made rails, which is doubted, they should last, in places where they have been directed to be laid down, from twenty to twenty-five years. Steel rails will last, it is estimated, from forty to fifty years, under the same conditions of traffic; but on steep grades and sharp curves, where the traffic is heavy, the life of the steel rail would not be nearly so long. (2.)-

(2.) The Clarence River :—*Mr. Toohy*, for *Mr. McFarlane*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The cost, up to date, of dredging the Clarence River between Ogilvie's Wharf, Lawrence, and J. See & Co.'s Wharf, Grafton ?

(2.) How many miles of the channel between those places have been deepened ?

(3.) Has any portion (if so, how much) been more than once deepened ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Secretary for Public Works has supplied me with the following answers :—

(1.) £21,717 4s. 6d.

(2.) $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

(3.) Yes ; Lawrence Elbow has been deepened twice, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length ; and, at the same time, the channel was greatly increased in width. This work has been carried out at intervals extending over a period of about seventeen years, the information now supplied being as accurate as the short time allowed for obtaining it has permitted.

(3.) Tram-motors :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is each tram-motor supplied with all mechanical necessities for replacement on the line, in the event of the motor running off the line ?

(2.) Is any instruction given to the driver and others in charge of the tram as to how they are to act in case of accident ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—To both questions I have to reply in the affirmative.

(4.) Cobar-Nyngan Railway :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the plans of the Cobar-Nyngan Railway were very greatly altered, both as to grading, ballasting, and in other substantial respects, after they had been passed and dealt with by this House, and before they were dealt with by the Legislative Council ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The plans of the Nyngan-Cobar Railway were not altered in any way after they had been passed by the Legislative Assembly and before they were dealt with by the Legislative Council.

(5.) Dismissals from the Railway Department :—*Mr. Toohy* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of employes dismissed from the Railway Department since 24th January, 1887 ?

(2.) The character of the occupation pursued by such employes while in the service of the Department ?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Department to further increase the dismissals ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(6.) *Mr. Cracknell*, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What amount was allowed to *Mr. Cracknell* to pay his expenses to Europe in 1885, in connection with the Berlin Conference ?

(2.) What extra amount was granted to him whilst in England for his further expenses when in Europe ?

(3.) What amount was he authorized to expend upon scientific instruments when in Europe ?

(4.) What instruments did he order, and what was their total cost ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) £400.

(2.) £144 18s.

(3.) £500.

(4.) One petroleum motor, £101 14s. 11d. ; one Hube's Registrator, £20 8s. ; one photometer, £25 1s. ; sundries, for electrical experiments, £57 19s. 11d. ; Elliott Brothers, electrical instruments, £199 4s. 10d. ; charges on above, £1 17s. 4d. ; one automatic exchange switch, £11 15s. ; total, £418 1s.

(7.) Telegraph Wire :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to state the dates on which the tenders for telegraphic wire have been called for in England prior to 1886 ?

(2.) Will he be good enough to give the particular items making up the average of £14 6s. per ton for the wire supplied through importers during the last two years ?

(3.) What will be the freight, charges, and commission for examination in London of the wire purchased through the Agent-General—will not these charges have to be added to the £10 9s. 6d. per ton, f.o.b. in London, referred to in the Postmaster-General's former answer of 15th March ?

(4.) Has it only just been believed by the Superintendent of Telegraphs that a considerable saving could be effected by purchasing direct from the manufacturer ?

(5.) Has the Superintendent of Telegraphs only just discovered that telegraphic wire is subjected to a special test in the process of its making by the London telegraph authorities ?

(6.) Will he give the names of the maker of such telegraph wire specified as specially tested by the telegraphic authorities in London ?

(7.) How many years is it since the quick speed instruments, mentioned by the Postmaster-General in his answers of 15th March, were first used in the Telegraph Department of this Colony ?

(8.) What are the gauges of the various wires now in use for telegraphic purposes for these quick speed instruments ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) On the 21st March, 1883.

(2.) Rabone, Feez, & Co., 10th February, 1885, £13 10s. ; Rabone, Feez, & Co., 10th February, 1885, £13 17s. 6d. ; John Slater & Co., 16th June, 1885, £15 10s. ; John Slater & Co., 16th June, 1885, £14 6s. 6d.

(3.) Not known yet.

(4.) No.

(5.) No.

(6.) Not known yet.

(7.)

(7.) 1881 and 1883; but repeaters have to be used on long circuits, if the wires have not sufficient carrying capacity. This is the case on the No. 6 wires, running to Brisbane, Melbourne, and Adelaide, repeaters having to be used on these circuits at Glen Innes, Albury, and Deniliquin.

(8.) Numbers 4 and 6.

(8.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) How many visits were made by Mr. Cracknell to the Jenolan Caves for the purpose of lighting them with the electric light, and what number of days did each visit occupy?

(2.) What was the nature of the duties which Mr. Cracknell performed when on these visits?

(3.) Were these duties of such an important nature that they could not have been performed by a subordinate officer of the Department, so as to leave Mr. Cracknell at liberty to attend to the duties of his office as Superintendent of Telegraphs?

(4.) By whose authority did he absent himself from his duties in Sydney to perform this work?

(5.) To what Department were his travelling expenses on these visits charged, and what was the amount allowed him per day?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Two; eleven on the first occasion, seven on the second.

(2.) To ascertain position in which the engine, dynamo, and lamps should be placed in the various caves, in order to give the best effect.

(3.) Ycs.

(4.) By the authority of the Postmaster General, and at the request of the Minister for Mines.

(5.) To the Telegraph Department; 30s. per diem.

(9.) Mr. Kethel, M.P.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to Mr. McElhone's questions as to Mr. Kethel leasing Goodlet's Wharf, and the reply thereto, is it not a fact that Mr. Kethel, M.L.A., is now leasing or occupying Goodlet's Wharf, Pyrmont?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Kethel, I believe, has a lease of the property from Messrs. Goodlet & Smith, but I have been unable to ascertain on what terms.

(10.) Steam-gauges:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the price paid for steam-gauges for the Railway and Tramway Services of New South Wales?

(2.) Is he aware that steam-gauges of first-class quality, and guaranteed for two years, are now manufactured in Sydney, and can be sold as cheap as the imported gauges?

(3.) Will he give these Sydney-made gauges a trial, in order to encourage a deserving native industry?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Three-inch pressure gauges, 150 lbs., £1; seven-inch pressure gauges, 200 lbs., £1 13s. each.

(2 and 3.) The only gauges purchased by the Railway Department during the past ten years have been those of colonial manufacture, and there is no intention to depart from the practice.

(11.) Excursion Fares—Farmers Trains:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention shortly to grant excursion fares on the railways, in the shape of Farmers Trains, as was granted by the late Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not intended to continue the running of these trains.

(12.) Traction and Portable Engines:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the price paid by Government for 6, 7, and 8 horse power traction engines?

(2.) What is the price paid by the Government for portable engines?

(3.) Is he aware that traction and portable engines can be manufactured in New South Wales at a little over the English rates?

(4.) Will he give the Colonial-made engines a trial, with a view to give employment and encouragement to our ironworkers?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) None have recently been purchased; but in 1883 a steam road-roller and stone-breaker was purchased in the Colony, at a cost of £750.

(2.) The last portable engine purchased by the Railway Department was in 1878. It was a 12-horse power engine, obtained in the Colony at a cost of £440.

(3.) I have no doubt they can be made in the Colony, but I am not aware of the price.

(4.) When such engines are required, an opportunity will be afforded colonial manufacturers of submitting offers.

(13.) Cartage of Military Baggage and Stores:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return, showing the names of the various tenderers, and the prices given in, and the successful tenderer in each case, for the cartage of military baggage and stores to and from the Easter Encampments for 1885, 1886, and 1887?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will presently lay the Return asked for upon the Table of the House.

(14.) Drummoyne Wharf:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Municipal Council of Five Dock applied for a special lease of the public wharf at Drummoyne; if so, at what rental?

(2.) What are the names of the other applicants (if any) for a lease of the same wharf, and what rental has been offered?

(3.) Is it his intention to give the preference to the Municipal Council's application, in order to give the control over the public wharf to the local municipal authorities?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; at a rental of £1 per annum.

(2.) Mr. W. J. Hobbs is the lessee, at a rental of £20 per annum.

(3.) Yes; where they have a legal right to take a lease, and are prepared to pay an equivalent rental.

(15.) Mr. Oxley :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is a person named Oxley employed looking after the unemployed working somewhere near Parramatta; and is it a fact he has been receiving £10 per week?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Mr. Oxley is employed in connection with the erection of the buildings, and general superintendence of the estate, which was proposed by the late Sir Alexander Stuart to be used as a Reformatory for Boys at Rookwood. He is paid at the rate of £400 per annum, with a camp and travelling allowance of 10s. a day. I desire to add to this answer, which has been supplied by the Department, that the whole plan and purport of this expenditure has always appeared to me to be one of great improvidence.

(16.) Paddington Tram-line :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to carry out his promise to extend the termination of the first section of the Paddington tram-line from Elizabeth-street to Queen-street?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The first section will be extended to Queen-street on Monday, 4th April.

(17.) Frieze for Telephonic System :—Mr. Black, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What are the particulars of the expenditure of the £1,500 and the £1,097 for the frieze work referred to in the Postmaster-General's answers of 17th March?

(2.) How was it that, in calculating the estimate for this work, the telegraph authorities omitted to include the probable cost of the verandah-roofs, when submitting the scheme for the approval of the Postmaster-General?

(3.) How many men were employed by the Department, between the 1st of March, 1886, and 30th September following, upon the frieze, under the telegraph overseer carrying out the work?

(4.) Has the pay of these men, and the salary of the overseer, been included in the total cost?

(5.) What was the gross amount paid for this work to these men?

(6.) If all the wires running to the west side of the city are to be carried on the frieze, what will it cost to remove the present poles and wires now in use in George-street?

(7.) Has the Superintendent of Telegraphs given any estimate of the cost of this removal?

(8.) Is he aware that many of the wires referred to in his answers to previous questions run to the railway station, and that the frieze work is only erected a short distance beyond Christ Church?

(9.) How is it proposed to carry the wires over this intervening space?

(10.) What is the name of the tenderer for this frieze at £8,500, referred to by the Postmaster-General?

(11.) Has the cable for use on this frieze been purchased; if so, what did it cost, and who supplied it?

(12.) Was the cost of this cable included in the original estimate for the work?

(13.) Is he assured that not more than £650 will be required to place this in complete working order for the transmission of messages?

(14.) Is he aware that his predecessor assured the House (as reported on page 2825 of *Hansard* for 1886) that not more than the sum of £1,500, then under discussion, would be required to complete this work?

(15.) How does he reconcile this statement with his own answer of 17th March—that, in addition to this sum, £1,097 has been already expended, and £650 will be required?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) £1,500 was expended in re-erection of verandahs, tools, extra iron-work, and wages; £466 18s. for iron pipes at street crossings; £150 for engineers supervision; and £480 2s., further sum, for erection of verandahs.

(2.) Will be answered by No. 15.

(3.) From ten to thirteen men, between March and June, 1886; six, from 4th to 24th July; five, from 25th July to 30th September.

(4.) The pay of the men has been included, but the salary of the overseer was omitted, he not being wholly employed on this work.

(5.) £773 10s.

(6.) No estimate has yet been made of this work.

(7.) No.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) At the point where the frieze work now ends the wires diverge in two or three directions, so that for the present it will not be necessary to carry it any further.

(10.) John Sutton & Sons, for the supply of the frieze and its erection.

(11.) Yes; cost £1,218—supplied by Callender's Bitumen Telegraph and Waterproof Company (Limited), and the India-rubber, Gutta-percha, and Telegraph Works Company (Limited).

(12.) No.

(13.) No; it is supposed about that amount will be required; but it cannot be determined until the contract for tunnel is accepted.

(14.) Yes.

(15.) The original estimate, submitted by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, on the 23rd October, 1883, namely £4,600 per mile, did not include the cost of altering or renewing verandah-roofs, but merely the purchase and erection of the frieze itself. The reason for this omission is that the matter of connecting the verandah-roofs with the frieze, at the cost of the Government, had not then been determined upon. After it had been decided that this should be done at the cost of the Government, the estimate for the erection of the frieze was increased from £600 to £1,500, in the belief that most of the old iron roofing could be used again. It proved, however, that very little could be re-used; and not only that, but, to suit the peculiar construction of some of the buildings (those at the south end of George-street being very old-fashioned), considerable expense had to be incurred in making special purlins. This, and the tunnelling under George-street, which was not originally contemplated, caused the excess in the estimate.

- (18.) Telegraph Wire:—*Mr. Black*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) What are the gauges of the 207 tons of telegraphic wire ordered from England during 1886?
 - (2.) Was the money for the purchase of this wire in London remitted to the Agent-General; if so, when, and what was the amount sent?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Nos. 6, 8, and 10.

(2.) On reference to the Treasury, I find that a letter of credit was forwarded to London in September, 1886, in favour of the Agent-General, for £4,958 for telegraphic wire.

- (19.) *Mr. South*, Telegraphic Operator, Murrumburrah:—*Mr. Black*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many of the operators senior to *Mr. South* petitioned against his appointment to Murrumburrah?

(2.) How many of his seniors were offered the appointment at Broken Hill, and what were their names?

(3.) How many expressed their unwillingness to go there?

(4.) Who was it represented that Broken Hill was an unsuitable place for *Mrs. South*?

(5.) Why was *Mr. South* entitled to special consideration for having accepted Broken Hill station?

(6.) What telegraph offices has *Mr. South* been employed in since he entered the service, what has been his position in each office, and his length of service in each capacity and in each office?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Twenty-eight.

(2.) The appointment at Broken Hill was not formally offered to any of *South's* seniors; but the absence of any application upon their parts for the office, the absence of any protest against the appointment of *South*, and the knowledge to most of them it would be no promotion, were regarded as indications of their having no desire to go there. Subsequently, *Mr. Chapman*, who may be said to represent all the petitioners in this case, expressly stated that neither he nor (he believed) any of the others would have accepted Broken Hill. Later still, *Mr. Cooper*, another senior hand, has given expression to similar views.

(3.) Answered by reply to question No. 2.

(4.) *Mr. South*.

(5.) It was thought that as *Mr. South* had been willing to fill a place to which few (if any) seniors would care to go, he was entitled to some consideration, and this, added to the circumstances with regard to his wife, led to his being appointed to Murrumburrah; but it was admitted, in answer to the questions in October last, that when considering *Mr. South* in connection with Murrumburrah, others, who would not have gone to Broken Hill but who were entitled to promotion, were unfortunately overlooked.

(6.) 1st January, 1876, messenger, Randwick, £26 per annum; 8th October, 1883, appointed operator, William-street, £104; 29th May, 1885, appointed operator, Sydney, £114; 16th July, 1886, appointed station-master, Broken Hill, £180; 4th August, 1886, appointed station-master, Murrumburrah, £180.

- (20.) Friendly Societies:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the better regulation of Friendly Societies?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole question of the present state of the law in reference to Friendly Societies will receive early consideration; but I cannot promise to introduce a Bill this Session.

- (21.) Labour Conditions for Mining:—*Mr. Tonkin* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to enforce the labour conditions on mining leases now lying unworked in the various mining centres without further delay?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Wardens and the Inspector of Mines have been instructed to report all cases of non-work, and an inducement is offered to miners to report such cases. To enable them to do this, lists are published periodically of all leases in force and the number of men to be employed on each lease. Such lists are on view at the several Warden's Offices.

3. FOREIGN CRIMINALS BILL:—*Sir Henry Parkes* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the introduction of Foreign Criminals into New South Wales*",—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL:—*Mr. Day* presented a Petition from *Elizabeth Crisp*, the Administratrix, and *Amos Crisp* and *John Crisp*, Administrators, of the Estate of the late *Amos Crisp*, the elder, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Administratrix and Administrators of the estate of the late *Amos Crisp*, the elder, to manage and carry on the station properties of the said *Amos Crisp*, the elder, deceased, with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock, and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock, and all other the lands and stock of, and belonging to the said estate, such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said *Amos Crisp*, the elder, deceased.

And *Mr. Day* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Monaro Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Melville* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PAPERS:—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing Tenders for Conveyance of Military Stores to and from Easter Encampments.

(2.) Return showing the Number of Electors on the Rolls of the several Electoral Districts of the Colony; also, the number of Persons who recorded their Votes at the General Election in 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

7. THE CASE OF PATRICK SANKEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents in connection with the case of Patrick Sankey, of Moree.
Question put and passed.
8. M. J. BRETT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, MADE AT WAGGA WAGGA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters and papers relating to Michael James Brett's conditional purchases, made at Wagga Wagga on the 6th of August, 1885.
Question put and passed.
9. APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all applications for mineral leases which have been refused, and the whole or part of the deposit moneys refunded, although the land applied for was available, showing in detail, (1) names of applicants, (2) date of application, (3) date of refusal, (4) area applied for, (5) amount refunded, (6) any special reasons for the action taken.
Question put and passed.
10. FOREIGN CRIMINALS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to prevent the introduction of Foreign Criminals into New South Wales.

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Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

11. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money, not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.
Question put and passed.
12. CIRCUIT COURTS:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The name of every town in the Colony at which Circuit Courts are now held.
 - (2.) The date of the establishment of each of such Circuit Courts.
 - (3.) The number of sittings held at each of those towns by the Supreme Court in each year since their establishment.
 - (4.) The total cost of each of those Courts (excepting Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland), distinguishing the cost for the Judge's attendance, the cost for the attendance of juries, the cost for the attendance of witnesses, and any other expenses of such Courts, from the date of the establishment of each to the present time.
 - (5.) A similar return for the Courts at Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, for each of the years from the 1st of January, 1880, to the 31st December, 1886.
 - (6.) The number of criminal charges heard at each of the Courts so held at each sitting, showing how many of such charges the Courts of Quarter Sessions had jurisdiction to deal with.
 - (7.) The number of civil cases heard at each of the Courts so held at each sitting, showing how many of such cases the Judge of a District Court had jurisdiction to deal with.
 - (8.) The distance of such Courts in the north, south, and west from each other.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. INTERFERENCE OF MINISTERS AT ELECTIONS:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That it is highly improper in any Minister of the Crown, directly or indirectly, to use the power of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament; and any attempt at such influence should at all times be resented by this House, as aimed at its own honour, dignity, and independence, as an infringement of the dearest rights of the subjects of the Empire, and tending to sap the Constitution.
 - (2.) The Colonial Secretary (Sir Henry Parkes), having been guilty of the aforesaid offence, is deserving of the censure of this House.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. Walker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraph (2).
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;—put, and resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Walker.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken.
Mr. Ives,	Tellers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Tonkin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS, HOMESTEAD LEASES, AND PRE-EMPTIVE LEASES:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of cases in which the Minister for Lands has reduced or increased the appraisement of runs, as settled by the Local Land Boards after full inquiry, giving the reasons in each case for so doing, and what inquiry was made before setting aside the decision arrived at by the Land Board.
 - (2.) The like in regard to homestead leases.
 - (3.) The like in regard to holders of pre-leases in the Eastern and Central Districts.
- Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. RAILWAY FREE PASSES—SPECIAL TRAINS:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the issue of Free Railway Passes and the running of Special Trains.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Black, Mr. Henson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Levien, Mr. Gormly, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1885-6 be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to being referred to the Committee.
- Question put and passed.
And the Clerk having laid the Documents upon the Table,—
Mr. Neild (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on "Railway Free Passes—Special Trains," just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Select Committee now appointed on that subject.
Question put and passed.
16. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON PERICOOTA RUN:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the Selections made at Moama on the 12th day of January, 1882.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Day, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gormly, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levien, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, at the earliest possible date, copies of all correspondence and papers between the contractor and the Government, and all other persons, in reference to repayment of retention money in connection with No. 3 section, Illawarra Railway; and all correspondence relating to the assignment or transfer of the contract and plant by Thomas Logan to trustees for the benefit of his creditors; also, the correspondence relating to Mr. W. C. Proctor's connection with said contract, and other members of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA:—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the selection made by Thos. Thompson, at Moama, on the 12th day of January, 1882; the reason of his being served by Messrs. Robertson & Wagner with a writ for trespass; and the result of the action in the Supreme Court.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Day, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gormly, Dr. Ross, Mr. Levien, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

19. **THE POST OFFICE CLOCK**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, together with minutes thereon, subsequent to those laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council, in connection with the erection of the Post Office Clock.
Question put and passed.
20. **THE "CRITERION HOTEL"**:—Mr. Henson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of the Depositions taken before the Licensing Bench in connection with an application made by John Solomon for the granting of a Publican's License for premises to be erected at the corner of Pitt and Park streets, in the City of Sydney, when the license was refused.
(2.) Also, copies of the Depositions taken—both at the first and at the adjourned hearing—before the Bench, upon an application made by John Solomon for a Publican's License for the same premises (now known as the "Criterion Hotel") when the license was granted, during the present year.
Question put and passed.
21. **SALARIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS**:—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the depressed state of affairs in this country warrants a reduction in the highly paid servants of the State.
(2.) That, on the passing of this Resolution, all salaries over £500 shall be reduced 10 per cent, and all salaries from £500 to £250 shall be reduced 5 per cent.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put, and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
22. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Matheson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Tonkin,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. See,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Bowman.

Tellers,

Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Seaver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Neild then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 30th March, 1887, A.M.*

23. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
24. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising do adjourn until Five o'clock this day.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m. until Five o'clock p.m. This Day.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Immigration:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to abolish the Immigration Department in Sydney?
 (2.) Does he intend to request Mr. Wise to retire under the Civil Service Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not prepared to give an answer to the first question. In respect to the second question, I do not think I shall request Mr. Wise to retire under the Civil Service Act.

- (2.) The Chinese:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to deal with the matter of the influx of Chinese into this Colony during the ensuing Session?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, during the next six weeks or two months, give my attention to this matter—that is, to the operation of the law as it exists—and find out as far as I can what the effect has been. If new legislation appears to be required I shall be prepared to undertake it.

- (3.) Hyde Park Barracks:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to allow Hyde Park Barracks to disfigure the site at the head of King-street during Centennial year?
 (2.) Has it occurred to the Government that the site in question would be an admirable one for the National Monument to commemorate the Centenary of the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Government have no present intention of abolishing Hyde Park Barracks.
 (2.) It has not occurred to the Government that this is a particularly admirable site for a National Monument.

- (4.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—*Mr. Stephen* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is eight hours recognized as a day's work in any of the various branches of the Public Works Department; if so, will he specify in what branch or branches it is so recognized?
 (2.) Are there any employes in the Railways, Tramways, or other Departments of the Public Works to whom the eight-hour system is not conceded; if so, will he specify in what branch or branches it is not conceded?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause such measures to be adopted as will provide for extending the eight-hour system to all branches of the Public Works Department?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The rule is, that as far as possible the eight-hour system is recognized; but there are exceptions to this, where, I regret to say, it would be impossible to carry it out. With regard to railway employes, although in some cases the men may be in attendance more than eight hours, the actual work performed is rarely continuous.

- (5.) Bridge across the Hawkesbury River:—*Mr. Wise* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the case that the roadway of the bridge across the Hawkesbury at Peat's Ferry is only 30 feet above the mean level of the river?
 (2.) Will not the bridge interfere with the navigation of the river?
 (3.) If this is so, can any steps be taken to render the river navigable for the ketches and other crafts at present trading with the Hawkesbury River?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The level of the underside of the girders of the Hawkesbury Bridge will be 40 feet above high-water, and 46 feet above low-water.
 (2 and 3.) It is assumed that any vessels having occasion to pass up the river could do so by striking their topmasts.

(6.)

- (6.) Compensation to Dismissed Railway Surveyors:—Mr. Wise asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Railway Surveyors whose services were dispensed with at the close of last year receive the compensation which was promised to them on their notice of dismissal, and which has been recommended by Mr. Whitton?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question whether compensation can be paid to these surveyors for loss of office is under the consideration of the Government. They were not permanent officers, nor did they contribute to the Superannuation Fund.

- (7.) Cooma Railway:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, at an early date, copies of all correspondence, papers, and plans, in reference to the proposed deviation of the railway into the town of Cooma?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House if they are moved for in the usual way.

- (8.) Rabbit-proof Fencing:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the rabbit-proof fencing from Bourke to the Queensland Border; also from Albury (following as nearly as possible the line of railway) to a junction with the fencing erected along the railway from Narramine to Bourke?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The matter will be brought under the consideration of the Cabinet on an early date.

- (9.) Diamond Drills and Water Augers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that the Mining Department sends to Melbourne for diamond-drill couplings and water nozzles?

(2.) Is it true that the price paid for the Melbourne article is 15s., while the same article can be supplied by a Sydney firm for 14s.?

(3.) Is he aware that water augers required by the Government are now bought in Melbourne, but can be supplied at less cost in Sydney?

(4.) What is the reason these articles are purchased in Victoria, when they can be supplied by firms in New South Wales?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No; except those purchased with a drill, which was bought in Melbourne on 19th July, 1884.

(2.) The price is not known, as there is an ample supply in stock. The last obtained were purchased in Sydney, in 1885, from Luton & Sons.

(3.) None have been purchased since 1883. The patents are owned by Melbourne firms, but the augers, when required, are purchased through the Sydney agents.

(4.) They are not purchased in Melbourne.

- (10.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of blank railway passes issued to the Commissioner for Railways since January, 1880, giving each year separately?

(2.) How many railway free passes, or orders for free conveyance by rail, have been issued in the handwriting of the Colonial Secretary, to persons connected with the Sydney Press, since the accession of the present Government to office?

(3.) How many other such passes have been issued by order of the Colonial Secretary, or by order of any other Minister, or by the Commissioner for Railways, within the same period, to persons connected with the Sydney Press?

(4.) Is it in accordance with the usual practice for Ministers to issue passes to reporters in their own handwriting addressed to railway officials; and, if not, will he explain why the representatives of the Press were not directed to avail themselves of the half-fare application forms provided by the Department to allow Press representatives to travel at half the usual rates?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The first of these questions is so peculiarly worded that I can hardly understand what is meant. The answer supplied to me by the Department is to this effect:—“No railway passes are issued to the Commissioner for Railways. He is the officer who authorizes their issue to others.” If the Honorable Member who has given notice of this question will put it in another form, so as to ascertain the number of blank railway passes that have been issued, it shall be answered. It cannot be answered as the question now stands. With regard to question 2, the answer is—that I have issued two or three such passes since I have been in office. I have not issued any other passes, nor have I authorized any person to issue any. The answer supplied to me to the third question is, “five passes have been issued to members of the Sydney Press during the period mentioned”; and the answer supplied to the fourth question is, that “it is not the practice.” In respect to the two or three passes which I issued, they were issued because the Commissioner for Railways was not accessible to me at the time, it being after hours, or there were other circumstances which did not admit of my sending to him.

- (11.) Tram-tickets:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the reasons (if any) which led to the new regulations whereby tram-tickets are now being issued upon the backs of which is printed a request to travellers to see that tram conductors destroy the ticket in their presence?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The new system of tearing the tickets was introduced to ensure the effectual cancellation of them at the time of collection, for which the system previously in vogue did not provide.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return in reference to Employés dismissed from the Railway Department since 24th January, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report from Agent for Immigration for 1886.
 (2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Balmain.
 (3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Uralla.

(4.)

- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Victoria.
 - (5.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Orange.
 - (6.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Lismore.
 - (7.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.
 - (8.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Coonamble, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (9.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Albury, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. SYDNEY HOSPITAL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Sydney Hospital,"—and that Committee being desirous to examine Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Sydney Hospital," if they think fit.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated 23rd March, 1887, requesting leave for Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, and John Rendell Street, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Sydney Hospital,"—the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1887.

4. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886' and to provide for the election of Licenses Commissioner by Ballot.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886,' and to provide for the election of Licenses Commissioner by Ballot,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1887.

5. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.

Question put and passed.

6. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp, the elder, to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp, the elder, deceased, with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock, and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock, and all other the lands and stock of, and belonging to the said estate, such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp, the elder, deceased.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Day having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp the elder to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock and all other the lands and stock of and belonging to the said estate such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased,*"—read a first time.

7. BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER DARLING AT WENTWORTH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, petitions, correspondence, reports, and plans, in reference to the erection of a bridge over the River Darling at Wentworth.

Question put and passed.

8. SHERIFF'S FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

11. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1887, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1886 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 1887; together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1886 and previous years.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th March, 1887.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,144, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1887.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 on Wednesday next.

14. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1887.

(2.) Statement of the Annual Expenditure under the various Heads shown in the Estimates during the years 1877 to 1886, and the Total Expenditure for that period.

(3.) Statement of the Annual Expenditure on account of Services authorized to be provided for by Loans during the last ten years, that is, from 1877 to 1886.

(4.) Schedule to the Estimates-in-Chief for 1887.

(5.) Detailed Statement of Revenue derived annually from Land Sales and from Occupation of Public Lands from 1877 to 1886 inclusive, and the total amount received under each Head for that period.

(6.) Return of Revenue and Receipts from 1877 to 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board of Inquiry into the working of the Lands Department, with Minutes thereon and Appendices thereto.

Ordered to be printed.

15. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.

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

Ordered,

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

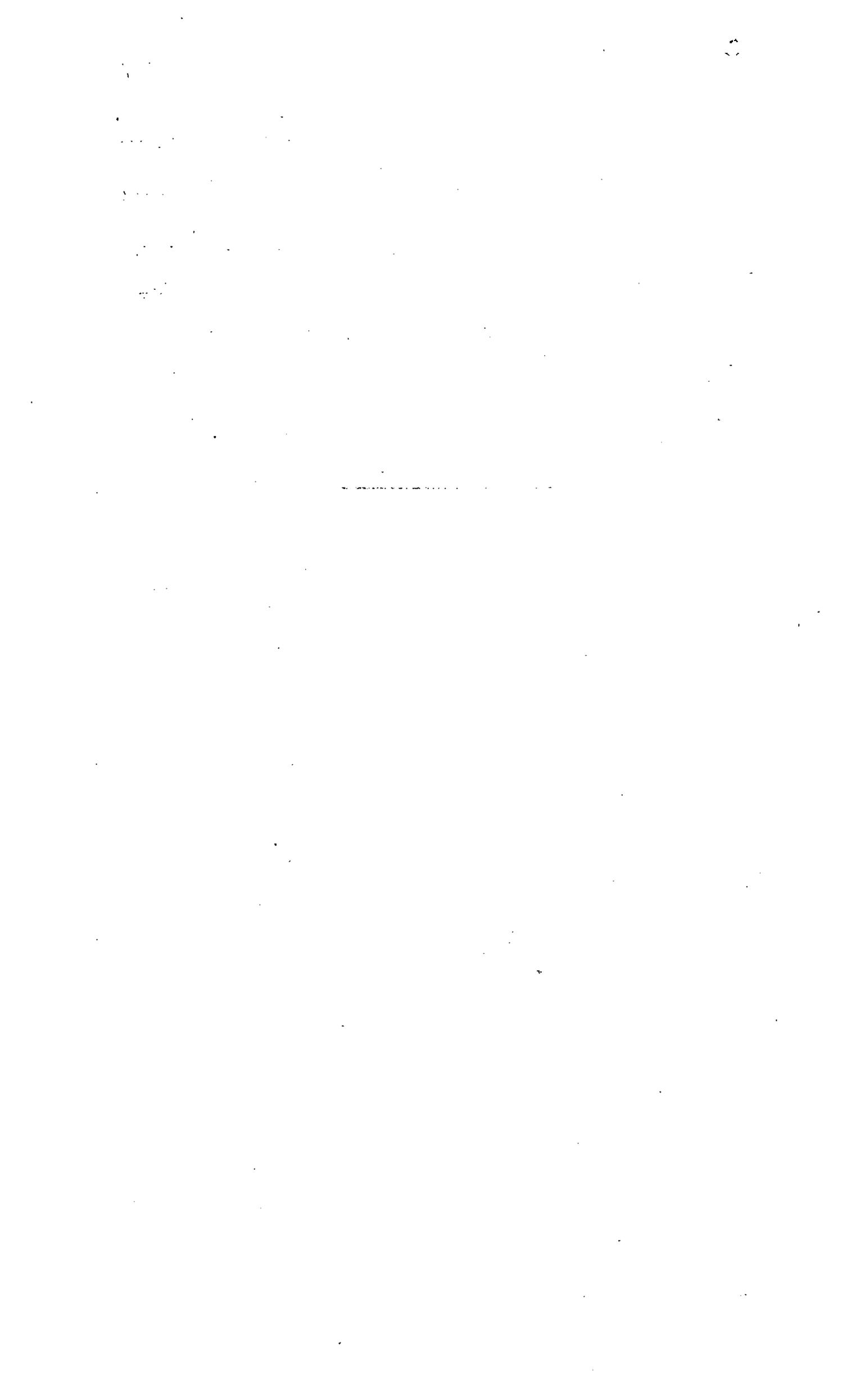
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1887.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 8.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 31st March, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The River Murray:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the true southern boundary between the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria?
- (2.) Are the waters in the River Murray under the control of the New South Wales or Victorian Government?
- (3.) By what right do the Victorian Marine Board control the shipping navigating the River Murray?
- (4.) Have the New South Wales Marine Board the right to regulate the shipping trading on the river?
- (5.) If so, have they the sole right to do so?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The waters of the Murray are, by the Constitution Act, the boundary of New South Wales—the waters being within this Colony.

(2, 4, and 5.) Both Colonies have common rights on the waters of the river.

(3.) It is understood that the vessels trading on the river are registered in Victoria or South Australia. For that reason they are under the control of the Marine Boards of those Colonies.

(2.) A. S. N. Company's Property at Circular Quay:—Mr. McMillan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government that officers of the Bathurst District Engineer's Staff, Railway Department, should be compelled to work as usual on days proclaimed as public holidays in the Bathurst District; if so, is this necessary?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government are very sensible of the importance of the acquisition of this land for the purpose indicated in this question; but the question is one of magnitude, and the consideration given to it up to this point does not enable me to give, on behalf of the Government, a distinct answer. "I will do so before very long."

(3.) Engineer's Staff, Railway Department, Bathurst:—Mr. Cortis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government that officers of the Bathurst District Engineer's Staff, Railway Department, should be compelled to work as usual on days proclaimed as public holidays in the Bathurst District; if so, is this necessary?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not aware of the circumstances of any particular case; but I may say generally that the Railway employes, in whatever grade, will be required to work, if there be necessity for their services, whether the day be proclaimed a public holiday or not.

(4.)

- (4.) Pyrotechnic Displays in the Domain :—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the whole amount of money received from Mr. Pain for city charities, from the proceeds of fireworks exhibitions in the Domain?
 - (2.) Has the money been distributed?
 - (3.) If so, will he state the names and amounts to each?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) The total sum is £479 10s.
 - (2 and 3.) The money has not yet been distributed. It is proposed to divide it amongst charities which do not at present receive aid from the Public Revenue.
- (5.) Public Works Board of Inquiry :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of days the Public Works Board of Inquiry were engaged, and the amount of fees paid, or to be paid, to each member of such Board?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Seventy-one days. The amount to be paid each member of the Board is £447 6s. The total cost of the Board, exclusive of the expense of printing, is £1,863 11s. 7d.
- (6.) The Tramways :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to give a trial to workmen's tickets on our trams?
 - (2.) If so, will he make them apply to all tram suburbs?
 - (3.) Will he give a trial to the penny section system on trams running within the city boundary?
 - (4.) How many bell-registers are in the possession of the Tram Department?
 - (5.) What was the cost of each of these bell-registers?
 - (6.) Has the new system of tearing tram-tickets been found more beneficial than was the case when the bell-register was used by tram conductors?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Certain trams, to be advertised, will be termed workmen's trams, and passengers by them will be carried at reduced fares.
 - (2.) The above will apply to all suburbs.
 - (3.) It is not considered desirable to do so.
 - (4.) 132 pairs.
 - (5.) £8 1s. 9d.
 - (6.) It is considered so.
- (7.) Recreation Ground, Narrabri West :—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the recreation ground for Narrabri West be proclaimed, and the Trustees gazetted, the names having been submitted and approved of?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—The reserve is being dedicated by the Lands Department, and is included in the abstract of proposed dedications laid before Parliament on the 9th instant. No further action can be taken for a month from that date; but as soon as the dedication is completed, the appointment of Trustees, &c., will be proceeded with.
- (8.) Interment of a Body on the Moama Road :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he yet obtained any replies concerning his inquiries as to whether a dead body was interred on the main road leading from Moama to Moulamein?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Some representations on the subject have reached the Government, and the papers have been referred to the Department of Justice, with a suggestion that a report should be obtained from the Police Magistrate on the spot.
- (9.) Gambling by the Chinese :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the extent of the gambling in the Chinese dens in this city?
 - (2.) What supervision (if any) of the police is provided over Chinese gambling-houses?
 - (3.) Is he aware of the extent of the demoralisation of the youths of this Colony occasioned by the same?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the Colony is constantly being drained of large sums of money from this cause?
 - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to put a stop to the existing immorality in the said dens?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—
- (1.) The police report that gambling is carried on to a considerable extent by Chinese in Sydney.
 - (2.) The police keep these gambling-houses under constant and close observation. There have been several prosecutions and convictions since it was decided that the gamblers could be reached under existing law, and, as a consequence, such gambling is not so prevalent as formerly.
 - (3.) Such houses have been frequented by Europeans, who, no doubt, have been demoralised thereby.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) The police have been instructed to use every effort to suppress the evil. I cannot help adding to the answers supplied to me, that gambling-houses are dens not confined to the Chinese.
- (10.) The Case of Murphy and Stewart :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all papers and documents connected with a case in which one Murphy was lately charged with stealing three maggies, the property of the Commissioner for Railways; and also, the records from the office of the Inspector-General of Police as to the character of one Stewart, a witness in the said case, and formerly a policeman?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no objection, provided the documents are moved for in the usual way.
- (11.) Blank Railway Passes :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any record is kept of blank railway passes printed and issued to the Commissioner for Railways?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; and a record is kept of passes issued by the Commissioner for Railways.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1886-7.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., relative to the application of Mr. Thomas Bates for, and appointment to, the position of Assistant Inspector of Colliceries.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WILLIAM-STREET TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from Andrew Armstrong, of St. Leonards, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from Elizabeth-street along Park and William Streets, and from Elizabeth-street along King, College, and Boomerang Streets to William-street, City of Sydney.
And Mr. Lyne having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. SHERIFF'S FEES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to regulate the scale of Fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the scale of Fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1887.*

6. BERRY'S BAY TORPEDO STORE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports, minutes, letters, and other documents relating to the renting of the Berry's Bay torpedo store.
Question put and passed.

7. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Crisp's Enabling Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dawson, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Chapman, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. William Clarke, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Neild,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Moore,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Black,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McMillan,	Dr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. Street,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Colls.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Clarke (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th February, 1884—
“Spirits, Wines, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
Ordered to be printed.
10. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Wall moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes made a statement, in which he indicated the course the Government proposed to take in dealing with the public business this Session.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pilot and Tug Service:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of the various ports, harbours, or rivers (exclusive of Sydney and Newcastle) between Cape Howe and Point Danger, where pilot stations are established; and the number of staff employed by the Government at each such station respectively; and the total cost of maintenance, for the past twelve months, for each port, harbour, or river respectively?

(2.) The amount of yearly salary paid the pilot stationed at each such port, harbour, or river, respectively; and the number and nature of any other appointments or positions of profit (apart from the Marine Board Department) held by any such pilot under any other Department of the Public Service; and the amount of remuneration received by any such pilot in lieu thereof, in addition to his salary from the Marine Board Department for services as pilot?

(3.) The amount of subsidy paid by the Government for the last twelve months for the maintenance of a tug-boat at each port, harbour, and river respectively?

(4.) The total amount of cost to the Government for the past twelve months for the maintenance of a tug and pilot service at each harbour and river respectively, apart from repairs, additions, and alterations to dwelling-houses for pilots and their crews, painting and repairing whale-boats, &c.?

(5.) The amount of fees collected by the Customs for pilotage of vessels into or out of each such port, harbour, or river respectively, for the past twelve months?

(6.) How many of the men occupying the position of pilots in all the ports, harbours, and rivers, as before-mentioned, hold masters certificates of either competency or service, and their names?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have no objection to furnish the information if the Honorable Member will move for it in the shape of a Return. To such a motion I shall offer no opposition.

- (2.) *Mr. Salomons, Q.C., M.L.C.*:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) What was the total sum paid for the year 1886 by the Government to *Mr. Salomons, Q.C.*?

(2.) What sum has been paid, or is due, to him this year as fees?

Mr. Foster answered,—

(1.) £2,134 7s.

(2.) Amount paid, or due, £208 16s. 6d.

- (3.) The Richmond River:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Marine Board cause instructions to be given to the Pilot at the Richmond River, or the Captain in charge of the steam-tug there, to afford information daily, or as often as practicable, as to the depth of water on the Bar and "Crossing," to the Telegraph-master at Ballina, with a view of same being posted at the Telegraph Stations on the river for the information of shipmasters and others interested, as is the case at the Clarence River and other ports?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have communicated with the Marine Board, who will cause instructions to be given to the Pilot at the Richmond River, or the Captain in charge of the steam-tug there, to afford information daily, or as often as practicable, as to the depth of water on the Bar and "Crossing," to the Telegraph-master at Ballina, with a view of same being posted at the Telegraph Stations on the river, for the information of shipmasters and others interested.

- (4.) Metropolitan Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Do metropolitan Clerks of Petty Sessions transact, as Justices of the Peace, the duties of Chamber Magistrate, which include the initiation of thousands of cases during the year?

(2.) Is Chamber work in this city, similar to that performed in open Court in the London Police Courts by Magistrates, performed by Clerks of Petty Sessions?

(3.) Do Stipendiary Magistrates devote the whole of their attention to Bench work?

(4.)

(4.) Do the Clerks of Petty Sessions at Maitland do similar work, and is it alleged that the inducement to undertake the far heavier duties in the city is the addition of the Small Debts Fees, amounting to about £500 per annum?

(5.) Is it a fact that no extra allowance has been made to Metropolitan Clerks of Petty Sessions for performing the Chamber work?

(6.) Is there any reason that, in view of the reduction contemplated, provision should not be made for increases?

(7.) Were the offices of Registrar of the Small Debts Courts created in Sydney under a special Act, under which fees were payable to Registrars?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Metropolitan Clerks of Petty Sessions act as Justices of the Peace in a Ministerial capacity only, and perform similar duties in this respect to other Clerks of Petty Sessions in the country who happen to be Magistrates, and that there is no such officer known or designated as Chamber Magistrate in Sydney.

(2.) I am unable to say.

(3.) Yes; except when any special matter may require their attention when off the Bench.

(4.) Yes; I have no doubt such is probably the case.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) No.

(7.) Yes.

(5.) Mr. John McCormick, Cabman, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the reason for refusing Mr. John McCormick permission to run his cab from Albury to the Railway Station, for the purpose of carrying passengers both ways?

(2.) As Mr. McCormick is willing to pay any charges that may be imposed for running his cab, will he give instructions to have Mr. McCormick's request complied with?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Station-master reports that the stand for cabs plying for hire within the railway premises is already sufficiently occupied, and it is not desirable to increase the number, as it would probably lead to unseemly competition, to the annoyance of passengers.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Balmain:—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) What is the reason of the delay in opening the new Post and Telegraph Offices in Balmain?

(2.) Why were the fittings for these premises not proceeded with on completion of the buildings by the contractor?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) I have received no intimation that the building has been completed.

(2.) As soon as the building is handed over by the contractor, no time will be lost in providing the necessary fittings. I may add, that the contract time for completion of the building will not expire till 22nd June.

(7.) Railway from Woods Flat to Eugowra:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the survey of railway line from Woods Flat, on the Murrumburrah and Blayney Line, to Eugowra been made?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of proposed line, including resumptions of land, from Woods Flat to Forbes?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed line from Borenore to Forbes, including resumptions of land thereon?

(4.) What is the distance from Sydney to Forbes, *via* Woods Flat and Eugowra, and from Sydney to Forbes, *via* Borenore and Eugowra?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The estimated cost of constructing the line from Woods Flat to Eugowra and Forbes is £383,235, or £5,988 per mile; and from Borenore to Forbes, *via* Cudal, £565,242, or £8,499 17s. per mile. No estimate of the cost of land has been made for either line.

(4.) Sydney to Forbes, *via* Woods Flat and Eugowra, 273 miles 13 chains; Sydney to Forbes, *via* Borenore and Eugowra, 266 miles 73 chains.

(8.) Court-house, Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Minister of Justice,—When do the Government intend to proceed with the erection of a new Court-house at Newcastle, for which £7,000 was voted in 1885?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Revised plans have been prepared, but the Vote referred to lapsed on 31st December last, and the money must be re-voted before the erection of the building can be commenced.

(9.) Charges of Drunkenness:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—How many persons were brought before the city and suburban Magistrates on Monday last, March 28th, charged with drunkenness?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—One hundred and ten.

(10.) Real Property Act Assurance Fund:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money paid to the Assurance Fund under the Real Property Act up to the 31st December, 1886?

(2.) Is this money invested, as provided for by the Real Property Act?

(3.) What is the amount of interest and profits from said investment up to the above date?

Mr. Burns answered,—

The total amount of money paid to the Assurance Fund, under the Real Property Act, to the 31st December, 1886, is £62,856, of which £22,000 is invested in Government Debentures. The accumulated interest is £10,990, and there is a profit on the purchase of the Debentures of £842.

- (11.) Steam Gauges :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the so-called colonial made steam gauges used on the Government tramways are imported ?
 - (2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter, and give imperative instructions that the steam gauges shall be of colonial manufacture ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not a fact that the gauges used on the tramways are imported. All gauges required are made in the Colony, with the exception, of course, of those which are on the motors when they are delivered by the makers.
- (12.) Bourke-street Sewer :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) On what date will the Bourke-street sewer be ready to receive the sewage intended to be conveyed into it by the branch sewers now being constructed by the City Corporation ?
 - (2.) What is the cause of the delay in the completion of the main sewer ?
 - (3.) What is the estimated cost to complete the works undertaken by the Government in connection with the sewerage referred to ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) It is now ready.
 - (2.) As the sewer is complete, there is no cause of delay.
 - (3.) The work is complete. A sum is due on contract, the exact amount of which is being determined.
- (13.) Registered Newspapers :—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many of the newspapers published in the City of Sydney are registered, in accordance with law ?
 - (2.) How many of such newspapers have entered into the recognizances and given the sureties required by law ?
 - (3.) The names of such newspapers and the names of their sureties ?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—This information will take some time to prepare, and I will lay it upon the Table of the House, in the form of a Return, as early as possible.
- (14.) Shipment of Coal at Darling Harbour :—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to take any steps towards providing better accommodation for the shipment of coal at Darling Harbour ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes ; steps will be taken to provide temporary accommodation at Darling Harbour, pending the settlement of a permanent scheme for the shipment of coal from one of the south-western shores of the Harbour.
2. PAPERS :—Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table.—
- (1.) Schedule of certain Lands resumed for Public Parks, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1886—"Public Reserve, Leichhardt."
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886—"Trustees, Wolsley Park, Gunnedah."
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1886—"Ventilation of Coal-mines."
- Ordered to be printed.
3. TRADES ARBITRATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Arbitration and Conciliation for the settlement of trades and labour disputes.
- Question put and passed.
4. JETTY ACCOMMODATION AT CIRCULAR QUAY, DAWES POINT, AND FORT MACQUARIE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Jeanneret moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes and correspondence between the Marine Board or the Superintendent of Wharfs and the Government, on the subject of the erection of additional or different jetty accommodation for passengers at Circular Quay, Dawes Point, and Fort Macquarie, and the utilization of the present passenger accommodation at the Circular Quay for berthing ships.
- Question put and passed.
5. WILLIAM-STREET TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from Elizabeth-street, along Park and William Streets, and from Elizabeth-street along King, College, and Boomerang Streets, to William-street City of Sydney.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Lyne having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from Elizabeth-street along Park and William Streets and from Elizabeth-street along King College and Boomerang Streets to William Street City of Sydney,"—read a first time.
6. CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS FEES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to provide for the payment of all Fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund."
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of all Fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1887.

7. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Clarke, 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. Clarke, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND OTHER MINERALS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1887 a sum not exceeding £15,000, to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the subject.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1887, a sum not exceeding £15,000, to promote the prospecting for gold and other minerals, to be disbursed in accordance with regulations to be laid upon the Table of this House.
On motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Trickett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money, not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position as Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money, not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for his dismissal from his position as Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.
On motion of Mr. Trickett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1887.

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

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 9.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill "to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales."

Government House,

Sydney, 4th April, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Health Board:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the amount of salary paid to Dr. Alleyne whilst he was Health Officer to the Government?

(2.) What was the average cost of his Department for each year of the three years before he left office?

(3.) What salary is paid to Doctor McLaurin as Health Officer, and is he allowed to do private practice?

(4.) How many other doctors are now employed in Sydney and suburbs as Health Officers, their names, and the salaries paid to each of them?

(5.) What was the cost of the Health Office for the years 1885 and 1886, and what is the amount of office rent paid?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The amount of salary paid to the late Dr. Alleyne, as Health Officer, was £600 per annum. I am inclined to think that this answer must include the total sum, but I will ascertain whether there is any error.

(2.) Dr. Alleyne left office during the latter half of 1882. The average annual cost of his Department during the three years 1880, 1881, and 1882, was £32,596 12s. 9d., including the expense of suppressing an epidemic of small-pox.

(3.) Dr. McLaurin, the present Health Officer, is paid £630 per annum, and is allowed private practice when not engaged in the duties of his office.

(4.) There are two medical men employed in Sydney and suburbs as Health Officers, namely:—As Assistant Health Officer at Watson's Bay, Dr. J. C. Sibley, with salary of £550 per annum; and the Inspector of the Board of Health, Dr. Ashburton Thompson, with salary of £550 per annum.

(5.) The cost of the Health Office for the year 1885 was £8,103 4s. 5d., and for 1886 was £6,674 0s. 8d., both years including expenses of suppressing small-pox; and the amount of office rent paid is £250 per annum.

(2.) Boggabri and Narrabri Road:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will instructions be issued to gazette and declare open for stock, &c., the road along the north side of the Namoi River from Boggabri Bridge to meet the Narrabri Road at Tarriaro Bridge?

(2.) Have several portions of this road been fenced across; if so, will steps be taken to remove such obstructions, and afford the public free access to the road?

Mr. Garrett answered:—The District Surveyor has been requested to furnish a report, upon receipt of which the necessary action will be taken.

(3.)

- (3.) Newtown and Main Western Roads :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What length of Newtown Road (giving the number of square yards therein) was paved with wood, and what was the cost of same; what were the dates of commencement and completion of such work; and what has been paid, including (but giving separately) the cost to Tramway Department for repairs and maintenance, for such portion of road to present date, detailing the amount for each year?
 - (2.) What was the cost of repairs and maintenance of that portion of the Newtown Road now paved with wood during each of the five years preceding such paving, including (but giving separately) cost to the Tramway Department, and was any part of same recouped by any municipalities?
 - (3.) What is the exact length of that portion of the Main Western Road between the city boundary and Battlebridge, on Long Cove Creek, the total number of square yards therein, and the number of yards for which the Tramway Department is responsible?
 - (4.) What was the cost of repairs and maintenance of such portion of the Main Western Road, including (but giving separately) the cost to the Tramway Department, during similar periods to those respectively mentioned in questions 1 and 2?
 - (5.) What portion of the cost of paving portion of the Newtown Road was contributed by municipalities, and will he undertake the wood-paving of the mentioned portion of the Main Western Road upon similar conditions?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The length of road paved with wood is 60 chains, covering an area of 21,618 square yards. The cost of the work was £27,217. It was commenced on the 14th October, 1834, and completed on 29th May, 1835. The cost of repairs and maintenance of the wood-paving is all charged and included in the cost of repairs to section Parramatta-street to Marrickville, and therefore cannot be given separately; but it is very little where wood-paving is used.
 - (2.) No details were kept, but the proportion of cost to the Roads Department, estimated from the general cost of repairs, was £550 per annum. The cost to the Tramway Department for the repairs to this portion of the road cannot be given, as it is included in the cost of repairs to section Parramatta-street to Marrickville.
 - (3.) The length from the city boundary to Battlebridge is 235 chains, and the total area about 90,000 square yards. The length of the Main Western Road between the city boundary and Norton-street, which is run over by the tramway, is 2 miles 14½ chains; area 23,034 square yards.
 - (4.) The cost to the Roads Department, ascertained in the same way as for the Newtown Road, was £1,500 per annum. The cost to the Tramway Department cannot be given, as it is included in the cost, repairs, &c., to section University Gates to Leichhardt.
 - (5.) The cost was contributed to as under:—Municipality, £4,000; from Main Road Vote, £7,000; Tramway Vote, £16,217. It is not considered desirable to incur the expenditure that would be required to wood-pave this portion of the road.
- (4.) Tanks on Bourke and Hungerford Road :—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Have any steps been taken to provide tanks or wells on the road Bourke to Hungerford in accordance with the recommendation of the Mines Department?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Provision of amount for this work has been postponed, as it was not considered necessary to provide water on this road during present wet season.

- (5.) Rookwood Reformatory :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In reference to Mr. Oxley, Superintendent at Rookwood Reformatory, who is receiving £10 per week; his son, who receives £3 per week; and Drew, who receives over £4 per week—is it the intention of the Government to continue paying these salaries?
 - (2.) Will he at once do away with these officers, or some of them, and pay the others reasonable salaries?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The position and disposition of the buildings at Rookwood, known as the Rookwood Reformatory, have been under the consideration of the Government, some members of which visited the place some little time ago; and the result is, that we have decided to dispense with the services of these gentlemen, and to put some one in charge to take care of the buildings until a decision can be arrived at as to the purpose to which they shall be applied.

- (6.) Railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the surveys of the railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis completed; if not, when will they be completed?
 - (2.) When will the plans, &c., be completed?
 - (3.) What is the estimated cost of this railway?
 - (4.) Do the Government intend to bring any Railway Policy forward, and will the above railway be included in their Railway Scheme?

Mr. Roberts answered.—

- (1.) The surveys will probably be completed in June.
 - (2.) About September next.
 - (3.) The sum of £700,000 has been voted for the construction of a railway line from Muswellbrook to Cassilis.
 - (4.) It is not proposed to submit to Parliament any new railways this Session.
- (7.) Pymont Wharf :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In reference to the wharf at Pymont, leased to Goodlet & Smith, and sub-let to Mr. Kethel, M.L.A.—was the said wharf let by tender?
 - (2.) If not, will he cause the said wharf to be let by tender when Goodlet & Smith's lease expires?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) It was not let by tender to Goodlet & Smith, but by arrangement, that firm offering to become tenants during the settlement of the claim for compensation for the fee simple.
- (2.) Upon the expiration of the present lease, the expediency of inviting tenders for renting the property will be considered.

(8.) Copyrights :—Mr. Frank Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What were the number of applications for registration, and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and part of 1887, under Part I of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as Literary, Dramatic, or Musical Works, giving also the number in manuscript, and the number in which proof of publication has been furnished, the number of works delivered at Free Public Library and at University, in accordance with clause 5 of said Act, and the number of prosecutions instituted and the result under such clause?
- (2.) What were the number of applications for registration, and the number of registrations, during each of the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and part of 1887, under Part II of the Copyright Act, 1879, classified as follows :—(a) Paintings, (b) Drawings and Engravings, (c) Works of Sculpture, and (d) Photographs?
- (3.) What were the number of applications for registration, and the number of registrations, in each of the various classes under Part III of the Copyright Act, 1879, during each of the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and part of 1887?
- (4.) What were the total amounts of receipts, and the total amounts of expenditure, in each of the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and part of 1887, under each of Parts I, II, and III of the Copyright Act, 1879?
- (5.) Who is the Registrar of Copyrights, when was he appointed, and what is his salary; who was his predecessor, and what was his salary?
- (6.) Does the entry of registrations and the issue of certificates under the Copyright Act, 1879, require any special knowledge?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Replies to the questions of the Honorable Member can be more conveniently furnished in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table of the House.

(9.) The Census.—Salaries of Civil Servants :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the estimated population of the Colony up to the last Census?
- (2.) What is the sum total paid to all members of the Civil Service, and persons engaged in various Departments of the Government, for the past month, upon all salaries paid over £250?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The estimated population of the Colony, up to 31st December last, was 1,001,966.
- (2.) A statement, showing the sum total paid during the last month on all salaries over £250, will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

(10.) City and Suburban Sewers :—Mr. Chapman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What provision (if any) is made for the protection or compensation of persons whose properties may be injured by the construction of sewers in the city and suburbs?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The 129th section of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act, 43 Vic. No. 32, fully provides for this.

(11.) Fencing Conditions under Land Act :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he intend to notify the various Land Boards throughout the Colony not to enforce the fencing conditions of the Land Act of 1884, pending the introduction of the proposed amending Land Bill?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; it is open to those interested to apply to the Boards for an extension of time, which no doubt will be granted. In the interim, any necessary amendments in the law will probably be made.

(12.) Widow of late Senior-warder Brayne :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to grant a gratuity to the widow of the late Senior-warder Brayne?
- (2.) If so, what is the amount?
- (3.) Is it his intention to proceed this year with the erection of a lock-up at Leichhardt on the ground purchased for that purpose a few years since by the Government?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1. and 2.) Provision has been made on the Estimates now before Parliament for a gratuity of £87 to the widow of the late Senior-warder Brayne.
- (3.) I understand that this matter is receiving the attention of my honorable colleague the Colonial Secretary, to whose department it properly belongs.

(13.) Surveyor-General's and Metropolitan Survey Office :—Mr. Martin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to amalgamate the Department of the Surveyor-General with that of the Metropolitan Survey Office?
- (2.) If so, can the work be satisfactorily performed, and at much less cost?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) There is no present intention of taking any action in the direction indicated.
- (2.) After an inspection of the Metropolitan District Survey Office it may be found that further economy is practicable.

(14.) Bridge from Sydney to North Shore :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received any plans of a bridge from Sydney to North Shore from Sir John Fowler?
- (2.) Are these plans public or private property?
- (3.) If private property, will he lay these plans open for public inspection in some public building?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I explained in the House a short time ago, I have received plans for a bridge from Sydney to North Shore from Sir John Fowler. The plans are my private property. At present I have not decided what course I shall take with respect to them. I see some objection to laying them open for public inspection in any public building at the present time.

(15.) Telegraph Operators:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Neild*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that all, or any, of the telegraph operators in the Railway Department are required to be on duty as under:—Day-work, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., six days a week; night-work, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., seven days a week?

(2.) Is it a fact that such night operators are also required to be on duty on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to lessen this excessive night-work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that two operators, one for day and the other for night work, are engaged at the country stations for twelve hours each, with intervals of two hours for meals. The work they have to perform, however, is neither engrossing nor arduous. It may be wearisome, but this arises from their having very little to do.

(2.) Very few of them do work on Sundays. Some on the Northern Line do, and on emergent occasions they are also required at stations on the Southern and Western Lines.

(3.) The work cannot be said to be excessive, either by day or night. At night it is less than it is by day. I do not see that relief is required; but it can only be afforded by making three shifts, and this expense would not be justified by the circumstances of the case.

(16.) Telegraphic Communication between New South Wales and Queensland:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Postmaster General,—Is it the intention of the Government to try and arrange with the Government of Queensland that the rates paid for telegrams between this Colony and Queensland should be the same as those charged between this Colony and Victoria?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This question has not yet been considered by the Government.

(17.) *Mr. Salomons, Q.C., M.L.C.*:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is *Mr. Salomons* the Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council?

(2.) If so, when was he appointed, and has the Colonial Secretary any statement to make to this House upon the subject?

(3.) Will he say whether the position in question was previously offered to any other gentleman, and with what result?

(4.) Will he impart to this House any communications which have occurred on this subject, or their substance?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Salomons* is the Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council.

(2.) He was appointed, I believe, on 7th March last. I have no statement to make about his appointment.

(3.) Another gentleman was consulted about it, with the result that *Mr. Salomons* was appointed.

(4.) I have no communication to make.

(18.) Blank Railway Passes:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many blank railway passes have been issued to the Commissioner for Railways since the month of January, 1880?

(2.) Will he give the total for each year separately?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The number of blank railway passes received by the Commissioner for Railways from the Government Printer, for the use of the Department during the years 1880 to 1887, is as under:—1880, 24,500; 1881, 37,550; 1882, 24,250; 1883, 13,250; 1884, 66,500; 1885, 22,900; 1886, 20,700; 1887, nil.

(19.) Blank Railway Passes:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he explain the contradictions in the following answers given in this House, viz.:—

(1.) To *Mr. Walker*, on Wednesday last, who asked the Minister for Works—"The number of blank railway passes issued to the Commissioner for Railways since January, 1880, giving each year separately?" To which the Colonial Secretary replied—"The first of these questions is so peculiarly worded that I can hardly understand what is meant. The answer supplied to me by the Department is to this effect: 'No railway passes are issued to the Commissioner for Railways'?"

(2.) To *Mr. Lyne*, on Thursday last, who asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether any record is kept of blank railway passes printed and issued to the Commissioner for Railways?" The reply given was—"Yes; and a record is kept of passes issued by the Commissioner for Railways?"

(3.) In view of the above replies, can he now say the number of blank railway passes issued to the Commissioner for Railways since January, 1880, giving each year separately?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot undertake to explain the contradictions, but I have a statement from the Railway Department, which, with the permission of the House, I will read:—

"Both questions were peculiarly worded. The endeavour is to divine what it is Honorable Members wish to know, in order that the answers may be framed to afford the information which it is believed they wish to elicit, but sometimes this is rendered difficult by the wording of the inquiry.

"When the reply was being written to the question of which notice was given by the Honorable Member for Northumberland (*Mr. Walker*), it did not occur to the officer who prepared it that

"allusion was perhaps being made to the passes received by the Commissioner for Railways on his requisition from the Government printing establishment. When, however, the reply to *Mr.*

"*Lyne's* question was subsequently being prepared, this construction was, with some hesitation,

"placed upon the inquiry, and it was answered accordingly. The word 'printed' in *Mr. Lyne's*

"question, which is not in *Mr. Walker's* question, led to this interpretation. It may be stated that

"all the passes which are printed are 'issued' to the Commissioner for Railways. They are in the Commissioner's charge when received, from the Printer, in the same way as are other blank

"official forms. If the Honorable Member desires to know what number of passes has been issued to the Commissioner for Railways in this way, the information can, of course, be furnished."

(20.) Enclosing School-ground at Wisemau's Ferry:—Mr. Stevenson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that in fencing in the school ground at Wiseman's Ferry a Government road has been enclosed, thus cutting off access to the Post and Telegraph Office to the residents of Webb's Creek and neighbourhood, except at great risk to life and limb?

(2.) Has the Minister received a petition from the inhabitants on the subject; and, if so, is it his intention to cause the obstruction to be removed, pending the making of a contemplated new road?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) A petition was received a few days ago, complaining of an obstruction upon an alleged road; but it was not stated in the petition that the obstruction was caused by the fencing in of the school site, which has a frontage to a road one chain wide at the point in question. In this case, the petitioners will be furnished with a lithograph and diagram, illustrating the position which the roads provided by the Crown should occupy, and they will be informed that it devolves upon the public to assert and to maintain their rights to the unobstructed use of them.

(21.) Sewage of South Sydney:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform the City Council, without delay, that the Government sewer is quite ready to receive the sewage of the southern slopes of the city?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Yes; formal notice was deferred, pending preparation of regulations.

(22.) Annandale Bridge:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the vote of money for widening Annandale Bridge, Parramatta Road, lapsed?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to carry out this very necessary work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It was decided to widen this bridge at an expense of £750; but, in the present state of the finances, and as the work is not considered urgent, the amount has been withdrawn for the present.

(23.) Rent of Runs:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the event of the Amended Land Bill for the deferred payment of the rent of runs becoming law, is it intended that the payment by lessee of first half-yearly instalment be held as payment of the rent fixed for the current year under clause 100, and preserve to him his right of appeal against appraisalment at minimum rates?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter referred to is now receiving consideration.

3. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from Unemployed Artisan and Labouring Classes of Sydney, representing that the want of continuous and remunerative employment is keenly felt by a large section of the industrial classes, entailing a large amount of deprivation and suffering upon themselves and families; and praying that a Representative or Representatives of the Unemployed may be heard at the Bar of the House in reference to the matter. The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

4. THE OPIUM TRADE:—Mr. Riley presented a Petition from the Moderator of the Federal Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches of Australia and Tasmania, praying that a measure may be passed prohibiting the importation of Opium into this Colony, except for medicinal purposes; and that such measure may be so framed as to come into operation at the expiration of six months from the passing thereof. Petition received.

5. PAPER:—Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the amount of business transacted by the Office of Copyright Registry of New South Wales, between 1st January, 1881, and 31st March, 1887, and other particulars. Ordered to be printed.

6. RANDWICK AND WAVERLEY TRAMWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents relating to the construction of the tramway between Randwick and Waverley.

(2.) The total cost of making the said tramway.

(3.) The names of the parties from whom land was resumed for the said tramway, and the sum paid or to be paid to each.

Question put and passed.

7. CONFIRMATION OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, FORBES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, circulars, minutes, and telegrams, sent from the Lands Department, Sydney, to the Chairman of the Forbes Land Board, between the 1st of January, 1885, and the 30th March, 1887, having reference to the confirmation of conditional purchases, and rents of conditional leases, and confirmation of same; also a copy of all replies thereto from the Chairman of said Board to the Lands Department. Question put and passed.

8. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Henry Clarke, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned and also to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company.'"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned' and also to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1887.*

9. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to amend 'Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884,'"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend 'Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th April, 1887.*

10. DEPÔT FOR SALE OF FARM PRODUCE:—Mr. Tonkin moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*):—That this House will, on Friday, 22nd instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1887, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the purpose of erecting a depôt for the sale of farm produce, whereby the producers of this Colony may be placed upon an equal footing with those of the other Colonies in offering their produce for sale.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN:—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, a free pass upon the Government railways should be issued to any child to travel to and from any school, in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a Public School.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Vaughn moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "all school children using the Government Railways should pay a small fee (say 3d. per week) for the use of the railways when travelling to and from school."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 29th April.

12. JAMES FYFE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Gale moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of the selection of Mr. James Fyfe, of Coolimooby, near Narrandera.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Day, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Davis, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

13. IRON COVE AND PARRAMATTA RIVER BRIDGES—FIELD OF MARS COMMON:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. McCulloch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) Cost of the two bridges, known as the Iron Cove Bridge and Parramatta River Bridge, at Gladesville.

(2.) The cost of survey and subdivision of the Field of Mars Common, and expenditure thereon on roads and bridges, &c.

(3.) The amount of sales of the Field of Mars Common effected up to this time, and an estimate of the value of the unsold portions of the Common.

Ordered, that the Debate on this subject be adjourned until Friday, 29th April.

14. ABOLITION OF PATENT FEES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of all patent fees received by the Attorney-General into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Walker presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the payment of all Patent Fees received by the Attorney-General into the Consolidated Revenue Fund,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 29th April.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

15. **ROBERT MACKRELL'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT FORBES**:—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of a selection at Forbes, made in 1878 by Robert Mackrell, and now recommended for forfeiture, and all circumstances connected with the fulfilment of conditions.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stokes, Mr. Day, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Garland, Mr. Neild, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
16. **CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS**:—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of a claim made by Charles Stevens, and arising out of the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, tried in the Supreme Court.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Garland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Matheson, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1885-6, in reference to the said claim, be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1887.

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

OPENING PARLIAMENT WITH PRAYER:—Mr. Abbott, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee the following Report:—

“ The Standing Orders Committee, for whose consideration was referred on the 16th March, 1887, a communication addressed to the Colonial Secretary by certain Ministers of Religion and others, on the subject of opening every Sitting of Parliament with prayer, have agreed to the following Report:—

“ That the Committee, having considered the communication referred to them in reference to the opening of the Legislative Assembly with Prayer, decline to recommend any alteration of the procedure of the House.

“ Mr. Speaker's Room,
“ Legislative Assembly,
“ Sydney, 6th April, 1887.”

“ J. H. YOUNG,
“ Chairman.”

Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Omission from Statistical Register of *Ad Valorem* Duties:—*Dr. Wilkinson*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the reason that, and by whose orders, the recently issued Statistical Register does not contain a Return of the amounts collected in 1886 under the *ad valorem* duties upon each separate item?

(2.) Is it his intention to direct a Return of the amounts so collected for each separate item, such Return to show—(1) Gross receipts, (2) the amount returned in drawbacks, (3) net receipts in respect of each separate item?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Statistical Register lately issued contains a Return of the amounts collected in 1886 under the *ad valorem* duties, in the form which has always been used—that is, in a lump sum without specifying items. No order was given to vary the form.

(2.) The Collector of Customs informs me that to comply with this request it would involve a great amount of time, labour, and expense.

(2.) Court-house at the Glebe:—*Dr. Wilkinson* asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, in accordance with a promise made by the late Government, to erect a Court-house at the Glebe, on land which has already been purchased by Government for this express purpose?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This matter has not been brought under my notice. When it is, I will promptly deal with it.

(3.) Torpedo Defence of the Colony:—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as stated by the Officer Commanding the Torpedo Corps, in a letter published by him in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 22nd February, that the armoured cable referred to in the answers given in the Legislative Council on 5th May last, “ forms neither part nor parcel of the actual torpedo defence of the Colony”?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary be pleased to say what sum do the Treasury records show to have been the cost of this armoured cable?

(3.) For what purpose was this cable obtained?

(4.) Has the site for the tanks for the storage of this cable yet been decided upon?

(5.) If so, have the tanks been ordered; or, if ordered, when will they be completed?

(6.) What is the opinion of Major Penrose as to the present state of the efficiency of this cable?

(7.)

- (7.) In the opinion of this expert officer, has this cable deteriorated during the last fourteen months; if so, from what cause, and in what manner?
 (8.) How many drums of this cable were purchased, and what length does each drum contain?
 (9.) How many drums have been opened for use, how many are still intact, and what length of the cable has been used?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £2,081 5s.
- (3.) For experimental purposes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No.
- (6 and 7.) Major Penrose, not being in charge of the Submarine Mining Stores, and not being in a position to test the cable, can give no authoritative opinion.
- (8.) Thirty drums, each containing one knot.
- (9.) One drum and part of another.

(4.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) How long has Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs, been a member of the Civil Service of this Colony?

- (2.) How many times has he been granted leave of absence, and what was the extent or duration of each period when he received leave of absence; and was he paid his full salary and other allowances during the time he was absent from his duties?
- (3.) How much money was paid to Mr. Cracknell from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Colony in the shape of salary and allowances during the whole of the time he was absent from his duties?
- (4.) What is the scale of travelling allowances paid to Mr. Cracknell, and is a free pass given to him entitling him to travel free on the railways of the Colony; and is he paid the full rate of travelling allowances when he travels by railway?
- (5.) Is it his intention to reduce the travelling allowance to the officers of the Post and Telegraph Offices, as has been done by the officers of the Lands Office?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Civil Servants in the Imperial and Indian Service are only allowed half-pay when on leave of absence; and will the Government introduce the same regulation in regard to half-pay when the officers of our Civil Service obtain leave of absence?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Nearly thirty years.
- (2.) Five times. In 1865 he was allowed twelve months to enable him to visit England in the interests of the Department; in 1876, nine months leave was granted for the same purpose; and in 1885 he obtained seven months leave, it being arranged that after that time he should attend the Telegraph Conference held in Berlin. Besides these periods, he received one month and twenty-one days in 1881 and one month in 1882. He was paid full salary, but no allowances, during his absence, excepting in the case of the absence in 1885, when £200 a year was deducted from his salary.
- (3.) £2,055 16s. 8d.
- (4.) 30s. per day. The answer to the other two portions of this question is yes.
- (5.) The travelling allowance to Postal and Telegraph Inspectors has been reduced from 30s. to 15s. a day where free conveyance is provided for them. No decision has as yet been arrived at to reduce the allowance in the case of heads of Departments.
- (6.) I am not aware; and the payment of salary when on leave is regulated by the Civil Service Act of 1884.

(5.) Wagga Wagga Circuit Court:—Mr. Abbott asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) How many prisoners were tried before Mr. Justice Manning at the Circuit Court held at Wagga Wagga on the 4th instant?
- (2.) Was Mr. Pilcher the Crown Prosecutor at Wagga Wagga?
- (3.) When was he appointed, and what fee has to be paid to him?
- (4.) What number of persons were summoned to attend to serve as jurymen at the said Circuit Court?
- (5.) What sum was paid to them for their attendance?

Mr. Foster answered,—

- (1.) None.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) On the 18th March. The usual fee of £80 will be paid to him.
- (4.) Forty-eight Criminal Court Jurors and sixteen Civil Causes Jurors.
- (5.) £44 6s. to the Criminal Court Jurors, and £17 11s. to the Civil Causes Jurors.

(6.) Mudgee Circuit Court:—Mr. Abbott asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) How many prisoners were tried before Mr. Justice Innes at the Circuit Court held at Mudgee on the 4th instant?
- (2.) Was Mr. Edmunds the Crown Prosecutor at Mudgee?
- (3.) When was he appointed, and what fee has to be paid to him?
- (4.) What number of persons were summoned to attend to serve as jurymen at the said Circuit Court?
- (5.) What sum was paid to the jurymen for their attendance?

Mr. Foster answered,—

- (1.) Five.
- (2.) No; Mr. Gerald Campbell was the Crown Prosecutor.
- (3.) Mr. Campbell was appointed on the 18th March. He will receive the usual fee of £80.
- (4.) Ninety-six Criminal Court Jurors, and sixteen Civil Causes Jurors.
- (5.) Returns are not yet to hand.

(7.) Tramway from Bungendore to Lake George:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the desirability of purchasing the contractor's tramway running from Bungendore to Lake George?

(2.) If so, what is the decision arrived at?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This question has not yet been considered. An officer will be despatched to report upon the proposal to purchase the line.

(8.) New and Closed Roads:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill dealing with the opening of new and closed roads?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The question has not yet been considered by me, with a view to proposing legislation.

(9.) Bills of Quantities for Railway Works:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the order first given to the Department for Existing Railway Lines, and by whom, to supply bills of quantities of works to contractors?

(2.) The number and amount of each contract that bills of quantities were furnished for?

(3.) The number of copies of bills sold for each contract?

(4.) The number of copies of bills prepared for each contract?

(5.) The cost of measuring, computing, compiling, and printing, including all stationery, of the bills for each separate work?

(6.) The total amount received for bills of quantities by the Government since the introduction of the principle up to the present date?

(7.) The total cost of preparing all the bills of quantities since the introduction of the system up to the present date?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It will take some little time to obtain this information, but it will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return directly it is ready.

(10.) Church and School Lands:—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. Garland*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the present state of the law relative to mining on Church and School Lands, will he re-introduce the Church and School Lands Dedication Bill which was passed through all its stages in this Chamber during the late Parliament by his predecessor?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The Bill is now under consideration, and one or two improvements are being added to it. It will be introduced at the earliest possible date consistent with the exigencies of Government business.

(11.) Fuel Allowance to Country Schools:—*Mr. Dawson* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the fuel allowance to Public Schools in the country districts?

(2.) Is he aware that at Kiandra, Nimitybelle, Adaminaby, and, in fact, in the whole of the Monaro District, owing to the inclemency of the weather, it is alleged to be an absolute necessity to have fires in the schools, and without them the schools must close during the winter months?

(3.) If not aware of this, will he cause inquiries to be made, and take such steps as will make the district mentioned an exception to the rule?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Yes; but the same can be said of all places on the tablelands throughout the Colony. Fuel allowances only date from 1880, and were never allowed under the late Council of Education. It is confidently anticipated that wherever fires are deemed to be "absolutely necessary," the parents interested will supply the small amount of fuel deemed requisite, or subscribe for the purchase of the same. Where a good case is made out for exceptional treatment, it will be judged on its merits.

(12.) Temporary Water Supply Scheme:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the City Corporation yet paid to the Government the cost of the temporary water supply scheme constructed by Messrs. Hudson Brothers?

Mr. Roberts answered,—No; in addition to previous communications, a letter was written to the Corporation requesting payment on the 5th March last, and a reminder was sent on the 16th ultimo, but no reply has yet been received to either letter.

(13.) South Creek and Hawkesbury River:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he given any reply to the deputation that recently waited upon him in reference to the clearing of South Creek and the improvement of the Hawkesbury River at its junction with the above creek; if so, what?

(2.) If not, will he state if it is his intention, now that the railway is open to Peat's Ferry, to carry out the wishes of the deputation, so that tourists may be able to enjoy the river trip to Windsor?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I have given orders to have a survey made, showing the obstructions. When I have this and the report before me, I will come to a decision on the subject and acquaint the deputation with its nature.

(14.) Sir Patrick Jennings and Mr. Wisdom:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House, copies of all minutes and letters in connection with the appointment of Sir Patrick Jennings and Mr. Wisdom on their mission to the Imperial Conference, and the instructions given to these gentlemen?

(2.) Also, copies of letters and cablegrams sent to and received from these gentlemen since their departure from the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There will be no objection whatever to laying copies of these papers on the Table.

(15.) **Treasury Bills** :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Assuming from the Treasurer's Financial Statement that he intends to issue Treasury Bills to liquidate the deficit, will he state—

- (1.) When he proposes to issue such Bills?
- (2.) In what form and rate of interest?
- (3.) If in this Colony?
- (4.) The amount he proposes to set aside in reduction?
- (5.) If he proposes to set aside revenue derived from any special source for this object?

Mr. Burns answered,—I explained in the Financial Statement that, in the opinion of the Government, the deficit should be represented by short-dated debentures, with a currency of eight years; and that when I introduced the necessary Bill on the subject I should give the House full details. I may now say that there is no likelihood of any of the debentures being issued this year, and that whenever the public necessities should demand an issue it will take place in the Colony, at a rate of interest which has yet to be determined.

(16.) **Prospect Sick Fund** :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the circumstances surrounding the death, on Sunday last, in the Parramatta Hospital, of Thomas Rogers, a navy employed at the Prospect Works?
- (2.) Will he inform the House what amount weekly has been paid by each man employed at the Prospect Dam towards the Doctor's or Sick Fund?
- (3.) What has the doctor received?
- (4.) What have the hospital authorities received for maintenance of patients?
- (5.) What sum will accrue to the family of Thomas Rogers out of the Prospect Sick or Doctor's Fund?
- (6.) What deficiencies have been made good by the Government in the hospital accounts of the contractors—that is to say, what has been the difference between the amount of the subscriptions paid by the contractors and the cost of maintaining their men in the hospital?
- (7.) Are there on record any questions on this subject, which were submitted in a previous Session of Parliament, which have not been replied to?
- (8.) If so, why has the information been withheld from this House?
- (9.) Is either of the contractors for the Prospect Dam an officer in the temporary or permanent service of the present or any previous Government?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1 to 8 inclusive.) I will endeavour to obtain the information asked for by the Honorable Member if he will give fresh notice of his question (say) for next week.

(9.) Mr. J. Y. Mills, the contractor for Prospect Dam, is one of the valuers for the Department, his services being remunerated by fees.

3. **COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL** :—Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for regulating Common Lodging-houses*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 6th May.

4. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Copy of the Correspondence and Evidence in connection with the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the working of the Department of Public Works.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 24th March, 1887—"Temporary Clerks, Department of Roads and Bridges."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return showing Names of Officers in the Department of Justice whose services will be dispensed with on the 30th June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting Bulli Colliery Catastrophe.

(2.) Report for 1886 of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.

(3.) Report for 1886 of the Hay Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.

(4.) Amended By-law, Municipal District of Inverell.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL** :—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Fitzwilliam Wentworth, Henry Hill, John Whitcombe, Henry Thomas Haynes, Alexander Pentleton Stewart, and Thomas Robertson, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from Hay to South Denilquin.

And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Pastoral Times*, the *Hay Standard*, the *Globe*, the *Evening News*, the *Riverine Grazier*, and the *Denilquin Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

6. **THE LAND LAWS** :—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from Selectors and others, praying that certain amendments suggested by them respecting fencing provisions may be made in the Land Act of 1884.
Petition received.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Walker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Gibbes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do, on its rising "this day," adjourn until next Wednesday, the 13th instant.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "this day," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "to-morrow."
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Schey,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Lync,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Fletcher,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. See.
Mr. Colls,	
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Black,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Morrigan.
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Wise,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Matheson,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Tece,	
Mr. Parkes.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means,—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. on *Wednesday* next.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1887.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—William Peter Macgregor, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Wentworth.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sir John Fowler:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount is paid to Sir John Fowler in England for the inspection of rails, rolling stock, &c., required for this Colony?

(2.) What is the total amount which has been paid to that gentleman on account of the said services for the years 1884, 1885, and 1886?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Railway Branch.—For inspection of rails and fish-plates, 10d. per ton; fastenings for Permanent Way, 1 per cent. on invoice value. Miscellaneous.—Goods up to value of £200,000, 2 per cent.; above that value, 1½ per cent. Roads Branch.—2 per cent. on amount of invoice. Harbours and Rivers Branch.—2 per cent. and 1½ per cent. on amount of invoice.

(2.) 1884, £5,414 4s. 11d.; 1885, £9,382 5s. 1d.; 1886, £5,955 9s. 4d.; total, £20,751 19s. 4d.

- (2.) Police Batons:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are about to order a number of compressed leather police batons from the United States or elsewhere?

(2.) Is he aware that there is a compressed leather industry in Sydney which can supply the batons referred to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) A requisition has been sent in for leather batons for the police, and inquiries are to be made as to the price for which they can be supplied by the manufacturers in America.

(2.) Inquiries will be made to ascertain whether the batons can be made in Sydney. Nothing has been done beyond inquiry.

- (3.) Cancellation of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Dowel asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many selections have been recommended for cancellation by the Land Boards appointed under the Land Act of 1884?

(2.) What was the total value of such selections?

(3.) What was the value of the improvements on such selections?

(4.) How many of such selections so recommended were cancelled?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It would be most inconvenient to attempt to give the information asked for in the form of an answer to questions. A Return, however, will be prepared as soon as practicable, giving the information indicated in the questions of the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Endowment to City Corporation:—Mr. Lakeman, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has the endowment to the City Corporation, held by the late Government pending a settlement of the claim for payment of the Temporary Water Supply, been paid?

(2.) What amount of endowment (if any) is now due to the City Corporation?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Not yet.

(2.) £12,500 from 1st July to 31st December, 1886; £6,250 from 1st January to 31st March, 1887.

- (5.) Cattle Trucking Yards at Bourke:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any representations been made to the Railway Department as to the inconvenient working of the cattle trucking yards at Bourke?

(2.) Has any action been taken?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; improvements and alterations have been directed to be made.

(6.)

- (6.) Redfern Court-house:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Schey, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the alleged insanitary condition of Redfern Court-house and premises?
 - (2.) If so, have any steps been taken to remedy the state of things complained of?
 - (3.) If not, will he cause inquiry to be made, as it is alleged that typhoid fever is being rapidly spread by the present condition of affairs?
 - (4.) Will he have the cesspit attached to the premises done away with and a dry-earth closet substituted?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a communication was lately received from the Stipendiary Magistrates, calling attention to the insanitary condition of the cesspits at this Court-house.
 - (2.) Yes; the Colonial Architect has been instructed to give the matter immediate attention.
 - (3.) Answered by reply No. 2.
 - (4.) The Colonial Architect has been requested to specially report upon the alteration suggested.
- (7.) Endowments to Municipalities of Leichhardt, Balmain, and Manly:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Colonial Secretary,—During each of the last five years, in reference to the Municipality of Leichhardt, the Borough of Balmain, and the Municipality of Manly, respectively,—
- (1.) What were the amounts of rates and contributions respectively on which endowments were claimed?
 - (2.) To what amounts of endowments, giving separately ordinary and special, would such claims entitle applicants?
 - (3.) What amounts of endowments, ordinary and special respectively, were paid?
 - (4.) Upon what special items of contributions over £50 was endowment refused, and for what reason?
 - (5.) Similar information to last (4), with regard to classes of small contributions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will have this information embodied in a Return, which I will lay upon the Table as early as practicable.

- (8.) Torpedo Defence of the Colony:—*Mr. Abbott* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he direct Major Penrose to make an examination into and report upon the present condition of the cable which he, in his answer of 6th April, said had been obtained at a cost of £2,081 5s. for experiments; also, to report, if it is found to have deteriorated, as to the cause of such deterioration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will see that instruction is given to Major Penrose to make this report.

- (9.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Was there not some agreement made before Mr. Cracknell left Australia between the Postmaster-General and the Superintendent of Telegraphs as to the total amount he was to receive for his attendance at the Berlin Conference, and what was the tenor of the agreement?
 - (2.) If so, why was the extra sum of £144 18s. granted to him in excess of the sum first agreed upon?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) It was arranged that Mr. Cracknell should receive £400 as travelling expenses.
 - (2.) I am informed that it was to cover extra expenses incurred while travelling on the Continent, in the interests of the Department, to places other than Berlin.
- (10.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) For how many years has Mr. Cracknell received the £100 per annum equipment allowance mentioned in the answer given on 22nd March?
 - (2.) What is the nature of the equipment which Mr. Cracknell is supposed to provide with this allowance?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Nearly twenty years.
 - (2.) The equipment allowance is granted to cover extra expenses for hire of horses and other charges when travelling to remote parts of the Colony for inspection and other purposes connected with the construction and working of the telegraph system.
- (11.) Telegraph Wire:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Upon whose recommendation did he request the Treasury authorities to forward a letter of credit for £4,958 to the Agent-General in September, 1886, to pay for telegraph wire?
 - (2.) As by answer given by him on 17th March, the House was informed that 207 tons of this wire were purchased at the rate of £10 9s. 6d. per ton, amounting to £2,168 7s. in all, will he please to say for what reason the sum of £2,790 in excess of the amount required was sent to the Agent-General?
 - (3.) Were any special firms mentioned as a guide to the Postmaster-General when ordering this wire—what were their names?
 - (4.) Were any probable prices stated in the recommendation—what were they?
 - (5.) Have the invoices for this wire yet arrived; if not, when does he expect them, and will he lay copies of them upon the Table of this House?
 - (6.) How many firms usually tender for telegraph wire when tenders are called for in the Colony, and what are their names?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs.
- (2.) Will be answered by No. 4.
- (3.) No firms were mentioned.
- (4.) Yes; it was thought that the cost of the wire required would be about as follows, viz.:—For No. 6, £22 per ton; for No. 8, £23 per ton; for No. 16, £29 per ton; for No. 14 (copper wire), £80 per ton.
- (5.)

(5.) They have not yet arrived, but are expected shortly. I shall have no objection to lay copies of them upon the Table of the House.

(6.) Seven firms have of late tendered in the Colony for the supply of telegraph wire, viz. :—Messrs. Rabone, Feez, & Co., J. Slater & Co., J. Dunn & Co., McLean Brothers & Rigg, J. McDonald, J. McGregor, and G. L. Cooper.

(12.) Mr. South, Telegraph Operator, Murrumburrah:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many of the twenty-eight operators referred to in the Postmaster-General's answer of 29th March were married at the time of Mr. South's appointment, and how many single?

(2.) What were their respective salaries at that time?

(3.) Were these operators made aware that there was a vacancy at Broken Hill, and by what means?

(4.) How is it known that Mr. Chapman represents all the petitioners in this case?

(5.) Did he make any statement to this effect, and what was the date of such document?

(6.) When did Mr. Cooper give expression to his views in reference to South's case, and was he one of the petitioners against Mr. South's appointment to Murrumburrah?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Eleven married.

(2.) J. E. Cooper, £190; F. Barnett, £190; A. S. Cooper, £175; G. N. Hayward, £175; P. J. Johnson, £175; G. H. Chapman, £175; H. W. North, £175; L. V. Miller, £175; W. Goodman, £175; B. J. Bryant, £175; H. A. Smith, £175; Geo. Cleland, £175; M. H. Lynch, £175; A. E. Ambrose, £170; S. E. Hewitt, £170; W. Parker, £170; J. C. Brainwood, £170; W. J. Job, £170; W. J. W. Richardson, £160; J. R. Nash, £160; W. Walsh, £140; S. Macrow, £140; A. Wilson, £140; D. J. Hines, £140; C. J. Cody, £140; J. P. King, £124; A. Fraser, £139.

(3.) They were not specially informed of the vacancy at Broken Hill.

(4.) I am informed that it was presumed that Mr. Chapman represented all the petitioners, as he made himself prominent in the matter.

(5.) Mr. Chapman has made no statement to the effect that he represented the petitioners.

(6.) Mr. Cooper gave expression to his views in reference to South's case in a letter dated 29th March last. Mr. Cooper was one of the petitioners against Mr. South's appointment to Murrumburrah.

(13.) Frieze for Telephonic System:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Referring to his answer to Mr. Wall's question of 29th March, asking particulars of the expenditure of £1,500 on the frieze-work in George-street, will he please supply the details as to the expenditure of this sum?

(2.) What salary was the overseer paid whilst he was employed (though, as is said, not wholly) upon this frieze?

(3.) What are the particulars of the other work on which it is said the overseer was employed at the same time that he was in charge of the erection of this frieze?

(4.) Was the overseer's time properly kept, so that it might be known what proportion was devoted to the frieze and what to the other work, and a just amount charged against this frieze when calculating its cost?

(5.) In the specification and contract bond for this work laid upon the Table of this House, the railway bridge in George-street West is said to be the terminal point for this frieze—how is it then, that, in the answers of 29th March, the Postmaster-General says that it is not intended to carry it further than it is at present, this point being a considerable distance short of the termination originally decided upon?

(6.) Did the contractors who agreed to supply the ironwork for the longer distance mentioned in their bond deliver more than has been erected; if so, where is it stored, and how is it contemplated to utilize it?

(7.) If not, has any demand been made to them to supply the deficiency in this ironwork which they agreed to deliver; if not, what is the reason?

(8.) It is said that it will not be necessary to carry the frieze any further beyond Christ Church; but as this is no answer to my question 9, will the Postmaster-General please to say definitely how it is proposed to carry the wires over the intervening space to the Railway Station?

(9.) What is the length of this frieze, as erected, not measuring street crossings?

(10.) Why were not the old verandah-roofs along George-street thoroughly examined, and reported upon before the work was recommended and entered upon?

(11.) Who is responsible for the neglect which the Postmaster-General says cost the Government £900 in excess of the estimate?

(12.) Is the cable, which it is stated cost £1,218, all of similar character?

(13.) Was it supplied separately by each firm direct to the Department, or was it sold to the Government by an agent in this city; if so, what was his name?

(14.) Were tenders called for its supply, or was it purchased without competition?

(15.) Will the Postmaster-General please to lay upon the Table copies of the invoices of this cable when answering these questions?

(16.) What was the date upon which this cable was ordered, and upon what date was it delivered, to whom, and where?

(17.) When was it paid for, and to whom was this payment made?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Re-erection of verandahs, £614 3s.; tools and extra iron-work, £98 15s. 6d.; engineer's supervision, £150; wages, £624 0s. 6d.; total, £1,486 19s.

(2.) The overseer's salary is at the rate of £295 per annum.

(3.) Supervising the erection of and repairs to city and suburban telegraph and telephone lines.

(4.) The time the overseer devoted to the frieze work was not kept separate from that which he devoted to his ordinary duties.

(5.) Because, at present, it is proposed to make the termination near Christ Church the point of divergence of the wires.

(6.)

- (6.) Yes; the whole of the iron-work contracted for and specified for was delivered to the Bathurst-street store. The surplus is still in store, and will be utilized for future work of the kind.
- (7.) Answered by previous question.
- (8.) By overhead wires.
- (9.) Nearly a mile.
- (10.) It was not possible to ascertain what was required until the work had actually commenced. In almost every case there were special circumstances to be considered.
- (11.) It does not appear that the excess of the estimate was due to neglect upon the part of anyone.
- (12.) No.
- (13.) It was supplied direct to the Department through the Agent-General.
- (14.) The cable was ordered direct from the patentees.
- (15.) Yes.
- (16.) Ordered 30th June, 1884, delivered 8th August, 1885, to the Agent-General in London.
- (17.) Callender's Bitumen Co. were paid, in London, on 19th August, 1885. The Gutta-percha Co. were paid, in London, on the 18th September, 1885.

Copy of Invoice of Cable.

London, 5th July, 1885.

The Agent-General for New South Wales, 5, Westminster Chambers,—
Bought of Callender's Bitumen, Telegraph, and Waterproof Co. (Limited):—

F. 1,174.	£	s.	d.
Callender's Cable, 1½ mile of 50-Conductor Cable, each wire No. 21 gauge	600	0	0
Packed on three drums, at £5 each	15	0	0
	<u>£615</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Ordered in despatch No. B 84-7,208, dated 30 June, 1884.

Received cheque value £615 in settlement.

(For Callender's Bitumen, Telegraph, and Waterproof Co., Limited).

19 August, 1885.

S. P. LAMBERT.

Copy of Invoice of Cable.

The Agent-General for New South Wales,—
Bought of the Indiarubber, Gutta-percha, and Telegraph Works Co. (Limited):—

F. 1,174.	£	s.	d.
1½ miles 50-Conductor Telephone Cable, n. 8,093½—per mile, £394	591	0	0
Packed as follows:—			
1 Drum, ¼-mile cable	2	0	0
5 Drums, ¼-mile cable, at £2	10	0	0
	<u>£603</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Ordered in despatch No. B 84-7,208, dated 30th June, 1884.

Received cheque, 18 September, 1885, £603.

(For the Co.),

F. G. BENNETT.

- (14.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Referring to my questions of the 30th March, will he kindly give me answers to each question, specifying the particulars required in each paragraph:—
- (1.) Is eight hours recognized as a day's work in any of the various branches of the Public Works Department; if so, will he specify in what branch or branches it is so recognized?
- (2.) Are there any employes in the Railways, Tramways, or other Departments of the Public Works to whom the eight-hour system is not conceded; if so, will he specify in what branch or branches it is not conceded?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause such measures to be adopted as will provide for extending the eight-hour system to all branches of the Public Works Department?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The eight-hour system is, as far as practicable, recognized as the rule for a day's labour in the following branches, viz., Railways and Tramways, Harbours and Rivers, and Colonial Architect.
- (2.) In the Roads Branch, the only day men are the maintenance men, whose hours are not restricted. They are paid high wages, wet and dry, and are expected to be on their lengths at all hours. They are judged by the state of their road more than by hours of labour, and restriction would be most inconvenient, and probably lead to accident. Some of the Railway and Tramway employes engaged in the Locomotive and Traffic Branches are, from the nature of their duties, compelled to be in attendance more than eight hours a day; but, as a rule, their work is neither arduous nor continuous.
- (3.) Where the exigencies of the public service permit, the eight-hour system will be adopted.
- (15.) Municipal Association:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in the Abstract of Expenditure for the Borough of Junee, from 2nd of August to 1st February last, as published in the *Government Gazette*, dated 1st April, an item appears of £5 5s., purporting to be a sum paid to a certain Association, calling itself the Municipal Association, such being paid to enable the aforesaid Council to belong to the so-called Municipal Association?
- (2.) Will he place the fact of such payment under the notice of the Attorney-General for his opinion as to the legality of such payment?

(3.)

- (3.) Will he cause to be forwarded to the Council of Junee, if the payment from the Borough Council to the Municipal Association is deemed illegal, notice of that opinion ?
- (4.) Does the Borough Council of Junee receive endowment from the Government ?
- (5.) Will he cause to be ascertained from the published Abstracts in the *Government Gazette* whether the sum of upwards of £1,500 has not been paid to the said so-called Municipal Association by the several Municipal Councils indicated ?
- (6.) In the event of the Attorney-General deciding that these payments are illegal, will he intimate to the Councils that such payments must cease ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I find, from an Abstract published in the *Gazette* of the date named, that a sum of five guineas was paid by the Junee Municipal Council to a Municipal Association. So far as my own opinion goes, I hardly see how we can interfere, if any municipal body chooses to pay its money to this Association ; but I will submit the whole matter to the Attorney-General, and if I am called upon to take any step in the matter, on the Attorney-General's opinion, I will take that step. In the meantime, I will transmit a copy of the Attorney-General's opinion to the Municipal Council of Junee.

- (16.) Railway from Molong to Parkes and Forbes :—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Cooke*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the survey of a railway line been made from Molong to Parkes, thence to Forbes ?
- (2.) What is the probable cost of the proposed line per mile, including resumption of land thereon ?
- (3.) What is the distance from Sydney to Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes, and over how much of that distance has the railway been made ?
- (4.) How many miles of freehold land would the railway traverse between Molong, Parkes, and Forbes ?
- (5.) The same between Borenore and Forbes ?
- (6.) The same between Woods Flat and Forbes ?
- (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to include in their Railway Policy a line from Young to Dubbo, *via* Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes ?
- (8.) If he is not at present in possession of all the items of information asked, will he take the earliest means to supply same ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The estimated cost of the line from Orange to Forbes, *via* Molong and Parkes, is £8,500 per mile. No estimate of the cost of land between Molong and Forbes has been made.
- (3.) Sydney to Forbes, 282 miles, of which 213 miles 78½ chains have been constructed.
- (4.) 18 miles 50 chains.
- (5.) 24 miles.
- (6.) 26 miles 46 chains.
- (7.) This question has not yet been considered by the Government.
- (8.) It is not considered necessary to obtain any further information at present.

- (17.) Public Pier at Botany Bay :—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Whether the public pier at Botany Bay has been leased ; if so, was it leased by private contract, tender, or auction ?
- (2.) What is the annual rental paid for such pier ?
- (3.) Has any regulation or arrangement been made with the lessee as to what dues or fees he may charge for the use of the pier ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The pier referred to is under the control of the Department of the Colonial Treasurer. It was let by private tender to *Mr. G. Stairs*, at an annual rental of £50. No arrangement has been made with the lessee as to what dues or fees he may charge for the use of the pier, nor have any regulations been made beyond those in force with respect to the usual dues or fees properly chargeable under the Wharfage or Tonnage Act of 12th July, 1880.

- (18.) Special Lease at La Perouse :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When he will lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the papers in connection with the application for special lease for store at La Perouse, moved for by me on 16th last month ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I will, to-day, lay the Return upon the Table of the House.

- (19.) Consolidated Revenue :—*Mr. Lyne*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Of the increase in the first quarter's revenue of this year, as compared with the first quarter of last year, will he say how much was received from—

- (1.) Balances on auction sales of land sold towards close of last year ?
- (2.) Rents due on pastoral leases for years 1885 and 1886 in excess of rents under repealed Acts ?
- (3.) Fees due on occupation licenses for 1885 and 1886 in excess of minimum rates ?
- (4.) The total increase of revenue for last quarter, and the total amount of sums above specified ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Land sales, £24,461 13s. 2d.
- (2.) Appraised rentals on leasehold areas, £76,772 6s. 9d.
- (3.) Appraised occupation license fees, to 31st December, 1887, £30,709 1s. 4d.
- (4.) Total increase on revenue for quarter, £222,760 13s. 11d.. Total amount of above sums, £131,943 1s. 3d.

- (20.) The Treasurer's Advance Account :—*Mr. Gibbes*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he be good enough to state the total amount of the charges on the Treasurer's Advance Account for each of the first three and each of the last three years of the Account ?

Mr. Burns answered,—1871, £11,439 13s. 3d. ; 1872, £23,326 19s. 11d. ; 1873, £61,342 0s. 5d. Total amount of charges for the last three years, *viz.*—1884, £770,639 4s. 8d. ; 1885, £569,854 7s. 7d. ; 1886, £667,976 18s. 10d.

3. **THE BULLI COLLIERY EXPLOSION**—(Vote of Thanks to Relief Parties and Others):—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice,—
 (1.) That the thanks of Parliament be given to the members of Relief Parties and other Persons who, in many instances at the risk of their lives, used all their exertions in exploring the Bulli Coal-mine and recovering the dead, after the disastrous explosion on the 23rd March.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Mr. Speaker to Alfred A. Turner, Esquire, Police Magistrate of Wollongong, to be read by that Officer to a Public Meeting of the Residents of Bulli.
 The motion having been seconded by Mr. Abbott, was carried unanimously.
4. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the management of the Government Railways and Tramways of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 27th April.
5. **PAPER**:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th March, 1887,—"*Special Lease at La Perouse*."
 Ordered to be printed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Gibbes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
7. **HAY COURT-HOUSE (SITE ACQUISITION) BILL**—(*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and carry out an exchange of certain lands in the Town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Clarke *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize and carry out an exchange of certain Lands in the Town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 (1.) **Sheriff's Fees Bill**:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Scale of Fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1887.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
- (2.) **Rabbit Act, 46 Victoria No. 14**:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Rabbit Act, 46 Victoria No. 14," and that Committee being desirous to examine Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1887.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
- Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Rabbit Act, 46 Victoria No. 14," if he think fit.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—
 MR. PRESIDENT,—
 In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Rabbit Act, 46 Victoria No. 14,"—the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th April, 1887.
9. **THE CLERK SUMMONED**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear at the Court-house, Bathurst, on Friday the twenty-second day of April instant, and produce "the Writ issued for the Election of two Members to represent the Electoral District of Orange in the present Legislative Assembly, the *Government Gazette* containing the Proclamation as to the said Election, the Return showing the Members duly elected at the said Election, and all letters and documents relating to the said Election,"—
 And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such subpoena without leave of the House,—put a question, That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said subpoena personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 House adjourned at Twelve o'clock midnight, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Civil Service Regulations:—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Civil Service Regulations issued by the late Government are alleged in some instances to be illegal, and in others either unnecessary or despotic?
 - (2.) Will the Government take early steps to consider the advisableness of cancelling these Regulations and issuing others, so as to restore the original hours of labour?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government already, and certainly some modifications will be made; but I am not in a position to say exactly what.

- (2.) The Case of Patrick Sankey:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of Patrick Sankey, of Moree?
 - (2.) Is he aware that it is alleged that there are reasons for supposing that Sankey is innocent of the charge upon which he was convicted?
 - (3.) Will he cause an investigation to be made into this matter, and, if the facts are as reported, release Sankey from imprisonment?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

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

- (3.) Tenders for Locomotives:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the lowest tender from New South Wales manufacturers for the forty-four locomotives required by the Government?
 - (2.) What is the lowest tender from foreign manufacturers for the same locomotives?
 - (3.) Is it his intention to give a preference of at least 10 per cent. to the colonial tenders?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As the prices at which English and foreign manufacturers have tendered have not yet been received from the Agent-General, it is not considered desirable to make known the prices of the local manufacturers. A communication from the Agent-General by cable is daily expected, when the question will at once have the consideration of the Government.

- (4.) The Treasurer's Advance Account:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Toohey*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- What were the charges on the Treasurer's Advance Account for each of the years from 1873 to 1883?

Mr. Burns answered,—The charges on the Treasurer's Advance Account for each of the years from 1873 to 1883 were as follows:—1873, £61,342 0s. 5d.; 1874, £179,779 5s. 10d.; 1875, £172,254 9s. 2d.; 1876, £260,729 9s. 7d.; 1877, £229,475 1s. 9d.; 1878, £192,147 9s.; 1879, £384,193; 1880, £403,167 9s. 10d.; 1881, £338,412 1s. 10d.; 1882, £273,784 19s. 5d.; 1883, £329,998 19s. 5d.

- (5.) The Prospect Reservoir:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How much brickwork was done for the Prospect Reservoir contract between 1st June, 1886, and 1st February, 1887?
 - (2.) How much (if any) yet remains to be done?
 - (3.) What has been the cost for supervising the work done in the period mentioned?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to complete the remainder of the work at a like cost?
 - (5.) What is the total amount paid yearly to Government officials on the Prospect Reservoir contract?
 - (6.) What are the duties of the officials?
 - (7.) What is the salary of each?

(8.)

- (8.) Does the Prospect Sanitation Association obtain a free water right from the Temporary Supply for baths, &c., and for supplying the inhabitants with water at a fixed charge?
 (9.) Are any Government officials on the Directorate of the Prospect Sanitation Association?
 (10.) Is the Government aware that the first dividend of the above Association was at the rate of 20 per cent. for three months?
 (11.) What has been the cost of repairing leakages, &c., in the canal, from the Reservoir Basin to the Pipe-head Basin (some 4 miles in extent) since it has been taken off the contractor's hands, and passed by Government officials?
 (12.) What have been the duties of Mr. Hacketts since his special work of Pipe Inspector has ceased?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information asked by the Honorable Member can be more conveniently supplied in the shape of a Return, which I will have prepared and laid upon the Table as quickly as possible; but, with regard to questions 8, 9, and 10, I find that in October last, application was made for permission to use water for baths. The request was granted, but the following instructions in reference thereto were sent to the officer in charge:—"Take good care that the water is not charged to the work-people. It is given free, and it must be supplied free." The Department is not aware whether any of its officials are connected with the Association referred to, nor do they know anything about the alleged dividend; but strict inquiry will be made into the whole matter.

- (6.) Western Railway Time-table:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to return to the old time-table on the Western Railway, so that the mail train may arrive in Sydney at 6:50 a.m., in place of at present—5:50; if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The earlier arrival was called for by the postal requirements, to admit of letters being delivered in the suburbs of Sydney at a reasonable hour. The matter will receive further consideration, with a view to a later arrival of the morning train, if it can be accomplished without injury to the Postal Service.

- (7.) Arrears on Conditional Purchases, &c.:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The amount at present in arrears, in the shape of instalment and interest respectively, on conditional purchases?
 (2.) The amount annually received, in the shape of instalment and interest respectively, on conditional purchases, and the area so occupied?
 (3.) Will he state the number and area of, and amount received annually on, homestead leases?
 (4.) The same with regard to pastoral leases, conditional leases, annual leases, and occupation licenses?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It is impossible to put the particulars asked for in the form of an answer to a question promptly. If the Honorable Member desires the information, and will move for a Return in the usual way, I shall be glad to give the subject my best consideration. I would point out, however, that the preparation of this Return, and others of a like nature, would materially interfere with the current work of the Department, cause a very large increased expenditure, and, in my opinion, with very inadequate advantage in return to this House or the public. I would, at the same time, intimate that the Annual Report for 1885 as to the working of the Department will shortly be submitted, and that for 1886 will follow. These Reports will contain all the information the Honorable Member seeks now, and full information upon every point as to the operations of the Department, of the law it administers, and their results.

- (8.) Postage Stamps:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) The amount that is received annually for the sale of postage stamps?
 (2.) Can he give an estimate, or approximate estimate, of the amount annually paid in the shape of postage stamps by way of correspondence on public business?
 (3.) The like information in regard to the amount expended annually in telegrams on the public service?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) £337,373 Os. 11d. (this includes amount for public offices) for year 1886.
 (2.) £18,350 18s. 3d. for year 1886.
 (3.) £14,899 9s. 4d. during the year 1886, as shown by the books of the Telegraph Department.

- (9.) Railway Time-tables:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps whereby the Railway time-table may be made more convenient to the travelling public than at present in regard to travelling rates—that is, in the way of adding in each table a column in which is set forth the exact fare chargeable between station and station, on the same principle as exists in Bradshaw's Railway Guide?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The English Bradshaw's Railway Guide does not show the fares between station and station—it merely gives the fares from certain large centres to other stations. No ordinary sized time-table or sheets would hold the information as to fares between station and station; but it is intended to have fare lists exhibited at each station, showing the fares between it and every other station.

2. PAPERS:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the Imperial Conference.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting appointment of Delegates to the Imperial Conference.
 (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
 (4.) Amended By-laws for the Borough of the Glebe, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. SUPREME COURT (SIXTH JUDGE) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a sixth Judge of the Supreme Court.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. William Clarke, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court.

*Government House,
Sydney, 13th April, 1887.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 15 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

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

5. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL:—Mr. Dawson, for Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 31st March, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dawson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 22nd April, 1887.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of all Fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th April, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the Kiama Steam Navigation Company and for other purposes herein mentioned and also to amend an Act intituled an Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th April, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Ten o'clock a.m., until *Wednesday* next at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Local Marine Board, Newcastle :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) By what method is the Local Marine Board called into existence at Newcastle?
- (2.) Who are the members, and what pay do they receive?
- (3.) Is Captain Allen the Chairman of that Board?
- (4.) Has he been superannuated from other Government employment?
- (5.) Is he occupying any Government land and buildings, and receiving rent for them from persons in Government employment?
- (6.) What are these buildings (if any)?
- (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to have this Local Board placed on an elective basis, so that men, masters, and the public may be fairly represented?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The Local Marine Board, Newcastle, is appointed by the Government, under the powers conferred by the 16th clause of the Navigation Act of 1871.
- (2.) The members are :—Captains Allen and Cross, and Messrs. R. B. Wallace, C. F. Stokes, and John Reid. The Chairman receives a fee of two guineas, and the other members one guinea, a week.
- (3 and 4.) Captain Allen is Chairman of the Board, and is superannuated from other Government employment.
- (5 and 6.) Captain Allen is not occupying Government land and buildings, or receiving rent for same, otherwise than that he owns two cottages built twenty years ago, by permission of the Government, on public land. They are occupied by pilots, who pay him rent.
- (7.) It is not the intention of the Government to take any immediate steps for changing the present system of appointment.

(2.) Customs Seizures, Newcastle :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many seizures of tobacco, cigars, opium, and other dutiable goods took place in the port of Newcastle in the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887, respectively?
- (2.) What quantities of goods were taken at each seizure?
- (3.) Were any of these seizures made on board of ships or steamers?
- (4.) If so, the names of the vessels, the original ports of departure, and the last port at which they had respectively called?
- (5.) What persons (if any) were generally suspected of being concerned in these transactions?
- (6.) Have these goods been sold; if so, when, and at what prices?
- (7.) Does the officer making any such seizure derive any pecuniary benefit therefrom?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is contained in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(3.) Richmond and Tweed Rivers :—Mr. Ewing, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the recent floods on the Richmond and Tweed Rivers, causing large land slips, fallen trees, and snags to impede the free navigation of the North and South Arms and other of the numerous creeks and tributaries of these rivers, is it the intention of the Government to provide for the cost of removal of same on the Additional Estimates for 1887, as no provision for the improvement of the navigation of either the Richmond or Tweed Rivers appears on the Estimates-in-Chief?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter of providing for the removal of impediments to the free navigation of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers and their tributaries, caused by the recent floods on these rivers, will be taken into consideration when the Additional Estimates are being prepared.

(4.)

(4.) The Tweed River:—*Mr. Ewing*, for *Mr. Crouch*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to despatch the dredge "Archimedes" (now under repairs) to the Tweed River, in accordance with a promise made by the late Administration?
- (2.) Are there any new grab-dredges ordered or in course of construction?
- (3.) If so, will one be sent to the Tweed River as soon as available, with a view to remove the sand-flats which now obstruct the navigation of the river by steam droghers and launches of very light draught?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) With respect to the despatch of the dredge "Archimedes" to the Tweed River, it is found that she is not suitable for the work to be done on the Tweed.
- (2 and 3.) No new grab-dredges are ordered or are in course of construction, but steps will be taken to procure a grab-dredge to send to the Tweed as early as possible.

(5.) Land held under Volunteer Orders on Gold-fields:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill to validate land held under Volunteer Orders on proclaimed gold-fields; if not, will he cause such holdings to be cancelled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—On behalf of my Honorable Colleague I have to say that he will deal with such cases as they arise in the manner prescribed by law and on their merits.

(6.) Hawkesbury River Bridge:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have serious difficulties arisen in connection with the construction of the Hawkesbury River Bridge and the embankments across the Hawkesbury and along the edge of Mullet Creek, which will materially increase the cost of the bridge and approaches?
- (2.) Is he aware that the bridge, if constructed on the proposed present level, will, it is alleged, form a barrier to the progress of all coasting steamers, such as now usually trade on the river or proceed there on excursions, or to the expansion of the trade by steamers and sailing vessels, and that yachts of any considerable tonnage will be unable to pass under the bridge?
- (3.) Has it been represented to him at any time that it would be better to substitute for the proposed bridge a floating bridge, or a steam punt, capable of carrying the trains across the river, as is done over rivers in other parts of the world?
- (4.) What is the present estimated cost of the bridge and embankments with extras?
- (5.) What would be the probable cost of a steamer capable of carrying across a loaded train with (say) 150 tons?
- (6.) Will he cause an estimate to be made of the cost of making a swing or draw bridge, so that the traffic of the river may not be blocked?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No difficulties have occurred that cannot be surmounted. The Union Bridge Company is responsible for the bridge works, and the Government will be at no loss if difficulties arise involving extra expenditure. The embankments at Mullet Creek have caused some trouble and extra expense, but they will not affect the cost of the bridge and approaches thereto.
- (2.) Steamers and yachts of large size need not run up beyond the bridge; but if they do, their masts and funnels, if too high to pass, can be made to lower.
- (3.) This matter has been well considered, and a large bridge was decided upon.
- (4.) The cost of the bridge, with extras, it is expected, will be about £350,000.
- (5.) A train of 150 tons weight would be too small for the expected traffic. The large American locomotives in use weigh over 70 tons each. Two steam punts would probably cost £100,000; but, in addition, there would have to be expensive approaches and lowering stages.
- (6.) It would not be desirable to have a swing or draw bridge, as it is not considered there is any river traffic that could demand such accommodation.

(7.) Navigation Act:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Jeanneret*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Navigation Act of 1871?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In view of the state of public business, it is very unlikely that the Government will be in a position to introduce a Bill to amend the Navigation Act this Session.

(8.) Tenders for Locomotives:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the lowest tender from New South Wales manufacturers for the forty-four locomotives required by the Government?
- (2.) What is the lowest tender from foreign manufacturers for the same locomotives?
- (3.) Is it his intention to give a preference of at least 10 per cent. to the colonial tenders?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not in a position to give the Honorable Member a more explicit answer than that I gave him last week. A cablegram has been received from the Agent-General, but the information is not definite as to prices. He says four tenders have been received from American firms, three from manufacturers on the European Continent, and twenty-two from English manufacturers (some of them ineligible). He adds the tenders will be further examined, and another cablegram sent. The promised cablegram has not yet been received.

(9.) *Sir John Fowler*:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Referring to the questions asked on the 13th instant, as to the amount of fees, &c., paid to *Sir John Fowler*, of London, for examination of material required for the Public Service of this Colony,—Has any offer ever been made to the Department at any time to perform the said service on more reasonable terms; and, if so, by whom?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to reduce the apparently extravagant amount paid to *Sir John Fowler* during the last three years?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in March, 1885, a proposal was made on behalf of *Mr. William Mason*, late Engineer for Existing Lines, to perform the duty, either at a stated salary or on a smaller commission than the Government had been paying.
- (2.) The question has not received any consideration at the hands of the present Government.

(10.) Overhead Bridge at Bombo Quarries, Kiama:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any decision yet been arrived at with reference to the necessity that exists for an overhead bridge at Bombo Quarries; on the Illawarra Railway Line, at Kiama; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The owners, occupiers, or lessees are not entitled to an overhead bridge at Bombo Quarries; and if one be required for the accommodation of the quarry owners, its cost should be defrayed by them. The accident which occurred on the line near the Quarries was to a man walking down the line, and had nothing to do with the level crossing.

(11.) By-laws for Parramatta Park:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it likely the by-laws forwarded by the Parramatta Park Trustees to the Mines Department for approval of the Government will be attended to, they having been sent in now some months?

Mr. Abigail answered,—It is necessary that the Park should be dedicated and proclaimed, under the Public Parks Act of 1884, before the by-laws are gazetted. This could not be done, because the boundaries of the 200 acres or more reserved as the Parramatta Park have not yet been defined, but steps are being taken to this end by the Department of Lands.

(12.) The Prisoner E. B. Holt:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to the appointment of the Medical Officer of the Government to report on the mental condition of the prisoner E. B. Holt, now confined in Goulburn Gaol,—

(1.) Has that report been sent in, and is it to the effect that the reason of the prisoner had become impaired?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to sanction his release from custody, or, in accordance with the practice usually adopted with convicted criminals, order his removal to the Asylum for the Insane, to serve out the sentence awarded him by the Judge?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No further action has been taken in this matter than to ask the Medical Adviser to the Government for his report, which report has been received, and is to the effect that prisoner Holt should be removed to Darlinghurst Gaol for examination. This suggestion is under consideration.

(13.) Allowance to School Teachers for Cleaning and Fuel:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it true that a circular has been sent to the teachers of the Public Schools to the effect that allowances for cleaning and for fuel will be made no longer by the Department?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Yes.

(14.) Prospect Sick Fund:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the circumstances surrounding the death, in the Parramatta Hospital, of Thomas Rogers, a navy employed at the Prospect Works?

(2.) Will he inform the House what amount weekly has been paid by each man employed at the Prospect Dam towards the Doctor's or Sick Fund?

(3.) What has the doctor received?

(4.) What have the hospital authorities received for maintenance of patients?

(5.) What sum will accrue to the family of Thomas Rogers out of the Prospect Sick or Doctor's Fund?

(6.) What deficiencies have been made good by the Government in the hospital accounts of the contractors—that is to say, what has been the difference between the amount of the subscriptions paid by the contractors and the cost of maintaining their men in the hospital?

(7.) Are there on record any questions on this subject, which were submitted in a previous Session of Parliament, which have not been replied to?

(8.) If so, why has the information been withheld from the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Medical Adviser to the Government, to whom I have applied for particulars on this subject, states that there is no information in his possession which could enable him to answer this question.

(2 to 6.) With regard to these questions, the District Engineer in charge of the works has obtained the following information. I should state, however, that the matters referred to in the questions are outside the control of my Department. The answers supplied to me are as follows:—

(2.) As a rule, the workmen pay 6d. per week towards the sick fund, provided they work three days in the week; if less than this time be worked, no contribution is made.

(3.) His salary is £500 per annum.

(4.) The Hospital authorities at Parramatta are paid the sum of 3s. per day for each patient for every day they remain in until discharged.

(5.) There is no fund to provide for the family of any deceased workman; but, in special cases, if the subscription in hand can afford, contractor always pays something—£5 or £10—to the widows of the workmen. There is no obligation, however, on his part to pay anything.

(6.) None; the subscription of 3s. per day is what the contractor and the Hospital authorities have agreed on, and what is always paid.

(7 and 8.) There does not appear to be any record of previous questions on this subject; but if the Honorable Member will give a clue to what he refers, I will have further search made.

(15.) Endowments to City Corporation:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it his intention to retain all municipal endowments from the City Corporation, pending payment of the Temporary Water Supply?

Mr. Burns answered,—The cost of the Temporary Water Supply to the 17th February last was £75,720 2s. 9d. The question of retaining the City Municipal Endowments until this claim is satisfied is under the consideration of the Government.

- (16.) Squatters Rents:—Mr. Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—Having regard to the fact that many squatters have paid their rents, is it the intention of the Government to allow any rebate or consideration as against those who have not paid?
Mr. Garrett answered,—The Bill now before this House will have to be disposed of before any circumstances can arise rendering it necessary to consider such cases as those referred to in the honorable gentleman's question.
- (17.) Walgett Gaol:—Mr. Thompson asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) The cost of the gaol at Walgett?
 - (2.) The name of the contractor?
 - (3.) What accommodation is there for prisoners?
 - (4.) How many prisoners are now in that gaol?
 - (5.) What objection is there to send short sentenced prisoners there?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—
- (1.) £5,469 16s.
 - (2.) T. Conlon was the original contractor, but he failed, and the contract for completion was taken by G. Ford.
 - (3.) Four cells 14 x 10 feet each, and two cells 14 x 9 feet.
 - (4.) Two prisoners.
 - (5.) None.
2. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Employés connected with Tobacco Manufacturing Industries, representing that serious injury will be inflicted on them if the proposed Excise Duty on Manufactured Tobacco becomes law; and praying the House to take such steps as will prevent the imposition of the extra Excise Duty.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulations Act of 1873 and Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Act of 1886.
 - (2.) Statistical Register for 1886, Part IV., Mills and Manufactories.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number and particulars of Seizures made by the Customs Department, Newcastle; during the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd June, 1886—"Railways, Orange to Molong—Blayney to Bourke."
 - (2.) Return relative to the Consumption of Coal on the South-Western Line of Railway, during 1886.
 - (3.) Copies of papers in connection with the Purchase of Gas-works, Plant, &c., Railway Department, belonging to Mr. J. L. Castner.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. RAILWAY FROM GOULBURN TO COOMA:—Pursuant to the requirements of the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19, Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed deviation of the Railway Line from Goulburn to Cooma, commencing at Bunyan and terminating at Cooma.
6. VACANT AND UNIMPROVED LANDS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Council of the Municipal District of St. Peter's, stating that the existing Municipalities Acts contain no provision enabling Councils of Municipalities to sell, lease, or otherwise deal with vacant or unimproved lands within the area of any Municipality; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and pass an amending Municipalities Act, giving Municipal Councils the powers above referred to.
Petition received.
7. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SYDNEY AND CANTERBURY:—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Municipality of Canterbury, alleging that they suffer great inconvenience through the want of railway communication with Sydney; and praying the House to grant them relief by giving them railway communication with the Metropolis.
Petition received.
8. IMPORT DUTY ON PAPER:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. McCulloch, presented a Petition from Employés of the Sydney Paper Mill Company, Liverpool, in favour of the retention of the import duty on paper; and praying that the proposal of the Colonial Treasurer to abolish the duty may not be agreed to.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
9. MEDICAL BILL:—Mr. Thompson (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return the documents handed in by Dr. Houston before the Select Committee on the "Medical Bill" on the 4th July, 1884.
Question put and passed.
- COMMISSIONER FOR RAILWAYS *v.* MURPHY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and documents connected with the case of the Commissioner for Railways *versus* Murphy, and all papers connected with the career and character of one Stewart, a witness in above case.
Question put and passed.

11. W. N. LAURIE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Seaver moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers connected with the application of W. N. Laurie for a conditional purchase of 200 acres in the parish of Borneal, county of Gloucester, and the appraisement, and declaring void of the same.
Question put and passed.
12. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council.—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 'Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884,'*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber.
Sydney, 20th April, 1887.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words, "any system of taxation which does not provide that realized and accumulated wealth shall bear its fair share of the cost of its own protection and the general government of the country, is inequitable and unworthy of the support of this House."
"(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

- Mr. Walker moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL, 1887.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

Whereupon Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Seat of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire.
Question put and passed.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions Fees Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of all Fees received by Clerks of Petty Sessions into the Consolidated Revenue Fund*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th April, 1887.

- (2.) Sheriff's Fees Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the scale of Fees to be charged in the Sheriff's Office*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th April, 1887.

- (3.) Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned' and also to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company'*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th April, 1887.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1887, together with provision for other Services of a special character.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th April, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) District Court at Murwillumbah or Tumbulgum :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Murwillumbah or Tumbulgum, on the Tweed River ?

(2.) Has any report been received from Mr. District Court Judge Murray recommending same in common fairness to the residents of the Tweed River, who, at present, are compelled to travel upwards of 50 miles to obtain redress in all cases outside the Small Debts Court, and in civil proceedings involving a higher sum than £10 ?

(3.) The number of civil and criminal cases from the Tweed River tried at Lismore or Grafton during the last two years ?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) The question of establishing a District Court at Murwillumbah has not engaged the attention of the Government, but inquiry will be made on the subject.

(2.) No ; but reference has been made to Judge Murray for report.

(3.) This information is being obtained, in connection with the other inquiries now being made.

- (2.) The Bulli Colliery Disaster :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Woodward, asked the Secretary for Mines,— Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission to further investigate the Bulli Colliery disaster ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Yes ; steps are now being taken in that direction.

- (3.) Old Crown Grants of Land :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to cause a thorough and accurate survey to be made of all old Crown Lands Grants ; if so, when ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No ; when special reasons are shown in any case for such a course being taken, it will be specially considered and dealt with.

- (4.) Sir John Fowler :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that Sir John Fowler, who examines railway and other material in England on behalf of this Colony, was lately on a visit, extending over some six months, to Australia ?

(2.) If so, who performed his duty during his absence, and was any money paid to Sir John Fowler during that period ?

(3.) Does Sir John Fowler employ a staff of persons to enable him to carry out his duties ; if so, how many, and what remuneration do they receive ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Sir John Fowler visited Australia last year.

(2.) *Mr. J. D. Baldry*, M.I.C.E., Sir John Fowler's partner, acts for him on all occasions when necessary.

(3.) Two Travelling Inspectors of high professional standing, about twenty Local Inspectors, and a Drafting Staff are employed, at Sir John Fowler's expense, to carry out the business of this Government when in progress at the various manufacturing works in the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

- (5.) Windsor and Webb's Creek Road :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How much public money has been expended on road, Windsor to Webb's Creek, especially between Colo River and Church Hill ?

(2.) Is it a fact that a portion of the said road, running through Mr. Jno. Smith's land, has not been opened by the Government for the use of the public ?

(3.) Is there any other feasible way for a road for the use of the public, except through Mr. Smith's land, from Colo to Webb's Creek ?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide means of communication for the use of the public by road between Colo and Webb's Creek ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) This information cannot be supplied before Tuesday next.

(2.) Yes ; the road has not been opened through John Smith's land.

(3.) No other road has been reported to exist.

(4.) There is no intention to open a road through Mr. Smith's land. The traffic is so slight as not to warrant such a course.

- (6.) The Bondi Sewer :—*Mr. Martin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the dimensions of the Bondi sewer from the sea end to Oxford and Liverpool Streets ?

(2.) What are the dimensions of the sewer proposed, and in course of construction, from the intersection of those streets to Abercrombie-street ?

(3.) Its dimensions from the latter street, westward, to its terminal ?

(4.)

- (4.) What is the approximate or probable increase of drainage over the old sewers it may have to carry ?
- (5.) How much of the whole is bricked and completed ?
- (6.) Can he give the dimensions of the old sewer where it burst in the late storm and flooded the new one ?
- (7.) Is it true that the late rain storm demonstrates the fact that the new sewer is much too small, especially from Abercrombie-street to Oxford-street ?
- (8.) If so, would he consider it advisable to enlarge the new sewer before proceeding any further ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The dimensions vary from 8 feet 6 inches by 7 feet 6 inches at sea to 6 feet 10 inches by 5 feet 10 inches at corner of Hyde Park.
- (2.) The sewer from Hyde Park to Abercrombie-street varies from 5 feet 10 inches by 4 feet 10 inches to 4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet.
- (3.) The sewer from Abercrombie-street to Prince Alfred Hospital varies from 4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet to 4 feet by 3 feet. Branches to the Glebe will gradually decrease to earthenware pipes 12 inches in diameter.
- (4.) The new sewers are not designed to carry storm-water. They will carry the maximum quantity of sewerage, and at least half an inch of rainfall per diem, as recommended by the Commission and approved of by Mr. Clarke. The storm-water will go in old sewers and over surface, as at present. To make the sewers large enough to carry it would be impracticable, and, if practicable, such gigantic sewers would be an intolerable nuisance in dry weather. The new sewers provide for a discharge of double the quantity of rain provided for in London sewers. As stated, the new sewers, while carrying all the sewerage, will not carry so much storm-water as the old sewers, which will still be available for that purpose.
- (5.) 5 miles 13 chains are bricked and all but completed.
- (6.) The sewer that burst was 4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet.
- (7.) No; if the sewer had been completed, it would have answered the purpose for which it was designed.
- (8.) No; as stated, the sewer is being constructed of the sizes fixed, after full inquiry, and there would be no advantage in an increase of size—on the contrary, it would be attended by very great evils in dry weather.

(7.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the contract price for the railway, Dubbo to Bourke ?
- (2.) What was the supplementary cost (the "extras") of same previous to opening ?
- (3.) What has been the cost of the line between Dubbo and Bourke since opening for repairs and maintenance ?
- (4.) What is the value of the rolling stock (between Dubbo and Bourke) employed since the opening ?
- (5.) What has been paid in wages and salaries for the same section (independent of maintenance as shown above) since opening to 31st December, 1886 ?
- (6.) What have been the gross proceeds of the line from opening to 31st December, 1886, between Dubbo and Bourke, Dubbo Station excluded, except for the traffic from that station to Sydney ?
- (7.) What is the net profit on the line, Dubbo to Bourke, since the opening ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Much time and labour will be involved in obtaining some of the information asked for. It will be prepared as far as possible, and laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return as soon as it is ready.

(8.) Ministerial Visit to Wallsend:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—More than one month having elapsed since the Colonial Secretary promised to visit Wallsend and other centres of Northumberland,—

- (1.) Has he relinquished his former intention ?
- (2.) If not, will he visit the district during the ensuing month ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not sure that it concerns any person as to the date of my proposed visit to Wallsend; but, however, I have no hesitation in saying that that visit has not been abandoned, and the reason it has not been carried out is that I have not been able to find the necessary time to visit the place.

(9.) *Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.*:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Colonial Secretary;—Has *Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.*, been appointed Executive Commissioner to represent this Colony at the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition; and, if so, upon what terms as to payment of expenses ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—*Mr. J. C. Neild* has been appointed Executive Commissioner to represent this Colony at the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition. His actual expenses will be allowed to him, upon the production of vouchers; but no salary will be paid.

(10.) The Bulli Colliery Disaster:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that *Mr. O'Malley Clarke* is to be one of the Commission to inquire into the explosion of gas at the Bulli Colliery ?
- (2.) Will the Commission inquire into the ventilation of collieries generally, and the ventilation of coal-mines in particular, where gas is known to exist ?
- (3.) Is it true that *Mr. O'Malley Clarke* will be appointed Chairman of the Commission ?
- (4.) Has he satisfied himself that *Mr. O'Malley Clarke* is thoroughly qualified to hold a position which, according to practice, has usually been given to experts ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; the inquiry will be restricted to the cause of the disaster at the Bulli Colliery, with a view to determine on whom the blame (if any) rests.
- (3.) It is not yet decided.
- (4.) I have satisfied myself that *Mr. O'Malley Clarke* is thoroughly competent to perform the duties required of him.

- (11.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal-fields:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In what state is the inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Mackenzie, with regard to his having interest in coal-mines during his holding of the office of Examiner of Coal-fields?
 Mr. Abigail answered,—The matter is held in abeyance, pending the decision of the Court as to whether Mr. John Mackenzie has any such interest. Should the Court decide in his favour, the matter will be promptly dealt with.
- (12.) Warialda Land Office:—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is there any truth in the report that the Government intend to remove the Land Office from Warialda?
 Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter of closing this office is under consideration, and will be dealt with on its merits and in the public interest.
- (13.) Newcastle Waterworks:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When do the Government intend to hand over the Newcastle Waterworks to the Municipality?
Mr. Roberts answered,—The reticulation of the city of Newcastle is already in the hands of its Council, this work having been carried out by that body; but the other part of the works, which has been carried out by the Government, certainly cannot be handed over to the Newcastle Council, at it serves a large number of Municipalities and other places, in common with Newcastle.
- (14.) Railway between Peat's Ferry and Waratah:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received any information that there have been several "wash-aways" at various points on the railway line between Peat's Ferry and Waratah, which have been made up without any extra means of escape for flood-waters?
Mr. Roberts answered,—I am not aware of any wash-aways having occurred on this length, and I believe ample provision has been made for flood-waters.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Information supplied by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court respecting Registered Newspapers.
 (2.) Return to an Address adopted on the 29th March, 1887—"The Criterion Hotel."
 Ordered to be printed.
6. CLAIM OF MATTHEW McIVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PLEASANT'S CREEK:—Mr. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 22nd March, 1887.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. PROPOSED NEW TARIFF:—Mr. Garvan presented a Petition from Residents of the District of Broulee, stating that they view with alarm the proposal made to repeal the Customs Duties now existing on Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Hams, and Maizena, which, if carried out, would result in the ruin of many of the Residents of the District; and praying the House to take the circumstances into consideration, and not repeal the said Duties.
 Petition received.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
 Question put and passed.
9. SIR JOHN FOWLER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the various amounts paid to Sir John Fowler every year since his appointment; also, copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents having reference to the appointment of the above named gentleman, showing who recommended his appointment, and any correspondence from any persons offering to carry out the duties performed by him on different terms from those at present in force.
 Question put and passed.
10. BROKERS LICENSING BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until Friday, 29th April.
11. SUPREME COURT (SIXTH JUDGE) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words:—"any system of taxation which does not provide that realized and accumulated wealth shall bear its fair share of the cost of its own protection and the general government of the country, is inequitable and unworthy of the support of this House."
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
 And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL, 1887, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
The House divided.

Ayes, 64.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Matheson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Wise,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Black,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. Street,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Hutchison,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Copeland.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL, 1887.

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

THE BULLI COLLIERY EXPLOSION:—Mr. Speaker read to the House a letter he had received from Alfred A. Turner, Esq., Police Magistrate of Wollongong, acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution passed by this House on the 13th instant in reference to the disaster that occurred at Bulli on the 23rd March.

Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that the letter be entered on the Records of the House.

Sir,

Court-house, Wollongong, 21st April, 1887.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, No. 87-91, and to inform you that, in compliance therewith, I read the Resolution which accompanied that letter, embodying the Thanks of the Legislative Assembly to the Members of Relief Parties and others who distinguished themselves in connection with the lamentable mining disaster that recently occurred at Bulli, at a Public Meeting of the Residents of Bulli held yesterday evening.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ALFRED A. TURNER, P.M.

The Honorable J. H. Young, Esq.,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Sydney.

2. **QUESTIONS**:—

(1.) **Capitation Allowance to Reserve Corps**:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When will the capitation allowance for 1886 be paid over to the Reserve Corps?
(2.) What quantity of ammunition (ball) per man per annum is supplied to the Reserve Corps at cost price?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) An amount of £2,471 was credited to the various Reserve Corps on the 1st of January, 1886, and the balance, after deducting supply of uniforms, &c., has been paid.
(2.) One hundred rounds.

(2.) **Tenders for Railway and Tramway Works**:—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When additional works or supplies are required for the Railways or Tramways, will the Minister permit the foremen of the various Railway and Tramway Workshops where similar supplies are manufactured, to give in a tender for such work in like manner and under like conditions as tenders are received from firms tendering for such work?
(2.) Will he issue instructions that such is to be permitted, and cause those affected to be informed of his decision?
(3.) Is he aware that all machinery necessary for making wood screws, for which tenders are now being called, is in existence in the railway workshops?
(4.) Will such workshops be permitted to put in a tender for such screws?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) I fail to see how such work could be tendered for by the foremen of the workshops under like conditions as tenders are received from private firms. If it be found, however, that the work can be done in the Government workshop at a cheaper cost than it is tendered for by private firms it will be carried out by the Department. In ascertaining relative cost, a percentage will have to be added for use of Government machinery, workshops, &c.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The price at which these screws can be made in the workshops will be ascertained and compared with the lowest tender received from the private firms.

(3.)

- (3.) Dismissals from Railway, Tramway, and Harbours and Rivers Departments:—Mr. Schey asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to deal as liberally with old servants who are being, or are to be, discharged from the Railway, Tramway, and Harbours and Rivers Departments, and who are not classed under the Civil Service Act, as they have with the clerks and others recently dispensed with in the Lands Department and other Government offices?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—All that I can say at the present time is, that the case of these men shall be considered by the Government.

- (4.) Tank at Round Hill:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What steps have been taken for the construction of a tank at Round Hill, near Silverton?
 (2.) When will tenders be called for the construction of the same?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) No steps have been taken, beyond general examination and selection of site.
 (2.) Tenders will not be invited at present, as local officer reports that development of mines and population do not now warrant the outlay.

- (5.) Dredging at Raymond Terrace Ferry:—Mr. Seaver asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it true that the dredge now working at Raymond Terrace Ferry lifting the silt accumulated there, is taking the same silt and depositing it a mile above the junction of the Hunter and Williams Rivers, at which point a bar exists, which already has been formed, and where ships heavily laden with timber have already run aground?
 (2.) Is it true that the silt being thus deposited is washed back a day or two afterwards to the same place, or near where it was taken from at Raymond Terrace?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but the quantity is so small that it cannot possibly do any harm.
 (2.) No; there is no indication that the silt moves from the place where deposited. The work will be finished on Monday next.

- (6.) Bathurst Railway Station Buildings:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to go on with the necessary repairs, &c., to the Bathurst Railway Station buildings, so that the men now on may be kept employed?

Mr. Burns answered,—All necessary repairs will be carried out at once. Inquiry will be made as to the repairs which are said to be necessary.

- (7.) Road from Mount Victoria to Jenolan Caves:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has already been expended on the road from Mount Victoria to the Jenolan Caves, and how much more is it estimated the road will cost to complete?

Mr. Burns answered,—Amount expended, £2,099 19s. 1d.; amount estimated to be expended to open road, £2,000; amount estimated to complete road, £1,500.

- (8.) Over-bridge, Bathurst Yard:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to erect the over-bridge (for which the site has been selected, the ground purchased, and the money voted) over the western end of the Bathurst yard, the present crossing being, it is alleged, very dangerous, there being six lines of railway for vehicles and foot passengers to go over, school children having to cross four times a day to attend school?

Mr. Burns answered,—The work will be carried out at the earliest possible date.

- (9.) Pelican Creek Bridge:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he been informed by his responsible officers that the Pelican Creek Bridge is absolutely necessary?
 (2.) Will he make provision for this work on the Additional Estimates?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) No; it was recommended as a desirable improvement when funds admitted.
 (2.) It is impossible to say what can be submitted on Additional Estimates, until the financial position at time of their preparation is known; but the case will be favourably considered.

- (10.) Flogging Prisoners in Gaols:—Mr. Ewing asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How many prisoners have been flogged during 1886 and 1887 in Parramatta, Goulburn, and Berrima Gaols respectively?
 (2.) Have any floggings been administered for breach of prison discipline; if so, in what case, and on report of what warder?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) In Parramatta Gaol, six; in Goulburn and Berrima Gaols, none.
 (2.) Yes; four of the prisoners referred to were flogged for defiant insubordination in a yard full of prisoners, calculated and intended to induce a serious mutinous riot, not on special report of any warder, but after arrest by several officers of the staff. In Goulburn and Berrima Gaols, none.

- (11.) Bridge over Brown's Creek, Keen-street, Lismore:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether it is his intention to give orders to proceed with bridge over Brown's Creek, Keen-street, Lismore?

Mr. Burns answered,—The erection of this bridge, which is below flood level and within a Municipality, involves questions of compensation and deviation of streets, which take time to settle before deciding to make this an exceptional case, and provide for it on Estimates.

- (12.) Goolmangan Bridge, on Lismore and Nimbin Road:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he been informed by his responsible officers that Goolmangan Bridge, on road Lismore to Nimbin, is necessary in interest of the public?
 (2.) Will he be prepared to submit the necessary amount on Additional Estimates?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The bridge was reported by the Assistant Engineer as very much required. Existing rough low-level bridge was repaired, and it was considered the work might be provided for on 1888 Estimates, before which time surveys, plans, and all preliminaries can be prepared.

(2.) To this question, the same answer is given as to question (2), No. 9.

(13.) Bridge over Emigrant Creek, on Lismore and Ballina Road:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he been informed by his responsible officers that a new bridge over Emigrant Creek, on road Lismore to Ballina, is urgently necessary?

(2.) Is he aware that the present bridge blocks traffic up the creek?

(3.) Is he aware that the present bridge is dangerous, and has been reported as being so many times by his own officers?

(4.) Is he prepared to submit an amount for this work on Additional Estimates?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Commissioner for Roads recommended reconstruction of bridge when funds permitted.

(2.) The present bridge prevents steam traffic or masted craft, but cane-punts can pass under it.

(3.) Bridge has been reported as being affected by cobra and white ant, and much of the timber in bad condition, but not absolutely dangerous; and it was considered that it could carry the traffic for another year.

(4.) To this question, the same answer is given as to question (2), No. 9.

(14.) Bridge over Wilson's Creek, at Dan's Crossing:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he been informed by his responsible officers that a bridge over Wilson's Creek, at Dan's Crossing, near Clarke's, is a very urgent work?

(2.) Is he prepared to submit an amount on Additional Estimates for construction of this bridge?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The local officer, in January last, reported bridge over Cooper's Creek, at Dan's Crossing, as necessary to accommodate increasing traffic.

(2.) To this question, the same answer is given as to question (2), No. 9.

(15.) Bridge over Wilson's Creek, near Cowlong Grass:—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he been informed by his responsible officers that a bridge is very necessary over Wilson's Creek, near Cowlong Grass?

(2.) Will provision be made for this bridge on Additional Estimates?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The local officer reported, at end of December last, that bridge had become necessary.

(2.) It is considered this can wait for the Estimates of 1888, as it is not desirable to have too much bridge-work at one time in one district.

(16.) Pay of Privates in Volunteer Forces:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What rate of pay per day do the privates in the Volunteer Forces receive when called out for annual training?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—10s. per diem.

(17.) Gun-cotton:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount of gun-cotton was received on board the store hulk "Behring" from the Torpedo Authorities during August and September last?

(2.) Where had it been stored prior to its reception on board the "Behring"?

(3.) Was there at that time any other store than this hulk for gun-cotton the property of the Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question. I find that this and the following question on the Notice Paper of to day, in precisely the same form, have been asked in another place, and that the Representative of the Government declined to answer them there. My attention having been called to that, I must see that gentleman before I deal with them.

(18.) A.S.N. Company's Wharf:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to purchase the A.S.N. Company's wharf, and to resume the adjoining strip of land?

(2.) Is he aware whether any Member of this House is in any way interested in the resumption, sale, or purchase of such land and wharfs?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can only say that I think that this land should belong to the Government. It has been under consideration as to whether we should take any steps to obtain it, but no decision has been arrived at. As to the second question, I can only say that I have no interest in the land.

(19.) Railway from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the survey of a line of railway been made from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes?

(2.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed line per mile for the permanent way?

(3.) What is the distance from the nearest point on the Young Line to Grenfell, and Grenfell to Forbes, and Forbes to Parkes?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the plans and sections were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire.

(2.) No estimate of the cost was prepared.

(3.) From the nearest point on the Young Line to Grenfell, 29½ miles; from Grenfell to Forbes, 37 miles; and from Forbes to Parkes, 20 miles.

(20.) Land Revenue at Grenfell, Forbes, Cowra, Young, and Parkes:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What amount of money was received at Grenfell as land revenue during the quarter ending 31st March last?
- (2.) The amount received at Forbes?
- (3.) The amount received at Young?
- (4.) The amount received at Cowra?
- (5.) The amount received at Parkes?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have applied to the Colonial Treasury for the information, and, upon its receipt, will lay it upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(21.) Deductions from Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Wall asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to take any steps to refund the amount of 4 per cent. which has been deducted from officers in the Civil Service, classified under sections 7 and 8 of the Civil Service Act, such as Post and Telegraph Masters; if not, is it his intention to amend the Act in such a manner as to enable these officers to participate in the general provisions extended to the higher paid officers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me is in the following words:—The deduction of 4 per cent. from salaries of Government employes, under sections 7 and 8, has been legally made under the provisions of the "Civil Service Act 1884," and that Act does not provide for any refund of such deductions. All contributors have the right to participate in the benefits of the superannuation provisions of the Act. I see the question asks something beyond this—as to whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to amend the Act. I may say that, as far as I am at present advised, when we deal with the question, we shall ask Parliament to repeal the Act.

(22.) Unnaturalized Subjects in the Survey Office:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the services of unnaturalized subjects—some of whom have only been two or three years in the Service, and not five years in the Colony—have been retained in the Survey Office in preference to British subjects of long service?
- (2.) If so, why should this be the case?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Five gentlemen of various nationalities, not naturalized British subjects, have been retained in the Survey Branch. In the case of one of these officers, he has resided in the Colony for four years, of which he has been employed for two years in the Department. The residence of the others varies from five to eighteen years, and their term of service from three to thirteen years.

(2.) It was determined, on the recommendation of the late Board of Inquiry, that the services of all these gentlemen should be retained.

(23.) Post and Telegraph Office, Pilliga:—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster-General,—When will tenders be invited for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Pilliga, money for which has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It is understood that plans are ready, and the matter of inviting tenders will shortly be determined.

(24.) Mr. Samuel Lees, M.P.:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Samuel Lees, the Honorable Member for the Nepean, the Representative of the City Council on the Fire Brigades Board for Sydney?
- (2.) If so, is he paid for such services; if so, what sum and out of what fund?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; *pro rata*, according to attendances at the meetings of the Board. The sums paid are derived from the general income of the Fire Brigades Board.

(25.) Naval Defences:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Garland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the New South Wales Delegates to the Imperial Conference in any way committed the country to the Admiralty scheme by which the Colonies are asked to contribute towards the cost of the British Navy in these seas?
- (2.) Will he consult Parliament before committing the Colony to any course that would imply concurrence with the said scheme?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I fairly answered this question last evening in the reply which I gave to the Honorable Member for Wentworth.

(26.) Free Railway Passes to the Unemployed:—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that 100 free passes are issued, or promised to be issued, to the unemployed, to enable them to go to Melbourne to receive employment from the Victorian Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not think that there can be any truth whatever in this report. I am not aware myself of any single pass having been issued on this ground. I have made inquiries, and the reply is that no passes of the kind have at any time been issued. I do not say there has been no single pass, because it may turn out that some time or other some single pass may have been issued; but I know of none.

(27.) Water Supply to City of Sydney:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the water supplied for the city of Sydney is at present in a very muddy and impure state, and will he see that some immediate and effectual steps are taken to have the evil rectified, as a means of protecting public health?

Mr. Burns answered,—After heavy rain, the water passing down the upper canal becomes discoloured; but this will be wholly remedied in a few weeks time, when the water can be drawn direct from Prospect Reservoir.

(28.) Works at Menindie Lakes:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the works at Menindie Lakes entrance, upon which a number of the unemployed have been engaged, are completed, or being continued; and, if not, from what cause?

Mr. Burns answered,—The works are completed as far as it is considered advisable to do so at present.

3. MR. SOUTH, TELEGRAPH MASTER AT MURRUMBURRAH (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, petitions, and other documents relative to the appointment of *Mr. South* as telegraph master at Broken Hill, and subsequently at Murrumburrah.

Question put and passed.

4. LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE MESSRS. SMITH IN THE DISTRICT OF MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, in a tabulated form, showing all the lands granted, selected, or purchased—except town lots—by the Honorable *John Smith*, *F. Jago Smith*, and *Lancelot Noel Smith* respectively, in the Land District of Molong; and if transferred, the name of the transferrer and date of transfer, detailing in each case the county, parish, No. of lot, area, by whom purchased or selected, date of purchase or selection, and whether by conditional, improvement, or mineral purchase.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Henson* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PAPER:—*Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence, respecting the Imperial Conference.

Ordered to be printed.

7. LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Fletcher*,—

“(1.) That, in view of the widespread distress amongst the iron trades, this House is of opinion that the Government should take immediate steps to call for tenders in the Colony only for the manufacture of one hundred locomotive “engines.”

“(2.) That the whole of the labour necessary for the construction of said engines be obtained in the Colony, and only such material be imported that cannot be manufactured here.

“(3.) That the said contract extend over a period of seven years.

“(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraphs (2) and (3), with a view to the insertion, after the word “engines,” of the words “and that the following be the conditions of such tenders:—That the construction of the said engines be carried out by labour already in the Colony, and that only such material be imported as cannot be produced here.”

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Dibbs.

Tellers,

Mr. Kelly,

Mr. Melville.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Walker,

Mr. Copeland,

Mr. Gale,

Mr. O'Sullivan,

Mr. Fletcher,

Mr. Burns,

Mr. Roberts,

Mr. Cameron,

Mr. Brunker,

Mr. Inglis,

Mr. Barbour,

Mr. Wall,

Mr. Dawson,

Mr. Hawthorne,

Mr. Frank Farnell,

Mr. Seaver,

Mr. Lyne,

Mr. Foster,

Mr. Stephen,

Mr. Teece,

Mr. Garrett,

Mr. Gibbs,

Mr. William Clarke

Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Matheson,

Mr. Hutchison,

Mr. Garrard,

Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. Davis,

Mr. Dangar,

Mr. Frank Smith.

Sir Henry Parkes,

Tellers,

Mr. Day,

Mr. Withers.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question then,—

(1.) That, in view of the widespread distress amongst the iron trades, this House is of opinion that the Government should take immediate steps to call for tenders in the Colony only for the manufacture of one hundred locomotive engines, and that the following be the conditions of such tenders:—That the construction of the said engines be carried out by labour already in the Colony, and that only such material be imported as cannot be produced here.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

8. DEPÔT FOR SALE OF FARM PRODUCE:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Friday 6th May.

9. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gangers on Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Matheson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the case that the gangers on the Great Northern Railway were, until lately, paid a half day's wages for "walking their lengths" on proclaimed public holidays?
 (2.) Is it still considered part of their duty to do this without being paid?
 (3.) Will he now issue instructions that they are to be paid as formerly, or that they are to be permitted to take a half-day in lieu of the half public holiday of which they are deprived without compensation?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes, it had been allowed, but no authority could be found for it; and as the concession was not made to the gangers on the South and West it was withdrawn from the gangers on the Northern Line.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The question will receive consideration; but the gangers on the South and West will have to be allowed the same privilege, and these indulgences tend to increase the working expenses of the Railways.

- (2.) *Mr. Johnson*, Under Secretary for Public Instruction:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has *Mr. Johnson*, the Under Secretary for Public Instruction, received leave of absence; if so, for how long?
 (2.) Is he to receive full pay whilst away?
 (3.) Is he to receive any other allowance; if so, how much, and for what purpose does he receive such allowance?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes; in December last *Mr. Johnson*, on the recommendation of *Dr. Renwick*, the then Minister of Public Instruction (ratified by the Executive Council on 15th January of the present year), was granted twelve months leave of absence on full pay, he having been thirty-two years in the Public Service without extended leave.
 (3.) Having represented that he would visit Europe and America to inquire into and report upon training colleges, technical instruction, the Kindergarten system, &c., *Dr. Renwick* promised payment of necessary expenses by the Department, and a sum of £300 was named. As it is not considered by the present Government needful to furnish such report, instructions are being sent to *Mr. Johnson* which will render the payment of the £300 unnecessary.

- (3.) Fees received by the Crown Solicitor:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) What amount of money did the Crown Solicitor receive as fees from all sources, stating the services for which fees were paid (exclusive of fees on Patents) for each of the years 1884, 1885, and 1886?
 (2.) On what account, in each case, were the fees so paid to him (exclusive of fees on Patents) for each of the above years?

Mr. Foster answered,—

- (1.) 1884, £200; 1885, £325; 1886, £351 9s.
 (2.) These fees were paid, not on account of the Government, but to *Mr. Williams* personally, for certificates as to rights to transfer stations or selections, upon the interest therein passing by will or under administrations, and in some cases of applications to purchase under the 10th, 11th, and 12th sections of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1862." The accounts prior to July, 1884, have not been retained. From that date to December the amount received was £105, and the year is estimated at £200.

(4.)

- (4.) The Department of Public Works:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does he intend to give effect to the recommendation of the Board appointed by his predecessor to inquire into the administration of the Works Department?
 - (2.) Does he intend to appoint a Board of Inquiry to inquire into the administration of the Traffic and Locomotive Branch of the Railway Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as far as the suggestions are practicable and useful.
 - (2.) The opinion of my hon. colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, is, that Boards of Inquiry, unless the Board is composed of railway experts, effect no appreciable good. Their recommendations, owing to their want of experience, are generally found to be impracticable. The branches referred to are presently to be controlled by a Board of Commissioners, who will conduct their own inquiry into the administration of the Railway Service.
- (5.) Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.—Mr. Wilkins.—Mr. Cumming:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is Mr. John C. Neild, one of the Members for Paddington, who has been recently appointed Executive Commissioner for the Adelaide Exhibition, to receive any salary or emolument from the Government for performing that duty?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature and terms of the emolument he is to receive?
 - (3.) Is the Mr. W. Wilkins, recently gazetted as Secretary to the New South Wales Commission to the Melbourne Exhibition, the same gentleman who was lately Under Secretary to the Education Department?
 - (4.) Did he receive a pension or gratuity when he resigned the position as Under Secretary to the Education Department?
 - (5.) If so, is he to be paid any salary or emoluments by the Government as Secretary to the Melbourne Exhibition?
 - (6.) Is Mr. Cumming Secretary to the Melbourne or other Exhibitions; if so, to which of them, and what salary does he receive yearly?
 - (7.) How long has he been employed by the Government, in what occupation, and what salary has he been paid each year since he was so employed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No salary will be paid to Mr. Neild, but his actual expenses will be allowed to him, upon the production of vouchers.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) He received a gratuity only.
- (5.) He is paid salary at the rate of £500 per annum.
- (6.) Mr. Cumming is Secretary to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition Commission, and is also Secretary to the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition Commission. He is only paid for his services in connection with the latter Commission, and receives a salary of £600 per annum for performing both duties.
- (7.) He was first employed in January, 1879, as Chief Clerk to the Commissioners of the Sydney International Exhibition, for which he received at first £300 per annum, which was afterwards raised to £325. He was Secretary to the Board of Health in 1882 at £200 per annum; Secretary to the Amsterdam Exhibition Commission, 1882-83, at £500 per annum; Secretary to the Calcutta Exhibition Commission, 1883-84, at £500 per annum; and Secretary to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition Commission, 1886, at £600 per annum, which remuneration ceased when appointed to the Adelaide Jubilee Commission.

- (6.) Mr. O'Mara, M.P.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is the Mr. O'Mara who, according to a report in the daily Press, was recently, during the present Parliament, reported as prosecuting for the Crown, the Mr. O'Mara who is a Member of the present Parliament?
- (2.) If so, what fee did he receive for prosecuting, and when was he appointed to prosecute?

Mr. Foster answered,—

- (1.) Mr. O'Mara did not prosecute for the Crown, but, out of courtesy, assisted the Crown Prosecutor, who was unwell.
 - (2.) He received no fee, and was not appointed to prosecute.
- (7.) Diamond Drills:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What was the date of the importation of two diamond drills from the United States of America, manufactured by the Bullock Drill Manufactory Company?
 - (2.) The amount of invoice?
 - (3.) Was any royalty paid to the Australasian Diamond Drill Company on the said two diamond drills?
 - (4.) If not, did the Government take any guarantee from the manufacturers to pay same, if demand was made on them?
 - (5.) Was any money paid, or discount allowed, to the Government by the Bullock Drill Manufactory Company (the manufacturers) in connection with the above?
 - (6.) Has the Government yet settled with the owners of the patent rights for the royalty due on the two machines; and, if not, when will the matter receive the attention of the Minister for Mines?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) January 10, 1884, per s.s. "Coringa," from New York.
- (2.) £2,143 6s. 11d.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Yes; £144 15s. 5d. was paid as discount or commission on the purchase.
- (6.) There is no record of any claim for royalty in respect of the two drills in question, and a former Minister was advised by the Attorney-General that such a claim could not be sustained.

(8.)

- (8.) Water Reserve near Gundaroo and Lake George:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a water reserve near Gundaroo and Lake George is so surrounded by the freehold property of Mr. Massie, grazier, that access cannot be obtained to it by the public?
 - (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter, and, if the facts be as stated, take steps to have the reserve cancelled and thrown open for selection, if the reserve be found not to be required?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) The question does not identify the reserve.
 - (2.) Inquiry shall be made, and, if the reserve be unnecessary, it will be cancelled.
- (9.) Bungendore Common:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to cancel the reserve known as the Bungendore Common, on the shore of Lake George?
 - (2.) If so, does he intend to have the land in question sold by auction, or leased in small leasehold farms, to encourage agricultural settlement?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) There is no part of the temporary commonage at Bungendore which has frontage to Lake George.
 - (2.) A report has been required from the District Surveyor as to conditions and uses of the temporary commonage at Bungendore.
- (10.) Reclamation on Parramatta River, near Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the object of reclaiming a considerable portion of the Parramatta River, along the northern side of Cockatoo Island?
 - (2.) What is the object of destroying the reclamation, by removing the debris from above the river level, and allowing it to remain below the water line?
 - (3.) What is the cost per ton of such removal, including punt-hire, towage, and all expenses in connection therewith?
 - (4.) Is this removal being effected by contract or by day labour?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that men have been employed for a considerable time weighing, with a small Avery's weighing machine, the rubble being removed from Cockatoo Island?
 - (6.) What do the Government intend to do with the portion of land formerly reclaimed, but now again covered with water, along the north side of Cockatoo Island?
 - (7.) Is anyone, and, if so, who is, in charge and responsible for this work at Cockatoo Island?
- Mr. Burns answered,—
- (1.) To dispose of material excavated from the dock.
 - (2.) To obtain stone urgently required for reclamation works, Snail's Bay,
 - (3.) 2s. 9d. per ton.
 - (4.) By contract.
 - (5.) The contractor adopted this method to mark load lines on his punts at his own cost, but only once for each punt employed.
 - (6.) The space excavated will be filled up again with stone still to be removed from the dock, for which room is required.
 - (7.) Mr. Young is the Resident Engineer on the Island, but so far as this work is concerned he only directs where the stone may be taken from.
- (11.) Packet Licenses for Harbour and River Steamers:—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to his answer on the 22nd March last, and the opinion of the Attorney-General therein quoted, have any, and what, steps been taken by the Government to stop the sale of liquors and the issue of packet licenses for harbour and river steamers plying within the harbours of the Colony?
- Mr. William Clarke answered,—Difficulty has occurred in deciding what places are included within the term "harbours of the Colony," and, until a decision of the Supreme Court has been obtained, this question cannot be satisfactorily determined. It is intended to take steps to obtain such decision as soon as an opportunity occurs. Where places are admittedly within the harbours of the Colony, it appears that no packet licenses are granted.
- (12.) Allowance for Fuel and Cleaning Purposes to School Teachers:—Mr. Walker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What is the amount allowed to the school teachers for fuel and cleaning purposes, which allowance is now to be discontinued?
 - (2.) What are the respective salaries of those teachers likely to be touched by the disallowance of the same?
- Mr. Inglis answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.
- (13.) Prospect Sick Fund:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the attention of the Minister been drawn to the report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Tuesday, the 19th, revealing the continued prevalence of severe disease in the families of the navvies employed at the Government Waterworks at Prospect?
 - (2.) Is he aware that, from the commencement of the contract, the men have had a sum, variously stated to have been 6d. or 1s. a week, regularly deducted by mutual agreement from their wages for the purpose of securing to the hands employed, their wives and children, medical succour, medicine, an allowance during sickness, and maintenance in hospital, where the latter may be necessary?
 - (3.) Is he aware that there exists a Vigilance Committee at the works, appointed by the families interested, having for duty to see that the terms of the understanding, as regards sickness, between the contractors and the hands are faithfully carried out?

(4.) Is he aware that, in consequence of the alleged failure of this Committee to carry out the intentions of their appointment, it is stated that the Government is put to a very considerable expense through the necessity that has arisen to maintain a considerable number of men, women, and children as State patients in the public hospitals?

(5.) Has the Government any intention of incorporating in the proposed Local Self Government Bill any provisions to enable districts to provide for their own sick and insane poor, especially through the medium of a State protected Insurance Fund?

(6.) Is he aware that the working classes of the community have subscribed, with great regularity, small weekly sums, amounting probably in the aggregate to millions sterling, as provision in the event of illness, old age, and death; and has it come to his knowledge that these vast sums have been, and are now being, misappropriated by Friendly Society officials and public works contractors, whose sacred duty it is to see that such funds are employed for no other purposes than those for which they have been subscribed?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I have seen the paragraph mentioned by the Honorable Member, and have referred the matter to the President of the Medical Board for report.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Resident Engineer has supplied the following answers to these questions:—

(2.) There was an arrangement in force some time ago for the workmen to pay 1s. per week—that is, 6d. per week in excess of the present payment—for which, in addition to the benefits already explained, each man on the sick list was paid 25s. per week while sick, and, in case of death, the burial expenses were always paid, together with a sum of £10 to the widow.

(3.) The contractor is not aware of the existence of any Vigilance Committee on the works.

(4.) The contractor knows nothing about this.

(5.) I am not in a position to state the intentions of the Government in this matter at present.

(6.) I am, of course, aware that large sums of money are collected from the working classes, through the medium of Friendly Societies, for the objects referred to; but I am not in a position to give any information with regard to the second part of the Honorable Member's question. If, however, he will give me specific information upon which I can take action in my capacity as Secretary for Public Works, I shall be only too ready to do so. I am fully alive to the great public importance of the matter brought under my notice.

(14.) Conveyance of Grain and Flour by Railway:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that special concessions for the conveyance of grain and flour by rail have been allowed to certain millers on the Southern Line of Railway; if so, the names of the millers, and the amount of rebate allowed to each from January, 1879, to the present date?

(2.) Have the like concessions been granted to millers on the Western and Northern Lines; and, if not, what is the reason?

Mr. Burns answered,—The trainage charge referred to has not intentionally been confined to any particular millers, nor to any particular line of railway. The millers on the Southern Railway have taken advantage of the charge, because the circumstances seemed to make it profitable to them to do so. The millers on the Western and Northern Lines do not seem to be similarly circumstanced as regards this traffic, but they could have had the same trainage charge if they had needed it. The mode of calculating the charge does not appear in the rate-book, an omission which will be remedied. The amount allowed in each case is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(15.) *Mr. A. G. Taylor*:—*Mr. Trickett* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, late a Member for Mudgee, been appointed to the office of Examiner of Patents?

(2.) What was the date of such appointment, and when was the offer of such appointment first made to *Mr. Taylor*?

(3.) What salary or remuneration is to be paid to *Mr. Taylor*, and from what fund?

(4.) What special qualification has *Mr. Taylor* for the position?

(5.) Was the Civil Service Board consulted before the appointment was made?

(6.) Was any inquiry made amongst the members of the Civil Service, or amongst those members of the Service who have been dismissed or have received notice of dismissal, to ascertain if there was any one of those qualified for the position of Examiner of Patents?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—No appointment of the kind has yet been made.

(16.) Railway from Young, Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having reference to the answer given to Question No. 19, on Friday last,—

(1.) Has a second survey been made for a line of railway from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes, the plans and sections of which have not been destroyed in the Garden Palace fire; and, if so, what is the estimated cost of the permanent way, according to these plans and sections?

(2.) Is it true that the land for a mile on each side of this proposed line, according to the second survey, has been reserved from sale?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes; a second survey was made. When the first question was answered this fact was overlooked. The estimated cost of the line from Young to Parkes, *via* Grenfell and Forbes (91 miles) is £770,760.

(2.) Yes; land has been reserved for a mile on each side of the projected line.

(17.) Inquiry at Ballina respecting Fisheries:—*Mr. Toohey*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he arrived at any decision respecting inquiry held at Ballina by *Mr. Thompson*, Inspector of Fisheries?

(2.) Is he aware that oysters are being removed from the oyster reserve at Shaw's Bay, Ballina?

(3.)

(3.) Will the Government obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether it is legal for the holders of "spat" licenses to take oysters from oyster reserves, and communicate the result to this House?

(4.) Will he see into this matter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The report of Mr. Thompson, the Chief Inspector of Fisheries, resulted in the proclamation of Shaw's Bay as a public oyster reserve.

(2, 3, and 4.) The Commissioners of Fisheries are not aware that oysters are being removed from the reserve; but the spat, brood, and ware of oysters have, under the provisions of the Oyster Fisheries Act, been taken by lessees holding spat licenses for the purpose of stocking their leased areas.

(18.) Patent and other Fees :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What action has been taken by the Government in regard to patent and other fees, since the first reading of the Bill to provide for the payment of the patent fees into the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

(2.) Is it decided to pay them into the Consolidated Revenue Fund?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—With regard to these fees, it has been decided to pay them to a Trust Fund, pending legislation, when they will be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884—"Government Printing Office."—Return for 1886.

(2.) Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December, 1886.

(3.) Schedule showing Classification and proposed Distribution of Vote for Subordinate Roads under Officers of Roads Department for 1887.

(4.) Schedule showing Classification and proposed Distribution of Vote for Subordinate Roads under Trustees for 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statistical Register for 1886, Part II.—Crime and Civil Justice.

(2.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration"—Steamship "Abyssinia."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th March, 1887—"Diamond Drills and Water Augers."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Paper respecting Allowances for Fuel and Cleaning Purposes to Public School Teachers.

Ordered to be printed.

3. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 13th May.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. WILLIAM-STREET TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Residents and persons interested in property in William-street, Woolloomooloo, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

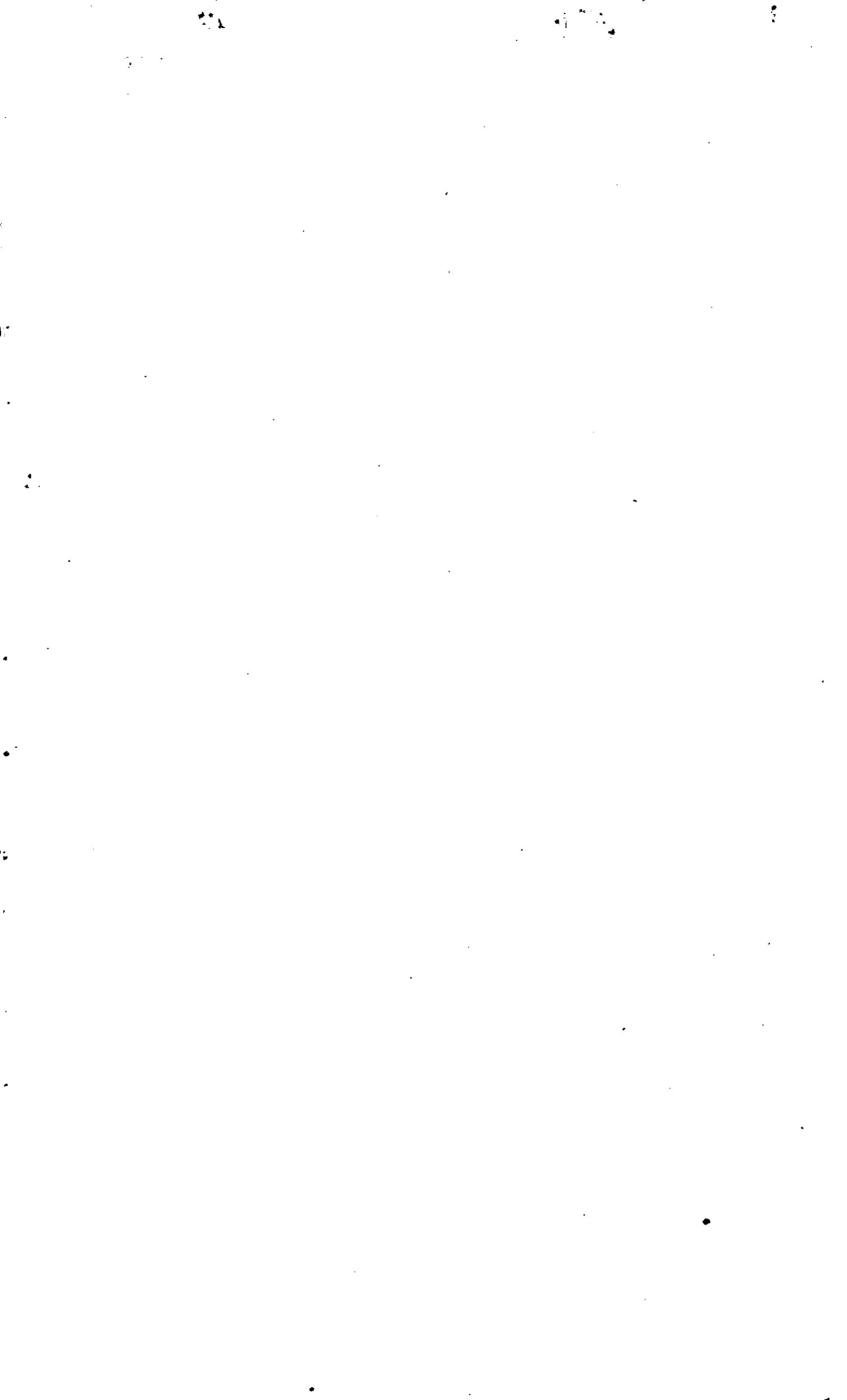
6. CARRIAGE OF STOCK AND PRODUCE BY RAILWAY :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the prevailing high charges on our railways for the carriage of stock and produce are detrimental to the agricultural and grazing interests, and should be modified forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Wharf at Botany:—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the nature of a private tender, as distinguished from a public tender?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, correspondence, and tenders, private or otherwise, in connection with the letting of the public wharf at Botany?
- (3.) For what length of time did the Government, by their own collector, collect the wharfage dues on the wharf at Botany?
- (4.) What was the amount of dues collected from private individuals during that time on account of goods or material landed there?
- (5.) What is the amount of dues that would have been paid, or been liable to be paid, for material landed there on account of the Government during that time, if they had been charged wharfage at the same rate as private individuals?
- (6.) What was the cost of collection to Government during the time of collection by their own collector?
- (7.) What is the amount of rent paid by the lessee?
- (8.) Is the lessee entitled to charge wharfage dues on material landed there on behalf of the Government?
- (9.) What is the profit or loss accruing to the Government on account of letting the wharf at Botany?
- (10.) Is it according to the regulations and practice of Government to accept tenders by private contract?
- (11.) Is the public wharf at Botany let for any stated period; if so, is the contract binding on either or both parties?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The difference between a private and public tender is, that the latter is subject to public competition.
- (2.) There will be no objection to lay upon the Table all papers in the matter of the lease of the public wharf at Botany.
- (3 to 11.) The Government, by their officer, collected £141 19s. 4d. during a term of eleven months and twelve days. The dues so collected were from private individuals. Had Government goods been chargeable, an additional £102 16s. 6d. would have been collected. The cost to the Government of collecting £141 19s. 4d. was £145. The lessee pays a rental of £50 per annum. He is not entitled to charge wharfage on Government goods or materials. The profit accruing on the lease of the wharf is £46 19s. 4d. Power to accept private or public tenders, at the discretion of the Colonial Treasurer, is contained in the 2nd section of the Act 46 Victoria No. 8. The lease to Mr. Hairs, the present lessee, is for three years, with right of renewal, but subject to six months notice on either side.

- (2.) The Tram Department:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many officers, other than clerks, engine-drivers, firemen, conductors, and special conductors, are employed in the service of the Tram Department?
- (2.) Will he state the name, classification, duties, and salary of each?
- (3.) Does he consider that all these various officers are absolutely necessary in the public interest for the efficient working of the Tram Department?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Twenty-three.

(2.) R. Richardson, Inspector, Permanent-way, £260 per annum; G. Foster, Inspector, Permanent-way, £230 per annum; T. Midelton, Superintendent Rolling Stock, £550 per annum; H. B. Howe, General Foreman of Workshops, £430 per annum; T. F. Smith, Draftsman, £248 per annum; G. Townsend, Draftsman, £208 per annum; J. W. Thomson, Draftsman, £160 per annum; A. B. Brown, Running Foreman, £330 per annum; G. J. Hendy, Day Foreman, Pitt-street, £230 per annum; J. A. Brown, Night Foreman, Pitt-street, £260 per annum; F. Davy, Foreman in Workshops, £300 per annum; E. Davies, Foreman Car-builder, £230 per annum; H. Windon, Foreman Turner, £230 per annum; G. Woods, Foreman Blacksmith, £230 per annum; A. Donald, Foreman Boilermaker, £230 per annum; W. Allen, Night Foreman, Randwick, £270 per annum; J. Roberts, Traffic Superintendent, £550 per annum; G. Gamgee, Traffic Foreman, Bridge-street, 12s. per day; J. Halliday, Traffic Foreman, Bridge-street, 12s. per day; P. Wall, Traffic Foreman, Railway, 11s. per day; G. Smith, Traffic Foreman, Railway, 11s. per day; G. Harper, Traffic Inspector, £4 per week; F. O'Brien, Traffic Inspector, 15s. per day.

(3.) There is a proposition to dispense with the services of one or two of them, which is now under consideration; but, as regards the remainder, they are usefully and profitably employed.

(3.) Pyrmont Bridge Road:—*Mr. Chapman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Government finish the Pyrmont Bridge Road, as per arrangement, in order that it may be taken over by the Municipalities through which it runs?

Mr. Burns answered,—The portion of this road through the Glebe Municipality was considered finished by the Department some months ago, and the Glebe Council asked to take charge on 1st January, 1887, which they have not done. If what further work is required is pointed out, and a time named to take charge, if reasonable, the work will be done, and the road can then be handed over. An arrangement is contemplated with the Camperdown Council to take charge on receipt of a sum of money now on Estimates.

(4.) Post and Telegraph Office, Wee Waa:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) The name of contractor for new Post and Telegraph Office, Wee Waa, and date fixed for completion?

(2.) The cause of the work being delayed, and will instructions be issued to proceed with it?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) H. T. Fitzsimons; 30th June, 1887.

(2.) The delay in proceeding with the work has been occasioned through the contractor having to change his sureties. The bond has now been completed, and instructions will be given to have the work proceeded with at once.

(5.) Bathurst Burr and other Noxious Plants:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it intended (and, if so, when) to introduce a Bill for the destruction of the burr and other noxious plants now growing so rankly on roads, reserves, commons, and other lands?

Mr. Abigail answered,—This matter will receive attention as soon as the exigencies of public business will allow.

(6.) Customs Seizures at Newcastle:—*Mr. Brunker* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many seizures of tobacco, cigars, opium, and other dutiable articles were made at the port of Newcastle for the five years previous to the appointment of the present Tide-Surveyor?

(2.) What seizures of a like character have been made from the date the present Tide-Surveyor undertook the duties of his office to the 20th April last?

(3.) Have the goods so seized been confiscated and disposed of in compliance with the terms of the Customs Duties Act and the Customs Regulations?

(4.) Has the Tide-Surveyor who made such seizures derived any pecuniary benefit beyond that conceded by the head of the Customs Department, and allowed under the like circumstances as compensation to officers holding similar positions at other ports?

Mr. Burns answered,—A Return showing the number of seizures is now being prepared, and I hope to lay it upon the Table to-morrow.

(7.) Telephonic Frieze:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Will he ascertain from the storekeeper in charge the quantity and value, at invoiced prices, of the ironwork in connection with the frieze, George-street, in excess of that erected, now remaining in the Bathurst-street store?

(2.) What is the quantity, and what is the value?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Will be answered by No. 2.

(2.) Ten sections, each 16 feet; four sections broken; total value, £122 6s. 8d.

(8.) The Prospect Water Scheme:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Can he state how long it will take to complete the Prospect Water Scheme?

(2.) What amount of money has already been expended upon it, and how much is it expected to require to complete the whole of the works?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) In about four months the Prospect Dam will have been so far completed as to enable a continuous supply to be drawn from the reservoir; but it will probably take from twelve to fifteen months longer to wholly complete the dam, as it is necessary to proceed slowly to permit of the proper consolidation of the bank. All other parts of the works connected with the Sydney Water Supply will be finished in about four months. I should mention that the Nepean water has been delivered into the Crown-street Reservoir for five months past at the rate of from three to four million gallons per day.

(2.)

(2.) The sum of £1,883,375 17s. 2d. has been expended to date; and it is estimated that the sum of £156,746 will be required to complete the work. This, of course, does not take into account the cost of the supplementary works which have recently been added, such as the extension of the supply to Granville and Balmain.

- (9.) Sewerage of Parramatta:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the long promised plans for the proposed sewerage system for the Borough of Parramatta are completed, will the Government cause the necessary work to be carried out without delay, the Borough Council of Parramatta having agreed, by resolution, to pay the interest on the outlay, and thus give employment to a large number of men who are unable to obtain work to provide the common necessities for their families?

Mr. Burns answered,—As stated in reply to Mr. Taylor's question of 25th March, 1887, the late Minister decided that a loan should be taken for this work on Loan Estimates of 1887. The work now waits decision as to Loan Estimates.

- (10.) Railway Traffic between Sydney and Parramatta:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of tickets issued at Sydney Railway Station for Parramatta during the years 1885 and 1886?

(2.) The amount of cash received from same during the above years for goods and passenger traffic?

(3.) The same information with reference to Parramatta Railway Station to Sydney during same years?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) 104,795 tickets were issued in 1885 and 105,844 in 1886.

(2.) In 1885 the receipts from passenger and goods traffic were £6,381 and £4,023 respectively, and in 1886 they were £6,413 and £4,044 respectively.

(3.) 138,369 tickets were issued in 1885, and 134,690 in 1886. In 1885 the receipts from passenger and goods traffic were £8,749 and £1,056 respectively, and in 1886 they were £8,557 and £1,183 respectively.

- (11.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be invited for widening Lennox Bridge at Parramatta, the amount of £4,000 having been voted by Parliament for this work?

Mr. Burns answered,—The work is reported as not urgent, as Mr. Taylor was informed, in reply to a previous question, on 12th August, 1886, with reference to the same subject:—"This vote (£4,000) was originally taken for widening stone bridge. Then iron cantilever widening was proposed, and assented to by those interested. As the cantilevers would spoil appearance of bridge, which is to a certain extent monumental, and as the traffic is decreased materially by the Gasworks Bridge, it is considered, in the present state of the finances, that this matter can stand over, and the £4,000 be saved."

- (12.) Planting Public School Grounds with Trees:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Does he intend to avail himself of the present suitable season to plant the recreation grounds of the Public Schools with trees, as shelter for the children during the hours of recreation, in accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Clark, especially appointed by the Government to report upon the Public Schools of the Colony?

Mr. Burns answered,—Most of the school grounds are already, or will soon be, provided with suitable shelter, and wherever it is practicable the planting of trees is being encouraged.

- (13.) Interments within the Borough of Parramatta:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The Borough Council of Parramatta having passed a by-law, confirmed by the Government, that no interments shall be made in the cemeteries within the Borough without the sanction of the Mayor, will he cause an inquiry to be made as early as possible for the necessity of resuming that portion of the old Government Domain close to the Parramatta Fresh-water River, and granted as a site for Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Jews, and Independents, and also a General Cemetery, containing about 30 acres, for the purpose of disposing of the same and applying the proceeds in procuring a more suitable site for the requirements of the Borough of Parramatta and district?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter is under inquiry.

- (14.) Hospital in Macquarie-street:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Hospital in Macquarie-street to the site purchased for it by the late Government on Flagstaff Hill?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—So far as I am informed, no such site has been purchased at the Flagstaff Hill; and I may say that I have no intention of advising the removal of the hospital.

- (15.) The Bulli Colliery Disaster:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Thomas Croudace, Manager of the Lambton Colliery, J. Y. Neilson, Manager of the Wallsend Colliery, and Mr. Turnbull, Manager of the A. A. Company's Colliery, along with Dr. Robertson, Managing Director of the Greta Colliery, are to act on the Commission to inquire into the cause of the Bulli disaster?

(2.) If so, on what grounds are these men appointed?

(3.) What is the reason that no practical miners are appointed on the Commission?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The names of the gentlemen to form the Commission are under consideration, and as soon as the matter is finally settled the names will be published.

- (16.) Compensation to Hugh Espie Stephenson:—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to pay to Hugh Espie Stephenson the sum voted on the last Estimates, or any other sum, as compensation for losses sustained by him through the case "*Lee v. Stephenson*"?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—It will be remembered that the case of Mr. Hugh Espie Stephenson was before the last Parliament. A Committee was appointed to inquire into it, and that Committee brought up a report, which was adopted. A sum of £570 was recommended by the Committee to be paid to Mr. Stephenson, and that amount was accordingly placed upon the Estimates, some portion of it to be paid, subject to adjustment. The Estimates having been passed, the matter again came up, upon the Appropriation Bill, and an objection was taken to this amount being paid. Sir Patrick Jennings, who was Colonial Treasurer and Premier, stated that it would not be paid until Parliament had had another opportunity of dealing with the matter. I have looked through the papers very carefully since, and I think that Mr. Stephenson was justly entitled to have some amount paid to him. I have not, however, gone into the question with a view to determine what that amount should be; but, unless some action is taken to reverse the decision which has already been come to by Parliament, an amount will be paid under the Vote included in the Appropriation Act of last year.

- (17.) **Railway Time-tables** :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to publish pocket time-tables for the Government Railways, showing the fares payable from station to station, for the information of the public?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, answered a similar question to this on the 14th instant, asked by the Honorable Member for Molong. No time-table which could be got into a pocket could contain the information which the Honorable Member would like to have inserted; but, as I stated before, it is intended to have fare-lists exhibited at each station, showing the fares between it and every other station.

- (18.) **Water Supply for Ryde, Hunter's Hill, &c.** :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a survey to be made, with a view to determine the practicability of supplying with water from the Prospect Reservoir, *vid* Parramatta, the municipalities of Ryde, Hunter's Hill, North Willoughby, St. Leonards, Victoria, and East St. Leonards?

Mr. Burns answered,—The surveys in question have already been made, and the whole subject is now engaging the attention of the Department.

- (19.) **The Bulli Colliery Disaster** :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to place on the Commission to inquire into the late colliery accident at Bulli one or more practical miners; if not, what is the reason for not doing so?

Mr. Abigail answered,—It is the intention to select men who will faithfully and impartially perform the duties entrusted to them.

- (20.) **New Street in front of General Post Office** :—Mr. Withers asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) When will the awnings, premises, &c., in front of the northern elevation of the General Post Office, be removed?

(2.) Have the Government determined as to what action they intend to take with a view to widening the thoroughfare on the northern frontage of the General Post Office?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to form and pave the same, or hand it over to the City Council?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I have given instructions to have the hoardings removed, and the arcade and footpath on the north side of the Post Office opened, if possible, to-morrow. The railway premises cannot be moved until provision has been made for the business elsewhere. I ask my honorable friend to postpone questions 2 and 3 for a week.

2. **CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL** :—Mr. Holborow presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Michael Slattery, Daniel O'Brien, and Michael Tully, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Michael Slattery, Daniel O'Brien, and Michael Tully, Trustees of certain land in the county of King, parish of Crookwell, town of Crookwell, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Holborow having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Crookwell Gazette* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order.

Petition received.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. **PAPERS** :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting the Imperial Conference.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 15th April, 1886—"Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River."

(2.) Copies of Papers relative to the dismissal of Mr. John Higginson, Clerk in Stores Department at Randwick Tram-sheds.

(3.) Papers referring to the Supply of Locomotives, with Specifications for the same.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **OPENING PARLIAMENT WITH PRAYER** :—Dr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain Colonists in favour of opening each sitting of Parliament with prayer.

Petition received.

6. **RAILWAY FROM GOULBURN TO COOMA (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed deviation of the Railway Line from Goulburn to Cooma, commencing at Bunyan and terminating at Cooma, laid before the House on the 20th April, 1887, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

Question put and passed.

7. JURY FEES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the return of jury money in certain cases.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Clarke *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the return of Jury Fees,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. PATENTS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the law relating to patents for inventions and improvements in arts or manufactures, and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents.
Question put and passed.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Clarke, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to further amend the law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures, and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents.

Government House,

Sydney, 26th April, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

9. JUVENILE PRISONERS IN GAOLS AND REFORMATORIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of persons, males and females respectively, under the age of twenty-one years, who were serving sentences in the various prisons of the Colony on the 31st December, 1886.

(2.) The number of boys and girls who were inmates of the several Reformatories, Industrial, or Training Schools of the Colony, at the same period.

Question put and passed.

10. TENDERS CALLED FOR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Matheson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The various contracts for which tenders have been called by the Works Department during 1885, 1886, and 1887, for which no tender was accepted.

(2.) The estimated cost of each such contract.

(3.) The amounts of lowest tenders.

(4.) The names of lowest tenderers.

(5.) Reasons for not accepting each contract.

Question put and passed.

11. SUPREME COURT (SIXTH JUDGE) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court.

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

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

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

Resolved, That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Clarke *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £896,440, being £533,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1887, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1886, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1887; and £358,440 for Construction and Maintenance of Roads.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*.—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1887, the sum of £896,440 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,"—which was read a first time.

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

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*."

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th April, 1887.

15. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th April, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

J. H. YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Marine Board Regulations:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
Since the passing of the Regulation of 24th January, 1887, by the Marine Board, have Surveyors and Inspectors caused the necessary alterations in regard to the detaching apparatus for lowering boats, and have the various steam and other ship owners been informed, and have they provided life-belts in accordance with such Regulations?

Mr. Burns answered,—The regulations respecting the detaching apparatus for lowering boats and provision for life-belts do not come into force until the 30th June. They have been published, and copies of them have been served on the different steamship owners.

- (2.) Ferry Steamers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the ferry steamers engaged within the harbour are undermanned, there being only two men and a boy to each steamer?

(2.) Is he also aware that a suggestion has been sent out by the Marine Board, limiting ferry steamers to six knots per hour?

(3.) Is the Treasurer aware that river steamers on the Thames, in England, are compelled to provide a certain number of hands to the carrying capacity of the boat?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The ferry steamers engaged within the harbour are not considered by the Marine Board to be undermanned for the specific duties on which they are engaged.

(2.) The Marine Board Regulations only limit the speed of these steamers in the narrow waters at the head of Darling Harbour and in Sydney Cove.

(3.) I am not aware that river steamers on the Thames are compelled or interfered with, so far as the Government is concerned, as to the number of hands they should carry.

- (3.) Hooper's Core:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many drums of Hooper's core are now stored in the Berry's Bay store, and how long have they been there?

(2.) What is the condition of this core?

(3.) Has it been stored dry, or kept in tanks of water?

(4.) What did it originally cost per drum, and what length of core does each drum contain?

(5.) Has it deteriorated; if so, to what extent, and from what cause?

(6.) For what purpose was it obtained?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this question, and also to Questions Nos. 11 and 12, I desire to say that I should not consider it within my province to give all the information asked for; but as some portion of it, I think, can be properly given, I will have laid upon the Table a statement giving all the information which I think can be given without injury to the Public Service.

- (4.) The Supreme Court:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the Government determined to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the present constitution of the Supreme Court and its various branches, the practice and procedure thereof, and whether it is desirable to introduce reforms for the better administration of, and lessening the cost of, litigation, in accordance with the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of the 23rd July, 1886?

(2.) If so, is there any objection to state the names of the persons proposed to form the Commission?

Mr.

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The Government have not yet determined to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the present constitution of the Supreme Court, &c., as they have under consideration certain Bills for effecting several reforms, which, if carried into law, would, it is believed, to a large extent render such a Commission unnecessary.

- (5.) The Case of James Andrews :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to take any action with regard to the conduct of the police or others concerned in the arrest and temporary imprisonment of the man, James Andrews, at Parramatta ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In respect to this question, I cannot say that I shall take any steps with a view to the punishment of these constables. It must be borne in mind that a constable deserves the support of the authorities under whom he acts. I admit at once that excesses of zeal or intemperate interference ought to be severely chastised; but in this case, after the fullest inquiry, there are grave circumstances which would warrant the course taken, in the case of men whose judgment was not the soundest—and we cannot always expect to find in a constable the soundest of all judgment. For example, without going more fully into the case, the man Andrews acted in an extraordinary manner—he declined to give reasonable information, such as he was bound to give. He stated that he obtained money by the sale of plate, and, in one of the numerous robberies which had taken place in Parramatta, plate had been stolen. Numbers of little circumstances seemed to justify the course taken. After the man was arrested, in my judgment, the hardship arose, from the conduct of the Magistrates in remanding him; and I admit that sufficient precaution was not taken to ascertain his real character in a shorter time, and to see that he should not be subjected to serious inconvenience, and I think that the constables should be admonished and cautioned against such rash conduct; but I do not think there is anything in their action to justify a severer interference.

- (6.) Complaints against Mr. Croudace, Manager of the Lambton Coal Company :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—How many times has Mr. Mackenzie had to complain of ventilation and other acts of non-compliance with the Coal-fields Regulation Act by Mr. T. Croudace, Manager of the Lambton Coal Company ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Seven times during the past five years.

- (7.) Shafting made in Railway Workshops :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What was the cost of shafting made in permanent-way railway workshops, Sydney, for the railway permanent-way workshops at Goulburn ?
 (2.) Were tenders called for this work from outside firms; if so, what was the amount of each tender, and what were the names of the tenderers ?
 (3.) What amount of percentage for managerial expenses is added on to the estimated cost of jobs carried out in the railway permanent-way workshops ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The cost for labour and materials was £87 2s. 2d. Adding 20 per cent. for managerial expenses and cost of workshop and plant, the total was £104 10s. 7d.

(2.) Yes, the following firms tendered at the prices mentioned :—Messrs. H. P. Gregory & Co., £92 11s. 6d; Messrs. R. L. Scrutton & Co., £86; Messrs. Tange Brothers, £113 12s. 3d.; Messrs. Briscoe, Drysdale, & Co., £61 10s. None of the above firms, however, included in their tenders the whole of the articles required. Those omitted in Messrs. Gregory & Co.'s offer represented £7 6s.; Messrs. Scrutton & Co.'s offer represented £4; Messrs. Tange Brothers' offer represented £4; Messrs. Briscoe, Drysdale, & Co.'s offer represented £30 5s. 6d.; and they could not supply till the material was imported. The urgency of the work would not admit of this delay.

(3.) Twenty per cent. is calculated for managerial expenses and cost of workshop and plant.

- (8.) The Case of Mrs. Butterly :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the papers in the case of Mrs. Butterly, whose son was killed on the railway about two years since, and in whose favour a petition was presented to the last Parliament ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no objection, provided they are moved for in the usual way.

- (9.) Lighting Botany Wharf :—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that a lamp for the convenience of the public has been erected on the wharf at Botany; if so, is he aware that, although erected for a considerable time, it has never yet been lighted ?

(2.) Is he aware that the absence of a light on the wharf is alleged to make the approach to it at night very dangerous ?

(3.) Will he make provision for lighting, and cause the said lamp to be lighted every night from sunset to sunrise ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It was found on trial that the lamp erected at Botany, on the public wharf, was unsuitable for the required purpose.

(2.) A new lamp has since been provided. The approach to the wharf is not considered to be dangerous.

(3.) Instructions have been given to the lessee to light and look after the lamp.

- (10.) The Botany Road :—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state when the papers relating to the removal of the toll-bar from the Botany Road, and also the proclamation of the said road as a Main Road of the Colony, ordered on 25th March ultimo, will be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The papers referred to by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table of the House presently.

(11.) John Higginson :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one John Higginson, clerk in the Stores Department at Randwick Tram-sheds and who has been in the service for thirteen years, is to be dispensed with, while others, who have not been as many months in the service, are to be retained ?

(2.) If so, for what cause ?

(3.) Has any representation been made on his behalf against his dismissal ; if so, by whom ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The whole of the papers referred to in this case have been laid upon the Table of the House, and will be printed.

(12.) The Bulli Colliery Disaster :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he communicate to this House the names of those it is intended to place on the Commission to inquire into the cause of the Bulli disaster before the matter is finally settled ?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Certainly not ; but I desire further to state that a Commission has been appointed, and, as I have previously informed the House that as soon as the Commission was appointed I should furnish the information, I will read the names of the gentlemen who have been appointed. Some of those with whom I communicated, with a view of their appointment as members of the Commission, have declined for business reasons. One or two others also declined, not wishing to subject themselves to criticisms similar to those which have been made in this House. The names of the gentlemen who have been appointed are—Dr. Robertson (President), G. O'Malley Clarke, J. Y. Neilson, John Owens, and John Jones.

(13.) Designs for Locomotives :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the designs given for the new locomotives were designs for engines that are totally unsuited to the traffic requirements, and that, in consequence, a new set of designs are to be issued and fresh tenders called for ?

(2.) If so, what officer or officers are responsible ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The whole of the papers referring to this case have been laid upon the Table of the House, and the information which they contain is the best answer I can give to the Honorable Member's question.

(14.) Antarctic Expedition :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government received an invitation to contribute to the funds in aid of the proposed Antarctic Expedition ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to aid the Expedition in any way ; and, if so, how ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter has been under my notice more than once, but I have not decided what course I will recommend for the adoption of the Government.

(15.) Conveyance of Grain and Flour by Railway :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to the answer given to a question of the 26th instant, respecting concessions made to millers forwarding grain and flour by railway, is it the intention of the Government, when inserting the rate in the rate-book, to include at the same time all rates and concessions now in operation in regard to the carriage of goods, live stock, &c., by railway ?

(2.) Will he apprise station-masters of the concession allowed for the carriage of grain and flour, in order that they may advise all interested of the rebate granted by the Department on the produce referred to ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(16.) Construction of new Locomotives :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Midelton, Superintendent of the Tramway-sheds at Randwick, has been appointed to superintend the construction of the fifty new locomotives ?

(2.) If so, what is the reason the position was given to Mr. Midelton, while Mr. Scott, the Superintendent of the Locomotive Department of the Railways, was available for the work ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) If an eligible tender be received for the manufacture in the Colony of these locomotives, it is intended that Mr. Midelton should have the superintendence of their construction.

(2.) Twenty-five of these engines are to be to Mr. Midelton's design, and the other twenty-five are to a design which Mr. Midelton demonstrated to be infinitely superior to the type of engine which Mr. Scott proposes to introduce.

(17.) Appraisalment of Yamma and Flagstone Creek Runs :—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. Cooke, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he return to the Forbes Land Board, for reconsideration, the appraisments upon the leaseholds and resumed areas of Yamma and Flagstone Creek Runs ?

(2.) If not, will he state his reasons for not doing so ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I cannot do so. The rents have been finally determined, as by law required, and duly notified in the *Government Gazette*.

(18.) Post and Telegraph Office, Crookwell :—Mr. Holborow asked the Postmaster-General,—Are plans and specifications being prepared for the Post and Telegraph Office at Crookwell ; if so, when will tenders be invited ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Plans and specifications are not yet being prepared. It is considered that the £1,000 voted (and which will lapse at the end of the present year) would not be sufficient to erect an office affording better accommodation than the Department now possesses. The question of asking for a further vote will, however, be considered in sufficient time to admit of a contract being taken before the close of the year, if found desirable.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th April, 1887.

(2.) Saywell's Tramway Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend 'Saywell's Tramway Act of 1884'*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th April, 1887.

3. MANLY BEACH AND PITTWATER ROADS:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Manly and surrounding Districts, complaining of the state of the Government Roads leading from Manly Beach, Manly Vale, Middle Harbour to Pittwater, the Head of Middle Harbour, French's Forest, and the Government Reserves; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration, and to grant such relief as the urgency of the case deserves.
Petition received.

4. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. Burdekin, for Mr. Riley, presented a Petition from the Public of New South Wales, alleging that the proposed additional Excise Duty on Tobacco manufactured in the Colony is unjust, and opposed to the first principles of political economy; and praying the House to take such steps as will prevent the proposal becoming law.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 22nd March, 1887—“Premises Rented by the Government.”

(2.) Returns to Orders made on 25th March, 1887—“Removal of Botany Road Toll-bar,” and “Botany Road.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1886.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Simpson's Ridge.

Ordered to be printed.

6. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Holborow moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Michael Slattery, Daniel O'Brien, and Michael Tully, trustees of certain land in the county of King, parish of Crookwell, town of Crookwell, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Holborow having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,”—read a first time.

7. BETTING HOUSES SUPPRESSION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend “The Betting Houses Suppression Acts of 1876 and 1880.”

Question put and passed.

8. THE RABBIT PEST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of each of the pastoral holdings in the Colony, and the district in which the same is situated, which are reputed as being infested with rabbits.

(2.) The total expenditure in each year on each of such holdings, since the passing of the Rabbit Act, in and towards the extermination of such rabbits.

(3.) The amount paid by the Department of Mines to each of the owners of such holdings as a subsidy for the cost of such extermination.

(4.) The rents of each of such holdings, including the resumed area, paid by the lessees thereof before the passing of the Land Act of 1884.

(5.) The present appraised rents of such holdings, including the resumed area.

Question put and passed.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on and after Tuesday, the 3rd May next, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business after seven o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ives,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Street,	Mr. See,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Lee,	Tellers,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McMillan.
Mr. Stephen,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Toohey.
Tellers,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.
11. JURY FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
12. PATENTS LAWS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to the introduction of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. SUPREME COURT (SIXTH JUDGE) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke 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. Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Clarke (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th April, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th April, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clauses 1 and 2. Omit clauses 1 and 2, insert the following new clauses:—

- " 1. Notwithstanding anything in section twenty-one sub-section (II) of the Principal Act where any land conditionally purchased under the Acts in force prior to the passing of such Principal Act is situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of a leasehold area notified under section seventy-six of the said Act and such land has after the date of notification of such area been forfeited for some breach of conditions no conditional purchase of such land heretofore made under the Principal Act shall be deemed to have been invalid by reason only that the whole or some portion of such land was situated within the boundaries of such leasehold area. And for the purposes of this section the expression 'land conditionally purchased' shall be held to include all land held in virtue of such land and forfeited therewith.
- " 2. No conditional lease of Crown Lands heretofore applied for under the forty-eighth section of the Principal Act shall be held in any of the cases hereinafter specified to have been invalid by reason only that the land as and when applied for was situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of any leasehold area—that is to say—
- " (1) Where the land applied for as a conditional lease was at the date of application included wholly or partly in a conditional purchase which had been forfeited after the date of the notification of the leasehold area within the boundaries of which such conditional purchase was situated.
- Validation of conditional purchases in certain cases.
- Validation of certain leases under sec. 48 of Principal Act.
- Where lease was in conditional purchase forfeited after notification of leasehold area.
- " (II)

Where lease was
in conditional
lease so forfeited.

"(II) Where the land applied for as a conditional lease was at the date of application included
"wholly or partly in a conditional lease which had been forfeited after the date of the
"notification of the leasehold area within the boundaries of which such conditional lease
"was situated.

Where lease was
within pre-
emptive lease so
forfeited.

"(III) Where the land applied for as a conditional lease was at the date of application included
"wholly or partly in a pre-emptive lease to which a right of conversion into a conditional
"lease attached and was lawfully claimed but which pre-emptive lease had been forfeited
"after the date of the notification of the leasehold area within the boundaries of which such
"pre-emptive lease was situated."

Page 2, clause 4, lines 45 and 46. *Omit* "the boundaries of"

Page 2, clause 4. At end of clause, *add* "or the boundaries of such leasehold area."

Page 2, clause 5. *Omit* clause 5, *insert* the following new clause:—

Saving clause.

"Nothing in this Act shall affect any cause of action in respect of which proceedings have
"been commenced in any Court prior to the first day of January in the year one thousand eight
"hundred and eighty-seven."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into
consideration on Thursday next.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 APRIL, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes to Ladies:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are any free railway passes issued to ladies similar to those issued to Members of Parliament?
 (2.) If so, to whom?

Mr. Burns answered,—Passes, similar to those issued to Members of Parliament, are not issued to ladies.

- (2.) Public Schools Designed by Private Architects:—Mr. Dowel asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The number of Public Schools designed by, and erected under, the supervision of private architects?
 (2.) The number of children for which accommodation was provided in each school?
 (3.) The cost of building each said school?
 (4.) The names of the architects employed, and amount paid them for each school?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (3.) Telegraph Wire:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has he asked for any explanation from the Superintendent of Telegraphs as to his reason for recommending the remission to England of £4,958 for the purchase of telegraph wire, when it has been since found that £2,168 was all that was required; if not, is it his intention to do so?
 (2.) Has the £2,790 in excess of the amount required been returned to the Treasury of this Colony?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The explanation required herein was furnished in the answer to *Mr. Wall's* question No. 2 upon the same subject on 13th April last. That explanation was, in effect, that the wire cost much less than it was estimated to cost.
 (2.) I may remind my honorable friend that the Colonial Treasurer merely forwarded a letter of credit to the Agent-General, authorizing him to purchase certain material, at a cost not exceeding £4,958. No money was actually remitted, and, therefore, none will require to be returned.

- (4.) Advertising in Tram-cars:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) By whose authority do advertisements appear on the tram-cars?
 (2.) Were tenders called for the right to use the tram-cars for purposes of advertisement?
 (3.) If so, how many tendered?
 (4.) Whose tender (if any) was accepted?
 (5.) What money has been received by the Government on this account?
 (6.) Is there any money on this account due at the present time to the Government; if so, what is the amount?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The late Secretary for Public Works.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Five.
 (4.) The tender of *Mr. A. J. Judge* was first accepted, but he withdrew it, and the contract was then let to the next highest tenderer, *Mr. James Gellately*.
 (5.) Nothing as yet, owing to a dispute as to the date from which rent is to be paid. The lessee has been informed that he must pay from the date fixed by the Department.
 (6.) Yes; £290.

(5.)

(5.) Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Peat's Ferry:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Hurley*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many contractors are there for the Hawkesbury Bridge at Peat's Ferry?

(2.) The estimated cost of approaches on north and south side, and name of contractors, and time of contract; the cost of cylinders, and name of contractor; the cost of bridge and erection, and name of contractor?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Union Bridge Company is the only contractor for the Hawkesbury Bridge and the abutments thereto.

(2.) The total cost of the bridge is expected to be about £350,000. The details of the cost of cylinders and erection are not known to the Department, as the contract is for a lump sum. The date specified for completion is the 19th November, 1888.

(6.) Bridge over Grawin Creek:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to make provision on Supplementary Estimates, or otherwise, for a bridge over the Grawin Creek, near the Barwon River?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is proposed to place an amount on the Estimates for 1888 for this work.

(7.) Sickness at the Prospect Camp:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made with reference to the alarming cases of fever and other sickness of infectious character that have taken place and now exist at the Prospect Camp?

(2.) The public and private schools being in the centre of these works, and there being over 200 children attending them, and as it is alleged some of the parents refuse to allow their children to attend school on account of the sickness prevailing there, will he cause the schools to be closed while this sickness and nuisances are so prevalent?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Chief Medical Inspector of the Board of Health is now inquiring into the matters referred to.

(8.) Locomotive Engines:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government, in carrying out the construction of sixty new locomotives, to see that each engine is provided with a suitable "cab" for the better protection of drivers and fireman—the same as are constructed on Yankee engines?

Mr. Burns answered,—This provision is to be made in the fifty engines for which tenders have recently been invited.

(9.) Molong Volunteer Corps:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that some of the Volunteers belonging to the Molong Corps have not yet received the fees that are due to them for attendance during the late Easter Encampment; if so, what is the reason that the men are not paid, and the cause of the delay?

(2.) Is he aware that some of the men have not yet been paid in full for their attendance during the Encampment of 1886?

(3.) Is it a fact that public cheques have been issued to members of the corps, and payment thereof subsequently stopped or dishonoured?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This is a matter which will have to be referred to the Officer Commanding the Molong Corps, and it will [be quite impossible to furnish the information under a week.

(10.) Removal of Sleeping-cars on Line, Wellington to Dubbo:—*Mr. Ferguson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the reasons for the removal of sleeping cars and carriages from Wellington to Dubbo?

(2.) Has he any objection to lay the whole of the papers upon the Table of the House, and have them printed?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The convenience of passengers who are travelling beyond Wellington.

(2.) No objection, if they are moved for in the usual way.

(11.) Site for Stables for Post and Telegraph Departments:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Have the Government invited offers of pieces of land suitable for the erection of stables in connection with the Post and Telegraph Departments?

(2.) Is it a fact that a great number of sites were submitted, and of those three were selected as being suitable?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Minister of Justice has advised the purchase of a piece of land situated in Castlereagh-street, at an amount nearly double that required for the others, and belonging to the Anglo-Australian Investment, Finance, and Land Company (Limited), of which he is Manager, or belonging to the Minister himself?

(4.) What is the price required for each of the three sites of land referred to in Question 2?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Forty-five offers were received, and the Tender Board, after inquiry and inspection, submitted seven for consideration, specially mentioning three, one of which, in Castlereagh-street was however verbally withdrawn several weeks ago, upon inquiry being made as to price, which had been omitted in tender.

(3.) No; and no such company submitted a tender.

(4.) As I have decided to decline all the tenders sent in, I do not think it desirable to disclose the amounts.

(12.) Expenditure of Money raised for Destruction of Marsupials:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he recently directed a Stock and Pastures Board to expend moneys raised for the destruction of marsupials in eradicating noxious weeds from reserve No. 90 in the county of Brisbane?

(2.) Did the Board represent that "noxious weeds" were not noxious animals, and ask for the opinion of the Attorney-General before applying these moneys to the purpose the Minister directed?

(3.) Has that opinion been received, and has it been communicated to the Board?

(4.) What was the nature of the opinion—was it favourable to or adverse to the views of the Minister?

(5.) Is it his intention, in future, to obtain legal advice before he issues directions which are contrary to law?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No; but under the direction of a previous Minister, a letter was sent to the Board, pointing out that unless the Board could provide funds for clearing the reserve in question, it would be necessary to lease the land under the provisions of the Prickly Pear Act.

(2.) The Board raised the question whether the funds at the disposal of the Board could be applied to that purpose, and desired that the opinion of the Attorney-General be taken thereon.

(3 and 4.) No opinion on the subject has been received from the Attorney-General, because it was found that the funds could not be so used.

(5.) A sum has been placed on the Estimates to provide for carrying out the provisions of the Prickly Pear Act.

(13.) Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is his decision in the case of Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde, and a Justice of the Peace, whose conduct was brought under his notice in connection with the late Ryde arson case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am sorry to say I cannot give a final answer on this matter even now. The papers are very voluminous and somewhat conflicting, and I find it exceedingly difficult to give the attention requisite to them amidst my other duties. I may state that when the matter came under my notice, I forwarded the papers to Mr. Manning for any explanation he had to offer on the subject, which, I believe, was the usual course. His explanation, alone, is very long, and requires to be read several times properly to see all the bearings of it. There has, also, come before me a document from the jury, in which, addressing Mr. Manning, they state that no Coroner could have conducted the inquiry more impartially. There has also been laid before me a document from about 350 residents of the locality, including Mr. Owen, the barrister, Mr. Jeanneret, a Member of this House, and a large number of other very respectable men, who state that they have entire confidence in Mr. Manning. And there is another document from a number of solicitors who have practised before him as Coroner, in the course of which they say that they have confidence in his impartiality. In addition to these, there is a letter from Mr. Pring—who, I believe, conducted the case on the part of the Crown—who says, amongst other things, that Mr. Manning has been unjustly abused in the matter. I merely notice these features in the matter to show how difficult it is to arrive at a clear decision amidst the conflict of opinions and evidence. The whole subject is very voluminous, and it requires to be dealt with in a calm and dispassionate manner, undisturbed by other considerations. I may add that, so far as I have gone, I think Mr. Manning, to say the least, has been guilty of very great imprudence. I think he never ought to have acted as Coroner in this particular case. It appears to me, the expressions he used at the time of the fire were exceedingly improper and unbecoming; and that, having used them, he ought never to have acted as Coroner. What decision I shall come to I cannot at present state, and I think it will be a week before I can. I think a decision may be arrived at. All I want to point out is, that it is one involving labour altogether beyond the importance of the subject, and I cannot arrive at a decision without giving to it an amount of labour which I certainly begrudge.

(14.) Railway from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having reference to the reply to question No. 16, of 26th instant,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing in detail how the estimate of £770,760 is made up?

(2.) Will he give the estimate per mile for the permanent-way of the proposed railway from Young to Grenfell, Forbes, and Parkes?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It is not considered desirable this information should be given at present.

(2.) Young to Grenfell, £7,804 per mile; Grenfell to Forbes, £9,699 per mile; Forbes to Parkes, £7,202 per mile.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return relative to Bills of Quantities for Railway Works, Existing Lines Branch.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Public School Buildings designed by, and erected under, the supervision of Private Architects.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SALE AND DELIVERY OF FUEL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the 17th May next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
Question put and passed.

4. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Holborow*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Ball*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Gibbes*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Ewing*, *Mr. Davis*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. CONSUMPTION OF OIL IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McMillan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, an approximate Return of the total number of gallons of oil of all kinds (black, cocoanut, and sperm excepted) consumed annually in the various Government Services—Railways, Trams, other public works, Marine Board, the Mines, Military, &c.

Question put and passed.

- 6 SUPREME COURT (SIXTH JUDGE) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. William Clarke*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court.*"

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 authorize the appointment of a Sixth Judge of the Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th April, 1887.

7. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, "That, in the opinion of "this 'House,' a free pass upon the Government railways should be issued to any child to travel to "and from any school, in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a Public School,"—upon which *Mr. Vaughn* had moved, by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "all school children using "the Government railways should pay a small fee (say 3d. per week) for the use of the railways "when travelling to and from school,"—

And *Mr. Vaughn* having, by leave, withdrawn the amendment proposed by him,—

Debate on Original Question resumed.

Mr. Inglis moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "provision should be made for "the issue of a free pass to any child to travel in a suitable railway carriage or van to and from "any primary school, private or otherwise: Provided that such school shall be the one nearest to "the residence of the parents or guardians of such child."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McCulloch.

Tellers,

Mr. Hawken
Mr. Kethel.

Noes, 53.

<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. Foster,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Allen,</i>
<i>Mr. Slattery,</i>	<i>Mr. Jones,</i>
<i>Mr. Moore,</i>	<i>Mr. Vaughn,</i>
<i>Mr. Inglis,</i>	<i>Mr. Burdekin,</i>
<i>Mr. Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Withers,</i>
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Hurley,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. McFarlane,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Mr. Ferguson,</i>
<i>Mr. Roberts,</i>	<i>Mr. McMillan,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Sir Henry Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>
<i>Mr. Day,</i>	<i>Mr. Dawson,</i>
<i>Mr. Dowcl,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevenson,</i>
<i>Mr. Black,</i>	<i>Mr. Matheson,</i>
<i>Mr. Lakeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Merriman,</i>
<i>Mr. Gormly,</i>	<i>Mr. McElhone,</i>
<i>Mr. Ryrie,</i>	<i>Mr. Teece,</i>
<i>Mr. Cortis,</i>	<i>Mr. Dangar,</i>
<i>Mr. Lee,</i>	<i>Mr. Schey,</i>
<i>Mr. Colls,</i>	<i>Mr. Hawthorne,</i>
<i>Mr. Garvan,</i>	<i>Mr. Melville,</i>
<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>	<i>Mr. Wilson.</i>
<i>Mr. Seaver,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Toohy,</i>	<i>Mr. Frank Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Mr. Stokes.</i>
<i>Mr. Frank Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. Davis,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question

Question then put,—That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made for the issue of a free pass to any child to travel in a suitable railway carriage or van to and from any primary school, private or otherwise: Provided that such school shall be the one nearest to the residence of the parents or guardians of such child.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Burne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Toolhey,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Davis,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. McCulloch.
Tellers,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Kethel.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. IRON COVE AND PARRAMATTA RIVER BRIDGES—FIELD OF MARS COMMON:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Barbour*, on behalf of *Mr. McCulloch*, "That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
" (1.) Cost of the two bridges, known as the Iron Cove Bridge and Parramatta River Bridge, at "Gladesville.
" (2.) The cost of survey and subdivision of the Field of Mars Common, and expenditure thereon "on roads and bridges, &c.
" (3.) The amount of sales of the Field of Mars Common effected up to this time, and an estimate "of the value of the unsold portions of the Common,"—
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. ABOLITION OF PATENT FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. Walker*, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. BROKER'S LICENSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the licensing and regulation of Brokers. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the licensing and regulation of Brokers.
On motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of *Mr. Day* the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. O'Connor* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. O'Connor* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill;—*until Friday, 13th May*.
(2.) Trades Arbitration Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in Bill;—*until Friday next*.

14. **THE UNEMPLOYED**:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition from the unemployed, presented on the 5th April, 1837, praying to be heard by a representative at the Bar of this House, be granted.
Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Melville.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Walker.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Withers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Riley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Davis,	Dr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Lees,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **CLAIM OF CORNELIUS GRADY**:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of Cornelius Grady, for illegal dispossession of two selections in the Queanbeyan District.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dawson, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Garrett, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Lees, Mr. Teece, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **WILLIAM-STREET TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the William-street Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Neild, Mr. Davis, Mr. Day, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 MAY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Eden-Bega Railway:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Garvan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay the Plans and Books of Reference of the Eden-Bega Railway on the Table of the House this Session?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter has yet to be considered by the Cabinet.

- (2.) Tanks in the Western Division of the Colony :—*Mr Teece*, for Waddell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total sum expended in the construction of tanks in the Western Division during the year 1886?

Mr Burns answered,—The total amount expended in construction of tanks, Western District, during 1886, was £15,717 9s. 11d.

- (3.) Cobar Land Board :—*Mr. Stokes*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it true that the Land Board at Cobar recommended that the rents of Booramugga, Wilga, and Sussex Runs should be fixed at 1d. per acre, so as to allow the right of appeal?
 (2.) Did the Minister raise the rents of those runs above 1d. per acre?
 (3.) If so, what were his reasons for doing so?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The rents of the holdings referred to were recommended by the Local Land Board at 1d. per acre, but I have no information as to that recommendation having been made with the object of allowing the right of appeal.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The reasons were not assigned, but it is presumed that the Minister, Mr. Copeland, acted upon the evidence before him.

- (4.) Conveyance of Goods of Railway Employés :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the railway employés allowed to have their goods conveyed free to any distance on the various railways of the Colony?

(2.) Are the wives of railway employés granted free passes to any part of the line; if so, for what period are these passes available?

(3.) Has any case of abuse, arising from the granting of these passes and the free carriage of goods, been brought under his notice?

(4.) Is it a fact that at a small station like Werris Creek, where there are very few settlers, at least one truck load of goods is taken each month?

(5.) Has he any means of knowing whether any of the railway employés do a trade in the goods conveyed to them at the public expense?

(6.) Have any complaints been received from storekeepers alleged to have been injured by unfair competition in this respect?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) Railway employés, or a member of the family, are allowed free passes once a month to the nearest market town, and once a quarter to any market town, to purchase personal clothing and consumable articles for household use. The goods are carried free, and the passes are available from two to seven days, as a rule.

(3.) No specific case has been brought under attention, but a representation was made recently that the concession had been abused. Every precaution is taken by the officers of the Department to prevent an abuse of the privilege, and inquiries, which were recently made in the matter, failed to elicit any ground for the representation.

(4.) It is not a fact.

(5.) The Department has no special means of knowing, but if such a practice existed the particulars would soon be made known. The most rigid inquiry has failed to elicit any case of the kind.

(6.) One local storekeeper only has complained. The question whether the privilege of attaining supplies should not be limited to the nearest town is under consideration. (5.)

- (5.) Pay of Privates in Volunteer Forces:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is there any law or regulation which fixes the rate of pay per day to which privates in the Volunteer Forces would be entitled were they called out on active service in time of war?
 (2.) If so, what is the sum per day which they would receive?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer furnished to me is as follows:—To whatever rate the Government of the day might fix; but, it is presumed, the rates of pay given to the Permanent Force would be taken as a guide.

- (6.) Capitation Allowance to Reserve Corps:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did the answer given by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. Moore's question, No. 1 of 22nd instant, refer to the capitation grant for 1886, as asked for, or to that for 1885, which was not asked for?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me by the Military Authorities is as follows:—The answer given referred to the capitation due on 1st January, 1886, on account of work done during the year 1885. No capitation allowance was due in January, 1885.

- (7.) Dismissed Railway Surveyors:—*Mr. Wise*, for Mr. Matheson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state when he intends to deal with the cases of the dismissed railway surveyors, as regards their claim to compensation for loss of office?

(2.) Is he aware that these gentlemen have been waiting for five months, at great expense, pending the settlement of their claims?

(3.) Is it a fact that some of them are prepared to make a statutory declaration that the head of their Branch, when dismissing them, asserted he was authorized to say that the then Minister for Works had approved of the Engineer-in-Chief's recommendations regarding them?

(4.) Was the Engineer-in-Chief's recommendation to the effect that, in consideration of their loss of office, they should receive one month's pay for each year of service?

(5.) Were these officers, when receiving their dismissal, given to understand that such recommendation was to be carried out?

(6.) Is it a fact that some of these officers can show from ten to fifteen years of service?

(7.) Is it his intention to at least deal with these officers on the same scale of compensation as that adopted by the Lands Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) This matter is before the Cabinet, and will be dealt with on an early date.

(2.) It cannot be said they have "claims." The question was submitted to the Civil Service Board, who were unable to deal with the applications.

(3.) They have so stated.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) There is no record of this.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Yes.

- (8.) Erection of a Cottage at the Wombeyan Caves:—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have plans and specifications been prepared for the erection of a cottage for the convenience of visitors to the Wombeyan Caves; if they have, will he cause tenders to be invited as early as possible?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Plans and specifications have been prepared, and tenders will be invited as soon as funds are available.

- (9.) Cheap Railway Excursion Tickets:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to Mr. Sydney Smith's repeated representations for the issue of cheap excursion tickets from the large centres of population in the country, the same as is done from the metropolis; if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—This question requires great consideration. The Honorable Member, my honorable colleague is aware, was instrumental in getting the extension of these excursion trains to Bathurst and Goulburn, and he has long sought for the return trains running at the same cheap fares; but while cheap fares may result in trains being run remuneratively from large centres such as Sydney, it is not so clear that they would be remunerative if run from small towns in the interior. However, the Minister for Public Works is giving the matter consideration, with a view to see whether an experiment of three months running of such trains would justify their continuance.

- (10.) Deeds of Land sold at Heathcote and Field of Mars:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the deeds of the land sold by auction at Heathcote and Field of Mars over six months ago be available to the purchasers of the land?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in issuing the deeds?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The deeds of all lots purchased at the sales referred to, upon which the balances of purchase moneys were paid within the prescribed time, have issued.

(2.) The deeds of the lots upon which the purchasers were permitted to pay the overdue balances of purchase moneys are in course of preparation, and will issue within a fortnight.

- (11.) Removal of Prisoners from Walgett Gaol:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it intended to continue the practice of removing prisoners from the local gaol at Walgett to other towns; and is the Comptroller of Prisons sending away all prisoners serving sentences exceeding twelve months?

(2.) Is it intended to convert this gaol into a common lock-up and watch-house?

(3.) Did this gaol cost over £6,000, and did the expense of the prisoners and escort just sent away exceed, in mail fares alone, over £40; and is he aware that if this transmission is repeated twice a year, the expenses will be very heavy, and far more than the salary of an extra warder that might be required?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that it is proposed to transfer from Walgett Police Gaol all prisoners under sentences exceeding twelve months.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am informed that this gaol cost £5,469 16s. It contains six cells, and provides permanently sufficient accommodation for the classes of prisoners for which it was intended. The cost of the transfer of prisoners was £30. If a like number had to be transferred within twelve months it would amount to £60. The total cost of an additional warder would be £160.

(12.) Sale of Land at Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it intended (and, if so, when) to submit to auction allotments in the town of Walgett?

(2.) Will such include allotments 1, 2, and 3 of section 29, Pitt and Arthur Streets, and those between the town and the hospital?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; the sale will shortly be advertised.

(2.) Yes.

(13.) Railway from Bungendore to Michelago:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any, and what, extension of time been granted to the railway contractors upon the section of railway between Bungendore and Michelago?

Mr. Burns answered,—No extension of time has been granted.

(14.) Free Railway Passes to Ladies:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are any free railway passes, in any form, issued to ladies?

(2.) If so, to whom, and in what form?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Visitors to the Colonies, wives of Members of Parliament of the neighbouring Colonies, or members of the families of distinguished persons, and lady artists who give their services gratuitously in aid of charitable objects. The forms of passes are in card or book shape.

(15.) Harbour and River Packet Licenses:—Mr. Garland, for Mr. Jeanneret asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Will he say if there is any doubt as to the meaning of the words "harbours of the Colony" in the public statutes thereof, especially in the Licensing Acts?

(2.) Has he any doubt as to whether Port Jackson, including North Harbour, Middle Harbour, Darling Harbour, the Parramatta River, and Lane Cove, is a harbour of the Colony or separate harbours or rivers; and, if so, are there different boundary lines defined by proclamation or otherwise?

(3.) Is Botany Bay a harbour of the Colony by proclamation or statute?

(4.) Is Broken Bay and the estuaries thereof, including the Hawkesbury, a harbour of the Colony by proclamation or statute?

(5.) If any doubt exists, will he define the term harbour of the Colony by Act of Parliament, or by proclamation of the Governor, so as to prevent those interested being put to the expense of suits in the Supreme Court to settle the question?

(6.) Is it the practice to grant packet licenses for £3 per annum to small steam launches, manned by one man and a boy, and without any suitable accommodation or control, to sell liquor all over the harbours of Gosford, the Hawkesbury, or the Clarence; and, at the same time, has a similar license been refused to such vessels as the steamships "Brighton" and "Fairlight," belonging to the Port Jackson Steam Company?

(7.) Will he advise that the difficulty may be met, so far as the issue of harbour and river packet licenses is concerned, by the refusal of the Treasury to act upon the recommendation of Licensing Justices who may, in error or misapprehension, make recommendations; and will the Attorney-General advise the Honorable the Treasurer accordingly?

Mr. Foster answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not knowing the localities sufficiently intimately, I cannot answer. As to the latter part, I do not know.

(3.) Not that I am aware.

(4.) Not that I am aware.

(5.) The proper course appears to me to let the question be settled by the Courts.

(6.) As to the first part of this question, I am not aware; if so, the practice is highly reprehensible. As to the second part, such license would be properly refused.

(7.) Until the law is settled, such a course would not be justifiable.

(16.) Reclamation of White Bay:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the amount so far expended on the works in connection with the reclamation of White Bay?

(2.) Is he aware that it is alleged that this work might be carried out at about 90 per cent cheaper if let by piece-work, instead of day labour?

(3.) Will he consider the desirableness of letting the work by piece-work?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Secretary for Public Works has supplied me with the following answers:—

(1.) £3,051 8s. 8d.

(2.) Some such representations have been made.

(3.) The whole matter is now engaging the attention of the Government.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report for 1886 of the Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act, 1884.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Casino.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

Return to an Order made on 30th March, 1887—"Bridge over the River Darling at Wentworth." Ordered to be printed.

3. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Holborow, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 29th April, 1887; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Holborow then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 13th May.
Question put and passed.
4. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Albury, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of cattle sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury.
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Albury Border Post* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from the Chairman, and the Secretary and Manager of the City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited)" to increase its capital to £50,000.
And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Evening News*, the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, the *Goulburn Herald*, and the *Daily Evening Argus (Goulburn)*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. RAILWAY FROM TARAGO TO BRAIDWOOD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, papers, and other documents having reference to the proposed railway from Tarago to Braidwood.
Question put and passed.
7. CRISP'S ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp the elder to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock and all other the lands and stock of and belonging to the said estate such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased.*"
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 empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp the elder to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock and all other the lands and stock of and belonging to the said estate such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd May, 1887.*
8. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'CONNOR, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. O'CONNOR then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"
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 further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd May, 1887.*
9. ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street, in the city of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street in the City of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. BROKERS BILL:—Mr. O'CONNOR presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Licensing and Regulation of Brokers,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 13th May.

11. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the practice of delivering to each Member of the Legislative Assembly a bound copy of the Votes and Proceedings is unnecessary, and should be discontinued.

(2.) That persons who have served as Members of either branch of the Legislature should at all times be allowed to inspect the Votes and Proceedings of this House in the Library thereof.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Trickett requiring that the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

Question put,—That the practice of delivering to each Member of the Legislative Assembly a bound copy of the Votes and Proceedings is unnecessary, and should be discontinued.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hurley.

Tellers,

Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Leo.

Noes 44.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wise,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Street,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Seaver.
Mr. Chapman,	Tellers,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. O'Connor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Abbott, by leave, withdrew the second resolution.

12. RESERVES ON RESUMED AREAS IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Gormly moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, lands reserved from sale on the resumed areas in the Central Division of the Colony, not included within population boundaries or required for public purposes, shall be withdrawn from reserve, and thereby be made available for conditional purchase.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Lync,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Stevenson.

Tellers,

Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Gormly.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Abbott,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Bowes,	Tellers.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Foster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the future that all Notices of Motions and Questions shall be handed in to the Clerk without being read out by Honorable Members, as at present.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words, "and that this expression of opinion be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration."

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be there added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. See.

Tellers.

Mr. Walker,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Creer,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Henry Clarke.
Mr. Henson,	Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Holborow,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and negatived.

And

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business was proceeded with.

14. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY, 1887.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

15. **CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON THE COMPLETION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HER REIGN:**—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That this House agrees to the annexed Address to the Queen, conveying the congratulations of Parliament to Her Majesty on the auspicious event of the completion of the Jubilee Year of her reign, and authorizes Mr. Speaker to sign such Address on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, in conjunction with the President of the Legislative Council, on behalf of the Legislative Council:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty, and to offer our loyal and heart-felt congratulations on the completion of the fiftieth year of Your Majesty's beneficent reign. We humbly trust that the Almighty may long preserve your life; that the weight of your great sorrows may be lightened by wise counsels, giving happiness to your people; that you may at all times be sustained by the loyal attachment and affection of your subjects in all parts of the Empire; and we dutifully assure Your Most Gracious Majesty that in no portion of your vast dominions are the sentiments of loyalty and love for your Throne and Person more warmly cherished than by the inhabitants of New South Wales.

On behalf, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly,

Speaker.

The Address having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Debate ensued.

Question put, and carried unanimously.

16. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Point of Order:—Mr. Dibbs asked Mr. Speaker whether the House was now about to commence the Sitting of Wednesday, or whether this was to be regarded as a continuation of Tuesday's Sitting, it being now Four o'clock, the hour appointed for commencing a day's Sitting.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said, that the question having been raised, he intended to follow the precedent made by his predecessor in office. He had looked over the precedents, and found that on the 10th July last Mr. Speaker Barton ruled "that it was neither proper, nor incumbent on him to interrupt the still existent Sitting by taking the Chair at four o'clock on Friday; nor would it be proper to bring the proceedings of the Committee to a conclusion because four o'clock had arrived without report from such Committee. The Sessional Order which prescribed that the House 'shall meet' at four o'clock p.m. on certain days had evidently reference only to the bringing together of a House for a fresh Sitting, and did not apply to the case of a continuous Sitting, where, in the absence of a break by the carrying of a motion for its adjournment, the House was still transacting the business of a meeting." This ruling did not stand by itself; although, if it did, he should give it great respect. He found that on the 14th July the ruling was challenged by motion in the following words:—"That the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Saturday, 10th July a.m., on the question raised by Mr. Foster, as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 8th July, 1886, is contrary alike to the letter of the Standing and Sessional Orders and to the practice of Parliament, as established by former Speakers of this House, and has a direct tendency to curtail the privileges of Parliament, and to undermine the just protection of minorities." On that an amendment was moved, and carried on division by 54 to 33 votes, which made the decision of the House as follows:—"That the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Saturday, the 10th July a.m., on the question raised by Mr. Foster, as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 8th July, 1886, is consistent with the right understanding of the Rules, Orders, and Usages of Parliament, is warranted by precedent; and tends to preserve and protect the due course of Public Business, without infringing the rights of minorities; and this House endorses and confirms the said ruling accordingly." It might be said that the positions were not exactly similar, although they were nearly so. On the previous occasion the House was in Committee on a Bill, and he believed that one of the reasons given by Mr. Barton for his ruling was that the House being in Committee on a Bill, if the proceedings were brought to a sudden termination by the Speaker taking the Chair, all the previous proceedings on the Bill would lapse—but of course it could be restored on notice being given. He did not think that the difference in the positions was sufficient to make him feel it to be his duty to reverse what he considered the decision of the House itself and not of the Speaker. He therefore felt bound, so long as that Resolution of the House remained, to give it full force, and to rule, as his predecessor did, that he could not interrupt the proceedings.

Question then,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr.

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

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

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

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

(2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1887, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,144, for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1887.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

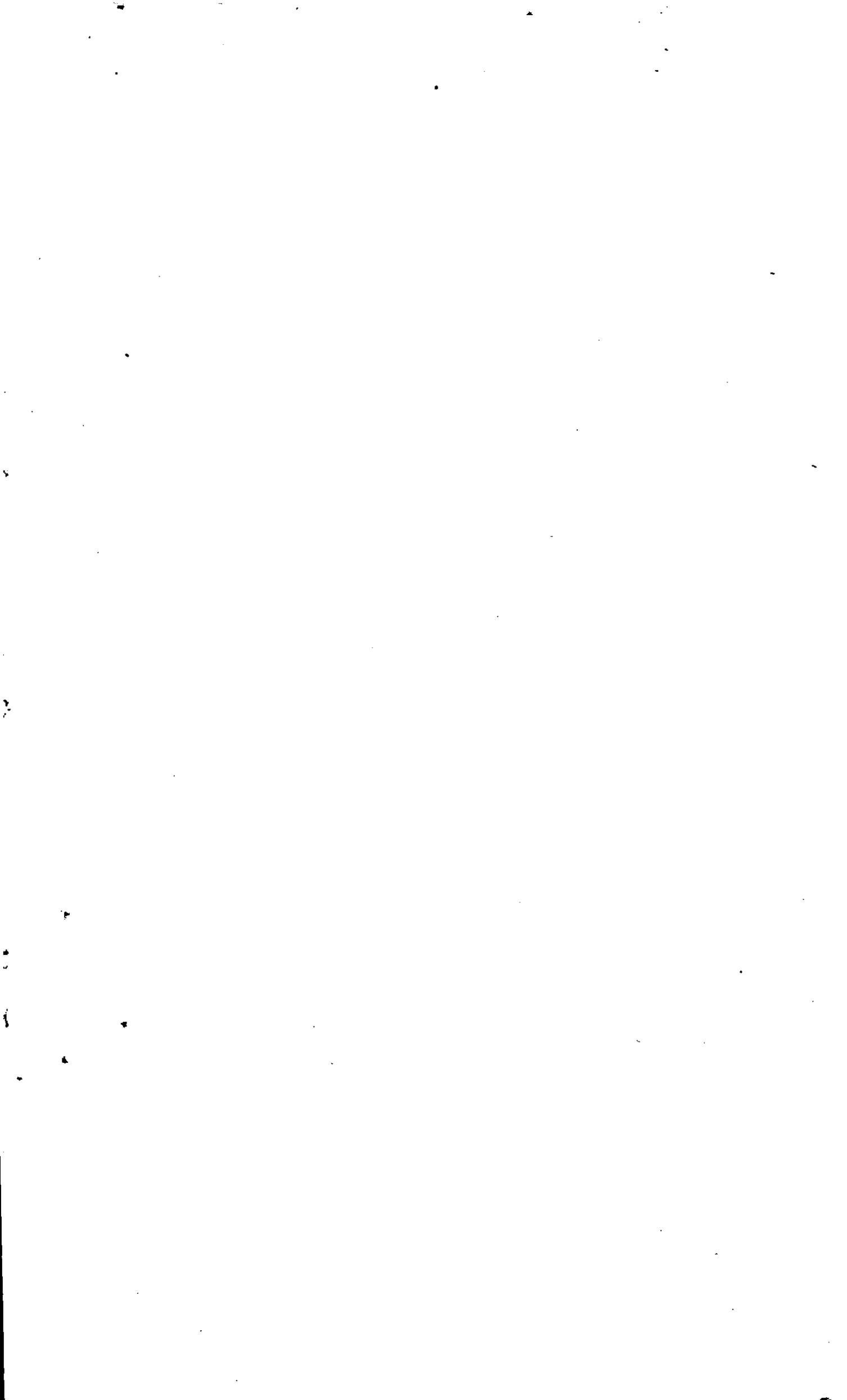
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McIlville moved, That this House do now adjourn.

DEBATE ensued.

MOTION, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 MAY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tramway from Sydney to Field of Mars:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Garvan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Does he contemplate the construction of a tramway from Sydney to Field of Mars?
- (2.) What will be the probable cost of said work?
- (3.) Will he give this House an opportunity of discussing the wisdom of this work before committing the country in any way to it?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government. It has been determined to construct a tramway to the Field of Mars, but I am not at present prepared to give any particulars as to the cost, or even the route.

(2.) Pickup-street, Borough of Alexandria:—*Mr. Hawken* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the Government Surveyor aligned a street called Pickup-street in the Borough of Alexandria?
- (2.) Has the Borough applied for a re-alignment for the purpose of narrowing the said street, in contravention of Reid's Streets and Lanes Act?
- (3.) Will the Government refuse to alter the width of the street?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Pickup-street has been marked for alignment of a width of 66 feet.
- (2.) The Borough Council has applied for re-marking of the street on these grounds, viz.:—"That *Mr. William Cooper*, in dedicating the thoroughfare in question to the Council, through an inadvertent error on the part of his surveyors, described more land than he possessed; consequently, certain houses erected there are shown as encroaching on the street."
- (3.) The Crown has declined to effect further survey, except at the cost of the Borough Council of Alexandria; and, should further survey be made, alignment of the street will not necessarily be established, should valid reasons be shown to exist why it should not be carried out.

(3.) Workmen's Trams:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he state the exact date when the workmen's trams (which he has already promised to introduce) will commence to run?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been arranged to commence the running of workmen's trams on Monday next, the 9th instant.

(4.) Wheel-tax:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session a wheel-tax that will have the effect of making all classes who use vehicles contribute to the revenue of the country by this form of taxation?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter has not yet been considered by the Government.

(5.) Drainage from Balmain Cemetery:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to instruct the Health Officer to inspect that portion of the footpath in Norton-street, Leichhardt, which adjoins the cemetery (known as the Balmain Cemetery), for the purpose of ascertaining if any danger to the public health exists through the drainage from the cemetery being allowed to run on the footpath?
- (2.) If reported to be dangerous to the public health, will he take prompt steps to abate the nuisance, by insisting on the owners of the cemetery cutting a trench inside the cemetery grounds to receive the drainage which now is allowed to flow on to the footpath?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This matter was inquired into by the Board of Health on the outbreak of typhoid fever in Leichhardt. On the 17th page of the report of that Board will be found a fuller answer than I could give now. If, however, the Honorable Member himself deems that a special inquiry is still necessary I will have a special inquiry held. If the Honorable Member will refer to the 17th page of the report of the Board of Health he will see the matter alluded to at considerable length.

(6.)

(6.) Time-table, Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in the new time-table for the Great Northern Line, which was to come into force on the 1st of May, the time of arrival and departure of the mail train to and from Scone is left out of the time-table?

(2.) If so, will he at once have the matter put right, by inserting in time-table the time of arrival and departure of the trains to and from Scone?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is not a fact that the times of arrival at, and departure of the mail train from, Scone have been omitted from the new time-table.

(7.) Land Office, Cassilis:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Land Office at Cassilis to Gunnedah?

(2.) If so, is he aware that if this is done the people of the Cassilis District, or many of them, will have to travel over 100 miles to Gunnedah, and the greater part of the way by a very rough road over the Main Range?

(3.) Will he delay the removal of Land Office from Cassilis, if it is decided to remove it, pending further inquiry?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It is not proposed to remove the Land Office from Cassilis.

(8.) Leave of Absence to Civil Servants:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, according to the Regulations of the Indian Civil Service, the Indian Civil Servants are only allowed half-pay when they get leave of absence?

(2.) In reference to leave of absence granted to Mr. Plunkett, Under-Secretary for Justice, and to Messrs. Adams and Fitzgerald, Surveyor-General and Deputy Surveyor-General, and Mr. Johnson, Under-Secretary for Public Instruction, will he make the above regulation apply to them; if not, will he make it apply in future to all Civil Servants receiving leave of absence?

(3.) Is it also a fact that no Civil Servants in the employ of the English Government receive leave of absence, or, if they do get leave of absence, that they do not receive pay when on leave of absence?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am compelled to admit that no authorities are accessible to me which enable me to give an answer to this question; but I am clearly of opinion that, in hardly any instance, should a Civil Servant have more than half-pay on leave of absence.

(2.) From the answer I have already given to the first question, it will be seen that the Regulations cannot apply.

(3.) I am not in a position to give an accurate reply to this question; but I will say that, while Civil Servants in the Colony obtain leave of absence to go to England, I never heard of Civil Servants in England having leave of absence to go to Australia.

(9.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) In reference to the sum of £100 allowed Mr. Cracknell per year as equipment allowance, what does his equipment consist of?

(2.) What was purchased as his equipment in the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, and the cost of each item for each of the three years?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) As was stated in the answer to the Honorable Member's question on the same subject on 13th April, the equipment allowance is to cover extra expenses when travelling to remote parts of the Colony on Departmental duty. This is all that can be said as regards the equipment itself; but I am informed that the fact that Mr. Cracknell received this allowance was always taken into consideration in regulating the amount of his salary.

(2.) In 1885 the equipment allowance was not received by Mr. Cracknell, as he was absent in England. It is not possible to furnish items for the years 1884 and 1886, because no record was kept of them.

(10.) Major-General Richardson:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to the sum of £100 per year allowed to Major-General Richardson as stable allowance, what is this money allowed for, and will he state how this sum was spent in the year 1886, and what was purchased with the money?

(2.) Is he allowed £128 per year for the keep of two horses; if so, what does it cost to keep his two horses per week?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me is as follows:—

(1.) The sum allowed is to provide stable accommodation, for which purpose it was spent.

(2.) Yes; it costs about £4 a week, with groom's wages. This does not include the cost of providing and maintaining saddlery, stable equipment, veterinary charges, and the purchase and replacement of horses, which last item alone has this year cost an additional £50.

(11.) Tramway Detectives:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are Samuel James, William Moran, and — Murray employed in the Tramway Service?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that these three men are employed (also another one) as detectives, at a salary of £13 per month each?

(3.) If they are not employed as detectives, what are they employed as?

(4.) Is it not a fact that no cash is taken as tram fares, except on race days and public holidays, and are not the tickets torn when received; if so, what are the detectives employed to detect?

(5.) Who employed these men, and what position do they occupy in the Tram Service?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Their duties are to travel over the various lines and watch the traffic, as regards the proper collection of fares by conductors and payment by passengers; to report any laxity in the performance of the conductor's duty; any departure from the Rules and Regulations of the Department;

ment. They are also sworn in as special constables, and, when necessary, arrest persons offending against the Tramway By-laws. In cases of accident, actions at law, &c., they look up evidence, serve subpoenas, &c., and hold themselves in readiness to take out a tram when required. Moran and James are paid 9s., and Murray 10s. per day.

(4.) Cash is only taken as tram fares on the occasions referred to. The tickets are torn when received. The duties of the employes named are given in reply to Questions Nos. 2 and 3.

(5.) The Commissioner for Railways. They perform detective duty; but I may say that my honorable colleague has called for particulars, and intends, at an early date, dealing with the whole present management of the Tramways.

(12.) Australian Museum—Sydney Grammar School:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the endowment, under statute and by appropriations of Parliament, to the Australian Museum for the year 1876?

(2.) The like information for the year 1886?

(3.) How many persons were employed at the Museum in 1876, and what salary per annum was paid to each, and what allowances were given?

(4.) The like information for the year 1886?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will have the information asked for by the Honorable Member as regards both the Australian Museum and the Sydney Grammar School prepared without delay, in the form of a Return, and laid upon the Table of the House.

(13.) Mr. Dixon, Rookwood Reformatory:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is a person named Dixon employed at the Rookwood Reformatory; if not, was he employed there?

(2.) If so, for how long, at what salary, and what position did he occupy?

(3.) Is the person named Dixon mentioned above one of the informers in the case of Wright, Heaton, & Co.?

(4.) If so, is it the custom of Government to find billets for informers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) Dixon was appointed on the 11th March, 1886, to take charge of the Government Stores at the Rookwood Relief Works, at a salary of £156 a year, which position he still occupies.

(3.) Dixon was a witness in the case referred to.

(4.) All I can say is, that I know nothing about it.

(14.) Railway from Newcastle to Northern Districts:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the difference in cost yearly by running the train which leaves Newcastle about midnight and the train which leaves Newcastle about 7 a.m., as compared with the system carried out some time since of only running the one train from Newcastle to the Northern Districts at 7 a.m.?

(2.) Is it his intention to do away with the midnight train, and only run the one train at 7 a.m. from Newcastle; if so, when will he alter the present train arrangements, which will make a large saving?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) It represents an increase of £13,000 a year.

(2.) Yes; an amended time-table was prepared, upon the representations made by the public, the Press, and Members of this House, and it came into force on the 1st instant.

(15.) Constables Blow and Lewis:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Charles Blow, a constable in the Police Force stationed at Wollongong, charged, convicted, and fined by the Wollongong Bench £4 19s. for having, when in uniform, assaulted William Powrie on the 1st day of January, 1885?

(2.) Was a report of the circumstances and result of that case laid before the Inspector-General of Police or other police authority; if so, with what result?

(3.) Was the said Charles Blow retained in the Police Force after such conviction, and transferred to Granville or Parramatta; if so, who recommended and directed such removal?

(4.) Was the said Charles Blow disrated or promoted immediately after such conviction; if he was not disrated, what was the reason that he was promoted or maintained as theretofore?

(5.) Did the said Charles Blow prefer a charge of assault, alleged to have been committed upon him in the execution of his duty on the 19th day of November last, by and against Edward Bridge and Albert Bridge, before the Bench at Parramatta; did the said Charles Blow and Constable Emanuel Lewis give evidence upon oath in support of the said charge, and, notwithstanding such, was the said case dismissed, and were the defendants discharged?

(6.) Were the facts and result of this last case duly reported to the Inspector-General of Police, or other police authority?

(7.) Did the said Edward Bridge and Albert Bridge proceed against the said constables, Charles Blow and Emanuel Lewis, in three separate actions in the District Court of Parramatta, for the recovery of damages for assaults committed by them upon the Messrs. Bridge on the said 19th of November last?

(8.) Was a verdict returned by a jury in favour of Albert Bridge against the said Charles Blow for £20 damages for assault; and did the damages and costs in that case amount to the sum of £55 12s. 8d.?

(9.) Did the Presiding Judge (Judge Dowling) state in Court that he concurred with the verdict of the jury, and, had he been a juror, he would have given a verdict for £5 more.

(10.) Was a verdict (by consent) for £2 and taxed costs returned against the said Charles Blow in favour of Edward Bridge?

(11.) Was a verdict (by consent) given against Constable Lewis for £2 and taxed costs in favour of Albert Bridge?

(12.)

- (12.) Was the Inspector-General of Police aware that these actions had been brought, and did he allow them to be defended?
- (13.) Did the said Constables Blow and Lewis give evidence on oath before the jury in the action alluded to?
- (14.) Was the Inspector-General of Police in due course acquainted with the fact that the said verdicts had been given as aforesaid?
- (15.) How long after such verdicts had been given against Constable Blow was he allowed to do duty and wear the uniform of a police constable at Granville or Parramatta?
- (16.) Is the said Charles Blow still in the New South Wales Police Force; if so, where is he stationed, or has he been transferred to another place; if so, where; if not, is it known where he presently is?
- (17.) Have the damages and costs against the said Charles Blow been paid by him or not?
- (18.) Will he state the reason that the said Charles Blow was not dismissed from the Police Force after his conviction at Wollongong, after the dismissal of the charge at the Police Court, Parramatta, and the verdicts given against him in the District Court at Parramatta?
- (19.) Will he call for a report as to the character of Constable Blow's evidence, given before the Bench at Wollongong, the Bench at Parramatta, and the Judge and Jury at the District Court at Parramatta?
- (20.) Who is responsible for having allowed Constable Blow to remain in the Police Force of New South Wales in the face of the foregoing facts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member says that he asks me the question standing in the name of the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter. Instead of one question, I find that he has asked me twenty; and I admit at once that I have not read one of them. The Inspector-General of Police has supplied me with the following answers:—

- (1.) Constable Blow was fined £3 and costs, as stated.
 - (2.) Yes; Constable Blow was removed to another station, and allowed a further trial, it being his first offence.
 - (3.) Transferred to Granville by the Inspector-General, on Superintendent Ryeland's recommendation.
 - (4.) He was not promoted, but his probationary rank was confirmed to ordinary constable in April, 1885.
 - (5.) Yes.
 - (6.) Yes; the consideration of the matter was held over, pending the result of an action brought against Blow and Lewis.
 - (7.) Yes.
 - (8.) A verdict for £20 was returned against Blow. It is not known what the costs amounted to.
 - (9.) The Inspector-General is not aware whether or not this was the case.
 - (10.) The Inspector-General is not aware whether or not this was the case.
 - (11.) Yes.
 - (12.) Yes; he had no power to prevent the defence.
 - (13.) Not known—probably they did.
 - (14.) Yes.
 - (15.) No longer than was necessary. Some little delay was occasioned, owing to the absence of the Superintendent of Police at Bulli.
 - (16.) He was discharged in February last.
 - (17.) The Inspector-General is not aware.
 - (18.) See answer to Question No. 2. It would have been unfair to dismiss a man when the case was pending in the Court.
 - (19.) The case having been disposed of, no good could result by calling for further reports.
 - (20.) He has not been allowed to remain in the Force.
- I would only add to this, that if any Honorable Member knows what it all means, I do not.

- (16.) Mullet Creek Railway Embankment:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the original estimate of cubic yards required to fill the Mullet Creek railway embankment?
 - (2.) What is the quantity now in the said embankment?
 - (3.) What is the quantity now required to complete it?
 - (4.) Was the original cost a lump sum, or at so much per cubic yard?
 - (5.) Has the original amount been exceeded; and, if so, by how much, to date?
 - (6.) If said embankment at Mullet Creek is not now complete, what amount will it take to so complete it?
 - (7.) If the original quantity has been exceeded, is the original price adopted, or have new prices been agreed on; if so, how much are they above or below the original price?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The embankments along Mullet Creek were estimated to require 304,106 cubic yards.
- (2.) 539,981 cubic yards.
- (3.) This cannot be given, as tipping must be continued until settlement ceases.
- (4.) At per cubic yard.
- (5.) Yes; £47,147 3s. 3d.
- (6.) It is impossible to say. The banks must be made up, whatever the cost may be.
- (7.) The present price for completing the work is 1s. per cubic yard above the original contract, in consequence of the contractor having to place large stones in the embankments, instead of the ordinary excavation from the cuttings.

- (17.) Post and Telegraph Office, Junco:—Mr. Gornly asked the Postmaster-General,—When will tenders be called for the proposed Post and Telegraph Office at Junco?

Mr. Roberts answered,—Plans, &c., are now being prepared, and will be ready in about a fortnight.

(18.) Geological Surveyors :—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many geological surveyors are now employed in the Colony?
- (2.) The names of each, and the salaries paid to each?
- (3.) When were the latest appointments made, and who recommended them?
- (4.) Could not the services of some of them be dispensed with in the present state of affairs?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Threc.
- (2.) C. S. Wilkinson, £850; T. W. E. David, £550; W. Anderson, £300.
- (3.) *Mr. David* was appointed, 13th December, 1882, on the recommendation of Professors Boyd, Dawkins, Prestwich, and others. *Mr. Anderson* was appointed on the 13th November, 1886, on the recommendation of *Dr. Giekie*, the head of the Geological Survey Department in England.
- (4.) Their services could not be dispensed with if the important and useful work upon which they are now engaged is to be carried on.

(19.) Overcoats for Tramway Guards and Flag-men :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are overcoats provided for the flag-men on the various tram-lines?
- (2.) Are overcoats provided for the guards on the tram-cars?
- (3.) What are the wages of flag-men?
- (4.) What are the wages of the guards?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) It is not the practice to provide overcoats for the flag-men.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) 7s. per day.
- (4.) From 7s. to 9s. per day.

(20.) Railway Tickets to Scholars attending Technological Schools :—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Committee of the Technological Schools recommended, in their last report, that railway tickets at school rates, viz., one quarter of full rates, should be sold to scholars attending these schools, as is the case in Victoria?
- (2.) Will he give the matter his attention; and, if he approves of the suggestion, bring it into effect as soon as possible?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The question was brought under the attention of a previous Government by the Board of Technical Education, in December, 1885, and they were informed, in reply, that the proposal could not be entertained. The matter has only now, however, been brought under the attention of the present Government, and it will receive consideration at an early date.

(21.) Railway from Kiama to Nowra :—*Mr. Martin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that his predecessor laid upon the Table of this House, on the 30th of September last, Plans, Sections, &c., of the extension of the Illawarra Railway from Kiama to Nowra, as exhibits, with the view of ultimately moving their adoption?
- (2.) Knowing the extent and alleged productiveness of the Shoalhaven District, will he lay the Plans, &c., upon the Table of the House this Session, and move their adoption, with a view to tenders being called for the work?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This matter will have the consideration of the Government.

(22.) Collectors of Excise Duty on Beer :—*Mr. Martin* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that a number of officers have been appointed by the Collector of Customs for the purpose of collecting the excise duty on beer; if so, what positions did they hold in the Public Service prior to such appointments, and have such appointments been ratified by the Civil Service Board?
- (2.) Is it intended to transfer the seventeen officers appointed, as per *Gazette* of 24th December, 1886, under the *Ad Valorem* Duty Act, to collect the excise duty on beer; if not, what provision will be made for them in the event of the abolition of the *ad valorem* duties?
- (3.) Is it true that a clerk has been appointed to the position of Inspector of Breweries, at a salary of £350 per annum; if so, what position did he occupy in the service prior to such appointment, and has such appointment been ratified by the Civil Service Board?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) It is not true that a number of officers have been appointed for the purpose of collecting the excise duty on beer.
- (2.) It is not intended to transfer the seventeen officers appointed, as stated by the notice in the *Gazette* of 24th December, 1886, under the *Ad Valorem* Duty Act, to collect the excise duty on beer. The Government will not require more than six officers for this duty, who will be drafted from the Customs and provisionally appointed until the contemplated changes in connection with the Customs taxation in September next can take effect.

(23.) Public Library :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it the practice of the authorities of the Public Library to lend out books to Schools of Art and Free Libraries in country districts?
- (2.) If not, will he give instructions that the practice may be initiated?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Yes; the practice was initiated in August, 1883, and is still in force.

(24.)

(24.) Public School, Tumberumba :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
What was the cost of supplying firewood to the Public School at Tumberumba, near Tumut, during last year?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I have no means of knowing the cost, as firewood is often supplied to the schools free of cost by the residents. The amount paid to the teacher by this Department was £1 10s.

(25.) Captain Tyler :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How often has Captain Tyler, who has been recommended by the Marine Board for the position of sea pilot for the port of Sydney, commanded a sailing ship in and out of the said port as master and his own pilot at the same time?

(2.) How often has the said Captain Tyler commanded a steamship out of the above port as master and his own pilot at the same time?

(3.) Do Captain Tyler's previous experience and qualifications fulfil the requirements of the Navigation Act of New South Wales for the position of pilot of the port of Sydney?

(4.) Has the recommendation of Captain Tyler for the position of pilot at the port of Sydney by the Marine Board been confirmed by the Colonial Treasurer?

(5.) Was there not among the other thirty-six applicants (all local men) a more eligible and more experienced man for the above position?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I understand that Captain Tyler, recently recommended by the Marine Board for the position of sea pilot for the port of Sydney, has never commanded a sailing ship out of the port of Sydney, although he has commanded a sailing ship elsewhere.

(2.) He has commanded two steamships out of this port, but it is not known how often he took them in and out. His pilot's certificate was issued in July, 1884.

(3.) His previous experience and qualifications, having traded out of this port for years, fulfil the requirements of the Navigation Act of New South Wales for the position of pilot.

(4.) The Colonial Treasurer has confirmed the Marine Board's recommendation of Captain Tyler for the position of pilot at the port of Sydney.

(5.) Taking age and all other circumstances into consideration, Captain Tyler was considered the most eligible man for the position amongst the thirty-seven applicants for it.

(26.) Railway from Bungendore to Michelago :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the railway from Bungendore to Michelago be opened on the 30th June next, in accordance with the contract?

(2.) Who are the contractors for the above extension, and have they applied for an extension of the time of completion of their contract?

(3.) Did the Engineer-in-Chief refuse to recommend an extension of such time; if so, has the extension been granted without his approval and in opposition to his recommendation?

(4.) Have the Government paid, or agreed to pay, the contractor £2,000, or any other sum, for a temporary bridge which they had to erect to carry on their works over the Queanbeyan River?

(5.) Have the contractors been carrying goods, mails, and passengers, since last October, from Bungendore to Queanbeyan; and, if so, what have they been charging per ton for goods, per head for passengers, and for the mails; what part of these charges have been paid to the Government?

(6.) What have the Michelago railway station, goods shed, and yards, complete, cost?

(7.) How long have they been completed?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Messrs. Johnston & Co. They have applied for an extension of time.

(3.) Yes; and no extension of time has been granted.

(4.) No.

(5.) Yes; the charges made for goods in the first instance was £3 per truck, of which £1 was paid to the Department. Subsequently the rate was reduced to 45s., of which the Department receives 15s. First-class passengers are charged 5s. 9d., and second-class 3s. 9d., of which the Department receives one third. The amount paid for the carriage of mails cannot be given, as it is an arrangement between the contractors and the postal contractor.

(6.) The station buildings will cost about £5,000. They have only recently been commenced.

(7.) They will not be completed for some months, the acceptance of the tender having been delayed, pending a decision as to the site.

(27.) Railway Mail-vans :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to see that some heating apparatus (in the shape of gas or a stove) is attached to each mail-van or travelling post-office during the approaching winter, for the better comfort of letter-sorters and those in charge of the mails?

Mr. Roberts answered,—No representation has been made to the Postal Department that more warmth is needed in the railway mail-vans. Before the new ones were introduced, the complaint was that the heat from the gas lighting of these vans and the sealing-wax melters rendered them unhealthy.

(28.) Cleaning and Heating Public Schools :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In carrying out an equitable system of retrenchment in regard to the cost or allowance for cleaning and heating public schools, is the law of retrenchment intended to apply to cleaning and heating of all offices in connection with the Education Department or only to Public Schools?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Only to Public Schools.

(29.) Stables for Post and Telegraph Department :—Mr. Stevenson asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that tenders were called about three years ago for a piece of land suitable for the erection of stables for the Post and Telegraph Department, and that all the tenders were declined?

(2.) Is it a fact that tenders were again called recently, and that the whole of those received were again declined?

- (3.) Has it been suggested that the horses should be stabled at a certain horse bazaar in Castle-reagh-street?
 (4.) Has he inquired who are the owners of this horse bazaar?
 (5.) Who constitute the Tender Board?
 (6.) Has he called upon any of his officers for a report?
 (7.) If not, will he do so?
 (8.) Will he have any objection to laying such report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) No, to both questions.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

(5.) The Secretary to the Post Office, Superintendent of Telegraphs, and Superintendent of the Money Order Office.

(6.) No report was called for, but the Tender Board, in the discharge of their functions, reported upon the tenders recently sent in.

(7.) No further report is necessary.

(8.) There will be no objection to lay the Tender Board's report upon the Table, if that is what the Honorable Member requires.

- (30.) **Capitation Allowance to Reserve Corps**:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the capitation grant for 1886 (due January, 1887) be paid to the Reserve Corps?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The capitation allowance for 1886, due on the 1st January, 1887, will be credited to the different Reserve Corps upon receipt of efficiency returns, against which all current charges will be debited, and the balance (if any) paid over on 31st December, 1887.

- (31.) **Commissioners under Real Property Act**:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to carry out his promises (and, if so, when) to deal with the question of fees payable to the Commissioners under the Real Property Act?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will endeavour to have this matter settled during next week.

2. **PROPOSED NEW TARIFF**:—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from Residents of the District of Bega, stating that they view with alarm the proposal made to repeal the Customs Duties now existing on Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Hams, and Maizena, which, if carried out, would result in the ruin of many of the Residents of the District; and praying the House to take the circumstances into consideration, and not repeal the said Duties.
 Petition received.

3. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 16th March, 1887—"Tramway from Kogarah to Sans Souci."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18, and section 2 of the Field of Mars Resumption Act, 38 Victoria No. 3.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Land, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Regulations for the Distribution of Naval Prize Money.

(2.) Despatch respecting Treaty between Her Majesty and the President of the Republic of Guatemala for the Mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals

(3.) Despatch respecting Treaty for the Mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals between Great Britain and the Republic of the Equator.

(4.) Despatch respecting International Copyright Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway, Saint Leonards, to Forest Reserve No. 97, parish of Gordon.

And Mr. Lyne having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *St. Leonards Recorder* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICY**:—Mr. Walker presented a Petition from William Richardson, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held in the Town Hall, representing that the following Resolution was passed at the Meeting, and that he, as Chairman, was authorized to cause the Resolution to be presented to Parliament:—"This Meeting condemns the crude and destructive policy emanating from the present Government, which policy is calculated to destroy many existing industries of the country, while the burden of taxation is thrown upon the working classes, and the wealthy are allowed to go free,"—And praying the House to take the Resolution into consideration.

The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

6. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury, within the Borough of Albury.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lyne having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Albury within the Borough of Albury,*"—read a first time.

7. CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the "City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited)" to increase its capital to £50,000.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Teece having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the 'City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited),' to increase its capital to £50,000,*"—read a first time.

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

(1.) Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate in certain particulars dealings with the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by extending to the present and future Bishops of the said Diocese the provisions of all Acts and Instruments having reference to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors and by enabling the Synod of the said Diocese to deal with Church Property which by reason of consecration or other express Trust is devoted to some purpose which it has become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber.

Sydney, 5th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 20th May.

(2.) Cremation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Process of Cremation,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 5th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

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

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 20th May.

9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND LEASES VALIDATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to Validate certain Conditional Purchases and Leases.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th May, 1887.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means,—Mr. Burns 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 Ways and Means accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 MAY, 1887, A.M.

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

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

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 MAY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. F. A. Franklin:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The amount paid to Mr. F. A. Franklin from 1st January, 1883, until the present date, by Government, specifying the nature of the services rendered?
 (2.) Is Mr. Franklin at present receiving any fees from Government; if so, how much, and on account of what service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As far as can be ascertained, Mr. Franklin has received the following amounts:—October, 1883, to June, 1884, for attending the Calcutta Exhibition, £776 13s. 9d.; March, 1884, to July, 1886, in connection with the Water Conservation Commission, £355 2s. 8d.; April, 1885, to October, 1886, serving on Land Board, £198 18s; total, £1,320 14s.

- (2.) Tenders for Locomotives:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Wise, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What number of tenders were lately received for the manufacture of locomotives, and from whom?
 (2.) What were the respective amounts of each tender?
 (3.) What increase should be allowed on the amount of the English and foreign tenders for inspection, and all other expenses which would be included in the amount of the colonial tenders?
Mr. Burns answered,—It is not considered advisable to furnish any information on these points at the present time, as it might prejudice the tenders which are to be opened on the 17th instant. The whole matter, with these questions, will be considered by the Government as soon as possible after the tenders are received.

- (3.) Mr. Dennis, Public School Teacher, Wilcannia:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Dennis, Public School Teacher at Wilcannia, was recently fined by the local Bench of Magistrates for having cruelly ill-treated one of the boys attending his school?
 (2.) Is he aware that several children have been taken from the school in consequence of their having received ill-treatment at the hands of Mr. Dennis?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the Public School is the only school in Wilcannia?
 (4.) Will he take steps to send to Wilcannia a teacher in whom the public can have confidence?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Dennis was fined 1s. in October last, and the Bench expressed the opinion that the boy deserved punishment, but that the teacher was indiscreet in his mode of awarding it.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) No expression of want of confidence in the teacher has been received, except from one person last week. The local Inspector has been instructed to inquire and report on the complaint.

- (4.) Public Clocks:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The total amount paid to each person for the supply, erection, and winding of clocks in all public buildings throughout the Colony during the last fifteen years?
 (2.) Who prepared the specifications submitted by the Colonial Architect for the clock for the new General Post Office?
 (3.) Were tenders publicly invited for the clock intended for Post Office, Balmain; if so, the names of tenderers, and amount of successful tender?
 (4.) How many tenders were received for the supply of public clocks at Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn, the name of the successful tenderer, and the total amount paid for the supply and erection of each respectively?
 (5.) Were tenders invited for the supply of turret-clocks in connection with the Bathurst and Goulburn Gaols; the name of the successful tenderer, and the price of each?

Mr. Burns answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the shape of a Return. (5.)

- (5.) Bench of Magistrates, Bourke:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has his attention been drawn to an alleged miscarriage of justice by the Bourke Bench of Magistrates, whereby it is stated that on Friday, the 22nd instant, an offender against the Licensing Act has been enabled to escape the infliction of a fine of £30?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Yes; and there does not appear to me to be any necessity for my interference at present.

- (6.) Criminal Assault upon a Woman at Bega:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all correspondence and other papers connected with the trial and conviction before Judge Windeyer, about two years ago, of Edge Harwood, Michael Ryan, David Weir, Daniel Grant, William Turbitt, George William Seymour, and Robert Twyford, for a criminal assault upon an old woman at Bega?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The papers had better be moved for in the usual manner.

- (7.) Railway Guards and Engine-drivers:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Gordon, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the engine-drivers employed on the railways allowed any holidays in addition to their ordinary holidays; and, if so, how many days during the year?

(2.) Are the guards employed on the railways entitled to the same privilege; and, if not, will it be extended to them in future?

(3.) Do railway guards receive water-proof clothing similar to that supplied to the guards of the tramways; and, if not, will it be supplied to them?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes; six days are allowed.

(2.) Messrs. Lees, Cortis, and Hurley waited upon me in reference to this matter some time ago, and it is having consideration.

(3.) Guards are not supplied with water-proof clothing; but those running south of Pieton and west of Penrith are provided with overcoats. The tram conductors are more exposed to the inclement weather than railway guards, who, for the most part of the journey, are protected in their brake-vans.

- (8.) Parliamentary Convention:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to convene a Convention of Parliamentary Representatives of Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand during the Centennial Celebration, in order to discuss the desirableness of agreeing upon a common Australasian domestic policy and united line of action with regard to Polynesian and other matters affecting the wellbeing of our race in the southern world?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have no intention of the kind.

- (9.) Land Acquisition Bill:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Land Acquisition Bill, to burst up the large unutilized estates which prevent settlement, and to give a death-blow to the operation of land-rings and land-monopolists in New South Wales?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government have no such intention.

- (10.) Questions put to the Minister for Works:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the reason that the Colonial Treasurer, the Postmaster-General, or some other Minister, usually answers the questions put to the Minister for Works?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Minister for Works is known to have strong sympathies with protectionist views?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied to me from the Public Works Department:—

(1.) The pressure of business, which often requires immediate attention, obliges the Minister occasionally to remain in his office and allow the questions, to which he has prepared the answers, to be replied to by some other member of the Government.

(2.) No.

- (11.) William Spandenberg's Application for a Billiard License:—*Mr. Reid* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and police reports, together with a copy of the depositions, relating to the application made by William Spandenberg for a billiard license, made to the Metropolitan Licensing Court, held on December 14th, 1886?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—There will be no objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the papers referred to, if called for in the usual manner.

- (12.) Railway from Grafton to the Tweed:—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How far is the permanent survey of railway line, Grafton to the Tweed, completed?

(2.) The number of surveyors at present employed on the work?

(3.) Is it his intention to take steps to expedite the completion of the survey, by placing additional surveyors (if available) upon the work?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The permanent survey is completed to Lismore.

(2.) There are three surveyors employed.

(3.) It is not intended at present to place additional surveyors on this line.

- (13.) Devonshire-street:—*Mr. Withers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the great and increasing traffic to and from the Redfern Railway Station, will the Government take the necessary steps to widen Devonshire-street northward from George to Elizabeth Street?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I cannot at this moment say that any steps will be taken immediately for widening this street; indeed, the Government has some notion of entertaining a question of policy in connection with this street of a rather large character.

(14.) Enclosure in front of Court-house, Darlinghurst:—Mr. Withers asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is there any objection to the enclosure in front of the Court-house at Darlinghurst being open at all times to the public as a recreation ground?
- (2.) If any, will he please to state the objection?
- (3.) If there are no objections, will he give instructions to have it thrown open to the public?
- (4.) Is there any objection to the Railway Department erecting a waiting-shed for tramway passengers on the above-named site?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The Sheriff (who has charge of this enclosure) reports that it would be very undesirable to throw open this ground as a place of public recreation. When the ground is open to the public during the sittings of the Courts it has been found necessary to appoint a person specially to protect the trees from being destroyed, and, notwithstanding this, some of the most valuable trees have been materially injured. It is pointed out also that there is a public park, known as Green Park, close to the Court-house, which is available as a recreation ground by residents.
- (4.) No; subject to approval of plans and site.

(15.) Mining under Wickham Roads:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any application been made on behalf of the Ferndale Coal Company, or other person, either in writing or verbally, for the right to mine for coal under the streets and roads of Wickham, near Newcastle?
- (2.) The name of the person or persons who made, and the date of, the application?
- (3.) Has permission been granted by the Minister for Mines to mine for coal under streets or roads at Wickham?
- (4.) If so, the name of the Minister, and date of such permission?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No such application has been received from the Ferndale Colliery Company, or from any person.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) No such permission has been granted by the Minister for Mines, nor by any of his predecessors.
- (4.) Answered by No. 3.

(16.) The Queen's Statue:—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to have the Queen's Statue placed on the pedestal at the top of King-street before the Centennial anniversary?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Government cannot very well take any steps to have the Queen's Statue placed on the pedestal at the top of King-street until it has been received in the Colony. Whether it will be received in time for the Centennial Celebration I am, at this moment, unable to say.

(17.) Removal of Sleeping-cars, Wellington to Dubbo:—*Mr. Fletcher*, for Mr. Ferguson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he be able to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and letters in connection with the removal of the sleeping cars and carriages from Wellington to Dubbo?

Mr. Burns answered,—Directly the House adopts a Resolution that they are to be laid upon the Table.

(18.) Business Hours, Department of Lands:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Does he intend to make any alteration in the existing practice of closing the doors of the Lands Department against the public on Mondays and Saturdays, and at 3 o'clock on the other days?
- (2.) Is he aware that no such practice obtains in connection with any of the other Public Departments?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes; the extent and nature of the business of other Departments do not, so far as I am aware, require such arrangements.

(19.) Road from Mount Victoria to Jenolan Caves:—Mr. Cortis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the estimated cost of the proposed road from Mount Victoria to the Jenolan Caves?
- (2.) Is he aware that it is alleged the proposed road will destroy the scenery between the Grand Arch and the Waterfall?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The total cost will be £5,600.
- (2.) This has been as-erted, but reports obtained from Mr. Wilkinson and other officers of the Mines Department state that nothing of the kind would occur.

(20.) Dr. Robertson.—Bulli Commission:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is the person lately acting as President of the Royal Commission on Collieries, and recently gazetted as President of the Commission about to inquire into the cause of the Bulli catastrophe, &c., entitled to the affix of F.R.S.?
- (2.) Is the said Mr. Robertson entitled to the affix of C.E.?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No; it appears the letters F.R.S. were affixed in error, in place of F.G.S.
- (2.) It is understood that he is qualified, and is practising as a Civil Engineer.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th April, 1887—“Commissioner for Railways v. Murphy.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the Lease of Land on which Manly Pier is erected.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th April, 1887—“W. N. Laurie's Conditional Purchase.”

(3.) Return of Business and Cost of Local Land Boards, Eastern and Central Divisions, between 1st August, 1885, and 30th June, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting Salaries and Allowances to Teachers of Sydney Grammar School, during 1876 and 1886.

(2.) Information respecting Endowment to Australian Museum and Salaries and Allowances of Employés, during 1876 and 1886.

3. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Petition from John S. Martin, Managing Director of the Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway, and to amend the “Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884.”

And Mr. Carruthers having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Boural Free Press* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

4. FORBES-STREET, NEWTOWN AND ALEXANDRIA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hawken moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and tracings in the possession of the Government relating to Forbes-street, Newtown and Alexandria, particularly surveys of Chisholm's and Devine's grants; also, Mr. Wells's survey of Forbes-street, with Mr. Kemp's survey of the same.
Question put and passed.

5. RESUMPTION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS THE PROPERTY OF EDWARD IRBY, ON BLUFF RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lec moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, plans, and other documents having reference to the resumption of the land and buildings, by the Commissioner for Railways, on portion 186, Bluff River (extension Glen Innes to Tenterfield), the property of Edward Irby; also, the amount paid as compensation for the same.
Question put and passed.

6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE AT HILLSTON LANDS OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, documents, and other papers having reference to the following selections, taken up at the Hillston Lands Office:—Charles Goodier, conditional purchase 84-29; Claus Pump, conditional purchase 84-27; Thomas Dargan, conditional purchase 84-30; and William Onions, conditional purchase 84-26.
Question put and passed.

7. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan, for Mr. Lyne, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of Saint Leonard's Cable Tramway, Saint Leonards, to forest reserve No. 97, parish of Gordon.
Question put and passed.

8. CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company's Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Ball, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Barbour, and Mr. Day.

Question put and passed.

10. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 10th June.

11. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Garvan, for Mr. Lyne, having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,—read a first time.

12. NATIONAL SMELTING WORKS:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of erecting national smelting works.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Ewing.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Galc.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Tecco,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. J. S. Farnell
Mr. Street,	Mr. Henson.
Mr. Cook,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. McMillan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. SECTION SEVEN OF CROWN LANDS ACT OF 1884:—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the 7th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 should be repealed, in as far as it relates to land alienated on a proclaimed gold-field on which miners have the right of entry.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Withers,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Davis.
Mr. Ives,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Moore,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. FEES RECEIVED BY CIVIL SERVANTS:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The total amount received as fees of office, or in any other way, by the Clerks of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Court, the Water Police Court, and all other Courts throughout the Colony, from all sources, specifying the amounts received during each of the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, showing what the fees were received for, and if the fees, or any of them, were received for work done during office hours.

(2.) The like as regards the fees received by every other person employed in the Civil Service of the Colony during each of the above years.

(3.) The like as regards the fees received by the Crown Solicitor during each of the above years, particularly specifying under different headings what the fees, from all sources paid to him, were paid for.

(4.) The like as regards the fees received by the different Attorneys-General from all sources during the years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, giving the names of the different Attorneys-General who received such fees, specifying under different headings what the fees were received for.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. CONSERVATION OF WATER IN THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the purpose of conserving water in the Western Division of this Colony.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
17. EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from A. J. Riley, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held in the Protestant Hall, representing that the following Resolution was passed at the Meeting, and that he, as Chairman, was authorized to cause the Resolution to be presented to the Legislative Assembly:—"That this Meeting emphatically protests against the proposal of the Honorable the Treasurer to increase the Excise Duty on Tobacco manufactured in the Colony, and calls upon Representatives in Parliament to resist, by every constitutional means, a proposal so iniquitous and calculated to a great extent to destroy one of our most important industries,"—and praying the House to take the Resolution into consideration.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
18. PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOWER WALLAMBA RIVER:—Mr. Seaver presented a Petition from Residents of the Lower Wallamba River, Cape Hawke, representing that repeated applications have been made to the Minister for the establishment of a Public School at the junction of Darawauk Creek and the Lower Wallamba River, but, on the report of the local Inspector the applications were refused;—and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
19. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read, the Chairman of Committees moved, That the following Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means be now received:—
- (4.) *Resolved*.—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid, from and after the 1st day of May, 1887, on all ale, beer, porter, and every other malt liquor or fermented beverage made in imitation of beer or malt liquor, and brewed wholly or in part from any other substance than malt, an excise duty of "three" pence per gallon.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McMillan,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Ross,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Withers,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Sec.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution received and read a first time.

Mr. Burns moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Mr. Garvan moved, That the Resolution be amended, by the omission of the word "three," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "two."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Resolution.

Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY, 1887, A.M.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Resolution.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Street,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Schey,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dangar,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Cortis.
Mr. Tece,	
Mr. Henson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Allen.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Resolution be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Resolution read a second time,—and, on motion of Mr. Burns, agreed to.

20. BEER DUTY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenues:—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he in possession of data showing, separately, the amount of the Consolidated Revenues, exclusive of loans, of the Great Powers of Europe, of America, including Canada, and also of the Australasian Colonies; if so, will he state the amount of the Consolidated Revenues for the year 1885 or 1886, and also the amount per head of the population, expended separately, in governing—(1) Great Britain, (2) France, (3) Germany, (4) Russia, (5) Italy, (6) United States of America, (7) Canada, (8) New South Wales, (9) New Zealand, (10) Victoria, (11) Queensland, (12) South Australia?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is my intention to lay upon the Table a Return giving, as far as can be obtained, the information for which the Honorable Member asks.

- (2.) Certificates for Conditional Purchases, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of conditional purchasers in the Land Districts of Wagga Wagga and Hay, who have fulfilled all conditions except payment of balance of instalments, have applied for certificates, and have not yet received them?

(2.) Will he take such action as will cause these certificates to be issued with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) I am aware that it is probable there are a number of cases in the position indicated, but every effort is being made to prevent unnecessary delay.

(2.) Inquiry will be made, with a view to ascertaining whether anything further can be done to expedite the issue of certificates.

- (3.) Bulli Colliery Explosion:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the Examiner of Coal-fields, or any of the Mining Inspectors, reported the cause of the Bulli explosion, as provided for by section 28 of the Coal-fields Regulation Act?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Examiner of Coal-fields has so reported, and the report has been referred to the Royal Commission.

- (4.) Sir John Fowler:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on 21st April, as to the position of Sir John Fowler, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Copies of the papers are now being made, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (5.) Dr. Robertson.—Bulli Commission:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the President of the Commission to inquire into the Bulli disaster (Mr. Robertson), any diploma or certificate entitling him to the affix C.E.?

Mr. Abigail answered,—I am not in a position to say; but Dr. Robertson was selected for his position on the Royal Commission because of the statements of Mr. Fletcher (late Minister for Mines), and other authorities, concerning Dr. Robertson's high qualifications as a mining engineer.

- (6.) Free Railway Passes to Ladies:—Mr. Creer, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the ladies possessed of free railway passes?

(2.) The names of the ladies who have travelled free on charitable missions?

(3.) What were the charitable missions?

(4.) What constitutes an "artist" entitled to travel free on our railways?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, on an early date.

(7.)

- (7.) Chinese Commissioners:—*Mr. Crocer*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to give a picnic or banquet to the Chinese Commissioners?
 - (2.) Have the attendants or servants of the Commissioners paid the poll-tax?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—If the Honorable Member means to ask whether the Government will entertain the Chinese Commissioners at the public expense, the answer is no. I presume he will not trouble himself with what Ministers may do at their own expense. With regard to the servants of the Commissioners, instructions were given that the Chinese Restriction Act should not be enforced in reference to either the Commissioners or any members of their suite.
- (8.) Road from Cudal to Davy's Plains:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When the road from Cudal to Davy's Plains, *via* *Mr. Tapp's*, will be opened for the use of the public, and what is the cause of delay in opening the same?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—A road was surveyed, on petition of the residents of Toogong and the neighbourhood, from *Tapp's* Crossing of Oakey Creek to Cudal; but objections to that route having been received, with suggestions that a road be opened along the east boundary of *F. Tapp's* selection, the question was referred to the District Surveyor for further report, which has not yet been received. The attention of the District Surveyor will be directed to the matter.
- (9.) Tram connected with Western Mail-train:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the running of the tram in connection with the arrival of the Western mail-train has lately been withdrawn, and for what reason?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to return to the old rates or fares on country railways, as is now proposed to be done to travellers on suburban lines; and, if not, for what reason are country residents to be treated differently to suburban?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) This tram was withdrawn because it did not earn one-fourth of its working expenses.
 - (2.) The conditions are altogether different. The increase outside the suburban area was, moreover, a slight one, and it is not intended to make any alteration in the existing rates.
- (10.) Jetty at Byron Bay:—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When does he expect the jetty at Byron Bay to be completed?
 - (2.) According to contract, when should it be completed?
 - (3.) Does he consider that there has been reasonable expedition in carrying out this work?
- Mr. Sutherland* answered,—
- (1.) In about five months.
 - (2.) The original time expired on the 1st April, 1887; but, since the contract was taken, it has been decided to extend the jetty considerably, so that from that cause alone, without taking into account the almost unprecedented bad weather which has for some time past prevailed, the contractor is entitled to extension of time.
 - (3.) Before I answer this question, I wish to have further information from the officer in charge of the work. This I have telegraphed for.
- (11.) Reports of Chairmen of Land Boards:—*Mr. Crouch*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have reports from Chairmen of Land Boards, with respect to Land Act of 1884, printed for the information of the public?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—It is not intended to print reports by the Chairmen of Local Land Boards; but the results of the operations of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, as illustrated by the returns supplied by the Chairmen (of which the reports received are in the main elucidatory), will be embodied in the Annual Report of the Department, which will be laid upon the Table of the House within a few days.
- (12.) Pilot Service, Northern Rivers:—*Mr. Street*, for *Mr. McMillan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Cost of pilot service at each of the following places:—Manning River, Camden Haven, Port Macquarie, Bellinger River, Tweed River, Cape Hawke, McLean River, Nambuccra River, Richmond River, Brunswick River?
 - (2.) Amount of pilotage received for 1886?
 - (3.) Amount of subsidy paid for each place in 1886?
 - (4.) Number of vessels (exclusive of steamers) entered and left each place?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—A Return, showing the cost of the pilot services at the various places named by the Honorable Member, and the other information required by him, will be laid upon the Table in a few days.
2. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Garrett* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th June, 1886—"Conditional Purchases."
Ordered to be printed.
- Sir Henry Parkes* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Government Asylums Inquiry Board, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Abigail* laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Public Watering Places Act, 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Erection and Winding of Clocks in Public Buildings during the last fifteen years.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY AT MACLEAN:—*Mr. Macfarlane* presented a Petition from Presbyterian Residents of the Lower Clarence, complaining of the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales in removing the names of certain Trustees of the Presbyterian Cemetery at Maclean, thereby depriving Petitioners of their legal rights to the said Cemetery; and praying that steps may be taken for restoring to them their rights.
Petition received.

4. CROWN LANDS [AUCTION SALES BALANCES] BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize deferred payments of balances due on auction sales of certain classes of Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
5. WILLIAM SPANDENBERG'S APPLICATION FOR A BILLIARD LICENSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and police reports, together with copy of the depositions, relating to the application made by William Spandenberg for a billiard license to the Metropolitan Licensing Court held on 14th December, 1886.
Question put and passed.
6. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's railway, and to amend the "Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884."
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Carruthers having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intitled "A Bill to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway and to amend the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884,'"—read a first time.
7. TELEGRAPH WIRE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all recommendations, reports, minutes, invoices, letters, and other documents relating to the ordering and purchasing in England, during 1886 and 1887, of telegraph wire for this Colony.
Question put and passed.
8. BEER DUTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns 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. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid from and after the 30th day of March, 1887, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedule A hereto attached (including those in bond), the duties of Customs specified against each respectively, in lieu of all duties heretofore chargeable thereon. And the duties upon all goods mentioned in Schedule A of the Customs Act of 1886 which are not mentioned in the Schedule to this Resolution; and upon all goods which are by the said Act subject to *ad valorem* duties shall continue to be levied and collected until the thirtieth day of September, 1887, and no longer, except in the case of malt and hops, the respective duties upon which shall continue to be levied and collected until the thirtieth day of April in the said year, and no longer:—

SCHEDULE A.

	s.	d.
Beer, Ale, Porter, Spruce or other Beer, Cider, and Perry—		
In wood or jar	per gallon	0 6
In bottle	do	0 9
For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints	do	0 9
Biscuits—other than ship	per lb.	0 1
Butter	do	0 1
Candles per lb. or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight and stearine	do	0 1
Cement	per barrel	2 0
Cheese, Bacon, and Hams	per lb.	0 2
Chicory, Dandelion, and Taraxacum—		
Raw or Kiln-dried	do	0 3
Roasted, Ground, or mixed with any other article	do	0 6
		Chocolate

		s.	d.
Chocolate—Plain, or mixed with any other article, and Chocolate Creams	per lb.	0	4
Cigars	do	6	0
Cigarettes (including wrappers)	do	6	0
Corn Flour and Maizena	do	0	1
Cocoa—			
Raw, without allowance for husks or shells	do	0	3
Prepared, Paste, or mixed with any other article	do	0	4
Coffee—			
Raw	do	0	3
Roasted, Ground, or mixed with any other article	do	0	6
Confectionery (including Cakes, Comfits, Liquorice, Liquorice Paste, Lozenges of all kinds, Cocoanut in sugar, Sugar Candy, Succades, and Sweetmeats)	do	0	2
Essences, flavouring, and Fruit containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	4	0
Containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	do	14	0
Fish—Dried, preserved, or salt	per lb.	0	1
Fruits—Dried and Candied (exclusive of Dates)	do	0	2
Glucose—			
Liquid and syrup	per cwt.	3	4
Solid	do	5	0
Iron—			
Galvanized, in bars, sheets, or corrugated	per ton	40	0
Iron and Steel Wire	do	20	0
Galvanized Manufactures (except Anchors)	do	60	0
Jams—Per pound, or reputed package of that weight, and so in proportion for any such reputed weight	per lb.	0	1
Milk, condensed or preserved	do	0	1
Naphtha and gasoline... ..	per gallon	0	6
Oils, except Black, Cocoanut, and Sperm	do	0	6
In bottle—			
Reputed quarts	per doz.	1	6
Reputed pints	do	0	9
Reputed half-pints and smaller sizes	do	0	6
Opium, and any preparation or solution thereof, not imported for use as a known medicine	per lb.	20	0
Paints and Varnish—			
Paints and Colours, ground in Oil	per cwt.	3	0
Varnish and Lithographic Varnishes	per gallon	2	0
Powder and Shot—			
Sporting Powder	per lb.	0	3
Blasting Powder	do	0	1
Dynamite and Lithofracteur	do	0	1
Shot	per cwt.	5	0
Preserves, Jellies, and Fruits boiled, in pulp or partially preserved	per lb.	0	1
Rice	per ton	60	0
Sago, Tapioca, and Semolina	per lb.	0	1
Salt	per ton	20	0
Sarsaparilla and Bitters—			
If containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	4	0
If containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	do	14	0
Spirits—On all kinds of Spirits imported into the Colony the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer	per proof gal.	14	0
No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the under proof of any Spirits of a less hydrometer strength than 16·5 under proof.			
On all Spirits and Spirituous compounds imported into the Colony the strength of which cannot be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer	per liquid gal.	14	0
Case Spirits—Reputed contents of two, three, or four gallons, shall be charged—			
Two gallons and under as two gallons.			
Over two gallons and not exceeding three, as three gallons.			
Over three gallons and not exceeding four, as four gallons.			
Methylated	per gallon	4	0
Perfumed Spirits, Perfumed Water, Florida Water, and Bay Rum... ..	per liquid gal.	15	0
Sugar—			
Refined	per cwt.	6	8
Raw	do	5	0
Molasses and Treacle	do	3	4
Tea	per lb.	0	3
Timber (other than Laths building, Shingles, Dyewoods, Palings, undressed Sandalwood, Staves and Casks in Shooks)—			
Dressed	per 100 ft. superficial	3	0
Rough and undressed	do	1	6
Doors, Sashes, and Shutters	each	2	0
			Tobacco

		s.	d.
Tobacco—Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs bond for home consumption—Manufactured, unmanufactured, and Snuff ...	per lb.	3	0
Unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in the Colony. At the time of removal from a Customs bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into Tobacco, Cigars, or Cigarettes ...	do	1	0
Sheepwash	do	0	3
Wines—			
Sparkling—For six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints		10	0
Other kinds	per gallon	5	0
Other kinds, for six reputed quarts, or twelve reputed pints		5	0

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5) for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs, and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

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

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

(1.) Supreme Court (Sixth Judge) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the appointment of a sixth Judge of the Supreme Court,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Crisp's Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp the elder to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock and all other the lands and stock of and belonging to the said estate such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

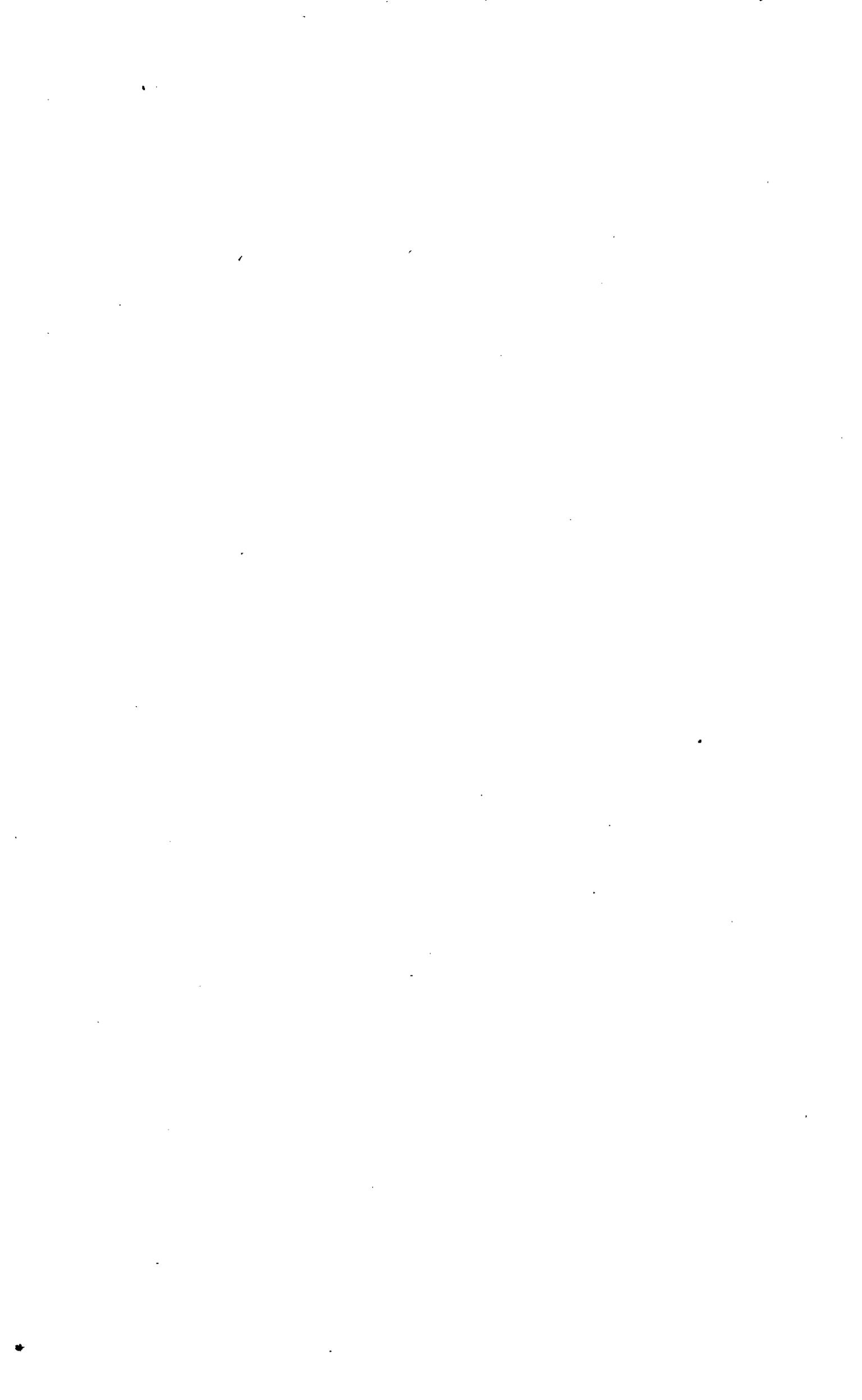
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seven minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. this day.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 MAY, 1887.

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

CROWN LANDS [AUCTION SALES BALANCES] BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th May, 1887.

Ordered, that the Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bathurst Burr and other Noxious Weeds:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds infest the reserves, commons, and public roads of the western interior, especially of the Forbes and Parkes Districts?

(2.) Will he take steps to utilize some of the unemployed labour in destroying these weed pests?

(3.) Will he take into his early consideration the desirableness of having the pine forest reserves in the Central Land Division of this Colony thinned of superfluous seedling pines and other undergrowth, to encourage the growth of timber and grass on these reserves?

(4.) Will he consider the advisableness of applying some of the unskilled unemployed on this work at an early date?

(5.) If so, will the Government see that any unemployed in the country districts are engaged first?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue relief to those persons of the unemployed who have refused to go into the country to work?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) I am aware that the Bathurst burr and other noxious weeds infest some of the reserves, commons, and roads in the portion of the Colony referred to.

(2, 3, 4, and 5.) These matters are under consideration, and will receive due attention.

(6.) Work having been provided, the relief has been discontinued.

(2.) Commanding Officer of the Torpedo Corps:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Who is the Commanding Officer of the Torpedo Corps?

(2.) How long has he been in command?

(3.) What was his previous knowledge of this mode of warfare?

(4.) Under whose instruction did he acquire this knowledge?

(5.) Under whom has he studied since being in command; when, where, and for what periods of time?

(6.) For what purpose was Major Penrose engaged by the Government of this Colony?

(7.) What is his rank in, and of what corps of, the Imperial Service?

(8.) What is the nature of the agreement between this Government and this officer?

(9.) What pay and allowances does he receive?

(10.) What are the relative military positions of Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell and Major Penrose?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell, to which position he was specially recommended by His Excellency Sir William Jervois, in his report upon the Defences of New South Wales (*vide* page 15), wherein he says:—“It is essential, for the efficient working of the torpedoes, that the whole of the arrangements connected with them, the preparations for them, the laying of them, the periodical testing of the mines, and the firing of them, should be done under the direction of one officer. The gentlemen at the head of the Telegraph Department of this Colony is, if only from the nature of his functions, the officer most thoroughly qualified for these duties, and I recommend that the Torpedo Company . . . should be placed exclusively under him.”

(2.) Over thirteen years.

(3.) Sufficient to call forth the foregoing recommendation upon the part of Sir William Jervois.

(4 and 5.) His knowledge and experience have been obtained by thirty-five years practice as an electrician, and by a constant study of the latest improvements made in this particular science. And it may be stated further, that when Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell first commenced his work on this branch of our defence system, there was no regular school of instruction even for officers of the Imperial Service in Great Britain. The study of electricity in its application to torpedoes cannot be confined to any specified periods of time. It is one which requires continued application.

(6.) To instruct the Torpedo and Engineer Corps of the Colony.

(7.) Captain, Royal Engineers, with the local rank of Major.

(8.) Three years, passages both ways for himself and family, pay and allowances.

(9.) Salary, £934 per annum, made up as follows:—£700, salary; £64, forage; £170, lodging and stable allowance.

(10.) One step in rank—Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell being in command of Corps, Major Penrose the Instructor of same.

(3.) Captain Armstrong:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of compensation does the Government intend to recommend for payment to Captain Armstrong?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Captain Armstrong will be informed of the decision of the Government not later than Monday next.

(4.) Railway Station, St. Mary's, South Creek:—*Mr. Lees* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for a station on the up-line at St. Mary's, South Creek?

(2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work?

(3.) If not, will he cause plans to be prepared?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague, I have to say:—Plans and specifications are now being prepared, in accordance with his instructions issued a month ago, and the work will be tendered for in about a fortnight.

(5.) The Legislative Council:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to make the Legislative Council elective?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I am entitled, in reply to this question, to say that I have, on two occasions, with a considerable interval between, brought in Bills to make the Legislative Council elective, and that each of these Bills was carried through this House by large majorities, but lost in the other branch of the Legislature. I have got too much to do to advise my colleagues to bring in a Bill for that purpose just now.

(6.) Business of the Supreme Court:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for inquiring into the manner in which business is conducted in the Supreme Court, with a view of bringing about a more economic expedition in the transaction of public business and lessening the expenses attached to litigants?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This matter is under consideration.

(7.) Strathfield Railway Station:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware of the great inconvenience to railway passengers arising from the want of necessary and decent accommodation at the Strathfield Station?

(2.) What has been done to provide the above accommodation?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; plans have been prepared to afford additional accommodation, and they are now under consideration.

(8.) Connections with Bourke-street Sewer:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What time is it likely to take to prepare the regulations referred to in answer to a previous question as to when the connections can be made to the Bourke-street sewer?

Mr. Burns answered,—Regulations will be promulgated, as far as the law permits, on Monday.

(9.) Ferries at Tinonee and Wingham:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the lessees of the ferries at Tinonee and at Wingham?

(2.) The date of termination of their leases?

(3.) The rent to be paid for each of such ferries yearly?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Tinonee Ferry—*Michael B. Magill*, lessee; Wingham Ferry—*Michael B. Magill*, lessee.

(2.) Leases terminate on 31st December, 1887.

(3.) Tinonee Ferry, £160 for 1887; Wingham Ferry, £40 for 1887.

(10.)

- (10.) Ferndale Coal Company :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has any request been made on behalf of the Ferndale Coal Company to mine for coal under any Government Reserves, the foreshores, or under the water of Throsby's Creek, at Wickham ?
 - (2.) Has permission been asked, on behalf of the said Company, to mine for coal under private property in the village of Wickham ?
 - (3.) If so, when was such application made, and the name of the party who made it ?
 - (4.) Was permission granted to mine as above ; and, if so, by what Minister ?
 - (5.) Did Mr. Fletcher, at any time, make application to the Mines Department, on behalf of the Ferndale Colliery, to mine for coal under private property, Throsby's Creek, or the foreshores thereof ?
 - (6.) Did Mr. Fletcher, whilst Minister for Mines, grant any permission to the Ferndale Coal Company to mine for coal under Government land or private property ?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—
- (1.) No such application has been made to this Department by or on behalf of the Ferndale Colliery.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 - (4.) Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.
 - (5.) No.
 - (6.) No.
- (11.) Park for Wickham :—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the Government decided to purchase from Mr. Dangar a piece of land at Wickham for a park ?
 - (2.) If so, will he state the reason of the delay in conveying the land to trustees ?
 - (3.) How long is it likely to be before the deeds will be handed over to trustees ?
- Mr. Abigail answered,—
- (1.) Mr. T. W. Hogue holds a lease of the surface. An offer is being made to him, and he is asked to submit his lease to the Crown Solicitor. A lease is also held by the Ferndale Colliery, which empowers the lessees to use portions of the surface for sinking, boring, or railway transit. It was decided that until this power is terminated the purchase of the land for a public park should not be made. Upon inquiry, it is found the Ferndale Colliery have intimated their willingness to surrender the lease, and the Crown Solicitor is preparing the deed of release.
 - (2.) See No. 1.
 - (3.) The surrender of the Ferndale Colliery's lease will be completed next week. As soon as this has been done, and Mr. Hogue's lease disposed of, the vesting in trustees will be expedited.
- (12.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Colonial Secretary,—Upon whose application, by whose authority, and for what class of employment, have a certain number of the Sydney unemployed been drafted to the Muswellbrook district, at 7s. per day ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not really know to what purpose this question refers. I have made inquiry, and I cannot get any information on the subject. The Government has given no authority in respect to the matter, and I may add that I think there must be some mistake somewhere.
- (13.) Police Station at Kelso :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to start the works in connection with the erection of a Police Station at Kelso, for which the money has been voted ?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It was necessary to purchase a site for the new buildings, and the land is now in process of conveyance to the Crown, and the work will then be carried out.
- (14.) Platform for Loading Hay, &c., at Bathurst :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the necessity of erecting a platform at Bathurst for the loading of hay, chaff, &c., the place at present used having proved very dangerous ?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Inquiries will be made into this matter as early as possible.
- (15.) Hot-water Foot-pans and Stoves for Mail-trains :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he at once have the hot-water foot-pans placed in the carriages of mail-trains as heretofore, also stoves in the break-vans, as the winter has now set in ?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Arrangements are now being made for placing hot-water foot-pans in the carriages of the mail-trains, and also stoves in the break-vans, as the winter has now set in.
- (16.) Road from Mount Victoria to Jenolan Caves :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place upon the Table of this House the report of Mr. Road Superintendent Nardin in reference to the road from Mount Victoria to the Jenolan Caves ?
- Mr. Burns answered,—A copy of the last report will be laid upon the Table.
- (17.) Tenders for Locomotives :—Mr. Wise asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in view of the fact that he has declared it inadvisable at present to inform the House what tenders were recently received for the supply of locomotives, and in view of the fact that Mr. Scott, the Superintendent of the Locomotive Branch, and Mr. Midelton, of the Tramway Department, differ widely as to the type of locomotive which should be adopted, he will, before adopting any tender, lay upon the Table—
- (1.) All correspondence between Mr. Midelton and the Department, and between Mr. Scott and the Department ?
 - (2.) All other papers necessary to enable the House to be fully informed upon the matter in dispute ?
- Mr. Burns answered,—There is no objection, and copies of all papers bearing upon the matter will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(18.) Reports of the Mining Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that much time is lost in utilizing the valuable information contained in the mining reports, owing to the fact that they are only published annually?

(2.) Will he consider the desirableness of publishing the reports of the Mining Department quarterly, in order that the information in them may be availed of without unnecessary loss of time?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No; as all reports of public interest received during the year are placed at the disposal of the Press.

(2.) The publication of quarterly reports would considerably increase the expense, without any apparent advantage.

(19.) Alfred Bunyard:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one Alfred Bunyard was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for embezzlement by Judge Docker about seven or eight months ago?

(2.) Is he still in gaol?

(3.) If not, when and why was he released, and who recommended his release?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) Yes; but the sentence was reduced to three years by my predecessor, on the recommendation of the prosecutor, Mr. Louis Uhde, and in view of special representations from eleven of the jurymen before whom the case was tried, who considered the sentence extremely excessive and severe.

(2 and 3.) After careful consideration of the whole of the papers relating to Bunyard's conviction, in August, 1886, for embezzling three small sums of 11s., 14s., and £1 4s. 2d., and which was subsequently paid by Bunyard out of remittances received by him from England, and under all the circumstances brought under my notice by Mr. John McLaughlin, solicitor, and also that his mother had recently died in England and left Bunyard considerable property, I recommended to His Excellency the Governor the remission of the remainder of Bunyard's sentence.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Returns under the Real Property Act for 1886.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 31st March, 1887—"Berry's Bay Torpedo Store."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Report of Mr. Road-Superintendent Nardin, in reference to the Road from Mount Victoria to the Jenolan Caves.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Wise presented a

Petition from William Larmer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker to form a Company, known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, into a Body Corporate by the style and title aforesaid, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, and to acquire and hold real and personal estate, and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members, and to define the liability of members of the said proposed Body Corporate.

And Mr. Wise having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. CROWN LANDS [AUCTION SALES BALANCES] BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant

to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands," through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

6. ROBERT MUNFORD'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to

Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, and depositions taken before the Local Land Board, and other papers having reference to a conditional purchase made by one Robert Munford, at Molong, on the 14th September, 1882 (82-274), of 320 acres, parish of Barton, in the county of Ashburnham; and also an additional conditional purchase, 82-287, of the 27th September, 1882, of 320 acres, same parish and county.

Question put and passed.

7. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House, in the exercise of the powers conferred by 35th section of the Constitution Act, agrees to and adopts the following as Standing Orders of this House, and authorizes Mr. Speaker to present the same to His Excellency the Governor for "approval":—

(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and no such motion shall be proposed until the consent of the Speaker has been given on the ground that the matter is of urgent public importance; and when, after such consent, the motion is proposed "That this House do now adjourn," or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on ten other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking to such motion shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made on the same day, except by the unanimous consent of the House, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not operate in respect to the usual motion of adjournment by a member of the Government to terminate the Sittings of the House.

(2.)

(2.) No debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order without the consent of the House being first obtained by a majority of two-thirds of the Members then present, no debate being allowed, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

(3.) In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution, no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair, which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character or not consistent with the regular and orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

(4.) The Speaker or the Chairman of Committees may call the attention of the House or the Committee, as the case may be, to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member, and may direct such Member to discontinue his speech.

(5.) At any time during the proceedings of the House, or during the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole, any Member may move without debate "That the Question be now put"; and such motion shall then be put without debate, and if such motion be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Members then present, the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall forthwith put the Question to the vote.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That," in the first line, down to the word "approval," in fourth line, be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words: "it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to take into consideration the following proposals, and report the same with as little delay as possible."

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question;—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to take into consideration the following proposals, and report the same with as little delay as possible:—

(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and no such motion shall be proposed until the consent of the Speaker has been given on the ground that the matter is of urgent public importance; and when, after such consent, the motion is proposed "That this House do now adjourn," or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on ten other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking to such motion shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made on the same day, except by the unanimous consent of the House, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not operate in respect to the usual motion of adjournment by a member of the Government to terminate the sittings of the House.

(2.) No Debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order, without the consent of the House being first obtained by a majority of two-thirds of the Members then present, no debate being allowed, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

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8. CROWN LANDS [AUCTION SALES BALANCES] BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Garrett then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands*."

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 authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th May, 1887.

9. BEER DUTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Melville,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Fitzgerald.
Mr. Teccé,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Tellers,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Abigail,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Stevenson.
Tellers,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Teccé,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. William Clarke.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Tellers,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Bowman,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 MAY, 1887.

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

ELECTORATE OF MUDGEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 21st April last, declaring the seat of Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Taylor; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the Election of "John Haynes" to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

2. **QUESTIONS**:—

(1.) **District Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, Brewarrina**:—Mr. Waddell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that inconvenience and loss is felt by the people of Brewarrina for want of the establishment at that place of a District Court and Court of Quarter Sessions?

(2.) Has application for such been made?

(3.) If so, does he intend to grant it?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—No application has been made to me respecting the necessity for establishing this Court; but the subject was under consideration by my predecessor, and it did not then appear to be necessary to establish a District Court and Court of Quarter Sessions at Brewarrina.

(2.) **Empty Railway Trucks passing through Bathurst and Penrith**:—Mr. Tenkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the average number of empty trucks that pass through Bathurst and Penrith respectively *en route* for Sydney monthly?

Mr. Burns answered,—The number of empty trucks passing through Bathurst towards Sydney is from 300 to 350 per month at present. During the wool season, when trucks are in demand at Western stations, a much less number of empties come east. None of the empty trucks which pass through Bathurst, and which could be used in ordinary traffic, come to Sydney. They are nearly all used at the Lithgow coal-mines. About sixty empties per month come through Penrith towards Sydney, consisting of waggons sent in for repairs, meat-vans, covered-vans, and timber-trucks, which are not suitable for the carriage of coal and other minerals.

(3.) **The Unemployed**:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total number of the "unemployed" now engaged on relief works started by the Government?

(2.) The works on which these men are employed, stating the number on each work?

(3.) Are men still applying to be placed on relief works?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The total number of persons employed on relief works is about 4,000. I should be glad if the Honorable Member would not press for particulars.

(4.) **Lismore Waterworks**:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he be in a position to call for tenders for the Lismore waterworks?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Executive Council, whose authority is necessary for carrying out the work, has not yet had an opportunity of considering the matter.

(5.) **Water Conservation Commission**:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons appointed by the late Government as a Commission to inquire into the conservation of water?

(2.) The amounts paid to each of them per day, and for travelling expenses, and the total cost of the Commission?

(3.) Were any Civil Servants employed on the Commission; if so, the names of them, and the amounts claimed and paid to them per day, and also amounts of travelling expenses?

(4.) Is it not a fact that some of these Civil Servants have made a claim during the last few days for their fees per day; if so, what is the amount claimed per day, and the latest date of claims and names of claimants?

(5.) Were the Civil Servants paid their salaries as well as fees, and was the work done in office hours, for which time their salaries were paid; and will he issue regulations under which Civil Servants shall not be allowed to claim or be paid fees for work done as Commissioners or otherwise during their office hours, for which they are paid salaries?

Mr.

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Mr. W. J. Lyne, M.P. (President), Mr. Russell Barton (Vice-President), Mr. J. B. Donkin, Mr. F. A. Franklin, C.E., Mr. H. A. Gilliat, Mr. F. B. Gipps, C.E., Mr. R. L. Murray, (since deceased), Mr. D. M'Mordie, B.E., M.I.C.E., Mr. G. W. Townsend, Mr. W. S. Targett, and Mr. J. Kidd.

(2.) A fee of £2 2s. for each sitting was paid to each Commissioner not a Member of Parliament. The Commissioners received no allowance for travelling expenses. These were defrayed out of the general funds of the Commission. The total cost of the Commission has been £11,167 8s. 5d.

(3.) Yes; Mr. H. A. Gilliat, Mr. D. M'Mordie, and Mr. G. W. Townsend, as Commissioners, who were paid fees on the same scale as the other members of the Commission, but were paid no travelling expenses; and Mr. Charles Robinson was employed as Secretary, for which he was paid at the rate of £100 per annum.

(4.) No such claims have been made.

(5.) They were paid their salaries as well as fees, and part of the work was done in office hours, for which salaries were paid; but it is understood these officers performed office work after the ordinary office hours to make up for the time lost in attending the Commission. So far as this Department is concerned, regulations will be made which will preclude any officer from receiving fees, except when such fees are received in lieu of salary.

(6.) Water Conservation Commission:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many meetings of the Water Conservation Commission have been held since the issue of the second report?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House all documents received from Mr. Gipps, one of the members of the Water Conservation Commission which expired on the 10th instant, relative to his dissent from the final report of the Commission?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Forty-seven.

(2.) Yes.

(7.) New Central Police Office, Sydney:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any decision been finally arrived at by the Government with regard to the erection of new Central Police Offices for Sydney; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—Yes; tenders are to be called for the erection of a new Central Police Court on the site purchased for that purpose in Liverpool-street almost immediately.

(8.) Coaching Traffic—Marrickville, Tempe, and Arncliffe:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the average monthly coaching traffic from the following railway stations, viz.:—Marrickville, Tempe, and Arncliffe?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Railway Department to rate Tempe as a station instead of a platform; if so, when is such intention to be carried into effect?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The particulars are as under:—

	No. of Passengers.	Season Tickets.	Weekly Tickets.	Receipts.
Marrickville	6,770	48	135	£250
Tempe	3,490	60	60	£200
Arncliffe	2,880	33	43	£180

(2.) There is no such intention.

(9.) Water Conservation Commission:—Mr. Hurley, for Mr. Schey, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a picnic to the Hawkesbury River given in connection with the Water Conservation Commission during the month of May, 1886?

(2.) If so, by whom were the invitations issued for such picnic?

(3.) What was the total amount paid on account of such picnic to Mr. W. Cassidy for the supply of meals, refreshments, and waiters for the whole party, from the 8th to the 10th May, 1886?

(4.) Was such amount paid from the Consolidated Revenue?

(5.) What amount was paid for bus hire and coach accommodation in connection with such picnic?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Invitations were issued by the Commissioners to twenty-three gentlemen. Thirty-seven were invited by the President.

(3.) £5 was paid to W. Cassidy, and £244 14s. was paid to G. Baumann for provisions; total, £249 14s.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) £36 10s.

It is only fair to say that Mr. Cassidy has informed me that he did not receive one shilling—that he only attended to supervise the arrangements, and did not receive the money as set forth in this question.

(10.) Sir John Fowler:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Agent-General dispense with the services of Sir John Fowler at any time?

(2.) Who was appointed in his stead?

(3.) Did the Engineer-in-Chief report against the rails sent out under this gentleman's inspection?

(4.) Where were the rails, forwarded under his inspection and known as the Park Gate rails, laid down?

(5.) What was the life of these rails, as estimated by the Engineer-in-Chief and the Board of Inquiry?

(6.) What percentage proportion of them are still on the road?

(7.) How many years have they been in use?

(8.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief ever reconciled the estimated life of these rails with the actual results?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in 1871.
 - (2.) Mr. F. W. Shields, C.E.
 - (3.) Yes; the Engineer-in-Chief reported on the rails manufactured under this gentleman's inspection, and full information on the subject is given in the Return respecting the rails supplied by the Park Gate Iron Company, laid before Parliament on the 21st July, 1875.
 - (4.) Chiefly between Goulburn and Yass.
 - (5.) The Engineer-in-Chief did not estimate the life of the rails. The opinion of the Board of Inquiry, stated in the report referred to, is that "very few of the rails would last twelve months, "if laid down on the permanent-way of our existing railways."
 - (6.) About 42 per cent. of the rails are still in the road.
 - (7.) Thirty miles of road have been in use 11½ years, and 24 miles 10 years and 10 months.
 - (8.) No.
- (11.) Railway from Blayney to Carcoar:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the line from Blayney to Carcoar to be opened for traffic at an early date?

Mr. Burns answered.—It would not be expedient to open any portion of this line until the whole length is completed, which will probably be in August next.

- (12.) Railway from Parkes to Dubbo:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the mileage and estimated cost per mile of the surveyed railway line from Parkes to Dubbo?

Mr. Burns answered,—The length of the railway trial line between Parkes and Dubbo is 73 miles and 85 chains. An estimate of the cost has not been prepared.

- (13.) Platform at Lockyer's, on Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state whether it is his intention to provide for a platform and siding at Lockyer's, on the Blayney-Murrumburrah railway line?

Mr. Burns answered,—Inquiry has been made, and it is reported by the Traffic Manager that the prospect of traffic is not sufficient to warrant a platform and siding being put down at this place.

- (14.) Coombing-Forbes Railway:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the promised trial survey of the Coombing-Forbes line of railway?

Mr. Burns answered,—An exploration of this route has already been made.

- (15.) Platform at Burly Jackey, Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state whether the prayers of the petitioners for a siding and platform at Burly Jackey, on the Blayney-Murrumburrah railway line, will be granted?

Mr. Burns answered.—The question has not yet been decided. There is no prospect of much traffic at this place, and if accommodation be given it will be of a very inexpensive character.

- (16.) Refreshment Rooms at Junee:—*Mr. Lakeman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much did the refreshment rooms at Junee cost?
- (2.) Did the Government furnish them; and, if so, how much did the furniture cost?
- (3.) Did Mr. Castner build the gas-works at Junee on Government ground?
- (4.) Did the Government carry the bricks from somewhere on the Western Line to Junee free of cost to build said gas-works?
- (5.) How much did the Government pay for the gas-works at Junee?
- (6.) What is the nature of the agreement with Castner under which he holds the refreshment rooms at Junee, and what does he pay?
- (7.) How much does Castner pay for gas at Junee; and do the Government know what the gas costs to produce?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) £9,907.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) £4,835.
- (6.) Mr. Castner holds the rooms, under an agreement that he will pay 7 per cent. upon the cost of the buildings. The rent is £693 9s. 9d. per annum, and the lease terminates on the 31st December, 1890.
- (7.) Mr. Castner pays 10s. per 1,000 feet. The cost of production is known to the Department.

- (17.) Inspector of Scaffolding:—*Mr. Frank Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken in regard to the appointment of an Inspector of Scaffolding; if not, is it the intention of the Government to appoint such an officer?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It appears that nothing has been done in this matter since 1886, and it was then considered that the creation of this office was a matter for the municipalities.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting Additional Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Roumania.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the quarter ended 31st March, 1887.
- (3.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1886, to 31st March, 1887.
- (4.) Information respecting the Prospect Reservoir.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Third and Final Report of the Royal Commission on Conservation of Water.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report on Prisons for 1886.
- (2.) Rules of the Supreme Court.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Charles Lucas Griffith and Thomas Hunter Griffith, of Albury, Auctioneers and Stock and Station Agents, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before this House or before the Select Committee now sitting on the Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill, with liberty to adduce such evidence as they may be advised in opposition to the Bill.

Petition received.

5. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. J. S. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee the following Report, with the proposed Additional Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to an instruction referred to them on 12th May, instant:—

“The Standing Orders Committee, to whom it was referred ‘to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to take into consideration the following proposals, and report the same with as little delay as possible’ (see Votes and Proceedings No. 32, 12th May, 1887), have agreed to the following Report:—

“Your Committee, having duly considered the subject referred, have now the honor to present to your Honorable House such Additional Standing Rules and Orders as, in their opinion, ought to be adopted for the orderly conduct of the business of your Honorable House

“Mr. Speaker’s Room,

“Legislative Assembly,

“Sydney, 13th May, 1887.”

“JAMES HENRY YOUNG,

“Chairman.”

“PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDERS.

“(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and when the motion is proposed ‘That this House do now adjourn,’ or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on five other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking to such motion, or the mover in reply, shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made on the same day, except by the consent of the House obtained by the Speaker, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not apply to the usual motion of adjournment by a Member of the Government to terminate the Sittings of the House.

“(2.) No debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no amendment or contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order without the leave of the House, no debate being allowed upon the motion for such leave, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

“(3.) In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution, no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair, which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character or not consistent with the regular and orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

“(4.) The Speaker or the Chairman of Committees may call the attention of the House or the Committee, as the case may be, to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member, and may direct such Member to discontinue his speech: Provided that the Member so directed shall have the right to require the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, to put the Question that he be further heard, and such Question shall be put without debate.

“(5.) At any time during the proceedings of the House, or during the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole, any Member may move without debate ‘That the Question be now put’; and such motion shall then be put without debate, but shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of at least forty Members in favour thereof, and if such motion be carried, the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall forthwith put the Question ‘to the vote.’”

The Report and Proposed Additional Standing Orders having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, were ordered to be printed.

6. BOORAMUGGA, WILGA, AND SUSSEX RUNS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all the evidence taken at the Land Court at Cobar with reference to the appraisalment of the runs Booramugga, Wilga, and Sussex; also, copies of the appraiser’s reports and all the documents referring to the fixing of the rents of these runs.

Question put and passed.

7. LAND REVENUE, DISTRICT OF INVERELL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The entire revenue from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861, in the district of Inverell.

(2.) The entire revenue from the payments on conditional purchase selections, pre-leases, and conditional leases, since same date, in said district.

(3.) The entire revenue from rents on pastoral leases, since same date, in said district.

(4.) The entire revenue from mineral leases, mineral licenses, miners rights, and business licenses, since same date, in said district.

Question put and passed.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court,” through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

9. SUPREME COURT (JUDGES ENABLING) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity, Ecclesiastical, and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Clarke presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th May, 1887.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill; second reading;—
(2.) Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in* } *until Friday next.*
Select Committee); second reading;—

(3.) Trades Arbitration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 27th May.*

11. CLAIMS OF JOHN GALLAGHER :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims (if any) of John Gallagher, for illegal dispossession of a selection in the Queanbeyan District.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Colls, Mr. Jones, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Wall, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

12. CLAIM OF E. BLAKENEY v. PEGUS :—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim (if any) of E. Blakeney v. Pegus.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Teece, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Ferguson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the papers laid upon the Table of this House in reference to this case be referred to such Committee.

Question put and passed.

13. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Tonkin,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. J. S. Farnell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. McMillan,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Riley,	
Mr. Gordon,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14.

14. NUISANCE ON NORTH SHORE OF BOTANY BAY:—Mr. Stephen proceeding to move,—
 (1.) That, having regard to the state of the public health, and in view of finding reproductive work for the unemployed, this House is of opinion that the nuisance which exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay should be at once abated.
 (2.) That provision should be made to give effect to the foregoing Resolution in the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1887.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Mr. Speaker said that this motion involved an expenditure of public money, and therefore should originate in a Committee of the Whole House.
 Whereupon Mr. Stephen withdrew the motion.
15. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY, No. 3 SECTION:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the estimated total cost of completion of No. 3 section of the Illawarra Railway contract, as furnished by the Public Works Department to a creditor in the estate of Thomas Logan, naming the said creditor to whom such estimate was furnished; also, what particulars (if any) have been supplied to the Government of a reported heavy suit for damages which the trustees for the creditors of Thomas Logan's estate contemplate instituting against the Government.
 Question put and passed.
16. MINISTERIAL PICNICS, &c.:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The cost of all picnics, banquets, &c., given by the Members of the Jennings Government and paid for out of the Public Funds, giving the items in each case, whilst they were in office.
 (2.) The like as regard the Dibbs Government whilst they were in office.
 (3.) The like as regards the Members of the Stuart Government.
 (4.) The like as regards the Members of the late Government of Sir Henry Parkes, from 1879 to 1883 inclusive.
 (5.) The like with regard to the late Government of Sir John Robertson.
 (6.) When this practice of paying for picnics, &c., out of the Public Funds was first initiated.
 Question put and passed.
17. RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO COBAR:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no further steps should be taken towards the construction of the railway from Nyngan to Cobar, sanctioned by the last Parliament.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

18. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition presented by him this day from Charles Griffith and Thomas Hunter Griffith, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now sitting on the Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill, be referred to the said Committee.
 Question put and passed.
19. BEER DUTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Inglis moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Creer,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Ball,	Tellers,
Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Frank Farnell.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter.
Tellers,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr.

Mr. Burns moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Leo,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Matheson,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Davis.

Noes 16.

Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. See,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Walker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1887.*

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Creer,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Kelly,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Leo,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Waddell.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Tonkin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Penzer.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barbour.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Stokes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Hassall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

21. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns 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. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

22. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until to-morrow.*

(2.) Government Railways Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday, 25th May.*

23. **ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abigail moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Abigail, 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. Abigail, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
24. **PATENTS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to further amend the law relating to patents for inventions and improvements in arts or manufactures, and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to further amend the law relating to patents for inventions and improvements in arts or manufactures, and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents.
 On motion of Mr. Clarke, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
25. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
26. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, midnight, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY, 1887.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Crisp's Enabling Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the administratrix and administrators of the estate of the late Amos Crisp the elder to manage and carry on the station properties of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased with power to purchase and improve lands and purchase stock and for such purposes to borrow money by mortgage of such lands and stock and all other the lands and stock of and belonging to the said estate such powers to be exercised until the coming of age of the youngest child of the said Amos Crisp the elder deceased,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases and Leases Validation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.

- (3.) Supreme Court (Sixth Judge) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, or following month of the year 1887, together with provision for a Service of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land Sale at Byron Bay:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the allotments offered for sale at Byron Bay are not those applied for by the public?
- (2.) Is he aware that many of these allotments are in a swamp?
- (3.) Will he have immediately offered to the public a sufficient number of dry allotments to meet public requirements?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No; but I am aware that the sale of other portions of the town is now desired.
- (2.) Yes; I have been so informed.
- (3.) The propriety of offering more land in this township is now under consideration.

(2.) Railway from Tarago to Braidwood:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state what the official estimate is of the revenue that will be derived from the traffic over the proposed railway from Tarago to Braidwood, giving separately the amounts for passengers, mails, goods, live stock, wool, adding a fair percentage for the increased traffic which the railway would create; also, the official estimate of the working expenses of this extension, showing separately the permanent-way, locomotive, and traffic charges; also, the amount annually required to pay interest on the capital to be expended on the line, and the estimated profit or loss the Government would sustain by the construction of the line?

Mr. Burns answered,—The estimated revenue is as follows:—Passengers and mails, £2,000; goods, £2,525; live stock, £315; wool, £58; total, £4,898. Twenty per cent. added to the above, for probable increase of traffic, gives £979, or a total estimated revenue of £5,877. The working expenses are estimated as under:—Permanent-way £3,050; locomotive and traffic, £4,500; total, £7,550. The amount required to pay interest on the estimated cost of the line would be £12,400 per annum; loss on working, £1,673; total loss, £14,073 per annum.

(3.) Bridge over the Murray, at Mulwala:—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When sending the plans for the bridge over the River Murray, at Mulwala, to the Victorian Government for approval, did they include estimated cost and proposed site?
- (2.) Has a reply been received from the Victorian Government?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) With the plans sent for approval was a paper stating estimated cost of bridge. The site having been fixed by the engineer of a Victorian company, and adopted with very slight deviation by New South Wales, it was not thought necessary to send tracing. It was considered that the construction plan was what was required, and general plans have been forwarded, with detail plan of ironwork over river.
- (2.) A communication, dated 15th March, 1887, has been received, asking for further information, which has been supplied, and receipt acknowledged. Tenders can be invited on the day the assent of the Victorian Government is received.

(4.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the persons appointed as a Board to manage the unemployed and arrange work for same?
- (2.) What salary or remuneration is to be paid, or is being paid, to such members of Board of Management of unemployed?
- (3.) Where is the office of such Board, and what rent is paid for same?
- (4.) Why have premises been rented when the Government have rooms which are vacant in Hyde Park Barracks?
- (5.) How many men are now employed at the various relief works opened by the Government, and what is the average wages per day?
- (6.) How many applications have been received from employers of labour for men?
- (7.) How many Municipal Councils have accepted the offer of the Government to receive the unemployed, and what will the Government subsidy amount to?
- (8.) Were any unemployed sent to Albury at any time, with a view of forwarding them to Melbourne?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) John Davies, Esquire, C.M.G., Colonel Wells, and John Houson, Esquire.
- (2.) No remuneration in any shape has been mentioned either by the Government or by these gentlemen; but, as announced some days ago, I shall feel called upon to give them some compensation for their services.
- (3.) 426, Pitt-street; rent, 30s. per week.
- (4.) The building known as Hyde Park Barracks is about to be converted into an additional Court for the Supreme Court.
- (5.) About 4,200; average wages, 3s. 9d. per day.
- (6.) About twenty.
- (7.) Since the Board have been appointed, six Municipal Councils have accepted the following offer:—Twenty men for one month, at daily wages not exceeding 6s. per day, the Government paying one half. The employment of these men not to interfere with the men already engaged on municipal works.
- (8.) No person has been sent to any part of the Colony with a view to being forwarded to any other Colony.

(5.) The Chinese:—*Mr. Walker*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Are any negotiations pending between him and the Chinese Commissioners with reference to Chinese immigration?
- (2.) Has he pledged himself, at the request of the Commissioners, to remove the poll-tax?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I may say I have had no conversation with these gentlemen, except that of courtesy on their landing, and receiving them at the Colonial Secretary's Office.
- (2.) I consider this question a personal insult to me.

(6.)

(6.) Bowling-Green, Cook Park :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In reference to the deputation which waited on him in regard to the building now being erected on Cook Park—does he intend to allow the Bowling Club to complete the building?
- (2.) Have not the public a right to enter the grounds of the Bowling Club at all times?
- (3.) Is he aware that workmen are now completing the building, and that this building materially interferes with the view of the harbour from Hyde Park?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the Trustees having given consent, and approved of the plans of the new building, upon the understanding that the old one is to be removed, it is not thought advisable to interfere with that arrangement at this stage.
- (2.) Yes; subject to the by-laws made by the Trustees.
- (3.) Yes; but it cannot be ascertained till the building is completed, whether or not it will interfere with the view of the harbour from Hyde Park. A further inspection will be made after its completion.

(7.) The Chinese Commissioners :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Chinese Commissioners are here only in the interests of the merchants of Hongkong?
- (2.) Has the Colonial Secretary seen the credentials of the said Commissioners?
- (3.) Have they the signature or other endorsement of the Emperor of China?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) With every disposition to be respectful, I must desire the Honorable Member to apply to the merchants or to the Commissioners themselves for this information.
- (2.) I have not seen the credentials of the Commissioners.
- (3.) I am not acquainted with the Emperor of China, and could not recognize his endorsement.

(8.) *Mr. Arthur T. Edwards* :—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that *Arthur T. Edwards* has been appointed the Superintendent of the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition?
- (2.) Is he aware that that gentleman is the representative of several English mercantile firms?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) I understand it is considered a kind of privilege of the Executive Commissioner to appoint his own clerk.
- (2.) This gentleman was recommended by *Mr. Neild*, and the Government saw no reason for not accepting the recommendation.

(9.) Angle and T Iron :—*Mr. McMillan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that, by a recent decision of the Commissioners of Customs, it has been decided that angle and T iron, although hitherto classed with goods on Free List, Schedule B, shall be subject to *ad valorem* duty of 5 per cent.?
- (2.) If so, why has such an alteration been made, when these goods were previously classified as bar-iron, and are, among experts, considered strictly under such category?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) It is true that, under a recent decision of the Collector of Customs, the iron described as "angle" and "T" has been charged from the first imposition of duty on iron.
- (2.) It is held by the Collector, supported by the Commissioners of Customs, that angle and T iron are not free under the Schedule as bar-iron.

(10.) The Scotch Thistle :—*Mr. Ewing* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Scotch thistle is spreading very rapidly in Richmond River District?
- (2.) Is he aware that in that district, owing to warm climate and rich soil, the thistle is specially luxuriant?
- (3.) Is he aware that in that district it is absolutely useless for food?
- (4.) Is he aware that, unless the spread is checked, it will most seriously impair the productiveness of district?
- (5.) Will he take steps to see into the matter, and lay a report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Yes; reports will be obtained.

(11.) Ammunition for Volunteer and Rifle Clubs :—*Mr. Lees* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Volunteers and Rifle Clubs are at a great disadvantage in not being able to obtain the Government rifle ammunition as heretofore?
- (2.) If so, when may they expect to be again supplied?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me is as follows :—

- (1.) Yes; but as only the reserve required to be maintained in time of war is at present available it was deemed prudent to temporarily withhold further issue.
- (2.) When supplies, ordered over two years ago, arrive.

(12.) Road Votes :—*Mr. Crouch* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Roads Department reduced the Road Votes for classified as well as unclassified roads throughout the Colony by 10 per cent.?
- (2.) If so, to what purpose is such deduction to be applied?

Mr. Burns answered,—The amount voted for last year for minor roads under the Department, exclusive of any road not within Municipal limits, was £310,000. The amount on the Estimates for 1887 is £310,000. The amount voted for last year for unclassified roads was £40,000. The amount

amount on the Estimates for this year is £25,000. The amount voted for minor roads under trustees last year was £25,000. The amount on the Estimates for this year is £30,000. The amount voted for last year for contingent works under the Department was £15,000. The amount on the Estimates for this year is £15,000. The sum of £40,000 has also been voted in a Supply Bill for roads for this year, in addition to the votes on the Estimates now before Parliament.

(13.) Powder Magazine for Grafton:—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Government aware of the difficulties miners and others requiring gunpowder or dynamite in the Clarence and Richmond Districts experience in procuring same, through the absence of a powder magazine on either of the northern rivers?

(2.) Are the Government aware that steamers trading to these ports frequently carry gunpowder and other explosives surreptitiously, and contrary to the Gunpowder Act?

(3.) With a view of decreasing the enormous quantity of gunpowder stored in Sydney Harbour, &c., and its attendant risks, and at the same time affording the residents of the northern rivers reasonable facilities for procuring gunpowder, &c., will the Government take steps to establish a powder magazine at Grafton similar to that at Newcastle?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Government are not aware of the alleged difficulties miners and others in the Clarence and Richmond Districts requiring gunpowder or dynamite experience in procuring same, through the absence of a powder magazine on either of the northern rivers.

(2.) The Government are not aware that steamers trading to these ports frequently carry gunpowder and other explosives surreptitiously, and contrary to the Gunpowder Act.

(3.) A magazine established at Grafton would not reduce the stocks of explosives stored in Sydney Harbour. Private enterprise shows that 10 tons of all kinds of explosives are ample for all requirements for both districts. The licenses issued to vendors in these districts, under the provisions of the Gunpowder Act, 40 Vic. No. 1, amount to about 9½ tons only, thus showing that there is no necessity at the present time for a public magazine at Grafton.

(14.) Prisoners in Gaols:—Mr. Wall, for Mr. Cortis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a special Return to this House, made last Session, which discloses that a very large proportion of prisoners in the gaols of the Colony are ignorant of any trade which would enable them to gain a livelihood and become useful members of society?

(2.) Is the Government willing to call for reports from the prison and educational authorities as to the most desirable means of imparting useful knowledge of trades to prisoners?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I may explain to the House, that it is next to impossible to carry out any industrial training in a small gaol, or a gaol which is not suited for that purpose. In the large gaols which are suited for the purpose, manufacturing industries are carried on; and the organization, I venture to think, is equal to that in most of the gaols known. As to calling for any assistance, either from educational authorities or otherwise, of course the Government will be extremely glad to obtain any assistance which would lead to a better conduct of the prisons of the country.

(15.) Motions for Adjournment of the House:—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How often, during the last five years, has the adjournment of the House been moved a second time on any day by a private Member, and what was the total time occupied in discussing said motion?

(2.) Can he state, as a fact, that, on any one of the above occasions the motion was made for the purpose of obstructing public business; and, if so, will he state how often, and what time was occupied by said obstructive motions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am bound to say that I cannot give any information as to the number of adjournments, and it would be impossible for me to tell what was the motive of any gentleman who moved the adjournment of the House. I do not see that I am called upon to give information on a subject which is equally accessible to every Honorable Member of this House.

(16.) *Ad Valorem* Duties paid by Proprietors of the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and the *Evening News*:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount paid by the proprietors of the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* as taxes on paper since the imposition of the *ad valorem* duties last year?

(2.) The same information with regard to the proprietors of the *Evening News*?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Government have no knowledge of the amount paid by the proprietors of the newspapers mentioned.

(2.) The amount paid to the Customs for direct importations by the parties in question can only be obtained from an examination of all the entries passed at the Custom House from the date the duties were imposed.

(17.) Queanbeyan Gaol:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he intends to abolish the gaol at Queanbeyan?

(2.) If so, what reasons are assigned for the step?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I have not stated that it was my intention to abolish this gaol.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that this morning he received a letter from the Honorable Member for Newtown, Mr. W. J. Foster, resigning the office of Attorney General.

5. CREMATION BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from David Buchanan, Barrister-at-Law, urging that the Cremation Bill now before Parliament should be passed, in the interests of the public health; and praying the House to pass the Bill.
Petition received.

6. **IMPORT DUTY ON CANDLES** :—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from the Public of New South Wales, alleging that the proposed abolition of the halfpenny per pound import duty on Candles will largely affect the manufacture of Candles in this Colony, and be the means of depriving a large number of men of employment; and praying that the House will take such steps as will prevent the alteration in the present rates paid on imported Candles.
Petition received.
7. **CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Teece, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration, and Report this Bill was referred on 10th May, 1887, together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 27th May.
Question put and passed.
8. **PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. William Clarke presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **ESSEX-STREET ALIGNMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Abigail, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Abigail then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street in the City of Sydney*."
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 declare valid an amended alignment of Essex-street in the City of Sydney*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.*
10. **ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE ELECTORATE OF THE RICHMOND (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total amount voted by Parliament for roads and bridges in the Electorate of the Richmond for the years 1885 and 1886.
(2.) The total amount actually expended on 31st December of same years.
(3.) The total land revenue from all sources received from said Electoral District during 1885 and 1886.
Question put and passed.
11. **BUILDING LABOUR AND MATERIAL LIEN BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 27th day of May, 1887, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure to mechanics and others payment for their labour and materials in erecting buildings.
Question put and passed.
12. **THE CASE OF MRS. BUTTERLEY (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Hurley, for Mr. Schey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, petitions, &c., in the case of Mrs. Butterley, whose son was killed on the railway at Blayney about two years ago.
Question put and passed.
13. **MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Waddell, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lees, Mr. Ball, Mr. Teece, Mr. Gibbes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Sale and Delivery of Fuel; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 27th May.*
(2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;—*until Friday 17th June.*
15. **PAPERS** :—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Annual Report of the Civil Service Board of New South Wales for the year 1886.
(2.) Annual Report of the Major-General Commanding, on the Military Forces of the Colony for 1886.
Ordered to be printed.
16. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Interruption.
17. **MEMBER SWORN** :—John Haynes, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.
18. **ADJOURNMENT** :—The Debate on the motion for the adjournment of the House,—interrupted by the proceedings last recorded,—resumed.
Question put and negatived.

19. SUPREME COURT (JUDGES ENABLING) 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 enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £568,000, being £538,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, or following month of the year 1887, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1886, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1887; and £30,000 for construction of Tanks, Wells, and Dams.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

21. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

(6.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1887, the sum of £568,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

22. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.

(2.) Mr. Burns then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—which was read a first time.

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

23. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Melville moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

24. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

25. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.

26. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Committee be appointed to examine the Journals of the Legislative Council with relation to any proceedings upon the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, and to make report thereof to the House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Abbott, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Street, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fletcher, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

27. LAND REVENUE, DISTRICTS OF WARIALDA, BINGERA, AND MOREE:—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The revenue derived from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861, in the districts of Warialda, Bingera, and Moree.

(2.) The revenue from payments on conditional purchase selections, pre-leases, and conditional leases, from the said date, in the same districts.

(3.) The revenue from rents on pastoral leases, since said date, in same districts.

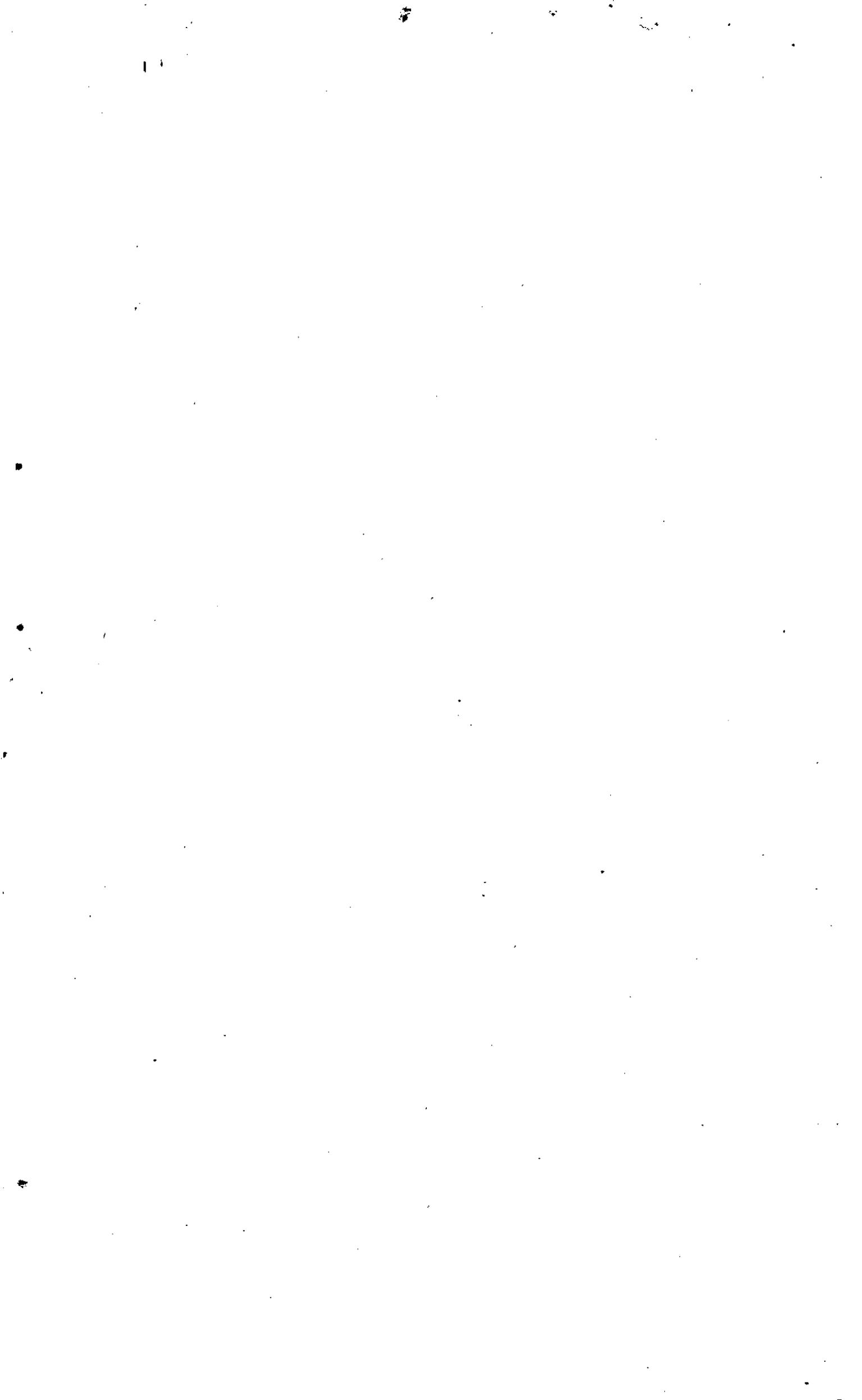
(4.) The revenue from mineral leases, mineral licenses, miners rights, and business licenses, since said date, in same districts.

Question put and passed.

28. BRIDGE ACROSS THE MURRUMBIDGEE AT NARRANDERA:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That this House will, on Friday, 27th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a traffic bridge should be built across the Murrumbidgee, at Narrandera.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 MAY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Circular Quay:—Mr. Kethel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers submit a plan for the improvement of the Circular Quay to a Select Committee of this House in the year 1872, such plan being recommended by him for adoption by the Government?

(2.) Had such plan the following features:—(a) Iron girders, supported on iron cylinders or piles, for the wharfs; (b) eight berths for eight ships on the eastern side of the cove, the "Sobraon" being shown as lying at a wharf with 60 feet frontage; (c) a continuous line of sheds the whole length of the proposed new wharfs; (d) the line of the front of such sheds close up to the front line of the wharfs?

(3.) Did Mr. Norman Selfe, engineer, of Sydney, submit a plan for the improvement of the Circular Quay to the Minister for Works, soon after the plan recommended by the Government Engineer (referred to above and known as "Plan B") was printed and made public?

(4.) Did Mr. Selfe exhibit plans for the Circular Quay to a Select Committee of this House?

(5.) Had Mr. Selfe's plans the following features:—(a) Timber or stone wharfs instead of iron; (b) berths for very large vessels and mail steamers; (c) independent and separate sheds to each berth; (d) the front line of sheds kept well back from the front line of the wharfs?

(6.) Did any of the witnesses examined by the last Select Committee (other than witnesses who were themselves the exhibitors of plans) express a preference to Mr. Selfe's plans over those of the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers?

(7.) In the wharfs as now actually carried out and built on the eastern side of Sydney Cove—

(a) Are they constructed of iron or timber?

(b) Are there wharfs with 60 feet and 180 feet frontage, or is there accommodation suitable for mail steamers?

(c) Is there a continuous line of sheds, or are the sheds independent and separate to each wharf or berth?

(d) Are the sheds built close up to the front line of the wharfs, or are they kept well back from the same?

(8.) Could the vessels which now lie at these wharfs (the Orient and Messageries steamers) be properly accommodated if the iron wharf, as originally proposed before Mr. Selfe's plans were shown, had been carried out?

Mr. Burns answered,—These questions can better be dealt with in the shape of a Report, which my honorable colleague has ordered to be prepared on the subject. When received, a copy thereof shall be laid upon the Table.

- (2.) Lithgow and Ferndale Collieries Commission:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons who were appointed a Commission to inquire into the disaster at Lithgow Coal-mines, Ferndale, &c.?

(2.) The total cost of such Commission, and the amounts paid to each Commissioner?

(3.) Was *Mr. Usher* one of the Commissioners; if so, was he paid the same sum per day as the others; if not, will he state why?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) *Dr. Robertson*, and Messrs. *A. Durie*, *J. Y. Neilson*, *J. Naylor*, *J. Swinburne*, *J. Jones*, *W. Davies*, *J. Curley*, *J. Thomas*, *W. Turnbull*, and *J. Usher*.

(2.) £2,514 0s. 1d. *Dr. Robertson*, £412 17s. 1d.; *A. Durie*, £111 6s.; *J. Y. Neilson*, £147 11s.; *J. Naylor*, £20; *J. Swinburne*, £148 15s.; *J. Jones*, £140 11s. 9d.; *W. Davies*, £141 16s.; *J. Curley*, £145 9s.; *J. Thomas*, £161 8s.; *W. Turnbull*, £107 11s.; *J. Usher*, £141 7s.

(3.) *Mr. Usher* was paid the same rate per diem as other members of the Commission. I have since been informed by *Mr. Fletcher*, the late Minister for Mines, that he, at Wallsend, promised *Mr. Usher* that he would allow him £1 1s. extra per diem on account of his being a professional man.

(3.)

(3.) Mr. Wise, Immigration Agent:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What duties is Mr. Wise, Immigration Agent, employing his time with now; and what do the Government intend to find for him to occupy his time with in future?
- (2.) When is the next immigrant ship expected to arrive, and will that complete all engagements?
- (3.) Do the Government intend to make arrangements to forward immigrants so arriving to Victoria, or some other place, where they can procure employment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Immigration Agent, carrying out all necessary details incident to the closing of the Immigration Department. He also attends to certain matters in connection with the trouble of the unemployed.
- (2.) No other immigrant ship is expected to arrive. The remaining 200 nominated persons—[I should like to call attention to this particular fact, that these are persons sent for by their friends, who must believe that they will be better off here than in England]—referred to by the Agent-General in cablegram lately received, will arrive during this year (a few at a time) by the Orient steamers. Sixteen of such nominees arrived on the 5th instant by the "Lusitania." The nominated immigrants will be handed over to their friends, who will require to be apprised of their arrival, and doubtless, as on all previous occasion, their friends will have provided immediate employment for them.
- (3.) To this question I have no answer to give.

(4.) Mr. Mowle, Clerk in Insolvency Court:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Mowle a clerk in the Insolvency Court; if so, does he receive a salary of £300 a year; if not, what salary does he receive?
- (2.) Is he also a Commissioner for Affidavits; and, if so, what fees did he receive as Commissioner for Affidavits in the year 1886?
- (3.) Is he aware that Mr. Mowle is Council Clerk for the Borough of Petersham, and receives £200 per year as Council Clerk, also receives about £50 per year out of the amount paid for assessing and valuing properties?
- (4.) Is he aware that Mr. Lyne, when Secretary for Public Works, compelled railway officials to resign their position as aldermen, for which they were not paid?
- (5.) Will he bring this matter under the notice of his colleagues, with the view of issuing regulations which will prevent all Civil Servants from holding any paid office outside the Civil Service?
- (6.) Was not a Resolution moved and carried in Parliament to the effect that no member of the Civil Service should be allowed to act as a Director of any company; if so, will he cause this Resolution to apply to Civil Servants being paid as clerks by any person or corporation other than the Government?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) There is an officer, Mr. Aubrey Mowle, second clerk in the Insolvent Court, who has been, I am informed, twenty-three years in the Public Service, and whose present salary is only £290 per annum.
- (2.) Yes; I am unable to say, as no official record is kept of such fees.
- (3.) I am informed that Mr. Mowle has held the position of Council Clerk at Petersham for the last eleven years, but that he does not receive the amount of salary or allowance stated. I find that the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates reported, on 3rd December last, in reply to a reference from my predecessor, that the performance of municipal duties by Mr. Mowle in no way whatever interferes with the efficient and satisfactory discharge of his official duties.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The desirability of revising, in certain particulars, the present Regulations for the Public Service is now under the consideration of the Government.
- (6.) Yes; but its application to this case, and other similar cases, will be considered by the Government.

(5.) West Wallsend Coal Company:—*Mr. Hurley*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the West Wallsend Coal Company have subdivided their land (which was procured as a conditional mineral purchase) into small lots of 30 x 20 feet, which they sell by auction so as to realize about £200 per acre?
- (2.) Has Mr. Bonarius, an auctioneer of Newcastle, sold allotments on the "Young Wallsend" for £15 and upwards?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have no knowledge whatever of any disposal of these lands by private persons, nor do I think it is part of my duty to find out.

(6.) Parks at Lismore, Casino, and Ballina:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Mines,—When money set aside last year for parks at Lismore, Casino, and Ballina, will be handed over to local authorities?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Payment of £100, allotted for the improvement of Lismore Recreation Reserve, is awaiting completion of dedication and proclamation of the reserve, under the Public Parks Act of 1884. The notice of intended dedication was laid before Parliament on the 5th instant. No further steps can be taken for thirty days. Payment of £100, allotted for improvement of Carrington Park, Casino, is withheld, pending adjustment by the trustees of a sum of £100 advanced in 1883. No money has been allotted for the improvement of public parks at Ballina.

(7.) Allen's Glen:—*Mr. Kethel*, for Mr. Chapman, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps have been taken by the Government towards the resumption of Allen's Glen in the Globe Electorate?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The land has been viewed by the Minister, and negotiations opened with the owners, with a view to ascertain upon what terms it may be acquired for public purposes.

(8.) Water Conservation Commission :—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to the answers given to questions on 17th May, concerning the Hawkesbury Picnic of the Water Conservation Commission,—

- (1.) Did the arrangements for the picnic meet with the unanimous approval of the New South Wales Commissioners?
- (2.) When the Commission was asked to pass the bills for this picnic, did the Commission refuse, unless the authority of the then Government was also given?
- (3.) Did Mr. Lyne, President of the Commission and Secretary for Public Works, procure and produce such authority?
- (4.) As Mr. Lyne has stated that, in issuing the invitations to such picnic, he was only doing it on behalf of and by the wish of the Commission, does the Commission acknowledge the same to be correct?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) It appears from the minutes of the Commission that the Commissioners approved of a picnic being given to the Representatives of the Victorian Commission. From a report of the Reception Committee it appears that twenty-three gentlemen, including the Victorian Representatives, were invited by the Commissioners to the picnic.
- (2.) This appears to have been done in the first instance, but the account was subsequently paid.
- (3.) There is no record of such an authority having been produced; but it appears from minutes that the President stated a sum of money would be placed by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Commission for this purpose.
- (4.) The Commission having expired, it is not clear how I can ascertain whether the Commission acknowledges the statements made by Mr. Lyne.

(9.) Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of Government in Legislative Council.—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council any duties to perform outside of the Upper House and Executive Council Room?
- (2.) Is there any necessity for this official to have an office at all?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the staff of the Geological Survey and Diamond Drill Departments have been ordered to remove from the offices in Macquarie-street?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the offices formerly used by the Geological Survey and Diamond Drill Departments are to be fitted up as a department for the Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Vice-President of the Executive Council, as a matter of course, assists in the consultations and ordinary duties of Government, short of performing departmental work.
- (2.) I think there is a necessity for this gentleman to have a public office. I may mention that, amongst other things, as a voluntary work, Mr. Salomons engages in the drafting of bills of much importance, one of which will be sent down to this House in a few days. These bills are urgently wanted, and to which Mr. Salomons attaches himself—not that he is under any obligation to do so, but from a desire to carry out certain law reforms.
- (3.) The staff of the Geological Survey are not to be disturbed. The Drill Branch is being removed to give more room to the Geological Survey Branch.
- (4.) No.

(10.) Railway Fares, Illawarra Line :—Mr. *Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the present rate of fares to Sutherland and Loftus railway stations is prohibitive to the poorer citizens of Sydney who desire to visit the National Park?
- (2.) Is it his intention to reduce the fares, so that all classes for whom this park was set apart may be able to visit it at popular fares?
- (3.) Is he aware that the approaches to the Park by the Illawarra Road are in a very neglected state, and will he give instructions so that some of the unemployed at present working there may be put to work to improve this road?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The fares to the National Park are much below the ordinary rate. For Loftus, the ordinary rate would be 4s. 3d. first-class and 2s. 11d. second-class; but these fares have been reduced to 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. respectively, to enable all classes visiting the park at popular fares.
- (3.) It is reported that the road is in a bad state, as all unmetalled roads must be in such a season. My honorable colleague will call for a report with reference to the engagement of the unemployed.

(11.) Trials of Locomotives :—Mr. Wise asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention, before accepting any tender for the supply of locomotives, to direct that trials of the types of engines respectively recommended by Messrs. Scott and Midelton be held?
- (2.) If so, will he allow the conditions of such trials to be fixed both by Mr. Scott and Mr. Midelton?
- (3.) In the event of Messrs. Scott and Midelton not agreeing upon such conditions, will he direct trials to be held under the conditions recommended by each of these gentlemen, and a final trial under conditions to be approved of by an independent engineer?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes; in fact, I may mention that my honorable colleague has already taken measures to obtain the services of an independent engineer.

- (12.) Tenders for Locomotives :—Mr. Wise asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will he be able to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers relating to the types of locomotives to be adopted by the Railway Department, as promised in his answer to question No. 17, in the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, the 12th day of May last?
 (2.) Will he also inform the House, before accepting any tender, what are the respective amounts of the several tenders received both from English and colonial tenderers?
 (3.) What is the difference in the cost between the type of engine specified in the tenders last called for in this Colony and the type which was specified in the tenders submitted last month?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Directly the inquiry which is now being conducted is completed.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The difference is an average of £255 per engine in favour of the type for which tenders were last called. The lowest tenderer, however, in the last case did not tender to the first specification.

- (13.) Appointment of Mr. A. G. Taylor as Examiner of Patents :—Mr. Dibbs asked the Minister of Justice,—In anticipation of the second reading of the Patents Law Amendment Bill, will he lay upon the Table all minutes, letters, and papers relative to the appointment of Mr. A. G. Taylor as Examiner of Patents, and any other letters, &c., from any other applicant for the position?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I shall lay upon the Table of the House, this afternoon, copies of all minutes, letters, and papers relative to the appointment of Mr. A. G. Taylor as Temporary Examiner of Patents.

- (14.) Rents on Crown Leases :—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the question of the legality of the Minister raising the rents on Crown leases without referring the recommendations back to the Land Boards been considered?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The law provides that the rent shall be determined by the Minister, after appraisal by the local Land Board, and therefore no reference back to the Board is required by the law, unless deemed advisable by the Minister, before determining the rent.

- (15.) The Post Office Clock :—Mr. Wilson asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) When will the papers respecting tenders for Post Office Clock be available?

(2.) In whose Department are the arrangements being made for carrying out the work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Copies of further papers in connection with the tenders for the clock for the General Post Office will be laid upon the Table of the House presently.

(2.) The matter of the construction of the clock is in the hands of the Government Astronomer, who is under the Minister of Public Instruction.

- (16.) Railway Policy of the Government :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit any Railway Policy for consideration during the present Session of Parliament?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The intentions of the Government in respect to the construction of railways will be submitted to the House during this Session, but not in any form that would warrant the rather important phrase of Railway Policy being applied to it. In the next Session of Parliament the Government will be prepared to fully state what is their policy in respect to the construction of railways.

- (17.) Lismore Waterworks :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to Lismore Waterworks, is it his intention to submit this case to the Cabinet as soon as possible?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I will submit the matter.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th March, 1887—"The Post Office Clock."

(2.) Return to an Order made on 22nd April, 1887—"Mr. South, Telegraph-master, Murrumburrah."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Notification under the Public Parks Act of 1884 extinguishing a Public Highway through land at South Wagga Wagga, known as the Willan's Hill Park.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return relative to the Appointment of Mr. A. G. Taylor as Temporary Examiner of Patents.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887," through all its remaining stages in one day.
 Question put and passed.

4. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Lyne* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Ewing*, *Mr. Neild*, *Mr. Dalton*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Ives*, *Mr. Frank Farnell*, *Mr. Lakeman*, *Mr. Sutherland*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising on Friday, do adjourn until "Wednesday next."
 Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Fletcher moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Tuesday week."

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

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Reid,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Stevenson.
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Penzer,	
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Foster,	

Noes, 38.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Harbour,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Crouch,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sehey,	
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Wall.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That this House, at its rising on Friday, do adjourn until Tuesday week,—put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDERS :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the 35th section of the Constitution Act, having referred certain proposed rules of procedure for the consideration of the Standing Orders Committee, and that Committee having reported the same with amendments, now agrees to and adopts the same in the following form as Standing Orders of this House, and authorizes Mr. Speaker to present such Standing Orders to His Excellency the Governor for approval :—

(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and when the motion is proposed "That this House do now adjourn," or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on five other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking to such motion, or the mover in reply, shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made on the same day, except by the consent of the House, obtained by the Speaker, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not apply to the usual motion of adjournment by a member of the Government to terminate the Sittings of the House.

(2.) No debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no amendment or contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order without the leave of the House, no debate being allowed upon the motion for such leave, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

(3.) In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution, no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair, which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character or not consistent with the regular and orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

(4.) The Speaker or the Chairman of Committees may call the attention of the House or the Committee, as the case may be, to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member, and may direct such Member to discontinue his speech: Provided that the Member so directed shall have the right to require the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, to put the Question that he be further heard, and such Question shall be put without debate.

(5.) At any time during the proceedings of the House, or during the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole, any Member may move without debate "That the Question be now put"; and such motion shall then be put without debate, but shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of at least forty Members in favour thereof, and if such motion be carried, the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall forthwith put the Question to the vote.

Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 MAY, 1887.

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

Debate continued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19	Noes, 48.	
Mr. Dibbs	Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garvan	Mr. Burns,	Mr. Riley,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. See,	Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Ferguson.	Mr. Henson,	Mr. Dangar,
<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Creer,	Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Hassall.	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Holborow,
	Mr. Inglis,	Mr. O'Connor.
	Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Burdckin.
	Mr. McMillan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words, "a Call of the House be made for Tuesday, 14th June next, to consider the Report of the Standing Orders Committee brought up on Tuesday, 17th May instant, embodying the following proposed Standing Orders:—

"(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and when the motion is proposed 'That this House do now adjourn,' or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on five other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking on such motion, or the mover in reply, shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House will be made on the same day, except by the consent of the House obtained by the Speaker, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not apply to the usual motion of adjournment by a member of the Government to terminate the Sittings of the House.

"(2.) No debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no amendment or contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order without the leave of the House, no debate being allowed upon the motion for such leave, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

"(3.) In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution, no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair, which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character or not consistent with the regular and orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

"(4.) The Speaker or the Chairman of Committees may call the attention of the House or the Committee, as the case may be, to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member, and may direct such Member to discontinue his speech: Provided that the Member so directed shall have the right to require the Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be, to put the Question that he be further heard, and such Question shall be put without debate.

"(5.) At any time during the proceedings of the House, or during the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole, any Member may move without debate 'That the Question be now put'; and such motion shall then be put without debate, but shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of at least forty Members in favour thereof, and if such motion be carried, the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall forthwith put the Question to the vote."

Point

Point of Order :—Mr. Garrett submitted that the proposed amendment was not in order, on the grounds that it was really a substantive motion, and therefore could not be moved without notice;—that it was not relevant to the Question before the House;—and that a Call of the House could only be made after notice duly given. He requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the objections taken by him to the amendment.

Mr. Speaker said it had been urged by the Honorable Member for Camden that inasmuch as notice had always been given of a motion of this character in the House of Commons, and also in this House, it was absolutely necessary that notice should be given of this amendment. It seemed to him that he would be exceeding the strict lines of his duty if he limited the power of the House in matters of this kind in the absence of any express Standing Order or Rule; and while he could not find a precedent for such an amendment, there was no record of a similar motion having been ruled out of order; indeed he could not discover that such a question had been submitted to any previous Speaker, and therefore he thought it to be his duty to rule so as to leave the power of decision in the hands of the House rather than to decide the matter himself. As to the question of relevancy, he said that amendments had been moved and carried opposite in meaning to the original motion, and therefore he could not sustain the objection taken by the Honorable Member.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.		Nocs, 21.	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Dibbs,	Tellers.
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Chanter.
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Dangar,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. Tooley,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Gale,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Parkes.	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Ball,		Mr. See,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Tellers.	Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Kethel,	Mr. McFarlane.	
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Frank Farnell.		
Mr. O'Connor,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—That this House, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the 35th section of the Constitution Act, having referred certain proposed rules of procedure for the consideration of the Standing Orders Committee, and that Committee having reported the same with amendments, now agrees to and adopts the same in the following form as Standing Orders of this House, and authorizes Mr. Speaker to present such Standing Orders to His Excellency the Governor for approval:—

(1.) No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the subject of which shall be first stated to the Speaker in writing, and when the motion is proposed "That this House do now adjourn," or any motion which the Speaker shall consider of like character, such motion shall be openly proposed without any words from the mover in support, and shall only be proceeded with on five other Members rising in their places to support it; and, if so proposed and supported, the mover shall not exceed one hour in speaking in support of such motion, and any other Member speaking or speaking to such motion, or the mover in reply, shall not exceed twenty minutes, and every Member making or speaking to any such motion shall confine himself to the one subject in respect to which the motion has been made. And no second motion for the adjournment of the House shall be made on the same day, except by the consent of the House obtained by the Speaker, without debate: Provided that this Standing Order shall not apply to the usual motion of adjournment by a member of the Government to terminate the Sittings of the House.

(2.) No debate shall be allowed on the Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, and no amendment or contingent motion shall be entertained on any such Order without the leave of the House, no debate being allowed upon the motion for such leave, except a statement of the subject matter of the intended motion, limited to ten minutes.

(3.) In Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, or in Committee of the Whole on any Bill or Resolution, no Member shall make any motion for the Chairman to leave the Chair, which by the ruling of the Chairman without debate shall be held to be of an obstructive character or not consistent with the regular and orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

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(5.) At any time during the proceedings of the House, or during the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole, any Member may move without debate "That the Question be now put"; and such motion shall then be put without debate, but shall not be decided in the affirmative unless by a vote of at least forty Members in favour thereof, and if such motion be carried, the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall forthwith put the Question to the vote.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stokes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Teace,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. McCulloch,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Galc,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Hayes,	
Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McFarlane.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3.) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1887.*

9. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. O'Connor reported from the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council, with relation to any proceedings upon the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, and to make report thereof to the House,—That they had inspected the said Journals accordingly, and had found the following entry,—

" WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY, 1887.

" SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—

" (1.) Mr. Thornton moved, That this Bill be 'now' read a second time.

" Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word 'now,' with a view to add at the end the words 'this day six months.'

" Debate ensued.

" Mr. Salomons moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow week.

" Debate continued.

" Question, for adjournment of Debate,—put and negatived.

" Debate continued.

" Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

" The House divided.

" Ayes, 11.

" Mr. Salomons,
" Mr. Stephen,
" Sir Alfred Stephen,
" Mr. Webb,
" Mr. Simpson,
" Mr. Mort,
" Dr. Garran,
" Mr. Lackey,
" Mr. Macintosh.

" *Tellers,*

" Mr. Thornton,
" Mr. Barton.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Bundle,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Charles Moore,
Mr. Watt,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. White,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Halliday,
Mr. Cox,	Mr. Creed.
Mr. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. King,	Mr. Vickery,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Pigott.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dodds,	

" Question,—

“ Question,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be so added,—put
 “ and passed.

“ Question then,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.”

*Parliamentary Reading Room,
 Sydney, 19th May, 1887.*

DANIEL O'CONNOR,
 Chairman.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
 Mr. O'Connor moved, That the Report be now received.
 Question put and passed.

10. PAPER:—Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Supreme Court Sixth
 Judge.
 Ordered to be printed.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 MAY, 1887.

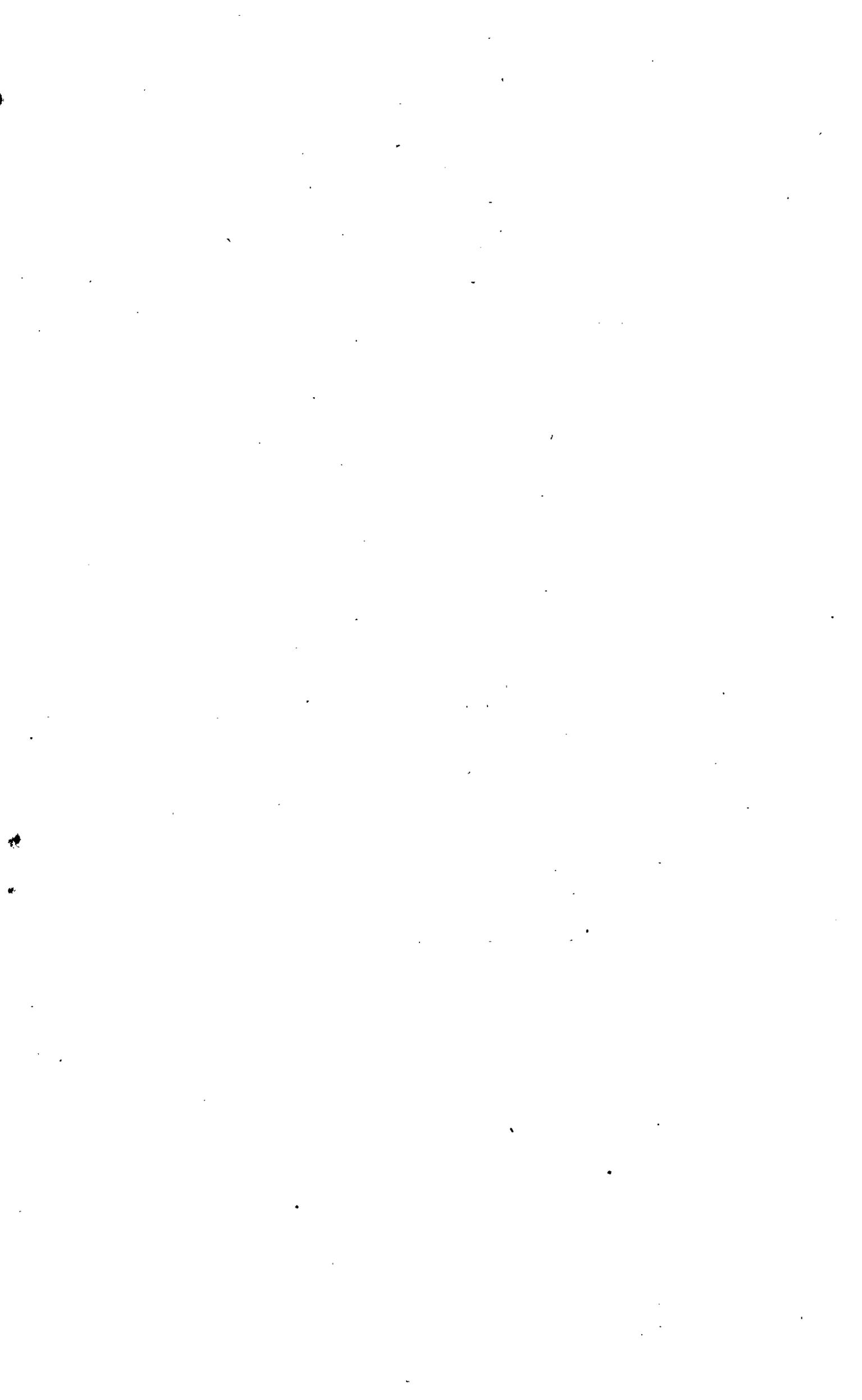
The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Four o'clock, until *Tuesday, 31st May*, at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 MAY, 1887.

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

ADDITIONAL STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Speaker reported that on Wednesday last he presented to the Governor the Additional Standing Orders adopted by the House on the 20th instant; and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

2. VACANT SEAT (*South Sydney*):—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the late adjournment he had received a letter from Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of South Sydney, resigning his Seat as a Member for that Electorate; and that, in accordance with the provisions contained in the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Wise.
3. SUPREME COURT (JUDGE'S ENABLING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 23.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable any Judge of the Supreme Court to hear and determine matters in the Equity Ecclesiastical and Divorce Jurisdiction of the Court,*"—as finally passed by Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 31st May, 1887.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Lismore Post Office and Court-house:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will extensions to Lismore Post Office be proceeded with?
 (2.) When will alterations to Lismore Court-house be proceeded with?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be invited in the course of a few days.
 (2.) A tender for the work was accepted on the 26th instant.

(2.) Murwillumbah Court-house:—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will extensions to Murwillumbah Court-house be proceeded with?

Mr. Burns answered,—A plan of the work required has been prepared, and is at present under consideration.

(3.) Fees received by Officials in Law Courts:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Sheriff and Registrar of the District Court charge £1 1s. from solicitors and others for signing a transfer or deed of any land conveyed by them, as such officers, to purchasers?
 (2.) Is the amount so charged paid into the Treasury, or pocketed by such officials?
 (3.) Are there any other perquisites made by these officials; if so, will he direct that all moneys received by officers in this respect be paid into the Treasury?
 (4.) Is he aware that clerks and others in the Supreme Court, District Court, and Insolvency Court pocket certain fees for copying and engrossing documents for solicitors and others during office hours?

(5.)

- (5.) Are there any other perquisites received by such clerks?
 (6.) If so, will he direct that all the fees thus received by them be paid into the Treasury, or otherwise appoint temporary clerks to do such work, to be paid a certain sum per folio?
 (7.) Does the Registrar-General receive any fees for certifying the correctness of documents after being copied, or fees for any other work?
 (8.) Have the Board of Inquiry visited any of the abovenamed offices, or offices of officials mentioned?
 (9.) Is he aware that there are numerous clerks and others in the Departments above mentioned who are Commissioners for Affidavits, and that in some instances the fees received by them as such Commissioners exceed their salary?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; with regard to the Sheriff, I am informed by that officer that he has never appropriated any fees to his own use, but has distributed those to which he is legally entitled among his officers, who perform the work out of office hours. With regard to the District Court Registrar, I am informed by him the charge is made for providing the necessary forms of transfer, and to cover costs of any professional assistance required in preparation thereof, and does not exceed £5 5s. per annum.

(3.) I am informed by the Sheriff that other fees are charged under Rule of Court, and paid to the officers for work done out of office hours; and by the Registrar of the District Court, Sydney, that no such fees are charged in that office. I have given directions for the payment of the fees received by the officers referred to to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account.

(4, 5, and 6.) I have been given to understand that such is not the practice, and there would not therefore appear to be necessity for any action in the direction indicated.

(7.) I am unable to say, as the Registrar-General is not under this Department.

(8.) No.

(9.) A few of the officers in the Departments named are Commissioners for Affidavits, but I am informed that in no instance do the fees received exceed the salaries of the respective officers.

- (4.) Equipment for Cavalry Reserves:—*Mr. Wall*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When the swords, sword-belts, pouch-belts, numnahs, bridles, jack and box spurs, sword-knots, carbine-buckets, and rest of carbines for the cavalry will arrive?

(2.) If Government are unable to answer this question, will they cable at once to obtain the required information?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Information has been received from the Agent-General, stating that the cavalry equipment is not yet ready for shipment, but will be completed as soon as possible.

- (5.) *Mr. F. T. Humphery*:—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What amount *F. T. Humphery, Esq.*, received as arbitrator *re Lyons and Farrelly v. Erwin*?

(2.) What amount, reported by *Mr. Humphery*, received by the defendant from the plaintiff *Farrelly*?

(3.) What amount, reported by *Mr. Humphery*, having been paid to the plaintiff by the defendant?

(4.) What amount paid in by trustees of *Farrelly* estate to his credit in the Equity Court, and to whom paid, and for what, and upon what order, and how received respectively?

(5.) What amount to credit of such account to the plaintiff *Farrelly*?

(6.) What amount is the defendant called upon to pay the plaintiffs?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—As these questions affect private interests only, as distinguished from public interests, and as the information, I am informed, can be obtained by the parties concerned, I do not think it would establish a desirable precedent for me to furnish replies to the Honorable Member's questions.

- (6.) Civil Servants holding Municipal Offices:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet come to any definite decision with regard to the Regulations relating to Civil Servants holding positions as aldermen or auditors under the Municipalities Act; if so, what is the nature of such decision?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Regulations for the Civil Service which were established last year have been under my notice more than once, but I am unwilling to deal with one part of them only. There are several alterations which, in my judgment, ought to be made, and I should prefer dealing with the whole; and that shall be done within three or four days.

- (7.) War Material.—Subsidies to Schools of Arts:—*Mr. Creer*, for *Mr. Walker*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government been able to trace through whose negligence it was that no minute was taken of the war material ordered by a preceding Government, which cost about a quarter of a million sterling?

(2.) Is the Government aware that through a clerical error the subsidised learned societies and Schools of Arts received last year double the amount of their usual subsidy?

(3.) If so, will the Government undertake to ascertain through whose fault the error was made?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In this case, the questions asked appear very different in their importance. With regard to the first, I cannot find that there is any minute for the ordering of this warlike material, nor am I able to say why there was no minute. I need scarcely say that I was not in office; and the office of the Colonial Secretary was in a very disturbed state at that time, not only owing to the illness of the Colonial Secretary himself, but also of the illness of the Principal Under Secretary; and the gentleman who acted as Under Secretary at that time (*Dr. Beatty*), died subsequently. We cannot, therefore, make personal inquiry, and I cannot ascertain the reason that there was no proper document for the ordering of this large amount of military stores. With regard to the second question, I find there has been no error committed, as is supposed by this question.

(8.)

- (8.) Inspection and Management of Mines:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Tonkin, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention when introducing his amended Mining Act to include a clause whereby all managers, superintendents, and inspectors shall undergo an examination qualifying them for such a position?

Mr. Abigail answered,—When a Mining Bill is being prepared, due consideration will be given to this matter.

- (9.) Office Furniture and Fittings:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large quantity of office furniture and fittings is now stored in the yard attached to the Colonial Architect's Office?

(2.) If so, what was the first cost of same to different Departments from which it has been removed?

(3.) What is the present estimated value of the same?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to keep it stored, or dispose of it by auction or otherwise?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Some furniture returned from the Lands Department, not further required, is temporarily stored in the yard referred to.

(2.) This would be very difficult to ascertain, some of the furniture being very old and so shifted about as to make it impossible to identify the articles with those originally supplied.

(3.) The furniture in question, being distributed to other offices requiring it, is of practically the same value to the Government as originally supplied, except in cases where some of the articles require repairing before being again used.

(4.) A large portion has already been distributed to various offices and institutions. The remainder will be kept in store until required.

- (10.) Caretakers Cottages at Government Tanks:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Were tenders called publicly for the erection of sixteen caretakers cottages at the Government tanks on the different roads leading from Cobar?

(2.) If not, why has this work been given without public tenders?

(3.) What is the name of the person carrying out the work, and at what price?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) No tenders have been called publicly by this Department, but tenders were obtained from two contractors.

(2.) Because, when tenders were called publicly, the prices were so extravagantly high that it was thought advisable to obtain tenders without advertising.

(3.) The tenders sent in are under consideration, but have not yet been accepted.

- (11.) Mr. Croudace.—Bulli Commission:—*Mr. Creer*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did any communication take place between the Mines Department and Mr. T. Croudace relative to his appointment as one of the Commission to inquire into the Bulli disaster?

(2.) Has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No objection, if moved for in the usual way.

- (12.) Land at corner of Pitt and Hunter Streets:—*Mr. Hurley* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a writ of intrusion issued on 23rd December, 1862, against persons in possession of certain land at corner of Pitt and Hunter Streets, Sydney, and did the Government take possession; if so, upon what plea was possession taken?

(2.) Was a bargain entered into by the Government with the trustees of Jobbins's Estate to exchange one portion of land for another (the present Crown Solicitor, John Williams, being one of Jobbins's trustees), and was such contract carried out; if so, upon what condition, and what was the nature of such exchange?

(3.) Is it not a matter of fact and law that the land sold to John Terry Hughes conditionally, 23rd December, 1839, Pitt and Bridge Streets, Sydney, became forfeited on 15th August, 1841, through the non-fulfilment of conditions entered into?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; because they were Crown Lands.

(2.) It does not appear that any agreement was made for the exchange of the lands in question for any others.

(3.) In this case, as in others, the questionable facts are so inextricably complicated with doubtful law and contradictory evidence, that it is hard to say what is "a matter of fact and law"; indeed, I find it impossible to do so.

- (13.) Walgett Streets:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a sum of money been voted for repairing Walgett streets; if so, what is the amount?

(2.) Has a contract been let for the same, with name of contractor, and time fixed for completion?

(3.) Has the work been commenced or finished; if not, will immediate instructions issue for completion of same?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) £1,000, voted in 1886, for Main Road through Walgett.

(2.) Yes; contract let for work in Wee Wee-street; James Kelly, contractor; time for completion, 25th June, 1887.

(3.) Work has been commenced, and local officer reports that it is now going on well. Progress has hitherto been greatly retarded on account of rain.

- (14.) Court-house and Post Office, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the condition of the public buildings at Walgett, including Court-house and Post Office; and will he call for a report, with a view to having them placed in a thorough state of repair?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague is not aware, but he will have a report obtained.

- (15.) Mr. Oliver, Parliamentary Draftsman:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total cost of the Commission appointed to inquire into the liquor traffic?
- (2.) Is Mr. Oliver, Parliamentary Draftsman, one of the Commission; if so, what does he claim to be paid per day, and total amount of his claim?
- (3.) What amount was he paid, or claim to be paid, as fees for sitting on Commissions during the year 1886?
- (4.) The like as regards present year, to 16th May?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that under a clause of the Civil Service Regulations or Act, Civil Servants are debarred from receiving fees?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The total amount paid from the vote of £1,000 for the Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission stands at this date at £813 1s. This sum is exclusive of cost of printing and other charges not yet ascertained.
- (2.) Mr. Oliver was appointed President of the Commission, and, at the rate of £4 4s. per sitting authorized by Mr. Dibbs (then Colonial Secretary), will be entitled to £331 16s.
- (3.) He was paid £150 during 1886 as President of the Intoxicating Drink Inquiry Commission, but is not a member of any other paid Commission.
- (4.) He was paid £40 during the present year, up to 16th May.
- (5.) Yes; but the Commission was appointed before the Regulations came into force.

- (16.) Torpedo Store, Berry's Bay:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Hon. J. M. Creed, a Member of the Legislature, was refused permission to visit the Berry's Bay torpedo store?
- (2.) By whom was this refusal made, and on the recommendation of what officer?
- (3.) Is it a fact that persons unconnected with the Torpedo Corps have been allowed to visit and inspect this store since this refusal?
- (4.) If so, what are their names, when were the visits made, and by whose permission?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, viz. :—

- (1 and 2.) On the first occasion of Mr. Creed's visit to Berry's Bay, Warrant-Officer Wood, Torpedo Corps, saw that gentleman with two others in the store yard, and he informed them that it was not in his power to permit the party to enter the store without an order from Colonel Cracknell. On the second occasion of Mr. Creed's visit to Berry's Bay, when he was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Eden and others, he was seen by Caretaker Proctor, who telephoned to Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell for instructions as to whether Mr. Creed and party were to be allowed to inspect the store. Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell replied in the negative.
- (3.) Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell has occasionally taken a friend or two to Berry's Bay to witness torpedo drill and see stores.
- (4.) Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell cannot give any names, nor mention any dates. The permission was granted by him in virtue of his authority to admit persons to visit the stores if he thought it advisable.

- (17.) Railway Trucking-yards, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the great inconvenience and loss sustained by stockowners for the want of a suitable receiving yard at the railway trucking-yards, Narrabri?
- (2.) Will steps be taken to erect such?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Traffic Manager reports, after full inquiry, that the inconvenience has been too trifling to justify the outlay necessary for making a receiving yard at this place.

- (18.) Post and Telegraph Office, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has a tender been accepted for Post and Telegraph Office at Narrabri; if so, name of contractor and time fixed for completion?
- (2.) The cause of delay in proceeding with the work?

Mr. Roberts answered,—No tender has been accepted. Tenders were invited, and some were received in response. It has since been discovered that there has been some misapprehension as to the precise nature of the additions required by this Department, and a reference to the Postmaster at Narrabri is necessary before the matter can be further dealt with.

- (19.) Diseases in Stock:—Mr. Penzer asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that large numbers of stock die annually in this Colony from two highly contagious diseases, known as anthrax or Cumberland, and pleuro-pneumonia?
- (2.) Is he aware that an eminent Frenchman, Dr. Pasteur, has discovered a remedy which, if it does not render animals safe from anthrax, minimises the death-rate amongst them?
- (3.) Is he aware that, by inoculating cattle with a virus cultivated from the germs of pleuro-pneumonia, this disease can be rendered almost harmless?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a qualified person to inquire into these diseases, with a view of deciding the best method of protecting stock against them?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the losses from both these contagious diseases are known to have been very heavy.
- (2.) Yes; Mons. Pasteur's experiments have been carefully watched by this Department, and the Government has been in communication with the authorities in England, France, Germany, Belgium, and America, as to the practical value of his researches in connection with anthrax vaccination.

(3.) It is reported, in the March number of the *London Veterinarian*, that cattle have been successfully inoculated with a virus cultivated from the germs of pleuro-pneumonia in Germany and Belgium; but the cultivation has scarcely proceeded beyond the stage of successful experiments; and, until experience has established the value of a cultured virus, this Department advises the use of the natural virus, which is certain in its action and most satisfactory in results. Wherever the operation is performed in time, and proper precautions observed in its use, it renders this disease (pleuro-pneumonia) almost harmless.

(4.) Yes; the Government Veterinarian has submitted a proposition for the employment of a specialist on the subject of micro-organisms, to undertake the cultivation of viruses for protective inoculation. This is now under consideration.

(20.) The Torpedo Corps:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was not Major Penrose, R.E., engaged in consequence of his being a specialist on the latest mode of torpedo warfare?

(2.) Are not all the arrangements connected with the preparation, laying out, and testing of submarine mines, carried out under the direction of Major Penrose, R.E.?

(3.) Has Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell performed any of this duty since the arrival of Major Penrose, R.E.; if so, when and where?

(4.) Under whose instruction did Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell acquire his knowledge of torpedo warfare before taking command of the Torpedo Corps?

(5.) Under whom has he studied since being in command; when, where, and for what periods of time?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, viz:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; with the concurrence of Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell.

(3.) It is not usual for the officer commanding the Corps to perform these duties with his own hands; but Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell has been present, and directed the operations at all the parades, in accordance with the Regulations.

(4 and 5.) Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell's knowledge and experience have been obtained by thirty-five years practice as an electrician, and by a constant study of the latest improvements made in this particular science. And it may be stated further, that when he first commenced his work on this branch of our defence system, there was no regular school of instruction, even for officers of the Imperial Service, in Great Britain. The study of electricity, in its application to torpedoes, cannot be confined to any specified periods of time. It is one which requires continued application.

(21.) Jetty at Byron Bay:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for *Mr. Crouch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has anything further transpired with reference to the completion of the contract for the Jetty at Byron Bay?

Mr. Burns answered,—A letter has been received from the contractor this morning, in which he states that a steamer is *en route* for Byron Bay with forty-two piles and twenty-eight braces. I need hardly say that my honorable colleague will insist upon the work being completed with the utmost expedition possible. The excessive wet weather has no doubt interfered with the progress of the work.

(22.) Sale of School Books by Teachers:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that teachers are allowed to supplement their salaries by sale of school books, &c.?

(2.) Is it alleged that such sale is detrimental and injurious to local storekeepers and tradespeople?

(3.) Have instructions been issued to all teachers that copy-books and publications of one firm shall be used only, and all others excluded?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) No; but in some places teachers obtain copy-books for the convenience of their pupils, and charge cost price, with expense of carriage added.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; but only certain copy and reading books are sanctioned by the Department for use in Public Schools.

5. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION FROM GRAFTON TO THE TWEED:—*Mr. See* presented a Petition from Residents of the Electorates of Grafton and the Clarence, representing that they are deprived of the advantages of Railway Communication enjoyed by the great bulk of the people of the Colony, and that this deprivation seriously affects the progress of profitable settlement of those Districts; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration, with a view to relief. The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, was received.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* informed the House that, since its last meeting, *Mr. Bernhard Ringrose Wise* had accepted the office of Attorney-General.

7. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Opinion of the Attorney General as to legality of payment by Junee Borough Council of Subscription to Municipal Association.

(2.) Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for 1886, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(3.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1886.

(4.) Report on Vaccination for 1886.

(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Five Dock, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra, under the Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting the Conveyance of Grain and Flour by Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 24th March, 1887—"Removal of Locomotive Engines from Dubbo to Wellington."

Mr.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 24th March, 1887—"Conditional Purchases made at Moama."
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 5th April, 1887—"Confirmation of Conditional Purchases, Forbes."
- (3.) Return showing the amount of Land Revenue received at Grenfell, Forbes, Cowra, Young, and Parkes during quarter ending 31st March, 1887.
- (4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 10th May, 1887—"Conditional Purchases made at Hillston Land Office."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1886.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 11th December, 1885—"Queanbeyan Recreation Reserve."
- (3.) Correspondence, &c., relative to the dissent of Mr. F. B. Gipps, C.E., from the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Conservation of Water.

Ordered to be printed.

8. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from David Wilson, Chairman of the West Wallsend Coal Company, and Andrew J. Sievers, Chairman of the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the "West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)," and the "Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)," to amend the "West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886." And Mr. Garrett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miner's Advocate* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
9. ARTICLES SUPPLIED TO THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT BY KINGSBURY AND CO. (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the character and cost of all articles supplied to the Electric Telegraph Department by Kingsbury & Co., of this city, either by public tender or without competition, for the four years ending the 30th of April, 1887, such Return to show separately such articles as were purchased without competition, and those supplied on accepted public tender. Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 - (1.) City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company's Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next*.
 - (2.) Building Labour and Material Lien Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday next*.
 - (3.) Cremation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 17th June*.
 - (4.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 10th June*.
 - (5.) Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next*.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Bills of Exchange Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to codify the Law relating to Bills of Exchange Cheques and Promissory Notes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th June.
 - (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st May, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Honorable Member for Glen Innes, Mr. Matheson, a notice, under the first of the Additional Standing Orders recently agreed to by the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the following matter of urgent public importance:—"That children attending the Public Schools in the Glen Innes Electorate and other parts of the Colony are suffering grievous "bodily harm owing to the action of the Government in withholding the money yearly granted for "the purpose of providing fuel."

Mr. Speaker said that it appeared to him, from his reading of the Standing Order, that the duty devolved on him to decide whether or not this was a "matter of urgent public importance." It was stated that grievous bodily harm might accrue to a number of children, and therefore he would not take the responsibility of saying that it was a motion that could not be put; and if five Honorable Members rose in their places, as required by the Standing Order, the motion would be put. And five Members rising,—

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

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Inglis, whilst speaking to the Question, being interrupted by Mr. Trickett rising and moving (under the 5th of the New Standing Orders),—"That the Question be now put,"—

Mr. Speaker said that his interpretation of the 5th Rule was—although it stated that "at any time during the proceedings of the House any Member may move, without debate, 'That the Question be now put,'"—that it was not intended that an Honorable Member should be interrupted in his speech, nor that a Member who had already spoken should be able to move "That the Question be now put."

Whereupon Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker having ruled "That, under No. 5 of the new Rules, a Member cannot be interrupted during his speech by a motion made 'That the Question be now put,'" this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That Mr. Speaker having ruled "That, under No. 5 of the new Rules, a Member cannot be interrupted during his speech by a motion made, 'That the Question be now put,'" this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Chanter,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Ferguson,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Copeland.	

Noes, 44.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stokes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Gould.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Burdakin,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davis,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Garland.
Mr. Ellis,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. See.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McElhone.

And it appearing by the Tellers List that the majority in favour of the Motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers,

Mr. Walker,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 71.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Stokes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Henry Clark,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ferguson,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. See,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Reid,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Lukeman.
Mr. Barbour,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Privilege.—Mr. Want moved, as a matter of Privilege, That the interpretation placed upon the first of the new Standing Orders by Mr. Speaker is erroneous, inasmuch as Mr. Speaker ruled that the duty was cast on him in the first instance to decide as to whether the subject matter of such adjournment was or was not within his opinion a matter of urgent public importance.

Debate ensued.

At the suggestion of Mr. Speaker the motion was withdrawn.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.
14. **HAY AND DENILIKUIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—
 - (1.) Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from Hay to South Deniliquin.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Wilkinson having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of a Tramway from Hay to South Deniliquin,*"—read a first time.
15. **APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL LEASES**:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That the following Resolution, namely,—“That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all applications for mineral leases which have been refused, and the whole or part of the deposit moneys refunded, although the land applied for was available, showing in detail, (1) names of applicants, (2) date of application, (3) date of refusal, (4) area applied for, (5) amount refunded, (6) any special reasons for the action taken,”—passed by this House on the 29th March last, be now rescinded.
Question put and passed.
16. **APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL LEASES**:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all mineral lease applications which have been refused in consequence of the applicants wishing to withdraw or abandon same, showing in detail—(1) names of applicants, (2) date of application, (3) date of refusal, (4) area applied for, (5) amount refunded, (6) any special reasons for the action taken.
Question put and passed.
17. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CIVIL SERVANTS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That, in the opinion of this House, the practice hitherto prevailing of allowing the Civil Servants and Crown Officials of this Colony leave of absence on full pay should at once cease.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE, 1887.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3.) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st June, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public School and Teacher's Residence, Parramatta South :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Public School and Teacher's Residence at Parramatta South, which was decided upon some months since? :

Mr. Inglis answered,—The only works proposed to be carried out at the Public School known in this Department as "Parramatta South," are the erection of a new Infants School and the removal of the present temporary Infants School to another part of the grounds. Tenders for these works will be invited to-morrow. It is proposed to erect a new Public School and residence at Pitt Row, Parramatta, and the preparation of the necessary plans is in the hands of the Architect. It is expected they will be ready in a few days.

(2.) Tramway from Parramatta Railway to Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made as to the advisableness of having a cheap single tram-line laid down from a central position of Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, and adjoining districts, to the Parramatta Railway Station, for the conveyance of passengers of these largely populated districts, and of the large quantities of fruit and other produce?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague finds, from the records of the Railway Department, that the question of a railway line by the route indicated has already received consideration, and the prospects of its proving remunerative are not favourable. Further inquiry will, however, be made.

(3.) Public School, Windsor :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made on behalf of the children (numbering about 500) attending the Public School at Windsor, as to the necessity of resuming the piece of land adjoining that school for their better accommodation as a recreation ground, and which was promised by the late Minister?

Mr. Inglis answered,—Inquiries have already been made, which show the desirableness of including this land as part of the Public School site, and application for its dedication was made to the Secretary for Lands on 7th October, 1886. It appears, however, that the land was formerly dedicated as a market reserve, and has been used by the Municipal Council, who have stipulated that the site of the old Post and Telegraph Office should be given to them in exchange. The Department of Works has been consulted by the Lands Department with regard to this exchange. No further action can be taken by this Department until a definite reply to its application for the land has been received.

(4.) Bowling Green, Cook Park:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In reference to the building being erected on Cook Park by the Bowling Club, is it his intention to give instructions to remove it?
- (2.) In reference to the fence erected round the bowling ground on Cook Park, have any complaints been made that such fence is an interference with the rights of the public to free access to all parts of Cook Park?
- (3.) Have not the public a right of free access at all hours, night or day, to all parts of Cook and Hyde Parks?
- (4.) Is not the building on Cook Park erected in contravention of the Building Act?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Not at present, as it would be inconsistent with the arrangement made by me with the Trustees, that the new building should be completed and the old one removed before final decision.
- (2.) A letter has been received from only one individual.
- (3.) Yes, subject to the by-laws made by the Trustees.
- (4.) This is a matter for the Municipal authorities and the City of Sydney Improvement Board.

Sir,

Burwood, 17 March, 1887.

In reply to your application for additional ground for the City Bowling Club, I have the honor, by direction of the Trustees of Hyde, Phillip, and Cook Parks, to inform you that they are willing to allow you to take in 70 feet on the north end of Cook Park and 50 feet on the south end of your present Bowling-green, on condition that the pavilion is removed to the northern boundary of the Green, as agreed upon.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. CATLETT,

Secretary.

To the Honorary Secretary
of the City Bowling Club.

(5.) Railway Passes to the Unemployed:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did he issue railway tickets to any of the unemployed enabling them to travel as far as Albury; if so, was this with a view of sending them to Victoria?
- (2.) Did he provide the unemployed with any means whatsoever to travel on the railway to the Border of the Colony?
- (3.) If he did not, did any official, or servant of the Government, issue tickets or passes so as to enable the unemployed to travel free to Albury?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have informed the Government of Victoria that no passes have been issued to enable persons to travel to Victoria on the authority of this Government.

(6.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Walker* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was the following telegram, sent by *John Davies* to *Mr. Burrows*, Superintendent at the National Park, sent with the knowledge or by order of the Colonial Secretary:—"To-morrow, Queen's Birthday, officers and men taking holiday receive no pay"?
- (2.) Did all Civil Servants receive similar instructions?
- (3.) How many (if any) Departments of the Civil Service received instructions to work, or sacrifice their wages on Queen's Birthday?
- (4.) Were the unemployed at the Field of Mars compelled to work on that National Holiday?
- (5.) Did the various Councils who are employing men from the ranks of the unemployed issue any orders similar to those conveyed in the telegram of *John Davies*?
- (6.) Will he take into his consideration the proposal to pay the unemployed who were compelled to work at the National Park on Queen's Birthday extra wages for that day?
- (7.) Is it a part of the Government scheme of retrenchment to compel the pauper class in the community to work on all holidays, whilst the well-paid Civil Servants are granted these holidays without any sacrifice of wages?
- (8.) Has any money yet been paid to *John Davies* in recognition of his services in connection with the unemployed; if so, how much?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—In reply to the last question, I desire to say that no money has been paid to *Mr. John Davies*. I decline to make any reply to the other questions.

(7.) Resumption of Land on Railway Lines.—Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Can the Government resume land on a proposed railway line before the said line is proclaimed?
- (2.) When do the Government intend proclaiming the proposed railway from Pearce's Corner to the North Shore?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The land required for railway purposes cannot be entered upon until proclaimed, unless by consent of the owners and occupiers.
- (2.) Immediately.

(8.) Subsidies to Schools of Arts:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that any subsidised learned societies and Schools of Arts received last year double the amount of their usual subsidy; if so, what are the names of such societies or Schools of Arts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the required information.

3. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL:—*Mr. Lyne*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th May, 1887; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—List of Learned Societies and Schools of Arts that have been paid Subsidy for 1886.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumptions of land under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Gainsborough, Rocky Hall, and Tintenbar.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the cost of the Pilot Service, Northern Rivers.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 3rd May, 1887—"Railway from Tarago to Braidwood."
- (3.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 22nd March, 1887—"Premises Rented by the Government."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands Reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

5. SCAB INSPECTORS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Scab Inspectors in the Government Service, together with their names, the amount received by each, and the date of their appointments; also, the names of such officers (if any) who have shown by examination that they are capable of distinguishing a scabby sheep when they see one.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Trades Arbitration Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday next.*
- (2.) Payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—*until to-morrow.*

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

- (1.) Beer Duty Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 1st June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Crown Lands [Auction Sales Balances] Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize deferred Payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 1st June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. RESCISSION OF ORDER FOR PRINTING:—Mr. Garrett (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Order made by this House on 31st ultimo for printing the Return to Order "Conditional Purchases made at Moama" be rescinded.

Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Government Railways Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday next.*
- (2.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Tuesday next.*

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE, 1887, A.M.

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

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Banking Corporations:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for placing the Banking Corporations in the Colony more under State control, or to make any alteration in the Act, 4 Vic. No. 13?

(2.) Is it their intention to appoint a Comptroller of Currency, and to see that Banks comply with their respective charters?

Mr. Burns answered,—The several matters referred to in the questions of the honorable gentleman deserve serious consideration, which they shall receive from the Government during the recess, with a view to further legislation.

- (2.) Fees received through the Patents Office:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Minister of Justice,—What is the total amount of fees received through the Patents Office during the five years ending the 31st of March, 1887; also, the amount of same placed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The information asked for will be furnished in the shape of a Return in the course of a few days.

- (3.) Railway Block-Signal System:—*Mr. Fletcher* asked Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he, in view of the deplorable railway accident which recently occurred in Victoria, under what were supposed to be the highest and best conditions of railway management, satisfied himself, in the interests of the whole community, that the system known as the Block-Signal System is carried out on our railways under such restrictions and precautions as to render liability to accident as improbable as human agency can make it, and that no laxity exists in connection with the management of the signals?

(2.) Are men or boys placed in charge of block-signals, and is previous training for such a position insisted upon?

(3.) Are any means adopted to ascertain, to the satisfaction of the railway authorities, that the persons so employed are qualified, both physically and mentally, as well as technically, to undertake the duties of such positions?

(4.) Are precautions taken to ensure the accurate and intelligent performance of the duties after the appointment has been made?

(5.) What wages do the block-signal men receive; and are their hours of duty, which involve close attention and constant vigilance, in excess (and to what extent) of the hours of duty of other railway employes whose duties are not so engrossing or responsible?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The block system is carried out in strict accordance with the provisions made for its efficient management. No laxity is allowed to exist.

(2.) Men of reliability only are employed in the signal-boxes. They have to acquire good railway experience before they are placed there, and undergo special training for this particular service.

(3.) Yes; each man must pass the Railway Medical Board Examination, and produce a certificate that he is free from physical and mental infirmities. He is tested specially as regards his sight and knowledge of colours. On technical matters connected with block-signalling he is examined by the Traffic Inspector and Inspector of Telegraphs.

(4.) Yes; Boards of officers have been appointed to see, from time to time, that the men maintain their efficiency, and that uniformity of signalling is observed.

(5.) The block-signalmen's wages vary from 7s. 6d. to 11s. a day. Their hours are made exceptionally light, in recognition of the constant vigilance they have to maintain.

(4.)

(4.) Tenders for Locomotives :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will he be prepared to announce the name of the successful tenderer or tenderers for the construction of the fifty locomotives required by the Government?
- (2.) What is the cause of the delay on the part of the Government in accepting the tenders for the fifty locomotives referred to?

Mr. Burns answered,—When the question has been determined by the Government, to facilitate which certain information is being obtained.

(5.) Government Stores Department :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some £40 or £50 worth of stock was missing from the Government Stores in November or December last?
- (2.) Has inquiry been made regarding this deficiency, and with what result?
- (3.) Is there a stock-keeper at the Government Stores, what is his salary, has he been called upon to pay for the deficient articles, have they been paid for, and when, and by whom?
- (4.) Will he give the annual increases in the amounts voted for stores and stationery for the past five years?
- (5.) Is it intended to adopt some more economical method of working the Store Department, and the nature of such proposal?
- (6.) What is the total value of stores and stationery at date in the Government Stores?
- (7.) Is it not contrary to a Resolution of this House to retain heavy stocks at the Stores of articles that are at all times procurable in the local market?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) By the Departmental Stock-book, it appears that articles to the value of £33 2s. 1d. were missing.
- (2.) Inquiry has been made, but the deficiencies have not been satisfactorily accounted for.
- (3.) There is a stock-keeper, at a salary of £290. No person has as yet been called upon to pay the value of the missing goods.
- (4.) £15,290, £25,416 13s. 4d., £7,384 1s. 5d., £21,616 18s. 7d., and £10,000, for the years 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886 respectively.
- (5.) A reduction in the staff is contemplated.
- (6.) Estimated at £35,000.
- (7.) I am not aware of any such Resolution. It is not easy, nor yet as economical, to obtain suitable supplies in the local market.

(6.) Suburban Trains :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the suburban trains are frequently blocked and consequently behind time, causing much delay and inconvenience to travellers, and that the trams are often late arriving at and departing from Redfern Station; if so, will he cause an inquiry into this matter, with a view to the public convenience being attended to in this respect in the future?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague is informed that the official records show that the trains are not frequently blocked, but occasionally a block occurs through unavoidable circumstances; and, as an indication of the punctuality with which the trains are run, it is stated that out of 450 trains arriving in Sydney within the past six weeks, between the hours of 8 and 9.30 a.m., not more than twenty of them have arrived five minutes late.

(7.) Police Magistrate for Parramatta, Ryde, and Liverpool :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—In view of the large amount of Court business having to be performed on account of the increase of population at Parramatta, Ryde, and Liverpool, will he cause a sum to be placed on the Estimates to provide for the appointment of a Police Magistrate to carry out the duties at the three places named?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This matter is now under consideration.

(8.) Railway between Coombing and Long's Corner to Forbes :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any trial survey been made (or is it intended to be made) between Coombing and Long's Corner to Forbes; if so, will he state the result of the same?

Mr. Burns answered,—An exploration only has been made of this line.

(9.) Traffic in Diseased Cattle :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that cattle infected with cancer, pleuro-pneumonia, and other diseases, are constantly being sold at the public sale-yards throughout the Colony?
- (2.) Have any steps been taken to prevent owners or agents selling, and the buyers from purchasing such diseased cattle, and retailing the same to the public?
- (3.) If so, what measures have been adopted to prevent the traffic in such cattle?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; as far as the law as it now exists will admit. There is no Act under which cattle affected with cancer or pleuro-pneumonia can be destroyed; but the Inspectors of Stock attend the sale-yards at Homebush and West Maitland, and point out diseased cattle to the police, with a view to their being kept under surveillance, and not slaughtered for food.
- (3.) A Bill has been prepared by the Health Department for dealing with cancer and all similar diseases in stock, and the destruction of stock affected with cancer and tuberculosis is also provided for in the Stock and Pastures Bill, as prepared by the Stock Conference.

(10.) Fencing Clause, Land Act :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that in the Big Scrub, Richmond River, and adjoining brushcs, it is impossible to carry out the fencing clause of the Land Act of 1884?
- (2.) Is it in the power of the Minister, on the recommendation of the Land Board, to relieve conditional purchasers from that clause?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) I believe it is so.
- (2.) Unfortunately the law makes no provision to meet the difficulty. However, the selectors can apply to the Local Boards for an extension of the time for fencing, during which period there will probably be fresh legislation to meet such cases.

- (11. Road from Lismore to Queensland Border:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What amount of money was voted in 1886 for road Lismore to Queensland Border?
 (2.) What amount of money was expended on the same in that year?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Amount voted in 1886, £2,850.
 (2.) Amount expended in 1886, £2,644 15s. 3d.

- (12.) Road from Lismore to Nimbin:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What amount of money was actually expended on road Lismore to Nimbin in 1886?
 (2.) What was total vote set apart for that road for expenditure?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Amount expended in 1886, £400 9s. 7d.
 (2.) Amount voted in 1886, £570; granted from Unclassified Vote, £600; total, £1,170. Contracts to amount of £750 were in progress on 31st March, and works to a considerable amount have since been let from 1887 Votes.

- (13.) Cameron's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the recommendation of the Narrabri or Tamworth Land Board, that the conditional purchase of 400 acres, parish of Doyle, county of Jamison, selected by Cameron, be forfeited, been reversed; and, if so, for what reasons?
 (2.) Will he cause a further inquiry to be made before issuing the certificate of fulfilment of conditions in respect of the said conditional purchase?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The recommendation of the Board was not adopted by my predecessor, in consequence of declarations made by Mr. W. F. Buchanan to the effect that he had no interest in the conditional purchase.
 (2.) The conditional purchase was only provisionally passed, and a further inquiry will be instituted.

2. PRISONERS FLOGGED IN GAOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of prisoners flogged in the various gaols of the Colony for infraction of discipline during the five years ending the 31st of May, 1887; also, showing the offences for which such punishments were inflicted—such Return not to include the names of the prisoners on whom such punishments were inflicted.
 Question put and passed.
3. APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES, PARISH OF METZ (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the applications for mineral conditional purchase of portions 109, 110, and 113, parish of Metz, county Sandon; also, copies of all papers in respect to applications to mine for gold on the above-mentioned portions.
 Question put and passed.
4. BULLI COLLIERY COMMISSION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and correspondence between the Minister for Mines, the Colonial Secretary, and the Members of the present Bulli Commission.
 Question put and passed.
5. HAY AND DENILQUIN TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Hay and Denilquin Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Dawson, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Street, Mr. Black, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Mr. Kyrie, a notice, under the first of the Additional Standing Orders recently agreed to by the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of correcting some erroneous statements and statistics with reference to the Tarago to Braidwood Railway, and which were furnished by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 18th of May, in reply to a question by the Honorable Member, Mr. Sydney Smith."

Mr. Speaker said that he had again to state his opinion that the first of the new Standing Orders casts on the Chair the duty of deciding, in the first instance, whether or not a subject on which it is proposed to move the adjournment of the House is one of urgent public importance; and, in this case, he felt bound to rule that it was not entitled to be so considered, as he failed to see any urgency in the matter, whatever might be thought of its importance.

As he had been made aware that a difference of opinion exists as to whether it is the duty of the Speaker to give an opinion, or a ruling, as to the urgency or importance of any question submitted to him in writing, in accordance with that Standing Order, he desired to give the following reasons for the opinion he had arrived at:—

Honorable Members would, he thought, see that some weight and significance must be given to the words "No motion for the adjournment of the House shall be entertained, except for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance"; and it must be intended that some one shall decide whether the notice given to the Speaker in writing has such a character; and it is more in accordance with reason, common sense, Parliamentary practice, and the spirit of these new Rules to hold that this power should be in the House itself, than in the hands of any Honorable Member who could get the support of five other gentlemen in his action. If the power is retained in the House itself, its opinion—as in all such cases—is expressed by the Speaker in the first instance; but his ruling is subject to the review and dissent of a majority of Honorable Members. If it were held otherwise the House would, he was sure, see that an honorable gentleman who could induce five others to rise in support of his action could discuss any

any question, however unimportant or lacking in urgency, and in this way be in a better position than other Honorable Members who adopted the usual and more regular course of giving notice of their motions; and there would be no power of control whatever on the part of the House.

It had been urged that because certain words were struck out from the new Standing Orders, as at first proposed, that it was the evident sense or intention of these Rules, as finally passed, to take away from the Chair the duty of expressing an opinion as to the importance and urgency of the subject proposed to be debated; but it is apparently forgotten that, as at first proposed, the decision of the Speaker would have been final—that no such motion could be entertained without his consent—and there could be no power to compel him to give that consent. This had been so modified that, if his view was correct, while the Speaker still had to rule on the question, his decision is not final, but is subject to reversal by a majority of the House. This was, he imagined, a great difference, and was in accordance with the change which was also made in Rule No. 4, which provides for an appeal from the decision of the Speaker or Chairman of Committees to Honorable Members themselves.

He would point out also that, even in ordinary Notices of Motions regularly given, the Speaker has power—and it is a power which has been frequently exercised—to prevent any motions appearing on the Business Paper, or of being proposed from the Chair, if couched in unbecoming language, or otherwise not in accordance with the proper conduct of the business of the House, according to rule and precedent; so that his interpretation of the Standing Order in question really gave the Chair no more power over these motions for adjournment than it already possessed over ordinary motions of which notice had been given.

There might, no doubt, be inconvenient results whichever way the question might be decided. If his opinion was held to be correct, it would be impossible to prevent a debate arising on the question of dissent from the ruling of the Chair; and, on the other hand, if it was decided that the Speaker and the House had nothing to say on the question of urgency and importance, there would be absolutely no check to these motions of adjournment being moved, except that of requiring five Honorable Members to rise in their places with the Mover.

Whereupon Mr. Want moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, as to the construction to be placed upon No. 1 of the new Rules, wherein Mr. Speaker considers that such Rule places upon him the responsibility, in the first instance, of deciding upon the question of the urgency or otherwise of any motion on which it is sought to move the adjournment of the House. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. William Clarke, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—
 - (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 17th May last, and on which the Patents Law Amendment Bill had been founded, be now read.
Question put and passed.
And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 33, Entry 24*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
 - (2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further amend the law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision, by Bill, for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **SALE AND DELIVERY OF FUEL** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until to-morrow.

12. BRIDGE ACROSS THE MURRUMBIDGEE AT NARRANDERA :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a
Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a traffic bridge should be built across the Murrumbidgee,
at Narrandera.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 17th June.
13. SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading
of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wool Frauds:—Mr. Hassall asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to prosecute any other firms than those of Wright, Heaton, & Co., and Lee and Macalister, in connection with the wool frauds?

(2.) What are the names of all the firms and persons implicated in said frauds?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—At the present time the evidence in the possession of the Railway Department, which seems to implicate other than the persons named, has not been tested sufficiently to admit of it being said authoritatively whether a criminal action would lie. When the cases now before the Courts are decided, the further evidence referred to will be examined to see what action can be legally established that frauds other than those embraced in present actions have been committed.

(2.) Government Steamer "Ajax":—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) By whose authority was the Government steamer "Ajax" ordered to leave Newcastle on the Saturday, so as to be available for the use of the Chinese Commissioners on the following Monday?

(2.) Was the Government paid for the use of the steamer?

(3.) If so, how much, and by whom was it paid?

(4.) What was the expense of bringing the "Ajax" from Newcastle for the purpose mentioned?

(5.) What was the expense on the Monday it was used by the Chinese and the Chamber of Commerce?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) By authority from the Treasury.

(2 and 3.) No.

(4 and 5.) The whole expense was about £40.

(3.) Roads of the Colony:—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place on the next Estimates a special sum for the purpose of repairing the roads throughout the Colony, which have been so terribly cut up through the late heavy rains, and in many places are rendered impassable?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter will be taken into consideration when the next Estimates are being prepared.

(4.) Collectors of *Ad Valorem* Duties:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Treasurer,—(1.) Has the Civil Service Board, on the authority of the Crown Solicitor, declared the nineteen appointments to collect the *ad valorem* duties in the Customs Department to be illegal?

(2.) If the said appointments are illegal, will the Government take steps to remedy the same, in order that the said officers may get their proper status in the Civil Service?

(3.) If the said appointments are illegal, by what authority is the 4 per cent. deducted for the Superannuation Fund?

(4.) If such appointments were new appointments, which only came into existence on the 1st day of April, 1886, by what authority were the annual increments added to their salaries voted by Parliament?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Civil Service Board has neither sought for nor obtained the opinion of the Crown Solicitor on the appointment of the officers authorized to collect the *ad valorem* duties. The appointments in question were made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and, though not concurred in by the Civil Service Board, were quite legal.

(5.) Public Holiday.—Queen's Jubilee:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim Monday, 20th June, in addition to Tuesday, the 21st June, a public holiday, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Monday, 20th June, has already been proclaimed a public holiday.

(6.)

- (6.) Foot-ways in front of Government Establishments, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—The two previous Governments, having reports from their officers, having placed upon the Estimates for consideration the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of asphaltting, kerbing, and guttering in front of the different Government establishments in the town of Parramatta, for which no rates are received by the Borough Council, is it the intention of the present Government to give the necessary authority to carry out this work, which, whilst being a public advantage, will give employment to a large number of men who are now alleged to be destitute and unable to find work?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There is no record of any amount having been placed on the Estimates for this work. The question will receive attention.

- (7.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Copeland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What was the total cost to the Government for the unemployed during last month, both by way of wages and food supplies?
 (2.) How many of the so-called unemployed are now receiving employment from the Government, stating the various localities of employment?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Approximately, £14,780.
 (2.) Approximately, 4,210, who are working at the following places:—National Park, Waterfall, Rookwood, Prince Alfred Hospital, Dobroyd, Beccroft, Carlingford, University, and Gordon.

- (8.) Uniforms for Tram-guards:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the winter uniforms for the tram-guards have not yet been served out?
 (2.) Is he aware that the overcoats served to the tram-guards are generally misfits?
 (3.) What is the name of the firm that supplies the tram-guards with uniforms by contract?
 (4.) Is this firm supposed to supply locally made uniforms, or are they to be allowed to import their overcoats, &c., from Great Britain or other countries?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but their supply will be expedited.
 (2.) It is stated that this is not the case.
 (3.) Messrs. W. H. Mills & Co.
 (4.) The uniforms are made to measurement in the Colony. The overcoats are imported in sizes.

- (9.) Ballina Wharf:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Who is the successful tenderer for Ballina Wharf?
 (2.) What is the amount of tender?
 (3.) Is it customary to make public the amount of successful tenders in the Department of Harbours and Rivers?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Mr. George Rankin.
 (2.) £298.
 (3.) It is not usual, unless there are special reasons for the adoption of that course.

- (10.) Bridge in Smollet-street, Albury:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Day, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How many tenders have been received for erection of the bridge in Smollet-street, Albury?
 (2.) Has any tender been accepted for the work; if not, what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Burns answered.—

- (1.) Eight.
 (2.) Yes; Messrs. D. and W. Robertson, for supply of ironwork, to be manufactured in Colony; F. Romero for erection.

- (11.) Lighting Moama Bridge:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause the correspondence on the subject of lighting the bridge over the Murray at Moama with gas to be laid before him, and give it his early consideration, and favour the writer with a reply at his earliest convenience?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes.

2. BEER DUTY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the imposition of an Excise Duty on Beer brewed in New South Wales and for other purposes in connection therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd June, 1887.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Dibbs* rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing, as a matter of urgent public importance, "the answer given by the Colonial Treasurer on the question of the Tobacco Duties."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.

Mr.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Scaver,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Holborow.
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Withers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lakeman.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Gale,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gorniy,
Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Fletcher.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Dawson.

And it appearing by the Tellers List that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put, That this House do now adjourn,—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

- CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—Mr. Vaughn, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 6th April, 1887, a.m.
Ordered to be printed.
- THE RABBIT PEST:—Mr. Waddell presented a Petition from Representatives of the Stock and Pastures Boards of the various Sheep Districts of the Colony, met in conference, alleging that a large area of the Western Pastoral Country is so seriously affected by the Rabbit Pest that extensive assistance in some form has become an absolute necessity, and that the Pastoral and Agricultural Interests extending over the whole of the Colony are threatened with indefinite loss from the same cause; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
- BROKERS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.
- CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Teece, 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. Teece, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
- BUILDING LABOUR AND MATERIAL LIEN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to secure to mechanics and others payment for their labour and materials in erecting buildings.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to secure to mechanics and others the payment for their labour and materials in erecting buildings.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
- CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Holborow 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. Holborow, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Holborow (*with the concurrence of the House*) the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

- 10 **TRADES ARBITRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Arbitration and Conciliation for the settlement of trades and labour disputes.
Question put, and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had; and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Arbitration and Conciliation for the settlement of trades and labour disputes.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **SALE AND DELIVERY OF FUEL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the sale and delivery of fuel.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Delivery of Fuel.
On motion of Mr. Allen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, 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. Abbott, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1887.

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

ELECTORATE OF SOUTH SYDNEY:—

(1.) *Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him on the 31st ultimo for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, who had resigned his Seat, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney.

2. CROWN LANDS [AUCTION SALES BALANCES] BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intitled "*An Act to authorize deferred payments of Balances due on Auction Sales of certain classes of Crown Lands*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th June, 1887.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Ad Valorem* Duties paid by the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and the *Evening News*:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount paid by the proprietors of the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* as taxes on paper since the imposition of the *ad valorem* duties last year?

(2.) The same information with regard to the proprietors of the *Evening News*?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Collector of Customs states that the amount paid by the proprietors of the papers named as taxes on paper are only known by themselves. They may import or buy in the open market. He also states it will take quite two months to wade through the Custom House entries for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of duty paid by the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and *Evening News*, and when obtained the result will only relate to duty on paper imported direct. I must also state, I doubt whether the records of the Customs should be used for the purpose of tracing private transactions.

(2.) Defences of the Colony:—Mr. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he, or have the Cabinet, made any inquiry outside the officers in charge of various branches of our Defensive Service, whether the reports which have been current, both in the Press and amongst the public, as to our inability and want of preparation to meet an attacking force, either by sea or land, are founded in fact, or are in any way justified?

(2.) If such inquiry has not been made, will he take any steps in that direction, and bring the matter under the attention of the Cabinet at the earliest possible moment?

(3.) Is he in a position to give any information to this House on the matters alluded to?

(4.) How many powder-hulks are moored in Middle Harbour?

(5.) In what manner are they moored or secured?

(6.) Will he cause steps to be taken at once to have them moored in such manner as to prevent their being removed by an enemy?

(7.) What quantities of explosives are now stored on these hulks?

(8.) How much of the total quantities belong to the Government?

(9.)

(9.) Have the Government any intention of renting or otherwise obtaining a piece of land on the harbour shores for the purpose of storing war materials nearer to the batteries and to the probable torpedo-fields than Berry's Bay?

(10.) Has any report been made to him, or has he called for any, relative to the dropping of a shell either at Watson's Bay or the Quarantine Ground from the batteries on the north side of the harbour, or to the dropping of one or more cannon-balls near the lower light-house, at South Head, and what is the substance of such report?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think I ought to say that I have every reason to believe that these questions are really asked by a Member of the Upper Chamber of Parliament—a gentleman who has taken it into his head to imagine that he has some great mission to look after the Defences of this country—I mean Mr. Creed. With regard to the first three sections of this question I cannot reply to them. I have not noticed what has been said in the Press. It is no part of my business to find out what is said by the Press, and even if the facts were as stated, I should consider it very improper to publish them to the world. With regard to the other questions, the following answers have been supplied to me:—

(4.) Four—one with gun-powder, one with gun-cotton, one awaiting repairs, and one used as a place of residence. The one awaiting repairs is empty.

(5.) Moored, and secured with heavy anchors and chains.

(6.) I cannot undertake to look after the mooring of these vessels.

(7.) About 524 tons of gun-powder and about 55 tons of gun-cotton.

(8.) About 330 tons of gun-powder and gun-cotton.

(9.) I cannot give any answer to this question.

(10.) Inquiries were made at the time on each occasion, and the substance of such reports are as follows:—Watson's Bay, 23rd October, 1886.—Shot fired from Field Battery, Volunteer Artillery; struck light-house; attributed to want of proper supervision by officer in command of the Battery, who was thereupon cautioned. Watson's Bay, 23th February, 1887.—Shot fired from 25-ton gun (one of a series), under the supervision of Imperial Instructors, fell short, presumably owing to half the charge being defective. Quarantine Ground, 15th April, 1884.—Portion of a shell, fired by Permanent Artillery from Middle Head, struck the hut; attributable to defective fuze, creating premature explosion, and a consequent very extended lateral spread of the pieces.

(3.) Grab Dredge for the Tweed River:—*Mr. Ewing*, for *Mr. Crouch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps (if any) have been taken to supply the Priestman's Grab Dredge promised for the Tweed River?

Mr. Burns answered,—My colleague has directed that tenders be invited for the construction of a suitable dredge for this river.

(4.) *Mr. Mowle*, Clerk in the Insolvency Court:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that *Mr. Mowle*, a clerk in the Insolvency Court, receives a large sum annually for taking affidavits, &c.; and are the said fees paid into the Consolidated Revenue, as is the case with fees received by officials in the Supreme Court?

(2.) What does he receive fees for?

(3.) What is the amount he received as fees from all sources for the year 1886, and the like up to 1st May, 1887?

(4.) Will he issue instructions providing that all fees received by *Mr. Mowle* and other officials in the Insolvency Court shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) No; but I am informed that *Mr. Aubrey Mowle*, Second Clerk in the Insolvency Department, has kept no account of the fees received by him for taking affidavits. He was appointed a Commissioner for Affidavits by the late Chief Justice, under Act 37 Vic. No. 10, section 2 of which Act provides that "every person now authorized or who may hereafter be authorized to act under any such Commission shall receive for his own use such fees as are now or shall from time to time be fixed by Rule of the Supreme Court." Such fees are not paid to Consolidated Revenue.

(2.) He does not receive any fees, except as a Commissioner for Affidavits.

(3.) I am informed that the amount received by *Mr. Mowle* was between £30 and £40.

(4.) No; as the appropriation of the fees in question is regulated by statute, I do not see how I can interfere in the manner suggested.

(5.) Fisheries Commission:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many members constitute the Fisheries Commission, their names, and when appointed?

(2.) How many meetings have been held by the Commissioners from the 1st day of January to the 1st day of May of the present year; and, during the same period, how many meetings have lapsed for want of a quorum?

(3.) What number of employes are there in the Department, the nature of their employment respectively, and the amount of salary paid to each officer, and the total expenditure of the Commission annually during the last five years?

(4.) The amount of revenue received by the Department annually during the last five years?

(5.) The amount paid for a steam launch for the use of the Commission, for what purpose is the said steam launch used, and on how many occasions have the subordinate officers of the Department been on active service in it?

(6.) How many Commissioners have been appointed, and the number resigned since the initiation of the Commission, and the names of each respectively?

(7.) What amount of money was lately expended by persons employed by the Commission as experts to examine into an alleged disease supposed to exist among oysters, the names of the persons so employed, the results obtained by them, and what rivers were examined by the aforesaid experts?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will, during the evening, lay upon the Table a Return giving this information.

- (6.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) How many times has Mr. Cracknell had to travel, in the interest of the Telegraph Department, in remote parts of the Colony, beyond the reach of railways, when he has had to pay extra horse-hire, during the last ten years?
 - (2.) What are the names of these places?
 - (3.) Are there no instances on record where these charges have been defrayed by the Department?
 - (4.) What lines under construction has Mr. Cracknell inspected during the past ten years?
 - (5.) How long was he absent on each occasion?
 - (6.) Has the £100 been authorized each year by a special Vote of Parliament on the Estimates; if not, from what Vote has it been paid, and by what authority?
 - (7.) Having in view the fact that Mr. Cracknell is allowed 30s. per day, in addition to free pass by railway when absent on duty, is it his intention to continue the payment of £100 per annum for an equipment allowance?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

In answer to questions Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5, Mr. Cracknell informs me that, having kept no record of the occasions when his expenses, in travelling to various parts of the Colony in the interest of the Department, outside of the ordinary travelling allowance, were paid by him from his equipment, it is not possible to give a definite reply to these questions; but, generally, it may be stated, with regard to the equipment allowance, that in past years, when the Department was extending its lines with great rapidity and in all directions, it was necessary that the Superintendent should personally visit the stations and the lines as they were constructed. This he did, and the equipment allowance was quite absorbed in doing so. As time went on, and his continued presence in Sydney became a necessity, Inspectors were appointed to do the outside work which Mr. Cracknell had hitherto done. It was then that this equipment allowance became merged into part of his salary, inasmuch as, in estimating the value of his services, the fact that he continued to receive the equipment was each time kept in view, and his salary fixed accordingly. This may be seen by a reference to the Professional Division of the Civil Service List for 1886, wherein it is shown that the salaries of officers of the same grade as Mr. Cracknell are in excess of his by the amount of the equipment allowance, viz., £100.

- (3.) So far as Mr. Cracknell is aware, there are no instances on record where charges which legitimately should have been paid out of the equipment allowance have been defrayed by the Department.
- (6.) Paid out of the Vote of £6,500 for horse equipment, &c., and specially noted in the Schedule accompanying the Estimates showing Mr. Cracknell's emoluments.
- (7.) I have given instructions that this allowance be discontinued.

- (7.) Iron Telegraph Poles :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What is the gross amount which has been expended upon iron telegraph poles since 1st January, 1881?
- (2.) What is the cost of each pole supplied between this date and 31st December, 1883?
- (3.) What is the cost of each pole supplied between 1st January, 1884, and 31st December, 1886?
- (4.) What was the total amount of poles contracted for in 1886, and the name of the contractor?
- (5.) How many iron poles are there in stock, and how many in current contracts to be supplied?
- (6.) What has been the total sum expended on iron poles during the last eighteen years?
- (7.) What is the reason for the Telegraph Department removing the telegraph wires on the railway between Sydney and Parramatta from the iron poles to newly-erected wooden poles?
- (8.) Has this change been laid before the Postmaster-General for his approval?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

It will take some short time to prepare the information asked for in questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The information, when prepared, will be laid upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (7.) The iron poles will only carry a certain number of lines. Up to the present time they have answered all requirements; but, with the increase in the number of wires, consequent upon the extension of the northern circuits along the new railway to Newcastle, it is found necessary to replace the iron-pole line between Sydney and Strathfield by heavy wooden posts. The iron poles that may be removed from this line will, of course, be available for other lines.
- (8.) Yes; approved by the late Postmaster-General, Mr. Suttor, on the 13th October last.

- (8.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Does the amount of £2,055 18s. 6d., paid to Mr. Cracknell for travelling allowances, include the £400 and £144 18s. drawn by him during his trip to the Berlin Conference?
- (2.) How long was Mr. Cracknell absent on his last trip to Europe, and was the reduced rate of salary paid him for the full period?
- (3.) What places did Mr. Cracknell visit whilst travelling on the Continent in the interest of the Telegraph Department?
- (4.) How many days was Mr. Cracknell occupied in making these visits, otherwise than to Berlin?
- (5.) Has he made any special report of these visits to the Government; if so, of what nature?
- (6.) Has any full report of the proceedings of the Berlin Conference been submitted by Mr. Cracknell, and when was this done?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member is mistaken in supposing that £2,055 16s. 8d. (not 18s. 6d.) was paid to Mr. Cracknell for "travelling allowances." This amount represents the salary paid to him while on leave at various times during his thirty years service. The items of £400 and £144 18s. represent, as previously explained, the amount of his travelling expenses to and from Sydney and London, and to and from London and Berlin, in connection with the Berlin Conference.

- (2.) Twelve months; yes.
- (3.) The principal places in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Germany.
- (4.) Mr. Cracknell cannot say exactly.
- (5.) No special report was considered necessary.
- (6.) Yes, and published in the Report of the Postmaster-General for 1885.

- (9.) Mr. Cracknell, Superintendent of Telegraphs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Did it take Mr. Cracknell eighteen days to ascertain the position in which the engine, dynamos, and lamps should be placed in the Jenolan Caves?
 - (2.) What officer of the Telegraph Department accompanied Mr. Cracknell to assist him in arriving at this conclusion?
 - (3.) What was the total amount paid to Mr. Cracknell for his expenses whilst on duty in regard to the Jenolan Caves?
 - (4.) Was the dynamo for the Caves delivered by Mr. Kingsbury to Mr. Metcalf when acting as Electric-light Engineer?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Cracknell reports that, on the occasion of his first visit to the Jenolan Caves, he was engaged in determining not only the best position for the engine and dynamo, but also in giving directions as to the running of the leads, &c. When he visited the Caves the second time, it was to see how the work had been carried out, and to put the installation into actual practice by lighting the caves.
- (2.) Mr. Fitzmaurice.
- (3.) £27.
- (4.) Yes.

- (10.) Tarriaro Bridge :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Tarriaro Bridge over the Namoi River, near Narrabri, on the main travelling stock road from the Queensland Border to market, which has been erected and used for twenty years, has been blocked from traffic?
- (2.) Has the matter been referred to the District Surveyor, and what is the nature of his report?
- (3.) Has a petition been received, praying that this bridge may be repaired or a new one erected; and will such be done?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the bridge having been condemned as dangerous.
- (2.) Yes. With reference to proposed stock route from Narrabri to Boggabri, report has not yet been received from District Surveyor. The reports of the Assistant Engineer and local officer of the Roads Department are to the effect that to repair the bridge would be a waste of money.
- (3.) A petition was received on 13th May, 1887, but no decision has yet been arrived at, pending the receipt of a report from the District Surveyor.

- (11.) Stock Road on north side of Namoi River :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the surveyor's report been received, and what is the nature thereof, with reference to the opening up the road for stock and other purposes on the north side of the Namoi River, from Boggabri Bridge to Tarriaro Bridge?
- (2.) Is he aware this has been a public track for forty years, that traffic thereon has been obstructed, and Tarriaro Bridge being closed to traffic, renders opening up this road the more necessary?
- (3.) When will it be declared open for public use?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Survey has recently been made to complete the road between the points referred to. Questions, however, having arisen with respect to construction &c., the Commissioner and Engineer of Roads has asked for a report from his local officer, and it has been ascertained that the report has not been furnished yet, but is expected to arrive shortly.

- (12.) Port of Newcastle :—Mr. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The total amount of revenue received from Customs in Newcastle in years 1885 and 1886?
- (2.) The amount of freight for coal carried by rail to Newcastle in same years?
- (3.) The amount of freight by rail to Newcastle from other sources received by Government in same years?
- (4.) The amount received by Government for sales of uncustomed goods in same years?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The total amount of revenue received from Customs in Newcastle in years 1885 and 1886 was—In 1885, £108,807 12s. 7d.; and in 1886, £119,131 15s. 2d.
- (2.) The amount of freight for coal carried by rail to Newcastle was—In 1885, £74,314 0s. 8d.; and in 1886, £75,189 0s. 5d.
- (3.) The amount of freight by rail to Newcastle from other sources received by the Government was—In 1885, £36,028 17s. 3d.; and in 1886, £36,403 14s. 4d.
- (4.) The amount received by Government for sale of uncustomed goods was—In 1885, £88 13s. 2d. and in 1886, £36 11s. 11d.

- (13.) Truant Inspectors :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
Is it the intention of the Government to do away with the office of Truant Inspector?

Mr. Inglis answered,—It is the intention of this Government to reduce the number of Payment and Attendance Officers from fifty-two to twenty-five, and to re-arrange the branch in such a manner as is hoped will conduce to greater efficiency and economy in working. The remaining officers will be placed directly under the supervision of the various Inspectors, and all work of this kind will be transacted through the Ministerial Office.

- (14.) Messrs. O'Donnell and Fraser, Superintendents of the Unemployed :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Fraser, Superintendents of the Unemployed at the Field of Mars, were suspended from their duties for having taken part in a disturbance at Eastwood?
- (2.) Have these gentlemen been since reinstated; if so, for what reasons?
- (3.) What were, or are, the duties of O'Donnell and Fraser respectively?
- (4.) What remuneration do they receive?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 20th April, by the officer then in charge of the relief works.
- (2.) Yes; on the 25th April, on account of their fitness for the duties, and the Magisterial Inquiry at Ryde not connecting them with the disturbance.
- (3.) O'Donnell is Superintendent of the relief works at Beecroft, and Fraser at Carlingford.
- (4.) Ten shillings per day.

(15.) Fees received by Civil Servants :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In reference to the minute adopted by the Cabinet or Executive Council as to fees to Civil Servants,—did the Government decide to abolish all fees hitherto paid to Civil Servants, or only to certain officials in the Civil Service?
- (2.) If any Civil Servants are still allowed to receive fees, have they to pay the said fees into the Consolidated Revenue?
- (3.) In reference to Civil Servants holding offices outside the Civil Service, and thus bringing them into competition with the public who do not hold permanent offices, is it the intention of the Government to issue Regulations to prevent Civil Servants holding any office of profit outside the Civil Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No; the minute alluded to had only reference to patent fees.
- (2.) Inquiry is now being made of the several Departments under the Minister of Justice as to what fees are received by Civil Servants.
- (3.) The Regulations of the Civil Service are under consideration of the Government, and this matter will be dealt with at the same time.

(16.) Newington and Parramatta Asylums :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. J. Teece, Barrister-at-Law, is appointed to report on the truth of the report of the late Commissioners appointed to inquire into the treatment of the old and feeble at Newington and Parramatta Asylums; if not, what is he appointed to do?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Doctor Rowling has been dismissed?
- (3.) In reference to the dinner of roast beef, &c., displayed before Sir Henry Parkes and Mr. J. Want, is it not a fact that roast beef, except on Sundays, is not part of the bill of fare for infirm and destitute at the Government Asylums?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I really can give no answer to this question. I may state, however, that Dr. Rowling has been suspended.

(17.) Railway Rates on Farm Produce :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet considered the question of reducing the railway rates on farm produce; if so, will he state when the lower rates are likely to come into operation?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—We are not in a position to give a definite answer to this question, but will give the information in a week's time.

(18.) Scotch Crofters :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that a lady representing 1,000 of the crofters of Scotland has arrived in Melbourne?
- (2.) Is he aware that the object of the lady's mission is to ascertain if there is any land in Australia suitable for settlement by these crofters?
- (3.) Is it his intention to take steps to inform this lady that there is abundance of land in New South Wales suitable for the purpose?
- (4.) In the event of these crofters desiring to settle in New South Wales, is it his intention to take steps to have some of the many reserves now, it is alleged, occupied at a nominal rate cancelled, with the object of offering them as lands upon which these hardy, industrious, and worthy people may make homes for themselves?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have not noticed any intimation in the newspapers with reference to this supposed lady, and I do not think that I can take any step in the matter.

(18.) Local Option :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Gale, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government early next Session to bring in an Amending Licensing Act, making provision therein for full Local Option?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill next Session to amend the Licensing Act, but it is rather premature to state what the provisions of that Bill will be.

(20.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Colonial Secretary any reasons for declining to give answers to the following questions :—

- (1.) Was the following telegram, sent by John Davies to Mr. Burrows, Superintendent at the National Park, sent with the knowledge or by order of the Colonial Secretary :—“To-morrow, Queen's Birthday, officers and men taking holiday receive no pay”?
- (2.) Did all Civil Servants receive similar instructions?
- (3.) How many (if any) Departments of the Civil Service received instructions to work, or sacrifice their wages on Queen's Birthday?
- (4.) Were the unemployed at the Field of Mars compelled to work on that National Holiday?
- (5.) Did the various Councils who are employing men from the ranks of the unemployed issue any orders similar to those conveyed in the telegram of John Davies?
- (6.) Will he take into his consideration the proposal to pay the unemployed who were compelled to work at the National Park on Queen's Birthday extra wages for that day?
- (7.) Is it a part of the Government scheme of retrenchment to compel the pauper class in the community to work on all holidays, whilst the well-paid Civil Servants are granted these holidays “without any sacrifice of wages”?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I decline to answer these questions, with every respect to the House, because I think they are of a character that ought not to be submitted to Parliament.

(21.) Moama Wharf :—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he yet obtained a report from the officer appointed to inquire into the advisability of lengthening the channel leading to the Moama wharf, and of improvements to the said wharf?
- (2.) If so, will he give the required information?

Mr. Burns answered,—The officer appointed to inquire into the advisability of lengthening the channel leading to the Moama wharf, and of improvements to such wharf, has reported that there does not appear any necessity for the works referred to.

(22.) White Spirit :—Mr. Allen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) On what amount of white spirit were duties paid during the year ending 31st December, 1886?
- (2.) By whom were these duties paid?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(23.) Wingadee and Warrina Runs :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the rental per acre placed by the Land Board on Wingadee Run, for the leasehold and resumed area?
- (2.) What was the rental fixed by the Minister for Lands?
- (3.) The same information as regards Warrina Run, both the above runs being situated near Coonamble?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Leasehold area, 2½d. per acre; resumed area, £3 16s. 8d. per section.
- (2.) Leasehold area, 2½d. per acre; resumed area, £4 13s. 4d. per section.
- (3.) The Board recommended—Leasehold area, 2½d. per acre; resumed area, £3 16s. 8d. per section. The Minister fixed the rents—Leasehold area, 2½d. per acre; resumed area, £4 13s. 4d. per section.

(24.) Body found in the Yarra :—Mr. Chanter, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary's attention been directed to the following telegram which appeared in the *Herald* and *Echo* of Thursday last:—"The body of a man was found floating in the Yarra to-day. The deceased was apparently a labouring man, and is supposed to be one of the recent arrivals from Sydney. In his pocket some papers were found bearing the name of Wm. T. Minague and Thos. Cropley. There was also a free railway pass from Sydney, and a small amount of money"?
- (2.) Was any free railway pass granted to any labourer since the present Government came into office?
- (3.) If so, by whose authority?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I submit, Mr. Speaker, that I ought not to be asked a question based on a mere rumour in a Melbourne paper. If that is correct, why should I not be asked about rumours in papers in every city on the face of the earth? I may state, however, that I have reason to believe that this person was not among the arrivals from Sydney. At all events, I have no reason to believe that he was; and I do not believe any railway pass from this Colony could have been found upon him, unless it was a pass obtained in the ordinary way. I have already stated repeatedly that I have never given any instructions for passes to be issued to persons either to send them to Melbourne or to assist them in getting there.

(25.) Village at Doodle Cooma :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Hayes, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the survey for village at Doodle Cooma completed?
- (2.) If so, when will the allotments be offered for sale?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No; some amendment may be necessary, on account of railway requirements, on the subject of which a reference was recently made to the Railway Department.
- (2.) The land will be offered for sale without any unnecessary delay.

(26.) Road from Maroubra to Long Bay :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that some person or persons have dug a number of large holes, from 5 to 6 feet deep (presumably for clay), on the main track from Maroubra to Long Bay, and that such holes are left unprotected?
- (2.) Have such persons authority from the Department to dig these holes?
- (3.) Will he draw the attention of the Crown Lands Ranger to the matter, with the view of taking immediate precautions to prevent accident to some one or other of the numerous pleasure-seekers who frequent this popular resort?

Mr. Inglis answered,—These questions relate to matters which fall within the Department of Public Instruction.

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No authority has been granted. Permits are issued by the Church and School Lands Office, but at present there are none in force.
- (3.) The Crown Lands Ranger has no control over Church and School Lands, but a report on the matter will be obtained from the officer-in-charge, Mr. Brownrigg.

(27.) Remission or Mitigation of Prisoners Sentences :—Mr. Foster asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to state the names of the prisoners whose sentences have been remitted or mitigated since the present Government have been in office, together with the description of the offence, and the date and length of the original sentence in each case?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I have no objection to this information being supplied, if moved for in the usual way.

(28.) Traffic Bridge over the Murray at Tocumwal:—Mr. Chanter asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the necessity of the erection of a traffic bridge over the river Murray at Tocumwal?
- (2.) Will he ascertain from the Victorian Government if they are willing to bear one-half the cost of construction of said bridge?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; the matter will have consideration.

(29.) Agricultural Show-ground, Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names of the trustees for the Agricultural Show-ground at Queanbeyan?
- (2.) Who recommended these gentlemen as trustees?
- (3.) Have the trustees rented the ground to A. Johnstone & Co., railway contractors, on certain conditions?
- (4.) What are the conditions specified?
- (5.) How much money did the trustees receive from A. Johnstone & Co. as rent, &c.?
- (6.) How was this money disposed of, and when?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Charles S. Greenfield, John Bull, William Brook, Alfred M. Dulhunty, and John Gale.
- (2.) The four first named were appointed on the recommendation of Mr. G. F. De Salis, who was at the time Member for the District, and Mr. Gale by the Honorable Member.
- (3.) No; but Messrs. A. Johnstone & Co. appear to have been permitted by the trustees to make bricks on the ground.
- (4.) I am unaware.
- (5.) I understand that the sum of £57 was paid to the Association as a subscription, in consideration of the permission granted.
- (6.) I am not aware.

(30.) Henry Glasson's Application for a Conditional Purchase at Cowra:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Henry Glasson, junior, apply for a conditional purchase of 200 acres at Cowra, in November, 1885?
- (2.) Has his application been dealt with by the Land Board?
- (3.) Has any decision been come to?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; it having been necessary to allow the matter to stand over, pending the disposal of a conflicting interest.
- (3.) No; but the case will now be disposed of by the Board upon an early date.

(31.) Alleged Railway Frauds:—Mr. Rylie, for Mr. Lakeman, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Lee & M'Alister are to be tried for the railway frauds before Wright, Heaton, & Co., a promise having been made that the latter should be tried first?
- (2.) What are the new grounds for trying Lee & M'Alister first?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) No promise was made, although it was understood that Wright, Heaton, and others would be placed on their trial first, which was done.
- (2.) The trial of Wright, Heaton, and others was postponed, in consequence of their having appealed against the decision of Mr. Acting Justice Stephen upon the demurrer; and this appeal is still pending.

(32.) The Queen's Jubilee.—Release of Prisoners:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to mark the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's reign by releasing prisoners whose good conduct has merited such a concession?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to mark the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign by the release of prisoners undergoing sentences in Her Majesty's gaols.

(33.) Scrub Leases on Leasehold Areas:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any scrub leases been granted on leasehold areas?
- (2.) In such cases, is it his intention to call for a re-assessment, seeing that the rents are fixed in accordance with the grazing capabilities of the leasehold as a whole?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) A reduction in rent will be allowed when a scrub lease is granted to the extent of its area.

(34.) Tram Waiting-sheds at Hopewell-street and Begg-street, Paddington:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a promise made by the late Minister for Works to erect tram waiting-sheds at Hopewell-street and Begg-street, Paddington?
- (2.) When will the said sheds be erected?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my honorable colleague, I have to state:—The records do not show that any promise was made by the late Minister for Works that these waiting-sheds should be erected. Inquiry was promised, which has been made. The comparatively small number of passengers who join the tram at Hopewell-street would not warrant the erection of a shed at that place. The question of a waiting-shed near Begg-street is under consideration.

4. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Particulars respecting the Fisheries Commission.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 29th April, 1887—"Consumption of Oil in Government Service."
- (3.)

- (3.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Woollahra.
 (4.) By-laws of the Borough of St. Leonards, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
 (5.) Statistical Register for 1886, Part V—Monetary and Financial.
 (6.) Report, &c., on condition of certain Drums of Armoured Electric Cable at Berry's Bay.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return showing quantity of White Spirit upon which Duty was paid during the year ending 31st December, 1886.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. PROTECTION OF STOCK AND PASTURES:—Mr. Penzer presented a Petition from certain Graziers of the Colony of New South Wales, suggesting certain principles which they think should be embodied in an Act of Parliament for the protection of Stock and Pastures; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
 The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
6. FUEL DELIVERY BILL:—Mr. Allen presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Sale and Delivery of Fuel*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
7. ROADS FROM CASSILIS TO MERRIWA, REEDY CREEK, AND COOLAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount of money voted for and expended during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886 on each of the roads from Merriwa to Cassilis, Cassilis to Reedy Creek, Mudgee Road, and the road from Coolah to Cassilis.
 Question put and passed.
8. PASTORAL ASSESSMENTS:—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House, the rents as assessed by the Local Land Boards should not be increased, except in cases where either corruption or incompetence can be clearly proved against the members of such Boards.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until a later hour of the day, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of all other business.
 Question put and passed.
9. SUSPENSION OF A SESSIONAL ORDER:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Sessional Order agreed to by this House on the 28th April last, giving Government Business precedence of General Business after seven o'clock p.m. on Tuesdays, be suspended for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
10. CLAIM OF E. BLAKENEY V. PECOS:—Mr. Melville, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th May, 1887.
 Ordered to be printed.
11. PASTORAL ASSESSMENTS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McMillan, "That, in the opinion of this House, the rents as assessed by the Local Land Boards should not be increased, except in cases where either corruption or incompetence can be clearly proved against the members of such Boards,"—
 And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1887, A.M.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Carruthers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th May, 1887; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Route to Inverell:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of *Mr. Surveyor Hogg's* report on his exploration survey from Guyra (Mother-of-Ducks) to Inverell, *via* Tingha, will he cause a trial survey of that line to be made before finally deciding on the railway route to Inverell?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter will be carefully considered by the Government during the recess, when the whole of its railway policy will be reviewed, and its decision on this and other similar proposals will be announced early next Session.

- (2.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Has he yet considered the desirableness of constructing a line of railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin?

(2.) Is he aware that this line could be carried over perfectly level country, and be constructed at a very cheap rate?

(3.) Is he aware that this line would open up a very large agricultural district, and give present settlers an opportunity of sending their produce to Sydney?

(4.) Will he, during next Session, submit for the consideration of Parliament a motion affirming the desirableness of constructing a line of railway between Jerilderie and Deniliquin, a distance of only 42 miles?

Mr. Burns answered,—This matter will be carefully considered by the Government during the recess, when the whole of its railway policy will be reviewed, and its decision on this and similar proposals will be announced early next Session.

- (3.) Draftsmen discharged from Railway Branch:—*Mr. Frank Smith*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the draftsmen that are now being discharged from the Railway Branch, in consequence of the general scheme of retrenchment, receive the same consideration as those dismissed from the Lands Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is proposed to grant retiring allowances to the draftsmen, but the amount of such allowance is under consideration.

- (4.) State of Trade in the Colony:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to follow the example of the Imperial Parliament, by appointing a Commission to inquire into the present depressed state of trade in the Colony, and the best means of ameliorating the same?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am afraid I cannot say that the Government is prepared to issue a Commission for this purpose. I am by no means sure that too large a number of Commissions are not issued. Some few years ago a gentleman of great promise wrote a book which was entitled, "Government by Commissions Unconstitutional and Illegal." I think there is a great deal of force in the title of that book. However, the subject shall be considered during the recess.

- (5.) Places of Public Amusement or Resort:—*Mr. Dowel* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government, at an early date, to introduce such legislation as may be necessary—

(1) To effect the control, under proper regulations, of all places of public amusement or resort; (2) to extend such control to places not now under direct statutory control; (3) to provide for construction of all buildings used for public concourse, so as to diminish the risk from fire or panic?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I hope the Honorable Member will pardon me if I say that I am much gratified to find that his mind is occupied by so interesting a subject. The subject is certainly one that deserves attention, and already we have had a Commission which has reported on the matter and made certain recommendations. If those recommendations do not meet the case in every particular, I may promise the Honorable Member that the whole subject shall be considered, with a view to necessary legislation. (6.)

- (6.) Muswellbrook-Cassilis Railway:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What progress is being made with the final survey of the Muswellbrook-Cassilis railway?
 (2.) When is it probable such survey will be completed, and tenders called for construction of the line?

Mr. Burns answered,—The permanent survey is completed from Muswellbrook to Merriwa, and the remaining portion to Cassilis will be finished in about four months.

- (7.) Fidelity Bonds given by Telegraph Operators:—Mr. Tonkin, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that telegraph operators, and others connected with the General Post Office, are compelled to find a fidelity bond, when it is no part of their duty to handle cash?
 (2.) Can he inform the House whether this rule is applied to all other Departments?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes; but opportunity for obtaining Government cash or valuable property might present itself to any official employed, and so (with some exceptions) all persons employed in the Postmaster-General's Department are required to pay at the rate of 5s. per centum per annum to a guarantee system.

(2.) I am not aware.

- (8.) Post Office at Coraki:—Mr. Ewing asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has he yet made inquiries into accommodation for Post Office at Coraki, Richmond River?
 (2.) Will he state what steps he intends to take in the matter?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) I propose to endeavour to arrange with the landlord for some additions to the building.

- (9.) Cable Clerk, Continental Clerk, and Telegraph Instructor,—Mr. Ewing asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Cable Clerk, Continental Clerk, and Telegraph Instructor upon the Estimates for 1887?
 (2.) What are the duties of each of these officers?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Dalgarno, Mr. John Nelson, and Mr. Hy. Corbett.
 (2.) The duties performed by Mr. Dalgarno consist—(1) In the charge of the Experimental Branch, which embraces the testing of cables, the care and working of the dynamo and the accumulators to be utilized as batteries for the lines, and for lighting purposes; (2) in rendering assistance to the Superintendent in other scientific work. Mr. Nelson's duties consist of assisting the manager of the Operating Branch. Mr. Corbett is engaged in working one of the lines, there being no available space for an Instruction Branch at present.

- (10.) Railway from Hay to Deniliquin:—Mr. Fitzgerald, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to cause Mr. Goodchap and Mr. Kircaldy to give evidence or be examined by the Committee on the Railway from Hay to Deniliquin?

Mr. Burns answered,—A Committee having been appointed, this seems to me a matter for the Committee to determine.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Railway Free Passes issued to Ladies.
 (2.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 29th April, 1887—"Consumption of Oil in Government Service."
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 18th May, 1887—"The Case of Mrs. Butterley."
 Ordered to be printed.

3. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL. (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the "West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)" and the "Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)" to amend the "West-Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886."
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Farnell having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the 'West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' and the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)' to amend the 'West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886,'*"—read a first time.

4. THE CASE OF JOHN MULLENS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Stokes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, telegrams, and minutes passed between the Minister for Works and the Road Inspectors (Messrs. Adams and Moreton), having reference to the dismissal of John Mullens, the maintenance-man on the roads at Condobolin; also, copies of petition, telegrams, and letters received from the residents of Condobolin, and replies thereto, including the report of Mr. Woods, who specially reported upon the case.
 Question put and passed.

5. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, and other documents (not of a confidential character) sent or made by any officer in the service of the Government, either to the Colonial Secretary or any other Minister, or to any other such officer, respecting, or in connection with, the report made by Colonel Crosmund, R.E., to the Inspector-General of Fortifications under the Imperial Government, since the first day of January, 1882, relative to Submarine Mining Stores and Defences in Australia, or as to so much of such report as relates to the Defences of this Colony.
 Question put and passed.

6. CITY OF GOULBURN GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Tecce*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the 'City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited)' to increase its capital to £50,000.*"
 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 authorize the 'City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited)' to increase its capital to £50,000,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with the Deed of Settlement of the Company.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 8th June, 1887.*

7. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Holborow*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Holborow then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
 Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with the two Crown Grants referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 8th June, 1887.*

8. SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to regulate in certain particulars dealings with the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by extending to the present and future Bishops of the said Diocese the provisions of all Acts and Instruments having reference to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors and by enabling the Synod of the said Diocese to deal with Church property which by reason of consecration or other express Trust is devoted to some purpose which it has become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe.*"
 Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate in certain particulars dealings with the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by extending to the present and future Bishops of the said Diocese the provisions of all Acts and Instruments having reference to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors and by enabling the Synod of the said Diocese to deal with Church Property which by reason of consecration or other express Trust is devoted to some purpose which it has become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 8th June, 1887.*

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business.
10. PASTORAL ASSESSMENTS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. McMillan*, "That, in the opinion of this House, the rents as assessed by the Local Land Boards should not be increased, except in cases where either corruption or incompetence can be clearly proved against the members of such Boards,"—
 And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.

Question

Question for the adjournment of the Debate again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. O'Connor,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Cameron,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Riley,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Withers,
Tellers,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Dr. Ross moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Burns,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Schey,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Riley,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Withers,
Tellers,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bruncker.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Penzer,
Tellers,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kelly.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the motion,—

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Abigail,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cooke,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Penzer,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Schey,
Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Withers,
Mr. Hawken,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Riley,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Jeanneret,
Tellers,
Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Ewing,
Tellers,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Hassall.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Original

Original Question put, That, in the opinion of this House, the rents as assessed by the local Land Boards should not be increased, except in cases where either corruption or incompetence can be clearly proved against the members of such Boards.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stokes.

Tellers,

Mr. Black,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 46.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Moore, Mr. Garrett, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Street, Mr. Martin, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Riley, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Withers, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lees, Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Davis, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Wise, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Schey, Mr. Ives, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Cooke, Dr. Ross, Mr. Jones, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Toolcey, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. O'Connor.
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Tellers,

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Henson.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Burns, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Inglis, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. William larko, Mr. Wise, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Abigail, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Penzer, Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Toolcey, Mr. Wall, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Abbott, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Street, Mr. Withers, Mr. Martin, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Holborow, Mr. Riley, Mr. Black, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Garland, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Henson, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Lees, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Ives, Mr. Gale, Mr. Schey, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Jeanneret.
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Tellers,

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Bruncker.

Noes, 11.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Malville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Kelly.

Tellers,

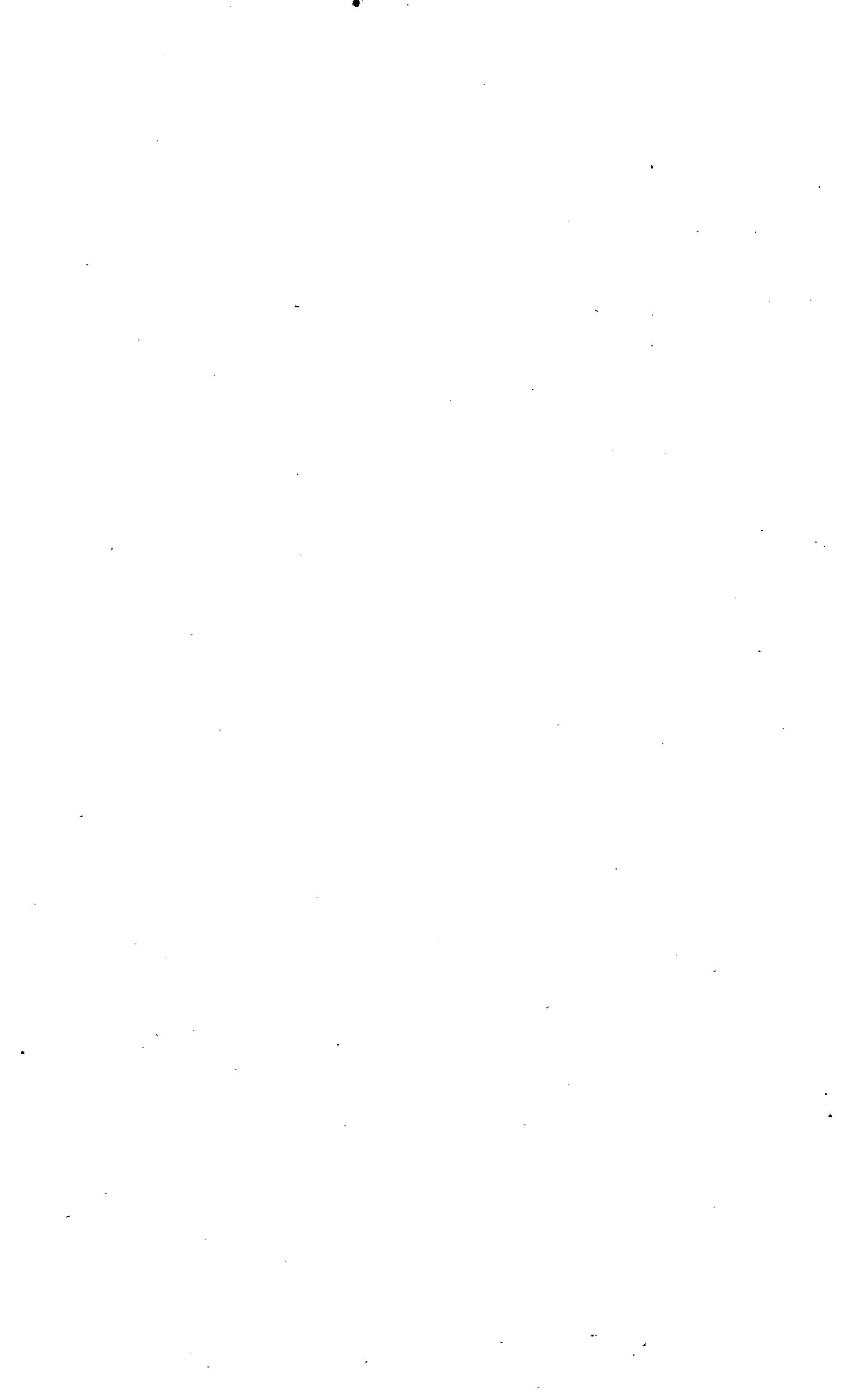
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Moore.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fines under the Licensing Act:—Mr. Allen asked the Minister of Justice,—What amount of fines has been collected from publicans for selling adulterated drinks since the Licensing Act Amendment Act of 1884?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I cannot at present furnish this information, no separate record of such fines being kept either at the Treasury or the Audit Office.

- (2.) Charge on Victorian Railways for Merchandise carried into this Colony:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Commissioners for Railways of Victoria have recently issued a Regulation to the effect that all merchandise carried by the Victorian Railways for transmission into the Colony of New South Wales is to be charged at a lower rate than merchandise carried to Wodonga and Echuca, on the borders of Victoria?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the railway authorities of this Colony to take immediate steps to counteract any prejudicial effect to the trade and railway traffic of this Colony which, by the enforcement of the Victorian Railway Regulations, may ensue?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) This system of differential or competitive rates on the Victorian Railways, for the purpose of diverting the trade of Riverina to Melbourne, has been in force for years. The recent Regulation referred to merely extends the line in New South Wales territory within which these competitive rates will have effect.

(2.) Yes; immediately upon the issue of the Regulation, inquiry was instituted, which is being proceeded with, as to its probable effect upon the trade and railway traffic of this Colony, with a view to counter action being taken if found necessary.

- (3.) Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Mr. Neild drawn any money as payment of his expenses as Executive Commissioner to the Exhibition in Adelaide; if so, how much has he drawn up to date?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Two separate sums have been advanced to the Executive Commissioner for the Adelaide Exhibition—one sum of £200 and another of £500, and I expect that other advances must be made. These advances are to defray expenses necessary in connection with his office as Executive Commissioner.

- (4.) Meat Market and Chilling Rooms at Pyrmont:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many years is it since the contract was first let for building the Meat Market and Chilling Rooms at Pyrmont?

(2.) How many years is it likely to take to complete the work?

(3.) How many Inspectors are employed in superintending the erection of the above works?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The contract for the Meat Market was let three and a half years ago, and for the Chilling Rooms in January last.

(2.) The works will be completed in twelve months.

(3.) One Inspector only.

- (5.) Real Property Index:—Mr. Hawken, for Mr. Martin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The amount expended in copying the Real Property Index in Registration of Deeds Office during the last ten years?

(2.) Is it necessary to have the index copied every year; if so, could not the work be given to some of those whose services have been dispensed with from other Departments?

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Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Seven years, at £300 each, and three years at £400 each, making a total of £3,300.
- (2.) Yes; to prevent inconvenience to the public, the copying of this index is carried on after office hours. There are ten of the officers in the Department engaged on this work. There will be no objection to the employment of others not connected with the Department, provided that their handwriting is suitable, and that at least one-half of these gentlemen be employed at the same time to guide them, and for the safe custody of the documents.

(6.) Rent of Runs on South Side of Namoi River :—Mr. Daugar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that several runs in the Central Division, on the south side of the Namoi River, have been thrown up on account of the excessive rent placed thereon?
- (2.) If so, will he state the names of such runs, the rents placed on each, and the course intended to be pursued with reference to them?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I do not know that it is a fact that several runs in the Central Division, on the south side of the Namoi River, have been thrown up on account of the excessive rent placed thereon, and not knowing it as a fact, it is not possible for me to state the names of such runs, and the rents placed upon them. The course which will be pursued in reference to the supposed runs will be the course prescribed by the law with regard to forfeited or abandoned runs.

(7.) Brush Carbons :—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) How many brush carbons have been supplied to the Electric Telegraph Department, between 1st January and 30th April, 1887; in what quantities, and on what dates?
- (2.) How many have been supplied by public tender, and how many without competition upon order?
- (3.) What were the prices in each case?
- (4.) What was the nature of the recommendation in each case, and by whom made?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) 3,000 on 5th March, 1886; 1,000 on 25th April, 1886.
- (2.) All have been supplied by tender, publicly called.
- (3.) 3,000 at £10 10s. per 1,000; 1,000 at £8 6s. 8d. per 1,000.
- (4.) That the lowest tender be accepted by the Tender Board or the Superintendent of Telegraphs, as the case might be.

(8.) Telegraphic Operating Room :—Mr. Wall asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the new telegraphic operating room in the Head Office, now in course of construction, is stated to be inconveniently situated for the public, and so as to cause considerable delay in the transaction of business by the mercantile community?
- (2.) Is this intended to be a permanent arrangement, or only temporary?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) The new telegraphic operating room in the Head Office is not considered inconveniently situated for the public, because it is contemplated, when the room is finished, to make arrangements whereby the public can transact their business, or make any necessary inquiries, without ascending to the operating room.
- (2.) It is a permanent arrangement.

(9.) Fees to Commissioners under Real Property Act :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What amount of fees was payable to each of the Commissioners under the Real Property Act for the month of May last?
- (2.) How many times did the Commissioners sit for despatch of business during that month, and what was the duration of each sitting?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £64 10s. each.
- (2.) Four; from one hour and a half to two hours.

2. RAILWAY FROM GRAFTON TO THE TWEED :—Mr. Crouch presented a Petition from F. B. Gulley, Mayor of Casino, for and on behalf of the Residents of Casino and the Upper Richmond River, representing that they are deprived of the advantages of Railway Communication enjoyed by the residents of most other districts, and that the delay in proceeding with the construction of the authorized Line from Grafton to the Tweed seriously retards the progress and development of the natural resources of the district through which the said Line of Railway will pass; and praying the House to take the premises into favourable consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 16th March, 1887—"Special Trains used by, and Expenses of, Ministers."
- (2.) Regulations of the Glen Innes Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
- (3.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Camperdown, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

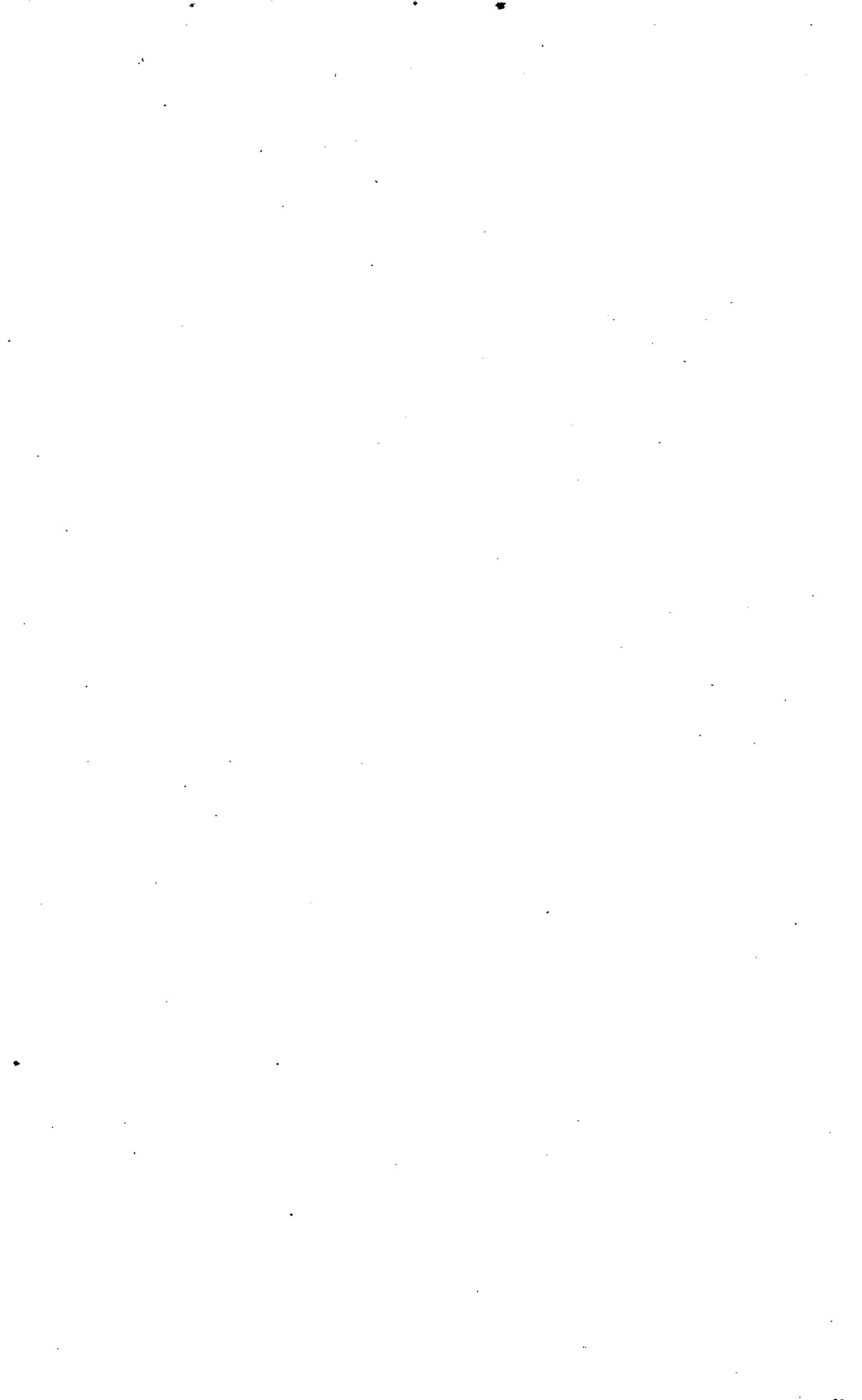
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 1st June, 1887—"Scab Inspectors."
- (2.) Notification, under the Public Parks Act of 1884, extinguishing part of North-street, Nowra, as a Public Highway.
- (3.) Abstract of Land resumed for a Public Park at Manly, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. J. S. Farnell*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Tonkin*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Stephen*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Allen*, *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. LIENS ON WOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages of sheep.
 Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Ryrie* rising to move the adjournment of the House, *Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of "correcting the estimated statistics recently furnished by the "Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 18th May last, with regard to the estimated traffic, "working expenses, and cost of construction of the Tarago to Braidwood Railway."
 And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Ryrie moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
7. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL:—*Mr. Garrard* presented a Petition from *W. M. Burns*, Mayor of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Balmain, on behalf of the Council, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon Wharves, &c.
 And *Mr. Garrard* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Balmain Observer* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
8. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer powers upon the 'Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited)'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th June, 1887.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
- Bill, on motion of *Mr. Trickett*, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 24th June.
9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. Thompson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question, for the adjournment of the Debate, put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive postponed until Tuesday next.
11. CLAIM OF E. BLAKENEY V. PEGUS:—*Mr. Melville* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of *E. Blakeney v. Pegus*," brought up on the 7th June, 1887, be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
12. PARLIAMENTARY "HANSARD":—*Mr. Carruthers* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the expediency, probable cost, and best means of printing, publishing, and circulating a daily issue of *Hansard*.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Tonkin*, *Mr. Garland*, *Mr. Dibbs*, *Mr. Ewing*, *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Henson*, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Frederick Marsh:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and reports connected with the suspension and removal of Mr. Frederick Marsh, as Chairman of the Land Board at Dubbo? Mr. Garrett answered,—No, if moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Mr. Frederick Marsh:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers and reports connected with the appointment of Mr. F. Marsh as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Narrandera?
(2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. F. Marsh to the combined offices of Police Magistrate, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Crown Lands Agent at Wellington?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—There will be no objection to these papers being laid upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the usual manner.

(3.) Land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Having regard to the replies given by him on Friday last, 3rd June, in respect to the Crown land at the corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets,—

(1.) Will he inform the House who received the rents upon the same from the time the Crown took possession under a Writ of Intrusion issued 23rd December, 1862?

(2.) Have these rents been paid, and is it his intention to cause the Department to take immediate action to recover the same, dating from the time the Crown took possession?

(3.) Will he produce an attested copy of the conditional grant, of date 23rd December, 1839; also, an attested copy of any other grant referring to same land (if any)?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The records of the Treasury do not disclose the information sought, as regards the payment of rent. On page 11 of the Progress Report of the Select Committee, ordered by this House on the 17th May, 1878, to be printed, will be found a copy of the grant referred to.

(4.) Denis Morrissey's Conditional Purchase:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Denis Morrissey, in 1877, select 160 acres, county Gowen, parish Coonabarabran; and did the surveyor make a mistake in marking the wrong tree, and it was afterwards found to be partly on travelling stock reserve No. 343?

(2.) Did he again, in 1878, select 40 acres more, as an additional conditional purchase, and that after such latter selection it was found he encroached upon the reserve, and in the meantime was making considerable improvements?

(3.) Did Mr. District-Surveyor Davidson and the Stock Inspector of the District advise cancellation of a portion of this reserve, so as to enable Morrissey to re-select the portion upon which he was and is residing and still using?

(4.) Is it intended to give Morrissey a valid claim to this land, or validate it, if no other means under the 138th clause of 1884 Act?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes; but Morrissey's claim was not affected thereby.

(2.) The additional conditional purchase did encroach on the reserve.

(3.) No.

(4.) The question will receive consideration.

(5.)

- (5.) Reserves in Namoi District:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has he revoked the cancellation of reserves in the Namoi and other districts.
 (2.) Is he aware that numbers of persons had applied for the land comprised in these reserves, and were unable to secure the land, many of the applicants coming hundreds of miles to secure the land for the purpose of settlement?
 Mr. Garrett answered,—
 (1.) I have revoked the cancellation of a great many reserves to prevent the risk being incurred of their wasteful alienation, pending the consideration of the amendment of the present law.
 (2.) I am not aware.
- (6.) Illumination of the City:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—As it has been decided to have a display of fireworks in the harbour on Tuesday, the 21st instant, will he invite the attention of the Committee of Management to the desirability of having the city illuminated on the evening of Monday, the 20th, so as not to clash with the harbour illumination?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe it has been determined that the illuminations by private firms, banks, and so on, including the Government buildings, will take place on the evening of the 20th June, so as not to interfere with the firework displays on the harbour on the following evening.
- (7.) Windsor Road:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Have any local trustees been appointed for that portion of the Windsor Road from Parramatta to Rouse Hill?
 (2.) Who are they, and by whom were they recommended?
 Mr. Abigail answered,—
 (1.) Yes; road is under the Parramatta Road Trust, two of whom have recently been appointed by the Governor in Council, in accordance with Act 13 Vic. No. 41.
 (2.) The Commissioners of the Trust are Messrs. Andrew Payten, Hugh Taylor, M.P., and C. J. Byrnes, J.P.
- (8.) Civil Servants:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Are there any Civil Servants engaged in other means of procuring a livelihood than those they have as servants of the Government?
 (2.) Are the Secretary of the Reform Club and the Secretary of the Sydney Improvement Board Civil Servants?
 Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I do not know whether it is, or is not, the case that some Civil Servants engage in other means of procuring a livelihood, but in any case I should think it a very meritorious thing if they do. For example, if a Civil Servant happens to be a musician or an artist, I can see no objection to his adding to his income by these pursuits. With regard to the second question, I have made some inquiry, and I find that the Secretary of the Reform Club and the Secretary of the Sydney Improvement Board are not Civil Servants, but they are one Civil Servant.
- (9.) Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Garland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the early completion of the Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway, will he cause the necessary improvements that have been recommended at the Blayney station-house to be carried out without delay?
 Mr. Burns answered,—Any necessary repairs will be carried out without delay; but no general improvements are to be made until the Blayney to Cowra line is opened, and the effect such opening will have upon Blayney can then be practically ascertained.
2. RIGHT OF AUDIENCE IN COURTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the right of audience in Courts of Justice within the Colony of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
3. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron 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. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 8th July.
4. ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wall 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. Wall, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Wall (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. ELECTION PETITION (*South Sydney*):—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to him from William Henry Traill, of Sydney, representing that at the recent Election for South Sydney, Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, and Petitioner were candidates for election, and alleging that at some of the polling booths votes were declared informal which were not informal, and should have been counted in favour of Petitioner; and that the ballot papers were wrongly counted at some of the polling booths, whereby a larger number of votes were made to appear to be given in favour of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise than were so given. That the
- Returning

Returning Officer declared the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise to be duly elected. And praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise may be declared null and void;—that a scrutiny of all ballot papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise was not lawfully elected; that it may be declared that Petitioner was duly elected;—and that such further order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just.

Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; and that the Committee having adjourned *sine die*, the Chairman be empowered to summon the Committee, and fix the time and place for meeting.

6 **BROKERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order.—Mr. Foster requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill was regularly before the House, not having been recommended by a Message of the Governor, as required by the 54th clause of the Constitution Act.

Mr. Speaker decided that the Bill was properly before the House.

Debate then ensued on the motion for the second reading of the Bill.

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

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th June."

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Friday, 24th June," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Cooke.
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Foster,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. See,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Cameron,	

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Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dawson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th June,—put and passed.

7. **PRIVILEGE (Seat of Mr. J. C. Neild)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, That Mr. J. C. Neild having been appointed as Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition, and he having drawn sums of money to pay his expenses in connection therewith, the question whether Mr. Neild has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act or Electoral Act, 61st section, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for consideration and report.

Question put and passed.

8. **FUEL DELIVERY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen 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. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

9. **MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. **LIENS ON WOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages of sheep.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to preferable liens on wool and mortgages of sheep.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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11. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Lyne, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Hassall moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
12. **DEPÔT FOR SALE OF FARM PRODUCE**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Friday next.
13. **RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO COBAR**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. McElhone,—
“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no further steps should be taken towards the construction of the Railway from Nyngan to Cobar, sanctioned by the last Parliament.
“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers,*Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. See,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Leas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Kethel,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. **LIENS ON WOOL BILL**:—Mr. Abbott *presented* a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the law relating to preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station-master, Bowning:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the name of the railway station-master at Bowning, and how long has he been in railway service?
 (2.) How often has he been suspended, and what for?
 (3.) How often has he been dismissed, and what was he dismissed for?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Edward Moodie; he has been in the service since 1st June, 1878.
 (2 and 3.) He has been once suspended, viz., in August, 1881, for alleged tampering with post-letters; and he was afterwards dismissed in connection with this matter. The case against him, however, was not fully established. The Postal Department sanctioned his employment as Assistant Postmaster, and he was subsequently re-employed by the Railway Department.

- (2.) Railway Station, Marulan:—*Mr. Fitzgerald*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the railway station at Marulan is kept in a filthy state, and that the station-master has a filthy pig-stye alongside the platform?
 (2.) Is he aware that there is not a light kept at night at Marulan station, and that passengers are compelled to stop out in the cold and rain, as the waiting-room doors are kept locked at night?
 (3.) Is he aware that the station-master at Marulan keeps two cows on the railway line, and that he sells the milk from these cows?
 (4.) Are station-masters and other railway employes allowed to keep cattle on the railway, and sell the milk from the cows; if not, will he give instructions to put a stop to this practice?
 (5.) Is it a fact that, according to a railway bye-law, any person running cattle on a railway line is liable to a penalty of £50?
 (6.) Is coal supplied to Marulan station for making fires in the station, and is he aware that no fires are lighted in the station at Marulan, but that the station-master uses such coal, &c., in his own private house?
 (7.) Are station-masters allowed to send their wives and families free by rail; if not, is he aware that they do so?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The Traffic Inspector reports that the station is in good order. The station-master has a pig, but it is kept in his own yard, and is quite a chain distance from the station buildings.
 (2.) No; it is stated that fires have always been lighted for any passengers waiting for the trains. Instructions have been given to have fires burning on arrival of each train.
 (3.) A cow is kept in an enclosure alongside the line. The station-master has disposed of milk to two persons only, but he has not made a trade of selling milk.
 (4.) No; nor are they allowed to trade, and the station-master does not appear to have virtually broken either of the rules referred to.
 (5.) The 128th clause of the Railway Act provides a penalty, not exceeding £50, for any person permitting cattle to stray on the railway.
 (6.) Yes; see reply to Question No. 2. I am not aware that the station-master uses the coal in his house. He has no need to do so, as firewood is plentiful at Marulan.
 (7.) Yes; passes are granted under certain restrictions.

(3.)

(3.) Capp's Leasehold, Millie Run :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did the local Land Board place 2½d. per acre on Capp's leasehold of Millie Run, Namoi River, Central Division, which was subsequently increased by the Minister to 6d. being 100 per cent. more than the adjoining runs were appraised at?

(2.) Did he also increase the resumed area from £4, as recommended by the Board, to £6 13s. 4d. per section, with no frontage or permanent water, the former amount being fixed on the adjoining runs?

(3.) Will he reconsider his decision, with a view of fixing the rentals as recommended by the local Land Board?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Probably it would be the better way for me to answer the whole of these questions as if they were one. The rent and license fee fixed for Millie holding, No. 581, Central Division, was as follows:—Leasehold area, 6d. per acre; resumed area, £6 13s. 4d. per section. With regard to this holding, the evidence given by the Inspector was to the effect that 2 acres were required to carry a sheep; and that was agreed with by the lessee of the run. On the resumed area the same evidence was given. On the next holding, Drildool, No. 172, the rent for the leasehold area was fixed at 3d. per acre; on the resumed area, £5 6s. 8d. per section. According to the evidence of the Inspector, 2 acres were required to feed a sheep, according to that of the manager, 5 acres to a sheep, the carrying capacity of the resumed area being the same. With regard to Bullerawa, the leasehold area has been fixed at 1½d. per acre, resumed area at £2 per section—being the minimum. With regard to the leasehold area, the Inspector stated it would take 10 acres to carry one sheep, and the manager that it would take 12 acres to carry one sheep. With regard to the resumed area, the Inspector stated that it would take 10 acres to a sheep, if fully supplied with water, and the manager stated that the area has not been used for some time. In both cases the minimum was fixed. With regard to Pilliga, the Inspector states, in his sworn evidence, that 1 acre would carry a sheep, and on the resumed area, 10 acres to a sheep for three months, and the rent has been fixed at 2d. per acre, and on the resumed area at £2 13s. 4d. per section. With regard to Merah, another adjoining run, No. 686, the leasehold area has been appraised at 2d. per acre, and the resumed area at £4 per section. The evidence in that case was this:—The leasehold area, the Inspector stated, required 4 acres to carry a sheep, and the manager put it at 8 acres. The resumed area, the Inspector stated, required 6 acres to a sheep, and the manager agreed with him. These replies answer the whole of the questions, and give the reasons why I fixed 6d. per acre on the first run named Millie. If these reasons are not good, it is not the Minister's fault, but the fault of the evidence tendered to the Board.

(4.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the contractors for the fourth section of the Illawarra Railway are nearly six months behind their contract time?

(2.) Is he aware that the contractors for the third section are twelve months behind time?

(3.) Is it his intention to grant an extension of time to the contractors for the second section of the Illawarra Railway?

(4.) Is he aware that a reduction of wages to the extent of 1s. per day has taken place on all these contracts?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) Australian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government intend to resume the property known as the A.S.N. Company's Wharf?

(2.) Is there not wharfage accommodation at Circular Quay and Woolloomooloo Bay for all vessels likely to use the Government wharfs for several years to come?

(3.) In the present depressed state of the finances, can the large sum required for the proposed resumption be spared?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of acquiring the property known as the A. S. N. Co's Wharf is under the consideration of the Cabinet, who think it is desirable that all the wharfage in Sydney Cove should be in the hands of the Government.

(6.) Reserve near Gundaroo :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that a recreation reserve, or a reserve for public purposes, near Gundaroo is now blocked in by the property of Mr. Massy, grazier, in such a manner as to prevent the public having access thereto?

Mr. Garrett answered,—It does not appear that the recreation reserve at Gundaroo is blocked in by the property of Mr. Massy.

(7.) Reserve between Lake George and Bungendore :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a strong desire among the people of Bungendore that the reserve between Lake George and that town should be cancelled and let in leasehold farms?

(2.) Is he aware that a number of farmers in the Illawarra District are prepared to take up leasehold farms on the reserve alluded to?

(3.) What reasons were advanced by the District Surveyor against the cancellation of this reserve?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) If the reservations are cancelled, and the land alienated, the town of Bungendore would be completely blocked in, and the land would doubtless fall into the hands of a few capitalists. I may state, however, that in several instances I have, with great advantage to the public, sub-divided the population areas of towns in the country, and leased them on annual leases; and the propriety of taking a similar course in this case is under consideration.

(8.)

- (8.) Torpedo Store, Berry's Bay :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does the Government empower Civil Servants, acting in a military capacity, to obstruct Members of the Legislature in the discharge of their functions?
 - (2.) How did it occur that the Officer Commanding the Torpedo Corps acted as stated in answer of Colonial Secretary on May 31st?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think there must be some mistake in this question. I have heard of a person named Oliver Cromwell, who empowered certain Civil Servants acting in a military capacity to obstruct members of the Legislature in the performance of their functions; but that was in England. I have never heard of any Civil Servant acting in a military capacity attempting to obstruct the Members of the Legislature in this country.
- (9.) Torpedo Store, Berry's Bay :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, on or about 7th May, Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell permitted Messrs. O'Connell, Prendergast, Peebles, Norris, Nathan, and others to visit Berry's Bay with the Torpedo Corps when parading at that place?
 - (2.) Is this Mr. O'Connell identical with Private O'Connell who recently belonged to the Torpedo Corps, and who, at the last Easter Encampment, was placed in the guard-room, being afterwards reprimanded and fined for misconduct by Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—
- (1.) Messrs. Peebles, Prendergast, and Nathan were present at torpedo parade on 7th May, by permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell.
 - (2.) Mr. O'Connell, referred to in the previous question, is identical with Private O'Connell, and was also present; but he attended with a view to ascertain whether it was possible for him to return to the Corps, and not by special invitation.
- (10.) Torpedo Store, Berry's Bay :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that two persons unconnected with Torpedo Corps were present at Berry's Bay during the recent proceeding of testing the armoured cable by Major Penrose, R.E., as directed by the Colonial Secretary?
 - (2.) What are their names; by whose authority were they there?
 - (3.) Were any officers of the Torpedo Corps directed to be present at this instructive duty?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) John Dalgarno and Thomas Fish, by the authority of Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell, who directed Mr. Dalgarno to proceed to Berry's Bay with the necessary testing instruments, which Lieutenant-Colonel Cracknell provided, and to corroborate the tests of Major Penrose, whilst Mr. Fish was to assist in any cable-jointing that Major Penrose might require.
 - (3.) As the Torpedo Officers have ample opportunities for exercise in the testing of cables, it was not considered necessary to direct any of them to be present during Major Penrose's investigation.
- (11.) Selections of Messrs. Fisher, at Coonamble :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he explain what is the cause of the delay in laying upon the Table of this House the papers ordered, on the motion of Mr. Abigail, on the 8th July, 1886, in reference to the selections of John W. Fisher, W. Fisher, and Richard John Fisher, selected at Coonamble?
 - (2.) Is Surveyor O'Connor, whose dismissal was recommended by the Coonamble Land Board, still in the Public Service?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) If it is desired, and so ordered by the present Assembly, the papers will be laid upon the Table.
 - (2.) Mr. Licensed-Surveyor O'Connor was not recommended for dismissal.
- (12.) Railway Block-Signal System.—Mr. Schey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the answers given to Mr. Fletcher on Thursday, 2nd June, *re* railway block-signalling, will he further say,—
- (1.) What officers have been in the past, or are now, members of the Board referred to in answer No. 4?
 - (2.) When were such officers appointed?
 - (3.) How many times has such Board met, giving the date of each meeting?
 - (4.) What are the names of the signal-men who have been examined by such Board?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that youths of 18 or 19 years of age are employed working the block system on the Illawarra line?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that some of such youths are being paid only £1 to £1 5s. per week?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that men and youths are in some cases working the block system who have never passed any examination at all in same?
 - (8.) Is it a fact that one of the duties of station-masters is to supervise the block-signalling?
 - (9.) Have such station-masters passed any examination in such system, so as to prove themselves competent to exercise such supervision?
 - (10.) Will he order that such station-masters as have not passed be at once required to pass a test examination?
 - (11.) In view of the late lamentable occurrence in Victoria, will he issue orders that no one but qualified and competent signal-men, who have passed the necessary examination, shall have charge of any block-signals at any station?
- Mr. Burns answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Richardson, Coaching Superintendent, and Mr. Watson, Telegraph Inspector, constituted the Board until recently, when Mr. Cobb, Locomotive Overseer, and Mr. Parry, Signal Engineer, were appointed as additional members.
 - (2.) The first two officers named were appointed between four and five years ago; the others on the 19th April last.

(3 and 4.) Mr. Richardson and Mr. Watson have met many times, and have examined all the signal-men. The full Board, as recently constituted, has met three times, viz., on the 1st, 4th, and 13th June, but has not as yet examined any men.

(5.) Yes; but the Illawarra line is treated as a training school. The trains only number twenty each way daily, at considerable intervals, and the introduction of the block system is not really necessary for the protection of such trains. The working of it entails no additional expense upon the Department, and the staff are afforded the opportunity of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the working of the system, so as to fit themselves for the responsible positions on the main line. On busy days on the Illawarra line, specially trained men are sent out to conduct the traffic.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) It is not the fact. There is no foundation for the statement.

(8 and 9.) Only so far as the daily examination of the signal-book is concerned, to see that the trains are correctly entered in their regular course. They have nothing to do with the method of signalling, the supervision of which is a duty which is entrusted to the Board.

(10.) The officers who are appointed to supervise will be duly qualified. If station-masters at any time are required to supervise the method of block-signalling, they will, of course, be first examined as to their efficiency.

(11.) In view of what has been done, and is being done, to secure safe working, it does not seem necessary to issue any special order. I have, on behalf of my honorable colleague, who is absent from illness, given this lengthened reply to the Honorable Member's questions, to satisfy the travelling public that every precaution is taken to ensure their safety.

2. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—

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

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the Payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.

*Government House,
Sydney, 8th June, 1887.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the Payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 22nd June.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 21st October, 1886—
"Leave of Absence to Officers of Civil Service."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Lands resumed for the purposes of a Public Park at North and South Lawson, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. COBAR RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and reports on the proposed Cobar Railway.

Question put and passed.

5. NUISANCE ON NORTH SHORE OF BOTANY BAY:—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the abatement of a nuisance which exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. ROADS PASSING THROUGH MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the "mileage vote" for all main and other roads passing through or terminating in country or suburban municipalities, and which roads have been made by the Government, or upon which a Government expenditure is proposed, shall in future (for such portions as are within municipal limits) be handed over to the respective Municipal "Councils" for the repair and maintenance of "same."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "Councils," of the words "who may be willing to accept the same."

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the word "same," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "such roads."

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Question,—

Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, the “mileage vote” for all main and other roads passing through or terminating in country or suburban municipalities, and which roads have been made by the Government, or upon which a Government expenditure is proposed, shall in future (for such portions as are within municipal limits) be handed over to the respective Municipal Councils who may be willing to accept the same, for the repair and maintenance of such roads,—put and passed.

7. **THE UNEMPLOYED**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of the so-called “unemployed” classes for whom the Government are now providing relief and work.
 - (2.) The various works on which they are employed, and the number of men employed on each, and the terms of their employment and payment.
 - (3.) The amounts intended to be expended on such works, and the period over which the employment is to extend on each work.
 - (4.) That such Return shall specify if such works are reproductive, or likely to be so or not; and, if reproductive, the nature of the return or reproduction expected.
- Question put and passed.
8. **DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND SEWAGE**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, as provision for a reward to be paid by the Government to the discoverer of a successful scheme for the disposal of the refuse and sewage of the city and suburbs, country towns, and all centres of population, in the way of separating the solids from the liquids, so that nothing but the purest liquid shall flow through sewer or drain, the scheme also embodying quick disposal of the solid matter, and to be applicable to drains of every description.
- Question put and passed.
9. **AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTORAL ACT**:—Mr. Haynes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 25th clause of the Electoral Act.
- Question put and passed.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

10. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1887, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

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No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1887.

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

ADELAIDE JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION:—Mr. Speaker read to the House a Letter he had received from the Secretary to the Adelaide Jubilee International Exhibition, requesting, on behalf of the President and Executive Committee, the presence of any Members and principal Officers of this House who may be desirous of attending at the Opening Ceremony on the 21st instant; and intimating that, on the arrival in Adelaide of any of these gentlemen being notified to the Secretary, cards of *entrée* would be issued for the occasion.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Deductions from Salaries of Telegraphic Operators:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that 5s. each was deducted from the salaries of all the telegraphic operators for the month of May?

(2.) For what purpose was this done, and by what authority?

Mr. Roberts answered,—It appears that, through some misunderstanding, a deduction was made from the May salaries of the operators in the Head Office, who were specially exempted from the payment of the premium. Arrangements have, however, been made for a refund in each case.

(2.) Telegraphic Operating Room, Head Office:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster-General.—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sanitary arrangements of the present telegraphic operating room in the Head Office are very defective?

(2.) Will he communicate with the Health Authorities, in order that it may be investigated by their Chief Inspector?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The present operating room being too small, the heat during the summer months is trying to health. Otherwise, there is no fault to be found.

(2.) As it is expected that the new operating room will be finished before the next summer, it is not considered necessary at present to communicate with the Health Authorities.

(3.) Travelling Stock Reserves, Narrabri:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the travelling stock reserves and part of common adjoining Narrabri have been fenced in by the lessee of Killarney Run?

(2.) Will instructions be given to the officer in charge of reserves to have the fences removed at lessee's cost, and also to have the stock of such lessee impounded?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) Yes; but Mr. Inspector Copeman, of Narrabri, reports that gates have been erected, and the travelling public have access to the reserves, and that the lessee's stock have been removed.

(2.) The Inspector has already directed the removal of the fences, which is to be done; but, at the request of the lessee, a little time has been allowed. If the stock trespass they will be impounded.

(4.) Conditional Purchases on Reserves:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—A great many reserves having been revoked in the various districts, is it intended to allow conditional purchasers now to take up on such the original areas applied for by them, which previously were debarred by their applications encroaching on these reserves.

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes; but they will have no exclusive right to conditionally purchase the land referred to.

(5.)

- (5.) Humumbah Bridge :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The name of contractor, date of signing contract, and time fixed for completion of Humumbah Bridge, over the Barwon River, near Walgett?
 - (2.) Is it true this bridge has been three years in construction, is not yet half finished, and traffic is impeded in consequence?
 - (3.) Will steps be taken to cause the bridge to be finished without delay?
- Mr Burns* answered,—
- (1.) Contractors—T. Bell, J. B. Collerson ; date of signing bond—1st March, 1884 ; time of completion—28th February, 1885.
 - (2.) Bridge has been three years in construction, but local officer reported, on 11th instant, that the whole of the substructure and a considerable portion of the superstructure were finished, and the remainder should be completed, ready for traffic, in about four months. I will make inquiry as to the cause of the long delay in completing work.
 - (3.) It is reported that the contractors are now doing their best to complete work.
- (6.) Widow of Warder Casserly :—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Was a petition presented to him from the widow of the late Warder Casserly, who served as such for over twenty years, and died at his post of duty, for assistance, she having been left with a large family totally unprovided for ; and, if so, will he give it his consideration ?
- Mr. William Clarke* answered,—Yes ; the case is now under consideration.
- (7.) Minnamurra Road :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been called to the state of the Minnamurra Road, between Kiama and Shellharbour ; and will he place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates to place it in a proper state of repair ?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—No application of the sort has yet reached me, and I understand that the road referred to is situated in the municipalities of Shellharbour and Kiama, and is not in charge of this Department, but of the Municipal Councils.
- (8.) Illawarra Railway :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to take any steps during the present Session to extend the Illawarra railway line into the town of Kiama ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Plans and Books of Reference of the said line were referred to a Select Committee of the Legislative Council during the last Session of the last Parliament, and are there impounded ; and is it his intention to have the documents restored to the Works Department, in order that the matter may be dealt with ?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—It is the intention of the Government to review the whole of its Railway Policy during the recess, and this proposal will have consideration.
- (9.) Education in Public Schools :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards making provision for teaching the elements of agricultural chemistry, physiology, and hygiene in our Public Schools ; if so, is it their intention to do so at an early date ?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—Provision has already been made for the teaching of elementary physiology and hygiene in primary schools ; but it is not intended, at present, to include the teaching of agricultural chemistry as part of the prescribed course of instruction for ordinary Public Schools.
- (10.) Conditional Purchases of Mary Burns and Henry Pawley :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have the selections of Mary Burns and Henry Pawley, made at Molong in September last, been referred to the Local Land Board ; if so, how often have they dealt with these cases, and what has been the result of their decision ?
 - (2.) If not granted, upon what grounds were such selections refused ?
- Mr. Garrett* answered,—Nothing is known at head quarters of the action being taken in connection with these applications ; but inquiry will be made, and the Honorable Member apprised of the state of each case.
- (11.) Adulteration of Food and Liquor.—Public Health Bill :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, during the ensuing Session of Parliament, to deal in a comprehensive manner with the question of a Food and Liquor Adulteration Bill, and to appoint qualified inspectors ?
 - (2.) Is it their intention also to introduce a Public Health Bill ?
- Sir Henry Parkes* answered,—The measures which the Government already propose to bring in next Session are numerous, and some of them very large. It is almost impossible to say now to what extent the Government can add to the measures already planned ; but the importance of the Bill to prevent the adulteration of food and liquor, and certainly the importance of a Public Health Bill are well understood and felt ; and, if we can include these measures, we certainly shall.
- (12.) Railway Regulations :—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. Moore, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What instructions are issued to the Railway officials, and what is the practice with regard to the Regulation which renders passengers who have not provided themselves with tickets liable to be charged from the most distant station from which the train shall have started ?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—There has been some difficulty experienced in enforcing this regulation, and the question whether it should be modified is under consideration.
- (13.) Season Tickets on Suburban Railways :—*Mr. Henson*, for Mr. Carruthers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to reduce the fares for season tickets on the suburban railways to the rates charged prior to the 31st December, 1886 ?
 - (2.) If so, will he cause notification of the same to be made at all suburban railway stations ?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—It is not intended to revert to the rates in force prior to the commencement of the present year.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Opinions of various Attorneys-General upon Sunday Lectures, &c., in Theatres.
- (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Junee.
- (3.) Statistical Register for 1886, Part VII—Education, Religion, and Charities.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Copy of *Gazette* Notice, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 21st April, 1887—"Sir John Fowler."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 2nd June, 1887—"Bulli Colliery Commission."

Ordered to be printed.

4. SAINT JAMES' PARSONAGE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of a certain parcel of land situate in King and Macquarie Streets in the City of Sydney granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Clergyman's dwelling-house in connection with the Church of Saint James in the City of Sydney aforesaid to lease the whole or any portion of the said lands and to apply the rents and profits arising from such lease or leases for the maintenance and improvement of and in additions to the dwelling-house aforesaid and in payment of the rent or purchase money of a more suitable dwelling-house for the Clergyman for the time being licensed to officiate in the said Church of Saint James and also if necessary in and towards the enlargement maintenance repair and improvement of the said Church of Saint James,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

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

5. IRON COLUMNS FOR TELEGRAPH LINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, and other documents, relating to the erection of iron columns and lattice work in George-street for the carriage of telegraph lines, which have been forwarded or received by the Department since the order for the papers moved for by Mr. John Davies, C.M.G., in connection with this work, on 11th May, 1886, was complied with.

Question put and passed.

6. APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS, DISTRICT OF FORBES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Vaughn, for Mr. Stokes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all evidence taken at the Land Court, Parkes, with reference to the appraisement of the Guningbland, Warrigal, Flagstone Creek, and Bartlet's Creek Runs, in the Land District of Forbes; also, copies of the Appraiser's reports, and all documents having reference to the same; also, a copy of the evidence or data upon which the Minister for Lands has sanctioned or altered the recommendation of the Boards in respect to the appraisements of the runs referred to.

Question put and passed.

7. ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wall, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 15th June, 1887.

8. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway and to amend the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered

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 further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway and to amend the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1887.*

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Burns moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Abigall,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stevenson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cooke,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Holborow,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Chapman,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Jones.

Tellers.

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gormly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke 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. Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. Clarke (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. JURY FEES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. HAY COURT-HOUSE (SITE ACQUISITION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 JUNE, 1887.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Copeland rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "for the purpose of calling attention to the action of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary in preventing Lectures being delivered in the Theatres and Public Halls on Sunday "evenings,"—

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Allen.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Penzer,	
Mr. Thompson,	

Noes, 34.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Toohey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Kelly,	

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that there were not forty Members in favour of the motion,—

Original Question again stated,—That this House do now adjourn.

Debate continued.

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

Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and negatived.

Original Question again stated,—That this House do now adjourn.

Debate continued.

Question put and negatived.

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

- (1.) City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company's Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited) to increase its capital to £50,000,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.
(2.)

(2.) Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 16th June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th June, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* "hereinafter styled 'Trustees.'"
Page 2, clause 1, line 8. *After* "being" *insert* "hereinafter styled Trustees."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Divorce Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th June, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 20. *After* "her" *insert* "continuously"
Page 1, clause 1, line 21. *Omit* "continuously"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 3 and 4. *Omit* "or habitually been guilty of cruelty towards her"
Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *After* "months" *insert* "and is still imprisoned"
Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "sentence or"
Page 2, clause 1, line 10. *After* "under" *insert* "a"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "for any felony of penal servitude"
Page 2, clause 1, line 11. *After* "upwards" *insert* "for some other crime"
Page 2, clause 1, line 13. *After* "habitually" *insert* "during two years and upwards."
Page 2, clause 1, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "of an assault upon the petitioner occasioning actual
"bodily harm or"
Page 2, clause 1, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "or assaulted him or her with intent to inflict grievous
"bodily harm"
Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "or otherwise during a period of two years been repeatedly
"guilty of cruelty towards her"
Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *After* "marriage" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "Provided always
"that in any suit under the provisions of this Act in which the Court shall have
"pronounced a decree dissolving a marriage it shall not be lawful for the respondent
"therein to contract another marriage before the expiration of two years from the time
"when such decree shall have been made absolute and if any respondent in such suit
"shall contract another marriage within the said time such respondent shall be guilty of
"bigamy and the said last mentioned marriage shall be void."
Page 2, clause 3, line 31. *Before* "petitions" *insert* "decrees"
Page 2, clause 5, line 49. *After* "Court" *insert* "consisting of three Judges"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House do not meet on Tuesday next, the 21st instant.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Regina v. Snowden:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the depositions Regina v. Snowden, tried at Maitland for an offence committed at Newcastle?

Mr.

Mr. William Clarke answered,—The Police Magistrates at Maitland and Newcastle have reported, in reply to inquiries addressed to them, that there is no record of any such case as that referred to by the Honorable Member; neither can any trace be discovered of it, either in the Department of the Attorney General or of the Minister of Justice. If the Honorable Member could give any particulars, either as to the nature of the alleged offence, or how long ago it was committed, and the case tried, further search will be made.

(2.) Railway Probationers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many probationers are employed in the Railway Service between Newcastle and Murrurundi?

(2.) What salaries do they receive?

(3.) How long have they been so employed?

(4.) When do they generally receive promotion or increase of salary?

(5.) Is any promise made to them on entering the Service as to receipt of increase of salary?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) This information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(4.) When vacancies occur.

(5.) They are paid a nominal sum per week when they enter the Service to be taught the instrument, and the promise is held out to them that when they become proficient they will be placed on the Staff as vacancies occur.

(3.) School Attendance Officers:—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What are the names of the twenty-five School Attendance Officers intended to be retained in the Service, the dates of their appointments, by whom recommended, and what was their previous occupation?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(4.) Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases at Metz:—*Mr. Copeland* asked the Secretary for Lands, When will the papers in reference to certain mineral conditional purchases, moved for by him on the 2nd instant, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Some of the papers, copies of which are ordered, are with the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Armidale. They will, however, be obtained and laid upon the Table of the House, in accordance with the motion referred to, as soon as possible.

(5.) Railway Excursion Fares:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As the Government have decided to issue cheap railway excursion fares from country districts to Sydney during the Jubilee week, will the Government, at the same time, issue cheap railway excursion fares from Sydney to country districts?

Mr. Burns answered,—The train arrangements which have been published provide that the cheap fares are to apply not only to persons from the country travelling to Sydney, and from Sydney to the country, but to those travelling between all stations.

5. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Frank Farnell*, for Mr. J. S. Farnell, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th June, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 24th June.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPER:—*Mr. Inglis* laid upon the Table,—Information respecting School Attendance Officers. Ordered to be printed.

7. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—*Mr. Ives* presented a Petition from the Municipal Councils of the Boroughs of East St. Leonards, St. Leonards, Victoria, and North Willoughby, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Boroughs of East St. Leonards, St. Leonards, Victoria, and North Willoughby, to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon Wharves, &c.

And *Mr. Ives* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *North Shore and Manly Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

8. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents.*”

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 further amend the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1887.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 JUNE, 1887, A.M.

9. LOYALTY TO THE QUEEN :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*),—
- (1.) "That," with the object of protecting the honour and credit of this Colony from any misunderstanding in other countries of the true character of certain disgraceful proceedings which have recently taken place in the City of Sydney, this House desires to place upon record the fervent expression of the loyalty of the people of New South Wales towards the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the unalterable attachment of this people to the Laws and Institutions of the British Empire.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the first line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this being the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's prosperous Reign, this House desires to reiterate its devotion and loyalty to the Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to the Throne of the British Empire."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Teece,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. See,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. Schey.
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Carruthers.
Mr. Hawken,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Want,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Frank Farnell.

Tellers,

Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Seaver.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lees,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Teece,
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Lakeman,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Bowes,	Mr. See,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Cooke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Want,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Vaughan.

Tellers,

Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Hassall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Crouch,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Street,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Lakeman.
Dr. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dawson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Moore.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Original Question put,—

(1.) That, with the object of protecting the honour and credit of this Colony from any misunderstanding in other countries of the true character of certain disgraceful proceedings which have recently taken place in the City of Sydney, this House desires to place upon record the fervent expression of the loyalty of the people of New South Wales towards the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the unalterable attachment of this people to the Laws and Institutions of the British Empire.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Burns moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of lines 41 and 42 of page 4, Schedule A."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Burdckin	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wilson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Seaver,
Mr. Carruthers;	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Foster.
Mr. Haynes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. McMillan,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. See,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Copeland.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Ewing.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. See,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Garrett, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. Street, Mr. Schey, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Moore, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Ives, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Ball, Mr. Lees,	Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Davis, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Teece, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Martin, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Henson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cameron.
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Tellers,

Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Wilson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question proposed,—That the words, “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of lines 41 and 42 of page 4, Schedule A,” proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted.

Mr. Melville moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the words, “and for the purpose of inserting—Paper, 3s. 3d. per cwt., Vinegar, 5d. per gallon, and to omit line 23, page 4.”

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be there added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. See,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Toohy.

Tellers,

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 41.

Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Inglis, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Schey, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Street, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Moore, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Henson, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Allen,	Mr. Teece, Mr. Seaver, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Davis, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Lees, Mr. Ball, Mr. Foster, Mr. Ives, Mr. Hawken.
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Tellers,

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Jeanneret.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words, “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of lines 41 and 42 of page 4, Schedule A,” proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put, That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of lines 41 and 42 of page 4, Schedule A.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burns, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Henson, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Street, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Allen, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Schey, Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Wilson, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Haynes, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Martin, Mr. Teece, Mr. Davis, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Jeanneret, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Foster, Mr. Ball, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Ives, Mr. Hawken.
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Tellers,

Mr. Lees,
Mr. Moore.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Creer,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. See,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Bowes,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Tellers,

Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Lakeman.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of lines 41 and 42 of page 4, Schedule A. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with a further amendment. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next. Question put and passed.

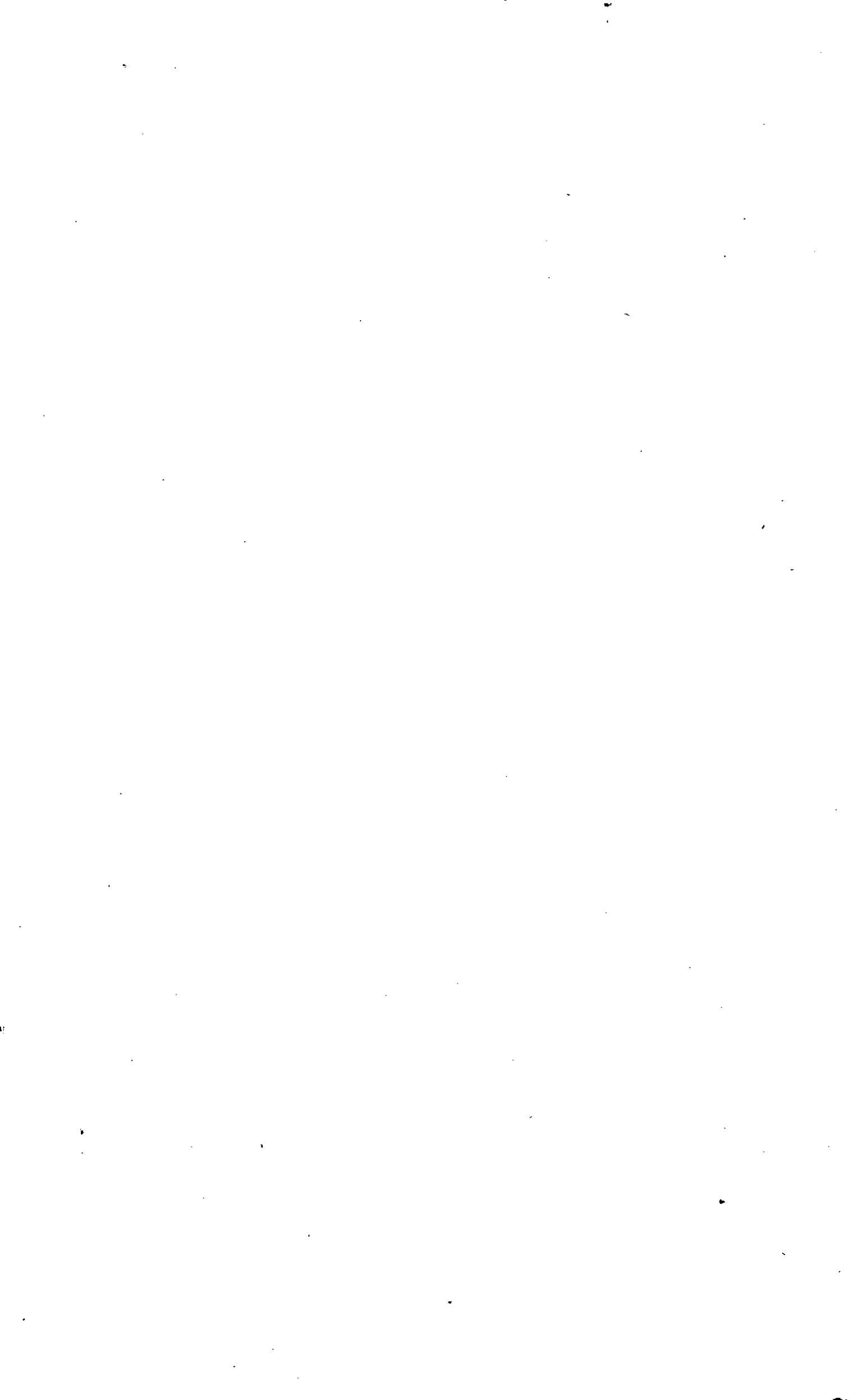
12. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Seven o'clock a.m., until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1887.

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

SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate in certain particulars dealings with the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by extending to the present and future Bishops of the said Diocese the provisions of all Acts and Instruments having reference to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors and by enabling the Synod of the said Diocese to deal with Church Property which by reason of consecration or other express Trust is devoted to some purpose which it has become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd June, 1887.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Truill v. Wise*):—Mr. Trickett, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 10th June, 1887, the Petition of William Henry Truill against the return of Bernhard Ringrose Wise as a Member for the Electoral District of South Sydney.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th March, 1887, to whom was referred, on the 10th June, 1887, a Petition from William Henry Truill representing that at the recent Election for South Sydney, Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, and Petitioner were candidates for Election; and alleging that at some of the polling booths votes were declared informal which were not informal, and should have counted in favour of Petitioner; and that the ballot papers were wrongly counted at some of the polling booths, whereby a larger number of votes were made to appear to be given in favour of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise than were so given. That the Returning Officer declared the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise to be duly elected. And praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise may be declared null and void;—that a scrutiny of all ballot-papers should be made by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; that it may be declared that the said Bernhard Ringrose Wise was not lawfully elected; that it may be declared that Petitioner was duly elected; and that such further order and determination may be made in the premises as may be just,—have determined and do hereby declare,—

"(1.) That Bernhard Ringrose Wise, Esquire, the sitting Member has been duly elected.

"(2.) That the Petition of William Henry Truill is not frivolous or vexatious.

"(3.) That the sum of £20 be awarded to the sitting Member towards his costs and expenses, such amount to be paid by the Petitioner to the sitting Member.

"No. 2 Committee Room,

"Legislative Assembly, 17th June, 1887.

"W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman."

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Trickett, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions at Orange, on Wednesday, the 6th day of July next, in the case of "*The Queen v. Tierney*," personating at an Election; and produce the Writ, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of January last, issued for the Election of two Members

to

to represent the Electoral District of Orange in the Legislative Assembly, together with the original Electoral Roll for the said Electoral District, and the certified copy of the Electoral Roll used at the polling place at Orange on the 9th day of February last,—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—

Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

4. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Magistrates for Michelago and Uriana :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are but two Justices of the Peace in the vicinity of the town of Michelago, and that, owing to the absence of one of these while attending to his Parliamentary duties, the Courts have frequently to be adjourned for want of a Magistrate?

(2.) Is he aware that the settlers around Uriana and Bindabella have to travel into Queanbeyan, a distance of over 25 miles, to make declarations, take affidavits, &c.?

(3.) Will he take into consideration the desirability of appointing more Justices of the Peace at Michelago and Uriana, in order that the course of justice may be expedited, and expense and inconvenience to the public prevented?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not aware of the circumstances mentioned in the first two sections of this question. With regard to the third question, I will lose no time in making a proper inquiry as to the necessity for the appointment of other Magistrates.

(2.) Dismissal of Workmen from Botanical Gardens :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that eight or nine working-men have lately been dismissed from the Government Gardens?

(2.) Is he aware that all the dismissed men but one were Roman Catholics, and that the only one of them who was put on to work again was not a Roman Catholic?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to dismiss the Civil Servants in a *pro rata* proportion to the number of railway and other working-men dismissed by the Government?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Seven labourers, temporarily employed under the Botanic Gardens Department, were paid off on the 1st instant, their services being no longer required.

(2.) I am not aware of the religion of any of the workmen. One of the men referred to has since been given work to trench certain gardens at railway stations on the Western Line.

(3.) With regard to the third question, I do not see how I can give an intelligible answer.

(3.) Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, Upper Hunter Electorate :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many Inspectors of Conditional Purchases are employed in the Upper Hunter Electorate, the names of them, and when they were appointed?

(2.) How many Temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases are employed in the Upper Hunter Electorate, the names of them, and when they were appointed?

(3.) Has the work of inspecting conditional purchases increased latterly; if not, is it his intention to decrease the number of Inspectors and Temporary Inspectors?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) One Inspector of Conditional Purchases; Mr. James Keele; he was appointed to the Permanent Staff on the 1st August, 1882.

(2.) Not any.

(3.) The work of inspection has increased latterly.

(4.) Forsyth-street, Glebe Point :—Mr. Allen asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he received a protest from the property owners in Forsyth-street and Ferry Road, Glebe Point, against the purchase and reclamation of land by a Mr. Bean at the foot of Forsyth-street; and, if so, what is the intention of the Department in the matter?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes; a protest was lodged by the Glebe Municipal Council and surrounding property owners, but was afterwards withdrawn. The application is now being proceeded with on its merits.

(5.) Court of Petty Sessions, Millie :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has a Court of Petty Sessions been established at Millie, between Narrabri and Moree?

(2.) If so, will the Narrabri Police Magistrate be directed to attend there when required, or is it intended to appoint a resident unpaid Magistrate for the convenience of the public, and as assistance to the police?

(3.) Have the Court-house furniture and fittings been forwarded, as per requisition; if not, will the Colonial Architect be directed to expedite the matter?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(6.) Parramatta Road Trust :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who are the present Trustees of the Parramatta Road Trust?

(2.) What amount of money was there to the credit of this Trust in December, 1886?

(3.) What is to be done with the money to the credit of the Trust; is it to be expended on the road?

(4.) Is he aware that the road is in a deplorable state, and, in parts, almost impassable?

(5.) Is the Secretary to the Trust still paid for his services, and what is his salary?

(6.) Will the Government consider the advisableness of placing this road under the Roads Department?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Andrew Payten, Hugh Taylor, and C. J. Byrnes.

(2.) An amount of £200 was issued to Trust in August, 1886, being sum voted for two roads under their charge, viz. :—Minor Roads under Trustees—Main West Road, near Parramatta, to Main South Road (Woodville Road), £90; Road, Parramatta to Rouse Hill, £110. It is not known to the Department what amount was to credit of Trust in December, 1886.

(3.) Money has been expended and vouchers in adjustment received.

(4.) Both of the roads under the Trust are in a bad state, as all unmetalled roads must be in such a season.

(5.) It is not known to the Department whether the Secretary is still paid for his services. Printed accounts for 1886 show that an amount of £54 3s. 4d. was paid as salary to Clerk and Treasurer for that year. Amongst other duties connected with the administration of the Trust is the collection of revenue from tolls under their control. (The toll-bar is now abolished.)

(6.) Pending the passing of Local Government Bill, it is considered inadvisable to make any alteration in existing arrangements.

(7.) Eastern Bank of Macquarie River :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the best means of preventing the bank on the east side of the Macquarie River, near the Denison Bridge, from being washed away at flood time, as it is alleged serious damage is likely to occur to the approach to the said bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—An inquiry will be made at once.

(8.) Railway Tarpaulins :—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that many of the tarpaulins used on the Western Railway Line are in such a dilapidated state as to be of little use in keeping the rain off the produce for which they are used; if not, will he at once cause inquiries to be made, with a view to remedying the same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am assured by the Traffic Manager that the quality of the coverings for produce is excellent, and fully adequate for the protection of the goods. They are the same as those used to cover general merchandise, and no better tarpaulins are obtainable.

(9.) Railway Freight on Merchandise :—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to carry out the Resolution of this House, passed by the late Parliament on the 3rd August, 1886 :—“That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents having reference to concessions made by the Railway Department since the year 1880 for the carriage of merchandise on the railways of the Colony, to Messrs. Barton and Goold, or other persons engaged in business in the Northern, Western, and Southern Districts”?

(2.) And, if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The papers have been required in connection with proceedings in the Law Courts. They have now been obtained, and will be copied and laid upon the Table of the House on an early day.

(10.) Electorate of The Richmond :—Mr. Crouch asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of Electors on the revised Electoral Roll for The Richmond?

(2.) When will the usual Proclamation declaring The Richmond entitled to elect three Members at the next General Election be gazetted?

(3.) Is it intended, in the Electoral Act Amendment Bill to be introduced next Session, to provide for the division of the Electoral District of The Richmond by separating The Richmond from The Tweed and Brunswick Rivers?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I believe the matter is now before the Government as to the increase of Members; but, in prospect of the design of the Government to entirely change the Electoral Law in many particulars, perhaps it is not necessary for me to give any fuller answer as to details. The whole subject will be under revision almost immediately, with a view to the introduction of a new Electoral Bill.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th June, 1887—“The Case of John Mullens.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Reports of the Trustees of the National Park to 31st December 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Amended Orders and Regulations of the Public Abattoir, Glebe Island.

Ordered to be printed.

6. LAND TITLES COMMISSIONERS FEES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and fix the fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act.

Question put and passed.

7. CAPP'S MILLIE RUN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents (with evidence taken) referring to the fixing of the rental upon the run known as “Capp's Millie,” on the Namoi River (Central Division), Narrabri District.

Question put and passed.

8. REMOVAL OF RAILWAY SLEEPING CARS AND CARRIAGES FROM WELLINGTON TO DUBBO (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and correspondence with reference to the removal of the sleeping cars and carriages from Wellington to Dubbo.

Question put and passed.

9. FISHER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AND CONDITIONAL LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers in connection with the selections and conditional leases of Messrs. John W. Fisher, W. Fisher, Richard John Fisher, and Hugh Addison Fisher, in the Coonamble Land District.
Question put and passed.
10. APPRAISEMENTS OF CONDITIONAL LEASES AT MOREE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all appraisements of conditional leases up to 31st July, 1886, at Moree, distinguishing the sections under which those leases were held.
Question put and passed.
11. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until Friday next.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Vaughn rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House "in order to make some observations in the interest of the general public, having reference particularly to the lamentable accident at Peat's Ferry, on the Northern Railway."
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Vaughn moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at Four o'clock p.m., and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony, and for other purposes connected therewith.
Question put and passed.
15. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Burns moved, That the report be now adopted.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. McCourt,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Greer,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dowel.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. JURY FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Cortis,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Allen.
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

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

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the law relating to the return of Jury Fees.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to the return of Jury Fees,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1887.*

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) North Coast Railway:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Bowes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he yet approved of a route for the North Coast Railway, and will he inform this House which route he approves of?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to include the North Coast Railway in the Railway Policy next Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No route has yet been approved between the Hunter and Clarence Rivers.
 (2.) This, with other similar proposals, will be carefully considered by the Government during the recess.

- (2.) Mr. Chisholm, Department of Justice:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Chisholm, lately a clerk in his office, been promoted to the position of Police Magistrate?
 (2.) What office did he hold in the Department of Justice, and what salary did he receive?
 (3.) Is it a fact that the amount of salary paid to Mr. Chisholm, as a clerk in the Department of Justice, has been divided amongst the other clerks in the Department?
 (4.) What are the names of the clerks amongst whom it is to be divided, and the amount out of it each clerk is to get, and the names of those who are to get it?
 (5.) Is it in accordance with the Civil Service Regulations to increase the salaries in this way; if so, under which of the Civil Service Regulations is it done?
 (6.) What are the salaries paid to each of the clerks, with their names, who are to divide Mr. Chisholm's salary, and is it not a new or novel way to increase their salaries?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

- (1.) Not yet; but it is so intended.
 (2.) Clerk of Records, with salary of £440.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) A re-adjustment of the salaries of certain clerks is intended to be submitted to Parliament.
 (5.) There are no Civil Service Regulations relating to increases of salaries.
 (6.) Answered by No. 4.

- (3.) Property in Macquarie-street leased by Department of Mines:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the Mines Department leased a property in Macquarie-street, near the Crown Law Offices; if so, for what purpose?
 (2.) When was it leased, for how long, who is the landlord, and what rent is paid per annum?
 (3.) Is there not room in the present Mines Office to furnish rooms for the officials in the house leased in Macquarie-street, without interfering with the proper working of the Department?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; for use of the Geological Survey Museum, Assay Branch, and office of Superintendent of Drills and Inspector of Mines.
 (2.) 13th September, 1884, for term of three years, from Mrs. Armstrong; rent, £260 per annum.
 (3.) No.

(4.)

(4.) Lands acquired by the Messrs. Smith in the District of Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers or returns moved for in May last, *re* land selections, &c., belonging to the Messrs. Smith, in the District of Molong, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Return in question is now being checked, and will probably be placed upon the Table of the House early next week.

(5.) Captain Armstrong:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The Government having recognized the claims of Captain Armstrong to compensation for dismissal from his position as Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to reinstate that officer in the Public Service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to say anything definite on the subject at the present time.

(6.) Free Railway Passes.—Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition:—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Victorian Government has issued free railway passes to 31st December to all New South Wales Commissioners for the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition?

(2.) Is it the case that the New South Wales Government does not mean to allow similar facilities, but that members of the Commission may, on application, get passes once to and from Albury?

(3.) To avoid abuse, could not passes be issued available only between Parramatta and Albury?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) The question has not been considered. Those members of the Commission who have gone to South Australia were allowed passes to Albury and return.

(3.) Yes.

2. LAND TITLES COMMISSIONERS FEES BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate and fix the Fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act,*"—which was read a first time.

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

3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
Petition received.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That James Squire Farnell, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Gosford.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Lismore.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(4.) By-laws of the Borough of Goulburn, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(5.) Statistical Register for 1886—Part VI—Production.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd June, 1887—"Prisoners Flogged in Gaols."

(2.) Return showing Fees received through the Patents Office for five years, ending 31st March, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1887,*" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

7. HAY COURT-HOUSE (SITE ACQUISITION) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize and carry out an exchange of certain lands in the Town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum.*"

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 authorize and carry out an exchange of certain lands in the Town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd June, 1887.

8. THE CASE OF SARAH MYERS (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, depositions, or medical certificates, &c., taken before the Police Court at Dubbo during the latter part of May, or beginning of June, in the case of Sarah Myers, who was sent to the Parramatta Asylum.

Question put and passed.

9. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Boroughs of East St. Leonards, St. Leonards, Victoria, and North Willoughby to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon Wharves, &c.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Ives having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Boroughs of East Saint Leonards Saint Leonards Victoria and North Willoughby to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves &c.*,"—read a first time.

10. RENT ON MARRA RUN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Waddell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents referring to the fixing of the rent on the run known as Marra, situated near the River Darling, Bourke District.
Question put and passed.

11. DEPÔT FOR SALE OF FARM PRODUCE:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Tonkin, discharged.

12. RIGHT OF AUDIENCE BILL:—Mr. Frank Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Right of Audience in Courts of Justice within the Colony of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th July.

13. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, or following month of the year 1887, together with provision for a Service of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

14. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of adding to the Schedule the following items:—

" Acetic acid	...	...	...	...	2s. 6d. per gallon
" Vinegar	...	...	...	...	6d. per gallon.
" Rope	...	...	...	...	40s. per ton.
" Newspaper	...	...	...	...	2s. 6d. per cwt.
" Brown paper	...	...	...	...	3s. 6d. per cwt.
" Starch	...	...	...	...	1d. per lb.

"and for the purpose of reducing the duty of Spirits to 12s. per gallon."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. McMillan,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Hurley,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Jeanneret,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Withers,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. See,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. McFarlane.

Tellers,

Mr. Wall,
Mr. Dowel.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 13.
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Vauzlin,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Lees,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Withers,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Frank Smith,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lakeman.
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Kethel,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Martin.	Mr. Toohey.
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Hurley.	
Mr. J. S. Farnell,		
Mr. William Clarke,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 JUNE, 1887, A.M.

Mr. Wall rising to continue the Debate on the original Question,—

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrett submitted that the honorable gentleman was not in order;—that the Debate was now closed;—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.

Mr. Speaker said that the original Question was still before the House, and that it was competent for any Honorable Member who had not spoken to continue the Debate.

And Mr. Wall again rising to speak to the Question,—

Sir Henry Parkes requested Mr. Speaker to reconsider the decision he had just given.

And several Honorable Members having spoken on the Question of Order,—

Mr. Speaker said that, having listened attentively to the arguments used by Honorable Members, and having consulted authorities on Parliamentary Practice, upon further consideration he thought that he was in error in the ruling he had given—and that the Debate was closed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 13.
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Schey,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Stephen,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Thompson,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. McMillan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Black,	
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Penzer.	
Mr. McCulloch,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Frank Smith.	
Mr. Lees,		
Mr. Hawken,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th June, 1887, A.M.

15. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Monday next.
16. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. J. S. Farnell* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Compensation to Railway Surveyors for loss of Office:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Matheson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the recommendation made by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways regarding compensation to Railway Surveyors for loss of office been carried into effect?

(2.) Is it a fact that the dismissed officers of the Lands Department received three months compulsory leave of absence on full pay, in addition to the fortnight's pay for each year of service promised to them?

(3.) In view of the reply given on 3rd May to question No. 7, to the effect that the Railway Surveyors would receive at least the same compensation as the officers of the Lands Department, have they received three months salary in addition to the compensation granted?

(4.) When will the balance due to them, by virtue of the Minister's reply to question No. 7 on 3rd May, be payable?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I understand the Railway Surveyors have been paid compensation.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The circumstances are not identical, and it is considered the Railway Surveyors have been dealt with liberally.

(2.) Wellingrove Town Common:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Matheson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Wellingrove town common been fenced, either partly or wholly, by the lessee?

(2.) Have any roads passing on to the reserve been closed?

(3.) Will the Government take steps to throw open the reserve and the road, if fenced in?

(4.) Has there been any application to have the town common at Wellingrove revoked; if so, by whom?

(5.) Is there any intention to revoke the reserve?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The lessee has apparently erected a fence across the southern part of the common.

(2.) None that are known.

(3.) The matter will be considered when the report just received is dealt with.

(4.) Application has been made by the lessee to change the site of the town common.

(5.) A report has only now been received, and is under consideration.

(3.) Butterine:—*Mr. Martin* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a butterine factory is about being established at Drummoyne, Parramatta River, capable of turning out 25 to 30 tons a week of an inferior substitute for pure butter?

(2.) Is he aware that butterine is manufactured principally from tallow and refuse of fat, and likely to contain ingredients prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants of this Colony?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent its manufacture, or take necessary precautions against its being sold as genuine butter?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am compelled to acknowledge that I have not had much experience in the manufacture of butterine. The answers supplied to me are as follows:—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) I am informed by the Medical Adviser to the Government that butterine is made from refuse of fats of all kinds. It is not necessarily prejudicial to health. Some people rather like it, I am told.

(3.) There is no statutory power to prevent its manufacture. If butterine is sold, mixed with butter, the person selling may be punished under section 4 of 42 Victoria No. 14. If butterine is sold as genuine butter, the seller may be punished under section 5 of the same Act.

(4.)

- (4.) J. Dickson's Conditional Purchase, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did J. Dickson, in August, 1885, take up 2,560 acres on resumed area (additional conditional lease), county Jamison, parish Myall Hollow, Narrabri District;—had he to wait twelve months for survey, and was it then declared that he encroached upon reserves to the extent of 500 acres?
 - (2.) Were these reserves recommended for cancellation by the Land Board, and so cancelled; and when Dickson applied to take up his deficiency of area on such was he refused?
 - (3.) Is he aware Dickson has to fence within a certain time, and cannot get his boundary fixed?
 - (4.) What steps will be taken in order to allow Dickson to obtain the residue of his application on these reserves?

Mr. Garrett answered,—In the absence of the papers, which are in the hands of the Local Board officers, I cannot supply the information desired by the Honorable Member; but inquiry will be made, and full particulars furnished to him on an early date.

- (5.) Land Purchases by M. T. Moore and Others:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Have M. T. Moore and others had fines imposed on them for non-payment of moneys due in time on land purchases?
 - (2.) Is it intended to enforce, remit, or reduce these penalties, from the rate of 40 per cent. per annum to the same rate of 5 and 10 per cent. as proposed to charge other pastoral tenants for arrears of payment?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) A fine of 10 per centum was incurred by Mr. Moore, owing to his failure to pay the purchase money of his improvement purchases within the time allowed by law.
- (2.) The fine imposed by law is 10 per centum (and not 40 per centum) per annum on the amount of purchase money.

- (6.) Medical Bill:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to introduce, during the ensuing Session, a Medical Bill, for the better protection of the public from being imposed upon by unregistered and unduly qualified practitioners or quacks; also, to prevent certificates of death from such being accepted as evidence of death and registration?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I can give my assurance to the Honorable Member and to the House that the Government will seriously consider whether they can possibly introduce a measure of this kind during the next Session.

- (7.) Conservation of Water in the Interior of the Colony:—Mr. Dowel asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to equip and despatch, at an early date, survey parties, for the purpose of exploring the interior of the Colony and devising practical plans for conserving and distributing water, more especially for pastoral, agricultural, and mining requirements?

Mr. Abigail answered,—Preliminary plans have been prepared for various schemes for water conservation, and the Government is ready to continue further investigations as soon as the necessary departmental arrangements are completed.

2. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Uralla, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
Petition received.
3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That James Squire Farnell, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land at Hemsby for Public School Purposes.
Ordered to be printed.
5. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from Joseph Stimson and George W. Logan, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands, situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land.
And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Stokes rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, in order to “call attention to the action of the Minister for Lands in dealing with the “land reserves of the country.”
And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
Mr. Stokes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Ives, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Dalton, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Garland, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Withers, Mr. Lyne, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **ALLEGED RAILWAY FRAUDS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns showing:—
(1.) The estimated total loss, without interest, sustained by the Railway Department through the alleged illegal practices of the forwarding agents, under which they paid the said Department less than the rates for trainage set forth in the published “Table of Rates.”
(2.) Until what date in the past has an investigation been made, with a view to ascertain when the alleged illegal practices of the forwarding agents commenced.
(3.) The estimated loss to the Railway Department through the alleged illegal practices of the forwarding agents during the twelve months ending 30th April, 1886.
(4.) The estimated increase to the revenue of the Railway Department through the termination of the alleged illegal practices of the forwarding agents for the twelve months ending 30th April, 1887, or from the time (giving date) when the alleged illegal practices ceased, till the 30th April, 1887.
Question put and passed.
10. **OFFICERS OF PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER CORPS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hawthorne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The names, present rank, pay, and allowances of the Officers composing the Permanent and Volunteer Staff; also the Officers of the Permanent Artillery, with date and grade of first Commission, and particulars of promotion.
(2.) The pay and allowances of Officers of similar rank in the Imperial Army.
(3.) The names of those Officers who have belonged at any time to the Imperial Service, stating the arm to which they belonged, the rank held by them, and their period of service.
(4.) The names (if any) of those Officers who have at any time been attached to any foreign army or navy, with particulars of rank and length of service.
(5.) The names of such Officers as have never belonged to any but the Colonial Forces.
(6.) The names of such Officers who have graduated at Sandhurst, Woolwich, or other Military or Naval Academy or School.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Bridge across the Murrumbidgee at Narrandera; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 5th July.*
(2.) Fuel Delivery Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday next.*
(3.) St. James' Parsonage Land Leasing Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
12. **PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Street,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Matheson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Stevenson.
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Moore.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. J. S. Farnell reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

13. **BROKERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.
14. **WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. S. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. J. S. Farnell* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Farnell the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
15. **CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Teece, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. J. S. Farnell* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Teece, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber.
Sydney, 24th June, 1887.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
(1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.
(2.) Cremation Bill; second reading.
17. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. J. S. Farnell* reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lyne (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
18. **LIENS ON WOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday next.
19. **NUISANCE ON NORTH SHORE OF BOTANY BAY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stephen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the abatement of a nuisance which exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. J. S. Farnell* reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Davis, Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Ives, Mr. Lees, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Wall,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 27 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Coraki Agricultural Society:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has an application been received for a grant of land to the Coraki Agricultural Society?
 (2.) If so, will the Government take the necessary steps for granting same without delay?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The matter is under reference to the District Surveyor for report.

- (2.) Bridge over the Murray at Mulwala:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received any intimation from the Victorian Government approving of the plans, &c., for a bridge over the Murray at Mulwala, forwarded for approval from this Government?
 (2.) If so, will he cause tenders to be invited at once for the erection of this bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No communication has yet been received from the Government of Victoria in the matter.

2. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Lucknow, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
 Petition received.

3. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands, situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such land.
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Teece having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street Sydney on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land,*"—read a first time.

4. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Frank Smith, for Mr. Garrard, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands, and to erect thereon Wharves, &c.
 Question put and passed.

5. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cameron, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the 'West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' and the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)' to amend the 'West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' and the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)' to amend the 'West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a plan of the proposed deviation of the railway from the original route.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 27th June, 1887.*

6. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lyne read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Lyne then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon.*"
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 authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a plan showing the intended route of the proposed tramway.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th June, 1887.*
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £568,000, being £538,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June or following month of the year 1887, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1886, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1887, and £30,000, further sum, for Relief Works for the unemployed.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1887, the sum of £568,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.
(2.) Mr. Burns then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, 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. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th June, 1887.*
10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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

(8.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid, from and after the 30th day of March, 1887, upon tobacco manufactured in any tobacco factory in the Colony, licensed under the "Tobacco Act, 1884," on entry for home consumption, an excise duty of one shilling and threepence per pound.

(9.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid, from and after the 30th day of March, 1887, upon all spirits distilled in the Colony (including all such spirits now in bond), an excise duty of fourteen shillings the proof gallon.

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

11. TOBACCO INCREASE DUTY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales.

(2.) Mr. Burns then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. COLONIAL SPIRITS DUTY BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits.

(2.) Mr. Burns then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits*,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony, and for other purposes connected therewith.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony, and for other purposes connected therewith.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 JUNE, 1887.

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

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

- (1.) Tobacco Increase Duty Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) Colonial Spirits Duty Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th June, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway—Sydney to Granville:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Taking into consideration the railway traffic between Sydney and Granville on the suburban line, the delays and inconvenience to railway travellers, and the fact that the land is already available, will the Government, in the interest of the public, as well as a means of providing reproductive work for the unemployed, consider the advisableness of having additional double rails laid down?

Mr. Burns answered,—The question of quadrupling some portion of the line between Eveleigh and Burwood is now receiving consideration. Surveys, &c., are being made.

- (2.) Railway Goods Traffic, Kelso to Darling Harbour:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the ordinary time taken by loaded trucks from Kelso to reach Darling Harbour, and is he aware that lately they, in a great many instances, have taken from three to six days in transit?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Traffic Manager states that trucks loaded at Kelso on one day are delivered at Darling Harbour the next morning, and he is not aware of any case lately in which from three to six days have been taken in transit. My honorable colleague will be glad to make inquiry, if the Honorable Member will give me particulars of instances where delays have occurred.

- (3.) Land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Having regard to the following reply, given on Friday, 10th June, in respect to the Crown Land at the corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets:—"Will he inform the House who received the rents upon the same from the time the Crown took possession, under a writ of intrusion, issued 23rd December, 1862? Mr. Garrett answered,—The records of the Treasury do not disclose the information sought as regards the payment of rents";—Did he receive from Mr. John Garsed, in a letter under date 15th June, 1857, the information sought as regards the payment of rent, and will he have any objection to produce the letter, also the answer to the question he received from the officer of his Department?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered.—A letter, dated 15th June, 1887, was received from Mr. Garsed, and purports to convey the information sought as to payment of rent. The reply of 10th instant was furnished on information comprised in memoranda by Treasury officers. Copy of Mr. Garsed's letter and of the Treasury memoranda will be laid upon the Table of this House, if moved for, in the shape of a Return.

(4.) New Guinea:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been done with the £45,000 already advanced to, and expended by, the High Commissioner for New Guinea?
- (2.) How many Europeans are at present resident or trading in British New Guinea?
- (3.) What has been the amount of timber and other staple products exported?
- (4.) What revenue has been derived from such exports?
- (5.) How much (if any) of the £45,000 has been devoted to opening up the country, and how much of coast line has been surveyed?
- (6.) Has the Commissioner, either himself or by deputy, ever visited the western boundary; and, if so, what is the condition of the natives from the Katow River to the said boundary?
- (7.) Is it a fact that the Commissioner has granted a monopoly of the trade of British New Guinea to a firm of Queensland merchants, to the exclusion of traders from New South Wales?
- (8.) Is the Government aware that Messrs. James Tait and John Williams have been compelled to sell their vessels and abandon their station on Bristow Island and the Tait River, New Guinea, at the instance of the Commissioner, and that, under the government of the present Commissioner, citizens of New South Wales are virtually excluded from settling or trading in British New Guinea?

Sir Henry Parkes answered.—It is quite impossible for the Government of this Colony to obtain the information asked for in the first question without very considerable delay. I believe, from the best information I can obtain, the number of Europeans trading in British New Guinea is under fifty—considerably under fifty I think. I have no information with regard to questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. With regard to question 7, I have ascertained from private sources, and on what I regard as good authority, that it is not a fact that the Resident has given any exclusive right to trade to any firm of merchants whatever. Indeed, I think it would be an exercise of power which would be beyond his daring. I understand that the firm of merchants alluded to is a firm who are registered in Sydney as to their limited liability. With respect to question 8, I learn on private authority, which I consider good, that Mr. James Tait and Mr. John Williams never had any station on Bristow Island, and that they own the vessels now which they formerly held—that they have not been compelled to sell any vessels.

(5.) Tramway from Randwick to Waverley:—Mr. Hawken asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of construction of the tramway from Randwick to Waverley?
- (2.) The cost of maintenance per month?
- (3.) The average receipts per week since the opening of the said tramway?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) £7,900.
- (2.) £10 4s. 5d. per month.
- (3.) The receipts have been £10 per week; but these are likely to increase.

(6.) Flagstone Creek Run:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In view of his raising the rents fixed by the Parkes Local Land Board upon the Flagstone Creek Run 100 per cent. upon the resumed area, and 25 per cent. upon the leasehold, will he refer the case back to Land Board for further information?
- (2.) If not, has he any objections to state the particulars and data upon which he has based his decision?

Mr. Garrett answered.—The law does not direct or allow of the reference back to the Land Board of the question of rent or license fee after it has been determined by the Minister. I will lay the evidence taken by the Board, and its recommendation, upon the Table in a day or two; but I may state that upon the 42,000 acres comprised within this holding, the lessee admits he ran over 8,000 sheep in 1886, which shows that its capacity is fully 5 acres to a sheep in its present condition, and which capacity could be largely increased by improving the area at a comparatively small expenditure. I may mention that the rents of the adjoining holdings have been determined on the same scale as upon this, having regard to the evidence in each case. There are also several conditional leases within its bounds which have to be fenced by the lessees, and who have, by law, to pay 2d. per acre, being the same amount as determined for the holding in question.

(7.) Dock at Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he state how long it will be before the dock at Cockatoo Island will be completed?
- (2.) Has it been represented to him that it might be finished in time to be opened on the day of the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony?
- (3.) Will he cause the necessary inquiries to be made, with a view of ascertaining if the dock can be completed before January, 1888?

Mr. Burns answered.—My honorable colleague has consulted the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on this subject, and he regrets to have to say that he fears the dock cannot be completed by the time mentioned, though it will be shortly after. He has, however, directed that no efforts be spared to push forward the work.

(8.) Fencing Conditions under Land Act:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to state if it is his intention to introduce a Bill, at an early date, to modify the conditions of fencing on conditional purchases and conditional leases?

Mr. Garrett answered.—This branch of the question of land reform will receive attention at my hands in preparing the amendments of the present law.

- (9.) The Telegraph Department:—Mr. Thompson asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that there is no lavatory for the use of employés in the present telegraphic operating room?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the necessity for such a place has been repeatedly represented to the Superintendent without effect?
 - (3.) Is he aware that junior operators are allowed the same rate of pay for overtime as seniors?
 - (4.) What is the reason for this practice, and how long has it prevailed?
 - (5.) What are the hours of employment for each?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) There has never been a lavatory attached to the present telegraphic operating room.
 - (2.) Verbal representations have been made, but the space of the present operating room would not admit of a lavatory being provided. Provision will however be made, if possible, in connection with the new room now being constructed.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) The reason is, that all are paid for overtime at the regulation price, namely, 2s. per hour. The practice has been in existence since the foundation of the Department.
 - (5.) Some from 8:30 a.m. till 3 p.m., others from 3 till 8:15 p.m., others from 4 till 10 p.m., and others according to the exigencies of the time.
- (10.) The Queen v. Bohmen and Others:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Ferguson, asked the Attorney General,—Has he read the depositions in the case of the Queen v. the boys Bohmen, Sloan, Harris, and Scott; and does he intend to file a Bill against the lads, having regard to the circumstances of the case?

Mr. Wise answered,—I regret exceedingly that I have no power to refuse to file a Bill against these boys. The facts admitted by the girls whom the prisoners are accused of assaulting are exceedingly revolting. Since, however, the age of consent in girls has been fixed by Parliament at fourteen years, and these girls are alleged to be under fourteen, I have no discretion in the matter.

- (11.) White Bay Relief Works:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What have been the average wages received by the unemployed at the White Bay relief works during the last two weeks?
 - (2.) Were the majority of the men working there married or single?
 - (3.) Were they compelled to work or go without their pay on the Jubilee holidays?
 - (4.) Were the majority of men discharged last Wednesday without notice, on the ground that the Unemployed Fund was exhausted?
 - (5.) Were four men kept on—one at 10s. per day and three others at 7s. per day—and for what reason?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following information has been supplied to me:—

- (1.) Five shillings per day.
 - (2.) Married.
 - (3.) The men were informed that they were at liberty to work if they chose on the days mentioned. I find a rule has been established in connection with the unemployed, that they are only paid for the time they are actually at work.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) Yes, this is the case; but the services of these men have merely been retained for a few days to clear up matters in connection with the work.
- (12.) Railway Carriage of Plant and Material for Contractors:—Mr. Toohy asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money paid to the Railway Department for carriage of plant and material by the various railway contractors for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, respectively?
- Mr. Burns answered,—This information will be prepared, and laid upon the Table of the House on an early day.

- (13.) Fidelity Bonds, Post Office Department:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Postmaster-General,—Has he sought the opinion of the Attorney General in reference to the legality of deducting amounts from the salaries of officers in his Department towards paying for fidelity bonds, when it is no part of their duty to handle cash; if not, will he do so?

Mr. Roberts answered,—So far as the Postal Branch is concerned, all officials employed are required by Regulations of the Executive Council, made under the authority of 31 Vic. No. 4, to give security for fidelity. Even if such officers do not "handle cash," most of them at different times handle letters which contain money and other valuables. The same remarks apply to the Telegraph Branch, with the exception that those of the operators who have no pecuniary responsibility are exempt. The question of whether it is legal to compel the officers to pay for their guarantee bond is one affecting not only the Post Office but all Departments throughout the Service which require security from employés, and I am, therefore, not prepared to take a legal opinion as regards my Department. I may add that in the Postal Department all officials are appointed on the condition that their guarantee premium is deducted from their salary.

- (14.) Australian Steam Navigation Company's Wharf and Property:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Government completed the negotiations for the purchase of the A.S.N. Company's wharf and property?
 - (2.) What is the price asked for the wharf and property?
 - (3.) Do the Government intend to ask the endorsement of Parliament for the purchase this Session?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government have not completed negotiations for the purchase of this property, and are therefore not prepared to give any information at present on the subject.

- (15.) Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Bearing in mind that it is alleged there are now about 300 persons resident in the new mining centre at Captain's Flat, will he take into consideration the desirability of appointing a Justice of the Peace at that place, in order to save the miners and others a journey of 28 miles for the purpose of making declarations, &c. ?
Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have a short report here from the Inspector-General of Police, in which he informs me that he will make a further report without delay. Upon receipt of that report, I shall be in a position to say what I will do before the House closes.
- (16.) Endowments to Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Gormly asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will funds be available to pay the endowments due to Agricultural Societies ?
Mr. Burns answered,—Funds are available for the payments which have been authorized by Parliament.
- (17.) The Case of Atkins, Caddle, and Saunders:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have three men, named Atkins, Caddle, and Saunders, been dismissed from the dredge at Ballina, Richmond River ?
(2.) Have they satisfactorily performed their duties at all times ?
(3.) Have they been dismissed to make room for Sydney men ?
(4.) Will he kindly state reasons for the change ?
Mr. Burns answered,—Their services have been temporarily dispensed with, owing to a reduction in the number of hands in the Dredge Service. The men who are to take their places have been longer in the employ. My honorable colleague understands that Atkins, Caddle, and Saunders have been less than eighteen months in the Department ; but he hopes before long to find other places for men who may have been discharged, notwithstanding their short term of service.
- (18.) Main Roads under Roads Department:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) In cases of main roads under the control of the Roads Department, does such control extend over the footways and paths ?
(2.) If so, will the amounts expended by local municipal bodies in kerbing and guttering such footways be refunded by the Government ?
Mr. Burns answered,—It has always been held that control does not extend over footways and paths. There is a paper now before the Crown Law Officers on this subject.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Bowling Alley Point, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
Petition received.
4. OPENING PARLIAMENT WITH PRAYER:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Members of the Women's Prayer Union, in favour of opening every sitting of Parliament with prayer ; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
5. CENTENARY CELEBRATION BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the fitting Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
6. PAPERS:—
Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Kogarah, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 7th June, 1887—"Roads from Cassilis to Merriwa, Reedy Creek, and Coolah."
(2.) Particulars of sundry Payments on account of Relief Works for the Unemployed.
(3.) Statement showing the amount expended in connection with Relief Works for, and relief to, the Unemployed, to 22nd June, 1887.
Ordered to be printed.
7. MUNICIPAL ROADS AND STREETS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 117th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 117th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 in certain respects*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
8. NUISANCE ON NORTH SHORE OF BOTANY BAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day in reference to "Nuisance on North Shore of Botany Bay," which lapsed by reason of the House being counted out on Friday, 24th June, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.
9. ROADS OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum of £250,000 should be placed on an Additional Estimate for expenditure on the Roads of the Colony through the usual official channels, with the object of providing legitimate work for the unemployed.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 17.
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Burns,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Woodward,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hawken,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Dangar,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jeanneret,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dalton.	Mr. Matheson.
Mr. Ewing,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Frank Farnell,	
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. O'Sullivan.	
Mr. Abbott,		

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

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(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

10. **EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO:**—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Charles Brown, Chairman of a Meeting of Tobacco Operatives and others, held at the Queen's Pedestal, King-street, condemning the action of the Government in proposing an extra Excise Duty on Tobacco; and praying the House to refuse to sanction the proposed Duty.

The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

11. **THE CASE OF MR. GEORGE STEVENSON AND MR. OTHO ORDE DANGAR:**—Mr. McMillan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report on the matter of an inquiry held at Kempsey, by Mr. T. K. Abbott, a Special Commissioner, appointed under the Act 44 Vic. No. 1, during the months of April and May, 1886, especially with reference to the result of said inquiry, by which Mr. George Stevenson, Clerk of Petty Sessions at West Kempsey, was removed from that position, and by which Mr. Otho Orde Dangar was removed from the Commission of the Peace.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Wall, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McElhone, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

12. **REMOVAL OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES FROM DUBBO TO WELLINGTON:**—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order in relation to the removal of Locomotive Engines from Dubbo to Wellington, laid upon the Table of this House on the 31st May last, be printed.

Question put and passed.

13. **COLONIAL SPIRITS DUTY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

14. TOBACCO INCREASE DUTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, "That the Question be now put."
Question,—That the Question be now put,—put and passed.
Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Haynes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Teecc,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Jeanneret,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Ives,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Street,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. Cooke,	

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Mr. Copland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. See,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Frank Smith.
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Goodwin,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Riley,	
Mr. Moore,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

Bill read a second time

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Abattoirs, Glebe Island:—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove the Abattoirs from Glebe Island; if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—It appears to me that it would not be advisable to close the Glebe Island Abattoir until provision be made, by means of private enterprise, for the public slaughtering of cattle for the city. The question might be settled concurrently with the establishment of a site for noxious trades.

(2.) Bridge over the Darling River at Wentworth:—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has an actual survey been made of the site for a bridge over the Darling River at Wentworth, crossing at Sandwyteh-street?

(2.) If so, by whom, and when?

(3.) Will he cause a survey to be made, and plans and specifications to be prepared, so as to ascertain the probable cost of a bridge at the place indicated?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) A section has been taken for a bridge over the River Darling, in Sandwyteh-street, Wentworth.

(2.) By Mr. Philben, Road Superintendent, on 25th July, 1877.

(3.) From papers laid upon the Table of the House on 4th May, 1887, it appears that the probable cost of an iron lift-bridge for the above site would be about £15,000.

(3.) The Sydney Lancers:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some members of the Sydney Lancers were selected to take part in the Melbourne Military Tournament on the 20th and 21st instant?

(2.) Were the gentlemen selected for their general proficiency; and, if so, by whom?

(3.) Did these gentlemen pay all their own expenses, or were their horses and themselves carried to Melbourne free of cost?

(4.) What are the names of the representatives, and how often has each member attended drill or sword exercise, and distinguished himself in tent-pegging?

(5.) Will the Colonial Secretary, in view of the general depression, take steps to prevent any public money being expended on the visit of these gentlemen to Melbourne?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question is pretty well answered by the fact that no Lancers went to Melbourne.

(4.) Veterinary School:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the large increase of late years in the number of sheep, cattle, and horses in the Colony, and the prevalence from time to time of epidemics among stock, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for establishing a "Veterinary School" in connection with the University?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I regret that I cannot give any distinct promise, beyond this, that the subject shall be brought under consideration as early as possible.

(5.) Application for a Mineral Lease at Captain's Flat:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was the application for a mineral lease at Captain's Flat, made on 29th January, 1885, by M'Neill, Edwards, and Holtermann, refused, and on what grounds?

(2.) Has the said land since been granted under mineral lease to any other person, and to whom, and what was the date of his application?

(3.) Is it a fact that Hugh M'Neill and others, of Captain's Flat, made a second application to take up the land under mineral lease on 12th November, 1886?

(4.)

- (4.) Was this application put in prior to that of the present holder, and on what ground was it not granted?
 (5.) Is it a fact that Hugh M'Neil was in possession of the said land before it was declared a reserve?
 (6.) Was a lease of portion of the said land given to Lewis and Holtermann after being refused to M'Neil, and for what reason?
 (7.) In the event of the mineral lease of the said land being granted to the present applicant, will M'Neil and party have a claim to compensation?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; land being partly unavailable at date of taking possession.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) No. (*Vide* Question 3.)
 (5.) No.
 (6.) No.
 (7.) No.

(6.) Railway to Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Department to open the newly constructed line of railway to Queanbeyan before it is opened to Michelago?
 (2.) If not, when will the Department be prepared to open the line to Michelago?
 (3.) What is the date for the completion of the contract for the station at Michelago?
 (4.) Is the Railway Department aware that there is only one station (Tuggranong) between Queanbeyan and Michelago, a distance of 26 miles?
 (5.) Will the Department cause an inquiry to be made into the desirability of erecting a platform between Tuggranong and Michelago, in order to accommodate the large number of settlers around Guise's Flat, Williamsdale, and The Burra, who, according to present arrangements, will have to travel from 12 to 15 miles to reach a station, though the railway passes within a short distance of them?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) In about three or four months.
 (3.) 30th June, 1887.
 (4 and 5.) Only one station has been authorized; but other accommodation will be provided if it be found, after the line is open, the traffic warrants it.

(7.) Railway Carriage of Plant and Material for Contractors:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. Toohey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money paid to the Railway Department for carriage of plant and material by the various railway contractors for the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886?

Mr. Burns answered,—An answer was given to this question yesterday, to the effect that a Return would be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.

(8.) Rabbit-proof Wire along Railway Fence from Albury to Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he cause rabbit-proof wire to be erected along the railway fence from Albury to Wagga Wagga, and towards Young, thence to a junction with the fence already constructed between Narramine and Bourke?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The whole question of rabbit-proof fencing is under consideration, and will be dealt with during recess.

(9.) Harbour Trust for Newcastle:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the late Government promised to create a Harbour Trust for Newcastle?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to that proposal?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have made inquiry, and find that either during the late administration, or during the administration of the late Sir Alexander Stuart, some promise of this kind was made, but I cannot ascertain any particulars about it. I will, however, institute inquiries.

(10.) Mr. John Norton:—Mr. Creeer, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the present or late Government received from the Imperial Government any communication respecting the mission to Europe of Mr. John Norton, the Delegate of the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales?
 (2.) If so, has any reply been sent by the present or late Government?
 (3.) Will the Government lay the correspondence upon the Table of the House?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Yes; a covering despatch was received from the Secretary of State, with some letters addressed by Mr. Norton to him. It appears to have been received by the late Government on the 16th December, but no action has been taken upon it by either the late or the present Government.

(11.) Public Parks:—Mr. Creeer asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to spend a proportionate sum of money on the different parks throughout the Colony to that which they propose to spend on the proposed Centennial Park at the Lachlan Swamp in honour of the Centenary of the Colony?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am bound to say that I cannot understand precisely what is meant. I fail to discover any connection between what it is proposed to do with regard to the Centenary of the Colony and the parks attached to country towns.

(12.) Magistrates for Jerilderie:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the two Members for the Murray Electorate some time ago request that one or two Justices of the Peace be appointed at Jerilderie, as being urgently required to meet public convenience?
 (2.) Is it his intention to make such appointments, and when?

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is perfectly true that the Honorable Member and his colleague waited upon me, representing that magistrates were wanted at Jerilderie; but it has not been the practice of the Government of this Colony to appoint single magistrates when applied for. Such applications are generally considered, and appointments made, in batches or groups. Together with other representations which have been made to the Government, the representations of the honorable gentlemen will be considered as early as possible.

- (13.) Bridge over the Upper Murray :—Mr. Lync asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he obtain a report from the Commissioner for Roads as to the desirability of erecting a bridge over the river at some point on the Upper Murray?

Mr. Burns answered,—A report has been obtained from the local officer of the Roads Department, who states that Jingellic is the best site on the Upper Murray, but that the erection of an iron bridge to cost about £6,000 would be premature.

- (14.) Water Frontages at Cremorne :—Mr. Lync asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he reversed a decision of the previous Minister for Lands in reference to water-frontages at Cremorne, and does he intend to give the water-frontages to a syndicate in exchange for 5 or 6 acres on the point referred to?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Mr. Secretary Farnell determined to grant the rescission of reservation to Mr. Milson, the owner of the grant in which the reservation was contained. Afterwards, upon representations made through the Borough Council, the question was considered by the Cabinet of the Stuart Government, who determined that the rescission should not be granted. Recently, the Borough Council suggested that portions of the reservation should be rescinded, in consideration of about 7 acres at Robertson's Point being dedicated for recreation, and certain wharf sites in other positions, with approaches thereto, being provided. This proposal was considered by the present Government, and is being adopted. So much of the reservation as may be rescinded will be paid for at an appraised value.

2. NORTH SHORE BOROUGHS WHARVES BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Ives presented a Petition from Thomas Edgar Creswell and Harry Henry Robey, of St. Leonards, Captain and Secretary of the North Shore Rowing Club, on behalf of the Club, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor, or in person, before the House, or before the Select Committee, in opposition to the North Shore Boroughs Wharves Bill.

- (2.) Mr. Ives presented a similar Petition from Prosper Orleans Williams and Alfred George Milson, of St. Leonards, on behalf of themselves and other ratepayers of the Borough of East St. Leonards.

Petitions received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WENTWORTH:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from Residents and Electors of the northern portion of the Electoral District of Wentworth, alleging that they are under disabilities in consequence of the great extent of the Electorate; and praying the House to favourably consider their circumstances, and afford them relief by such an amendment of the Electoral Act as will separate the northern portion of the Electorate, embracing the Sub-police District of Milparinka, from the southern portion, so as to enable them to elect their own Representative to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Petition received.

4. TOBACCO INCREASE DUTY BILL:—Mr. Burdokin presented a Petition from Hugh Dixon, of Sydney, Tobacco Manufacturer, stating that he views with alarm the proposal of the Government to add three-pence per pound to the Excise Duty on Tobacco; and praying the House not to consent to the imposition of the further Duty; and also praying that he may be heard at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Bill.

The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

5. PAPERS:—

- Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th June, 1887—"Iron Columns for Telegraph Lines."

Ordered to be printed.

- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Blue Book for the Year 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

- Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Sixth Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1885.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 12th May, 1887—"Robert Munford's Conditional Purchases."

(3.) Copy of Evidence taken before the Local Land Board respecting the Rents fixed upon the Flagstone Creek Run.

Ordered to be printed.

6. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway and to amend the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1887.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Home Rule, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.

Petition received.

8. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL:—Mr. Garrard having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Borough of Balmain to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon Wharves &c.*"—read a first time. 9.

9. COLONIAL SPIRITS DUTY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1887.
10. CLAIM OF JAMES H. HUSBAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, and correspondence relative to a claim by James H. Husband, relating to his capture of some notorious bushrangers in the year 1864.
Question put and passed.
11. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Christian Chapel Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Ball, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Henson, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Teece.
Question put and passed.
12. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Garland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Day, Mr. Henson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. TOBACCO INCREASE DUTY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ross,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Allen.

Noes, 32.

Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Garran,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Jones,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Lakeman,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Fitzgerald,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cortis,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Wise,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Haynes,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Carruthers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tonkin,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Garland.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Reid.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Dowel,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Bowes,	
Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Trickett,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales.*"

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1887.*

14. LAND TITLES COMMISSIONERS FEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
15. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wise 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. Wise, 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. Wise, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
16. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

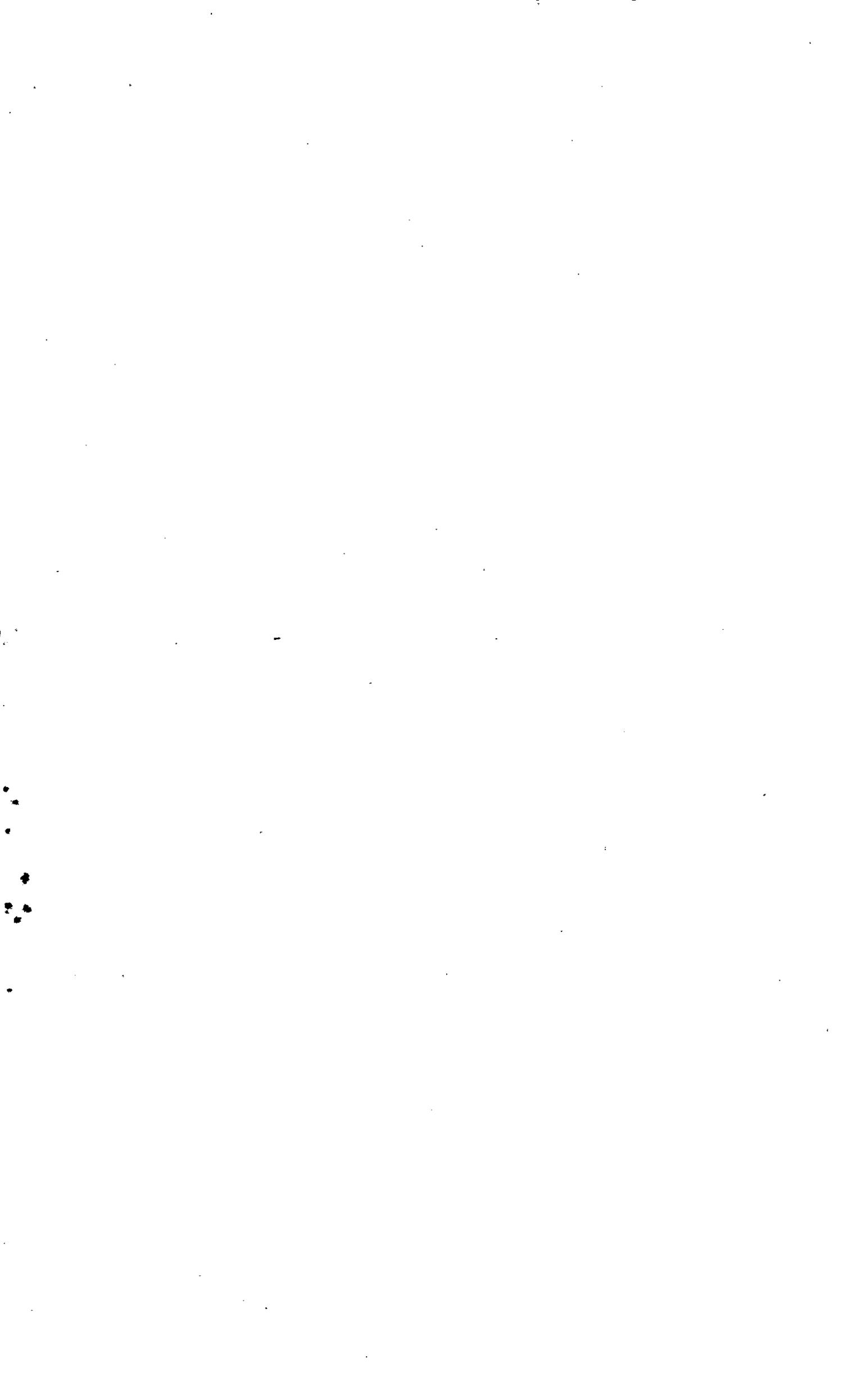
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

17. HAY AND DENILIQUIN TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 2nd June, 1887, together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.
Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On what date did the Waratah Coal Company receive a portion of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve by virtue of improvements?

(2.) What is the area so granted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) 10th August, 1874.

(2.) Forty acres.

- (2.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) On what date did the Anglo-Australian Coal Company receive a portion of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve by virtue of improvements?

(2.) What is the area so granted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No such grant appears to have been issued in favour of the Anglo-Australian Coal Company; but grants to the extent of 10 acres 2 roods issued in favour of R. A. A. Morehead and M. Young, on 23rd September, 1873, and of 7 acres 1 rood 2 perches to the Scottish Australian Mining Company, on 19th January, 1880.

- (3.) The Telegraph Department:—Mr. Crouch, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. H. Corbett, Telegraph Instructor, was until recently in charge of the Experimental Branch of the Telegraph Department?

(2.) Was his removal from the position of Telegraphic Instructor, which included the Experimental Branch, sanctioned by the Postmaster General?

(3.) What was the nature of the complaints upon which this removal was made?

(4.) If there is no "available space" for instruction, how is it that a large room is set apart for experimental purposes?

(5.) What is the reason for paying £370 for a Cable Clerk, and £340 per annum for a Telegraph Instructor, neither of whom performs the duties of the office under the designation on the Estimates?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not necessary that changes in the apportionment of duties should, in every instance, receive the sanction of the Postmaster-General.

(3.) There were no official complaints.

(4.) A large room is not set apart for experimental purposes, but a small room is occupied in keeping the testing instruments and other valuable apparatus, which would otherwise be liable to injury or destruction.

(5.) It was found that the person appointed to the position of Cable Clerk was fitted for more important duties than those only implied by his official designation; and therefore the Superintendent has availed himself of those qualifications, rather than directing him to perform duties which were of a purely clerical character. With regard to the Telegraph Instructor, as has already been explained in reply to a previous question, the Telegraph Instructor will resume the duties appertaining to his office as soon as room is available; meanwhile, his services are being utilized as an operator on one of the lines.

- (4.) The Telegraph Department:—Mr. Crouch, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Was the office of Cable Clerk discharged by Mr. J. J. R. Ferris previous to his leaving the Telegraph Department about April, 1886, and for how long was he employed in this position?

(2.) Is it not a fact that these duties are of a purely clerical nature, and that they are now discharged by an operator?

(3.) What is his name?

Mr.

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Mr. J. J. R. Ferris filled the position of Cable Clerk from the 10th December, 1885, to the 16th March, 1886.

(2.) Yes, as the most convenient arrangement for the present that could be made for the performance of the duties.

(3.) Mr. Dircks.

(5.) Brush Carbons:—*Mr. Crouch*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Was not a tender accepted for 20,000 brush carbons at 2d. each, as gazetted on 30th April last?

(2.) Did this quantity include the 3,000 supplied on 5th March last?

(3.) What is the reason that such a large quantity was required in so short a space of time?

(4.) What was the nature of the recommendation, relative to the supply of the 3,000 carbons on 5th March, placed before the Postmaster General—did he act on this recommendation?

(5.) If not, what was his objection to act on the recommendation?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) Tender at this price was gazetted on 1st April, 1887.

(2.) No.

(3.) The consumption is about 60 carbons per night. The 20,000 was for twelve months supply.

(4.) The recommendation was to purchase 3,000, at a cost of about £62. No.

(5.) Instead of approving of the recommendation, he decided to invite tenders.

(6.) Charles Dowden's Conditional Lease, Narrabri.—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands—Did the Minister increase the rental on Charles Dowden's conditional lease, Narrabri District, Central Division, 1d. per acre beyond what the Local Land Board recommended; if so, will he reconsider his decision, with a view to placing the rental on same as recommended by the Board?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No lease in Charles Dowden's name can be traced. In William Dowden's case, the Board recommended a rental of 2½d. The rent finally approved was 3½d.

(7.) Railway Fares for School Children:—*Mr. Carruthers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) For what reasons have the fares of school children travelling first-class by railway been raised during the last few days without notice?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to continue to charge the increased fares?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The representation was that the seats in the first-class carriages were unduly taken up by school children, to the exclusion in part of passengers who paid full fare. Second-class carriages are still open to school children at quarter fare.

(2.) Further inquiry will be made.

(8.) Parramatta Park:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it likely that the amended by-laws for the regulation of the Parramatta Park, which were forwarded to the Mines Department some months ago for approval, will be considered and decided upon?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The two additional by-laws forwarded on 11th August last have been considered and approved, but the approval of the Executive Council and Proclamation await dedication of the park by the Lands Department.

(9.) The Prickly-pear:—*Mr. Fitzgerald* asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps (if any) are being taken by the Department of Mines, or the Inspectors under the Prickly-pear Act, for the destruction of the pear on Crown Lands throughout the Colony?

Mr. Abigail answered,—The Inspectors are inspecting and reporting as to the extent of prickly-pear on Crown Lands. Where such lands are in the occupation of any person, notice to eradicate the prickly-pear is served upon the occupier, and if he do not eradicate forthwith, steps are at once taken to lease the land, in terms of the Prickly-pear Destruction Act, or failing therein, to destroy the pear at the cost of the Government.

(10.) Charge against Mr. E. K. Crace:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to inquire into the charge of ill-treating a boy from the "Vernon," laid against Mr. E. K. Crace, of Gungahleen Station, near Queanbeyan?

(2.) Has the boy been removed from the service of Mr. Crace?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) The papers in the case have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the "Vernon," who is now making an inquiry into the alleged ill-treatment of the boy.

(2.) The boy has not been removed from the service of Mr. Crace as yet, pending the result of the inquiry; but I will be glad to let the Honorable Member know the result on receipt of the report.

(11.) School Attendance Officers:—*Mr. Hassall* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) By what authority and by whom were School Attendance Officers appointed?

(2.) If under any Rules and Regulations framed in accordance with section 7 of the Civil Service Act, will he cause a copy, with the date thereof, to be laid upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House, copies of the following circulars and letter, addressed to School Attendance Officers, viz.:—(1) Memo. of 23rd November, 1886; (2) Memo. 7,459, of 30th December, 1886; (3) Memo. 1,128, of 26th February, 1887; (4) Letter 3,473, of 28th April, 1887?

(4.) Will he state whether, in the three first-named circulars, the Minister took action on his own responsibility, and whether, in the last named letter, such action was notified on the authority of the Governor, advised by the Executive Council, and the reason for the change of practice?

(5.) Is the position of School Attendance Officers under the Civil Service Act such that they can be appointed and dismissed by the Minister on his own authority?

(6.) Was the annual increase of salary granted to School Attendance Officers based on their classification under section 7?

(7.) Were they entered amongst Teachers in the Educational Division on the Civil Service List?

Mr.

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) By the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Public Instruction.
- (2.) They were, with the exception of four, appointed before the Civil Service Act came into force.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) In the case of the three first-named memoranda, the Minister took action on his own responsibility. The last named letter was written after the action of the Minister had been ratified by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.
- (5.) No; all the Attendance Officers were appointed by the Governor in Council, as before mentioned.
- (6.) The annual increase was granted in accordance with Regulations framed by the Department. This was in accordance with the spirit of section 7 of the Civil Service Act.
- (7.) They were originally classed under the Educational Division, but were subsequently removed from that division and placed under section 7.

(12.) Workmen's Trams:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to extend the system of workmen's trams, so that the working classes may be able to return to their homes in the afternoon at the same scale of charges as is now the case on the morning workmen's trams?
- (2.) When will he bring the practice into force?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of introducing monthly or season tickets on our trams, similar to those which are now used on our Government Railways?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1 and 2.) It is not considered expedient to grant this concession.
- (3.) No practical suggestion has yet been made for overcoming the difficulties which the officers of the Department see in adequately checking season tickets on the tramway.

(13.) Bowna Cemetery:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken by the Government to enable the people of Bowna to open the new cemetery at that town?
- (2.) Is he aware that the nearest cemetery to Bowna is distant 12 miles from the township?
- (3.) Will he have the cemetery opened as soon as possible?

Mr. Abigail answered,—This case is at present being dealt with by the Crown Solicitor, with reference to the deeds of conveyance. Mr. Hore is practically giving the land—that is, he is giving the land, but is to receive some unnecessary roads in lieu.

(14.) Alexandra Park, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to dedicate the Alexandra Park at Albury?
- (2.) If so, what has been done, and who are the proposed Trustees?
- (3.) Will he expedite this work, so that the park may be fenced in and improved?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Part is dedicated already, part has been purchased, and the remainder is a temporary reserve, which the Lands Department has been asked to dedicate by Proclamation in *Gazette*. The Borough Council has been named as Trustees, but cannot be appointed until the whole of the land has been dedicated, and the park is proclaimed.
- (3.) Yes.

2. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Fitzgerald presented a Petition from certain Selectors and others, representing the necessity for an amendment of the Land Act of 1884; and praying that certain amendments suggested by them in relation to fencing may be made in the Act.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines, being for the year 1886.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd August, 1886—"Railway Freight on Merchandise."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Copies of Memoranda respecting the Appointment, &c., of School Attendance Officers.

4. ALBURY CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 10th May, 1887, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee,—
And moved that the documents be printed.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Miners of Tarcutta, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
Petition received.

6. CROWN LANDS PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain Conditional and other Purchases.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalise certain Conditional and other Purchases of Crown Land*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. LAND TITLES COMMISSIONERS FEES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to regulate and fix the Fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate and fix the Fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th June, 1887.*
8. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wise, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to codify the law relating to Bills of Exchange Cheques and Promissory Notes.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to codify the law relating to Bills of Exchange Cheques and Promissory Notes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th June, 1887.*
9. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
10. CENTENARY CELEBRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

Bill read a second time.

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

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

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th June, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 JULY, 1887.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1887.

- (2.) Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road Votes:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What reason is there that the various votes for roads passed by the several monthly Supply Acts are not paid out to the various corporate bodies and persons entitled to receive them?

(2.) What becomes of the moneys whilst unpaid?

Mr. Burns answered,—These votes are not under the control of the Treasury, but the following information is supplied by the Department concerned (Public Works):—

(1.) Roads under Trustees.—All votes for roads under Trustees have been issued to the Trustees, except in cases where adjustments of previous votes have not yet been received. It is not the custom to issue a new vote until the adjustment of previous vote has been received. Main Roads within Municipalities.—With regard to votes for "Main Roads within Municipalities," to be expended by the various Municipal Councils, supply for five months only has yet been obtained, and, in view of possible alterations, it is not customary to issue these amounts until Appropriation Act is passed; but, to avoid the difficulty in future, the vote for this Service will be included with Main and Minor Roads Vote taken in Supply Bills. Distribution of funds for this year will be made as soon as Appropriation Act is passed.

(2.) The money whilst unpaid remains in the Treasury.

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(2.) Richmond Park, North Casino:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the recreation reserve, now known as "Richmond Park," situate at North Casino, been vested in the Casino Municipal Council as Trustees thereof?
- (2.) Have the Trustees originally appointed at any time resigned in favor of, and with a view to the appointment of, such Council as Trustees, for the better care and improvement of same?
- (3.) Is there any objection, legal or otherwise, to Municipal Councils generally having the control and management of all reserves (other than those required for public buildings, &c.) within their respective boundaries?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) The Trustees forwarded their resignations, but afterwards withdrew them. A deed of grant to the Trustees having been issued, the proposal to transfer the Trust to the Municipal Council could not be entertained till the Crown grant has been surrendered.
 - (3.) As a rule, Municipal Councils are appointed Trustees of reserves for recreation purposes within their boundaries, unless such reserves have been already granted to Trustees.
- (3.) Government Roads passing through Municipalities:—Mr. Crouch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have steps been taken to give effect to the recent Resolution of Parliament with reference to Government roads passing through or terminating in country municipalities?
- (2.) Will he see that no fresh liability is incurred in respect of this year's Road Votes, to the detriment of those portions of such roads as are within municipal limits?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Circulars have been sent to the Roads Officers to report if there are any such amounts included in the Schedules.
 - (2.) The officers have been instructed in the circulars to reserve such amounts.
- (4.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Hawkeu, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the Government entered into any contract for the widening of the opening of the Pyrmont Bridge?
 - (2.) When will the work be proceeded with?
 - (3.) When will the work be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is now being proceeded with.
 - (3.) The contract time expires on the 25th August. There has been some delay in delivering the piles, but I understand a vessel is now in the harbour with them.
- (5.) Letter-carriers:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) Is he aware that though the letter-carriers of his Department have to travel the streets in wet and cold weather, they are not supplied with overcoats?
 - (2.) Is there any reason why these men should not have overcoats as well as tram-guards, who are kept more under cover than letter-carriers?

Mr. Roberts answered.—It is the practice of the Department to supply the carriers with water-proof clothing, but, owing to the difficulty found in procuring a suitable description, I regret to say that they are at present without it; but a contract has been accepted, and a supply will very shortly be issued. Letter-carriers are not supplied with anything beyond water-proof clothing. It is desirable, wherever practicable, that the men should appear in the red uniform, and that supplied in winter is of a warm character. Anything beyond this that a letter-carrier needs should be provided by himself as underclothing. I may remind the Honorable Member that tram-guards have not the same opportunity as letter-carriers of walking exercise whilst on duty.

(6.) Redfern School Board:—Mr. Stephen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the number of the School District in which Redfern is situated?
- (2.) How many members comprise the School Board of this District, the names of such members, and their duties?
- (3.) How many meetings of the Board have been held during the year 1886, and the half-year ending 30th June, 1887?
- (4.) The number of meetings which each member has attended, giving the names?
- (5.) How many years has the Board been in existence?
- (6.) How many annual reports have been sent in to the Department by the Board since its appointment?
- (7.) How many members are on the Board at the present time?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

- (1.) The number of the District is 4.
- (2.) Seven. Their names are—Messrs. Robert Fowler, J.P., Henry Hudson, James Francis Smith, John Williamson, Arthur Cubitt, John Jackson Calvert, Ninian Melville, M.P. Their duties are defined in section 19 of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, and in Regulations 104 to 113 inclusive, framed thereunder.
- (3 and 4.) The information sought by these questions is not obtainable in this Department.
- (5.) Nearly seven years, a Board having been originally appointed on 7th September, 1880.
- (6.) One yearly, and one quarterly report.
- (7.) Seven, as stated in answer to question No. 2.

(7.) Waiting-shed for Tramway Passengers:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Withers, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a waiting-shed for tram passengers on the site offered by the City Council at the intersection of the Randwick Road and Moore Park Road?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The site offered would not be a convenient one. If the Council will grant a site at the place applied for, on the opposite side of the road, a waiting-shed will be erected.

- (8.) Railway from Nyngan to Cobar :—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were tenders received for the construction of a railway line, Nyngan to Cobar?
 - (2.) Was a deposit taken with each tender, and have all the deposits been returned?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) All returned, with the exception of the money deposited by the lowest tenderer.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Regulation under Imported Stock Act of 1871, and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
4. THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA :—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Judge's Notes in the case "Robertson and Wagner v. Thomas M. Thompson—Trespass."
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. FUEL DELIVERY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Lees, Mr. Melville, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, and Mr. Wise,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 4 JULY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchases, Forbes and Parkes Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The number of selections, and the area of land that has been selected, in the districts of Forbes and Parkes respectively, during the months of May and June?
 (2.) The amount realized from the sale of the same during the same periods, and in each district, respectively?

Mr. Garrett answered, —

- (1.) Forbes, eight conditional purchases; Parkes, thirty-four conditional purchases.
 (2.) Forbes, £248 8s. 6d.; Parkes, £1,463 17s. 6d. In addition to the above, an area of 1,220 acres was applied for at Forbes by way of conditional lease, and 41,189 acres at Parkes, the deposit of rent received for same being £10 3s. 4d. and £343 4s. 10d. respectively.

- (2.) M. J. Brett's Case:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers in M. J. Brett's case, moved for on 29th March, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Copies of the papers will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

- (3.) Deserted and Dead Children found in the Metropolitan District:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of children found deserted or dead in the Metropolitan District during the year ending 30th June, 1887, for which Government rewards have been offered?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am sorry to say that the answer to this question is full of pain. The number of children found deserted in the time specified is nineteen. Twelve of these were dead, and the other seven were simply abandoned while living.

- (4.) Parramatta River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having received the reports of the officers with reference to the proposed deepening of the Parramatta River, from Newington to the Queen's Wharf, Parramatta, will he give instructions for having this work carried out at an early date?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Taking into account the great demands which are made upon our dredging appliances, I regret I cannot comply with the Honorable Member's request at present. I hope soon, however, to have more dredges at my disposal, when the question of carrying out the work referred to shall be considered.

- (5.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he call for a report as to the necessity for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Parramatta North, on account of the large increase of population on the north side of the river, who have to travel one or two miles to the present office?

Mr. Roberts answered,—I have already obtained a report on this matter, from which it appears that the erection of a second office at Parramatta is not necessary. The revenue from the minor office at Parramatta North is but £60 a year, and the distance from the official office is under a mile.

- (6.) Denis Morrissey's Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to validate Denis Morrissey's conditional purchases (160 acres and 40 acres), county Gowen, parish of Coonabarabran, taken up in 1877 and 1878?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have not had an opportunity of going through the papers in this case, but I will do so without delay, and inform the honorable gentleman.

{(7.)

(7.) **Insolvency of Civil Servants**:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is reason to believe that certain Civil Servants are in the habit of incurring liabilities, and, when pressed for payment, threaten to turn insolvent?

(2.) Will he have an inquiry made into the circumstances under which Civil Servants have recently become insolvent, in order to ascertain if their action was caused by distress or a desire to evade their lawful debts?

(3.) In the event of any violation of the 35th section of the Civil Service Act being discovered, will he take steps to mark his disapprobation of such dishonorable conduct?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I think it will strike any honorable gentleman that this is a question very difficult to be satisfactorily answered. It is impossible to prevent Civil Servants, any more than other persons, from acting imprudently, and, in some instances, in a more blameworthy manner. I admit at once that a Civil Servant ought to keep his expenditure within his income; but the same thing may be said of other members of society; but it is extremely difficult to say how far a Civil Servant is to be visited with special blame for things of which other persons are guilty. I admit at once that the inquiry indicated in question 2 ought to be made, and I will promise the honorable gentleman to make it.

2. **PAPERS**:—

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report on the State Children's Relief Department for the year ending 5th April, 1887.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 1st April, 1887—"Jetty Accommodation at Circular Quay, Dawes Point, and Fort Macquarie."

(2.) Return respecting Probationers employed in the Railway Service between Newcastle and Murrurundi.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE**:—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from William Mandeville Barker, of Sydney, Solicitor, detailing the conditions under which the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand contracted with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for carrying Mails between San Francisco and the said Colonies; and alleging that, notwithstanding the agreement entered into, the Postmaster-General of New South Wales has not paid the Company for carrying the Mails for the year 1885; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, and to do what may be thought right under the circumstances.
Petition received.

4. **COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects.
Question put and passed.

5. **MR. THOMAS M. CROSS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, BREWARRINA (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents referring to the forfeiture of Mr. Thomas M. Cross's conditional purchase, situated in the Brewarrina District.
Question put and passed.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until to-morrow*.

(2.) Brokers Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate;—*until Friday next*.

7. **CENTENARY CELEBRATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 JULY, 1887, A.M.

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

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

8. **CLAIMS OF JOHN GALLAGHER**:—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 17th May, 1887, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **CLAIM OF CORNELIUS GRADY**:—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th April, 1887, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 JULY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) City Sewerage Works:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Under whose supervision, and out of what fund, is the construction of the city sewerage work now being carried out?

(2.) Will he state the amount that has already been expended in the construction of this work, the number of men employed in same, the probable amount required to complete the work, and when is it likely to be finished?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to undertake the construction of similar works in large towns in the interior?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Under the supervision of Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges. Expenditure on account of the work is met from Loan Votes for general works, and for some special works from the Consolidated Revenue.

(2.) Amount expended to date on the construction of the city and suburban sewerage works, £554,428 3s. 9d.; number of men employed, 740; probable amount required to complete the work, £158,860. The works will be quite complete in eighteen months.

(3.) Legal provision is made for executing such works in "The Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act" (44 Vic. No. 14), and several reports and plans for the drainage of cities and towns have been made; but it is not desirable for the central Government to deal with such works on the eve of the enactment of a Local Government Act.

(2.) Railway to Hornsby:—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What money has been received for each month since the opening of the railway line to Hornsby for coaching traffic and for goods traffic?

(2.) What has been the working expenses for each month for the same period?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The figures have not been compiled for the latest time, but to the end of 1886 the return showed an average per month of £595.

(2.) The working expenses are estimated at £656 per month.

(3.) Education in Public Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he state the number of Public Schools in the Colony in which Latin, Greek, and French are being taught, and the number of pupils in each branch respectively receiving such education?

(2.) The same with regard to High Schools?

Mr. Inglis answered,—It will be impossible to furnish this information in proper form within a fortnight from this date.

(4.) Weigh-bridges at Trangie and Nyngan Stations:—Mr. Cooke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a weigh-bridge at Trangie Station on the Great Western Railway?

(2.) Is the pine timber sent by rail from that station charged by weight or measurement?

(3.) If by measurement, what weight is allowed per 1,000 feet superficial?

(4.) The same as regards the station at Nyngan?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Pine logs are charged by measurement; sawn timber is charged by weight.

(3.) Forty cubic feet per ton is allowed for pine logs.

(4.) There is a weigh-bridge at Nyngan, but I understand timber is not despatched from that station.

(5.)

- (5.) Whittabrennah Station :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a leading article in the *Western Grazier* of the 23rd June last, as to the appraisalment of Whittabrennah Station?
 - (2.) Is it true, as stated, that the Inspector who gave evidence before the Board swore that it required 9 to 10 acres of that run to carry a sheep?
 - (3.) Was a *précis* of that evidence submitted to the Minister for Lands?
 - (4.) If so, in that *précis* was the evidence represented as being that the run would carry a sheep to 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The *précis*, by a clerical error, represented the carrying capacity of the leasehold area as 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres to a sheep. This error was evidently noticed, though not altered at the time of submission to me, when the rent was fixed at the minimum, otherwise a higher rate than the minimum would have been determined. The covering paper or *précis* had no effect upon my judgment in fixing the rent of this run.

- (6.) Bridge over the Upper Murray :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to his reply to a question on 29th June, viz.—“A report has been obtained from the local officer of the Roads Department, who states that Jingellie is the best site on the Upper Murray, but that the erection of an iron bridge to cost about £6,000 would be premature,”—
- (1.) Have the Victorian Government been asked to pay half the cost?
 - (2.) Will he agree to the erection of such a bridge at some point over the river on the Upper Murray in conjunction with the Government of Victoria?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Any such proposals will be submitted for the consideration of the Government.

- (7.) Prohibition on Importation of Cattle and Sheep :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Have the Government taken any steps to give effect to the report of the Australasian Stock Conference, recommending the removal of the prohibition on the importation of cattle and sheep from the United Kingdom?
 - (2.) Can he fix a date when such prohibition will be removed?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; there is an understanding with the other Australasian Colonies that the action with regard to the admission of stock from places outside these Colonies shall only be taken with the consent of the majority. Repeated communications have, since the Intercolonial Stock Conference, been addressed by this Government to the other Colonies, asking their views with respect to the withdrawal of the prohibition on the importation of foreign stock; but, up to the present, definite answers have only been received from three Colonies, two being in favour of its withdrawal and one against.
- (2.) It is expected that a definite reply will be received from another Colony in the course of a few days, which will in all probability decide the question.

- (8.) Salaries of Civil Servants :—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—Now that all increments and classifications are dispensed with, from 1st January, 1887, by the Civil Service Act Amendment Act, is it intended to enforce the latter part of clause 27 of the original Act, which precludes officers receiving any increase of salary due upon legitimate promotion, even as heads of branches or otherwise, and regardless of length of service and efficiency?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It is considered that the portion of clause 27 of the Civil Service Act of 1884 referred to by the Honorable Member is repealed, together with all that relates to increases by classification by the Amending Act of 1886.

- (9.) Street on North Side of General Post Office :—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Government decided whether the thoroughfare on the north side of the General Post Office is to be used for vehicular traffic?
 - (2.) What width will it be should the negotiations be completed?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The whole question is at present engaging the consideration of the Government.

- (10.) Gap Road, Narrabri to Bingera :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the road from Narrabri to Bingera, known as the “Gap Road,” been made and proclaimed as open for public use, and is such road now fit for vehicular traffic, or will it be made so.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The road in question was notified on the 10th November, 1882, and is now open for traffic, as far as an unmetalled road can be so considered. Improvements will be proceeded with from time to time, as on other roads.

- (11.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that it is proposed to place the railway station on the Illawarra Line fully a mile outside the town of Kiama, in a place which, it is alleged, is so inaccessible to the inhabitants of the district that it will prevent them using it for their produce; and will he have any objection to delay its erection till such time as the local residents can make their views on the subject known to him?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have directed that no expenditure is to be incurred at the site named.

- (12.) Jetty at Shellharbour :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any steps been taken to carry on the work of erecting the jetty at Shellharbour, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I find steps have been taken to commence this work; but I will institute further inquiries in the matter, with a view of having the prosecution of the work expedited.

(13.) The Macquarie Pass:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision respecting the answer to be given to the deputation which waited on him some time since with reference to the state of the Macquarie Pass?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Cameron was informed on the 9th May of the Minister's decision.

(14.) Grafton Land Board:—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give definite instructions to Land Board at Grafton to deal with all cases in which certificates of conformity are involved?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes; with a view to improving, as far as possible, the mode of dealing with cases in which certificates of conformity are due, the matter has been specially brought under the notice of the Board of Inquiry about to inspect the local offices.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th March, 1887—"M. J. Brett's Conditional Purchases, made at Wagga Wagga."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 10th May, 1887—"Resumption of Land and Buildings, the Property of Edward Irby, on Bluff River."

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 29th April, 1887—"Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges—Field of Mars Common."

Ordered to be printed.

3. BOROUGH OF BALMAIN WHARVES BILL:—Mr. Hawthorne, for Mr. Garrard, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 29th June, 1887, together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hawthorne then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' and the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)' to amend the 'West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 5th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th July, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "enable the 'West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited)' and the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited)' to"

Page 1, clause 1, line 17. *Omit* "That clause one" *insert* "The first section"

Page 1, clause 1, lines 18 and 19. *Omit* "he and the same is" *insert* "are"

Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "and section two of this Act shall be read in substitution thereof"

Page 2, clause 2, line 5. *Omit* "that" *insert* "those"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(2.) Patents Law Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 5th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

5. THE LATE ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE AT COROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers and documents in connection with the removal of the late Acting Police Magistrate at Corowa.
Question put and passed.

6. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of finding employment for the unemployed classes in clearing scrub lands and other unproductive public works is injudicious.

(2.) That the Government should endeavour, without delay, to initiate public works of a permanent and productive character, to absorb the labour now unemployed and now provided for by such works as in the first Resolution mentioned.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

7. SUNDAY LECTURES AND ENTERTAINMENTS:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from Inhabitants of New South Wales, expressing satisfaction at the action of the Government in prohibiting the use of Licensed Buildings for Lectures and Entertainments on the Lord's Day; and praying the House to uphold the decision of the Government.
Petition received.

8. CENTENARY CELEBRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put,—That the Question be now pu.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Foster,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Stevenson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Cortis,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Woodward,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. McIlville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. See,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Matheson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hassall.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dowel,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Schey,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Colls,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Seaver,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Abigail,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Cortis,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Gornly,
Mr. McFarlane.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Levien.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, *passed*,

Sir

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the fitting celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1887.*

9. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the "Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880," and to amend the said Act in other respects.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,' and to amend the said Act in other respects.*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dowd,
Mr. Gale,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Frank Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Schey,	Dr Ross,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Penzer.
Mr. Gormly,	

Noes, 26.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. Seaver,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bruncker.
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Stevenson,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Cortis,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Frank Smith,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Bowman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY, 1887 A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY, 1887.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the time for constructing the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway and to amend the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Act of 1884,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

- (2.) City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company's Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the 'City of Goulburn Gas and Coke Company (Limited),' to increase its capital to £50,000,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Over-charges:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Hassall*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amounts have been refunded to forwarding agents and the public generally for over-charges by the Railway Department, for the year ending 30th June, 1886?

(2.) The amount of claims made during the said term and still unsettled?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, at the earliest possible date.

- (2.) The Case of William Kearney:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Minister of Justice,—Was there a person named William Kearney charged with larceny as a bailee at the Police Court, Dubbo, in the year 1885, about the month of May, and what was the result of the charge?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My honorable colleague does not think it advisable to furnish this information.

- (3.) Free Railway Passes:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of free railway passes granted during the last two years, with the names and object for which given, to country officers in the following Departments:—Lands, Justice, Roads, and Colonial Architect?

Mr. Roberts answered,—The only free pass issued was one to *Mr. North*, Temporary Inspector of Conditional Purchases at Albury. It was issued by the direction of the late Minister for Public Works, as an exceptional case, upon *Mr. North* being transferred from the Albury to the Tumut Land District.

(4.)

(4.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards:—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) On what date was the tender accepted for the construction of the Railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards?
- (2.) How many landowners have refused to give the land required for the Railway?
- (3.) Who are the owners, and what is the area of land refused to be given?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) 24th June last.

(2 and 3.) It has not yet been finally ascertained. Many of the landowners are considering the proposition to give their land free, and are at present unable to give a final answer.

(5.) The Case of Mrs. Baker:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Baker has been ejected from the land occupied by her on the Field of Mars Common, her house pulled down, and the timber sold for less than £7, when over £300 was spent in making it her home; if so, will he give the reasons for so doing?
- (2.) Is it his intention to deal similarly with all other trespassers on the Common who have resided there for periods up to sixty years, or does he intend to give their cases special consideration, under the circumstances pointed out to him by a deputation some time since?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Mrs. Baker has been dispossessed of a sufferance holding she had on the Field of Mars, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police, based on the verdicts and riders thereto of two Coroner's juries, delivered after inquiry as to the deaths of two infants while in Mrs. Baker's care at this place, which will be better known as Mrs. Baker's "Baby-farm." The Cumberland Ranger reported the improvements to be of little value. They realized £6. The case of the other occupants will shortly be considered.

(6.) Harbour Steamboats:—*Mr. Walker*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of all harbour steamboats holding certificates from the Marine Board of New South Wales on the 11th February, 1885?
- (2.) The names of all harbour steamboats whose certificates from the Marine Board of New South Wales had expired, been cancelled, or suspended, between 1st January, 1884, and the 12th February, 1885?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—It will take two or three days to get this information together. It shall be prepared in the shape of a Return, and laid upon the Table of the House.

(7.) Allowance for Cleaning Public Schools:—*Mr. McFarlane* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it his intention to reconsider the circular recently issued to teachers, relating to the discontinuance of allowance for cleaning Public Schools?
- (2.) Has he made any arrangement for the cleaning of such schools, and will he state the nature of such arrangement?

Mr. Inglis answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Teachers must make their own arrangements for keeping their schools clean, in accordance with the rule which existed prior to 1884.

(8.) Milthorpe and Grahamstown Road:—*Mr. Dalton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to have an inquiry made into the stoppage by the Local Roads Superintendent, *Mr. Scarr*, of the works on the Milthorpe and Grahamstown Road, as petitioned for by the residents of Milthorpe and Grahamstown; and, if so, will he name the officer who shall conduct the inquiry, and also state when the inquiry will be held?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My honorable colleague does not consider it necessary for any special inquiry to be held in this case.

(9.) Orange and Cadia Road:—*Mr. Dalton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to bring about the inquiry petitioned for by the residents of Beneree and Cadia, as to the manner in which the works on the Orange and Cadia Road have been carried out; and, if so, will he name the officer who shall conduct the inquiry, and also state when the inquiry will be held?

Mr. Roberts answered,—My honorable colleague does not consider it necessary for any special inquiry to be held in this case.

(10.) School Attendance Officers:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Hr. Hassall*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Regulations granting increases to School Attendance Officers, and Minister's minute authorizing the same?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Regulations in question; but the Minister's minute, authorizing the same, appears to have been mislaid.

(11.) Park Road:—*Mr. Allen*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Under whose control is that portion of the Park Road at its junction with the South Head Old Road?
- (2.) Is he aware that this road is in a condition alleged to be dangerous and almost impassable, and that horses and vehicles are often stuck up and thrown down there?
- (3.) Will he take steps to have the road repaired?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) It is reported to me that this is properly in Randwick, though detached in position from that Municipality.

(2.) The portion of road referred to is reported as being in a bad condition, but not dangerous. Negotiations on the matter are now pending between the city authorities and the Paddington Council.

(3.) It is not the intention of the Minister to interfere.

- (12.) Government Sewerage Works :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is there any provision in the contract for the Government sewers now being constructed making the contractor responsible for any damage done to properties during the progress of the work?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken to compensate persons whose houses have been allowed to fall or be injured?
 - (3.) How many dwelling-houses have been destroyed or damaged?
 - (4.) What is the amount of all the claims already in the hands of the Government?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Whenever claims have been made, the property has been examined immediately, and reports submitted for consideration; and, in some cases, offers have already been made and accepted.
- (3.) Four dwelling-houses have been destroyed and four damaged.
- (4.) The claims for actual injury to buildings amount to £1,480, with allowance for rent. Claims for imaginary injury to business are not included.

- (13.) Clerks of Works, Department of Public Instruction :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What are the names of the Clerks of Works in the employment of his Department who have received notice of dismissal?
- (2.) What are the reasons for the dismissal of each?
- (3.) What are the names of all of the Clerks of Works who were employed in his Department on the 1st of January last, and the date of appointment of each?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will furnish replies to the above questions, in the form of a Return, in due course.

- (14.) Nyngan-Cobar Railway :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the amount of the lowest tender for the construction of the Nyngan to Cobar Railway?
- (2.) What is the length of the said line?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) £121,799. The contract does not include the cost of rails, station buildings, water supply, engineering expenses, nor the compensation to be paid for land resumed.
- (2.) The length of the line, without sidings, is 80 miles 37 chains.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Notification, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, authorizing the construction of the necessary Works for Water Supply for the Town of Lismore.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (6.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—Regulations as to Salaries of School Attendance Officers under the Department of Public Instruction.

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

- (1.) Colonial Spirits Duty Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Duties on Colonial Spirits*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

- (2.) Land Titles Commissioners Fees Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate and fix the Fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(3.)

(3.) Hay Court-house (Site Acquisition) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and carry out an exchange of certain lands in the town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

- (1.) The Unemployed; resumption of Debate on Mr. Carruthers's motion.
 (2.) Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

6. PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ALLOWANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. Dowcl,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lakeman,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Gale,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. O'Mura,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Haesull,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Selley,	Mr. Dawson,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. O'Conner,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Wall,	Tellers,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Frank Farnell.
Mr. Crouch,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Roberts,
 Mr. Cortis,
 Sir Henry Parkes,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Gibbes,
 Mr. Carruthers,
 Mr. Foster,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Stevenson,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Bull,
 Mr. Hutchison,
 Mr. Frank Smith,
 Mr. Hawthorne,
 Mr. Dangar,
 Mr. Hurley,
 Mr. Wilson.

Tellers,

Mr. F. Jago Smith,
 Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the Payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.*"

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 authorize the Payment to Members of the Legislative Assembly of an annual allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

7. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Bill read a second time.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 JULY, 1887, A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

8. TOBACCO INCREASE DUTY 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 increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 JULY, 1887.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Seat of Mr. J. C. Neild*):—

- (1.) Mr. Henry Clarke, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in reference to the Seat of Mr. J. C. Neild.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th March, 1887, to whom was referred on the 10th June, 1887, the question whether Mr. J. C. Neild, having been appointed as Commissioner to the Adelaide Exhibition, and having drawn sums of money to pay his expenses in connection therewith, has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act or Electoral Act, 61st section,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“That Mr. Neild has not accepted an office of profit within the spirit and meaning of the Constitution Act or Electoral Act, 61st section.

“No. 2 Committee Room,

“Legislative Assembly, Sydney, 7th July, 1887.

“HENRY CLARKE,
“Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Clarke, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Clarke moved (*without Notice*), That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.
Question put and passed.

2. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the “Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880,” and to amend the said Act in other respects.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th July, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sale of Gas Act:—Mr. Hawken asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government communicate with the Agent-General, requesting full and particular information respecting “The Sale of Gas Act,” in England, with a view to the possible adoption of the same in New South Wales, if the said Act be thought valuable for the protection of the public?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—There can be no objection to instructing the Agent-General to make this inquiry, and I will see that a copy of the Act is obtained.

- (2.) Moorings at Botany Wharf:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to cause provision to be made to lay down proper moorings at the new wharf at Botany?

Mr. Burns answered,—The matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Marine Board; but my honorable colleague learns that steps are being taken to replace the moorings which were washed away during recent heavy weather.

(3.)

- (3.) **Capp's Millie Run** :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he have any objection to referring back to the Narrabri Land Board, for further evidence and information, the papers connected with fixing the rental on "Capp's Millie Run," Narrabri District (leasehold and resumed areas), for the purpose of ascertaining if two acres of the said run are capable of carrying one sheep, and defer fixing the rental until further report is received?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I have gone carefully through this case; and, accepting the evidence given before the Board as reliable, I see no reason for altering the decision arrived at.

- (4.) **Stipendiary and Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates** :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What was the amount paid per annum during 1884, 1885, and 1886 to Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates?

(2.) The amount of leave granted to each of the Stipendiary Magistrates during the same period?

(3.) The average amount per annum granted as travelling allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates, or Deputy Stipendiary Magistrates, for attendance at suburban Courts?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This information will be furnished in the form of a Return as soon as possible.

- (5.) **Fitzroy Dock** :—Mr. Martin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Fitzroy Dock is pumped out for altering blocks fifty or sixty times a year, at very great expense and delay?

(2.) Does the Department consider it necessary to have this done so frequently, once or twice a year being found sufficient at Mort's Dock?

(3.) Is it a fact that each pumping out costs the Department nearly £22.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) This is not the case. I find the dock is pumped out for laying blocks about eighteen times in the course of a year.

(2.) It is necessary. The case of Mort's Dock is not analagous, as they have slips for taking up the smaller class of craft. Special blocks have to be laid at the Fitzroy Dock for the dredges and punts, which have flat bottoms—hence the necessity for so frequently altering the blocks.

(3.) It is not the case. The cost of pumping out the dock is something under £8. Many of the vessels docked are mail steamers and ships of war, regarding which it is specially necessary to lay the blocks so as to fit the ships.

- (6.) **Prison Labour in Gaols** :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that many articles are now manufactured in gaol at Darlinghurst and disposed of to the outside public, in violation of an order of this House?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to employ the prison labour of the Colony in some useful occupation, where the same shall not compete with the local manufacturer?

(3.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated statement showing the articles manufactured at gaols (Darlinghurst, Berrima, Maitland, Goulburn, and Mudgee) for own consumption, and those articles disposed of to the outside public, respectively?

(4.) Could not the prison labour of Darlinghurst Gaol be utilized in clearing and in otherwise improving the proposed Centennial Park?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) The only manufacture disposed of to the public is matting and mats, which are not made by private persons.

(2.) The prison labour of the Colony is employed in useful occupations to the fullest practicable extent, and in no way interposes between the local manufacturer and the public.

(3 and 4.) There is no objection to lay the information asked for in section 3 upon the Table. It is hardly practicable to employ the prisoners in the work alluded to in question 4; and, if it were practicable, it is doubtful whether it would be either economical or advantageous to the public.

- (7.) **Land Sale at Byron Bay** :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the local officer yet furnished him with a report respecting sale of allotments at Byron Bay?

(2.) Is he in a position to state what steps he intends taking in the matter?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The report of the local officer was only received yesterday, and is now under consideration.

- (8.) **Shipping Arrivals** :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Will he state the reason that the shipping arrivals after sundown are not chronicled at the boards fixed for that purpose at the General Post Office?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Telegraph Office at South Head is kept open at night to record the arrival of the Californian Mail Steamers?

(3.) Is there any reason why the same line should not be kept open every night, so that the arrival and departure of all vessels may be reported up to the hour the morning papers go to press?

(4.) Is he aware that hundreds of people who expect friends by the intercolonial steamers have frequently to wait for hours on the wharfs at night-time, owing to the fact that intercolonial vessels are not reported at South Head after sundown?

(5.) Will he make an inquiry into this matter, to see if some more satisfactory arrangement than that at present existing in this respect cannot be devised?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

(1.) The steamers arriving after sundown not being distinguishable, I am informed that it is impossible to report either their name or port that they hail from.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) I am not aware; but if such be the case, I regret to say that I do not at present see how the inconvenience is to be avoided.

(5.) I shall be very happy to make further inquiry.

(9.)

- (9.) Road through Mr. E. K. Crace's Estate :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the face of the expressed desire of the residents to have the road retained, is it his intention to accede to the request of Mr. E. K. Crace, of Gungahleen, to purchase the public road across his estate?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The papers in this case were forwarded on 18th May last to the Local Land Board for report. This has not yet been received at head-quarters, but any objection on the part of local residents will have due attention.

- (10.) Alleged Stamp Duty Frauds :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he has stayed proceedings against the alleged offenders in connection with the stamp duty frauds?
- (2.) Is it his intention to prosecute these alleged offenders?
- (3.) If not, what is the reason that a prosecution has not been instituted?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) I have stayed no proceedings against any persons charged with defrauding the Stamp Act.
- (2.) I do not know to what "offenders" the Honorable Member refers. If the Honorable Member knows of any cases in which the Stamp Act has been evaded, and will kindly supply me with the particulars, I will direct an inquiry to be made; and, if the evidence shows that a fraud has been committed, I will certainly direct a prosecution.
- (3.) The reply to No. 2 meets this question.

- (11.) The case of Patrick Sankey :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he considered the application for the release of Patrick Sankey, of Moree?
- (2.) What decision has been arrived at in the case?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—This case is under consideration.

- (12.) Road between Hoskingtown and Captain's Flat :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that several miles of the main road between Hoskingtown and Captain's Flat are still unmeasured and unproclaimed, and that travellers thereon may be turned back at any moment by the proprietor of Foxlow Station, through whose run the road passes?
- (2.) Will he take the necessary steps to have the portion of the road referred to measured and proclaimed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—On the 22nd March last, I answered the Honorable Member, with regard to this road, to this effect :—"There is no proclaimed road between the two places, and as there has been no application for the opening of a road, nor complaint of obstruction, it may be inferred that the road is one by user, or that the owners of the land do not object to the traffic passing through their lands." I will obtain a report from the District Surveyor as to whether a road should be opened between the places named.

- (13.) Railway Rebates on Grain and Flour :—Mr. F. Jago Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the rebates upon grain and flour that have been allowed to certain millers on the Southern Line been extended to the millers or any other consignors of goods upon the Western Line?
- (2.) Are there any especial reasons for making these rebates to millers on the Southern Line?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No; and the concession is not restricted to any particular line.

- (14.) Indexes, Registrar-General's Office :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) The names and rank of the ten officers employed in copying the Real Property Index in the Registration of Deeds Office?
- (2.) The names and rank of the officers compiling the Index for Births, Deaths, and Marriages?
- (3.) How often has the Real Property Index in the Lands Titles Office been copied, and who performed the work?
- (4.) Was any officer of the Department employed to guide them; if so, was any remuneration given?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

- (1.) W. A. Abbott, Deputy Registrar-General; H. W. Gillam, Deputy Registrar of Deeds; H. C. S. Hiddilston, Cashier; M. Cooper, R. C. Codrington, W. Hopper, H. N. Armstrong, S. J. Henston, W. S. Hilliard, and S. E. Raper, Clerks.
- (2.) W. L. Dawes, Chief Clerk; F. C. W. Elyard, Record Clerk; W. Ridley, Registration Clerk; E. C. Hopkins, W. W. Bucknell, jun., and J. Butler, Clerks.
- (3.) Every five years, the work being performed by law stationers.
- (4.) No.

- (15.) Drainage of Centennial Park :—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government when sub-dividing the land for sale on the Centennial Park to use every precaution to protect the watershed from pollution, by making sewers to intercept the drainage from buildings, &c.?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—This question has been thought of. Every possible precaution will be adopted to protect the watershed from pollution.

- (16.) Railway Receipts :—Mr. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How much of the amount estimated to be deficient in railway receipts can be debited to the Northern Line?
- (2.) How much to the Mudgee Line proper?
- (3.) How much to the Western Line?
- (4.) How much to the Southern Line?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—In reply to my honorable friend, I have to give the following information which I have received from the Railway Department :—The railway receipts on the Northern Line, for the six months ending the 30th June last, compared with the corresponding period of 1886, show an increase of £25,748. The decrease is wholly confined to the Southern and Western Railways. It is not possible at present to give the details for each line, nor for the Mudgee Line; but the aggregate decrease amounts to £32,811. Deducting the increase on the Northern Line, the net decrease for all lines is £7,063. This does not represent, probably, the actual state of the railway earnings, as distinguished from the receipts. The roads in the interior, owing to the prevailing rains, have become almost impassable, and large quantities of goods, the freight upon which has not been paid, are lying in the railway goods-sheds of the country stations. It is more than probable, therefore, that though the receipts are smaller, the earnings will be found to be in excess of the earnings of the corresponding period of last year.

- (17.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the contract for the railway from Pearce's Corner to St. Leonards, recently accepted by the Government, include—(1) The cost of the rails, (2) the cost of the station house and buildings, (3) the cost of the land required?

Mr. Burns answered,—The cost of these services is not included in the accepted contract.

- (18.) Mr. J. H. Wallace and Mr. Vindin :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) When was Mr. John Harry Wallace dismissed from the Service, and upon what grounds?
 (2.) Has any correspondence taken place on the subject; and, if so, will he place the correspondence on the Table?
 (3.) Has a Mr. Vindin been appointed to the position of Chief Inspector of Rabbits; if so, who appointed Mr. Vindin, and what were his special qualifications above other Civil Servants?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) On the 26th April last, in consequence of his having failed to carry out the duties required of him under the Rabbit Act.
 (2.) The correspondence will be laid upon the Table of the House, if moved for in the usual manner.
 (3.) Mr. Vindin was appointed a Superintending Inspector under the Rabbit Act on the 1st August, 1885, by the Governor and the Executive Council, upon a recommendation from the officer in charge of the Branch that he was more fitted for the position than any of the other Inspectors employed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lyne rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House on a matter of public importance, viz., “the disposal of the foreshores of the harbour and “lakes of this Colony, which is detrimental to the best interests of the Colony.”

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1887, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1886 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 38.

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 Additional Estimate of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1887, together with a further Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1886.

Government House,

Sydney, 7th July, 1887.

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

6. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 7th July, 1887.

JOHN HAY,

President.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd June, 1887—“Applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases, Parish of Metz.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting Clerks of Works in Architect's Branch of Public Instruction Department.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes, at Ben Bullen and Bloomfield.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—Regulation in lieu of Regulation No. 4 under the “Prickly-pear Destruction Act of 1886.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd June, 1887,—“The Case of Sarah Myers.”

8. **THE LAND LAW**:—Mr. Inglis presented a Petition from Selectors and others of Now England, representing the necessity for an amendment of the Land Act of 1884; and praying that certain amendments suggested by them in relation to fencing may be made in the Act.
Petition received.
9. **TRADES CONCILIATION BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of trade and labour disputes*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **FIELD OF MARS COMMON (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Frank Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of persons who are trespassers on the Field of Mars Common, the area of land occupied by each of them, the nature of the improvements and value of the same, the length of time the present occupiers have resided thereon, and the names of the previous holders from whom the present occupants obtained possession, together with any other information that will tend to make the Return complete.
Question put and passed.
11. **PATIENTS RECEIVED INTO HOSPITALS FROM PUBLIC WORKS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of sick and wounded persons who have been received into the Sydney Hospital, the Prince Alfred Hospital, and the Parramatta Hospital, from the Prospect Dam works.
(2.) The number of days they remained under treatment.
(3.) The amount of money received from the contractors, Messrs. Mills and Pile (whether in the form of daily maintenance, charge, or annual subscriptions), in respect of the same.
(4.) The same information to be furnished in respect of sewer, railway, and other public works executed during the last five years within accessible distance from the metropolis.
(5.) The same information to be obtained from the Newcastle Hospital in respect of the railway and other public works in course of construction within its Hospital district.
(6.) The same information to be obtained from those country hospitals which were near enough to the recent railway construction works to enable the contractors to send their wounded to them for treatment.
The information contained in the replies to the first five paragraphs to be furnished to the Assembly as soon as it has been received.
Question put and passed.
12. **MR. J. A. SMITH, PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AT COOLA CREEK (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and other documents in connection with certain complaints preferred against Mr. J. A. Smith, Public School Teacher at Coola Creek, which led to his being called on to resign his position as teacher of the said school.
Question put and passed.
13. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until to-morrow.
14. **LIENS ON WOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Abbott, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Roads of the Colony; consideration in Committee of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 15th July.*
(2.) Divorce Extension Bill; consideration of Legislative Council’s amendments;—*until Monday next.*
16. **CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting new clauses to provide for,—
“1. Repayment for water improvements.
“2. Appeals against rents and license fees in all cases where such rents or fees are deemed “excessive.
“3. That other improvements may be substituted in lieu of fencing in certain cases.
“4. That conditional leases may be converted into additional conditional purchases.
“5. That lands applied for under conditional lease shall be exempt from conditional purchase.
“6. Conditional lessees, under section fifty-two, may convert their holdings into conditional “purchases.
“7. Authorized occupation on improvement purchases on gold-fields.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

Mr. Foster moved, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put,—That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	
Mr. Riley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Bruncker.
Mr. Seaver,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Levien.

Tellers.

Mr. Wall,
Mr. McElhone.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that the majority in favour of the motion consisted of "at least forty Members,"—

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hawken,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Matheson,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cortis,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Tonkin,	Mr. Woodward,
Mr. Schey,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. F. Jago Smith,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Stevenson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Penzer,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Frank Farnell,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Roberts.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Riley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Seaver.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Dowel,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Levien.

Tellers,

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in certain respects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in certain respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1887.*

17. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 JULY, 1887, A.M.

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

19. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Henry Parkes (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 11 JULY, 1887.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Patents Law Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Patents for Inventions and Improvements in Arts or Manufactures and to authorize the appointment of an Examiner of Patents,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

- (2.) Hay Court-house (Site Acquisition) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 40.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and carry out an exchange of certain lands in the town of Hay between the Government and the Trustees of the Hay Athenæum,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

- (3.) Land Titles Commissioners Fees Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate and fix the Fees to be paid to the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

- (4.) Colonial Spirits Duty Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 42.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

(5.)

(5.) Tobacco Increase Duty Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 43.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

(6.) Customs Duties Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 44.

Governor.

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

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

(7.) Bills of Exchange Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 45.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to codify the Law relating to Bills of Exchange Cheques and Promissory Notes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th July, 1887.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Carriage of Coal on Western Railway :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost to the Railway Department for carrying coal per ton per mile from Lithgow to Sydney ?

(2.) The cost per ton per mile from Sydney to Goulburn ?

(3.) The cost per ton per mile from Katoomba to Sydney ?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is estimated that the cost of hauling the coal for the public is a little over $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a ton per mile. There are fractional differences in the haulage cost on varying parts of the line, governed by the character of the grades, &c.; but these differential disturbances cannot be stated with close accuracy. They would be immaterial except for very large quantities.

(2.) Henry Heron :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Walker, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that Henry Heron, a patient in the Gladsville Asylum, has recently applied to the authorities to be released, on the ground that he is now sane ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—No written application for his release can be traced, but he has personally several times asked for discharge.

(3.) Sydney High School (Girls) :—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What number of girls are enrolled for the present quarter in the Sydney High School ?

(2.) What are the names of the mistresses of that school, and what amount of salary is paid to each of them ?

(3.) What was the total amount of money paid to the Consolidated Revenue from that school for the half-year ending 30th June last ?

(4.) What was the sum paid for contingent or miscellaneous expenditure during the last half-year ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(4.) Sydney High School (Boys) :—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What number of boys are enrolled for the present quarter in the Sydney High School ?

(2.) What are the names of the masters of that school, and what amount of salary is paid to each of them ?

(3.) What was the total amount of money paid to the Consolidated Revenue from that school for the half-year ending 30th June last ?

(4.) What was the sum paid for contingent or miscellaneous expenditure during the last half-year ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(5.) Assault on Caroline Hubbard :—Mr. Frank Farnell, for Mr. Foster, asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it true that the Crown has declined to proceed against all the prisoners except Sloane in the cases of assault upon Caroline Hubbard, committed to Quarter Sessions at Orange ?

(2.) If so, was there no evidence that the offences had been committed, or what was the ground of declining to prosecute ?

Mr. Wise answered,—

(1.) The defendants, other than Sloane, have been bound over to appear for trial, if called upon.

(2.) The evidence against the said defendants was of the same nature as that against Sloane, who was acquitted, and was such that no jury would be ever likely to convict; and any further proceedings in the case were considered highly undesirable. (6.)

- (6.) Toongabbie Creek :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to build the bridge over Toongabbie Creek?
 - (2.) Is he aware of the state of the crossing, which is now 4 feet under water?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the obstruction to the natural flow of the water is caused by its being dammed in order to supply Chinese gardens?
 - (4.) Will he take steps to have the obstruction removed, so as to admit of the ordinary traffic over the old Hawkesbury Road, which is at present completely stopped?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Instructions have been given to have the dam lowered and a causeway built.
- (7.) Closing Country Gaols :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it contemplated closing country prisons that have been proclaimed gaols on account of Quarter Sessions being held in the town they are situated in, and thus reducing them to the original condition of lock-ups?
 - (2.) Is it intended to send from Narrabri, Walgett, and Coonabarabran, prisoners serving over fourteen days to other nearest gaols?
- Mr. Inglis* answered,—
- (1.) This question is under consideration.
 - (2.) No.
- (8.) Inspection of Spirits, Wines, and Beers :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What steps (if any) are taken for testing spirits, wines, and beers sold in the Colony, with a view of ascertaining if adulteration, as commonly alleged, is carried on?
 - (2.) Will instructions be issued for carrying out a regular and systematic inspection by competent authorities of all spirits, wines, and beers sold in the Colony?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am informed that samples of liquors are continually being obtained by the police, and handed to the Government Analyst for analysis.
- (9.) Civil Servants holding Municipal Offices :—Mr. Carruthers asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he yet come to any decision with regard to the Civil Service Regulations affecting Civil Servants holding municipal offices?
 - (2.) Is he aware that under the said Regulations many Civil Servants were compelled to resign their positions as Aldermen in suburban municipalities?
 - (3.) Is he aware that, under the Municipalities Act, a penalty of £50 is recoverable in such cases from any Alderman resigning his position after election?
 - (4.) Is he aware that in some cases Civil Servants, rather than render themselves liable to such fine, have resigned their positions in the Civil Service?
 - (5.) Will he take into consideration all cases where these Regulations have conflicted with the legal obligations of the Civil Servants elected as Aldermen prior to their issue, so that such Civil Servants may be reinstated where they have resigned their positions as Civil Servants?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have given a great deal of consideration to the matter of the Civil Service Regulations, and I have not as yet come to a final decision on the whole question; but, so far as these questions relate to the matter, I can say that the decision of the Government is, that while we think there are valid objections to Civil Servants accepting the office of Mayor or Council Clerk, we see no objection to their becoming Aldermen in any Municipality where they live.
- (10.) Railway Rates on Farm Produce :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government yet arrived at any decision as to when the lowering of railway rates on farm produce is to come into operation?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall not be able to give an answer to this question, I fear, during the continuance of this Session of Parliament.
- (11.) Municipal Loans :—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—Adverting to a deputation which waited on the Colonial Secretary some time ago with reference to Municipal Loans, has the Government arrived at any decision in the matter?
- Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The question to which the Honorable Member refers is one of very large dimensions. It is nothing less than asking the Government to give its guarantee to Municipalities seeking to borrow money in the open market for municipal improvements. Honorable Members will see that that opens up very weighty considerations, and it cannot be very well decided without much consideration. It would, no doubt, be a great advantage to Municipalities if they could borrow such loans as they require to contract for municipal improvements at the lowest possible rate; but for the Government in every case to guarantee those loans, is a question which we shall have to consider at much greater length than we have done before we can properly decide it.
- (12.) Road Superintendents acting as Magistrates :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The names of the Road Superintendents who are in the Commission of the Peace, stating the names of those who act as Licensing Magistrates, and the Bench where they so act as Licensing Magistrates?
 - (2.) Does he consider it advisable these officers should perform both these duties?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—
- (1.) J. T. P. Bassett. J. H. M. Adams, though not on the Commission of the Peace, was specially appointed a member of the Licensing Court, Walgett, at the request of the Bench there, and has been allowed to act.
 - (2.) I will consider this matter.

(13.) Post Office at Bourke:—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that the additions to the Post Office at Bourke are not being proceeded with?
- (2.) What is the cause of the stoppage, and when will it be removed?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Insolvency of contractor. Steps are being taken to have the work proceeded with.

(14.) Trustees of Wiseman's Ferry and Wollombi Road:—Mr. Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the number of Trustees comprising the Trust for the Wiseman's Ferry and Wollombi Road, giving their names, for 1886 and previous years?
- (2.) How many of the said Trust have ceased to be Trustees, by resignation or otherwise?
- (3.) How many of them are still Trustees, giving their names?
- (4.) Have there been others elected in place of those who have ceased to be Trustees, by resignation or otherwise; if so, what are their names, and in what manner was the election or appointment effected?
- (5.) Have the new Trustees been appointed according to law, or regulation having the force of law?
- (6.) How many members at present comprise the Trust, giving their names?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. John Wiseman, Henry Brown, R. K. Milsom, John Fernance, A. Thompson, Henry Wilson, Thos. Wilbow, and F. Hearn were nominated by the late Mr. Lyall Scott; but, owing to there being no funds available for expenditure, their services were not brought into requisition.
- (2.) Three of the above Trustees resigned, viz., Messrs. Wiseman, Milsom, and Hearn, the two former of whom were afterwards nominated by the district and re-appointed; and it is considered by persons interested that Messrs. Brown, Thompson, Wilson, and Wilbow have ceased to be Trustees.
- (3.) Messrs. John Wiseman, R. K. Milsom, and John Fernance.
- (4.) As the length of road was considered too great for one Trust to attend to, it was proposed to divide it, and appoint three Trustees for each end. The Trust, as at present existing, consists of Messrs. John Wiseman, Robt. K. Milsom, and Jas. Sternbeck for the Wollombi end, and Messrs. W. Sternbeck, T. J. Thompson, and John Fernance for the Wiseman's Ferry end. They were selected at public meetings convened for the purpose, and their names submitted for approval by the Member for the district.
- (5.) They have been appointed, according to custom, by the Minister; but there is no law providing for such appointments.
- (6.) Reply given in answer No. 4.

(15.) Endowment to Schools of Arts and Mechanics Institutes:—*Mr. Ewing*, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he willing to place upon next year's Estimates a vote of £1 for £1 private contribution in aid of building funds, and 10s. for £1 for maintenance of Schools of Arts and Mechanics Institutes in country districts, as granted heretofore?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I see some difficulty in complying with the request made in this question. Some years ago it was decided that in the case of hospitals the Government should give an endowment of £1 for £1 upon the amount of public subscriptions; but, at the same time, it was decided in the case of the Schools of Arts, which were not of the same urgent character as hospitals, the proportion should be 10s. in the £1. That has prevailed, I think, nearly twenty years, and at present I do not think that it should be altered; but I will promise to consider the matter during the recess.

(16.) The Richmond River:—*Mr. Ewing*, for Mr. Crouch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the survey plan, &c., for improvement of the entrance to the Richmond River completed?
- (2.) If so, when will same be forwarded to Sir John Coode for his report thereon?
- (3.) What is the average depth of the borings on the bar or entrance to the river?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1 and 2.) If the weather is favourable, the survey will be completed in about six weeks, when no time shall be lost in forwarding the plans, &c., to Sir John Coode.
- (3.) The Surveyor, in his report, says:—In only two borings has rock been met with at depths of 24 and 26 feet below low water, these being the two nearest borings to the north headland.

(17.) The Manning River:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended to commence the survey and other necessary examination of the entrance to the Manning River, to enable him to furnish the data required by Sir John Coode before designing improvements to that entrance?

Mr. Burns answered,—My honorable colleague hopes to have this work begun almost immediately.

(18.) The Hastings River:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended to commence the survey and other necessary examination of the entrance to the river Hastings, at Port Macquarie, to enable him to furnish the data required by Sir John Coode before designing improvements to that entrance?

Mr. Burns answered,—As soon as some urgent surveys which are now in hand are completed.

(19.) Civil Service Regulations:—Mr. Frank Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he yet given his attention to the proposed new Regulations for the Civil Service?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to state what decision has been arrived at?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—As I have already informed the House, the Government see no valid objection to Civil Servants taking part in municipal government where they reside; and I may further say that, as far as the consideration of these new Regulations has gone, the Government is of opinion that the Civil Servants would be justly treated if they were required to remain at their duty until half-past 4 instead of 5 o'clock; but the whole question is not yet considered.

(20.) The Case of Edward Sharp:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Hassall, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, before the close of this Session,—

(1.) Copies of all letters from Edward Sharp to the Minister and Under Secretary of the Public Instruction Department, relating to the said E. Sharp's services being dispensed with, under the proposed reorganization of the School Attendance Branch?

(2.) Copies of all replies thereto?

(3.) Copy of the said E. Sharp's printed letter to the Minister and Members of the Executive Council, and Minister's reply?

(4.) Copies of all memos. and replies thereto, addressed to any officer or officers of the Department, relating to the said Edward Sharp, on the same subject?

Mr. Inglis answered,—In view of the pressure of work in the head office of my Department, I shall be unable to lay copies of the correspondence in question upon the Table of the House before the close of this Session; but I will be happy to allow the Honorable Member an opportunity of perusing the letters if he will call at the office.

(21.) Vale Road, Bathurst:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. F. Jago Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Vale Road, near Bathurst, is blocked by the waters of the Vale Creek, and that no traffic has been carried on by that road for nearly a month?

(2.) Have any steps been taken by the Roads Department to remedy this state of things; and, if so, what has been done?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It has been decided to clear the Vale Creek of willows, logs, &c., which will tend to confine the flood waters to the creek proper; and tenders are now invited for this work.

(22.) Government Tramways:—*Mr. Dawson*, for Mr. Dowd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide the public with increased accommodation at the tram terminus, Bridge-street, and also stopping-places at the most important parts on the various tramway sections?

(2.) Is he aware the present arrangements for working, shunting, and disposal of the rolling stock in the Bridge-street yards are inadequate for the present great traffic, having due regard to the safety and convenience of the public and employes?

(3.) Is he aware that there is not sufficient rolling stock available for the existing tramway lines to meet the requirements of the traffic, and that a number of the motors and cars now in use are in bad repair and defective in construction?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to reconstruct, at an early date, the tramway road from Bridge-street to College-street, and from Liverpool-street to the railway terminus at Redfern?

(5.) Having regard to the safety and convenience of the public, more especially on holiday occasions, will he cause an inquiry and report to be made as to the advisability and necessity of constructing a branch tramway line from the intersection of St. James's Road with Elizabeth-street, and thence towards Macquarie-street, so as to afford increased facilities for the proper distribution of the great traffic on the occasions referred to?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The utmost accommodation which it is possible to afford has already been given at the Bridge-street terminus. Many of the important stopping-places are already provided with shelter-sheds. Inquiry will be made as to the necessity of increasing this form of accommodation.

(2.) My honorable colleague is not aware that the public are inconvenienced directly by the want of space at the Bridge-street terminus for shunting and marshalling the trams; but the employes are greatly hampered, and conduct the business in an admirable manner under very adverse circumstances.

(3.) For all ordinary requirements, the stock is sufficient. On excursion and holiday occasions it is sometimes found to be inadequate; but this is common to all similar undertakings. My honorable colleague is not aware that the rolling stock can be said to be in a state of disrepair. Some portion of it is necessarily unservicable from this cause, but the percentage of cars, &c., under repair is not greater on these lines than it is on other similar tramway lines.

(4.) Yes; arrangements have already been made.

(5.) This question has been before the Department for some time. It was proposed to make St. James's Road the terminus for the eastern tramway system, but the residents of the eastern suburbs strongly objected to the proposal. The question will be revived.

(23.) Travelling Expenses of Inspectors of Public Schools.—Training School, Fort-street.—Public School, Armidale:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Walker, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) The amount paid to the Inspectors of Public Schools for travelling expenses during the year ending 31st December, 1886, with the names and districts of the respective Inspectors, and the sum total received by each?

(2.) The total cost of maintaining the Training School Department in Fort-street during the year ending 31st December, 1886, and the number of students then in training?

(3.) The amount at present being paid to the head master and his wife—the head mistress—for the performance of their duties in connection with the Public School at Armidale?

Mr. Inglis answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(24.) Railway to Queanbeyan:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Pending the completion of the bridge, station, and yards, at Queanbeyan, will he open the railway as far as the Queanbeyan River, in order to accommodate the public, who are now compelled to travel and send their produce to Bungendore, over a road which is alleged to be in a very dangerous condition?

Mr. Burns answered,—Inquiry will be made, and if it be found that the line can be opened to the river without undue disadvantage to the Department, the accommodation referred to will be given.

(25.)

(25.) Road from Jindera to Yambula Railway Station :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the people of Jindera send in a Petition, numerously signed, praying for the opening of a new road from that township to the Yambula Railway Station?
- (2.) What steps (if any) have been taken to comply with the prayer of the Petition, and when will the road be opened?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The application has been reported upon, and instruction to survey the road issued a few months since. It is understood that the survey has been made, but the plan of survey has not been received. Upon receipt of plan, the customary action will be taken.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence, &c., in connection with Lease of Public Wharfs at Botany.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 6th August, 1886—"Removal of Railway Workshops from Junee to Wagga Wagga."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd April, 1887—"Lands acquired by the Messrs. Smith in the District of Molong."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting number of Pupils enrolled, and Salaries of Teachers, &c., at the Public High School for Girls, Sydney.

(2.) Information respecting number of Boys enrolled, and Salaries paid to Teachers, at the Public High School for Boys, Sydney.

(3.) Information respecting Travelling Expenses paid to Inspectors of Schools; Cost of maintaining Training School, Fort-stree.; and Emoluments of Teacher and Wife at Public School, Armidale.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone rising to move the adjournment of the House, Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House on a matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the purchase of the foreshores of the harbour and other lands by the Government."

And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Application by Messrs. Robey for special purchase of Crown Land at Lake Macquarie.

(2.) Application by Mr. J. Milson for rescission of 100 feet reservation in Grant to James Robertson at Cremorne.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the documents be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and to amend the said Act in other respects.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to define and extend the operation of certain provisions of the 'Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880' and to amend the said Act in other respects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Sydney, 11th July, 1887.

7. LAND AT CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of Mr. John Garsed's letter, dated 15th June, 1887, giving the information relative to the payment of rents for land at the corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, together with the Treasury memoranda on the subject.

Question put and passed.

8. LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Creer, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return, showing all correspondence, minutes, and reports thereon, between the Commissioner for Railways, the Locomotive Engineer, and the Superintendent Engineer for Tram-motors, having reference to the designing of and calling for tenders for the construction of fifty locomotive engines in the Colony.

(2.) Also, a report showing respectively the total cost to the Government of each of the two engines lately submitted to a trial test of efficiency between Sydney and Eskbank, such report to include the results of the test, and all correspondence and minutes thereon of the designers of said engines with the Commissioner for Railways.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 12 JULY, 1887, 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 1886 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1884 and Previous Years.

- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,307 5s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1884, and previous years."

Services of 1885.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,585 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1885."

Services of 1886.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £446,308 16s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1886."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1887.

No I.—SCHEDULES.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1887, a sum not exceeding £1,064, to defray pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. I of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic. Cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,118, for Executive Council, for the year 1887.
 (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,415, for Legislative Council, for the year 1887.
 (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,550, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1887.
 (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,685, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1887.
 (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,815, for Parliamentary Library for the year 1887.
 (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,500, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff for the year 1887.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,787, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1887.
 (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415, for Department of Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1887.
 (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,490, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1887.
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £133,109, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1887.
 (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770 for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1887.
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1887.
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1887.
 (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £281,089, for Police, for the year 1887.
 (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,826, for Lunacy, for the year 1887.
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,826, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1887.
 (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1887.
 (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,059, for Medical Adviser to the Government, for the year 1887.
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,763, for Department of Audit, for the year 1887.

(29.)

- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,125, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1887.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,507, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1887.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £821, for Immigration, for the year 1887.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £740, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1887.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,360, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1887.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,194, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1887.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,795, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1887.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,065, for State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1887.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,237, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1887.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,975, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1887.
- (39.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,939, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1887.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £560, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1887.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,438, for Government Domains, for the year 1887.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,220, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1887.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,808, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1887.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130,103, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1887.

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

- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,950, for Treasury, for the year 1887.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,435, for Stamp Department, for the year 1887.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,930 for Customs, for the year 1887.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,628, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1887.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1887.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500 for Gold and Escort, for the year 1887.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62,508, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1887.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £123,896, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1887.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,749, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1887.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,476, for Board of Health, for the year 1887.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1887.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,902, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1887.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,282, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1887.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,470, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1887.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats for the year 1887.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,776, for Public Wharves, for the year 1887.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £143,011, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1887.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £592,533, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1887.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1887.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,340, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1887.

- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £620, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1887.
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,690, for Observatory, for the year 1887.
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,700, for Museum, for the year 1887.
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,700, for Technological Museum, for the year 1887.
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,910, for Free Public Library, for the year 1887.
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,320, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1887.
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,544, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1887.

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,632, for Department of Justice, for the year 1887.
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,919, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1887.
 (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,612, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1887.
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, for Curator of Intestate Estates, for the year 1887.
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,625, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1887.
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,065, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1887.
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,482, for District Courts, for the year 1887.
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,604, for Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1887.
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87,347, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1887.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107,240, for Prisons, for the year 1887.
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £913, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1887.
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £390, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1887.
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,009, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1887.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,315, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1887.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1887.
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,611, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1887.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,335, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1887.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66,390, for Department of Lands, for the year 1887.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £52,451, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1887.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,884, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1887.
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £315,239, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1887.
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,249, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1887.

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,425, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1887.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131,592, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1887.
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £134,538, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1887.
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £599,993, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1887.

No. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,685, for General Establishment, for the year 1887.
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,757, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1887.
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,654,242, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1887.
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,700, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1887.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £452,546, for Post Office, for the year 1887.
 (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,468, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1887.
 (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £148,585, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1887.
 (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,955, for Telephone Branch, for the year 1887.
 (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,948, for Electric Lights, for the year 1887.
 (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,618, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1887.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,837, for Department of Mines, for the year 1887.
 (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93,400, for Expenses of Rabbit Nuisance Act, for the year 1887.
 (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,585, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1887.
 (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,170, for Imported Stock, for the year 1887.
 (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,330, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1887.
 (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,432, for Public Watering Places and Reserves, for the year 1887.
 (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £590, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1887.
 (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, for Schools of Mines, and Assay Works, for the year 1887.
 (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,250, for Minor Roads, for the year 1887.
 (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,213, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1887.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1886.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,000, to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Rabbit Nuisance Act."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1887.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge under the head "Executive Council."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £846, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
 (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Training Ship 'Wolverene.'"
 (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £208, to defray additional charge under the head "Medical Adviser to the Government."
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Audit."
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Immigration."
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Fisheries Commission."
 (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute."

(129.)

- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge under the head "Civil Service Board."
 (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £196, to defray additional charge under the head "Botanic Gardens."
 (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,620, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,859, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

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

- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, to defray additional charge under the head "Stamp Duties."
 (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185, to defray additional charge under the head "Marine Board."

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13, to defray additional charge under the head "Fort-street Training School."
 (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170, to defray additional charge under the head "Orphan Schools, Parramatta."
 (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge under the head "Observatory."
 (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,800, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £196, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
 (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £124, to defray additional charge under the head "Prothonotary."
 (141.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93, to defray additional charge under the head "Sheriff."
 (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,760, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,600, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
 (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous—Alienation and Reserves Branch."
 (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £263, to defray additional charge under the head "Land Agents—Appraisers and Others Salaries."
 (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,967, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."
 (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41, to defray additional charge under the head "Contingencies."

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,010, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation—Public Works."
 (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect—Colonial Architect's Department."
 (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,629, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect—Public Works and Buildings."
 (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,100, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

NO. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."
 (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155, to defray additional charge under the head "Imported Stock."
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76, to defray additional charge under the head "Pounds and Commons."
 (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,381, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Parks."

IN ANTICIPATION OF LOAN VOTES.

- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250,000, to defray additional charge, in anticipation of Loan Votes, under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,000, to defray additional charge, in anticipation of Loan Votes, under the head "Colonial Architect's Department."

On motion of Mr. Burns, 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. Burns, 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:—

- (10.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1886 and previous years, the sum of £537,201 8s. 3d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
- (11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1887, the sum of £6,968,180, be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

11. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 10 and 11), 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 1887 and for the year 1886 and previous years.

- (2.) Mr. Burns 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 1887 and for the year 1886 and previous years,*"—which was read a first time.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 JULY, 1887.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads Office, Mudgee:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Wall, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount of money paid for the maintenance and construction of roads through the Roads Office at Mudgee for the year ending the 30th of June, 1887; also, what was the cost of said office, including salaries of officers, rent, &c.?

Mr. Burns answered,—Maintenance and construction of roads:—Amount paid through Roads Office, Mudgee, for year ending 30th June, 1887—£8,626 16s. 2d; Cost of Mudgee Office—£382 3s. 5d. In addition to the above, Mr. Nardin, Assistant Engineer, resident at Mudgee, and principally employed inspecting the surrounding districts, was paid £906 5s. for salary and travelling expenses during above period. The amount expended on roads in the districts inspected by Mr. Nardin was £46,651 19s. 4d.

- (2.) Repairing and Painting Railway Stations:—Mr. Tonkin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the necessity for repairing and painting the following railway stations, viz., Kelso, Raglan, Locksley, Brewongle, and Tarana?

(2.) Does he know that the said stations, for want of the necessary repairs, will cost much more if left much longer in their present state?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Inquiry has already been made, and the cost of the renovation required at the five stations mentioned is estimated at £200.

(2.) Arrangements have been made for effecting the repairs immediately required.

- (3.) Forest Rangers:—*Mr. Martin*, for Mr. Seaver, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the office of Forest Ranger, or to reduce the number of officers holding that position; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Abigail answered,—It is not intended to abolish the office of Forest Ranger; but, where the number can be reduced without impairing efficiency, a reduction will be made. Forest Rangers, besides enforcing Part VI of the Land Act and the Regulations thereunder, report on ringbarking applications, and see that the conditions attached to permissions to ringbark are observed. They are also Rabbit Inspectors, Crown Lands Bailiffs, and Inspectors under the "Prickly Pear Destruction Act of 1886." In all these capacities there are many duties to perform, for which, if not carried out by the Rangers, other officers would have to be appointed. For instance, during 1886, on the Murray forest reserves alone, 6,229,193 feet of timber, subject to royalty, were measured, besides 234 trees marked for piles, &c., the fees amounting to £4,385 14s. 1d. Such work could not be performed by the police so well, even if the staff were largely increased, as they have not the technical knowledge required of the various kinds of timber, mode of measuring, &c., and could not perform a Ranger's work in regard to planting. Besides, the police labour under the disadvantage of being changed from one station to another for police purposes, and their knowledge of particular reserves and districts, gained at some cost, would be lost. The Inspector-General of Police has also pointed out that the police could not discharge the duties of Forest Ranger efficiently, having due regard to their more legitimate work, and that they have already numerous offices to fill, and any addition would not be to the public advantage nor, in his judgment, economical. Since Forest Rangers have been appointed, the numerous complaints of wilful destruction of useful timber by bark-stripping, and the reckless destruction of belts of valuable trees for purposes of monopolising the timber, are not now made. These practices have been put a stop to, while, at the same time, timber is lower in price than ever before.

(4.)

- (4.) Bourke Road, near Cobar :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the drain which was cut across the Bourke Road, near Cobar, several months ago, still remains open, and that several accidents to travellers have occurred in consequence?

Mr. Burns answered,—On the 1st of June, the officer at Cobar reported that a culvert was then being made. No accident is reported to this office as having occurred there, but inquiry is being made.

- (5.) Coal for Railway Department, Singleton :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the names of the persons who got the contract to supply the Railway Department at Singleton with coal?
- (2.) What is the contract price per ton for coal, when was the contract made, and when does the contract end?
- (3.) Were tenders called for this contract, is the coal taken from the pits in Government waggons, and do the Government get paid for hauling the coal from the pits to Singleton?
- (4.) Is it his intention to cause tenders to be called for the supply of coal at Singleton when the present contract ends?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Thomas Longworth and Richard Read.
- (2.) 10s. 6d. per ton. The existing contract was made to commence on the 1st January, 1887, and terminate on the 31st December, 1889.
- (3.) Tenders were invited for the original contract, which expired on the 31st December, 1886. The price was 11s. 9d. per ton. It was extended for three years, upon the price being reduced to 10s. 6d., from the 1st July, 1885. The coal is hauled in Government waggons from the pits, at which place agreement was made for delivery.
- (4.) Yes.

- (6.) Jubilee Illuminations :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the cost to the Government of illuminating the public buildings, &c., on Jubilee Night?
- (2.) What was the total cost of the display of fireworks on the harbour and other places, including any illuminations, on the following night?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table, either this afternoon or to-morrow morning a Return giving the required information.

- (7.) Site for an Asylum at Hurstville :—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have any properties been offered to the Government at Hurstville or other places for the purpose of erecting an asylum or other public building?
- (2.) If so, what are the names of the parties offering the properties, and the prices asked for each site?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I know nothing whatever about it. I have never heard anything about it; and, what is more, I do not think the Government require any property in that neighbourhood.

- (8.) Come-by-Chance and Dobbekin Runs :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it intended to reconsider (with a view to reducing) the leasehold and resumed area rentals on Come-by-chance and Dobbekin Runs, Narrabri District, Central Division, upon which a heavier rental has been placed than on the adjoining runs of far superior character?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; the rent determined in this case, and the other referred to, is considered fair, in view of the evidence in each case.

- (9.) Alleged Wool Frauds :—*Mr. Melville* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) The total cost of prosecuting the defendants in the alleged wool frauds in the Police Court and the Criminal Court?
- (2.) The sum paid, or to be paid, to Mr. Salomons?
- (3.) The sum paid, or to be paid, to Mr. Wise?
- (4.) The like to the other Barristers or other professional men employed?
- (5.) The total sum paid to witnesses in the cases?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed against the alleged defrauders in civil actions?

Mr. Wise answered,—

- (1.) £3,973, so far as can be yet ascertained, irrespectively of witnesses expenses.
- (2.) £2,152 10s. 6d.
- (3.) £791 5s. 6d.
- (4.) £810.
- (5.) Particulars as to these sums have to be furnished, chiefly by the Supreme Court, and cannot just at present be obtained.
- (6.) This matter is now under consideration.

- (10.) Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde :—*Mr. Tonkin*, for Mr. Frank Farnell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is his decision in the case of Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde, whose conduct has been brought under his notice in connection with the Ryde arson case?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I am very sorry to say that I cannot yet communicate the decision of the Government. The question is trifling in itself, but the papers are very voluminous. My impression is that Mr. Manning ought to have a severe reprimand, but I do not think there is a case for his removal from the Commission of the Peace.

- (11.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—Have the Government considered the advisableness of extending the penny postage system throughout New South Wales, or, at least, to all places accessible by railway, the late Postmaster-General having promised, in June, 1886, that this matter would be considered and decided on an early date; if not, is it the intention of the present Government to consider it during the recess?

Mr. Roberts answered,—This question has not yet received the consideration of the present Government, but it will probably be considered during the recess.

- (12.) Windsor Road:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—On account of the state of the Windsor Road from Parramatta to Rouse Hill, a distance of 11 miles, under Trustees, will he state if it is the intention of the Government to hand over to them a sufficient sum to enable them to put this road in good repair?

Mr. Burns answered,—This road cannot be made an exception to all other roads. The amount voted on Schedule for its class has been paid to the Trustees in the ordinary way.

- (13.) Over-head Bridge at Parramatta Railway Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state what steps (if any) have been taken by the Department to carry out the numerous representations that have been made for the removal of the over-head bridge and making a subway at the Parramatta Railway Station?

(2.) If no steps have been taken, will the Minister visit this station and judge for himself of the absolute necessity for the removal of this structure?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) My honorable colleague has to refer the Honorable Member to the replies made to his questions on this subject from time to time. He will remember that the necessity for the proposed change has not been admitted.

(2.) Yes.

- (14.) Public School, Parramatta, North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Will he cause an immediate inspection and report to be sent in with reference to the state of the ground at Public School, Parramatta North, and the impossibility of the 700 children attending it to use the ground, on account of a continual flow of water through it?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The Architect of this Department reports that the only defects of drainage at this school are—(1) The flow of water from the street across the school grounds—a matter which he has asked the Municipal Council to remedy, but for which that body asserts it is not answerable; and (2) the want of street gutters at the rear to carry away surface water. The case is now in the hands of a Clerk of Works for further report, as to what action should be taken.

- (15.) Parramatta Gaol:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The number of prisoners of all grades now confined in Parramatta Gaol?

(2.) The number this gaol is fit to accommodate, having regard to the health as well as the discipline of the gaol?

(3.) The number of prisoners sent to this gaol by the Water Police Court and Sydney Police Court during the last three months?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—

(1.) 471, on the 30th June last.

(2.) 514.

(3.) The Comptroller-General of Prisons has informed me that he has not been able to obtain the information in time to answer this question.

- (16.) Lock-up, Parramatta, North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—The plans having been prepared for the lock-up to be erected at Parramatta North, when will tenders be invited for carrying out this work?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have been given to understand that there is now no longer any need of a lock-up in the north part of Parramatta; but if the Honorable Member still thinks that his question ought to be answered, I must ask him to give fresh notice for this day week.

- (17.) Death-rate in Government Establishments, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions to have the death-rate in the Government establishments in Parramatta kept and published separate from the death-rate in the other parts of the Borough?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—A similar question was answered by my predecessor on the 15th September, 1886, to the effect that separate returns would be kept. I will see that instructions of my predecessor are carried out.

- (18.) Police Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, Liverpool, and Ryde:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The number of cases brought before the Parramatta Police Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, from the 1st January, 1885, to 30th April, 1887?

(2.) The same as to Liverpool and Ryde?

Mr. William Clarke answered,—I am informed that complete information could not be obtained in sufficient time to enable me to answer these questions.

- (19.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the proposed amendment in the Civil Service Act, is it the intention of the Government to abolish the 4 per cent. deductions?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—Provision is made in the 62nd section of the Civil Service Act for a reduction in the contributions under the Act, provided that such reductions are recommended by the Actuary. As the first Actuarial Report contemplated by the Act will not be made till next year, the question of any proposed reduction could not now be entertained. To abolish the 4 per cent. deductions, as compared with a safe reduction in them, would, in effect, be to abolish the Superannuation Account itself.

(20.) Australasian Association for Advancement of Science :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will the Government take steps to invite the members of the various scientific bodies of Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand to Sydney during the Centennial Celebrations ?
- (2.) As the outcome of such a gathering would probably be the federation of these bodies into an Australasian Association for the advancement of science, will the Government be prepared to assist in such a movement, as a fitting memento of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Australasian Colonies ?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I shall take steps to ascertain what scientific bodies exist in these Colonies ; and, having obtained that information, I shall then consider the subject.

(21.) Shipping Arrivals :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Referring to answers given to Mr. O'Sullivan, to the effect that steamers entering the Heads after sunset were not recognizable, is he aware that on the English and Irish coasts all vessels passing signal stations in the night indicate their names and the lines they belong to by a system of rocket signalling, and that at some of the signal stations in the United States the same result is achieved by means of lights ?
- (2.) Is there any reason why one of these plans could not be adopted in New South Wales, in order that the public may not be subjected to a continuance of the inconvenience of waiting on the wharfs for hours in order to meet their friends ?
- (3.) Will the Postmaster-General make an inquiry into the working of the rocket and light signals referred to ?

Mr. Roberts answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that some system of signalling exists.
- (2 and 3.) I will make inquiry.

(22.) Instructor in Agriculture :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The name of the present Instructor in Agriculture under the Board of the Technical College, who recommended him for the post, what is his salary, and what practical experience and scientific training has he had to qualify him for his position ?
- (2.) Was he not formerly a member of the Technical Board ; and, if so, was not his resignation off that Board withheld till the day on which he was appointed Instructor of Agriculture ?
- (3.) How many students were enrolled for agricultural instruction in Sydney during 1886, the number of classes started in the country districts during the same year, when and where they were started, how long did they last, whether any of them still survive, what was the total number of students enrolled in each, and what was the average attendance at each ?

Mr. Inglis answered,—The replies furnished me by the Board of Technical Education are as follows :—

- (1.) Angus Mackay, who was appointed by the Board of Technical Education. The appointment was made after advertisements had been inserted in the newspapers, requesting candidates for the Instructorship to make application, on the 21st June, 1886. Eight applications were received, and the respective merits of the candidates discussed. Mr. Mackay was unanimously chosen. His salary is £500 a year, and he has had twenty years practical experience of Australian agriculture.
- (2.) Yes ; he was formerly a member of the Board, but resigned previous to making an application for the Instructorship.
- (3.) Eighteen students were enrolled in Sydney in 1886. Two country classes were started in 1886, but had ceased to exist before Mr. Mackay's appointment. Mr. Mackay is engaged teaching, lecturing, and making analysis of soils, &c.

(23.) Closed Roads :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that scores of measured roads are now closed to the public, and the land which forms them illegally occupied by neighbouring graziers ?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have a list of these closed roads prepared during the recess and presented to Parliament ?
- (3.) Is he prepared to treat the parties occupying these roads with the same rigour that he is about to exhibit towards the miners who occupy the Newcastle commonage ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No ; many roads reserved in subdivisions may be so occupied, and rent paid, until they are required for the purpose of traffic.
- (2.) It is unnecessary to do so. If any road required for traffic is obstructed, the case will receive attention upon being brought under notice.
- (3.) They will be treated as trespassers if the circumstances of any case brought under notice demand such action.

(24.) Mullet Creek :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The original estimate by the Engineer-in-Chief for the construction of an embankment across Mullet Creek ?
- (2.) The number of times the present contractor has had to re-make the said embankment ?
- (3.) Will the re-making of the embankment be an extra charge by the contractor against the Government ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) The embankments along Mullet Creek were estimated to contain 304,106 cubic yards.
- (2.) The embankments have not been re-made, but only subsidences made good.
- (3.) The contractor is paid for all material deposited in the embankments.

(25.) Newington Asylum :—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the provision for the daily rations of the old women at Newington are thrown on the wharf at that place, and then delivered in a wheelbarrow ?
- (2.) Is he aware that the conditions for such supplies are not carried out ?

(3.)

- (3.) Is he aware that the Matron has, on two or three occasions during the present month, reported this gross neglect to the Manager or Inspector?
 (4.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, and have all supplies delivered by the contractors strictly according to the conditions of their contracts; if not, will he have the contracts cancelled?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The following answers have been furnished by the Manager of the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute:—

- (1.) Messrs. Uhde and Co.'s contract commenced on the 1st July. On the 1st and 2nd July the meat was sent by steamer, and wheeled in baskets to the Asylum. I reported the unsatisfactory delivery to the Treasury, and cautioned Messrs. Uhde & Co. The meat has since been delivered, during the evening of the day before it is required, in a cart by the road.
 (2.) The conditions for supplies are now carried out properly.
 (3.) The Superintendent reported the unsatisfactory delivery of the meat once—on the 2nd instant.

(26.) Road from Mawle's to Baan Baa Railway Platform:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What steps have been taken with reference to a Petition presented, praying that the road from Mawle's Creek, over the Namoi River, to Baan Baa railway platform, on the North-western Railway, may be kept open?
 (2.) Will such road be proclaimed for public use?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Department of Public Works is clearing and improving the road where required, and survey was made of that part which traversed a conditional purchase (the only alienated land on the route); but as that conditional purchase has been forfeited, proclamation of the road through it is unnecessary.

(27.) Road from Tarriaro to Boggabri Bridge:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Referring to Votes and Proceedings No. 41, of 7th June last, and the reply to Mr. Dangar's question, has the survey of the road on the north side of the Namoi River, from Tarriaro to Boggabri Bridge, been completed, and the question of construction with the Works Department determined?
 (2.) Is he aware that, on account of this road not being opened, and Tarriaro Bridge being closed to traffic, no road exists on either side of the Namoi River for travelling stock from the Queensland Border to the Maitland or Sydney markets?
 (3.) When will this road be gazetted for public use?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The question is not yet decided on. Papers are with the Works Department.
 (2.) Sheep can cross Tarriaro Bridge, and cattle can cross the ford there; so that the road on the south side cannot be considered closed.
 (2.) A traffic road exists already, but it has not yet been decided to open it as a stock route.

(28.) Masters of Dredges:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there are several masters of the dredges over 65 years of age; if so, how many of them, and their ages?
 (2.) Is there no provision in the Civil Service Act under which old Civil Servants have to retire; if so, at what age have they to retire?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) Yes; three, viz., John Laing, age last birthday 66; Joseph Mather, 67, and John Robertson, 65.
 (2.) There is no such provision. Officers have the option of retiring at the age of 60, but the Act does not compel it.

(29.) Mr. George Harry Wallace and Mr. Vindin:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hurley, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Was any notice given to Mr. George Harry Wallace, previous to his removal from his position as Inspector of Rabbits, of the intention of the Government to remove him; and how long before his removal was such notice sent?
 (2.) Was Mr. Wallace called on in the usual way to show cause why he should not be suspended or dismissed?
 (3.) Had any communication been sent to Mr. Wallace from the Department of Mines, reprimanding him for neglect or contravention of duty?
 (4.) What was Mr. Vindin's age at the time he was appointed Chief Inspector; how long had he been in the service of the Department?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the 13th of April last, or thirteen days prior to his removal from the service.
 (2.) The adoption of such a course was not considered necessary, as Rabbit Inspectors are only classed as temporary officers.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) Mr. Vindin was 27 years of age when he was appointed a Superintending Inspector, and had been in the service since the 24th of March, 1884.

(30.) San Francisco Mail Contract:—Mr. Wilson, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the circumstances connected with the termination of the mail contract between the Government and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company been brought to his notice?
 (2.) Does he consider the claim of the company a just and equitable one?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—The Pacific Mail Company of New York claim of this Government the sum of £11,750, which they allege was actually earned under the terms of their contract by their steamers before the service terminated. The petition presented to this House, which I have read, presents a very fair summary of the allegation in this case. So far as the Government is concerned, I may state that Ministers at the present time are not agreed upon the merits of this claim. I myself think that it is entitled to full consideration, and I can promise the House that it shall be considered during the recess, in order to do what is equitable and right in the matter.

(31.)

(31.) Reservation of Water Frontages :—Mr. Jeanneret asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in some cases lands were sold by the Government many years ago, which sales purported to convey freehold rights to the purchasers of the whole of such lands with water frontage boundaries, and that, notwithstanding the whole areas of such lands were paid for at per acre, doubts are now thrown upon the titles to some of such lands, because of a printed clause in the grants thereof which reserve 100 feet from high-water mark on any creek, river, lake, &c., and which reservations are at variance with the written descriptions contained in the grants of such lands?

(2.) To prevent injustice being done to the holders of any such grants who may not have already availed themselves of the usual rights of purchase of such reservations of 100 feet, according to the custom which has prevailed since such grants were issued, will the Government consent to a case being stated for the decision of the Supreme Court, so that the equitable or legal rights of the Crown and the purchasers therefrom may be defined?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) There can be no doubt that the Government has a right to retain the land included in the reservation contained in any such grant.

(2.) It is not thought necessary to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court.

(32.) Houses of Parliament :—Mr. R. Burdett Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The aggregate amount expended from 1st January, 1855, to the present date, upon alterations, additions, and improvements to the Houses of Parliament and premises connected therewith?

Mr. Burns answered,—Amount expended during the time named, £81,754.

(33.) Properties Resumed in Macquarie-street and the Domain :—Mr. R. Burdett Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The amount paid by the Government for the resumption of the land and buildings in Macquarie-street and the Domain respectively, the site proposed for the erection of new Houses of Parliament?

(2.) The amount paid as compensation to the various tenants and others in occupation at the time of resumption?

(3.) What was the date of the resumption?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Sufficient time has not been afforded to enable me to obtain the information sought. I will, however, endeavour to answer the question to-morrow.

(34.) Land between A.S.N. Company's Wharf and Dawes Point :—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. McElhonn, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the name of the agent or agents who sold the portion of land lying between the A.S.N. Company's Wharf and Dawes Point, to the Government.

Sir Henry Parkes answered.—I have already informed the House that the Government came to the conclusion that they ought to secure this land before they opened negotiations for the purchase of the A.S.N. Company's Wharf. I am aware that Honorable Members take an opposite view; but I am also aware that many honorable gentlemen agree in the view of the Government. We believe that if we had purchased the A.S.N. Company's Wharf we should have given a fictitious value to this piece of land, and we should not have obtained it under the sum of £40,000, and that it was necessary to obtain this land. Having arrived at that conclusion, we employed a gentleman to ascertain who owned the land—who had the power of sale—and the gentleman we so employed was Mr. Henry Gorman. We think we employed a capable and trustworthy man. He reported that the property was in the hands of another agent, Messrs. Mills and Pile, and that the price was the sum, I think, of £33,000 or £34,000. After consultation, we offered the price which was accepted; and that is all we know about it, except that we instructed the Crown Solicitor to take the necessary steps to prepare the conveyance after examination of the title. We did not know anything about who owned the land, or any other particular in relation to it; and I could not give that information without making inquiry, such as I have not had time to make to-day. I am quite willing to give the information, if the Honorable Member chooses to postpone the question.

(35.) Mining Leases :—Mr. Haynes asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of mining leases cancelled from the 1st January, 1887, to the present date, and the reasons for their cancellation?

(2.) Is he aware that large areas of valuable mining land are still held under lease on various gold-fields of this Colony, in connection with which the labour conditions of the Mining Act are not being fulfilled?

(3.) Will he take prompt steps for the cancellation of such leases?

Mr. Abigail answered,—

(1.) 273, namely, 195 for non-payment of rent, and seventy-eight for non-observance of the labour conditions.

(2.) No; complaints are made, but until they are verified no action upon them can be taken.

(3.) Upon the receipt of information respecting non-observance of conditions, steps are at once taken to cancel.

(36.) Site for Noxious Trades :—Mr. Walker asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Legislative Assembly last Parliament passed a Bill fixing the site for the noxious trades on the Government reserve at Kurnell, South Head, Botany?

(2.) Is he aware that large sums of money have been spent by the Government on the unemployed, clearing and preparing the proposed site for the noxious trades at Kurnell?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes; on 8th September, 1886.

(2.) Yes; about £5,000, being that part of the proposed site comprised by Crown Lands.

(37.) Land Revenue, District of Inverell :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will the Return relating to land revenue, district of Inverell, moved for on the 17th May last, be laid upon the Table of the House before the close of the present Session?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No; it is impossible to furnish the Return at present; and, as a large amount of clerical labour is involved, I do not think that there is any probability of it being done for some months yet.

(38.)

(38.) Medals for Volunteer Force :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Withers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to award medals or any special distinction to members of the Volunteer Force who have been twenty-one years in the service?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—I have completely failed to ascertain whether anybody in the Public Service has any knowledge of this matter.

(39.) Reserve in front of Darlinghurst Court-house :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Withers*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In view of the dilapidated condition of the reserve in front of the Darlinghurst Court-house, if not inconsistent with the prison regulations, will he cause the same to be laid out and beautified by prison labour?

(2.) Should the prison regulations not admit of it, will he cause some of the unemployed to be placed on the work referred to?

Sir Henry Parkes answered,—

(1.) I do not think it is consistent with any proper regulation of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol for them to be employed on this work.

(2.) The matter contained in this question will receive consideration, and I am informed that instructions have already been given for asphaltting the walks in this particular locality.

(40.) Prospecting for Gold and other Minerals :—*Mr. Cooke* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to distribute the £15,000 proposed for prospecting amongst the mining districts in proportion to the mining population in these districts?

Mr. Abigail answered,—In distributing the £15,000 voted for prospecting, the probabilities of opening up a profitable field of labour, rather than the number of miners in any district, will be considered.

2. RAILWAY FROM LIVERPOOL TO ST. PETER'S :—*Mr. Carruthers* presented a Petition from Residents of Liverpool and District, praying the House to pass the necessary measures for the construction of a Line of Railway between Liverpool and St. Peter's.
Petition received.

3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY :—*Mr. Garland* presented a Petition from Miners of Bulli, and others interested in the development of the mining interests of the Colony, praying that a Bill may be passed providing for mining on private property.
Petition received.

Mr. Garland then presented similar Petitions from Miners and others of—

Tambaroora,	Parkes,	Cadia,
Cobar,	Tomingley,	Armidale,
Rockley,	Clifton,	Bermagui,
Muttama,	Thackaringa,	Juncce Reefs,
Stannifer,	Nana Creek,	Sofala.

Petitions received.

4. SUPREME COURT APPEALS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Wise*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to enable the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th July, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. William Clarke laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Return to an Order made on 15th February, 1884—"Spirits, Wines, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act."

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 11th May, 1887—"William Spangenberg's Application for a Billiard License."

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Annual Returns under 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statistical Register for 1886, Part. VIII—Miscellaneous.

(2.) Information respecting Certificates of the Marine Board of New South Wales held by Harbour Steamers.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Designs prepared for the Improvement of the Circular Quay.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 22nd June, 1887—"Removal of Railway Sleeping-cars and Carriages from Wellington to Dubbo."

(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th April, 1887—"Randwick and Waverley Tramway."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Inglis laid upon the Table—Report of the University of Sydney for 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Alteration of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st and 109th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abigail laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations relating to the Vote of £15,000 in aid of Prospecting for Gold and other Minerals.

(2.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Accident at the Bulli Colliery.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roberts laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th May, 1887—"Telegraph Wire."

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Centenary Celebration Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the fitting Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Jury Fees Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the return of Jury Fees,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

JURY FEES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th July, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 21. *After* "repealed" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "but notwithstanding such repeal any moneys paid under the thirty-second section of the Act eleventh Victoria number twenty before the passing of this Act shall be returned pursuant to the section hereby repealed"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(3.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th July, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 9. *Omit* clause 9 *insert* the following new clause,—

"9. The said Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown their heirs executors administrators or assigns shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the negligent or improper construction maintenance or working of the said tramway and all claims in respect of such negligence"

“negligence and improper conduct may be enforced against the said Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown their heirs executors administrators or assigns Provided that the damages which may be recovered against the said Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown their heirs executors administrators or assigns in respect of any such claim shall in addition to all other remedies for their recovery be a first charge upon the tolls fares or charges charged for the carriage of passengers on the said tramway and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said tramway.”

Page 4, clause 13, line 13. *After* “sell” *insert* “and thereupon the said Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown their heirs executors administrators or assigns shall sell to the Government”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

On motion of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon.*”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

(4.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES ENABLING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th July, 1887.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* “and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business.”

Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause *add* “with the consent in writing of the Company or person issuing the same endorsed on such policy”

Page 2, clause 3, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* “with the consent endorsed thereon in writing of the Company or person issuing the same” *insert* “in such manner and with such consent as afore-said”

Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *After* “brought” *insert* “before such assignment”

Page 2, clause 4. *Omit* clause 4.

Page 2, Schedule, line 16. *Omit* “&c. his executors administrators and assigns”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

On motion of Mr. Trickett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names and to compel Insurance Companies to specify on policies their principal place of business,*”—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

(5.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in certain respects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. RAILWAY SLEEPING-BERTH—NASH *v.* COPELAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence and other papers between the Railway Department and Messrs. Nash and Copeland, with respect to a sleeping-berth.
Question put and passed.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motions*):—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to 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 1887 and for the Year 1886 and previous Years," through its remaining stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill intituled "A Bill to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals," through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.
Question put and passed.
10. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO EX-MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly who have been returned to three Parliaments, either successively or collectively, shall, on ceasing to be a Member of the Legislature, be entitled to a permanent free pass on the Government Railways.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Colls,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Sce,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Trickett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. S. Farnell,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Tonkin.
Mr. Levien,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Wise,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Jeanneret.
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Merriman,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Haynes,	
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Hurley.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Seaver,	
Mr. Lees,	
Mr. Hawken,	
Mr. Street,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. LAND REVENUE, ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF GRAFTON AND THE CLARENCE:—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The entire revenue from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861, in the Electoral Districts of Grafton and the Clarence.
(2.) The entire revenue from the payments on conditional purchase selections, pre-leases, and conditional leases, since same date, in said districts.
(3.) The entire revenue from rents on pastoral leases, since same date, in said districts.
(4.) The entire revenue from mineral leases, mineral licenses, miners rights, and business licenses, since same date, in said districts.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business takes precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 28th April last.

12. PARLIAMENTARY "HANSARD":—Mr. Carruthers, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 9th June, 1887, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
13. SUPREME COURT APPEALS BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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

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

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wise presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals*,"—which was read a first time.

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

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

- (4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Wise, *passed*.

Mr. Wise then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals*,"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

14. THOMAS THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, MADE AT MOAMA:—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th March, 1887, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

- (2.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.

Mr. Burns 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 1887 and for the Year 1886 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 1887 and for the Year 1886 and previous Years*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

16. SUPREME COURT APPEALS 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 empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, postponed until Monday next.

18. **JURY FEES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the return of Jury Fees.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

19. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. J. S. Farnell,	Mr. Lees,
Mr. R. Burdett Smith,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevenson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tonkin,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. F. Jago Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Frank Smith,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Penzer,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Abbott,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. McMillan,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Riley,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Haynes,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Street,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Henson,	

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Mr. Jeannet.
Tellers,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Law of Divorce.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

20. **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 1887 and for the Year 1886 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chambers,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

21. **COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Cameron, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

22. **RIGHT OF AUDIENCE BILL** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Frank Smith, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

23. **BRIDGE ACROSS THE MURRUMBIDGEE AT NARRANDERA** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.

24. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next :—

(1.) Brokers Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

(2.) Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

25. **WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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

Ordered,

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the ' West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) ' and the ' Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) ' to amend the ' West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886, '—including the amendment in the Title.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

26. THE UNEMPLOYED :—The Order of the Day in reference to the unemployed postponed until Monday next
27. PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
28. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next :—
(1.) Trades Conciliation Bill ; second reading.
(2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill ; second reading.
29. ST. JAMES' PARSONAGE LAND LEASING BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Reid, 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. Reid, the report was adopted.
- (2.) Mr. Reid (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of a certain parcel of land situate in King and Macquarie Streets in the City of Sydney granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Clergyman's dwelling-house in connection with the Church of Saint James in the City of Sydney aforesaid to lease the whole or any portion of the said lands and to apply the rents and profits arising from such lease or leases for the maintenance and improvement of and in additions to the dwelling-house aforesaid and in payment of the rent or purchase money of a more suitable dwelling-house for the Clergyman for the time being licensed to officiate in the said Church of Saint James and also if necessary in and towards the enlargement maintenance repair and improvement of the said Church of Saint James.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of a certain parcel of land situate in King and Macquarie Streets in the City of Sydney granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Clergyman's dwelling-house in connection with the Church of Saint James in the City of Sydney aforesaid to lease the whole or any portion of the said lands and to apply the rents and profits arising from such lease or leases for the maintenance and improvement of and in additions to the dwelling-house aforesaid and in payment of the rent or purchase money of a more suitable dwelling-house for the Clergyman for the time being licensed to officiate in the said Church of Saint James and also if necessary in and towards the enlargement maintenance repair and improvement of the said Church of Saint James,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1887.*

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY, 1887, A.M.

30. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Ball, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Davis, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lees, Mr. Melville, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. R. Burdett Smith, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Walker,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *half-past Eleven o'clock* a.m. This Day.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY, 1887.

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

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

- (1.) Centenary Celebration Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the fitting Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Colony and for other purposes connected therewith*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

- (2.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

- (3.) Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884' in certain respects*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

- (4.) Supreme Court Appeals Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates to sit and act as a Judge of the Supreme Court on the hearing of certain New Trial Motions and Appeals*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

(5.)

(5.) Jury Fees Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

(6.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Act of 1886,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

(7.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill —

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

(8.) Divorce Extension Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend and extend the law of Divorce,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

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

Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1887.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 16th March, 1887,—“Mr. M'Donald's Conditional Purchases.”
 - (2.) Copy of John Garsed's letter and Treasury memoranda respecting rents of land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone rising to move the adjournment of the House,—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member a notice, under the Additional Standing Order respecting motions for the adjournment of the House, that he intended to move the adjournment of the House on “important public business, namely, the purchase of land joining the A.S.N. “Co.'s Wharf by the Government.”
- And five Honorable Members rising in their places in support of the motion,—
- Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Assembly, as representing Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony, has granted to Her Majesty the supplies necessary for the services of the current year, and for former years not previously provided for.

I have now the honor to present to Your Excellency, for the Royal Assent, the Bill passed embodying these votes, 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 services of the year 1887 and for the year 1886 and previous years.”

5. **ASSENT TO APPROPRIATION BILL:**—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bill presented by Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

“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 Services of the Year 1887 and for the Year 1886 and previous years.”

6. **PROROGATION:**—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech :—

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

It affords me much pleasure to be able, consistently with a due regard for the public interest, to release you for a time from attendance upon your Parliamentary duties.

2. I congratulate you upon the important Acts which you have passed for simplifying the Customs tariff and reducing the number of dutiable articles to such narrow limits as will not seriously interfere with the operations of commerce, and for inaugurating a policy, though at present incomplete, which is sanctioned by enlightened public opinion, and has been found in the United Kingdom to work with indisputable effect in promoting the welfare of all classes of the people. By these measures you have faithfully given effect to the verdict of the constituencies as recorded in the late elections, and it cannot be doubted that they will prove eminently conducive to the general prosperity.

3. The several measures for improving the administration of justice, which you have passed into law with such marked unanimity, will be hailed as the auspicious commencement of the long-desired and urgently-needed work of law reform, which it is the intention of my advisers to continue with zeal and systematic purpose.

4. The Act to make provision for the fitting celebration of the completion of the first hundred years of the political existence of New South Wales, is a measure of such peculiar interest specially appertaining to the parent Colony, and in other respects has such strong claims to the sympathies of every section of the population, that I earnestly hope that, under its wise and patriotic administration, it will gain upon the affections, and, by the achievements of every year of the future, live more dearly in the hearts of the people. Every care will be taken in forming the great Park and in the erection of the national State House, to consult the wishes, and secure the approval of Parliament.

5. The Act for amending the Patent Laws and affording easier means for the protection of the rights of inventors will, in an important province of material progress, largely benefit the community.

6. The several other useful enactments which have resulted from your labours will variously tend to promote the general good of society.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. I thank you for the ample provision which you have made to meet the public expenditure for the year; and I desire to assure you that the obligations of economy will be continuously kept in view in the efficient performance of the duties of administration.

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

8. It is a matter of deep satisfaction to the country that I am able to announce a decided and steady improvement in the condition of the public Revenue, which showed by the returns of the year ending with the close of June an increase of over £400,000 on the corresponding period ending with June, 1886. The portion of the present month which has elapsed gives no indication of abatement in this gratifying result.

9. In the midst of circumstances which are not yet free from causes of anxiety for the well-being of large classes, and which during the past year or more have been fruitful of much distress, it is cheering to observe undoubted signs of returning prosperity. With confidence restored, we may look for more activity in the investment of capital, and the consequent opening of fresh fields of remunerative employment. The trials to which the people of this favoured colony have been subjected, in common with the producing classes of other countries, will be followed, I sincerely hope, by renewed enterprise and sustained success in all the pursuits of industry and commerce.

10. The Parliament and people of New South Wales, in harmony with the popular feeling at all times, have fully shared in the enthusiasm of their fellow subjects throughout the Empire, in the celebration of the jubilee year of the glorious reign of our beloved Queen; and it affords me much pleasure to announce to you that Her Majesty has been pleased to express her deep sense of the devoted loyalty of the Colony.

11. During the short Parliamentary recess the efforts of my advisers will be directed to the preparation of such measures as appear to be most urgently demanded to improve the laws and institutions, and to advance the best interests of New South Wales.

12. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 23rd of August next.

J. H. YOUNG,
Speaker.



1887.

(SECOND SESSION.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED 13 JULY, 1887.)

QUESTIONS.

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it a fact that a number of selections in the parish of Yarralumla, near Queanbeyan, now held by Mr. Frederick Campbell, exceed the 80 chains frontage allowed by law?

MR. FRANK FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What is his intention in the case of Mr. Manning, Coroner at Ryde, whose conduct has been brought under his notice in connection with the Ryde arson case?

MR. R. BURDETT SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) The amount paid by the Government for the resumption of the land and buildings in Macquarie-street and the Domain respectively, the site proposed for the erection of new Houses of Parliament?

(2.) The amount paid as compensation to the various tenants and others in occupation at the time of resumption?

(3.) What was the date of the resumption?

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

(1.) Has the Government been offered that portion of land lying between the A.S.N. Co.'s Wharf and Dawes Point, the said land fronting the harbour; and what price is asked for it?

(2.) Have they purchased the said land, and what price was paid for it?

(3.) What are the names of the owner or owners who sold the land to the Government?

(4.) What is the name or names of the persons who acted as valuers respectively for the Government and the owners?

(5.) What is the name of the agent or agents who sold the land to the Government?

(6.) How many feet frontage is there to the harbour, the depth of it, and does the said land run through to George-street, and does it include the old public-house fronting George-street, near to Government land at Dawes Point?

(7.) If they have not bought this land, is it the intention of the Government to resume it?

(8.) Is he aware that the said land was bought only a very short time ago, and after it became known that the Government were likely to purchase certain properties fronting the harbour?

(9.) What improvements are erected on said land?

(10.) What were the names of all the previous owners of this land?

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—

(1.) What is the name of the Company to whom the subsidy is paid for carrying the mails *viâ* San Francisco?

(2.) Is he aware that this work is now being performed by Spreckles & Co., of Honolulu and San Francisco?

(3.) Is he also aware that all the boats now carrying the mails *viâ* San Francisco are manned by Chinese seamen?

(4.) Will the Government insert a clause in the next contract to prevent this being done?

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the desirability of changing the name of the Colony?

(2.) If so, will he, during the recess, invite suggestions from the citizens as to what name should be adopted, and publish the same for public information?

(3.) Will he also take into consideration the desirability of offering a substantial prize for the best poem on the Centenary of New South Wales?

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

(1.) Is he aware that the creditors in the insolvent estate of Patrick Rogers, of Wagga Wagga, a large and important insolvency matter, were put to the great expense and inconvenience of travelling 800 miles, with attorney and counsel, to examine the insolvent, instead of, as formerly, bringing the insolvent to Sydney and paying his expenses—an arrangement the Chief Commissioner in Insolvency refused to sanction?

(2.) Has the Chief Commissioner made any complaint that he is unable to discharge his duties as formerly?

(3.) When was he entitled to his retiring allowance, and has he applied for the same?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Crown Lands Purchases Validation Bill; second reading.

Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Government Railways Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Foreign Criminals Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

MR. SEAYER to move, That the office of Forest Ranger as it now exists be abolished, and that the duties, or such as can be done by the police, devolve upon the police; and that three or four persons, with a thorough knowledge of the timber of the Colony, be appointed to direct the police in such matters pertaining to the timber of the Colony as require particular technical knowledge.

MR. VAUGHN to move, That the report from the Select Committee on the claim of Charles Stevens, brought up on the 3rd June, 1887, be now adopted.

MR. HUGH TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1888 a sum not exceeding £7,000, for the erection of a bridge across the Fresh-water River in O'Connell-street, in the Borough of Parramatta.

MR. R. BURDETT SMITH to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that immediate steps be taken to provide for the erection of new Law Courts.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. WALL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of applications for gold-mining and mineral leases received by the Mines Department for the five years ending the 30th June, 1887; also, the date on which such applications were received, and the dates on which each respective lease was issued.

MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, towards the erection of an additional wing to the Parramatta Hospital.

MR. MELVILLE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the best interests of the Colony require such an extension of the principle of Local Option that the right to decide whether they will have any licensed public-houses or not be conceded to the people.

MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the appointment to, and subsequent dismissal of, Miss Brenning from the Department of Public Instruction.

MR. DIBBS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum sufficient to continue for the current year the contribution of £1 for £1 of subscriptions in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, hitherto paid by the Government.

MR. WALKER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act, and to provide for representation of the people in the Legislative Council.

MR. MARTIN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, an early amendment of the Electoral Act is desirable, with the view to the introduction of a judicious system of registration of votes.

MR. O'CONNOR to move,—

(1.) That this House, as directly representing the constituencies, deems it to be a serious ground of dissatisfaction and grievance that Bills which, in substance, have been repeatedly passed by this House, and which concern the dearest rights of the people, have been time after time rejected by the Legislative Council.

(2.) That the experience of past years shows that the Legislative Council ought to be reconstructed on an elective basis.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. STEPHEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, towards the erection of a Trades Hall at Redfern.

MR. DOWEL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1887 a sum not exceeding £10,000, for the purpose of supplying the aboriginals throughout the Colony with rations, clothing, and shelter.

MR. ALLEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the forfeiture of the Conditional Purchase No. 219, consisting of 80 acres, at Clarence Siding.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lakeman, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Withers, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Tonkin, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.

Mr.

MR. ALLEN to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Fuel Delivery Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 1st July, 1887, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

MR. FRANK FARNELL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—That, with a view of celebrating the Centenary of the Colony, an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for the year 1887, a sum not exceeding £10,000, as an endowment to the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, to enable them to hold an Intercolonial Exhibition of colonial products.

MR. R. BURDETT SMITH to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony, some permanent memorial of its first Governor, Captain Phillip, R.N., be erected on some suitable place near the spot on which the Proclamation founding the Colony was read.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. R. BURDETT SMITH to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no further delay should take place in the erection of new Houses of Parliament.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. STOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, and correspondence, having reference to the application of Mr. Jno. F. Connolly, of Parkes, between the years 1884 and the 12th of May, 1887, to mine upon portion 423, parish of Currajong, county of Ashburnham.

MR. TONKIN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000 for a Trades Hall for Bathurst.

MR. BALL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £4,000, towards the erection of a Trades Hall for Goulburn.

MR. IVES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray the cost of a General Market at St. Leonards.

MR. CARRUTHERS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, petitions, reports, and minutes of record in the Public Works Department, relating to the proposed line of railway from St. Peter's to Liverpool.

MR. JONES to move, That the report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek," brought up on the 21st April, 1887, be now adopted.

MR. SCHEY to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine into and report upon the claim (if any) of Mrs. Butterley.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Melville, Mr. Stephen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Frank Farnell, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Dawson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Return to Order on this subject, laid upon the Table on the 8th June, 1887, be referred to the Committee.

MR. MATHESON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The amount of revenue and expenditure at the respective stations on the Great Northern Railway, from West Tamworth to Tenterfield, from 1st June, 1886, to 1st June, 1887, together with a list of the number of passengers that have travelled to and from the various stations, and the amount received at each.

(2.) The number of men or officials employed at each station, and the amount of goods received and despatched therefrom respectively.

MR. LEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the entire revenue derived from the Tenterfield Electorate, from 1861 to 1886 inclusive, under the following heads:—(1) From the sale of Crown Lands, other than conditional purchases, with area; (2) from conditional purchases, including deposit, interest, and instalments, with area; (3) from rent of pastoral and pre-emptive leases, deposits and rents of mineral leases, and from mineral licenses, miners rights, and timber licenses.

MR. MATHESON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the entire revenue derived from the Glen Innes Electorate, from 1861 to 1886 inclusive, under the following heads:—(1) From the sale of Crown Lands, other than conditional purchases, with area; (2) from conditional purchases, including deposit, interest, and instalments, with area; (3) from rents of pastoral and pre-emptive leases, deposits, and rents of mineral leases, and from mineral licenses, miners rights, and timber licenses.

MR. ALLEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the discharge of Daniel Behan, late a Sergeant in the New South Wales Artillery.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tonkin, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Hawken, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, and the Mover. Mr.

MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the depression prevailing in the country districts, and the number of local unemployed, the course adopted by the Minister for Works in compelling local contractors to take on batches of the unemployed furnished by the Labour Bureau should be discontinued.

MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That this House, having endorsed laws of a protective character for the benefit of our ironworkers, our bacon, cheese, butter, and maizena producers, and our kerosene manufacturers, is of opinion that equity and justice demand a further application of the protective principle, for the purpose of aiding the agricultural and industrial classes, whose interests have been overlooked by the Government in framing their last tariff.

MR. SCHEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Electoral Act should be so amended as to give the parliamentary franchise to members of the Police Force, Permanent Artillery, and to all other persons, being adult males, who shall not be otherwise under disability in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

MR. HURLEY to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Captain F. R. L. Rossi.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Dr. Ross, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Ball, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Walker, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

MR. HURLEY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should initiate a National Note Circulation.

MR. WITHERS to move, That the protest and correspondence of Mr. F. B. Gipps, C.E., member of the late Royal Commission on Conservation of Water, relative to the publication of his dissent in the Final Report of the Commissioners, and his alterations thereto, be added to and form part of said Final Report.

MR. McELHONE to move,—

(1.) That, with a view to assist in rendering the Postal Service in this Colony self-supporting, this House is of opinion that, in the future, a charge of one half-penny ought to be imposed on each newspaper transmitted through any Post Office in this Colony (or that may be carried by the Railway Department).

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.

MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, licenses should be issued to all barristers and solicitors practising in New South Wales, and annual fees charged for the same.

MR. LYNE to move, That any scheme of railway proposals submitted to this House should include the already proposed line from Culcairn to Corowa.

MR. LYNE to move, That any scheme of railway proposals submitted to this House should include a line to tap Tumberumba and the Upper Murray District.

MR. HASSALL to move, That any scheme of railway proposals submitted to this House should include the already proposed line from Narrabri to Moree.

MR. HASSALL to move, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House, with as little delay as possible, having reference to lease rents, and showing:—

(1.) The rents per acre recommended by each of the Local Land Boards in their various districts for conditional leases, specifying the area and section of the Act under which the same were applied for, also the rents determined by the Minister for the same, during each of the separate tenures of office by Mr. Abbott, Mr. Spring, Mr. Copeland, and Mr. Garrett, up to the 8th June, 1887; also, in such cases where the question of rent was referred back to the Boards, giving the name of the Minister referring them back, with the rents formerly recommended, and those subsequently recommended or suggested by the various Boards, and the rents finally determined by the Minister, giving the name of such Minister.

(2.) The like information with respect to pastoral leases, occupation licenses, homestead leases, scrub leases, leases for wharfs and jetties, and special leases; also, the areas, districts, and rents of annual leases for pastoral purposes (including Church and School lands), as approved by the various Ministers.

(3.) Specify which (if any) of such rents were determined by the Minister in open Court.

MR. HASSALL to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1887 a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the purpose of enabling the aborigines of the Northern Districts to hold a grand coroboree, on the banks of the Big River, at Moree, on the 26th day of January next, in honour of the Centenary of the Colony.

MR. McELHONE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes, &c., in reference to charges made against the officers of the Telegraph Department in connection with applications made for mineral lands during the years 1872 and 1873, at the time Mr. Farnell was Minister for Lands and Mines, such papers to particularly include copies of all papers charging the officers of the Telegraph Department with intercepting messages sent by persons applying to take up mineral leases under the Occupation Act of 1861.

MR. COPELAND to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the restrictions recently imposed by the Colonial Secretary against Lectures being delivered on Sunday evenings in theatres and public halls should be removed forthwith.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Crown Lands Act of 1884 should be so amended as to abolish the minimum rent fixed on Crown Lands, and to extend to lessees in all cases the right of appeal.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Cremation Bill; second reading (*Council Bill*).

Municipal Roads and Streets Bill; second reading.

Nuisance on North Shore of Botany Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the abatement of a nuisance which exists, and has existed for years, on the north shore of Botany Bay.

Hay and Deniliquin Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Albury Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Disposal of Refuse and Sewage; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, as provision for a reward to be paid by the Government to the discoverer of a successful scheme for the disposal of the refuse and sewage of the city and suburbs, country towns, and all centres of population, in the way of separating the solids from the liquids, so that nothing but the purest liquid shall flow through sewer or drain, the scheme also embodying quick disposal of the solid matter, and to be applicable to drains of every description.

The Case of Mr. George Stevenson and Mr. Otho Orde Dangar; resumption of Debate, on motion of Mr. McMillan,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report on the matter of an inquiry held at Kempsey, by Mr. T. K. Abbott, a Special Commissioner, appointed under the Act 44 Vic., No. 1, during the months of April and May, 1886, especially with reference to the result of said inquiry, by which Mr. George Stevenson, Clerk of Petty Sessions at West Kempsey, was removed from that position, and by which Mr. Otho Orde Dangar was removed from the Commission of the Peace.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Wall, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McElhone, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, and the Mover.

Electoral Districts of Grafton and the Clarence; resumption of Debate, on motion of Mr. See, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The entire revenue from all lands sold, including town allotments, since 1861, in the Electoral Districts of Grafton and the Clarence.

(2.) The entire revenue from the payments on conditional purchase selections, pre-leases, and conditional leases, since same date, in said districts.

(3.) The entire revenue from rents on pastoral leases, since same date, in said districts.

(4.) The entire revenue from mineral leases, mineral licenses, miners rights, and business licenses, since same date, in said districts.

Roads of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a sum of £250,000 should be placed on an Additional Estimate for expenditure on the Roads of the Colony through the usual official channels, with the object of providing legitimate work for the unemployed.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Brokers Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Borough of Balmain Wharves Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

The Unemployed; resumption of Debate, on motion of Mr. Carruthers,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the present system of finding employment for the unemployed classes in clearing scrub lands and other unproductive public works is injudicious.

(2.) That the Government should endeavour, without delay, to initiate public works of a permanent and productive character, to absorb the labour now unemployed and now provided for by such works as in the first Resolution mentioned.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Perpetual Trustee Company Bill; to be further considered in Committee (*Council Bill*).

Trades Conciliation Bill; second reading.

Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES:

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1887.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq.	37	36	1	74
Abigail, The Hon. Francis, Esq.	56	53	1	110
Allen, Alfred, Esq.	49	38	1	88
Ball, Edward Joseph, Esq.	43	64	1	108
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	46	45	.....	91
Black, Reginald James, Esq.	33	35	.....	68
Bowes, John Wesley, Esq.	22	20	.....	42
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	17	49	1	67
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	29	23	.....	52
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	21	17	.....	38
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	36	46	.....	82
Burns, The Hon. John Fitzgerald, Esq.	70	70	2	142
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	62	.....	1	63
Carruthers, Joseph Hector, Esq.	41	42	2	85
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	26	35	.....	61
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	35	27	.....	62
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	23	36	.....	59
Clarke, The Hon. William, Esq.	67	65	1	133
Colls, Thomas, Esq.	12	10	.....	22
Cooke, Henry Harry, Esq.	52	69	.....	121
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	32	22	.....	54
Cortis, William Richard, Esq.	23	11	.....	34
Creer, Joseph, Esq.	42	42	.....	84
Crouch, Frederick George, Esq.	42	52	.....	94
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	21	26	.....	47
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	31	22	.....	53
Davis, William Lovel, Esq.	54	54	2	110
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	56	58	.....	114
Day, George, Esq.	30	16	.....	46
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	54	57	.....	111
Dowel, William Springthorpe, Esq.	26	19	.....	45
Ellis, James Cole, Esq.	11	12	.....	23
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	20	47	.....	67
Farnell, Frank, Esq.	46	33	.....	84
Farnell, James Squire, Esq.	39	14	1	54
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	17	32	.....	49
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	8	26	.....	34
Fletcher, James, Esq.	50	29	.....	79
Foster, William John, Esq.	69	61	1	121
Gale, John, Esq.	24	19	.....	43
Garland, Charles Lancelot, Esq.	37	32	.....	69
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	18	21	1	40
Garrett, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	66	73	3	142
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	32	40	2	74
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	38	19	.....	57
Goodwin, Thomas Henry Hall, Esq.	13	20	.....	33
Gordon, James, Esq.	18	3	.....	21
Gormly, James, Esq.	31	37	1	69
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	15	15	.....	30
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq.	46	52	.....	98
Hawken, Nicholas, Esq.	60	48	.....	108
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	53	49	1	103
Hayes, James, Esq.	17	18	.....	35
Haynes, John, Esq. (<i>from 17 May, 1887</i>)	33	56	.....	89
Henson, William, Esq.	46	61	.....	107
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	32	42	.....	74

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Hurley, John, Esq.	35	10	.....	45
Hutchison, Alexander, Esq.	25	7	.....	32
Inglis, The Hon. James, Esq.	68	64	2	134
Ives, Isaac Ellis, Esq.	41	50	1	92
Jeanneret, Charles Edward, Esq.	32	8	.....	40
Jones, Travers, Esq.	34	21	.....	55
Kolly, John Edward, Esq.	56	36	1	93
Kothel, Alexander, Esq.	41	52	.....	93
Lakeman, Allen, Esq.	30	21	.....	51
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	32	40	.....	72
Lees, Samuel Edward, Esq.	51	45	3	99
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	17	14	.....	31
Lyne, William John, Esq.	33	14	1	48
MacGregor, William Peter, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	11	5	.....	16
Martin, William Fraser, Esq.	31	16	.....	47
Matheson, George McClood, Esq.	35	46	.....	81
McCourt, William, Esq.	18	31	.....	49
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	23	17	.....	40
McElhone, John, Esq.	28	29	.....	57
McFarlane, John, Esq.	28	26	.....	54
McMillan William, Esq.	51	61	.....	112
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	53	52	2	107
Merriman, George, Esq.	27	28	1	56
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	47	46	.....	93
Neill, John Cash, Esq.	18	3	.....	21
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	45	38	.....	83
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	7	6	.....	13
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	65	54	1	120
Parke, The Hon. Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	67	63	1	131
Parke, Varney, Esq.	20	38	1	59
Penzer, Joseph, Esq.	39	17	.....	56
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	19	19	1	39
Riley, Alban Joseph, Esq.	24	6	.....	30
Roberts, The Hon. Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	72	75	2	149
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	36	36	.....	72
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	11	10	.....	21
Schey, William Francis, Esq.	53	55	.....	108
Seaver, Jonathan Charles Billing Pockorage, Esq.	37	53	.....	90
Soe, John, Esq.	33	30	.....	63
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Smith, Fergus Jago, Esq.	18	32	.....	50
Smith, Frank James, Esq.	43	54	2	99
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	17	32	1	50
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	37	31	.....	68
Stephen, William, Esq.	49	48	2	99
Stevenson, Richard, Esq.	69	74	3	146
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	32	12	.....	44
Street, John Rendell, Esq.	36	55	.....	91
Sutherland, The Hon. John, Esq.	46	44	2	92
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq. (to 20 April, 1887)....	1	.....	.....	1
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	40	11	.....	51
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	63	74	1	138
Thompson, Richard Windoyer, Esq.	32	43	.....	75
Tonkin, James Ebenezzer, Esq.	44	35	.....	79
Toohy, James Matthew, Esq.	39	18	.....	57
Trickett, William Joseph, Esq.	25	36	.....	61
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	40	36	.....	76
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	31	11	.....	42
Walker, Thomas, Esq.	46	47	1	94
Wall, William Chandos, Esq.	30	18	1	49
Want, John Henry, Esq.	10	4	.....	14
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	20	16	1	37
Wilkinson, William Camac, Esq., M.D.	21	38	.....	59
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	37	44	.....	81
Withers, George, Esq.	28	20	.....	48
Wise, The Hon. Bernhard Ringrose, Esq.	24	21	1	46
Woodward, Francis, Esq.	25	24	49
Young, The Hon. James Henry, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF 1887.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	13					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	14					
					27					
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Passed (<i>last Session</i>) and Assent reported	...	...	...	...	1					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	22					
Reserved for Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	26					
					51					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
					2					53
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	8					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	7					
					15					
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1					
Assent not reported	...	...	...	...	1					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	1					
					3					18
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	61					
Not Printed	...	...	...	...	15					
					76					
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	74					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	76					
					150					
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	518 h. 42 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101 h. 42 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 h. 22 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	0					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	3					
					3					
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	818					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	2,645					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	1,166					
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	1,861					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	18					
					6,508					
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message	...	...	...	...	58					
By Command	...	...	...	...	236					
By Speaker	...	...	...	...	1					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	70					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	8					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	23					
					340					396
Ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	340					
Not ordered to be Printed	...	...	...	...	56					
					396					

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 13 July, 1887.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

